

## April 2013 HRCHS PTSO Updates and Reminders

Hello,

Spring is in the air! And yes, we survived two weeks of March madness – CAPT Testing. I thank each of you for making sure your child arrived on time, well rested and ready to go! Again, without your support and assistance our young people can easily lose focus; especially with the warm and sunny weather. Next week we will enjoy Spring break and upon our return students will be entering the last marking period of this school year. How time flies! Please make sure you have scheduled an appointment and/or called your child's guidance counselor to select classes for the 2013-14 school year. You should also receive the 3<sup>rd</sup> MP report card in the mail before the end of the month.

Lastly, I want to thank parents and students who participated in our Family Bowling Party fundraiser. We had a good time and lots of fun. The proceeds will help offset the cost of the upcoming senior class after-prom. Also, I want to thank all those parents who sent in their Climate/Parent Surveys. We are 10% away from meeting our target. If there are any parents who want to participate – and do not have - or – can't find the survey, please call me at **203-946-5845** to receive your personal code. It actually takes 10 minutes to do the survey online. With your help, Career HS can remain a Tier 1 school. Please help keep your child's school a Tier 1 school!

*Personal Note: Please make sure all pricey items are left at home. Sometimes things go missing and the school is NOT liable...*

### Upcoming:

- **Career's Spring Fling Concert** is scheduled for the evening of **Thursday, April 11, 2013**
- Friday, April 13 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Honor Roll cake celebration
- **April 15 – 19 – Spring Break - Return to school April 22**
- **Monday, April 22 - Last (4<sup>th</sup>) Marking Period begins**
- **Thursday, April 25, 2013** (9:30 – 11am in the Library) **Annual Grandparents/Caregivers Brunch** - PTSO recognition and thanks to all grandparents/caregivers who have taken on the responsibility of raising another generation.
- **Friday, April 26, 2013 - Mohegan Sun Adult Casino Trip — Tickets \$30.00 – Bus leaves Career Parking Lot @ 6PM**
- May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 am to 2:30 pm - Health Services Career Fair @ Hillhouse field house - Please see Ms. Smith-Huckabey
- **Sunday, May 12 – Mother's Day ( Happy Mother's Day)**
- **Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day (No School)**
- **Thursday, May 30 – Sr. Class Prom and PTSO sponsored Project Graduation/After-Prom**
- **GRADUATION – THURSDAY, JUNE 20**
- **Coming Soon! Like Us On Facebook**
- **Check out the new website for Hill Regional Career HS @ <http://www.careerhighschool.org/>**

### Reminders:

- Friday, April 5, we hosted the College Consortium for juniors. Approximately forty colleges were present. Our students took advantage of this time asking important questions and learning more about their colleges of interest
- Dear Parents, Guardians, Staff and Students, ***Our ultimate goal is to ensure that our students reach the height of their potential, and are prepared for life outside of the walls of Hill Regional Career Magnet High School; college and career readiness.*** Career High School has established a new mandatory after

school tutorial program to provide opportunities for our students to excel. **The program will officially start on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. It will run from Tuesday through Friday, weekly, from 2:30-3:30pm. The program will end on June 7<sup>th</sup>.**

- If you do not receive ParentLink (automated calls) from Principal Negrón, please call the school to update your cell or home phone number.
- Under the McKinney Vento Homeless Act Services for Homeless Families - If you are in need of assistance, please contact Ms. Westefeld @ 203-946-5845 – this is strictly confidential
- Parents: Please stop by the school or call your child's Guidance Counselor for a new 2013-2014 Course Section Guide. Counselors will be meeting with students to schedule classes for the 2014 school year. Please call to schedule a meeting.
- ISSP – Independent Studies Seminar Program – for more information please email [barbara.mente@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:barbara.mente@new-haven.k12.ct.us)

#### **Summer Programs – please go to:**

- **HARLEM RENAISSANCE SUMMER PROGRAM! OUR VOICES! OUR ART!** Attend our Information Session at CONNCAT Thursday, May 2nd at 6pm. For more information contact Stephanie Mallard at [smallard@conncat.org](mailto:smallard@conncat.org) or via phone at 203-823-9823.
- Summer School for student credit – see Guidance Counselors
- City of New Haven Department of Parks & Recreation - <http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/Parks/recreation/SummerPrograms.asp>
- University of New Haven Summer 2013 Youth Academies – <http://www.newhaven.edu/148742/>
- High School Students Sought for Popular Summer Arts Program - [middletown-ct.patch.com/announcements/high-school-students-sought...](http://middletown-ct.patch.com/announcements/high-school-students-sought...)
- Connecticut Academic and Pre-College - Summer Camps 2013 - [www.mysummercamps.com/camps/connecticut/academic-and-pre-college](http://www.mysummercamps.com/camps/connecticut/academic-and-pre-college)
- SAMS: The Summer Academy for Mathematics + Science - [www.cmu.edu/enrollment/summerprogramsfordiversity/sams.html](http://www.cmu.edu/enrollment/summerprogramsfordiversity/sams.html)
- Yale Young Global Scholars Program – [www.globalscholar.com](http://www.globalscholar.com)
- Yale - The National Youth Sports Corporation (NYSC) – for more information contact 203-432-7413
- New Haven Reach - <http://www.newhavenreach.com/> - Class of 2014: it's time to start applying to college, and we've got your back! We'll show you how to decide where to apply, how the application works, how you can pay for college, and how to get started on your essays.  
**Register by April 14 and we'll order you food from Buffalo Wild Wings, and enter you in a raffle.**

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

- March 26, Mrs. Wilson and HRCHS Book Club –hosted 9 High Schools (96 students along with the Library Media Specialist) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> book club of the year. Activities, open discussion and lunch were enjoyed by all!
- Wednesday, April 3, we hosted the College Fair press conference. Hannah Greene, Angelique Boyd, and Jaquan Nelson represented our school very well during this event.
- Friday, April 5, HRCHS hosted the New Haven Carson Scholarship Awards Ceremony and Luncheon. Dr. Ben Carson, renowned pediatric neurosurgeon, offered the event's keynote. Our own Tanvi Patel was one of the eight scholars recognized for academic achievement and humanitarian efforts. Join me in congratulating her!

