

# Hill Regional Career H.S. Parent Newsletter

October 2011 - Edition: II

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News Committee: PTSO Membership

<http://www.nhps.net/career>

## Welcome! Parents, Staff and Students

**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.

### HRCHS 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 & Civil 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.

### Parent Announcements

- 10/3 – Early Dismissal – 1:00PM  
 10/9 – SAT Exam (junior/senior students)  
 10/10 – Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL  
 10/11 – PTSO Workshop (below)  
 10/22 – PTSO MTG Saturday @10AM

### Senior Pictures:

10/11-10/14 & 11/17-11/22

**PSAT Test:** 10/12 – (for grades 9, 10, & 11)

### Parent Workshops/Meetings

The Hill Regional Career High School PTSO invites all to attend our first **Brotherhood Night**. We have invited a panel of dynamic guest speakers to share information about community resource and answer your questions about men's health, support services, career options...

**Date:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011

**Time:** 6:00pm to 7:00pm

Hill Regional Career HS

140 Legion Ave, NH, CT 06519

RSVP: Tina Jennings - 203-946-5845

Kenya Greene - 203-901-8929

### From The Desk of, Michael Ceraso, Principal

As I write this, the days are growing shorter, the air is getting cooler and the leaves are beginning to fall – it's a beautiful Autumn, and I'm amazed at how quickly the days are passing. By the time you read this, we will be near or at the end of the first Marking Period (Friday, November 10th), and we will be looking forward to seeing you at Report Card Night on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Thanks to your constant support, we have had a very good start to the school year. Your children are here daily, talented and eager to learn, and prepared for the challenges we have to offer them in their classes.

It was wonderful to see so many of you during Meet The Teachers Night in September, and I hope you had an opportunity to spend some time with each of your child's teachers. Our teachers happily reported that they had the opportunity to meet a large number of parents, which demonstrates your support and concern for your child's education.

The PTSO's 9<sup>th</sup> Grade "Meet and Greet" was a great success!!! There were over 75 students and parents in attendance. The PTSO will also sponsor a 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Family Movie Night which, in addition to some good cinema, will promote positive family involvement and the promotion of academic success.

Please be sure you read this Newsletter from cover to cover, as it contains an amazing amount of information about school activities and programs planned for the coming months. I remind you of a very important date: Report Card Conference Night on Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 5 – 8 pm. See you there!

### PTSO, Tina Jennings & Kenya Y. Greene

We 'Thank You' for attending Meet the Teacher Night and the Freshmen Meet and Greet. Both were a huge success! Now it's time to prepare for student progress reports, the November Report Card Night featuring our Multi-Cultural Dinner. Please remember parent involvement is very important to your child's accomplishments. Your children will be graduating with a 21<sup>st</sup> Century education, building portfolios and learning life skills that will sustain them in the future. To have our school district/Career better serve our students is surely needed and it can be reinforced with strong parent participation.

Speaking of involvement and participation, the next PTSO Mtg. is a "Brotherhood Night" workshop scheduled for Tuesday, Oct., 11, 2011 from 6pm to 7pm. We have invited a dynamic panel of men from the Community to talk about a variety of career options and useful information about support services in the greater New Haven area that focus on the needs of men. This is a great opportunity for our young men and their families (females are welcome) to receive information about... Health, Careers, Crime, Education, Finances and more! There will be a Q&A period, refreshments and door prizes!!! If you ever have, any questions or concerns do not hesitate to call me at 203-946-5845 or email Ms. Smith, parent liaison @ [vernetta.smith@new-haven.k12.ct.us](mailto:vernetta.smith@new-haven.k12.ct.us). *Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.* - [Helen Adams Keller](#)

### NEWS from, New Haven Promise

New Haven Public Schools will become one of the country's first school districts to implement a preK-8 college-going program, called Pathway to Promise. Pathway to Promise is a feeder program to College Summit. College Summit is a nationally recognized nonprofit that implements college-readiness programs in high schools. Both programs focus on five core understandings: self-advocacy, financial awareness, academic excellence, college 101 and the college-to-career connection. Next year College Summit will be phased into Hill Regional Career High School.

