



East Hartford High School

2010 Summer Newsletter

Graduation Requirements

East Hartford Board of Education voted to approve changes in the graduation requirements of East Hartford High School, policy number 6146. Over the spring semester of 2010, a Graduation Committee completed an in-depth evaluation process of the high school graduation requirements in EHBOE Policy 5127 and 6146. The evaluation included review and discussion of Connecticut Commissioner's proposed changes to high school graduation requirements, President Obama's Race to the Top, Connecticut University Systems approval of entrance criteria, as well as over thirty different high schools in the state of Connecticut.

After presenting to the EHBOE Policy Committee in May 2010, the following major changes were approved in July 2010 by EHBOE:

1. The EHHS Student Expectations were incorporated as the Performance Standards of the Graduation requirements. (As outlined by the NEASC Report for 2010)
1. A Community Service component was added to the Graduation Requirements. Students must have earned 30 hours of community service in four years at EHHS. (beginning with the Class of 2014 – this year's Freshmen)
2. Modification to the types of Diplomas:
 - a. **Diploma with Academic Excellence and Distinction** – Student has attained “Top Twenty” standing in the graduating class at the end of the seventh semester. (Quality points)
 - b. **Diploma with Academic Excellence** – Student is ranked in the top 15 percent of their graduating class at the end of the seventh semester. (Quality points)
 - c. **Academic Diploma** – Student has earned the required units of credit in a prescribed course of study and has attained the criteria for performance standards.
4. All students who transfer to EHHS will have to obtain 6 credits of course study at EHHS to be considered to earn a diploma. (beginning immediately)

The fully revised version of the Graduation Requirements is available on the EHHS website: <http://www.easthartford.org/page.cfm?p=4>. The Guidance Department is prepared with a process for ensuring students meet the Community Service requirement for the incoming freshmen, Class of 2014. Seniors (2011), Juniors (2012) and Sophomores (2013) are welcome to perform community service, but it is not a graduation requirement for those classes.

We have high expectations for all students at EHHS. Please contact the school if you would like to discuss more information about the graduation requirements.

MISSION STATEMENT

East Hartford brings together a diverse community in a safe, respectful environment where students begin the path to success in college and careers, build on their skills and talents, and become informed, responsible citizens.

Begin...Build...Become...

ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

August

- 4-5 Senior Portraits – 10:00am-3:00pm / Room 122
- 9-20 Central Registration – M/W/F - 8:00am-3:00pm
T/TR - 10:00am-6:00pm Cafeteria & Activities Office
- 19 Freshmen Orientation – 4:00pm-8:00pm
- 31 First Day of School

September

- 6 Labor Day – School closed
- 11 ACT Testing – 8:00am-12:00pm
- 14-16 Club Expo - 10:00am-1:15pm / Student Café
- 16 Back to School Night / 6:30pm-9:00pm
- 23 Staff Development Day - Half Day

October

- 5-7 Underclassman Photos
- 8 Homecoming Dance - 7:00pm-10:30pm /Café
- 9 Football Game vs. Middletown 1:00pm /Cheney Tech
- 11 Columbus Day - School Closed
- 21 Teacher Idol – 7:00pm-9:00pm /Auditorium
- 23 ACT Testing – 8:00am-12:00pm
- 26 Get to Know EHHS – 6:30pm-8:30pm
- 28 Staff Development Day - Half Day

November

- 2 Staff Development Day - School Closed
- 4 Pride Night – 6:00pm-8:00pm /Cafe
- 9 ASVAB – 7:30am / West Lecture Hall
- 11 Veterans Day – School Closed
- 15- 19 Spirit Week
- 17 Financial Aid Seminar –7:00pm-9:00pm /Auditorium
- 19 Pep Rally - 2:30pm-4:00pm
- 19 Football game vs. Manchester @ Rentschler Field 6:00pm
- 23 Fall Sports Night – 6:00pm /Auditorium
- 24 Half Day
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Break - School Closed

2010-2011

Schedule Distribution

August 19, 2010	9:00am-2:00pm	Gym Lobby
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August 20, 2010	9:00am-2:00pm	Gym Lobby
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Students are expected to pick up their schedules on the dates above. Along with the student's schedule for the 201-2011 school year, they will receive a letter explaining how to make any necessary changes to their schedule.

