

## Greetings From The Principal

Phase 1 our high school building project is complete! Last week our high school students took occupancy in two brand new **Science Labs** with state of the art science equipment. In addition, middle and high school graphic art students are enjoying a new classroom equipped with Mac's.

During the month of September and October all students will take the NWEA MAP Test. For more MAP testing information go to: <http://www.nwea.org/sites/www.nwea.org/files/resources/ParentToolkit.pdf>.

Please support HMTCA by encouraging your child to participate in our School Wide Fall Fund Raiser. All funds will go to the HMTCA Student Activities account. Also, please join me on Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m. for What's Brewing at HMTCA? Coffee with the Principal.

## Important Happenings at HMTCA

### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>. It is a month where we recognize the contributions and accomplishments of Hispanic Americans in the United States. This year HMTCA will celebrate Hispanic Heritage month on Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup> by hosting a celebration at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria. This celebration will showcase Spanish dance, music, and food from different Spanish speaking countries, along with Hispanic artwork. We invite you to attend the celebration and ask that you help by providing a dish to share your heritage. We hope to see everyone there!

### **Sports Results**

High School Boys Soccer	1-1-0
High School Girls Soccer	0-1-1
High School Girls Volleyball	0-1
High School Cross Country	1-0
Middle School Boys Soccer	2-0-0
Middle School Girls Soccer	1-0-0
Middle School Cross Country	Had the overall boys' winner in their first meet



### UPCOMING GAMES

For the latest dates and times of upcoming games be sure to check out our school website.

It is amazing to see how far our athletic programs have come. Between the Middle School and the High School, approximately 175 students tried out for a team and 138 are participating in HMTCA athletics.

### **Fall Coaches Contact info:**

High School Boys Soccer – Jason Smith	<a href="mailto:smitj002@hartfordschools.org">smitj002@hartfordschools.org</a>
High School Girls Soccer – Melvin Mitchell	<a href="mailto:mitcm001@hartfordschools.org">mitcm001@hartfordschools.org</a>
High School Cross Country – Christine Anderson	<a href="mailto:andec001@hartfordschools.org">andec001@hartfordschools.org</a>
High School Girls Swimming – Juan Dominguez	<a href="mailto:domij001@hartfordschools.org">domij001@hartfordschools.org</a>
High School Football – Pablo Ortiz	<a href="mailto:latinqb@aol.com">latinqb@aol.com</a>
Freshman Coach – Pat Mairson	<a href="mailto:mairp001@hartfordschools.org">mairp001@hartfordschools.org</a>
High School Girls Volleyball – Katie Kiniry	<a href="mailto:KINIM001@hartfordschools.org">KINIM001@hartfordschools.org</a>
Middle School Boys Soccer-Andrew Elvas	<a href="mailto:andrew.elvas@hartfordschools.org">andrew.elvas@hartfordschools.org</a>
Middle School Girls Soccer – James Bengiovanni	<a href="mailto:bengij001@hartfordschools.org">bengij001@hartfordschools.org</a>
Middle School Cross Country –Theresa Kemp & Caroline Thibadeau	<a href="mailto:kempt001@hartfordschools.org">kempt001@hartfordschools.org</a> and <a href="mailto:thibc001@hartfordschools.org">thibc001@hartfordschools.org</a>
Middle School Girls Volleyball – Claude Bradley Vasyli Oleksenko	<a href="mailto:bradc001@hartfordschools.org">bradc001@hartfordschools.org</a> and <a href="mailto:olekv001@hartfordschools.org">olekv001@hartfordschools.org</a>

**SPORTS PHYSICALS: EVERY ATHLETE WANTING TO TRY OUT FOR A WINTER SPORT MUST HAVE A CURRENT PYHSICAL (COMPLETED WITHIN THE LAST CALENDAR YEAR AND CAN NOT EXPIRE DURING THE SEASON) ON FILE IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE BEFORE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15.** Questions, contact Mr. Adam Leonard, Athletic Director at 860-695-7308 or [leona001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:leona001@hartfordschools.org)

## Upcoming Events

### LIGHT THE NIGHT WALK AGAINST LEUKEMIA

Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Staff, Students and Parents  
6:15 PM – 7:30 PM  
Meet in the Courtyard at HMTCA

### DOUBLE EDGE THEATRE

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
High School Students  
Trinity College Austin Arts Center  
10:00 AM

### 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE TRAVELS TO NYC

Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>  
American Museum of Natural History  
All Day

### LOOKING IN THEATRE

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
High School Performance  
Middle School Performance  
8:45-12:45

### HALF DAY

Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>  
School will dismiss at 12 noon

### PICTURE RETAKE DAY

Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>  
PD Room

### BURIAL AT THEBES by Seamus Heaney

High School Production  
Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>  
Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>  
Theatre of the Performing Arts  
Learning Corridor 7:00 PM  
Tickets- \$5 Students \$7 Adults

### FULL DAY OF SCHOOL COLUMBUS DAY

Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup>  
HMTCA and all Hartford Schools

## College Corner



### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

Several colleges will be visiting HMTCA throughout the year. Students must sign up with Miss Tamburro one day prior to the event in order to obtain a pass. The colleges visiting so far are:

CCSU	October 8 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM	Place to be determined
Northeastern University	October 8 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 PM	Place to be determined
Southern CT State University	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	12:45 PM	Place to be determined
Eastern CT State University	October 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:30 AM	Place to be determined
University of Hartford	December 12 <sup>th</sup>	11:30 AM	Place to be determined

The other exciting news is that we will be implementing the Naviance Program for all HMTCA high school and middle school students this year. Naviance is a web based college and career readiness program that helps connect academic achievement to post-secondary goals. Be on the lookout for upcoming information.

