

Hill Regional Career H.S. Parent Newsletter

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

Welcome! Parents, Staff and Students - Come out to Report Card Night, Tuesday, November 22nd

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

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:

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

PARENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

PTSO Meeting – Nov., 5, 2011
@9:30am - School Library

10th Grade Family Night

Wed., Nov. 9, @5pm – 8pm
Auditorium, Library, Lobby

Coronation Ball

Fri. Nov. 18, @7-11PM – Gymnasium
Tickets sold during lunch

Senior Pictures: 11/17 - 11/22

Yearbook pictures due Nov. 22nd

New Haven Public School Calendar

No School:

Tues. Nov., 8 - Teacher In-service
Fri. Nov., 11th - Veterans Day

EARLY DISMISSAL: Wed. Nov., 23th

No School: Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 24th
Friday, November 25th

1st Marking Period Ends: Thurs. 11/10

Report Card Conf: Tue., Nov., 22nd

From the Desk of, Michael Ceraso, Principal - Welcome to November, the third month of the 2011-2012 school year. We're in the midst of Autumn, the foliage around campus has begun to change color, there is a distinct chill in the air, and as I write this, we await our first predicted snowflakes of the season. The days are passing so quickly. When you read this, the first Marking Period will be over (Thursday, November 10), and we will be looking forward to seeing you at Report Card Night on Tuesday, November 22nd.

While I think we have had the best ever start to the school year, my primary goal this year is to increase instructional effectiveness in every classroom in the school, and, in order to do that, I will need the support of you, your children (in the classes every day) and, of course, every Career High School teacher. Even though we have just started on this initiative, I am already encouraged with what I see when I visit classes. Your children are serious about what they learn, are deeply immersed in the lesson in each class, and they are well prepared for the challenges their teachers are offering them in their classes. I ask that you continue to help this effort with your support and communication with your child, your child's teachers, and the administration.

Please be sure you read this everything in this Newsletter, as it contains an amazing amount of information about school activities and programs planned for the coming month. Please be particularly mindful of the Extended Day Program, which is a great opportunity for your child to receive needed or desired academic support after school. We are currently planning to begin the program in early November, and continue it through mid-January. In addition, we are planning to have specific CAPT after-school workshops that will address any student's need in either of that area. I remind you of a very important date: Report Card Conference Night on Tuesday, November 22nd. See you there!

Report Card Conference & Pot Luck Dinner

Tuesday, Nov., 22, 2011

5pm – 6pm Dinner

6pm – 8pm Conference

Greetings! Tuesday, November 22, 2011 is our annual **Report Card Night and Potluck Dinner**. PTSO members and families are asked to plan ahead. We are looking for 700+ parents to pick up report cards, talk with teachers and eat a healthy dinner. Please make arrangements in advance to attend this very important event.

Parents, guardians, teachers and students are invited to dine with us at 5PM in the café, on delicious foods prepared by our diverse parent organization and community restaurants. Please complete the attached form (see last page) and return this form to the main office. Also, feel free to contact me at vernetta.smith@new-haven.k12.ct.us or tjennings@srhs.org - **no later than 11/16/11. All foods are welcomed.** Thank you in advance and we will see you all on Tues., Nov. 22.

NEWS from, New Haven Promise

New Haven Promise, a visionary scholarship and support program for New Haven Public School resident students go to www.newhavenpromise.org

Pathway to Promise: New Haven Promise announced the full launch of "Pathway to Promise," a new preK-8 college-focused curriculum. [Click here](#) to know more.

Sept., 26, 2011 - College Summit Launches New College-Going Culture Initiative for K-8 - New Haven Promise announced the full launch of "Pathway to Promise," a new preK-8 college-focused initiative created in partnership with College Summit. College Summit developed a set of K-8 supports for the partnership, including age-appropriate goals, milestones and suggested activities for students in grades K-8. To learn more about College Summit read the press release [Click here](#).

Guidance Counselors:

Seniors: SAT TEST

See Counselors or @
<http://sat.collegeboard.org>
Register by 11/8 for 12/3 Test

2012 - Scholarships

Milton Fisher Scholarship
\$5,000 – Postmark 4/30/12
www.rbffoundation.org

Tenth Annual National Co-Op
Scholarship \$6,000
Postmark 2/15/12
www.co-op.edu

Big Y Scholarship
\$Varies – postmark 0 2/01/12
Susan G. Komen for the Cure
\$10,000 Postmark 11/15/11
www.komen.org/scholarship

BigSun Scholarship
\$500 Postmark 06/22/12
www.bigsunathletics.com

College Representatives

11/9 Salve Regina Univ
11/10 Keene College
11/14 Tuskegee
11/15 UCONN
11/16 Johnson & Wales
11/18 Lasalle

IRIS - Integrated Refugee & Immigrant services provide assistance to *New Haven* refugees and other immigrants from around the world. IRIS also holds classes for parents to equip them to become active participants in their children's education. **Click here** [IRIS Site](#)

School Based Health Clinic

The Career School Based Health Center will be offering flu shots for Career students. If your child has a permission form on file with the Health Center, they can come in and schedule an appointment for a flu shot. Also, if they will be participating in a sport, they will need a physical. They should come in as soon as they know that they will be playing a sport and schedule an appointment for a physical. The sooner, the better! Please contact Regina at the School Based Health Center at (203) 946-2262.

