

# HILL REGIONAL CAREER H.S. PARENT NEWSLETTER

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## Hill Regional Career 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.

## Hill Regional Career High School Mission Statement

The mission of Career is to prepare all of our students to become productive members of their own community and a global society by providing an educational environment that establishes rigorous standards of academic performance with a focus on health and business. We encourage students to maximize their potential by promoting critical and creative thinking, developing technological competence and fostering respect for a diverse and changing world. These goals are the shared responsibility and commitment of the staff, faculty, students, parents and community

### ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

Students will:

1. Write using Standard English for a variety of purposes and audiences.
2. Read actively and critically for a variety of purposes.
3. Use academic knowledge and information to think critically, problem solve, and make decisions.
4. Select and apply the tools of technology to improve personal and professional productivity.
5. Effectively communicate using a variety of methods.

### SOCIAL & CIVIC EXPECTATIONS

Students will:

1. Develop an awareness of behavior that promotes a healthy and responsible lifestyle.
2. Provide service to the greater community.
3. Demonstrate an appreciation for diverse cultures.
4. Exhibit positive communication and collaboration within the school and regional community
5. Exhibit respect for themselves and others.

### PTSO President, Frances Ballard [fballard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:fballard@sbcglobal.net)

Thank you for participating with the 2010 National Black History theme: "The History of Black Economic Empowerment" and the celebration of the Chinese New Year-the Year of the Tiger. If you did not have a chance to see the displays, I must say you missed some beautiful artwork, poems and cultural piece. It is our aim to display and celebrate all cultures. If you would like to help with those displays, please call.

In addition, we want to thank every parent, student and staff for making our report card potluck dinner a great success; and a very special thank you to Mase Scranton on chief Chef.

The next PTSD meeting is Saturday, March 20, 2010 @9:30AM in the library and we look forward to seeing all of you!

### Report Card Night Conference

Due to inclement weather - report card conference was re-scheduled to Thursday, February 26. For whatever reason, if you did not attend report card night we ask that you arrange to pick-up or receive your child's grades. The April and June report cards are mailed home.

## March - Springs into the CAPT Connecticut Academic Performance Test

MARCH 2010 CAPT TESTING SCHEDULE - GRADES 10 + 11 (RETESTERS)				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1 (1 - 6)</b>	READING FOR INFO.; INTERDISCIP. WRIT. (SESS. 1)	EDITING AND REVISING; RESPONSE TO LITERATURE 1	MATHEMATICS I; INTERDISCIP. WRIT. (SESS. 2)	
<b>Week 2 (7 - 13)</b>	MATH. 2 ; MAKE-UP: INTERDISCIPLINARY WRITING 1	SCIENCE 1	SCIENCE 2; SUPPLEMENTAL TEST: (RESPONSE TO LITERATURE 2) NOTE: JUNIORS DO NOT TAKE SUPPLEMENTAL TEST	MAKE UPS: INTERDISCIPLINARY 2; READING FOR INFORMATION
<b>Week 3 (14 - 20)</b>	MATH. 2 ; MAKE-UP: INTERDISCIPLINARY WRITING 1	SCIENCE 1	SCIENCE 2; SUPPLEMENTAL TEST: (RESPONSE TO LITERATURE 2) NOTE: JUNIORS DO NOT TAKE SUPPLEMENTAL TEST	MAKE UPS: INTERDISCIPLINARY 2; READING FOR INFORMATION
<b>Week 4 (21 - 27)</b>	MAKE UPS: RESPONSE TO LITERATURE; EDITING AND REVISING	MAKE UPS: SCIENCE 1; SCIENCE 2	MAKE UPS: MATHEMATICS 1; MATHEMATICS 2	MAKE UPS: RESPONSE TO LITERATURE; EDITING AND REVISING

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## Guidance Department

Reminder: Counselors have begun to meet with students to discuss courses for next year, the availability and the requirements for these courses, and to make selections. Parents should call for an appointment.

