

# Career H. S. Parent Bulletin

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## SPRING HIGHLIGHTS

Third marking period report cards will be mailed home during spring recess.



### Principal's Message

Dear parents and students,  
As the days grow longer and warmer, and the 4th quarter approaches, our attention turns to concluding our academic year. We have completed administering the CAPT examination, and I offer my congratulations to every sophomore and those juniors who took the tests for their focus and efforts in taking the exam. We had the best testing atmosphere ever, and I am confident that the results, which we will receive in August, will reflect their efforts and produce excellent scores.

With your support, we are more successful in achieving what we all seek, academic success. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period closes on Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. You will receive 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards through the mail during mid-April.

Hill Regional Career Magnet High School students and staff have achieved a number of great things so far this year and many are recognized in this newsletter. Families, I commend you and your students for the great accomplishments they have demonstrated. Approximately one third of all students in the school earned Honor s for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marking Period. Several of our students have been honored as scholars, scholar-athletes, or for community service. We are just beginning to hear about the scholarships our seniors are winning. Congratulations to all teachers for their success to date this year, but especially to Mr. Boucher and Dr. Strauch, who were recently honored as Teachers of Excellence by the Alliance Bank and The New Haven Community Foundation, and to Ms. Joyner, who was honored for her teaching and community dedication by the West Haven Black Coalition. I have provided the internet links for articles about these teachers here:  
[http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/five\\_city\\_teachers\\_hailed/](http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/five_city_teachers_hailed/)



In addition to the various musical, athletic, academic, activities that occur in the spring, students are preparing for exams: the Connecticut Technology Exam (CTE) in late April, Advanced Placement exams in May, and Final Exams during the third week of June. Seniors are counting down their last days as Hill Regional Career High School students and anticipating the end of year activities, celebrations, and, of course, graduation.

Parents and students, "spring fever" can distract students from the fact that we are here for school business. We have had an extremely successful learning atmosphere and behavioral climate in the school throughout the year so far. We would like to keep learning first and foremost through June. Parents, please remind students to arrive to school and all classes on time, to leave electronics at home or keep them out of sight in a bag or pocket and to have them completely turned off during the day, and to dress appropriately for school without exposing underwear or bare skin, or wearing pajamas, "short-shorts, short skirts, tank tops. Students wearing inappropriate clothes will be asked to change or call home to have appropriate clothing brought in. We appreciate your support as we work to maintain the academic focus at HRCMHS as spring grows to summer.

We are looking forward to the school's Accreditation/Evaluation visit by the New England Association of Schools & Colleges, which will send a team of evaluators to observe the school in operation and meet with parents, students, teachers and administrators from Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. In preparation for that visit, we are finalizing a 2 year self-study that includes in a series of reports, the results from survey parents, students and teachers you took in September. I will provide you more information on status of this process, and your role in it in next month's newsletter, as by then I will have more information. In the meantime, please mark those important dates on your calendars.

As you can see, it has been a busy, productive, successful year so far, but there are still 3 very busy, important months of school left. Your continued support, as it always does, will assist us in continuing to have such rich experiences. Thank you for making this possible, and thank you in advance for your continued support.

I urge families to read and take note of all the important dates and policies contained in this and in all the PTSO newsletters so that this year continues as one of academic accomplishment with success and progress toward the opportunities that lie ahead. I am hoping that your refrigerator will be covered with the reminders and calendars included here to assist with dates of all activities for your students.

**ROBOTICS**, Ms. Roblee

**Come support the Robotics Team:  
Admission is FREE**

2010 Northeast Utilities Connecticut Regional *FIRST* Robotics Competition

**Fri., April 2, 9AM – 4PM  
Sat., April 3, 9AM – 12PM  
Connecticut Convention Center,  
downtown Hartford, CT**



This year's competition will be very exciting! In the game, called "Breakaway" two alliances of three teams each compete on a playing field with bumps and score points by pushing or kicking soccer balls into goals at each end of the field

**Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>. Career High School will host the "Choices Conference"** for all students. The objective of this conference is to provide students with appropriate information about career choices and life skills that will assist them in making well thought out decisions for a successful future. An assembly will kick off the day at 8:30AM in the auditorium. The schedule for the day of the conference is as follows:

8:15 - 9:30AM - Assembly  
9:40 - 10:45AM - 1st Workshop  
10:50 - 11:55AM - 2nd Workshop  
Noon Dismissal

**Business Department,** Jennifer Keith

CT Career & Technical Education

Assessment - (CTE) – The CTE Exam is a test given to the business and medical career students required by the state (our CAPT test). The Exam will be administered on April 28th and 29th. There will be a morning and an afternoon session. Make-ups will be administered through the month of May.

Academy Orientation – TBA - A new student Academy orientation will be held in the upcoming weeks in the Career High School media center. This will be an informational session for parents whose child has been accepted into either the Academy of Information or the Academy of Finance.

**Independent Studies,** Barbara Mente

Advanced Placement - AP exams will begin on Monday, May 3 and run through Wednesday, May 12. We ask for everyone's support and encouragement as these students move forward in their academic endeavors.

ISSP - IS Art Class will be hosting an art opening on Saturday, May 22 in the library from 2-4PM. Student work will be displayed and awards will be given. If interested, please RSVP to: Barbara Mente, 203-946-5845 x3405 by Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Library Media Center,** Ms. Wilson

Book Bowl News

Career High School has the privilege of hosting this year's city-wide Book Bowl Competition on Wednesday, April 14. The competition will take place in the auditorium at 10:30 a.m. Matt Scott, WTNH Meteorologist, will be the guest questioner. Davis St. School Principal, Lola Nathan, will be the Master of Ceremonies. All are invited to come and support our team.

