

Career HS Parent Newsletter

January & February 2018

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<http://www.nhps.net/career>

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.

Report Card Conference

Wednesday, January 31, 2018 - 12:15 – 2:15PM

Thursday, February 1, 2018 – 5:30PM – 7:30PM

Financial Aid Workshop – Juniors & Seniors - 5:00PM - Library Media Center

From the Desk of:

Greetings Career Parents and Guardians!

I want to first thank you for all of your support during the first half of this year. We have reached the midpoint of the year and in a few short months our seniors will be graduating and preparing to start new chapters in their lives. We had a significant number of students that earned honors for the first marking period and we look forward to honoring those that earned it for second marking period.

As we move forward, we encourage students to take advantage of our Extended Day Program for after school help in math, science, world languages and English or access to computers. This program runs Tuesday through Thursday, from 2:30 until 3:30:

Subject	Teacher	Day(s)	Location
Math	Rooney	Tuesday, Thursday	Library
English	Murphy	Wednesday, Thursday	Library
Computer Access	Wilson	Wednesday	Library
Science	Pratt	Wednesday, Thursday	Room 209
Spanish	Cardalliaguet	Tuesday	Library
Latin	Drymiller	Thursday	Room 306

We have had a tremendous first half of the year and could not have gotten this far without all your help. We look forward to continuing to work with all of you during the second semester and ask that you continue to be an active member of our school community. There are many ways that you can get involved at Career, including serving on our SPMT, volunteering and developing/facilitating PTSO activities. The School Planning and Management Team (SPMT) meets from 2:30pm until 3:30pm on the second Tuesday of every month. 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.

In the coming months, students will participate in a series of assessments that will measure a variety of academic standards. All juniors in New Haven high schools will be participating in the SAT School Day on March 21, 2018, which will be administered at no charge to students. Students currently are working with their advisors and math teachers to ensure that their College Board account is linked to Khan Academy for SAT. This resource provides students with support that has been personalized based on their October 2017 PSAT scores. We encourage students to regularly access this resource because 20 hours of practice has been shown to contribute to 100 point gains on the SAT. Parents and students can get more information at www.khanacademy.org/sat. School counselors will be meeting with students in grades 9-11 to review their PSAT scores, ensure that they understand what the score report means and how their scores are used to determine which AP courses they should take next year.

We look forward to seeing all of you at one of our Report Card Conference sessions. Our daytime session is on **January 31st** from 12:00-2:15 and our nighttime session is on **February 1st** from 5:30-7:30. You can get up to date information on the various events taking place at Career by visiting our website at www.careerhighschool.org.

Thank you for your continued support of the Career community!

SCHOOL COUNSELING DEPARTMENT

Course planning for next year will begin in January!

Students will receive a Course Recommendation Forms in their English class the week of January 16-19. During the following two weeks, they will take the form from class to class and teachers will fill it out with their recommendation for next year's course. The form is to be completed, with a parent or guardian signature, and returned to their counselor by Friday, January 26th.

Please note that students are responsible for three things:

- 1) Have the form with them every day;
- 2) Choose their other courses, for a total of 8 credits;
- 3) Get a parent/guardian signature on the form and return it to their counselor.

Course choices and requirements for the student's grade level are on the back of the recommendation form. More course information is available on our Career High School website in the Course Selection Guide.

Visit www.careerhighschool.org, hover on the **School Counseling** tab and a drop down menu will appear. Select "Course Selection Guide".

Parents of Juniors – Wednesday, March 21st all juniors in the district will be taking the SAT during the school day. This test is a requirement for many college applications. In addition, the State of Connecticut now requires the SAT test for high school graduation. All juniors received a CollegeBoard SAT Prep Booklet called "Getting Ready for the Redesigned SAT". Students can also study by going on www.collegeboard.org and www.kahnacademy.org.

Freshman: Happy New Year! As we are well on our way to second half of the school year I would like to remind students and families how important freshman year is. The grades that students earn their freshman year set the foundation for their high school Grade Point Average (GPA), as well as, the level of classes they will take their sophomore year. It is critical that students complete their assignments on time and turn them in, as well as, seek extra help when needed. Students please check in with your teachers if you need extra help in class. It is important that students begin to develop good study habits and time management skills to ensure they have a successful high school career.

Financial Aid Workshop

Parents/students you are cordially invited to a Financial Aide overview on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 5:30 pm in the Library Media Center!

The overview will consist of our college planning resources and "Your 5-step guide to paying for college."

- 1) Complete the FAFSA
- 2) Apply for Scholarships
- 3) Estimate and compare your total costs
- 4) Determine if you need additional money
- 5) Explore additional financing options
- 6) Explain how the "Keep your College Plan on Track"
- 7) Wells Fargo link "Get College Ready".

