

Hill Regional Career H.S. Parent Newsletter

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EDITOR: PARENT LIAISON

NEWS COMMITTEE: PTSO

Parent Organization 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. *Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much. Helen Adams Keller*

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday, November 10, 2016 is a Full Day of School

Report Card Conferences

Wed. November 16, - Early Dismissal
12pm – 2:15pm

Thurs. November 17, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Pasta Dinner available @ 5:30

Financial Aid MTG– 5PM - Library

First marking period closes 11/4/16

SAT Exam Schedule: November 5 Test

First Come: **Christmas Carol** at the Shubert Theatre on Friday, November 18 @ 7:30pm.

Senior Retake Pictures: (11/28 & 11/29)

Mission Statement



Academic Expectations

1. Problem solving and critical thinking skills
2. Accessing and analyzing information
3. Communication and collaboration
4. Creativity and Innovation
5. Initiative, self-direction and accountability
6. Citizenship and Responsibility

Panther's PRIDE:

P – Preparedness

R – Respect

I – Interiority

D – Discipline

E – Excellence



From the Desk of: Dr. Zakia Parrish, Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students:

The first marking period is coming to a close this week on November 4th! We have enjoyed a productive first quarter, but there is still a lot of work left to do. Many of our seniors started their college applications at the American College Application Campaign event on October 19th. All students in grades 9 through 11 took the PSAT on that same day and it will be very important that you review your child's score with them once it is released in early January. All students will be working with their math teachers to ensure that their College Board account is linked to Khan Academy, which is an online learning system which can create customized plans to support your child's identified growth areas. Additional information on this program can be found at www.khanacademy.org/sat.

We hope that you will become an active part of the Career High School community by participating in our School Planning and Management Team (SPMT), which meets on the **second Tuesday of every month** from 2:30 until 3:30. Our next SPMT meeting will be held on **November 9th** in the main office conference room. We also invite you to become a part of our PTSO, so please contact Ms. Vernetta Smith, our Parent Liaison, at 475-220-5022 for more information.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community and we look forward to seeing all of you at one of our Report Card Conference sessions. Our daytime session is on **November 16th** from 12:15-2:15 and our nighttime session is on **November 17th** 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.

PTSO & Parent Liaison

Report Card Conferences

Wednesday, November 16 - 12pm – 2:15pm

Thursday, November 17, 2016 - 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Financial Aid Meeting: Thursday, November 17@ 5:00PM

Dear Parent/Guardians, This year the school has been blessed with more than **200 FREE** winter coats for our students. If you have a child in need of a winter coat please call me or stop by the parent room.



Our Q & A meeting with administration and guidance, (Oct. 17) was well attended. Minutes will be reviewed at the next PTSO meeting, Saturday, December 10th at 9am. We are trying to arrange meetings to accommodate all parents. Please try and make some of the meetings.

Please call the school if you did not receive a progress for your son/daughter.

Report Card Conferences are November 16th & 17th. Wednesday 11/16 conferences will start at 12pm – 2:15pm; and Thursday conferences will start at 5:30 – 7:30PM. On Thursday, we will also enjoy a spaghetti dinner prepared by the parents. Please remember parent involvement is very important to your child's education.

Also, Career H.S. has been given **10 free tickets to see Christmas Carol at the Shubert Theatre on Friday, November 18 @ 7:30pm**. If you are interested please call or email me immediately. Tickets are **first come – first served**. If you require special seating (i.e. wheelchair) let me know. **Please be reminded that children under the age of 3 are not permitted in the theater AND that everyone, regardless of age, must have a ticket in order to enter the theatre.**

ATTENDANCE – Students are expected to report to school at 7:37am and arrive to their period 1 class no later than 7:45am. An arrival after the 7:45am bell will constitute an unexcused tardy.

TARDY – the following are acceptable excuses for tardiness. Note from doctor
Information from the bus company
Exceptional circumstances which cause a student to be tardy to school on a regular basis, that has been approved by and administrator.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

If you move and change your telephone number over the course of the school year, please make sure you update the main office. This vital information is for emergency notification.

EARLY DISMISSAL – Dismissal times will always be based upon New Haven's dismissal.

Delayed Opening

If New Haven Public Schools are on a delay then there is a delay for suburban towns, transportation to New Haven based upon the New Haven delay time. If there is a difference in the length of delay between New Haven and a suburban town, transportation will be based upon the New Haven delay time.