Seniors receiving admissions letters should report them as soon as possible. In April, juniors will begin to meet with their counselors regarding the college process. Parents, let us remind our children to take school seriously and aspire to reach their true academic potential. The after-school tutorial resource programs are available to assist your child. For an appointment with your child's guidance counselor to schedule next year's courses, please call Ms. Shawn @203-946-5845. Senior Parents: Register at [www.collegegoalsundayct.org](http://www.collegegoalsundayct.org) and receive individual assistance completing the FAFSA!

## Yale-New Haven Hospital- Minority Nursing and Allied Health Scholarship Program

Applications for the Yale-New Haven Hospital's Minority Nursing and Allied Health Scholarships are now available. The hospital will award five scholarships. Each scholarship is \$8,000, renewable at \$2,000 per year. Students must be a member of a minority group defined as Alaskan native, American Indian, Asian or Pacific Islander, Black or Hispanic, and graduate in June 2008 from a Connecticut high school. Applicants must reside in Bethany, Branford, Clinton, East Haven, Hamden, Guilford, Madison, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange, Wallingford, West Haven or Woodbridge. The application deadline is March 15. - Access for application and guidelines <http://www.ynhh.org/general/commsvc.html#education>.

## Advanced Placement (AP)

The AP program offers motivated students an opportunity to take college-level courses. Students gain college skills and can earn college credits if they pass their national AP test given in May. Please speak with your child's teachers and guidance counselors.

## UCONN GEAR-UP

After-school activities continue to be held from 2:30-4pm on Thursdays. We have been working on an interactive bulletin board focusing on test taking and CAPT testing. We are also holding a CAPT contest. After all our hard work, a pizza party is planned for this week. Juniors gave advice to sophomores about CAPT testing in the form of letters. Financial Aid Nights: **March 25 and April 29** - 5:30-7:30 at New Haven Gateway Community College in RM 160

UCONN Gear UP parents and students welcome. Please call (203) 285-2429 to confirm Upcoming College Fairs and Visits: **APRIL 8th** (Thursday) from 6:30-8:30 the NACAC College Fair with over 250 colleges will be at the XL Center - transportation at 5pm from New Haven Gateway Community College, returning at 9:30. Parents and 10th and 11th grade students welcome. Call (203) 285-2429 by March 25 to reserve your spot.

**APRIL 10** (Saturday) from 9am to 3pm Teenage Business Program at CONN, a daylong program with workshops, presentations and a tour. Transportation, breakfast and lunch are provided. Parents and high school students welcome. Please call (203) 285-2429

**APRIL 20** (Tuesday) UCONN School of Pharmacy Visit from 10:30am-1:30pm Transportation and lunch provided Please call (203) 285-2429 for more information and to reserve a spot

## Career Service Office, C. Lowman

Career and Technical Education Center offers Career Pathways, resume writing, interview and self-confidence skills. For more information, please call Ms. Lowman.

**The Annual Yale New Haven Hospital Career Fair** was rescheduled from Feb. 10 to Feb.24th.

Students who are interested in applying for the **City of New Haven Youth at Work** summer jobs must now pick up an application directly from the Youth at Work Office, in the New Haven City Hall. Telephone number for the Youth at Work Office is 203-946-7173. Proof of household income must be submitted with each completed application and students are supposed to return their own application to the Youth at Work Office, it will be one of the tools used to screen applicants.

Two new students are now working as **literacy tutors at the Davis Street Elementary School for school credit:**

Akilah Ballard      Natasha Perez

The following students are working as paid interns at **Yale New Haven Hospital:**

Breland, Brittany	Graham, Charmaine
Garcia, Elizabeth	Medina, Kimberly
Ramirez, Brian	Lawrence, Rahni
Moore, Kimonie	Morales, Yadira
LaRue, Ashley	White, Thomika

The following students are paid **interns:**

Steven Maldonado - Tobin and Melien, Attorneys at Law  
Adassa Cummings - L.E.A.P.  
Brandon Gatling - DTP Program Superior Court  
Morgan Esdaile - NH Bd. of Ed Personnel Dept.