Guest Speakers: From Wells Fargo

Cindy Mixcus, Vice President

Branch Manager's: Christine Fernandez & Ken Shuler

Bank of America

Are you interested in applying to be a Bank of America Student Leader?

Bank of America is looking for the next generation of community leaders. If you are a junior or senior in high school and are working to make a difference in your school or community, we want to support you.

As a Student Leader:

- You will participate in an eight-week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization where you will learn first-hand about the needs of your community and the critical role nonprofits play.
- In addition, you will learn valuable civic, social and business leadership skills
- Each Student Leader will attend the Student Leaders Summit held in Washington, D.C. where you will learn how government, business and the nonprofit sector work together to address critical community needs.

To become a Student Leader, you must:

- Currently be a junior or senior in high school
- Be able to participate in an 8-week paid internship at a local nonprofit organization and work 35 hours a week
- Be legally authorized to work in the US without sponsorship through the end of September 2018
- Be able to participate in a week-long Student Leaders Summit in Washington, DC (July 8 - July 13, 2018) (All expenses paid. This week will be part of your 8-week experience.)
- Be a student in good standing at your school
- Obtain a letter of recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or school administrator.

- Please note, Bank of America employees or members of their family are NOT eligible for nomination.

For questions concerning this program, please call 1-800-218-9946.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- KAPLAN SAT Prep 1/13 – 3/17/2018
- Jan. 14 & 15, 2018 | *Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History* opens its doors again to honor Dr. Martin Luther King at their **22nd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Celebration**. For more details, click [here](#).
- Open House
Monday, January 29, 9-10AM
Wednesday, February 7, 9-10AM & 1-2PM

January 2018				
1 New Year	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10
15 No School Martin Luther King Jr.	16	17	18	19
22 Early Dismissal	23	24	25	26 Course Selection Forms Due
29	30	31 12:15- 2:15 ½ Day Report Card		
February 2018				
			1 Report Card 5:50-7:30 Financial Aide 5PM	2
5 PD For Staff Early Dismissal	6	7	8	9
12	13	14 Happy Valentines Day	15	16 Early Dismissal
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28		

Career High School Extended Day FREE Tutoring 2:30 – 3:30PM		
I Need Help With Math		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Ms. Rooney Library		Ms. Rooney Library
I Need Help With English		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Ms. Murphy Library	Ms. Murphy Library
I Need to Do Research or Access to a Computer		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		Mrs. Wilson Library
I Need Help with My Science Class		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
	Ms. Pratt RM209	Ms. Pratt RM209
I Need Help with My Spanish Class		
	Wednesday	Thursday
		Ms. Cardalliaguet Library
I Need Help with My Latin Class		
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
		Mr. Drymiller RM306

- **School Selection Timeline – Application Period Opens – Thursday, January 25, 2018**
- **Application Process Closes – Sunday, March 4, 2018**
- **School Placement Lottery – Wednesday, April 4, 2018**
- **Deadline to Accept/Decline – Friday, May 4, 2018**

NHPS School Expos 2018

Magnet Fair & Open House Info School Expos / Expo escolar Interdistrict Magnet School Expo

11am-12pm **Info Session**, 12-2pm **Meet & Greet** / 11am - 12pm **Sesion Informativa**, 12 - 2pm **Conoce y Saluda**

High School in the Community (HSC) 175 Water Street, New Haven, CT 06511

This Expo brings together the portfolio of schools open to families in the Greater New Haven Area. This is your opportunity to learn more about the Interdistrict Magnet and Open Choice programs. Administrators, school representatives, parents and students will be on hand to discuss our unique school offerings and to address your questions. We hope to see you there!

Esta exposición reúne a todas nuestras escuelas abiertas a las familias residentes de New Haven y en pueblos vecinos. Esta es su oportunidad de aprender más sobre los programas Magnet Interdistrito y "Open Choice". Los administradores, representantes de la escuela, padres y estudiantes estarán disponibles para hablar sobre nuestras ofertas escolares únicas y para responder a sus preguntas. ¡Esperamos verle ahí!

School Expo

Thursday, January 25 (Jueves, 25 de Enero) - 5:30-8:00pm

6 - 7pm **High School Info Session** / 6 - 7pm **Sesion Informativa para Escuelas Superiores**

Floyd Little Athletic Center 480 Sherman Pkwy, New Haven, CT 06511

Join us! This is your opportunity to learn more about our schools. All schools will have booths staffed by administrators, teachers, parents and students at each of our Expos. We hope to see you there!

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School Expo

Saturday, February 3 (Sabado, 3 de Febrero) - 11:00am-2:00pm

1:30 - 2:30pm **Kindergarten Info Session** / 1:30 - 2:30pm **Sesion Informativa para el jardín de infancia (Kindergarten)**

John Martinez Sea & Sky STEM Magnet School 100 James Street, New Haven, CT 06513

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