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Dear Pathways families,

A recent article I read by the Strong American Schools titled, "Diploma to Nowhere," outlines the problems of unpreparedness for higher education. The study estimates the total cost of remedial courses for college students to be between \$1607 and \$2531 per student. Almost 43% of students in two-year institutions and 29% in four-year institutions are enrolled in remedial courses. This represents a serious problem with high school education because students are not prepared for college. The new graduation standards by the Hartford Board of Ed is one of the first steps in creating a system that addresses these issues by setting the goals of rigor, relevance and relationships for all of our students. At Pathways, we continue to look at how we can better prepare our students for college and beyond.

Over the next couple of months, we will be starting our CAPT Academy to prepare our Sophomores for the CAPT test in March. We will be continuing our effort to secure a permanent site for Pathways. We will be creating a Governance Council that will provide a voice to parents, students and community members on matters of school improvement and programs. We will be reviewing our curriculum to find ways of increasing opportunities for students to learn 21st Century skills. Overall, Pathways will continue to be a place where students will acquire technological and critical thinking skills, and will develop a sense of personal and social responsibility.

Have a great Holiday season.

Steven Dellinger-Pate
Principal

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First Trimester
Honors



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The English Corner

Updates from the Wonderful World of English at Pathways to Technology

Submitted by Gary Lotreck, English Curriculum Leader

As the trimester comes to a close, so do our first classes. Mr. Lotreck's senior Honors Class is done with two plays by Sophocles, "Antigone" and "King Oedipus", so we can take off the togas and put down the plastic swords. They did a marvelous job analyzing, role-playing, and presenting both their assessments for the plays – including putting "Oedipus on Oprah." Their final Projects for their Independent Reading Project brought the books to life. They created the society right in our room and put us in the book. One group took us on a tour of Aldous Huxley's Brave New World by making us characters from the book and took us on a tour to show us the process of making the people for their "World State." Totally engaging! The Freshman classes put together their Final Portfolios for the multitude of writings from their onerous semester in Freshman Writing Workshop.

The results, thus far, have been wonderful. These students have come very far and have improved in all ways in my class. For this, I congratulate them all!

Respectfully Submitted,

Mr. Lotreck

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Main Office Reminders

School Uniform Information:

All students are expected to come to school in full uniform every day. To order additional uniform shirts please contact: **The Connecticut Shirtman** at: **1-800-348-7679** or go on-line to: www.OnLineGearStore.com/path or complete an order form in our main office at our school.

Student Absences:

To report your child's absence please call **Batinah Simms**, our Family Resource Aide, at: **695-9453** as early in the day as possible.

Also, please send a letter with your child upon his or her return so that we have it on file.

Student Transportation:

Note the following information regarding bus transportation issues regarding your child:

1. Suburban parent bus issues: Please contact CREC Transportation directly @ CREC.Org, phone 524-4077 and also inform the school's main office @ 695-9450.
 2. Hartford parent bus issues: Please contact the transportation help line @ 695-8888 or 695-8547 also please contact our school' main office @ 695-9450.
 3. If you have moved please contact Janet Cormier-Ortiz @ 695-9452 to submit a change request for transportation and also please be reminded that it takes 7-10 days to process the request so that we can update our records.
 4. Students are to take the bus at the assigned stop that they have been given only.
- If your child is participating in a sport in his/her district high school or participating in an internship a change request for p.m. drop off needs to be completed and submitted this can be done at the main office at Pathways also note the P.M. change will take 7 days to become effective.

Connecticut Transit Bus Tokens are distributed to students when:

1. A student stays afterschool for extra help
2. A student stays afterschool for an afterschool club or program

Students who stay for an afterschool detention are not eligible to receive a bus token. Transportation arrangements need to be made with the parent.

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Upcoming Meetings and Events



12/5/08-ITLA Class on field trip to Tunxis Community College in Bristol, CT

12/9/08-ECSU Application Workshop – for seniors who have signed up

12/11/08- Early dismissal for students

12/16/08- SCSU Application Workshop at Pathways

12/16/08 Financial Aid Workshop for Parents of Juniors and Seniors @ 5:30 p.m.

12/18/08-SCSU Application Workshop

12/18/08-Personal Finance Class going on field trip to Federal Reserve Bank in NEW York with Mrs. Mullady

12/24/08-1/2/09-Winter Recess

1/5/09- No School for students

1/6/09- Three Kings Day no school

1/12/09-Choice Fair Open House being held at Pathways from 6-8 p.m.

1/16/09-ITLA Class on Field Trip to IBM in Southbury, CT

1/16/09 – Districtwide School Choice Fair being held

1/19/09-Martin Luther King Holiday School closed for all staff-Enjoy the long weekend

1/21/09-Industry Advisory Board Meeting here at Pathways 8-8:45 a.m.

1/24/09-Choice Fair Open House being held here at Pathways from 9-11 a.m.

1/28/09-Parent/Teacher Conferences being held from 5-7 p.m.

1/29/09-Parent/Teacher Conferences being held from 1-3 p.m.

1/30/09-Mr. Griffin on Field trip with Ecommerce Students to Manchester Community College