

2016 SPRING BLAST!! Parent Newsletter

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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

4/15 – Early Dismissal – 11:30am

4/15 thru 4/22 – Spring Break/No School

4/27 – Early Dismissal 11:30 (**Report Pick-up 12:15 – 2:15**)

4/28- Report Card Conference – 6:00 – 8:00pm

5/2 – AP Testing Starts

REPORT CARD PICKUP / TEACHER CONFERENCE

Parent/teacher conferences will be held during the afternoon of Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 12:15 – 2:15 p.m. and the evening of Thursday, April 28, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Marking period 3 report cards will be available in the main foyer for pick up a half-hour before the parent/teacher conference time. You will then be able to meet with individual teachers to discuss your student's academic progress. We hope that you will be able to find some time to meet with our teachers.

GUIDANCE

Guidance Information Session

Parents, on Thursday, April 28th, from 5:00-6:00 - before Report Card Conferences/pick-up - Career High School counselors will provide information on college planning, financial aid and NCAA eligibility for interested students and parents in the Library Media Center.

Spring Activities for Juniors

Ms. Schock and Mrs. Drummond have been meeting individually with juniors to plan their courses for senior year, as well as 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. They attended a College Fair Consortium on March 29th in the Career High School gymnasium with about 40 college representatives. Also, all juniors will attend an assembly during advisory on April 6th to learn about New Haven Promise and INROADS internship opportunities. Juniors may attend one of the three upcoming college trips:

University of Hartford - April 14

Lincoln College of New England - April 26

University of Connecticut - May 18

Course Requests for 2016-2017

Counselors are currently following up with all freshmen, sophomores and juniors regarding their course requests for the next school 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.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT - Coordinator, Jennifer Keith

Students currently enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be taking the AP tests during the weeks of May 2-13th. 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 always the case, so for your convenience copies of the 2016 AP Bulletin for AP Students and Parents will be available during report card conferences on Wednesday, April 27th and Thursday, April 28th; 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>.

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. Communicate with Mrs. Keith

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.

This weekend, the team was able to grab the win at Hartford, ranking 8th at the end of Qualifications, and placing first at the end of the competition with their new and improved robot "The Brick", qualifying for New England District Championships. In addition, the team was able to win FIRST's most sought after award, the Chairman's Award, due to their outstanding outreach into the community, their exemplary gracious professionalism, and their overall encompassing of FIRST morals and values as a team. Wish us luck at District Championships, which are to be held at the XL Center in Hartford on April 14th, 15th, and 16th!

CONGRATULATIONS

Our Students did themselves proud at the **State HOSA Conference**.

Lindsey Fatone and Kyra Catubig placed 3rd in the Forensic Science competition and Moxa Patel and Isabelle Frentress placed 2nd in the Career Display competition.



Scholar Athletes

Congratulations to our 2015-2016 Southern Connecticut Conference Scholar Athletes, Ashley Arroyo and Chris Charles!



Congratulations! Team 558

Congratulations to **Robo Squad 558** for their successful performance at this weekend's FIRST Robotics Competition-Hartford Event. In addition to being the winners at this event, they also won the Chairman's Award (highest team award). Thank you once again, **Ms. Scheetz**, for serving as their advisor.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Hello Everyone!

The Fairy Godmother Initiative, Inc.
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Dale Borchiver, Market Manager for Style Lend, a fashion rental service (www.stylelend.com) for female students. Style Lend offers designer dresses, shoes, and bags for rent for over 90% off, with dresses starting at \$20. We know how expensive prom can be and we want to give every graduating student the opportunity to afford a dress that will make them look and feel their best.

The 2016 Splash at Yale Team

yale.learningu.org
[Splash at Yale on Facebook](#)

Registration for Spring Splash 2016 will be opening tomorrow, Wednesday, March 16th, at 8:00 p.m. EST! Splash is a one-day program full of classes taught by Yale students on a diverse range of subjects. This spring, Splash will be on April 2nd. Please feel free to notify your students of the upcoming program. The program cost for Splash is \$15, and need-based fee waivers are available when students register.

All payment must be done online via credit card, during registration. If paying by credit card is not possible for a student, please have them email us at yalesplash@gmail.com. If the student does not email us prior to April 1st at 4 p.m., the program will cost \$25 at student sign-in.

All forms required for Splash are combined into one document that are available at [this link for under 18](#), and [this link for over 18](#). Students must print these and have their parents or legal guardians sign these forms before the morning of the program.

FREE! FRIDAY FLICKS
 Around New Haven.

<http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/Parks/newsletter/images/parksNewsletterHead13.jpg>

2016 Friday Night Flicks: New Haven Parks Edition

Every Friday at 8:30 from June 3rd to August 26th we will show a movie in a different city park. Help us pick what to show. You can vote for the same movie in every park or pick all of your favorites. We will only show each movie once and will use an algorithm to make sure all the top picks make the list. Voting will close on March 30th. For movie descriptions or to find movies we may have missed visit parks.swankmp.com/genre