Business

FBLA - Future Business Leaders of America attended the State Fall Conference at the Southbury Crowne Plaza on October 24, 2011. Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman was the key note speaker who spoke about job creation in Connecticut. Students then attended seminars that included topics on college planning, public speaking, fundraising, behavioral marketing, powers of distinction, and technology tips.

NAF

The Alliance for Excellent Education and the National Academy Foundation Invite you to attend a Webinar on Making the Case: The Economic Benefits of Improving High School Graduation Rates. Tune in on Monday, **Nov. 14 from 1-2p.m., ET** for a webinar featuring **Bill Taylor** of the National Academy Foundation (NAF) along with **Bob Wise and Tara Tucci** of the Alliance for Excellent Education (Alliance) who will discuss new ways to make the case to local communities on why reducing the dropout rate is so important. [Register Here](#)

ISSP/AP Barbara Mente

Congratulations go out to 46 current and former AP students for passing AP Exams in May 2011. Thanks to these diligent and focused students, along with our AP teachers, we increased our AP passing scores from 26% to 34%! **GREAT JOB STUDENTS and teachers!!** Best Wishes and Success to James Grindley and Greg Johnson, who are both taking a college course at SCSU under the College Before College Program for the Fall '11 Semester. Current junior and senior students wishing to sign up for the Spring Semester '12, please see Ms. Mente ASAP. Deadlines are approaching; please remember to bring your transcript and PSAT/AP scores.

Robosquad 558 – “From the Basement, to Beyond” - all meetings on Thursdays – Robotics Room (pass the pool) – 3pm-5pm – for information go to www.robosquad558.com

2012 Yearbook

At this time, the senior class of Career High School is putting together their yearbook. The ad prices are extremely reasonable for a yearbook. The pages are approximately 8 ½ by 11” and prices are as follows: ¼ Page – \$25 ½ Page – \$50 Full page – \$ 100

Business cards, photographs, logos and other visuals can be put into the yearbook. We ask that you design your ad or simply provide an example of what you like. Please make checks to: Career High School and send to Michael Wheaton (English teacher) at the school. Please consider helping to fund our yearbook, Thank You.

The “hot corner” - math assistance at Career is in Room 316 afterschool 2:15—3:15

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays where Ms Ayala, Ms Rooney and Mr. Wight along with a talented team of students from Career (and Yale on Thursdays) offer tutoring, coaching and homework support. Club members can earn community service credit for each certified hour of tutoring. The math center in 316 offers 9 computers for student online math practice, math SAT and subject practice books, calculators, overhead projectors, and math poster making supplies. Students at Career are offered access to two learning support websites coordinated by the math faculty. On the first, www.Hotmath.com, students register by using just the login user name **CHS378**. They then are directed to select their textbook from a list for each subject (HRCHS Algebra 1, Geometry& Algebra 2 are all on the list). On the second site, www.Catchupmath.com, students login with user name **CHS175** and the group password provided by their math class teacher (or independently with the word “*essentials*”). After registering, a student is given his/her own password to use and a 10-question diagnostic quiz. Based on the quiz, a study plan is started for students to pursue at their own pace from any computer, anytime. Student’s progress through the levels by reviewing, practicing and taking skill check quizzes. Teachers have the ability to monitor student progress and provide appropriate practice and challenging problems. Both these sites are FREE until December 20 as part of a math department school-wide pilot program. After that date the site access will cost about \$5 per student for one calendar year

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 and given to main office before departure.

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 should sign in the main office for a late 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

1. 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.)

2. No “do Rags”, hats, sweatbands or scarves. (religious attire excused)

3. No pajamas, slippers, inappropriate wording or pictures on clothes

4. No midriff tops

5. No coats, jackets worn (lockers provided)

NOVEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4	5 PTSO MTG 9:30AM
6 Daylight Savings Ends	7	8 No School	9 10 th Grade Movie Family Night 5-8PM	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 Potluck Dinner 5-6PM	23 Early Dismissal	24 Thanksgiving No School	25 No School	26
27	28	29	30			

DECEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 Hanukkah Winter	22	23 Early Dismissal	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas	26 Kwanzaa No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30 No School	31 New Year's Eve



HRCHS Report Card Potluck Night

(203) - 946-6976 / 946-5845

Name: _____ Tel. #: _____

I will donate my favorite dish: _____

I will donate **\$5.00**

Volunteer (set-up – clean-up)

Please return form by 11/12/10 to Ms. Smith in the main office – 203-946-5845

(i.e. Baked Goods, Meats – Pasta – Rice – Vegetables – Salads – Drinks (Cash donations accepted)

PSST!

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Does your college essay need a Lift?

COOP CENTER FOR CREATIVITY
INVITES YOU TO THE NEW HAVEN CITYWIDE

COLLEGE ESSAY LIFTOFF WEEKEND

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

11:00AM – 4:00PM
COOP ARTS HIGH SCHOOL
177 College Street, New Haven, CT 06510

HOW DOES IT WORK? WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?
HOW DO I REGISTER? WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Have blank page, an idea, or a rough draft? Writing coaches work one-on-one with you, wherever you are in the drafting process.

Register Online at www.coopcreativity.org. Mail completed forms to 177 College St., New Haven, CT, 06510. One giant leap for finishing your application, lifelong writing skills, and free food!

The Hill Regional Career High School Senior Class Coronation Ball

'A Night In Paris'

Date: Friday, November 18, 2011

Time: 7:00pm to 11:00pm

**Where: Hill Regional Career Gym
140 Legion Ave, N.H., Ct 06519**

Tickets: Single \$15.00 - \$25 Couple

