

Two Senior Proms For HMTCA Students

Our First Junior/Senior High School Prom

It was a beautiful Friday evening in May. The weather was warm, the setting of the Bond Room at the Hilton was elegant and the air was charged with excitement. This was HMTCA's first junior/senior prom and what stood out the most were the smiles, the laughter and the joy on the faces of our students. Prom- a night they would never forget. As you can see, the pictures say it all.



The National Junior Honor Society Hosts a "Senior Prom"

Each year the National Jr. Honor Society hosts a senior prom for senior citizens at the Newington Senior Center. This year's theme of Old Hollywood was a hit! Both seniors and NJHS members enjoyed a day of dancing, eating and winning prizes. Just look what the program coordinator had to say, "We were so thrilled to once again have your National Honor Society students hosting the Senior Spring Fling Prom here at the Newington Senior and Disabled Center last Friday. The event was absolutely spectacular. All who attended were so appreciative of all the effort that went into this event. The students made everyone feel welcome and their energy was contagious! It was so well planned and had so much to offer. Please let the students and their parents know how great the refreshments, raffle prizes, photo booth and decorations were."



Honors & Awards - They Keep On Coming

Math Team Makes it Add up to FIRST Place

The HMTCA high school Math Team placed first in the City Wide Math Competition which was held at Trinity College on Thursday, May 21st. Several of the team members also won individual medals.

We would like to offer hearty congratulations to team members Abigail Dresser, Ajla Sarasevic, Asmir Klempic, Brandon Jones, Daztar Pagidwala, Devi Palaguachi, Elizabeth Rebeiro, Jenna Gershman, Karlene Santiago, Kimone Walker, Raina Desai, Sameeha Shaikh, Tessa Cyr and Victoria Picard.

Congratulations also to coach Max Olsen!



poem advising the inductees to, “ take that road less traveled”. It was a beautiful ceremony and a moving evening for all who attended. The inductees were:

- Desarae Cotton
- Tessa Cyr
- Raina Desai
- Abigail Dresser
- Kiara Dutchin
- Vindy Harbajan
- Brandon Jones
- Morgan Harris
- Melissa Blanco
- Carlianna Felix
- Davis Garcia
- Katherine Kasica
- Kevin Paradis
- Elizabeth Robeiro
- Gabrielle Haynes
- Josphe Urbano



National Honor Society and National Junior Society Hold Inductions

The induction ceremony for the National Honor Society was held on Tuesday, May 19th in the Washington Room on the Trinity College campus. We watched as sixteen sophomores and juniors became members of this highly respected group. Dr. Thomas Mitzel, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs of Trinity College, gave a keynote address that inspired the inductees to continue on their path of success. Adam Gillett, a senior at HMTCA and the chapter's president, also delivered a message of encouragement and read a Robert Frost



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FIFTY ONE seventh and eighth graders were honored for their academic success at the National Junior Honor Society's induction ceremony. The festivities were held on Wednesday, May 20 at the Theatre of the Performing Arts. Principal, Sally Biggs was the keynote speaker and the outgoing officers also delivered insightful speeches to the new inductees. A very special and touching performance was done by students Hannah Woodruff, Kolby Blaschik, Tess Robinson, Genesis Ramirez and Victoria Picard as they sang "For Good" from the musical Wicked. Congratulations to all of the new inductees and their families.

Jenna Andrews	Garrett Liska
Tianna Antonetty	Elizabeth Long
Erin Arce	Alisa Kukaskiewicz
Alejandro Arcilia	Kimberly Manchester
Candace Banasiewicz	Zanae McKenzie-Henderson
Alexander Bobin	Kalie Neal
Danicia Brown	Miette Nepomuceno
Andrew Cavar	Jillian Norbut
Benjamin Chasse	Anna Olszewska
Jade Courtman	Vijaya Rampertab
Jada Dove	Abigail Rogers
Alicia Erami	Henry Roper
Michael Gajda	Marissa Rusczyk
Adam Gottner	Alexia Sanabria
Nichole Green	Ceili Senft
Eva Hart	Archana Shenoy
Isabelle Hera	Julia Swanson
Carrisa Horton	Collin Talbert-Slagle
Gracie Iwerson	Noah Therrien
Jackson Kermode	Maria Vicuna
Jordan Kermode	Nathan Weeks
Daniel Komoroski	Sean Wilde
Kekoa Krautkramer	Emma Willis
Lily Kuivila	Sarah Wlodkoski
Corrina LaPlante	Kelly Zea
Mckenna Lerch	



