

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."

AP, Jennifer Keith

Students currently enrolled in Advanced Placement courses will be taking the AP tests during the weeks of May 4-15th. 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 two meeting times have been scheduled for all AP Parents/Guardians to attend an informational meeting - **Tuesday, April 21st from 7:30-8:00 am and 5:30-6:00 pm. It is highly recommended** that parents attend this meeting; also feel free to visit the AP Website @ <https://apstudent.collegeboard.org/takingtheexam/exam-policies>. In preparation for this test, several teachers are providing Saturday sessions. Students are encouraged to attend. I can be reached at 203-936-5000 for more information.

ISSP, Barbara Mente

Students Preparing for College, Parents wanting their child to learn more about college-- Sound School will be offering a seminar, *College Knowledge*, after school from 2:45 to 3:45PM, held in room **301 on Wednesdays, March 18, 25 and April 1 and April 8**. These seminars will discuss the importance of selecting the right college, possible college major, the differences between high school and college learning, and much more. Seminars open to all grade levels.

College Summit, Kristen Grandfield

The time has come to start thinking about Peer Leaders for next year. I am hoping to have interviews start after we return from April break. If anyone is interested in helping with those, please let me know. Interviews would be with about 5-6 students with questions that I can provide. The interviews are scheduled during the period most convenient for you. If you are interested, please respond with the free period that is most convenient for you.

Guidance Department

Course of study for next school year!

- First step: Make sure you receive a Course Selection Guide for 2015-2016 and review the guide with your son/daughter. Please pay close attention the graduation requirements, course of interest and course that require a teacher recommendation.
- Second: Students will receive a Course Request Form for their individual grade level. Please help your son/daughter complete the form before it is submitted. This eliminates confusion at the beginning the school year. Freshman should decide whether they want to follow the Business/Technology track or the Health/Science track for the next three (3) years. There is a planning card on the last page of the Course Selection Guide which lists the graduation requirements in each of these areas.
- Third: Counselors will meet individually with students to review their progress and schedule courses for next school year. Juniors will be the first students to choose – starting March 2nd, and then the -10th grade and then 9th grade will follow.
- Lastly: Parents are encouraged to attend the student and counselor meeting. Please call the guidance counselors at the numbers to confirm the meeting time. Please review and sign the sheets.

Mrs. Esteves-Pinho 203-936-5028 (All 9th grade students)

Mrs. Drummond 203-936-5029 (grades 10, 11, &12 Last names A – L)

Ms. Aronoff 203-936-5026 (grades 10, 11, & 12 Last names M-Z)

Honors Ice-Cream Social – Friday, March 20!! All 2nd MP Honor Roll Students are cordially invited to the Celebration!! Congratulations to all the Honorees!

Attention GEAR UP Families:

As a participant in the GEAR UP program your 9th grader has the benefit of FREE ACADEMIC TUTORING and MENTORING after school at Career H.S. on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:15-4:15pm. Mentors/Tutors are Southern Connecticut State University college students available in the Library or Cafeteria to:

- Tell you what college is really like.
- Show you how your interests can become your career.
- Help you complete homework.
- Teach you how to study to improve your grades.
- Help you prepare for school projects.

GEAR UP College prep Mentors BELIEVE you will succeed! Please have your 9th grader join our caring and enthusiastic male and female role models. We can relate to the challenges of high school. We will help you find your strengths and gifts. Our goal is to support you to be college-ready. Please call Ms. Esteves-Pinho.

Community News

NEW HAVEN READS'
Spring College Workshop
Saturday, March 28, 2015

Dixwell Yale Community Learning Center

101 Ashmun Street, New Haven, CT

10:00 a.m. – 12 NOON

Call Lisa Loeb at 203-691-1260 or
e-mail:

lisa@newhavenreads.org

Hello Everyone!

“Say Yes to the Dress”

Gently used/some new Prom Dresses available to all high school senior girls throughout Connecticut.

Project Hope CT

PO Box 6685, Hamden, CT. 06517

Email: Projec...@gmail.com

Phone: 203-936-9510

April 11 – May 2, 2015
286 York Street, New Haven CT
Monday – Saturday
10am – 6PM



The Splash at Yale Team -
yale.learningu.org

Student registration for Splash Spring 2015 is now open! Our Spring 2015 program will take place on **Saturday, April 4th** from 9AM-5PM at Yale University. We have an exciting range of classes this spring.

The cost of the program is \$15. As always, we offer full need-based financial aid. Simply have your students complete the application when they register. We will offer optional lunch for \$5 and t-shirts for \$10. More details are available on our website.

City Seed Indoor Winter Farmer's Market
Saturdays, 10am – 1pm
Metropolitan Business Academy
115 Water Street
(Please **DO NOT** Park in the Avantus Lot or your car will be towed)

THE SUMMIT 2015

CT Student Leadership Conference
for YOUNG MEN OF COLOR
Training for the Next Generation of Leaders

Each conference session will engage participants in a unique topic or exercise designed to understand and expand one's vision of self and the possibilities for the future.

Participants will gain insight into their personal strengths and style of leadership. They will connect with other talented students and presenters, creating a community of supporters and allies for the opportunities and challenges to come. Not only will the presentations inspire and inform, they will serve as a springboard for work on goals, projects, ideas and concerns participants are facing in their own communities and lives.

One part of this conference is about **networking, getting ideas, establishing communities of support and resources. Another part** is about **finding the unique skill set, voice and passion that each one of us has inside.**

Registration: Go to the CT Association of Schools website:
www.casciac.org/register