Shakeela Mollison - Wepawaug Flagg Federal Credit Union  
Chelci James - L.E.A.P.  
Brittany Palmer - Solar Youth  
Mokhtar Awad - Davis Street Afterschool Prog.

The following students **work in the career center after school:**

Jonathan Lane Megan Rabel

The following students are participating in the **Yale University WYSE Program.**

Andrea Rhodes Shineerah Wilkins  
Teshika Thomas

## School Reform Commentary

It's unfortunate that there were not more parents at the PTSD meeting to hear and join in on the "School Reform" discussion. Unfortunately, I think more parents aren't clamoring to hear about it because at this point it probably just sounds like an abstract idea or theory. When the first 6-8 schools are selected for the reform is probably when more parents will sit up, take notice, and express an interest! As with most new things, folks will only get involved if it will personally affect them. We should act not only as concerned parents, but also as concerned citizens and community members in general, about any policies or actions that will affect our children as a whole, and do away with the "what's in it for me" mind set. "It takes a village..."



## ATTENTION FRESHMEN PARENTS!

Does your child (ren) ...





- enjoy challenging classes?
- like to participate in competitions?
- would like to learn through on the job training?
- learn outside the classroom through interesting field trips?
- want to earn scholarships for college?
- attends school regularly?
- maintains a minimum of a C average?

If you have said yes to any of the above, then your child may be a candidate for the Academy of Finance or Academy of Information Technology.


If your child is interested, they may obtain an application from Ms. Keith or Ms. Roblee in room 216. If you have further questions regarding one of these Academies, please contact us.

# March 2010

## CAPT Exams - Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 CAPT Exam	3 CAPT Exam	4 CAPT Exam	5	6
7	8	9 CAPT Exam	10 CAPT Exam	11 CAPT Exam	12	13
14  Daylight Savings Time	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18	19	20 9:30AM PTSO Mtg.  1 <sup>st</sup> Day of Spring
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 Palm Sunday 	29 Passover begins 	30	31			

# April 2010

				1	2 Good Friday No School	3
4 Easter Sunday 	5	6	7	8	9 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Pd Closed	10
11	12	13	14 HS Book Bowl	15	16 Early Dismissal	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<b>APRIL RECESS – No School</b>						
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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The CAPT scores are placed on the legal transcript of each student and are included in records sent to colleges. Employers are reviewing these scores as part of any application process. Students should review all CAPT materials as well as review test-taking skills. Please encourage your child to take this test seriously and prepare both mentally and physically for the test by getting sufficient sleep, eating a good breakfast, and focusing on each item of the test.

I encourage you to sit down with your child to develop a plan for preparing for each test day. Your support and encouragement will assist your child to perform well during this stressful time. Please contact me at 946-5845 or by e-mail at [michael.ceraso@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:michael.ceraso@new-haven.k12.ct.us) if you have additional questions.

Respectfully,

Michael M. Ceraso, Principal

20 de febrero de 2010

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Los resultados obtenidos de la prueba (CAPT) serán puestos en el expediente de cada estudiante y también serán incluidos en la transcripción de créditos para las Universidades o Instituciones de alto nivel educativo. Es importante saber que estos resultados se usan como parte del proceso de admisión a dichas instituciones. Los estudiantes deben repasar todas las materias referentes al (CAPT) y también repasar las técnicas de como tomar una prueba o examen escolar. Por favor anime o estimule su hijo/a para que tome esta prueba académica con seriedad. El/ella debe prepararse mentalmente y físicamente tomando suficiente horas de sueño y comiendo un buen desayuno, para que pueda estar bien enfocado/a en cada una de la prueba (CAPT).

Quiero recomendarles que se sienten con su hijo/a para desarrollar un buen plan de preparación para cada día de la prueba. Su aporte, ayuda y estímulo hará de que su hijo/a logre obtener buenos resultados en estos momentos de estres. Por favor, comuníquese conmigo al 946-5845 o por correo-electrónico a [michael.ceraso@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:michael.ceraso@new-haven.k12.ct.us) si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud.

Respetuosamente,

Michael M. Ceraso, Director