HMTCA On The Go

Broadway Here We Come

One hundred and thirty students set out on an exciting journey to New York City to see the Tony Award winner, and one of the most acclaimed musicals on Broadway, Matilda The Musical. The show, based on the book by Roald Dahl, “is the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.”

Many of the kids had never seen Times Square or a Broadway musical before and the experience was absolutely magical. Here are some of the reactions in their own words:

“It was surprising because there were unexpected scenes like the girl falling from the sky and the lasers everywhere.”

“The show had you on the edge of your seats with all the tricks being done.”

“The show was great. I liked the active dancing and the comedy of the Trenchbull!”

“The show was incredible. The performers were amazing.”

“I thought that the play was funny and very surprising. It’s something I’d like to go and see again.”

Mrs. Jagielski, who coordinated the trip, said that the students displayed exemplary behavior and were a wonderful audience. I guess the Life Skills class pays off.



They Walked and Walked and Walked and Walked- Washington DC by Foot



Tired? Yes. Amazed? Absolutely. Touched? Deeply. Entertained? You bet! More knowledgeable? No question. Ask any, of the approximately 120 eighth graders, who went on the five day trip to our capitol and you would get this response. It was the trip of a lifetime. The opportunity to see so much of our history, current government, national treasures and beauty of Washington DC and to do it all with your friends- well who could ask for a better scenario?

Accompanied by our dedicated staff of Mark Flaherty (tour leader), Amy Casparino, Vasyll Oleksenko, Katie Kiniry, Deb Avery, Bob Burbank, Zuleka Shaw, Richard Marker, Hannah Kaizer, Duncan Sa- bean, Jen Mancone, Pierre Joseph, Stockton Farmer, and Dean of Students Karleka Norman the kids saw an amazing amount in the time they were there. Some of the highlights of the trip were:

- Lincoln Memorial
- Korean War Veteran’s Memorial
- Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial
- World War II Memorial
- Albert Einstein Memorial
- FDR Memorial
- MLK, Jr. Memorial
- Jefferson Memorial
- Iwo Jima Memorial
- Pentagon Memorial- The first time this was included and it was a beautiful nighttime visit

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- Washington Monument
- U.S. Supreme Court
- U.S. Capitol Building
- U.S. Botanical Gardens
- Bureau of Engraving and Printing
- Union Station
- Tomb of the Unknown Soldier- Included the Changing of the Guard Ceremony
- Holocaust Museum- Some groups met a survivor who was sent away on the Kinder Train at 2 years old
- Baltimore Orioles vs Toronto Blue Jays Game at Camden Gardens
- The National Mall- Including the Smithsonian Air and Space, American History, American Indian and National History Museums, the Castle, Portrait Gallery, and National Zoo



And they did this all on foot!!!



College Corner

And They're Off



May was a huge month for our high school sophomores and juniors. On May 4th and 5th it was time for our sophomores and juniors to consider their futures as they visited a variety of colleges and universities. Ms. Kaizer planned an event packed tour for sophomores at the following schools in Rhode Island:

- Roger Williams University
- Johnson and Wales University
- University of Rhode Island

Forty sophomores enjoyed campus tours, eating in college dining halls and seeing what it is like to be a student in college. In Newport they were also given the opportunity to experience the culture of the area touring the Marble House Mansion, taking the Cliff Walk and putting their feet in the water at the beach!



Thirty-one juniors participated in a two-day ambitious itinerary planned by Ms. Tamburro and Mrs. Nussbaum. Students were allowed to choose two from the following tour options in Boston:

- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Emmanuel College
- Wheelock College
- Emerson College
- Suffolk University

They also sampled the history and culture of Boston on a Duck Tour, where some of our students helped with the steering on the Charles River. We wrapped it up with some down time in Faneuil Hall Market Place.