New Haven Promise Workshop: College Essay Liftoff Weekend - Nov. 5 & 6 from 11am to 4pm at Cooperative Arts & Humanities High School, 177 College St., New Haven. The workshop is designed to help high school seniors polish their college application essays. Students may bring essays in varying stages of completion. Some may already have a draft; some may only have an idea for their essay topic. If you're a student and you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity please join us. Lunch will be served at the event and a brief training will be offered to volunteers. We are looking for adults who can serve as one-on-one writing tutors for a few hours on Sat. Nov. 5 and/or Sun. Nov. 6. (See last page)

## School Policy

### Attendance

Students absent from school must provide a note within 48 hours of returning to school – see attendance officer in the main office.

### 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

Students dismissed early must have a signed permission note from his/her parent. All notes **must** be turned into the attendance officer before the designated departure time for phone verification.

### Homeroom - @ 7:45am

#### Tardy Students

NHPS procedures - students tardy to school **must** be accompanied by a parent. Tardiness due to late school buses is excusable.

Students tardy to homeroom report to the attendance officer in the Main office for a tardy admission pass. Failure to do this will result in an official absence.

### Student Dress Code

To avoid unnecessary aggravation, trips to the school and/or children sent home, please adhere to the dress code of Career High School. **What Not to Wear at Career.**

- ✓ No skirts – dresses – shorts more than 4 inches above the knee.

**(Self-test:** if the tips of your fingers with your arms alongside your legs are longer than your outfit, your attire is inappropriate for school.)

- ✓ No “do Rags”, hats, sweatbands or scarves. (religious attire excused)
- ✓ No pajamas, slippers, inappropriate wording or pictures on clothes
- ✓ No midriff tops
- ✓ No coats, jackets worn (lockers provided)

## Guidance Department

Guidance Counselors:

**A** through **F** - Ms. Drummond  
946-5845 – EX 3196

**G** through **N** - Ms. Hawley  
946-5845 – EX 3108

**O** through **Z** - Ms. Aronoff  
946-5845 – EX 3131

### Seniors:

Register for SAT Test by:  
10/7 for Nov. 5 Test  
11/8 for Dec. 3 Test  
See Guidance Counselors or register @  
<http://sat.collegeboard.org>

**PSAT Testing:** ALL freshmen, sophomores and juniors will test on **Wed., Oct. 12, 2011**

**Progress Reports** will be issued during the second week of October.

The first **Report Card distribution** is Nov.22 from 6-8pm.

### College Representatives

10/4 - Bryant Univ. 10AM  
10/11 - Albertus Magnus 11AM  
10/12 - Boston Univ 11:30 am  
10/13 - BayPath 12PM  
10/14 - American Int'l College  
10/17 - SCSU 11AM  
10/18 - Mercy College 1PM  
10/24 - Drew Univ. 12:45 pm  
10/25 - Stonybrook 11:30 am  
10/28 - Western 9:30 am

## Career Services,

Ms. Huckabey

**It's time to work!!!** Students in search of afterschool work can pick up Working Papers at the New Haven Board of Education- 54 Meadow Street, Registration Department. Students must provide a Promise to Employ (proof of employment) from the Employer. Parents please remember students must be 16 or older to work in the state of Connecticut.

### Programs & Opportunities:

**College Prep Scholars:** LEAP is currently recruiting for the CPS program- College Prep Scholars program. The program includes a rigorous college

preparation component including SAT prep, as well as mentoring, volunteering opportunities and workshops that teach about life skills. The program is yearlong and includes a stipend. **Students must be a junior or senior and hold a 2.5 grade point average** – Students should see Mrs. Huckabey for more information and an application.

### College Career Pathways:

recruitment for college career pathways has begun! Junior students currently taking Keyboarding (Computer Foundations), Accounting I, Medical Careers or Anatomy and Physiology may apply to the College Career Pathways program. Students who register in their junior year will be enrolled in the program during both junior and senior year and are expected to maintain a **“B” average** in their courses. Students will **gain up to 14 transferable college credits-** in one of the above courses, **Math, English and Science-** from Gateway Community College. Please see Mrs. Huckabey for more information.

