

Crosby High School Newsletter



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Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day



Crosby Highlight

We Are So Proud

Principal Jade L. Gopie is being presented with The Waterbury Exchange Club, "Educator of the Year" and senior, Kris Suco has also been selected as a 2016 A.C.E Award Recipient by The Exchange Club of Waterbury. Mrs. Gopie and Kris will be honored at a banquet on Wednesday, March 30, 2016 at The La Bella Vista at The Ponte Club, Farmwood Road, Waterbury. Join us as we celebrate their success. Tickets are available in the main office.



Let's Go Bulldogs!!

Congratulations are in order to Jordan Booker and Jeremiah Kendall for making the first team all NVL. Also, to Daniel Jones for being selected for the "Cullinan Award" as the top Sportsmanship Award winner for the city of Waterbury. These students were awarded at the NVL semifinals on Monday, February 29th.



Recycling Magic Comes to Crosby



CJ May, Refuse/Recycling Coordinator for the City of Waterbury, used magic tricks to teach and answer questions on recycling to Crosby's 9th Grade Academy students on 2/25/16. Our 9th Grade Academy students have been working on a recycling campaign for Crosby as part of our Project Based Learning in Science.

Parent Involvement News

TIP OF THE MONTH

"Attendance Matters- Keeping your Teen on Track in High School"

Showing up for school has a huge impact on a student's academic success starting in Kindergarten through high school. Even as children grow older and more independent, families play a key role in making sure students go to school safely every day and understand why attendance is so important for success in school and on the job.

DID YOU KNOW?

- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other difficulty
- Missing 10 percent, or 18 days of the school year can drastically affect a student's academic success.
- Attendance is an important life skill that will help your child graduate from college and keep a job

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- Make school attendance a priority
- Help your teen to stay engaged
- Communicate with the school

www.attendanceworks.org

Parent Involvement News Continued

PBIS

The Crosby Positive Behavior Intervention Support team has been actively working with our students, in an effort to nurture a culture of positive student conduct in our school. Several student incentive programs are in process including:

- ✚ Crosby Spirit rewards
- ✚ Movie Passes
- ✚ Ice Cream Party
- ✚ Dog House
- ✚ Cup Cakes
- ✚ Catch the Spirit (shirts)

In February, Crosby students who have maintained a positive presence in school were invited to attend a movie to celebrate their success. In addition, the Crosby PBIS committee is proud to recognize students who were recognized for their display SPIRIT by their teachers:

Congratulations

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| Ashley Perreault | Christian Arzola |
| Dorella Fazlli | Riddick Deandre |
| Gilda DeJesus | Jaydell Riddick |
| Richard Hill | Samantha Thomas |
| Renia Daley | Samantha Thomas |
| Abena Kuffour | Mariah Machado |
| Nehemiah Lewis | Charisse Fox |
| Taejuan Foskey | Laurnea Farrow |
| Shelcairo Little | Nicole Coleman |
| Sasha Cordero | Matt Jaffer |
| Manny Maisonet | Jocelyn Cortes |
| Adam Vasquez | Kyle Eglenger |
| Justin Willins | Malik Finch |
| Jaden Silva | |

PBIS Team Members are Cathi Newmark, Kelly Donohue, Dana Forino, Jeanne Bissonnette, Lisa Ferruci, Madeline Nolan, Marie Calma, Mimi DeLarosa, Theresa Gionfriddo, Iesha Abdul-Lateef and Doreen Graham

School Governance Council

Crosby SGC Meeting

March 29th
6:00 p.m.

Library/Media Center

This meeting is open to Crosby Parents/Staff and Students Agenda to include voting for our chairperson. Members, please make every effort to attend

PTO Meeting March 9

Library/Media Center
6:00 p.m.

Waterbury Public Schools Governance Councils Café & Ice Cream Social

Provided by the Waterbury Board of Education

Tuesday, March 29, 2016
6:00 p.m.-7: 30 p.m.
Gilmartin School
94 Spring Lake Road
Waterbury, CT. 06706

An opportunity for all 19 Waterbury Public School Governance Councils to get together and exchange ideas. Parents, teachers, students, community members and administration are all welcome.

