

Hill Regional Career H.S. Parent Newsletter

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2012-2013 End of Year Highlights

Dr. Madeline Negrón, Principal

Effective 2013-2014 all Hill Regional Career High School students will be required to complete a Capstone Project in order to fulfill all requirements for graduation. The Capstone Experience is part of the Connecticut's Secondary School Reform Initiative which requires all students to be able to demonstrate knowledge and skills they have acquired during their educational experiences including the 21st century competencies.

Specifically, this means that your son/daughter will be required to complete a Capstone Project next year. The project includes the following: (1) The Proposal- All students will write a proposal for their project that will include (a) an explanation of their project, including expected outcomes and a clear topic description; (b) an outline of the resources necessary to complete their project, including time, materials, adult help, etc., (c) description of the linkage between their project and their magnet focus,

and (d) a clear description of how their work will demonstrate their competency on each of the 21st century competencies. (2) The Journal- All students will complete a weekly, template based, journal entry that explains (a) their progress so far/during that week; (b) obstacles they are facing; and (c) successes and failures for that week. (3) A Presentation- All students will complete a pass/fail presentation of their project to a panel of 3 adults (a teacher, their advisor, and an adult of their choice) which will include (a) their reflections on the process; (b) a brief reflective paper that outlines what they learned through the process; and (c) a conversation with the adults about their learning.

In an effort to support students through this process, a semester Capstone course is offered during the student's senior year. Enrollment in this course, allows students to receive support and guidance as they work towards meeting an increased level of expectation for independence and organization –skills required to

become an independent lifelong learner.

PTSD President, Tina Jennings

Hello all, well once again we're counting down the days of another school year. I must say this was a great year of events that we hope will continue in the coming years here at Career. I want to first say this is my final year as PTSD President and I have enjoyed every minute of it. I often wonder where the four years went. I've built wonderful relationships with the administration, support staff and of course you, the students. To the students, volunteerism is very important to balance out one's life and I hope that you will do the same when you have the opportunity. Whether it's feeding the hungry, helping the elderly or listening to someone who needs to be heard or fundraise for a much needed cause. I just want to say "Life is not a dress rehearsal- this is the real thing and we should all play our part as best we can."

Grandparent and Caregiver Brunch

The brunch was a huge success. This year we had approximately 50 smiling caregivers participate. Special thanks to our speakers Mr., Ken Mathews, NHPS Math Supervisor, Mr. Charles Blango, Coordinator Grandparents on the Move and NH Elder Services for sending a representative. Surprise guest Dr. Reginald Mayo (picture) enjoyed a delicious brunch and shared some parting words. Congratulations to Dr, Mayo and may he enjoy retirement as much as he did overseeing NHPS twenty plus years.



End of the Year School Activities - 2012-2013

Event	Date	Time	Place
Prom	Thursday, May 30	6:30 - 11:30pm	Woodwinds, Branford, CT
Senior Picnic	Mon, June 3, 2013	8:30am - 3:30pm	Holiday Hill Camp- 43 Candee Road, Prospect, CT
Senior Breakfast	Tue, June 4, 2013	9am -10:15am	HRCMHS Cafeteria
Senior Class Trip	Fri, June 7, 2013	8:45am - 3:30pm	Six Flags New England
All Students	June 10 – 14, 2013	Half Days	HRCMHS
Sr. Class Awards Ceremony	Tue, June 18, 2013	6pm	HRCMHS Auditorium
Graduation Rehearsal	Mon, June 24, 2013	9am -11:30am	Lyman Center Southern Connecticut State University
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Career Services

Parents, Guardians and School Supporters, June 23rd (Graduation) will be here before you know it! The Career Services Office is always in search of new opportunities for our students. If you own a company or have a great relationship with your boss, please inquire about a student or two visiting your office for a summer job shadow opportunity, internship or volunteer experience.

As the Coordinator in the Career Services office I am always in search for great opportunities for our students and future leaders. Feel free to contact me with information or questions. Please also watch out for our Career Services tab on the school website, coming soon. The webpage will provide information about school requirements, upcoming events and provide basic information about our offerings.

We thank you for continued support and hope to hear from you soon!

Library Media Center, Ms. Wilson

The new Career Library Webpage has arrived! Students, staff and parents can view our user-friendly site at careerhighschool.org and click on library. There you will find links to excellent resources that can be used for research projects, read Ebooks, and more.

Links to Encyclopedia Britannica and MackinVIA E-books require the username:careerhigh and password: newhaven. Encyclopedia Britannica can be useful to the entire family with articles on all levels. A search on any particular topic can bring up results on an elementary school level, middle school level and high school level.

Log in soon to view what we have to offer. Any questions about the site or resources can be directed to the Library Media Specialist, Marilyn Wilson @ marilyn.wilson@new-haven.k12.ct.us.

Congratulations

It is with great pleasure and satisfaction that I can announce that Angie Pallo, our senior, received a prestigious scholarship to attend Yale University's English Language Institute summer program. The scholarship is awarded to top five ELL students in the district selected by a committee of ESL coaches and teachers. The scholarship covers the cost of tuition of the intensive five-week program. *Mr. Stygartes, ESOL*

The business department is very proud of all the students that presented their businesses at the *May 29, 2013 NFTE New Haven City-Wide Business Plan Competition* held at Quinnipiac University. Congratulations to Ashley Perez and Gabrielle Velez for finishing in third place at the competition with their business, Strawberry Kocolada (strawberries filled with chocolate and toppings). The business partners received a total of \$250.00 for their delicious treat!

Upcoming

If you did not attend the Panther Parent Night Tuesday, May 21 hosted by Administration, you missed out on a great deal of information for the upcoming school year. Please make plans to attend all upcoming Orientations (Dates TBA) and all Parent (PTSO/Title 1) Meetings and get involved from the start to help us better educate all children!

WHAT's NEW NEXT YEAR!!

- Parent access to PowerSchool
- Student Success Plans and SMART goals
- Naviance & Family Connection
- The new CT State University entrance requirements
- College Summit
- New Haven Promise
- Capstone / 21st Century Competencies and more...
- Title 1 – 2013-14 School Compact and Parent Involvement Policy
- Summer Reading List is available
- DECA – (Distributive Education Club of America) is looking to increase its membership next year



June 2013						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Sr. picnic Holiday Hills Camp	4 Sr. Breakfast 9-10am	5	6	7 Sr. Trip 8:30 - 3:30pm Six Flags NE	8 Jr. Class Car Wash
9	10 ½ Day	11 ½ Day	12 ½ Day	13 ½ Day	14 ½ Day	15
		Final Exams	Final Exams	Final Exams	Final Exams	
16	17 Full Day Underclassmen Awards 1PM	18 Full Day International Day Math Honor Society Lunch (invite only) Sr. Class Awards 6PM	19 Full Day Business Honor Society (Invite Only)	20 Full Day	21 Full Day History Dept. Reenactment	22
23	24 ½ Day Grad Rehearsal Lyman Hall 9:30 - 11:30am Graduation 6PM SCSU Lyman Hall	25 ½ Day Last Day Of School	26	27	28	29
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Have a Wonderful and Restful Summer!