STUDENT DRESS CODE –

Students should be well-dressed and well-groomed at all times. Students' attire or hairstyles considered distracting or inappropriate will not be permitted. When students' attire is considered inappropriate, the principal may require the students to return home to changer to suitable attire.
Student are not permitted to wear hats, caps, coats or hoods in the school building, unless a medical or religious note is provided.

Electronics Policy – cell phones or any other electronic devices is **not allowed** in classrooms during regular school hours. The school will not investigate any electronic device lost. Visible devices may be confiscated by any staff member.

GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT

All counselors are located in the Counseling Suite on the first floor and are assigned to the following students:

Ms. Huckabey – 9th Grade - Tel #: 475-220-5029

Ms. Rice - Grades 10 – 12 - Last names A – L - Tel #: 475-220-5026

Ms. Schock - Grades 10 – 12 - Last names M – Z - Tel #: 475-220-5028

Counselors: Upcoming SAT weekend dates: Nov. 5th and Dec. 3rd. (late registration deadlines: Oct. 25th and Nov. 22nd). Any senior who needs a fee waiver should see their counselor.

- FAFSA application available to start: Oct. 1st. Presentation will be given on the night of report card conferences: Nov. 17th at 5pm in the library. Parents and students are welcome to attend! Deadline is February 15th.
- Seniors who have early application deadlines (Nov. 1/Nov. 15) should have already spoken with their counselor in order for time to send materials and write a letter of recommendation.
- Seniors who wish to attend college visits scheduled at Career need to register ahead of time on their Naviance account.
- Seniors eligible for New Haven Promise should complete the pledge: newhavenpromise.org. Students/Parents should refer to the website for requirements and deadlines.
- Freshman student's meet one to one with Ms. Huckabey during

Clifford Beers Clinic

Hi everyone, my name is Emanuel Colon. I am a Clinician from Clifford Beers Clinic who will be working at Career High School during this year. Clifford Beers is a mental health clinic who serves children and families in the Greater New Haven area. The Clinic offers a variety of services and programs designed to help these children and families with their needs. As part of this year, Career has partnership with Clifford Beers to receive our school-based program. We will work on providing direct care to address PTSD, depression and behavioral problems while improving functioning, grades, attendance, peer/parent support, and coping skills to our students. Our mission is to provide accessible school-based mental health services that promote healthy and resilient lives for children and families. I hope I can help in your kid's journey.

Career Services, Mrs. Huckabey

- Big Brothers Big Sisters is currently recruiting "Bigs" from Career HS - student's should see Ms. Huckabey for an application
- Summer Opportunities: **Wishbone.org** will provide students with the opportunity to get involved this summer at a program of their choice. The application is electronic and the school will provide sign-up days after school. Please sign on to wishbone.org for more information.
- How it works - We find promising students with specific passions - Students learn about Wishbone from their teachers and apply online. Students must meet these criteria:
- ·Current high school student (grades 9 through 12) - ·Living in New York City, the San Francisco Bay Area, Los Angeles and Connecticut - ·Low-income - ·Passionate about a particular interest, such as music, science, leadership, or athletics
- **Students apply for a program that fits their needs** - Students start by selecting their interests from our list of over 60 subjects. This data is used to curate a selection of high-quality programs that are personalized to the student's interests and organized by location, duration, and degree of competitiveness. This format makes it easy for students to compare programs and select their first, second, and third choices. Once students have selected their program choices, they complete a full application, including: ·Contact information, ·Two short essays, ·Consent from a parent or guardian and a recommendation from their Advocate.
- Every Wishbone student has an adult Advocate. In addition to submitting the recommendation, the Advocate helps the student fundraise their program fees using Wishbone's crowd-sourced fundraising platform.
- **Wishbone enables program affordability through a combination of fundraising channels:** Through exclusive tuition discounts from program partners and more.

Ms. Duff, Junior Advisor

Hello Parents! As we approach a new marking period please make sure you continue to monitor your student's progress on PowerSchool. Also, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the teacher via email or phone call. Communication between parents, students and teachers is extremely important to maintain the

lines of open communication. Extended Day Academy is an after school program at Career High School for students who need extra help or just want a quiet, structured environment where they can complete homework. The program runs Tuesday through Friday from 2:30 to 3:30 and snacks are provided.

Sports, Michael Giardini, Director

Congratulations to the Boys' soccer team for making the state tournament for the first time in 6 years. The boys are playing some great soccer right now and are peaking at the right time. They finished the season with a 7-7-2 record. The first game of the state tournament will be held November 8th. Please make an attempt to come out and support our boys.

The Career girls volleyball team suffered some tough losses the second half of the season and will not be participating in the SCC tournament or the state tournament.

