



# PATHWAYS MAGNET H.S. NEWSLETTER

February 2012

## Principal's Message

Pathways families,

I want to take the opportunity in this newsletter to address our school culture and climate. Our staff has been having a lot of discussions lately about creating a culture of high expectations and performance for our students. To build the 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills of collaboration, creativity, critical-thinking and communication, we have to build a student centered culture where students are directly involved and invested in the discovery of their own knowledge. Students should be engaged in experiential learning that is authentic, holistic, and challenging and students are empowered to use prior knowledge to construct new learning. For us as a school, we are working to create more opportunities for student involvement in all school activities; from student government to clubs and other activities.

We are also adopting an instructional style that will meet these 21<sup>st</sup> Century needs. Every teacher is working on incorporating more projects into their curriculum. These projects are designed to have students work collaboratively

with final products presented to parents, professionals and other outside authentic audiences.

I hope that all of our Pathways families are working to improve the skills that I mentioned above, because these are the skills that will be in the highest demand in our workforce today and in the future.

I also hope that all of our Pathways families have a safe and joyful holiday season.

Steven Dellinger-Pate

Principal

Pathways to Technology



### February

- 3 Report cards will be mailed
- 6 Internship workshop during power block
- 6 Governance Council meeting 6pm
- 8 Internship workshop during power block
- 10 Freshmen movie night
- 15 PTO 6pm
- 20 President Holiday– No School
- 22 Parent Teacher Conferences 5-7pm
- 23 Early Dismissal 11:15
- 23 Parent teacher conferences 1-3pm

Don't forget this is a Leap year!

## College and Career news

Kim Bennett's News

We are currently working hard to recruit employers and businesses who may be interested in hosting a student for a job shadow and/or participating in our student internship program. As a parent of a Pathways student, you may be a valuable resource! If you have any contacts of businesses who may be interested in participating in one of these opportunities, please contact Kim Bennett, Internship Coordinator at (860)695-9495 or [capok001@hartfordschools.org](mailto:capok001@hartfordschools.org)

Additionally, the juniors have begun creating resumes and updating existing resumes. Please encourage your student to share these resumes with you!

## Pathways to Technology Magnet High School. Stay Informed!



Students in Ms. De Nino's Graphic Art and JR/SR Art classes visited the Wadsworth Atheneum on Friday January 13<sup>th</sup>. The classes viewed a special exhibit of photographs by Patti Smith titled: *Camera Solo* and discussed artwork from the museum's permanent collection. Here, Joan Traverso, Wadsworth docent, points out aspects of the Salvador Dali painting: *Apparition of Face and Vase on a Beach*



Below are the SPARK students that were nominated for doing a random act of kindness!

During their lunch the students received a special surprise treat for the love they showed

Ms. Laurie Sylvan collected the school input to recognize these students and will continue to do so this year. So watch out, you never know who will be watching you doing an act of kindness!



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### From the Nurse:

Children of all ages work hard during the school day, and for an ill child, the energy required to complete the day is often not there. Not only does this put your child at risk for prolonged illness but also puts the children around him or her at greater risk for becoming ill. Please consider the following guidelines when making the decision to send your child to school:

Fever of 100 degrees or higher. Children should be fever free (less than 100 degrees) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Cold symptoms and or persistent cough.

Nausea and vomiting – Children should be free of vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school.

Inability to sleep most of the night because they don't feel well.

Keep washing those hands and stay healthy!



# ***College Exploratory Trips Spring 2012***

## ***Trip Reminder***

### ***Freshman Students***

*Date:* Thursday, April 12, 2012

*Departure Time:* 8:00am

*College Destination(s):* University of Connecticut

*Cost:* \$10.00

*Return Time:* 3:00pm

### ***Sophomore Students***

*Date:* April 12, 2012

*Departure Time:* 7:30am

*College Destination(s):* Yale and Southern

*Cost:* \$10

*Return Time:* 4pm

### ***Junior Students***

*Date(s):* Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> and Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

*Departure Time:* 8:00am Pathways

*College Destination(s):* University of Rhode Island, Providence College, Mount Ida College, Wentworth Institute of Technology

*Cost:* \$100 per student, this will cover a shared hotel room, and meals, Pathways will cover bus transportation.

*Return Time:* Approximately 5pm on Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>.

***Payments should go to Pauline Rivera in the main office***

\$20.00 January 26, 2012

\$20.00 February 9, 2012

\$20.00 February 23, 2012

\$10.00 March 8, 2012

***More from Student Affairs, Ms. Laurie Sylvan's Alumni night. A memorable experience for former students, staff and a new experience for the future.***

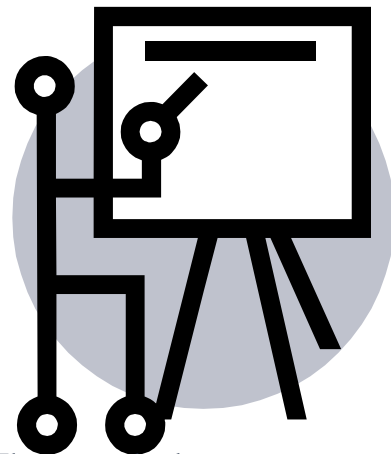


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Brought to you by Magnet Theme Coaches: Kate Dougherty & Kim Davis



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### Magnet Coach Minutes: January

This year we have teamed up with teachers to develop a set of Magnet Standards. These standards help separate Pathway Students from traditional students. In order to prepare our students for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, these magnet standards ensure that Pathways graduates gained the foundational technology skills needed to succeed in today's expanding, global society. Students will be expected to apply the basics in authentic, integrated ways to solve problems and complete projects. Our school envisions all students to graduate with the following six standards:

Standard 1-The student will be a leader as an effective global citizen by using technology to help solve human, cultural, and societal issues.

Standard 2-The student will be a successful project manager who collaborates with a team to; organize time, set goals, and produce an authentic product which informs the community about social implications.

Standard 3- The student will interact, collaborate, and publish with peers, experts or others by employing a variety of digital environments and media.

Standard 4- The student will demonstrate his/her information fluency by locating, organizing, analyzing, evaluating, and synthesizing the ethical use of information from a variety of sources and media.

Standard 5- The student will use critical thinking skills to plan and conduct research, manage projects, solve problems and make informed decisions using appropriate digital tools and resources.

Standard 6- The student will be creative and innovative by identifying and forecasting trends in technology to generate new ideas, products, and processes.

Please contact Kim Davis or Kate Dougherty with clarifying questions, thoughts, and suggestions, we are here to help.



**The PTO would like to remind you that it is always a good idea to join us. Even if it is your first time, you don't have to feel left out. Pathways parents strive on involving you in your child's future, together it is one voice, with choices to make and support. The school is always in need of many different needs, the students are looking for financial support as some graduate, there is prom, there is a way to save into a fund to help you with these expenses, you can also help plan an event, volunteer, have a say or provide ideas on a better climate. You name it, it is your school and your child needs support. These are the last years were a parent can become PTO involved. Our next meeting is February 15th 6:00pm-7:00pm**