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Hill Regional Career H.S. Parent Newsletter

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NEWS COMMITTEE: PTSO

Parent Organization Mission Statement: It is our mission to work collaboratively with the school community to provide quality education for our children, through increased Parental participation, productive communication and assistance, while fostering a warm and welcoming environment. *Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.* [Helen Adams Keller](#)

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES

Early Release - Wed. 11/15

Report-Card Conferences

Wed. 11/15/17 - 12- 2:15pm

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Thurs. 11/16 - 5:30- 7:30PM

Thurs. Potluck Dinner @ 5PM

Financial Aid Workshop 5PM

SAT Exam Schedule: November 4
Test

Senior Retake Pictures

Academic Expectations

1. Problem solving and critical thinking skills
2. Accessing and analyzing information
3. Communication and collaboration
4. Creativity and Innovation
5. Initiative, self-direction and accountability
6. Citizenship and Responsibility

From the Desk of: Dr. Zakia Parrish, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The first marking period has come and gone, October 27. We have enjoyed a productive first quarter, but there is still a lot of work left to do. Many of our seniors started their college applications at the American College Application Campaign event on October 11th. All students in grades 9 through 11 took the PSAT on that same day and it will be very important that you review your child's score with them once it is released in early January. All students will be working with their math teachers to ensure that their College Board account is linked to Khan Academy, which is an online learning system which can create customized plans to support your child's identified growth areas. Additional information on this program can be found at www.khanacademy.org/sat.

We hope that you will become an active part of the Career High School community by participating in our School Planning and Management Team (SPMT), which meets on the **second Tuesday of every month** from 2:30 until 3:30. Our next SPMT meeting will be held on **November 14th** in the main office conference room. We also invite you to become a part of our PTSO, so please contact Ms. Vernetta Smith, our Parent Liaison, at 475-220-5022 or feel free to email one of the board members for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community and we look forward to seeing all of you at one of our Report Card Conference sessions. Our daytime session is on **November 15th** from 12:15-2:15 and our nighttime session is on **November 16th** from 5:30-7:30 with a PTSO Potluck dinner starting at 5:00. You can get up to date information on the various events taking place at Career by visiting our website at www.careerhighschool.org.

PTSO - Parent Teacher Student Organization

2017 REPORT CARD CONFERENCE & PICKUP

Wednesday, November 15 @ 12pm – 2:15pm

Thursday, November 16 - @ 5:30 – 7:30pm

Family Potluck Dinner @5PM

Financial Aid Meeting @5PM - Library

Greetings! Wednesday, November 16, 2017 - Career PTSO will host **The Family Potluck Dinner** during Report Card Night. PTSO members and families are asked to plan ahead. We are looking for 700+ parents to pick up report cards, talk with teachers and eat a healthy diverse dinner starting at 5PM in the cafeteria. All are welcome!

To contribute to the dinner please go to www.careerhighschool.org or complete the form on page 4 and return to main office. Also, feel free to contact myself or the PTSO Representatives listed above - **No later than Friday, November 10, 2017.** Thank you in advance - see you on Wednesday, November 16.

Parent Commentary

Fellow Parents, Everton Chin
I am a proud parent of a 10th grader at Career and I wanted to reach out to all Career parents in the hope of encouraging you to become involved in Career's Parents Teachers Students Organization (PTSO).

On Wednesday, October 11, 2017, I attended the PTSO meeting and must say I was very happy I attended as a lot of interesting and important information about the school and our kids were discussed. School principal Dr. Parrish enlightened us on various topics such as Khan Academy, the reinstatement of the certified nursing program for seniors, as well as the various learning programs offered through grants normally received by the school. Needless to say, a wealth of information was also imparted by other faculty members and school counselors.

I was disappointed, however, that the parent turnout for that meeting was so low. I understand that with our daily responsibilities, it can be difficult to attend these meetings, but I am imploring you as a parent, that you endeavor to attend as many of these meetings as is possible. Thanks for your time and look forward to seeing you at our next PTSO meeting.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

All counselors are in the Counseling Suite on the first floor and are assigned to the following students:

Ms. Huckabey – 9th Grade; 10th Grade H-P - Tel #: 475-220-5029
 Ms. Rice - 11th Grade; 10th Grade A-G - Tel #: 475-220-5028
 Ms. Schock - 12th Grade; 10th Grade Q-Z - Tel #: 475-220-5026

Counselors: Upcoming SAT weekend dates: Nov. 4th and Dec. 2nd. Any senior who needs a fee waiver should see Ms. Shawn in Guidance.

FAFSA application available to start: Oct. 1st. Presentation will be given on the night of report card conferences: Nov. 16th at 5pm in the library. Parents and

students are welcome to attend! FAFSA deadline is February 15th.