The next day we were off to Worcester where some toured the campus of Worcester Polytechnic Institute and the rest toured Clark University with a very entertaining tour guide. On the way home, Kristina Rivera, our admissions representative at UConn



hopped on our bus for a quick bus tour of the Storrs campus.

Both the sophomores and juniors ended their two-day trip with ice cream – Brickley's Ice Cream in Narragansett and the Dairy Bar at UConn. Sonia Tamburro, Sheila Nussbaum and Hannah Kaizer want to say a big thank you to our fellow chaperones: Betty Gunn, Mel Cavanaugh, Jared Lewis, Pierre Joseph, Lindsay Boyer, Lucilia DeJesus, Chris Coonce and Jeff Kenniston.

Both were great trips and provided excellent information for our students to use in thinking ahead toward their future.



College Corner

Financial Aid Night for Junior Parents & Students

Understanding financial aid is one of the greatest stressors of the college process. It can be a daunting task to figure out how it all works and our first graduating class can attest to that. It is for this reason we hold a Financial Aid Night each spring and again in the fall. Holly Franquet, Director of The College Place, was here on Wednesday evening, May 6th with a wealth of information to share, but unfortunately, only a handful of junior parents attended this worthwhile event.

Our seniors and their families are still working with counselors and financial aid offices to understand their award packages and to figure out how they are going to cover all the costs. We are hoping the parents of the class of 2016 will put the Fall Financial Aid Night on their calendar and be sure to attend. Having this information at the front end of applying to college is essential to choosing the best fit in colleges for each student in all ways, including finances. Knowing the right questions to ask when visiting colleges, which forms to complete, how to determine cost of various colleges and how the pieces come together is critical to the success of our students in the college process.

We appreciate all that Ms. Franquet had to share with our parents and we hope to have many more parents and students attend in the fall.

College Knowledge Day at Eastern

Our freshmen are getting a head start this year to prepare for college. In the fall they took a tour of University of Connecticut at Storrs and heard, from admissions, what it takes to be a successful student at UConn. This week Ms. Kaizer and Ms. Tamburro will escort sixty of our freshman to Williamantic for the College Knowledge Day at Eastern Connecticut State University. "The day is designed to inspire students to dream of college and plan [accordingly]. The program will consist of workshops geared toward students in grades 8-9. Students will attend age-appropriate sessions about planning and preparing for college and career exploration."

Helping our students to understand what it takes to be prepared for college and a future career is a very high priority at H.M.T.C.A. Every year the school counselors look for more ways to support our students in their preparation for a successful future. We are thankful there are programs like this to help our students plan.



A View Of The Classroom

House or Apartment Hunting?

Are you thinking of moving? Perhaps you are looking for a mansion, a city apartment or just a cozy getaway cottage? The 8th Grade Spanish classes have many properties for "sale"! In order to do this project, students had to gather information from real estate sites, as well as speak with someone to get advice on what is important in advertising a place that you want to sell or rent. They wrote drafts of their projects in Spanish, got feedback and then presented them in a variety of ways: PowerPoint, Prezi, posters and brochures. ¡Se vende casa!

If any of these interest you I can get you in touch with the realtor!

Parents- Be On The Lookout For Summer Packets/ Assignments

Middle School Parents, please be advised that in the next few weeks you should begin looking for summer reading and math packets. The Nutmeg books, which your child will need to complete the summer reading packet, are available for purchase in the media center for only \$5.00 which is a great deal! Remember, these books should also be available in your local public library.

High School Parents, you should be on the lookout for your student's summer English assignment, which every student will have. Don't forget that every incoming freshman must complete a two week summer course in writing and incoming sophomores have a mandatory two week summer course in science. Both of these summer classes take place on the Trinity campus.



Musical Notes

And the Band Played On.....



The Western Connecticut State University campus in Danbury, was the place to be if you were a jazz musician or fan, this past April 23rd -25th. The 20th annual WCSU Jazz Fest brought in two powerful performers, Kenny Barron and Jimmy Heath.