Administration and Guidance Counselors have worked diligently all spring and summer in creating individual student schedules that reflect the best course of study for each student.

ACT Registration Testing Dates

ACT TEST DATE	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LOCATION
September 11, 2010	August 6, 2010	EHHS
October 23, 2010	September 17, 2010	EHHS
December 11, 2010	November 5, 2010	EHHS
February 12, 2011	January 7, 2011	EHHS
April 9, 2011	March 4, 2011	EHHS
June 11, 2011	May 6, 2011	EHHS

SAT Testing Dates

(register online at www.collegeboard.com)

SAT TEST DATE	REGISTRATION	LOCATION
October 9, 2010	September 10, 2010	EHHS
November 6, 2010	October 8, 2010	EHHS
December 4, 2010	November 5, 2010	Other Location
January 22, 2011	December 23, 2010	EHHS
March 12, 2011	February 11, 2011	EHHS
May 7, 2011	April 8, 2011	EHHS
June 4, 2011	May 6, 2011	EHHS

Guidance Counselor Designation

Counselor assignments for the 2010 – 2011 school year. Please see the designation below:

- Cathy Barry** 622-5227 Grade 09 (A-K)
- Sara Johnson** 622-5226 Grade 09 (L-Z)
- Royston Jordan** 622-5233 Grade 10 (A-J)
- Uyi Osunde** 622-5228 Grade 10 (K-Z)
- Joseph Giuliano** 622-5304 Grade 11 (A-L)
- Megan Spiesman** 622-5230 Grade 11 (M-Z)
- Falguni Patel** 622-5304 Grade 12 (A-K)
- Patricia Cohen** 622-5226 Grade 12 (L-Z)



**From the Desk of:
Assistant Principal
Mr. DeCarli, Grade 9**

Greetings class of 2014! I look forward to meeting all of you at our Freshmen Orientation on August 19th. I hope that your transition from the Falcon Community into the Hornet Community will find both academic and social success. While EHHS is a large school with a myriad of programs and activities, we are also a small learning community, making connections with students and personalizing their experiences. You are about to embark on a remarkable journey here at East Hartford High School!

In the meantime, enjoy your summer with family and friends, but don't forget about the academic progress you made at the middle school. Over the summer, read a book, write some letters, or keep a written journal of all your activities. Mathematically, stay fresh by adding or multiplying the numbers on the license plates of cars as you drive around town or head off to vacation. Keep your brain active and your body healthy, so that the start of the 2010-2011 school year will be a productive one.

Your freshmen year will begin before you know it and will be an exciting time. Once you arrive begin thinking about the 3 A's: Attendance, Attitude and Achievement. Those will be your keys to success. Coming to school, approaching difficulty in a positive manner, working hard and staying focused will put you on the right path. Think about getting involved in our extracurricular activities and our school community and you will find that your high school experience will be a positive one!

EHHS PTO News

Parents and Teachers involved in the PTO helps make our school better for every student. It gives parents the opportunity to learn more about the school and its programs. As a group and as a community we will enhance and maximize the education of every student.

The PTO supports EHHS in the form of scholarships, awards, and school gifts. Additionally, the PTO is responsible for the funding and coordination of Project Graduation, the annual all-night alcohol and drug-free post-graduation party. Project Graduation provides a safe place for seniors to enjoy being with each other one last time.

Feel free to contact the officers with questions and concerns by email at: EHHSPTO@gmail.com.

