

*Dear Friends and Supporters
of The New School,*

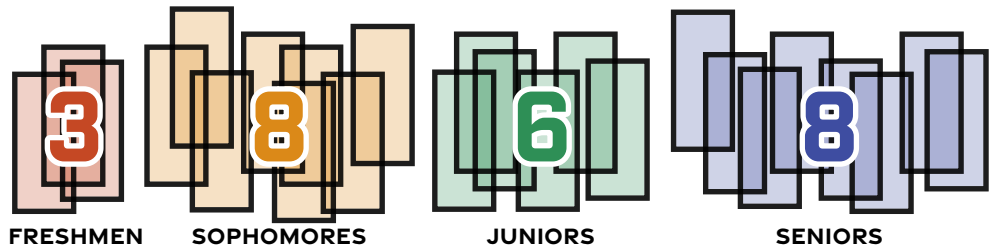
AS WE REFLECT ON THE PAST YEAR, we are filled with immense pride and gratitude for the remarkable growth and achievements of our community. Our student body, composed of 25 vibrant and dedicated young individuals, engaged in a diverse array of academic and extracurricular activities. This year, we offered 26 unique classes across various subject areas, allowing our students to explore their interests and passions in-depth. From Algebra to Media Studies and from Ancient Greece to Film History, our curriculum continues to provide rich and engaging learning experiences.

We are particularly proud of the extended learning opportunities our students embraced through the 3-week Intensives program. Whether learning about space exploration at the Kennedy Space Center, studying conservation in the Adirondacks, or contributing to local environmental efforts through the Kennebunk Pollinator Pathway, our students have demonstrated a commitment to hands-on learning and community engagement. These experiences, coupled with new after-school programs like eSports and the return of a FIRST Robotics Competition team, have enriched our students' educational journeys and fostered a spirit of innovation and collaboration.

Your support has been instrumental in making these opportunities possible. Through the generosity of donors like you, we have been able to offer financial aid to those in need, maintain our facilities, and provide enriching educational programs. As we look to the future, we ask for your continued support to help us sustain and expand these initiatives. Together, we can ensure that The New School remains a place where students are encouraged to dream big, explore boldly, and learn deeply. Thank you for being a vital part of our community.

Christina Luce
Margaret Luce

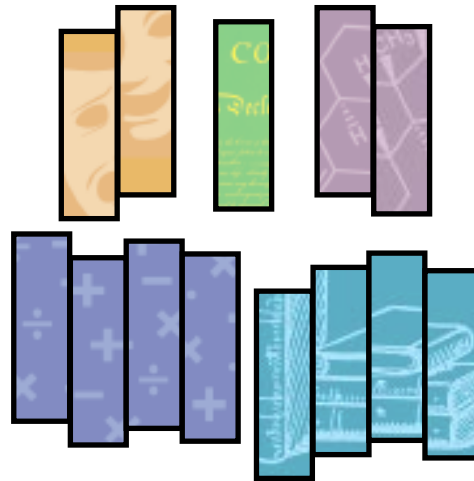
OUR STUDENT POPULATION



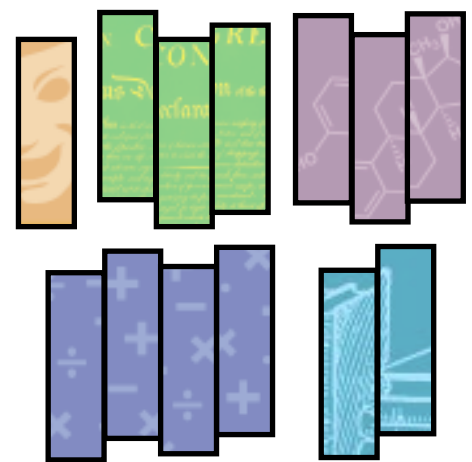
23-24 CLASS OFFERINGS



FALL SEMESTER



SPRING SEMESTER

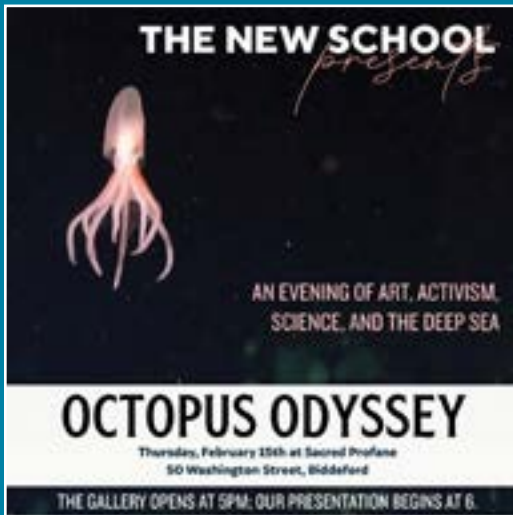


THIRTEEN CLASSES ACROSS FIVE SUBJECT AREAS WITH ADDITIONAL CLASSES TAUGHT BY COMMUNITY TEACHERS



THE NEW SCHOOL *presents*

As part of our long-term recruiting strategy, and with considerable help from first-year parents Chris and Erica Thompson, we launched a series of extended learning opportunities for students and the community at large.



