

Parent Newsletter - 2017 SPRING

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PTSO Mission Statement: "It is our mission to work collaboratively with the school community to provide a quality education for our children, through increased parental participation, productive communication and assistance, while fostering a warm and welcoming environment."

Dates to Remember

- 4/03 - Early Dismissal – 11:30am
- 4/05 - 9th grade College Trip
- 10th Grade – Science CAPT Test CAPT
- 11th grade – SAT Testing
- 12th grade-Info Sessions
- 4/7-12 -CAPT Testing (All 10th graders)
- 4/11 - 8:30– 9:30am - Juniors will meet with College Reps/Gym
- 4/13 - Choices Day Workshops - Early Dismissal – 11:30am
- 4/14 - Good Friday- No School
- 4/17-21 -Spring Break/No School
- 4/26 - Early Dismissal 11:30 - Report Card Pick-up 12:15 – 2:15
- 4/27 - Report Card Conference – 6:00 – 8:00pm
- 5/2 - AP Testing

REPORT CARD PICKUP & CONFERENCE

Parent /Teacher Conferences:

Wed., April 26, 2017 from 12:15 – 2:15 pm

Thurs., April 27, 2017 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

MP3 report cards will be available in the main foyer a before the parent/teacher conference time.

REMINDER: Monday Early Dismissal Days

April 3rd

May 1st

June 5th

SCHOOL COUNSELING

Spring Activities for Juniors

Ms. Schock and Ms. Rice have met individually with juniors to review their post-high school plans and the college process. Juniors have received information in their advisories on researching colleges, registering for the SAT and ACT tests and a timeline of important tasks for Junior and Senior years. Juniors will take the SAT on April 5th. Students will be able to use these scores when they apply to college in the fall. They will also be attending a College Fair Consortium on April 11th in the Career High School gymnasium with about 40 college representatives.

Course Requests for 2017-2018

Counselors are currently working on inputting student course requests for next year. Certain courses are determined according to teacher recommendations and graduation requirements.

Finish Well!

We want our students to do their best during the fourth marking period. Please remember that parents and guardians are also able to support their children's progress by accessing grades on Power School. Class assignments can be viewed by clicking the numerical grade for that class. Clicking on the teacher's name will bring you to their email so that you may ask any questions you might have.

CAPT

Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) will begin on April 7th through the 12th during the school day. Testing will commence each day promptly at 7:45am in the Library Media Center. Students who are absent or tardy on CAPT days will be scheduled for makeup sessions. Please be sure your child is present and on time each day. ALL 10th Grade students must take the CAPT. ALL 11th Grade students who did not reach proficiency on the CAPT must retake the test.

Advanced Placement Courses, Jennifer Keith

Students currently enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be taking the AP tests during the weeks of May 1-12th. Students were presented with the AP Bulletin with the expectation that they share the schedule and information with their parents/guardians. However, we know that's not the always the case, so for your convenience copies of the 2017 AP Bulletin for AP Students and Parents will be available during report card conferences on Wednesday, April 26th and Thursday, April 27th; also feel free to visit the AP Website @ <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/exam-policies>. In preparation for this test, several teachers may provide Saturday sessions. Students are encouraged to attend. Additional test preparation questions may be obtained at <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/preparing-for-exams>.

Cellphones will be collected prior to entrance of the exam. If a student accesses any electronic device during the exam or break periods, the device will be confiscated and accessed per investigation guidelines. The students have been asked to do their best:

1. Be prepared (2 pens & 2 #2 pencils)
2. Be on-time (no admittance after 8:00am)
3. Please remind students to eat breakfast and bring a healthy snack
4. All snacks should be in a clear plastic bag with their name written
5. Students will not be allowed to access their bookbags during breaks
3. Communicate with Mrs. Keith with any questions

ISSP/Summer Programs, Yashika Williams

College Before College — Apply Now!

Interested in taking a college class for free starting the end of August? You need to be a rising junior or rising senior with an overall “B” average and PSAT or SAT scores in the 400’s to apply. Contact your ISSP coordinator (Yashika Williams) ASAP as applications are due back in May. RETURNING students also need to reapply, so stop by or email NOW! She is at Career on Thursdays, 3rd fl., next to the AP Office. Feel free to email her in advance.