- **Seniors who have early application deadlines (Nov. 1/Nov. 15)** should have already spoken with Ms. Schock in order for time to send materials and write a letter of recommendation.
- Seniors who wish to attend college visits scheduled at Career need to register ahead of time on their Naviance account.
- Seniors eligible for New Haven Promise should complete the pledge: newhavenpromise.org. Students/Parents should refer to the website for requirements and deadlines.
- **Juniors will start their one on one meeting with Ms. Rice starting November 1.**
- Freshman and sophomore students will begin their one to one meetings with Ms. Huckabey beginning November.

Summer Opportunities:

Wishbone.org will provide students with the opportunity to get involved this summer at a program of their choice. The application is electronic and the school will provide sign-up days after school. Please sign on to wishbone.org for more information.

How it works - We find promising students with specific passions - Students learn about Wishbone from their teachers and apply online. Students must meet these criteria: Current high school student (grades 9 through 12) - Living in New York City, the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles and Connecticut - Low-income - Passionate about a particular interest, such as music, science, leadership, or athletics **Students apply for a program that fits their**

needs - Students start by selecting their interests from our list of over 60 subjects. This data is used to curate a selection of high-quality programs that are personalized to the student's interests and organized by location, duration, and degree of competitiveness. This format makes it easy for students to compare programs and select their first, second, and third choices. Once students have selected their program choices, they complete a full application, including: Contact information, Two short essays, Consent from a parent or guardian and a recommendation from their Advocate. Every Wishbone student has an adult Advocate. In addition to submitting the recommendation, the Advocate helps the student fundraise their program fees using Wishbone's crowd-sourced fundraising platform. Wishbone enables program affordability through a combination of fundraising channels: Through exclusive tuition discounts from program partners and more.

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

Melissa Greene, Unit on Employment

187 students in the Personal Finance classes of Jennifer Keith and Melissa Greene participated in mock interviews with various recruiters, financial advisors, and human resource specialists over two days this week. Prior to the interview students learned resume writing, how to search for employment, what to expect in an interview, how to prepare for an interview and dressing for success.

Tony Raccio from Golden Compass visited each class prior to the mock interview and shared his experience and guidance about his job as President of his head-hunting firm. Each student will receive an

assessment that tells them if they were hired for the job or what areas they need to work on before going to a "Real" job interview. One student was so impressive he is being considered for a part-time job.

CLIFFORD BEERS

Hi everyone, my name is Kerryann Frank. I am a Clinician from Clifford Beers Clinic a mental health clinic who serves children and families in the Greater New Haven area. The Clinic offers a variety of services and programs designed to help these children and families with their needs. As part of this year, Career has partnership with Clifford Beers to receive our school-based program. We will work on providing direct care to address PTSD, depression and behavioral problems while improving functioning, grades, attendance, peer/parent support, and coping skills to our students. Our mission is to provide accessible school-based mental health services that promote healthy and resilient lives

for children and families. I hope I can help in your kid's journey.

ATHLETICS, Michael Giardini, Director

Congratulations to the Boys' soccer team for making the state tournament for the second year in a row. The boys are playing some great soccer right now and are peaking at the right time. They finished the season with a 10-4-2 record. They are currently battling to finish in the top 8 teams in the SCC. The first game of the state tournament will be held November 6th. Please make an attempt to come out and support our boys.

The Career girls volleyball team suffered some tough losses the second half of the season and will not be participating in the SCC tournament or the state tournament. With a new coach this year they are starting to build a new identity.

The winter season is right around the corner and anyone interested in trying out for an athletic team will need to have their physical handed in to the nurse BEFORE

trying out, along with a 2.0 grade point average. Girls basketball will start November 20th, Boys Basketball and Indoor track will both start December 1st. Career is co-op with all of New Haven for wrestling so if you are interested in coming out for the team please see Mr. Giardini.

We are looking forward to a strong finish for the boys soccer team and are very excited to see what the winter season has in-store for us. For more information about athletics and schedules you can access the information through the Career website under the athletics tab.

NURSES OFFICE – Flu Shots

Flu season is quickly approaching! On November 16, 2017, during report card night, I will be hosting a flu shot clinic. If you are interested in receiving one, please email or call to let me know by November 10, 2017. I can be reached at 475-220-5015 or

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November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Early Dismissal	7 Election Day Teachers Only	8	9	10 Veterans Day	11
12	13	14 SPMT MTG 2:30PM	15 Early Dismissal Report Card Pickup 12-2;15 PM	16 Report Card Pickup 5:30-7:30 PM Potluck	17	18
19	20	21	22 Early Dismissal	23 Thanksgiving	24 No School	25
26	27	28	29	30	December 1 Coronation Ball	

December 1, 2017 is the senior class Coronation Ball – Stay tuned for ticket prices and theme

College Representatives and Visits – Students must sign up through Naviance.

Western CT State University – Nov. 1 @ 8:00am

University of St. Joseph – Nov. 1 @ 12:45pm

Gateway Community College – Nov, 9 @ 11:00am

HBCU College Trip to NY – Nov. 11th @ 8:00am