

News from the Hill

11.6.19

Vision of the Graduate

I am excited to inform you that we are in the process of formulating a committee of students, teachers, parents, school leaders, social service workers, community members, higher education representatives, business leaders, and the clergy to create a collective vision of what our school community's aspirations are for our students. We will be exploring the following questions:

- What are the hopes, aspirations, and dreams that our community has for our young people?
- What are the skills and habits of mind that our children need for success in this rapidly changing and complex world?
- What the implications for the learning experiences we provide to children in our school?

The committee will meet on following Thursdays from 6:00-8:00: Dec 12th, Jan 23rd, Feb 20th, March 19th, April 23rd. By the end of the process we will have developed a shared vision of our school community's vision of the 21st century skills, mindsets, and literacies that we want all of our students to have when they walk across the stage at graduation. This document will serve to guide us going forward in making curriculum, instructional and staffing decisions in the future. **We are looking 3 parents to join us in this important work.**

If you are interested in joining us in this critical work please use the link below to an application in which you will be asked to respond to a few questions:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzyfOqKQFjA_4KehOwzOJ-vuFKSRn68SnSLdl66748cL9Cng/viewform?usp=sf_link

Veterans Day Breakfast and Veterans Day Program

A friendly reminder that our annual Veterans Day Breakfast is this Monday, November 11th from 8:00AM-9:00AM in our cafeteria. This is immediately followed by a program to honor and thank our veterans for their service to our country in our auditorium. All veterans and their families are welcome! Please RSVP to Gail at 860-379-8525.

Vaping Presentation for Parents and Students

The Northwestern Hills Prevention Connection, a network of community members dedicated to helping prevent substance abuse in Northwestern Connecticut is hosting a program on the dangers of vaping on November 14th, starting at 6:30 at the Gilbert School for parents and students from Northwestern Regional School District No. 7 and The Gilbert School. The program will feature presentations from pediatrician Dr. Curri, prevention specialists from the McCall's Center for Behavioral health which will then be followed by a panel discussion.

School Counseling News

Dear Senior Parents,

We need your help so that we can provide the best service to your son or daughter who is applying to college. If they are applying to college, we ask that they provide us with all the necessary documents and paperwork two weeks prior to their deadline. It is important to us that we have time to write a recommendation, if required, and process the paperwork in time to meet their desired deadlines. The School Counselors and teachers receive a lot of requests and we all want to do the best job that we possibly can to assist them in their admission process. There have been occasions where inclement weather, issues with the internet, illness and other situations out of our control have interfered with deadlines, so waiting until close to the deadline is taking a chance that materials will not be received on time. We remind our students about this on a regular basis, but your help is critical and would be greatly appreciated!

Please use these dates as internal deadlines for any new requests:

11/15/19 application deadline – 11/4/19 school deadline

12/1/19 application deadline - 11/11/19 since this date is a Saturday of a holiday break

1/1/20 application deadline – 12/9/19 – school deadline since this falls on a holiday

1/15/20 application deadline – 1/2/20 school deadline

Representatives from the following colleges and universities will be visiting us over the next few weeks:

Paul Smith's College – Thursday November 7th at 9

Emmanuel College – Thursday November 7th at 10

University of New Haven – Thursday November 7th at 11:30+

SUNY College at Cobleskill – Wednesday November 13th at 10:30

Westfield State University – Thursday November 14th at 9

University of Hartford Art School – Monday December 2nd at 11:30

Sophomore Career Seminar Day, November 19

On Tuesday morning, November 19, the sophomore class will be participating in a special career event. Students will be attending presentations by local professionals, including parents, alumni and friends of the school about their career experiences. Our hope is these sessions will inspire the students to set goals and make connections between hard work in school and their futures. For more information on how you can participate and share your professional journey with the students, please contact anyone of the following coordinators for more details. We would love to have you join in this event.

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Scholarships Available

Big Y awards over 300 scholarships each year totaling more that \$250,000. All Big Y scholarships recognize academic merit and achievement. They are awarded to the most academically outstanding students in the Big Y market area. Please visit the scholarship webpage to submit an online application : www.bigy.com. A complete online application with required supporting documents must be submitted by **February 1st, 2020**.

Northwest Hills Prevention Connection

The NWHPC is looking for a high school student to lead the Youth Advocate position fort Club Rise. This is a paid position. For more information about this please contact Ms. Mai Kader: mkader@mccallcenterctorg.

Theater Department News

Plank Sign Paint Afternoon

Hosted by NWR7 Theatre Arts Parents

&

Brush and Pallet

Join family, friends and fellow Reg. #7 parents and support Reg.#7 Theater for a fun and creative afternoon making Farmhouse style reclaimed wood plank signs.

Two styles to choose from

Includes all materials, supplies and instruction. \$45 per person

When: Saturday November 16th 1pm - 4pm

Where: Brodie Park

580 West Hill Road

New Hartford, CT 06057

Please register using the link below to hold your spot. (UPDATED LINK IS BELOW)

Please copy & paste or type the link, it will not work by clicking on it, sorry!

<https://occ.sn/xGjXH3LM>

Snacks, juice, water and soda will be provided.

Please pass this along to anyone you think may be interested!

Please feel free to contact Dawn Geiger at 860-307-2102 (call/text)

or email nwr7tap@gmail.com with any questions.

Thank you for your support of NWR7 Theatre!

Yearbook News

Yearbooks are \$75 until December 31st. If you have any questions please contact Robin Wilson at rwilson@nwr7.org"

Agricultural Education News

13 students and 4 alumni from the Northwestern Regional FFA chapter attended the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN. The convention which was held from October 30 - November 2. Sophomore Erin Webster auditioned for the National FFA Band over the summer. She was selected to participate in the National FFA Band for several performances, including the culmination on Friday evening at Lucas Oil Stadium. Sophomore Alexa Yacawych represented Northwestern as well as CT in the Creed Speaking contest, which requires contestants to have memorized and recite the 5 paragraph FFA Creed and answer questions regarding it after presenting it. Although Alexa did not advance to the semi-finals, Alexa did a wonderful job representing CT and her chapter! Seniors Beth Christensen, Victoria Duffy and Lily Schwartz and alumni Teryn Goulet Comprised the CT Nursery and Landscape Team. The team event consisted of a general knowledge test, plant and equipment identification, business management skills, landscape estimating, a skills practicum and a team problem solving challenge. The team was 10th in the nation earning them gold status. Beth & Lily each earned gold individually and Lily and Teryn earned silver individually!! Alumni Kendra Anstett, Maggi Anstett and Michaela Cisowski received the American FFA Degree - the highest honor awarded to FFA members who have demonstrated the highest level of commitment to FFA and made significant accomplishments in their Supervised Agricultural Experience.

Athletic Department News

The Fall Sports season is coming to end soon with some of our teams having State games next week. With that marks the near beginning of the Winter season. Please register your child on family ID if you haven't already. Make sure the email address used is the parents email and that parents fill out the form. Middle School Sports that are offered for the winter are Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball and Cheer. For the High School we have Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Swim, Cheer(team already picked), Ice Hockey and Indoor Track. Go Highlanders!

Pasta Dinner

The Colebrook Consolidated School is having its annual pasta dinner fundraiser on Thursday, November 7. Funds raised go to the 6th grade for the Natures Classroom field trip in the spring of 2020.