The officers for the 2010-2011 school year are:

Cathy Sluboski, President (860.569.8292)

Dawn McClintock, Vice President

Liz Saunders, Secretary

Jenifer Balesano, Treasurer

PTO meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7pm at EHHS.

September 20, 2010 October 12, 2010 November 8, 2010

December 13, 2010 January 10, 2011 February 15, 2011

March 14, 2011 April 11, 2011 May 9, 2011

June 13, 2011

STUDENT ID AND YEARBOOK PICTURES

Freshmen, Sophomores and Juniors

We will take yearbook pictures during school for freshmen, sophomores and juniors October 5th, 6th and 7th. There will be one make-up opportunity which is scheduled for November 9th. **All students are required to have their pictures taken at this time. These pictures are used for next year's identification cards.**

Senior Yearbook Pictures

August 4th-5th from 10:00am-3:00pm and September 13th - 15th from 2:00pm-8:00pm in room 122. **This will be the last time to be photographed for seniors.** Seniors will be receiving information in the mail concerning their appointments for senior portraits. If your student missed these dates, it is important that he or she get photographed now. If your student does not receive an appointment card, he or she should call 1-800-736-4775 and to make sure to get scheduled. Students who have junior status now, but believe they will graduate in June 2011 should be sure to call and get photographed.



**From the Desk of:
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Marion, Grade 10**

Greetings Class of 2013 and parents! Welcome to the start of another successful school year at East Hartford High School! 10th grade is the bridge to being an upperclassmen.

I would like to encourage all parents to continue to play an active role in your child's learning progress. As your student begins their sophomore year remind them to make connections that will be positive and long lasting, to focus on their academic goals, to maintain excellent attendance and approach obstacles with vigor and enthusiasm. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me, set up an appointment or email me.

As always, the staff at East Hartford High School is here to help your child reach their potential. Let's continue to build excellence together!!!

MAKING CONNECTIONS

The Connections Program is in its third year of full implementation at EHHS. Connections is an Advisory Program that fosters leadership, team work and self reflection in the students of East Hartford High School. Our goals focus on Personalization, Academic Achievement and Community Awareness. Students will develop strong relationships with their peers as well as with their advisor over their four years of high school. The activities in Connections will allow the students to be more actively involved in learning new skills that can be utilized after high school.

We will be hosting another Community Service Fair in the fall. The goal of the fair is for the students to learn about local community service opportunities and help them plan service learning projects. They will learn what local service and outreach organizations do and how they can get involved. The Community Service Fair will help to build positive relationships between students and the larger community.

Characteristics of a Safe School: A Respectful and Proactive Approach

SECURITY TIP LINE: 860-874-2821

or

securitytipline@easthartford.org

The Mission Statement for the East Hartford Public School Security Team is: To Provide A Safe Environment For Students, Staff, and Visitors. The Security Team will fulfill our mission with **P.R.I.D.E., Professionalism, Respect, Integrity, Dedication, and Excellence.**

As the 2010-2011 school year approaches, students, parents, and staff are asked to make a claim that East Hartford Public Schools are "Our Schools". Two effective strategies towards developing a safe and healthy learning environment for all would be to take a proactive approach to problem solving within our school as well as establishing a climate of respect for all. Commitment to both strategies mentioned above will serve us well as we begin our 2010-2011 school year.

The Security Tip Line and email address listed above provide easy access to anyone with helpful information for maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment. All information will be handled in a confidential manner.

"Remember, Security is everybody's responsibility"

Mike Moan

Director of Security



**From the Desk of:
Assistant Principal
Mrs. Anderson - Grade 11**

Welcome back Class of 2012! I hope you are all as excited as I am to begin a new school year together. This is perhaps the most important year of your high school career. It is imperative that you begin strong and finish strong. There are many new challenges that the class of 2012 will face this year; how you as a student tackle these challenges will determine how successful you are. With the transition from underclassmen to upperclassmen, many of you will have new teachers and new expectations that you need to meet. During the past two years, your team teachers have been diligently preparing you for this transition. Now it is your turn to put these skills to use. Additionally, many of you have opted to take on a rigorous course load. I commend you for this. It is important when your classes become "too hard" that you remain focused and determined. Do not let one bad test score or one low essay grade make you give up and drop the course. These are the struggles that will truly prepare you for the next level of your education, when you leave EHHS and move onto college.

