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Pathways News



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Dear Pathways to Technology Magnet School Community,

This letter is to inform you that I recently submitted my letter of resignation to Dr. Stephen Adamowski, Superintendent of Hartford Public Schools.

This decision was made after a careful review of the past, our progress, our current standing, and our future. It is one filled with mixed emotions, but also one that will allow me the freedom to pursue personal goals in education. I am cognizant that the timing of this announcement is not easy but with all the change of the past this choice was delayed to ensure that the year started and we were back into the process of education.

Last year Pathways To Technology Magnet School was at a cross roads. Over the past year we have analyzed who we were as a school, targeted problems (math, internships and technology), adjusted curriculum and programs, battled for a home, and looked at ways to make our school better.

Now one year down this path, we stand in a new light, a better light, and poised to take on new challenges. This school has posted the highest math CAPT and SAT scores in our history, we have graduated all of our seniors, our technology is now state of the art, and over 30 students will have access to internships this fall. Finally, we came within a fraction of making AYP in all categories (an item that is still being disputed as of this letter).

It is my goal, and that of the district, to ensure that my departure will be a seamless transformation and not disrupt the progress. This summer we welcomed Mrs. Yvonne Francis as our new Assistant Principal and she has already distinguished herself as an excellent leader that will provide stability during the transition. Additionally, I have offered the district my assistance in the transition when a replacement is named.

Future communication will follow from the school regarding this transition and an informational session will be forthcoming. Thank you again for all of your support, and the support of Pathways over the past year, it has been an honor to serve your students and this community.

Regards,

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From the School Nurse:

Staphylococcus aureus Infections (MRSA):



MRSA Facts for Schools

Staphylococcus aureus (“staph”) infections have been around for a long time, causing mild to severe illness. MRSA is a kind of staph infection that may be more difficult to treat but is otherwise the same as a “staph infection”. Mild infections may look like a pimple or boil and can be red, swollen, painful, or have pus or other drainage. More serious infections may cause pneumonia, bloodstream infections, or surgical wound infections.

Staph is passed from person to person through direct contact with skin or through contact with contaminated items. The bacteria may live in people’s noses and on their skin and most of the time do not cause any problem. Staph can enter the body through breaks in the skin and sometimes cause infection. The main ways to prevent staph infection are to wash hands and care for wounds properly.

Practical Advice for Parents

Clean wounds and cover them with a clean, dry bandage. Wounds that do not heal properly need medical attention. The only way to determine if an infection is caused by MRSA is through laboratory testing ordered by a physician or other health care provider.

Teach children to wash their hands regularly, such as before eating and after toileting. See http://www.cdc.gov/germstopper/home_work_school.htm for additional information (including posters) on how to stop the spread of germs at home, work and school.

Be sure your family members use antibiotics properly. Take all that are prescribed, even if the symptoms stop before the prescription is used up. Do not share prescriptions.

Children who participate in sporting events should wash their hands after each practice and game. They should not share equipment, uniforms, towels, or other personal items (e.g., razors). Wash uniforms and towels with hot water and detergent after each use.



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Pathways Entrepreneurial Club

This year's Entrepreneurial Club has 27 students who have signed up to participate in a 10 week Entrepreneurial Seminar. This seminar is an interactive, experience - based after - school program designed for high school juniors and seniors at Trinity College.

The seminar will give our students the opportunity to experience and practice entrepreneurialism, in particular the "people skills" necessary to be successful in business.

Students have been divided into business teams with the challenge of each team to create their own business. Students will be taken to New York (wholesale district) to purchase goods and sell them back home at retail prices. The culminating event of the Business Seminar will be an evening Business Fair, at which the students showcase and sell their products, and to which friends, family, and community members, including state officials and educators, will be invited.

We are very proud of our entrepreneurial tradition of participation in this seminar. Although we are the smallest school in size, we have the largest amount of participants for the third straight year.

The Community Service Club at Pathways to Technology

The Community Service Club is alive and well and still meeting on Mondays at 2:20 – 3:00 p.m. in room 117 with Mr. Lotreck. Exciting things are happening! The club is slowly emerging into a truly student - run organization. Students are becoming key players by seeking out new volunteer opportunities, organizing these activities, and coordinating the volunteers at the activity. Shamiya Brown, Runicia Miller, Matthew Stanko, and Yanique Foster have begun the student leadership of the club. It is an exciting time for our club. If you are interested in joining us or if you would like to participate in any of our activities, please contact any one of the student leaders listed above or see Mr. Lotreck in room 117 or call 695 - 9460 or email at lotrg001@hartfordschools.org . Parents, if you would like your child involved or if you would like to join us on any of our activities, please call Mr. Lotreck, the club advisor.

Next Event: Making and Serving Dinner at South Park Inn Homeless Shelter, Corner of Park Street and Main Street, Downtown Hartford
Friday, November 2, 2007 from 3:30 – 6:15

[Mr. Lotreck will be present.]

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Car Doctor Visit

On Wednesday, October 24th Pathways juniors and seniors welcomed a visit from Jim MacPherson also known as the “Car Doctor” from WTIC radio. Mr. MacPherson talked to each group of students about “First Time Car Buying Do’s and Don’ts”.

Topics that were covered included:

The Cost of Owning a Car

How to Budget

Checking:

Interior and Exterior

Under the Hood

Before Starting the Car

When Starting the Car

Checking the Paperwork

Test Driving the Vehicle



Financial Literacy

A new class is being offered this year at Pathways. Financial Literacy, a six week after - school class (taught by members of the American Eagle Federal Credit Union) is designed to give each participant a better understanding of his/her financial future. Classes will be taught in resumé writing, interview skills, financing college, budgeting, loans, credit, savings, and checking all through electronic banking.