Our high school Stage Band was fortunate to have the opportunity to travel, perform and be critiqued at the festival. The ensemble performed standards such as Bewitched, Straighten Up and Fly Right, and the James Brown inspired Feelin' the Funk, to great acclaim. The judges noted that vocalists Caylin Pollard and Grace Smith sung with ease and originality while Sean McCarthy's alto sax solos also impressed them. All in all it was a wonderful experience for the entire band.

Concerts Galore

This is the season for spring concerts and our music department busily rehearsed and put finishing touches on the pieces our students have been working on all year. They are so proud of the progress the kids have made and the incredible amount they have learned. If you were able to join us for one of the musical events you surely heard the vast difference in their musicianship and talent. It was delightful to celebrate the music of HMTCA.

The first concert was the Middle School Chorus which performed on the evening of Monday, May 18th. Under the direction of Ed Jardim the students sounded wonderful and the program was delightful. The next night, Tuesday, May 19th, it was the band's turn. First up was the Phoenix Jazzers who performed some classics as well as a Queen piece with a guitar solo by music department faculty member, Jeff Kenniston. Another piece featured a beautiful vocal solo by Hannah Woodruff. Then, as a special treat, members of the high school jazz band joined the middle schoolers and they brought the house down. Rounding out the program were splendid performances by our sixth grade band, eighth grade and finally the seventh and eighth grade band. What a night!

The last concert of the week was a combination of the high school band, orchestra and chorus. What an incredible group of poised, polished and talented students they are. Everyone who attended was impressed with their musical abilities and thoroughly enjoyed the evening.



Sports News

Spring sports got off to a slightly rocky start this season and the rainy weather in March did not help things. Both practices and games had to be canceled and, because of this, it seemed the teams didn't gel until later in the season. The athletes have maintained a great attitude and continue to put more "W"s in their stats.

These are the latest results:

SPORT	Wins	Losses	Ties
High School Baseball	3	11	
High School Softball	5	2	
High School Boys Tennis	2	10	
High School Girls Tennis	1	9	
High School Boys Volleyball	5	11	
High School Boys & Girls Golf	0	8	
Middle School Baseball	3	2	1
Middle School Softball	4	1	



The HMTCA Varsity and the HMTCA Middle School Indoor and Outdoor Track teams did have some wonderful results with many of our athletes already qualifying for States.

Middle school coach, Theresa Kemp, had this to say about her team. "The Middle School Outdoor Track just completed their regular season schedule this past weekend at the HMSL City Championship. A record 23 runners qualified for the upcoming post season State Championship Meet to be held on May 30th at Manchester High School. Top performers this season were Jacob O'Neal, Austin O'Neal and Alisa Lukaskiewicz in the 1600m run, Khiara Browdy and Makenna Lindsay in the 100m dash, Julia Swanson in the 200m dash, Kaylie Neal in the shot put throw, Ben O'Neal, Caleb Cronin and Caroline Engel in the 800m dash and the 2015 100m hurdle City Champion, Gracie Iwersen! Congrats to all participants this season!"

High School Varsity Coach, Christian Kemp, reports that the HMTCA Boys and Girls Varsity Track and Field have had a successful Outdoor season so far. The Phoenix started their season with a meet at Bulkeley High School. The girls 4X100 team (Natalia Cosme, Chasidy Eubanks, Chanel Gayle) performed well with a time of 58.2 seconds. Top performances also included Alex Tomcho with a 1st place win in the 100 meter dash. On May 1st-2nd the team participated in the Middletown Invitational. Top performances included Brandon Jones in the 100 meter dash as well as Alex Tomcho with two personal bests of 10.89 seconds in the 100 Meter dash and 22.34 seconds in the 200 Meter dash.

On May 13th the team traveled to Public Safety Academy for a league meet against Two Rivers, Aerospace Academy and Medical Prep. The entire team performed well. Top performances included Sarah Anderson with a second place finish in the 300 Meter hurdles and Joshua Dixon who ran a state qualifying time. On May 16th the boys and girls team participated in the 2nd annual Stub Invite which was held at Prince Tech High School. Chanel Gayle performed extremely well in the Long jump with a 5th place finish overall.

