

# Rocky Hill High School Principal's Newsletter

February , 2010

## WELCOME

An important factor in a student's success relies on the "cooperative effort" between the school and home. One of the ways we will communicate is through the Principal's Newsletter. The newsletter's primary intent is to keep our community informed of current and future events at RHHS. I would like to create an online newsletter distribution list. If you would prefer to receive the newsletter online, please drop me a quick email to [almeidam@rockyhillps.com](mailto:almeidam@rockyhillps.com) and I will add you to the distribution list.

## ATTENDANCE-CREDIT RECOVERY SESSIONS

The Attendance Appeals Committee has begun to review attendance appeals for students who exceeded the number of allowable absences in a course for the first semester. We will be sending home appeal outcomes. In order to improve attendance and hold students accountable for their absences, especially for those absences above and beyond the allowable number, we are introducing a Credit Recovery Program. This program is an opportunity for identified students to attend afterschool recovery sessions for missed class over the allotted amount absences. This program is time for time, meaning they are making up time for a class they missed, but passed. For each class missed over the attendance limit in a course (9/semester, 17/year, 5/P.E.), a student must attend an after school recovery session. Sessions will be offered **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 2:15-3:00 PM in room 330** and supervised by certified high school teachers. The program will be starting on **Monday, February 22, 2010.**

## ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS

At the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter you will receive a report on your student's progress toward meeting RHHS's academic expectations which are stated as following: **1) Communicate effectively in writing, 2) Communicate effectively while speaking, 3) Solve quantitative problems effectively, 4) Demonstrate effective reading skills, 5) Use research skills effectively, 6) Make connections between learning and life and 7) Solve qualitative problems effectively.** The report you receive will be separate from the standard report card; it will communicate which expectations are being assessed, the courses in which the assessments are being done and the scores for that quarter. In the future it will also report your student's progress toward meeting the school's required cumulative total for each expectation.

## CAPT

The Connecticut Academic Performance Test will be administered on Monday, March 1st through Friday, March 5th to all Grade 10 students, as well as Grade 11 and 12 students who are retesting. Grade 9 students will take the CAPT Diagnostic Test. Please see the testing schedule that was mailed home

## STUDY SKILLS PROGRAM

Rocky Hill High School continues to offer an after-school study skills group on Tuesdays from 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. at the high school for any student who is interested. The program is being offered through the town's Youth Services Department; it will provide strategies on organization, time management, as well as receive assistance on assignments working with peers. If a student is interested in joining, please contact their guidance counselor or Lynne Goodwin at [lgoodwin@ci.rocky-hill.ct.us](mailto:lgoodwin@ci.rocky-hill.ct.us) or at 860-258-2752 for more information.

## ATHLETICS/CLUBS

The Cheerleading Squad competed and won the first CCC East Division Title at Hartford Public High School on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. The team placed first in their division and ranked 7<sup>th</sup> overall amongst 21 teams from the CCC. The Winter Sports Awards Night will be held at 6:00pm on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Registration for the spring sports will be held before and after school at the high school on March 3-5 in the main lobby. All participants must have a current sports physical. All forms can be downloaded on the Rocky Hill website or picked up in the school's main office.

## PROJECT GRADUATION

Thank you to everyone who came out and braved the weather for our Senior Pasta Dinner. It was a great success! Seniors, you did an awesome job serving and helping in the set up and cleaning process, thank you!! And thank you to Steve's Place, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance, Bob Teraila and to all of those who donated raffle prizes and baked goods. The evening could not have run smoother without the entire parent volunteers who helped organize the evening. Thanks for your effortless time.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Beginning Time</u>
3/8	Tri-M Volleyball Tournament	6:00 p.m.
3/13	St. Patrick's Parade-Hartford	
3/16	Early College Planning Night	6:00 p.m.
3/18	Board of Education Meeting	7:00 p.m.
3/23	Project Graduation Mtg.	7:00 p.m.
3/24	Costa Rica Trip Coffee Social	7:00 p.m.
3/25	International Honor Society	6:00 p.m.
3/27	Band Backers Pasta Dinner	4:00 p.m.
3/31	Winter Sports Night	6:00 p.m.

## PAC

The next Parent Advisory Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. All parents are welcome.