### Volunteering: Mock Code Simulation Program

Yale New Haven Children's Hospital is still in need of students interested in learning how to become a “standardized patient” while helping Emergency Room Doctors in training. Students will learn about common medical complaints, what doctors might think and ask about, and get to practice their acting skills. As a “standardized patient,” students will be coached to act as a parent, sibling or patient in a medical scenario that will be used to teach doctors in training! In order to apply students must write at least one introduction

paragraph, describing their interest and provide a letter of reference to Dr. Beth Emerson.

## Yale New Haven Hospital Volunteer Services

Volunteering at Yale New Haven Hospital is a great opportunity that allows you to gain valuable knowledge about the hospitals environment. Students can be assigned to various departments in the hospital as volunteers. Each student receives a uniform polo shirt and a rewarding experience. Students 15 years or older may apply anytime and must complete 50 hours or service. Please see Mrs. Huckabey for an application.

## Saint Raphael Hospital Volunteer Services

Students can also opt to volunteer for the Hospital of Saint Raphael this school year. For more information, see Mrs. Huckabey.

**Business,** Ms. Roblee,  
Ms. Bryson & Mr. McHale

## Business Students Select Finance or Technology

Beginning with the 2011-2012 school year all business students were asked to select to be a member of the Academy of Finance or Academy of Information Technology. Students will be awarded internships, scholarships and possible college credit. The National Academy Foundation is a non-profit organization that focuses on small learning communities with a college and career focus. Each academy leads students on a career pathway to explore each subject area.

## Academy Board Meeting

On September 30, 2011 The Academy of Finance and Academy of Information Technology had its first annual advisory board meeting at the Chamber of

Commerce downtown. Over 30 educators from the high school and secondary school level; along with business leaders, parents, political representatives and the National Academy Foundation partnership development coordinator met to discuss the future needs of our academies at Career. Our aim is to strengthen these partnerships throughout the year and to increase student internships and community involvement.

### **FBLA Is Back**

The FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) is currently recruiting new business and health student members. FBLA students will be attending the Annual Leadership Conference in October 2011 and will be competing in May 2012. Past events have included fundraising for the March of Dimes and participating in the March for Babies.

### **Business Honor Society**

We are in the process of applying for a chapter at Career of the National Business Student Honor Society and hope to be selecting members after the first of the year. The chapter of the honor society will allow students' academic achievement in business education at the secondary level to be recognized. Who is eligible? Any high school junior or senior who has completed or is currently enrolled in his/her third business course and has a 3.0 (overall) and 3.5 (business course) GPA. More information to follow next month.

### **Credit Union Grand Opening**

United Shoreline Federal Student Run Credit Union will be celebrating its grand

opening be on October 20, 2011 from 11:00am-12:30 pm in the lobby of the school. Students under 18 years of age need only \$1 to open an account. New members and current members conducting business on that day will receive customer appreciation gift. Current locations are downtown New Haven, Shelton, and Branford.

### **Academy Students To Attend Networking Seminars**

All junior and senior Academy students are encouraged to attend a series of networking seminars that are being given by one of our business partners from Yale New Haven Hospital, Andrew Orefice. The dates are as follows; October 12, October 26, November 9 and November 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will be gaining valuable insight on the interview process by creating their own commercial. Students who successfully complete all the seminars will be attending the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce Business Expo on November 16, 2011. This will provide them the opportunity to practice their skills, educate the community about our school and attend seminars. An upcoming class trip for Computer Apps II to the new Apple Store in downtown New Haven.

DECA Marketing Club Year 2 underway with a meeting @ Southington HS, Thurs., 10/6 with Mr. McHale & Mr. Heller.

On November 4th, Mrs. Bryson's Accounting 2 students will be attending the 2011 CPA Careers Conference at Central Connecticut State University.

The conference is hosted by the Connecticut Society of CPAs and will prove to be an educational and fun day that includes a variety of speakers and activities. Students will be able to interact with a panel of New/Young Accounting professionals in addition to hearing from experienced CPAs from a variety of companies and industries. Prior to the start of the conference, our students will be getting a tour of CCSU.

### **ROBOTICS**

*Cynthia Scheetz, Science Teacher*

On Saturday our **Elm City Robo Squad, Team 558**, competed in the **13th Annual Bash @ the Beach** off-season FIRST Robotics beach party and robot competition. Held at the Lyme/Old Lyme Middle School, Bash at the Beach is an informal FIRST-style competition designed to showcase high school student talent and reinforce the importance of business sponsorship for this outstanding educational program.