Classes will be using the computers to do weekly interactive projects. Students will open their own savings account (money donated by the American Eagle Federal Credit Union), and will learn how to use a credit card. The program, “Pathways to Literacy”, will feature an interactive financial literacy package to help students gain financial independence. The students will learn the importance of making good financial decisions early on to avoid financial trouble in the future.

Benefits of the program include the following:

Possible internships and summer jobs (only students who go through the class will be interviewed for these positions)

Financial independence and security

Networking and job interviewing skills

How to afford college

E - banking skills

Saving and investing techniques

Community service hours

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Upcoming Meetings and Events

11/9 - Mrs. Bennar on a Field Trip to IBM in Southbury with 22 students

11/12 - Veteran's Holiday - School Closed

11/14 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

11/14 - Entrepreneurship Club on field trip to New York City Wholesale District with Mr. Griffin (60 students) going for the day

11/14 - Ms. DeNino on a field trip touring galleries at the Wadsworth Atheneum

11/14 - first Marking Period report cards will be mailed to parents

11/16 – Pathways Homecoming Dance from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

11/21 - Early Release for Students 11:00 a.m. dismissal

11/21 - the Art Institute visits Pathways

11/22 & 11/23 - Thanksgiving Recess - School Closed

11/26 – Professional Development for staff –No School for students

11/30 - Mrs. Mullady on Field Trip with 40 students to the New York Stock Exchange

12/12 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.

12/14 - Please Follow the Advisory Day Schedule

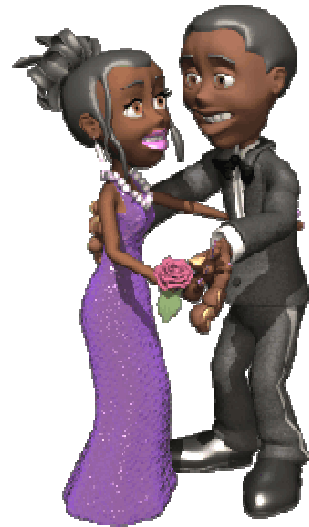


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Fall Homecoming Dance

This November , Pathways is hosting its first Homecoming Dance! The dance will be held at Pathways and open to all students.

The dance will be on Friday, the 16th, from 7 to 10 pm. The theme for the dance will be chosen by Pathways students before Veterans day, and will be announced. The cost of the tickets are \$5 per person. It will be an exciting event and we hope to have a huge turnout!





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Pathways Professionals

Pathways is proud to announce that the Professionalism Program has begun. Students will have the opportunity to earn rewards based on excellent behavior, high academic standards, and professional dress. The following students earned Professional Status for the month of October:

Malaika Ali	Shinell Austin	Tamika Baskerville
Christian Bedon	Maryann Blackburn	Edward Brown
Andrew Calderon	Jorge Castillo	Amina Chukadze
Jacob Conde	Jhmyle Crocker	Raul De Leon
Jo-Ann Dominique	Rogert Fernandez	Matthew Fish
Yanique Foster	Jordan Fromson	Aaron Goode
Jamar Goulbourne	Asha Greene	Hajrija Guster
Mevludin Guster	Chelsea Hare	Hazmira Udovic
Desiree Hernandez	Nadine Holung	William Hornyak
Andrew Johnson	Whitney Johnson	Nakema Joyner
Brian Kennedy	Adam Levine	Deliza Mahon
Karen Maisonet	Shironda Mars	Eli Miranda
Courtney Mitchell	Denise Mitchell	Arjun Mohan
Juliet Molina	Roshena Moore	Sophiann Moore
Vincent Moore	Remzija Muminovic	Quenton Narcisse
Diosy Nieves	Haneen Nseirat	Jessica Ortiz
Hasudin Pehratovic	Shelby Prendergast	Xavier Peralta
Anthony Piccione	Sean Priest	Chaliza Ramos
Jamesha Redding	Jamina Redding	Parris Redding
Bradley Reyes	Lisette Rodriguez	Melissa Rodriguez
Brittaney Roldan	Jose Roman	Valery Rosario
Rebekah Sanchez	Wesley Sanchez	Francheska Santiago
Lillian Slaughter	Jovan Snype	Matthew Stanko
Venice Sterling	Keisha Stewart	Kimberly Stewart
Natasha Suarez	Ibraheem Sulieman	Tiara Tann
Devin Teal	William Thim	Ashley Torres
Maritza Torres	Rafael Valazquez	Brendan Vazquez
Miguel Vazquez	Melissa Walters	Eric Wilson
Mohamed-Zaid Bhura		

From the desk of our Family Resource Aide, Batinah Simms:

Parents/guardians, please be reminded when your child is absent or going to be late for school, please call 695 - 9453 to report the absence/tardy. Also, please send an excuse letter with your child upon their return to school to keep in our files.

Thank you!

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Pathways Fall Athletes

Pathways is proud of these students who participated in fall athletics in addition to their academic commitments here at Pathways.



Keiwan Drake



Warren Wells



Joshua Redding



Michael Wright



Du - Vone Allicock



Corey Wicker



KennyArthur Solomon



Bryant Daniels



Jonathan Davis



Jillisa Dixon



Brenda Dixon



Jhmyle Crocker



Janyda Rivera
Laiza Dumey



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