The team will finish their regular season on May 27th at Tolland High School. They will compete in the CRAL league championship as well as make final attempts at qualifying for the Class "S" State championship which will be held on June 1st, 2015 in New Britain, CT.



Community News

Community Health Center Meriden Race for Mental Health



Hubbard Park in Meriden was the place to be on Saturday, May 2nd. The third annual 10k, 5k, health walk (5k) and kids fun run, all to benefit mental health, took place and over 30 of our students got up bright and early to volunteer at the event. As we know, the success of any event like this, depends on the countless volunteers who support it by giving their valuable time and energy and that's exactly what our students did! They did everything from handing out water to the runners, to cheering them on during the uphill portion of the race. Our kids were awarded 10 service learning hours for a day well spent. We look forward to being a part of this worthy event again, in the years to come.

Our Students Glow in the Dark

More than 150 "glowing" students attended the COMPASS Black Out Dance and danced the night away creating a dazzling spectacle of light and sound with glowing wristbands, necklaces and more. The "glow in the dark" dance has become a tradition at HMTCA. What was different this year was that the dance helped raise funds for the food pantry at HMTCA.

As the students streamed into the ballroom they received free glow stick necklaces and bracelets. Under the strobe and disco lights, students were able to glow in their neon outfits, show off their dancing

skills and enjoy fellowship with other students. Even the COMPASS staff were dressed for the occasion with glow letter t-shirts, which came to life under the black lights. The Black Out Dance was lucky to have DJ Nervioso who mixed music, played the hits throughout the night and kept the party going. We were thoroughly impressed with the turn out for the event and COMPASS would like to thank everyone who came out and had fun.

Camp COMPASS 2015

DON'T MISS OUT!! Applications for the highly sought after COMPASS summer camp are now available in the COMPASS office by the HMT-CA cafeteria. The camp will run from Monday, July 6th through Friday, July 31st. The program is offered to incoming 6th graders through outgoing 8th graders and is from 12:30 PM – 4:30 PM, Monday- Friday. If your child would like to have a free lunch, it will be available at 12:00 noon.

The cost for the entire four weeks is only \$80 and the students will receive a COMPASS T-shirt, academic enrichments, weekly educational/fun fieldtrips, a weekly trip to the community park pool and other recreational activities. Transportation to and from the program is not provided. It is open enrollment registration but remember there are only 50 spots available!!! For more information you can contact Donna Williams at 860-695-7275 or via email Donnawilliams@compassyc.org.

COMPASS WANTS YOU



CAMP COMPASS 2015

Upcoming Events

SENIOR AWARDS NIGHT

Monday, June 1st
Trinity College

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS NIGHT

Tuesday, June 2nd
6th Grade 5:30 PM
7th & 8th Grade 7:00 PM
Theatre

LAST DAY OF COMPASS

Thursday, June 4th

INCOMING 6TH GRADE ORIENTATION

Thursday, June 4th
6:00 PM Cafeteria

8TH GRADE EXAMS

Thursday, June 4th – Wednesday, June 10th

WHAT'S BREWING AT HMTCA?

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL

Friday, June 5th
7:30 – 8:30 AM PD Room

8TH GRADE TRIP TO HOLIDAY HILL

Thursday, June 11th

8TH GRADE DINNER DANCE

Friday, June 12th
Cafeteria

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS FINAL EXAMS

Friday, June 12th - Tuesday, June 16th

HIGH SCHOOL UNDERCLASSMEN AWARDS

Monday, June 15th
8:30 AM
Theatre

HIGH SCHOOL UNDERCLASSMEN FINALS

Monday, June 15th – Wednesday, June 15th

HIGH SCHOOL DANCE CONCERT

Monday, June 15th
6:30 PM Theatre

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Wednesday, June 17th
6:30 PM Trinity

MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELD DAY

Wednesday, June 17th

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Thursday, June 18th

EARLY RELEASE 12:00 NOON

8TH GRADE PROMOTION CEREMONY

10:00 AM Theatre