The winter season is right around the corner and anyone interested in trying out for an athletic team will need to have their physical handed in to the nurse BEFORE trying out, along with good grades. Girls basketball will start November 26, Boys Basketball and Indoor track will both start December 3rd. Career is co-op with all of New Haven for wrestling so if you are interested in coming out for the team please see Mr. Giardini.

We are looking forward to a strong finish for the boys soccer team and are very excited to see what the winter season has in-store for us. For more information about athletics and schedules you can access the information through the Career website under the athletics tab

Future Project, Jay Kemp

Hello Parents,

Our Dream Team alumni have carefully selected the new students who displayed discipline, commitment, imagination, power, purpose, and a mind full of possibility. These students will make up a team of world changers, ready to be ambassadors of possibility in our school, our families, and our community. However it will be a surprise as to how we announce these newest members of the Dream team.

Also....THE PANTHER'S CORNER PODCAST NETWORK HAS BEGUN!! This is a new and fresh way of engaging more in school community, creativity, as well as a platform to discuss social issues affecting teens. Students will also learn Story Producing; gain interviewing skills, and audio editing. The network shows will be on the school website. We invite teachers, and parents to also join in creating some great content to make the Panthers Corner podcast Network successful.

HIP HOP ANALYTICS BEGINS!! With the help of the powerful and dynamic Alex Vargas we are creating an incredible workshop called "Hip Hop analytics". Parents I trust you feel my pain when having to listen to some of the music nowadays; and how we all talk about what music use to be. In this workshop they will observe and understand what took place in history in our society and how hip hop was an intricate part of many social shifts with our youth. We have guest celebrities, and Hip Hop sociology Professor, Dr. Don Sawyer, helping deconstruct songs, and cultural norms in Hip Hop culture. The students will gain media literacy and social awareness skills.

"Starlights" singing club has begun. Dream Team's very own Dana McEachern and Amaya Harris are leading this dynamic crew of vocalists to an incredible showcase that we plan on providing for all of you. There is still time to sign up. As always parents' thank you again for saying "Yes" to your child's passions and dreams.

"Students who only know how to perform well in today's education system—get good grades and test scores, and earn degrees—will no longer be those who are most likely to succeed.

School Physiologist Steven Franklin, PhD, NCSP

Hello Career Parents! My name is Steven Franklin and I am a School Psychologist who is typically at Career on Wednesdays and Fridays. I am here to assist all students and families. I provide counseling, academic support, referrals to outside services, assessment as well as co-chairing our Student and Staff Support Team. Please feel free to contact me at any time @ 475-220- 5057. Have a great year!

November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5 SAT Test
6	7	8 Election Day - No School (In-service)	9 SPMT Mtg-2:30	10	11 Veterans Day-No School	12
13	14	15	16 Early Dismissal Report Card Conf. 12pm -2:15pm	17 Report Card Conf. 5:30 – 7:30pm	18	19
20	21	22	23 Early Dismissal	24 Thanksgiving No School	25 No School	26
27	28	29	30	12/1	2 Coronation Ball 7-11pm	

Friday, December 2nd - Coronation Ball - (sponsored by the senior class) \$30 singles/ \$50 couples

*****Seniors are asked to pay their class dues before Coronation Ball- the class has agreed to pay at least \$75 before the Coronation Ball**

College Representatives and Visits – Students must sign up through Naviance.

College	Representative	Date	Time
Springfield College		Wed 11/2/16	8:15 AM
University of New Haven		Thu 11/3/16	12:00 PM
University of Connecticut (*In-school application day*)	Larry Williams	Mon 11/7/16	9:00 AM
Bryant University		Wed 11/9/16	1:00 PM
HBCU Trip to NY	Ms. Edwards-Duff	Sat 11/12/16	8:00 AM
Fairleigh Dickinson University - Metropolitan Campus		Mon 11/14/16	10:30 AM
Southern Connecticut State University	Leilannie Quintana	Tue 11/15/16	10:30 AM
Branford Academy		Thu 11/17/16	10:00 AM
Gateway Community College	Elizabeth Vega	Mon 11/21/16	8:00 AM
University of Saint Joseph		Tue 11/22/16	10:00 AM
Lincoln College of New England	Darmar Jenkins	Mon 11/28/16	9:15 AM
University of Connecticut	TBD	Wed 12/7/16	8:00 AM



Open Swim & Swimming Lessons in New Haven Senior Swim - Hill Regional Career High School
140 Legion Ave. - Fridays from 4pm-6pm



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<http://nhfpl.org/> (click to open)
New Haven Free Public Library
October Young Minds Events