This year's team, *The Spine Benders*, is working diligently to prepare for the contest. Team members include, Team Captain Megan Gura, Shelby Brewer, Ashley Hine, Anamika Mishra, Jemima Mbaka and alternate Lindsey Baldassare.

Media Center Projects

The Media Center has been bustling with collaborative projects! Ms. Munro's Honors English III classes researched American authors and poets in the LMC. Students used

*Encyclopedia Britannica Online School Edition, iConn.org* and various print resources to assess the value of a particular author to American Literature in general. Through their research, they explored reasons why one might choose to read an author's works. This project proved to successfully broaden the literary horizons of these students.

Mr. Malafronte's U.S. I classes have completed a research project called, "American Ingenuity and Innovation". Students have chosen an American inventor or invention that has greatly contributed to the technological advancements that shaped our country. Resources used included on-line databases, such as Encyclopedia Britannica and iConn, as well as reliable websites and print resources that were reserved in the Media Center for these classes. Students followed MLA format for their papers and Works Cited page.

Ms. Boughton's English I classes are in the process of a character analysis project. Students are reading novels from the *Bluford Series* and creating graphic representations of the characters' personality. Students are learning to interpret the thoughts and actions of the characters within the novels to infer the author's purpose and theme. This project is derived from the pre-AP curriculum "Laying the Foundation". Their final projects will be displayed in the Media Center.

Morning News

The Career Morning News Program is looking for students who would like to participate in our daily broadcast. Anyone interested in working either on or off camera, should see Ms. Wilson for an application and audition. Volunteer credits may be earned by your participation.

**UCONN GEAR-UP Trips**

Thurs., April 8 @ 6:30-8:30PM  
NACAC College Fair at the XL Center - Pick-up @ 5pm- New Haven Gateway Community College returns @ 9:30PM – Parents, 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> grade students welcome. Call (203) 285-2429 to reserve your spot.  
Sat., April 10<sup>th</sup> @ 9am to 3pm  
A Teenage Business Program at CONN, a day long program with workshops, presentations and a tour  
Transportation, breakfast and lunch are provided. Parents and high school students welcome. Please call (203) 285-2429.

Tues., April 20<sup>th</sup> UCONN School of Pharmacy Visit from 10:30am-1:30pm  
Transportation and lunch provided  
Please call (203) 285-2429.

**Senior Parent After-Prom Letter**

Dear parents/guardians,

The PTSO is currently in the process of raising funds for the After-Prom/Project Graduation. **The After-Prom ... Project Graduation is a great opportunity to say, "Job well done" and shows them we are proud of their accomplishment.** I'm sure they will remember their last year here at Career as long and hard; as well as rewarding. So what better way to remember their long journey to graduation than by extending ourselves with our continuous support and gifts to send them on to college.

We are only asking for a **small donation of \$20.00** and with this donation, it will help to bring to a close a lasting remembrance of all the good times they all shared here together. The \$20.00, added with other fundraisers we are doing, will give you one less item(s) to purchase from their "to-buy list" toward their post-secondary education as well as having a venue for after the prom, at the school, that is a safe and secure environment to wind down the Post-Prom evening.

You can send the money to school with your student to Ms. Smith, Parent Liaison, 203-946-6976 or 203-946-5845. For more information and to volunteer I can reach me, Frances Ballard, PTSO Pres., 203-932-5078. Thanking you in advance for your continued support with helping us to assist our/your children in their educational endeavors. **Due date for all monies is Friday, April 30, 2010**  
Frances Ballard

**Scholarship Information**

*Few Takers for Four Years of Free SCSU Tuition - "There are kids in New Haven schools who won't even try" That's sad.*

[http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/go\\_to\\_college\\_free/](http://www.newhavenindependent.org/index.php/archives/entry/go_to_college_free/)  
by Abram Katz, Mar 29,

A Southern Connecticut State University math professor thought he had a tempting offer for city math and science students: They could come to his college for free, and even pick up a free laptop. He braced for a flood of responses. They never came.

**Students have until April 15 to apply.**




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April 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 April Fool's Day	2 Good Friday No School	3
4 Easter	5	6	7	8	9 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking PD Closed	10
11	12	13	14 Grades 9-12 Book Bowl	15	16 Early Dismissal	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
April Recess – No School						
25	26	27	28	29	30	

May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 May Day
2	3 Early Dismissal	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8
9 	10	11 NH Science Fair	12 NH Science Fair School Nurses Wk	13 NH Science Fair Awards	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Senior Prom	28 Senior Picnic	29
30	31 Memorial Day No School					

Career High School PTSO's Scholarship Fundraiser

\$\$\$\$ WIN MONEY FOR YOUR CLASS! \$\$\$\$  
HOW MUCH TREASURE DOES YOUR FOOT MEASURE??

It's Simple: Class 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013 - Measure your foot. Pay what your foot measures.

The Class to raise the MOST money WINS!

(The winning class—splits the proceeds with the PTSO's scholarship committee. The money your class wins goes towards YOUR class's events. Ask family and friends to help you to help your class.)

The contest is on, good luck!! April 5 – April 30, 2010

See Ms. Ballard – during Lunch Waves Mondays and Tuesdays. See Ms. Smith anytime!