

# **NBHS Whaler's Attic Collecting Clothing, Canned Goods for School Community Members in Need This Holiday Season**

Staff volunteers at New Bedford High School will once again collect clothing and canned goods for members of the school community in need during the holiday season.

The Whaler's Attic and Pantry opened in May 2016 as a result of the initiative of staff volunteers – school counselors and Family Engagement Center staff at New Bedford High. The program is supplied by several frequent donors, donations of community members, and partners, with a special connection to Seconds Count Consignments in Fairhaven. Since the 2016-2017 school year began, the Whaler's Attic has provided clothing and food to more than 30 students in need, identified largely through staff referrals.

As winter approaches, the volunteers at the Whaler's Attic are in desperate need of men's and women's coats, especially Large size, as well as socks, gloves, hats, and undergarments. Non-perishable canned goods, packaged meals, soaps, deodorants, toothpaste, toilet paper and other toiletries are needed as well. Gift certificate donations are also accepted to purchase items.

All donations are acknowledged and a tax deduction form is provided. The support of the community is integral to sustaining the work of the Whaler's Attic and Pantry volunteers.

"We are thankful for the members of our community who

generously choose to support the Whaler's Attic at the holiday season and year round," said Headmaster Bernadette Coelho. "As the weather gets colder, any contribution for students in need will go a long way this winter."

Those interested in supporting the Whaler's Attic at New Bedford High should contact the Family Engagement center staff at 508-997-4511, at extensions 25211, 25154 or 20547.