**FREE COMPUTER
FREE INTERNET FOR 1 YEAR**

How to get it
Sign up for CFAL (Concepts for Adaptive Learning) FREE Computer classes

We are currently recruiting Waterbury low-income Parents/Guardians with children in grades K -12 living in your home. Participants will receive 10.5 hours of basic computer skills training and must complete training prior to CFAL installing the computer in your home. Classes will be scheduled based on number of parents enrolled. Look out for flyers on our "Heads UP" email blast, contact Ms. Graham for more information, or contact CFAL directly to register at 1-888-351-7667

BE SURE TO LET THEM KNOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO SIGN UP FOR CROSBY HIGH SCHOOL

PROGRESS BOOK

Progress Book is a online resource provided by the school district to assist with keeping parents/guardians informed on student academic status throughout the school year. You may also check on student schedule, attendance, progress report, reports cards and more. To receive your progress book registration key and instructions please contact:

Ms. Graham at 203-573-5058/
dgraham@waterbury.k12.ct.us.

Guidance Department News

College & Career Center Activities

- March 10, 10 a.m. Hair, Nails, Makeup Belle Cosmetology
- March 11, 10 a.m., Theater Shakesperience
- March 14, 10 a.m., Barber TBA
- March 17, 10 a.m., Mechanics Porter & Chester Institute
- March 18, 10 a.m., Electrician & Plumbing IMTI
- March 22, 1 P.M., Hairdressing TBA

Students may sign up to attend these career sessions, see Mrs. Bertola, Rm 232E

SAVE THE DATE

Our First Annual College Acceptance Ceremony
A celebration for seniors who have been accepted into the Colleges of their choice, parents/guardians/family are welcome
April 27, 10:00 a.m.
Gymnasium

CAPT Testing For 10th Graders



This March, students in grade 10 statewide will participate in the Connecticut Academic Performance Test (CAPT) in science. This test is mandated by the State of Connecticut. The Results from this test is used to calculate Performance Index figures for each school and the district for the state's next generation accountability system.

Please be advised that in order to provide a secure testing environment all cell phones will be collected, turned off and stored in a secure area during the administration of the CAPT assessment. Cell phones disruptions are grounds for a breach in test security. All cell phones will be returned when the testing session has ended. Thanks in advance for your support

If you would like to find out more on the state of Connecticut CAPT programs you may download information from the following pages

<http://ct.portal.airast.org/wp-content/uploads/2016-CAPT-Science-Student-Parent-Brochure-English1.pdf>

Scholarships

The Connecticut Education Foundation (CEF) is accepting applications for **Ethnic Minority students entering the teaching profession.** This \$2000.00 scholarship is awarded annually to successful applicants who maintain a 3.0 GPA and will be funded at this level for the remainder of their undergraduate experience.

Application deadline is May 1, 2016. To download application log on to <http://www.cea.org/cef/ethnic-minority-scholarship-fund/>

Student Insights has scholarship programs for high school seniors who plan to attend a four year college, community/junior college or career school. The program includes:

- One \$4000.00 scholarship
- Two \$1000.00 scholarship
- Ten \$500.00 scholarship

Application deadline is April 22, 2016. Log onto www.student-view.com to complete application survey.

Many more scholarships are waiting for you to apply. Stop in the Guidance Department to see what is available.

Student News/Announcements

FREE SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Waterbury Hospital Summer Bridge Program
Is being offered to

Middle School students grades 6, 7 & 8

High School students grades 9, 10 & 11

Have fun while learning this summer

Program includes Field trips to Hammonasset Beach State Park & UCONN, SAT Prep., Civic Engagement, Reading, Math, Study Skills, Social Health Community Project Hands on Job Shadowing and more. Application deadline has been extended to Friday, March 11. Contact Angela Holmes (aholmes@wtbyhosp.org/203-573-7679)

FM3C Summer Program at Mercy College

This a summer program for high school minority students to be held at 555 Broadway, Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522. This program has been running since 1994 with a National Science Foundation grant. Currently there is a three year grant from the US Department of Education. This year this program is being offered to minority students only. Please encourage your students to consider attending this exciting program. Some of the benefits of the program are \$150 stipend per week to each participant for a total of \$600, Free lunch, Field trips to research centers like IBM, Free course materials and more.