The first installation of **THE NEW SCHOOL PRESENTS...** connected the school with Dr. Beth Orcutt, Vice President for Research at Bigelow Laboratories, and the artist Michel Droge, Visiting Assistant Professor at Bates College, for a conversation about deep sea science, octopus discoveries, ocean conservation, and art.



The second installation of **THE NEW SCHOOL PRESENTS...** brought a morning of hands-on creativity to TNS students through a workshop with Fritz Grobe, the co-founder of EepyBird, renowned for the viral online videos featuring the explosive combination of Coke and Mentos that have been seen by over 150 million people. The workshop, designed to inspire creativity and highlight the importance of perseverance, engaged students and staff in improvisation exercises and a unique activity involving creative uses for tissues.



In the third installation of **THE NEW SCHOOL PRESENTS...** students joined an intimate conversation with Michael Bodhi, a motivational speaker and author who "helps people turn adversity into opportunities, teaching insights that lead to emotional maturity, self-compassion, and a life motivated by kindness."

SPRING CALLS FOR INTENSIVE LEARNING

Our students, as part of our school-wide *Themes in the American Experience* course, participated in a variety of options for a mid-semester three-week focused learning experience.

ECOLOGY OF THE ADIRONDACKS

One group headed to the Adirondack region of New York near Lake Placid to investigate conservation efforts and the ecology there. This group focused on the intersection of art and conservation. They also explored the differences between mountainous regions of New York and coastal areas here in the southern part of Maine.

EXPLORING OUR PLACE IN SPACE

Our local group partnered with the Planeteers of Southern Maine to create signage for and build a section of the Kennebunk Pollinator Pathway in town and on campus. Students investigated the complex ecosystems right in our backyard, learned about pollinators and the plants they need, and explored local areas to see who lives where. Daily birding excursions, field trips to area museums and wildlife preserves, and learning from local area experts were all part of the experience.

SPACE EXPLORATION & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

A group traveled south to find out how we got to space in the first place and when we plan to go back. On their way to the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida, by way of Washington D.C.'s Smithsonian Museums, the Udvar-Hazy Space Center, the Goddard Space Flight Center, and the South Carolina State Museum, students learned about the science and technology necessary to explore space.

And drove about 3100 miles!



All the beaver dams!



D.C. has so many museums!



SCSM was great!



NASA!!!!



THIS YEAR WE BEGAN our eSports program by teaming up with a group called PlayerVersus, which allowed us to hold matches against other teams across the U.S. for our selected game. After creating a team and deciding on Mario Kart 8 as the game we'd play, we met weekly, learned about special details of the game, and practiced those details until

they became second nature. We also competed weekly and earned points towards a final playoff by beating other teams. While we didn't win enough to make it to the playoffs this year, we had a great time learning how to work, play, and operate as a team!



RAINBOW JUNKYARD

2024 MARKED THE RETURN of FIRST Robotics Competition to The New School with the creation of Team 9732, The Rainbow Junkyard. Over the course of twelve weeks, the small-but-mighty team built an industrial sized robot capable of operating both autonomously and through human control to participate in the Crescendo season game. The team won the Rookie Inspiration Award at both of their competitions and they were part of the winning alliance at their first-ever competition! They'll continue working on the robot throughout the summer and competing in offseason events. Be sure to follow their progress on Instagram at [@rainbow.junkyard.9732](https://www.instagram.com/rainbow.junkyard.9732) and watch as they compete in the 2025 season starting in January!