Every challenge you overcome opens another door to opportunities. Your guidance counselors, Mr. Giuliano, Mrs. Spiesman and I are looking forward to working with you again next year. Your guidance counselor has planned to meet with you in the fall to go over your current class load and how it aligns with your after high school plan. Next, you will be asked to register for the PSAT. This assessment will be given in October and it needs to be taken seriously, for it will prepare you for the SAT which you are expected to take in the spring. Mr. Giuliano, Mrs. Spiesman and I are here to support and help you make your after high school goals become a reality, but it is up to you to advocate for yourself when you need our assistance. How you **Begin** your junior year, will determine how you **Build** on what you have learned, so you can **Become** a graduate in 2012.

Library / Media Center

The Library/Media Center plays a significant role in the media literacy of our students with its central location on the second level and its service to all students and staff. On a daily basis we welcome independent study hall students to do homework, research or work on computers, as well as full classes for computer and/or print research; we talk up great books and check them out, and assist staff in locating materials. Paraprofessionals and tutors work with students in study sessions, SAC Interns conference with students, teachers reserve the computer labs for lessons, and at the bell, the passing through of traffic adds to the library's bustling hub of activity during and after the school day.

Classes schedule time in the facility for the use of print resources or computers; this year 1, 397 classes, including tutoring groups, special ed., and ELL, used the library, and almost 800 utilized the main computer lab. Almost 3,500 students visit the library media center on a monthly basis. In a recent staff survey, almost 70% of the staff has requested, at some point, reserve shelves and carts of print materials in conjunction with projects and assigned research.

Our school library/media specialist is available to teach lessons on research skills, using databases, creating email accounts, evaluating websites, and

book talking teen fiction from the wonderful and diverse Young.

In January, an online survey was conducted to obtain feedback from students about the library and how they use its resources. The increase in traffic to the library has been noticeable with the added computer labs; an average of 180 students visit the library each day, approximately 3,000 study hall students each month. Many students use the library often, if not daily, and over 80% of them say they come to the library to use the computers. The most popular activities are projects, research, word processing, and email.

When asked what makes a great school library for research, 88% of the teachers felt that a balance of both print and technology is best. The library/media center strives to create a research area that is conducive to the current needs of our staff and students for study, research and learning. For the upcoming year, we expect to offer additional online research sources, multimedia for students, as well as a quiet reading area for independent study, work or pleasure reading. Following the creation of a five year plan, the library will continue to evolve as we push forward to meet the media literacy needs of our students in this ever-changing world.



**From the Desk of
First Assistant Principal:
Mr. Fote, Grade 12**

Oh, The Places You'll Go!

Congratulations
Today is your day.
Your off to great places.
Your off and away.
You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself any direction you choose.
You are on your own. And you know what you know.
And you are the one who'll decide where to go.

Courtesy of Dr. Seuss

Dr. Seuss may have written the book, Oh, The Places You'll Go, for young children but the above mentioned passage and his book is worth following for any young adult. Oh, The Places You'll Go works whether you are a student graduating from high school, or for adults embarking on a new stage in life. Oh The Places You Will Go is about challenges and change...it describes the up times and down times, waiting times and stressful times.

I know your fresh and excited about being a senior, the latest adventure in your life and you think nothing can stop you. I know you will soar to great heights and be at the top of your class. You are ready to take a hit or go into a slump just do not let it deter you from going the places you want! Whether its college or military or work that you choose I advise you to get on your way. Don't wait for anyone because waiting isn't fun or your style. You will lean on your skills, make good decisions and follow your plan even if your alone. The odds are in your favor three years is the proof that you are resilient, show great care and great tact. So, go to those great places you need to and do great things along the way. You can't look back! So move it, move it...get on your way, your ready to succeed...98 ¾ GUARANTEED! Good luck and Good year Class of 2011.