Gateway Pell Program- Rising sophomores, juniors, seniors with a minimum 2.0 GPA who interested in the Auto track, are encouraged to apply. Only students eligible for the Pell grant are able to participate. Parents will need to complete the FAFSA application by April 28, 2017. Please see Ms. Williams ASAP. There are also financial counselors who can assist with the FAFSA application.

The Aspirations for Higher Learning Pre-Collegiate Institute, is 6-week intensive academic initiative of New Haven Public Schools that will run from July 3, 2017 to August 9, 2017. Each day begins at 8:15am and ends at 1:15pm.

The program will operate on the campuses of Yale University and Southern Connecticut State University. All New Haven area high school students may apply. We seek students who want a challenge for the summer of 2017. Applications have been mailed to all NHPS students. If you did not receive an application packet, please check with the ISSP coordinator or guidance counselor at your school. The application deadline is Tuesday, April 18th, 2017.

Princeton University Summer Program - What is the Princeton University Summer Journalism Program? We welcome 35-40 high school students from low-

income backgrounds every summer to Princeton’s campus for an intensive, 10-day seminar on journalism. The program’s goal is to diversify college and professional newsrooms by encouraging outstanding students from low-income backgrounds to pursue careers in journalism. All expenses, including students’ travel costs to and from Princeton, are paid for by the program. Students who attend the program come from across the country. The program will enter its sixteenth summer in 2017. It will take place from August 4 to August 14.

HILL REGIONAL CAREER HIGH SCHOOL'S ELM CITY ROBO SQUAD WINS AT HARTFORD DISTRICT EVENT

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a program that allows for young high school students to participate in designing and building a robot to compete in an assigned game. Students on Elm City Robo Squad have spent six weeks going through this process to compete in this year’s game, FIRST Stronghold, where teams must drive over defenses to weaken them, shoot boulders into their opponent’s tower, and come up with strategies to prevail.

On March 5th and 6th, students competed at the first New England District Event of the season at Wilby High School in Waterbury, CT with their robot “The Toaster”. There, 38 teams from across New England gathered to compete during Week 1 of Competition Season. At the end of Qualifications, Elm City Robo Squad was ranked first with a score of 16-2-0. They were able to choose a winning alliance that brought them to victory, placing first overall at the end of the competition.

In addition, the team was able to take home the Quality Award for their ingenuity in design and ability to produce a robot that not only looked good but performed well.

At the end of the day, the team was able to take home 2 trophies and a banner to add to their collection accumulated over the years. With 4 weeks left until their next District event, serious improvements were underway. Changes including the size and much of the functionality of the robot were made as the date of the Hartford District Event loomed in the distance.

The team is looking for new sponsors as it raises funds so that it can compete in the FIRST World Championship at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis Missouri, April 26th-29th, 2017.

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EXTENDED DAY SCHEDULE (TUTORING)

Subject	Teacher	Day(s)	Location
Math	Plair	Tuesday	316
	Rooney	Wednesday	303
English/SAT Prep	Murphy	Tuesday & Wednesday	Library
Science	Merico	Tuesday & Thursday	211
	Pratt	Tuesday & Thursday	209
History	Werth	Tuesday	218
Spanish	Cardalliaguet	Thursday	Library
Homework Help	Stannard	Wednesday	302
Research Assistance & Computer Access	Wilson	Tuesday & Wednesday	Library

COMMUNITY NEWS

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**ConnCAT and Quinnipiac University
 Summer Entrepreneur Leadership Academy (SELA)
 Current 9-11th Grade Students
 July 10th -21st, 8:00AM-2PM @ Quinnipiac University**

The Summer Entrepreneur Leadership Academy (SELA) reinforces students' knowledge and skills in the field of entrepreneurship. The program's objectives are aligned with lectures and curriculum from Professor Gray (Quinnipiac University) and an entrepreneurial structure based upon ConnCAT's program.

Students will engage in multiple team activities from the formation of an idea to the exposition of a product. SELA activities also include:

- Guest speakers
- Product development
- Elevator Pitch
- Brand/Logo development
- Showcase Ceremony

Breakfast and lunch will be arranged for all participants in the SELA program. Information on transportation will be provided in application materials. Applications for SELA must be submitted by May 15, 2017.

For questions and information on SELA, please email vira.boatright@vanessaresearch.com.