Robo Squad 558 had a new drive team this year and ranked 6th out of 22 teams going into the elimination rounds, earning a position as alliance captain.

A panel of judges wandered through the pits and watched matches throughout the day, to select teams for special awards. Robo Squad 558 was awarded the **Gracious Professionalism Award**.

The Millstone Power Station, Gracious Professionalism Award – the most prestigious award – our version of the Chairman's award - is given to the team that demonstrates the understanding and good

practices of the wonders of science, technology, and engineering, while also demonstrating teamwork, spirit, and the thrill of competition. This award in short, goes to the team that best represents the spirit of FIRST.

The team members present: Jacob Sussman, Duna Sami, Nicole Phillips, Chris Davis, and Manaf Sami.

### **ISSP/AP** Barbara Mente

On Tues., October 18, 2011 @9:30am thirty-eight students and their families will be honored at an AP POD Awards Reception. These 38 students passed English, Math and Science AP course in May 2011 with a high score of 3, 4 or 5 – 5 being the highest score. Congratulations!

### **Sports**

Indoor track season will begin in November after Thanksgiving break. The team needs hurdlers, sprinters, and middle distance and long distance runners. They are also looking for people to compete in the field events such as long jump, high jump, shot put and discus. Anyone interested in joining the track team should contact captains Paris Taft or Myles Jennings.

### **School Nurse,**

*Ms. Abdul-Williams*

**All 10th grade students must** have a completed 2011 physical form submitted to the nurse's office by November 1, 2011. Students not in compliance will be asked to stay home until forms are submitted. Any questions please call 203-946-5845.

**CLUBS/TUTORIALS/ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES – 2:15 – 3:15PM** (please check with individual teacher for time and room changes)

<b>TUTORIAL</b> English, Ms. Boughton RM 206  Math, Ms. Ayala RM 316 -- Wed/Thurs  Phy-Chem, Ms. Scheetz RM 213 - Tues/Thurs	<b>CLUBS</b> <b>Math Club</b> - Ms. Rooney RM 303/316  <b>Business Clubs</b> DECA Mr. Heller/McHale RM 212/216  FBLA Ms. Keith RM 212/214  <b>Chess Club</b> Mr. Boucher  <b>CISP</b>	<b>CLUBS</b> <b>Diversity/GSA Club</b> Mr. Haynes  <b>HOSA</b> Ms. Alogna RM 207  <b>Robotics</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Fl. Gym area Thurs.  <b>Choir Rehearsal/ Instrumental</b> Mr. McCoy – Music RM	<b>HONOR SOCIETY</b> National Honor, Mrs. Neighbors Latin, Dr. Strauch Spanish, Mr. Lopez	<b>SPORTS</b> Mr. Adamovich, Athletic Director  Baseball, Mr. Brennan/Chernovetz  Track, Coach Jackson/ Basketball, Coach Kelly/Bethke/Walton Golf, Mr. Chernovetz  Tennis, Mr. Gissentanner/ Lacrosse – See Mr. Adamovich Cheerleaders, Coach Bittle
			<b>CAPT Academy</b> Mr. Haynes – RM 206	
			<b>ISSP – Independent Studies</b> Ms. Mente 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fl.	

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2	3 Early Dismissal	4	5	6 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Mtg. 3PM	7	8
9	10 No School Columbus Day	11 PTSO Mtg. "Brotherhood" 6-7PM	12 PSAT Test 9,10, & 11	13	14	15
16	17	18 AP POD Awards 9:30AM (Ms. Mente)	19	20	21	22 PTSO MTG 10AM
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween					

<b>NOVEMBER 2011</b>						
Sun	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5 PTSO MTG 10AM
6 Daylight Savings Ends	7 No School In-Service	8 No School	9 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Family Night	10	11 Veteran's Day No School	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 Coronation Ball	19
20	21	22 Report Card Conference 6-8PM	23 Early Dismissal	24 Thanksgiving No School	25 No School	26
27	28	29	30			

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## HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

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**Saturday, Nov. 5 & Sunday, Nov. 6, 2011**

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177 College Street, New Haven, CT 06510

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*Come out and help us celebrate males of all ages!*