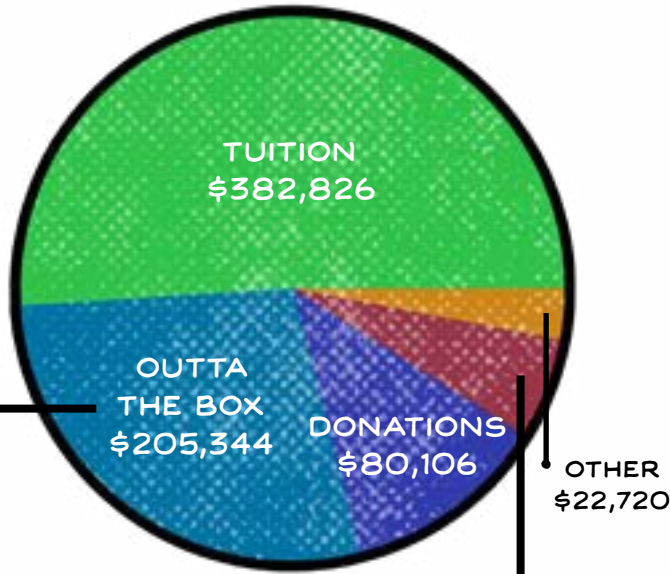
GIVING BACK

We welcomed the return of Giving Back Days, a transformative experience where students step outside the classroom and make a tangible impact on the community. These special days offered not only a chance to volunteer, but also an opportunity for students to experience the joy and fulfillment that come from helping others. Over the course of more than 200 volunteer hours, students dove in, made a difference, and discovered how giving back enriches their own lives as well as those around them!



FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

INCOME

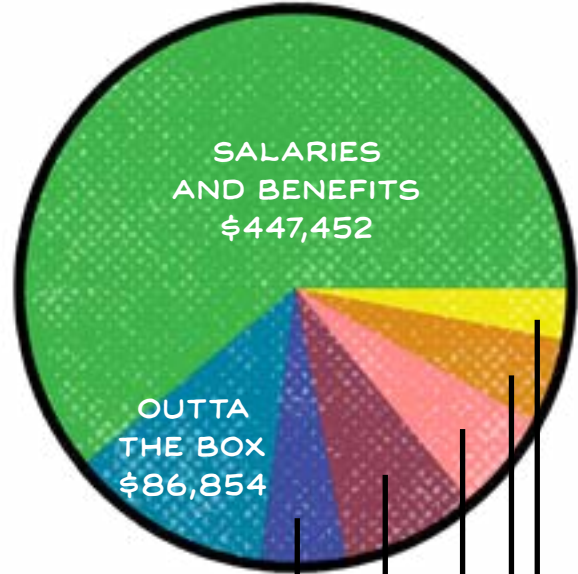


GRANTS \$37,500

VIRGINIA HODGKINS SOMERS FOUNDATION \$30K
 BANGOR SAVINGS BANK \$5K
 MARGARET E. BURNHAM CHARITABLE TRUST \$2.5K



EXPENSES



FINANCIAL AID \$39,240

OPERATIONAL EXPENSES \$55,084
 FACILITIES MANAGEMENT \$42,661
 DEBT SERVICE \$33,153
 EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM \$23,864

TOTAL IDENTIFIED NEED: \$74,036

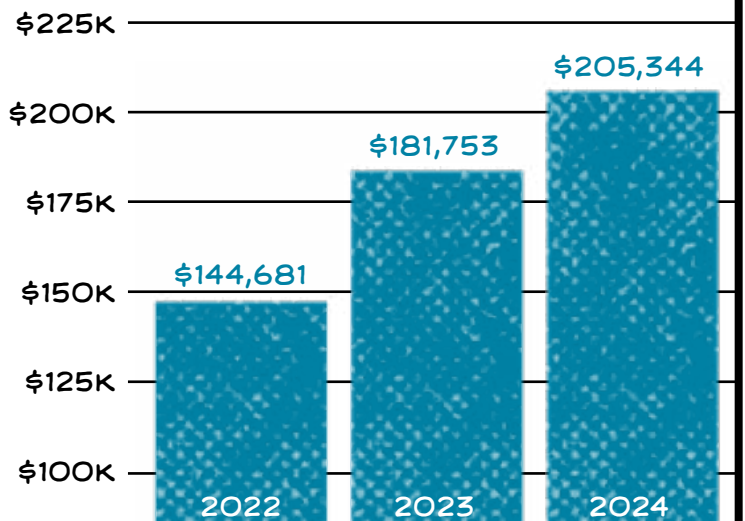
TOTAL FINANCIAL AID AWARDED: \$39,240
 (AVERAGE 53% OF NEED)

OUTTA THE BOX

DID YOU KNOW?

Nearly 1/3 of TNS's revenue comes from sales at the Outta The Box thrift store! Started as a senior project in 2008, the thrift store is now the most critical element of funding for the school beyond tuition.

Managers Patricia Davenport, Carol Mahany, and Donna Rooney keep the store running seven days a week and oversee the many volunteers who give their time freely, all in support of the students at The New School.





FUNDRAISING DINNERS

A CORNERSTONE FOR PROVIDING additional funds for our 3-Week Intensives is our Fundraising Dinners. Twice this year students and staff planned five-course meals and fun activities, then sold tickets to their dinners to the general public.

In October, students hosted **HOMEcoming HOMICIDE**, an 80s-themed murder-mystery dinner event. March took guests on a culinary journey that also tested their general knowledge during the **AROUND THE WORLD** trivia night event.

These events raised \$4,210!