APPLICATIONS FOR THESE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN OFFICE, ALSO ON "Heads Up" PARENT EMAIL BLAST, OR SEE MS. GRAHAM (PARENT LIAISON)



The Crosby High School Art Department has registered our school to participate in the nationwide Vans Custom Culture Shoe Design Competition. What is Vans Custom Culture?...Vans Custom Culture was created to inspire and empower high school students to embrace their creativity through art and design and to bring attention to diminishing arts education budgets. The Vans Company believes that everyone should be empowered to express themselves creatively and should be given the tools to do so. Custom Culture is a national high school customization competition using blank Vans shoes to be customized around certain themes. Once the school's designs are completed, they go through a voting process to narrow down the top 50 entries. Then, it's up to the school and classmates to garner votes from the public to choose the top 5 that go on to compete in the final event in Los Angeles, California. The grand prize winner will receive \$50,000 for the school's art department, as well as one senior from each of the top 5 finalist groups will be donated a full scholarship for college! More details can be found at:

<http://sites.vans.com/customculture>.

Let's Go Crosby!

ATTENTION JUNIORS/PARENTS

Junior Class Dues is now pending payment! The price is \$20.00, which is to help offset the upcoming costs of Senior Year. Please make the check out to: Crosby High School and bring check or cash to Mrs. DiFronzo in 237E and Mrs. Desiderio in 235E. Thank you!

School/Community Partnership

Crosby High School is partnering with
Walsh Elementary School
On
BINGO NIGHT
Wednesday, March 23
5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

All parents, students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Crudele (Assistant Principal) jcrudele@waterbury.k12.ct.us.

NVL

Weight Lifting Competition

Friday, March 4, 2016

Seymour High School

3:00 - 8:00 PM

Players will compete in three lifts

Refreshments and merchandise will be for sale throughout the competition

Entrance Fee: \$5.00



CT State Weight Lifting Competition
Hosted by New Britain High School

Saturday, March 12, 2016

9:00 – 2:00 PM

Refreshments and merchandise will be for sale throughout the competition

Adults: \$5.00, Seniors & Children: \$3.00

For more information, please contact

Mr. Jurewicz,

Head Football Coach

(djurewicz@waterbury.k12.ct.us)

LifeSmart Teams

Crosby High had two LifeSmart teams competed in the State Competition on Friday February 26th held at the Crown Plaza in Southbury, CT. LifeSmarts is a consumer based competition sponsored by the National Consumer league.

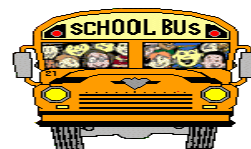


Students were responsible to know material about five topics, personal finance, environment, technology, health and safety and consumer rights and responsibilities.

Our team won three out of four rounds in the competition and was awarded as 2nd and 3rd place winners. Kudos for a job well done

Donna Mancuso
Talented & Gifted Instructor

Upcoming Fieldtrip



The following fieldtrip is being offered to students. **Parent permission is required (no exceptions.)** Please contact the teacher in charge for further information:

- **The Great Debate**
Inspired by the 2007 movie "The Great Debaters" starring Denzil Washington, the Ct State Conference of NAACP created the "NAACP Great Debate" in 2008. Since the first debate interest has grown across the country. This debate is unique in that it will be held during the school day as a field trip, cost \$10.

March 29

Bloomfield, Connecticut

To sign up see Mr. Mosley Rm 350E
smosley@waterbury.k12.ct.us

- **Senior Trip to Medieval Times & Tournament**
Lyndhurst, New Jersey
April 1, 2016, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Please see Mrs. Sullivan, Rm 236D to sign up.
Contact csullivan@waterbury for details


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March 17th

**PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE FOR RESCHEDULED
OR CANCELLED EVENTS/ACTIVITIES**

www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/chs
www.facebook.com/crosbybulldogs
 @CrosbyBulldogs

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 SGC Meeting 6:00 p.m. Library/Media	2 SAT Day	3 NVL Weight Lifting Competition 3:00 – 8:00 p.m. Seymour High	4	5	6
7	8	9 PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. Library/Media	10 Career Activity Belle Cosmetic 10:00 a.m.	11 Career Activity Shakesperience 10:00 a.m. <hr/> BHM Event Time: TBA Auditorium	12 Ct State Weight Lifting Competition 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. New Britain	13
14 Career Activity Barber 10:00 a.m.	15 CAPT Testing Grade 10	16	17 Career Activity Porter & Chester 10:00 a.m. <hr/> St. Patrick's Day 	18 Career Activity IMTI 10:00 a.m.	19	20
21	22 Career Center Speaker: Cosmetologist 1:00 p.m.	23 School/Communit y Partnership Bingo Night 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Walsh Elementary	24	25 NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY	26	27
28 END OF MARKING PERIOD	29 Field Trip The Great Debate Bloomfield, CT	30 EARLY DISMISSAL	31			