## PTO News

The last PTO meeting, held on September 12<sup>th</sup>, was an opportunity to introduce the new board, take a parent survey to get some fresh ideas for topics parents would like the PTO to cover and to voice any concerns that parents wanted the PTO to deal with. It was also a chance to share some of the exciting plans for future events such as a hayride and visit to a corn maze, a family potluck dinner and a holiday shopping expo! The minutes will be available shortly, on the PTO website.

The PTO is always looking for volunteers to help with their events, so if you are interested please contact one of the officers.

Details regarding the October hayride and corn maze trip will be coming soon!

### NEXT PTO MEETING

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>

6:30 PM CAFETERIA

### PTO Officers

President – Carmen Cotton

[writercarm1@gmail.com](mailto:writercarm1@gmail.com)

Treasurer – Nelson Ayanlaja



Vice President – Diane Yoder

[yoder1@yahoo.com](mailto:yoder1@yahoo.com)

Secretary – Marilianna Alduen

[malduen@yahoo.com](mailto:malduen@yahoo.com)

## Parent Information / Student Resources

### FALL FUNDRAISER

Last week your son/daughter was given a packet of **fund raising materials for HMTCA**. Enclosed in the packet were a variety of options including gift cards, magazines and gifts. Please browse through your student's packet and we ask that, whenever possible, you assist them in their fund raising efforts. All monies raised will go toward student activities, supplemental fun school supplies and equipment. We appreciate your participation and support for our school wide fund raising event. If you need extra order forms or packets they are available in the main office or you can contact Nancy Rossler at [rossn001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:rossn001@hartfordschools.org) or (860) 695-7320. **The deadline for submitting all fall fundraising orders is Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### PROGRESS REPORTS

**Progress reports** will be sent home the week of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please be sure to review your child's current grades and sign your child's report. Then, we expect your child to return the signed report to their advisor. If you have any questions please contact your child's teacher or advisor for additional information.

## Community News

There are a couple of wonderful service learning opportunities coming up in the next couple of weeks. You can help yourself by earning service hours, while you help two extremely worthwhile causes.

On Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> the annual **Light the Night Walk** against Leukemia will take place. Each year HMTCA honors a great friend and colleague, Leslie Geetter, who lost her battle against the disease in 2004. Donations will be accepted in advisory from Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. We encourage all staff, students and parents to come walk as a team on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will meet in the HMTCA Courtyard at 6:15 PM, walk to Trinity and finish around 7:30 PM. Please wear HMTCA shirts or sweatshirts to show our collective spirit. Those students participating in the walk will earn 2 hours of service learning.

On Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> there is the **Source to Sea Cleanup** sponsored by The Nature Conservancy and The Metropolitan District Commission. This event joins thousands of volunteers, in four states, who are helping to clean up the Connecticut River and the Long Island Sound. Participants will meet at the Wethersfield Cove Boat Launch in Wethersfield and it will last from 8:00 AM -11:00 AM. This event does require you to pre-register and the Compass staff can help you do this. In addition, our own Compass staff will be present at the event.

## Band News



By the time you read this, we will have finished our first major performance of the year. The HMTCA Marching Phoenix Band was honored to represent our school, the city of Hartford and the State of Connecticut at the Big E.

If you would like to come out, support the band and the school, as well as have a great time join us at one of the upcoming events.

<b>Park Road Parade</b>	Saturday, October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Park Road West Hartford	10:30 AM
<b>Columbus Day Parade</b>	Sunday, October 13 <sup>th</sup>	Hartford	10:30 AM
<b>Trinity Football Game</b>	Saturday, October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity College Campus	1:30 PM

## **Book Reviews by Bengiovanni**



In each issue, our library media specialist Mr. Bengiovanni, will review a middle school and a high school book from the HMTCA library.

### **For Middle School Students**

**Elsewhere** by Gabrielle Zevin

From the book: "**Elsewhere** is where fifteen-year-old Liz Hall ends up, after she has died. It is a place so like Earth, yet completely different. Here Liz will age backward from the day of her death until she becomes a baby again and returns to Earth. But Liz wants to turn sixteen, not fourteen again."

From Mr. Bengiovanni: "Zevin's story of the afterlife centers on the theme of any life is worth living (even if you have to live it backwards) Liz wastes time feeling sorry for herself before realizing how to make the best of her situation. Teenage readers will become invested in the character as she tries to get back to the living, and will become concerned as she starts to grow younger. This book contains no vampires or dystopian themes but will still appeal to those who like alternate universes as well as to teenagers wondering about their future."

### **For High School Students**

**Ready Player One** by Ernest Cline

From the book: "In the year 2044, reality is an ugly place. The only time teenage Wade Watts really feels alive is when he's jacked into the virtual utopia known as the OASIS. Wade's devoted his life to studying the puzzles hidden within this world's digital confines—puzzles that are based on their creator's obsession with the pop culture of decades past and that promise massive power and fortune to whoever can unlock them. "

From Mr. Bengiovanni "**Ready Player One** is your typical adventure about a young person (18 year old Wade) who finds he must do something to save the world. In this case, he must unlock challenges in a virtual reality massive multiplayer online role playing game, similar to World of Warcraft, but puzzle based. The puzzles reference a lot of 1980's pop culture which will make more sense to adults, but can still be understood. If Wade fails, the economic world will be controlled by a not-so-friendly corporation. This book can be enjoyed by adults who lived in the 80's but can be read and enjoyed by High School students as well. The book balances humor with a deadly seriousness as the corporation will do anything to win this game. Recommended for age 15 and older due to some language and non descript violence.

For more information on great books, check out our [HMTCA Library Website!](#)