

Success South

With the start of each school year, the PTSO and Principal Stenbridge designate an improvement project to meet the ever-changing requirements of a modern high school. The Success@South campaign raises the supplemental funds needed for the project. Previous projects have funded improvements to the South Library and creation of a new STEAM lab. The Newton Public Schools works to balance the needs of all 22 schools, making difficult decisions as to where funds should be allocated. The push and pull between class size, breadth of program and building improvements can make prioritization a hard decision. The use of PTSO dollars is critical for funding important projects like these enhancements to the College and Career Center which will have a positive impact on Newton South, but is beyond the scope of the annual NPS budget.

“We hope this campaign will inspire our community to join us in supporting our students to think broadly about planning for their future, inspiring them to seek experiences and skill development as they explore the best fit for their next steps after South.”

Joel Stenbridge, *South Principal*

Contributions to the Success@South campaign are tax-deductible and may be eligible for matching funds from your employer. Please contribute at success.newtonsouthptso.org. We thank you for your support.

Contact your PTSO co-presidents Emily Prenner and Helen Haley at info@newtonsouthptso.org to learn how you can get involved.



“You don’t need to be in a rush to choose your life’s work. What you need to do is discover what you like.”

Paul Graham, *Co-Founder of YCombinator & Viaweb*

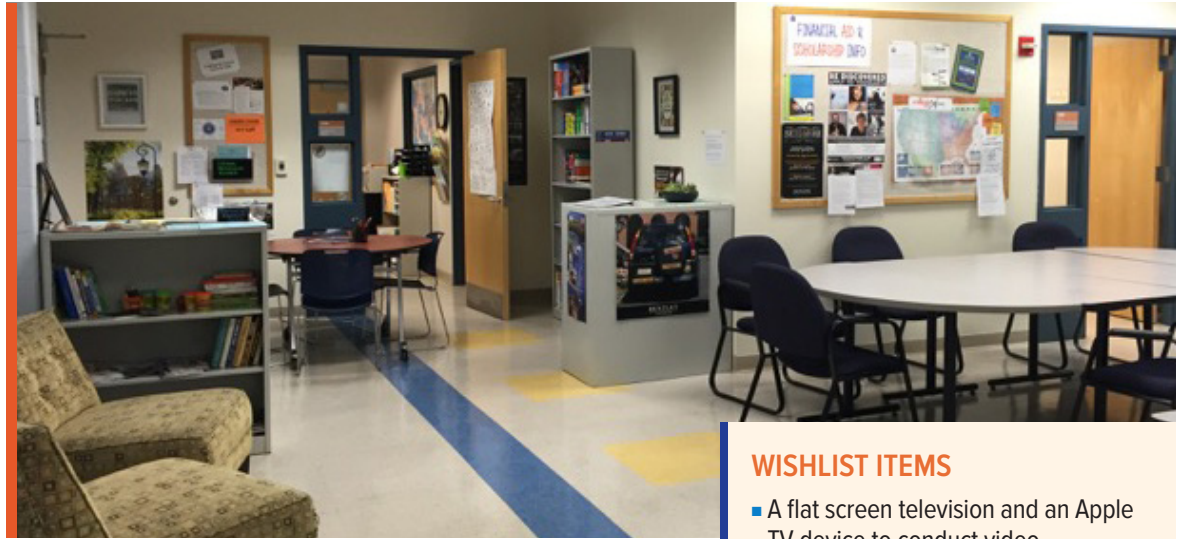


“Integrating technology with personal connections will be necessary to provide students with comprehensive college, major or career information. Supporting this initiative will allow the Guidance Department to offer greater depth and breadth to its programming and provide resources for all students.”

Kathleen Sabet, NSHS CCC Counselor

A place to meet with a professional counselor one-on-one, research a summer job, get advice on filling out the Common App or learn about employment options after graduation. An open and inviting place to discover your future. The Newton South College and Career Center is all this and more.

Conveniently located adjacent to the Student Center and Cafeteria—a hub of student life at South—the College and Career Center is a gathering space for counselors, students, parents and faculty working together on planning for students’ futures. The Center is home to a dedicated professional college and career counselor and a wide variety of web-based and print resources. Laptops and desktops are available to conduct research, complete college and job applications or register for college entrance exams. Students can apply for one of many job opportunities posted daily or work on their personal essays.



WISHLIST ITEMS

- A flat screen television and an Apple TV device to conduct video conferencing via Skype and Facetime with college representatives, alumni career speakers and employers
- Multi-year pilot of a subscription to the Alumni/ae Tracker component of Naviance
- Funding for staff travel to college admissions tours and outreach
- A 3-year pilot program creating a fund for first-generation students to attend campus tours, college and career interviews and job fairs
- Seed funding to create an alumni/ae network for careers and internships
- Collapsible, storable seating for 50 to conduct workshops and host speakers
- A suite of comfortable seating, including 3-4 chairs and an area rug
- Movable and modular tables, desks and shelving to accommodate breadth of programming and flexible space
- Tuition for the College Counselor to attend the Harvard Summer Institute on College Admissions

Our goal for this year’s Success@South Campaign is to support the Center’s mission to be an even more inviting, accessible and easy-to-use space where students can discover and research their interests and map their future after South.

“At Newton South, we take a developmental approach to counseling. We meet students where they are and help them acquire the skills and tools to make important decisions for themselves.”

Dan Rubin, Director of Guidance, NSHS

Our fundraising goal is \$20,000. The funds raised through this year’s Success@South campaign will be used in conjunction with money from the Newton Public Schools to update and reconfigure the Center in order to maximize its role connecting students and their families to the resources they need.

The Center hosts over 150 colleges and organizations annually. Plans for Career Meetups with industry professionals and alumni networking opportunities are underway. Reading materials for summer opportunities and gap year are also there. It’s open and accessible to students in all grades, sensitive to the diverse needs of the student body and relevant to students at all phases of planning for employment, college or careers.