Home Access Center

Communication between families and high school educators is an essential element to student success in school. Home Access Center is a program that allows families to monitor their child's academic progress on-line. We are fortunate that our student information system, eSchool *Plus*, offers the Home Access Center and are pleased to inform you that it will be available to EHHS parents at the beginning of the 2010-11 school year. Families will be receiving letters home with an explanation of the access. Each family will receive their own personal login information. Please DO NOT share your username and/or password with anyone else; by doing so it will allow them to view your child's information.



SAVE THE DATE
East Hartford High School
Back to School Night
September 16, 2010
6:30pm-8:30pm
PRIZES / RAFFLES

- ◆ ***Meet and greet all your child's teachers***
- ◆ ***Find out all about our clubs and activities***
- ◆ ***Speak with coaches from our athletic teams***
- ◆ ***Share ideas with the Administrative Team***

Athletic Department

Each student who wishes to participate in a fall sport must submit official EHHS sports permission slips to the school nurse (copies can be found in the Student Parent Handbook and also on the school website, www.easthartford.org.) after it has been signed by a parent or guardian. A physical examination is also required for participation in the fall program. Physicals are valid for one year.

The Board of Education has continued their tremendous support of our athletic program and our student-athletes by taking the necessary steps to improve our varsity soccer/ football field. This process will take the entire fall and will require us to play our home games off campus.

Our soccer teams will be playing their varsity and junior varsity games at Dwyer Park and our varsity football games will be played at Cheney Technical High School in Manchester. Both varsity soccer teams will be playing a game at Trinity College, dates and times to be determined. The varsity football team will play the annual rivalry game against Manchester High School on Friday November 19th at 6pm on Rentschler Field, home of the UCONN Huskies.

Academic Requirements.

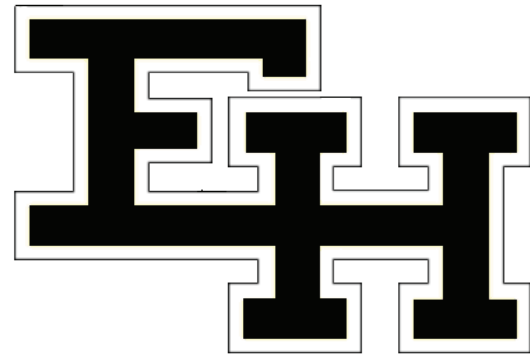
- In order to tryout and be on a team students must meet CIAC Requirements, pass four courses.
- In order to participate in competitions a student must have a 1.7 average from the previous making period.
- Any member of a team who meets CIAC but is below the 1.7 is on probation. Athletes on probation must attend study hall every non-contest day prior to attending practice.
- If the student on probation elevates their GPA to a minimum of 1.7 at progress reports, they will then be allowed to participate in competition.

Any questions please call Dave Caruso, Athletic Director at 860-622-5236

POLICY / PURPOSE STATEMENT

East Hartford High School believes that homework is a valuable tool in helping students achieve school wide learning expectations and meet state and national standards. Such homework should meet the specific needs of individual students and may vary across grade level and discipline. The purpose of homework should fall into one of four categories: *preparation, practice, synthesis and extension of learning*. In meeting these goals, homework provides the opportunity for timely feedback for the students in order to help them improve upon their skills. Homework also provides useful data for teachers to inform future instruction as part of an on-going assessment process.

East Hartford High School believes that grades represent learning. Therefore, homework should not cause failure for students who don't always complete it. Similarly, homework should not allow students to pass who have not mastered the course specific curricular standards.



Fall Sports—When and Where

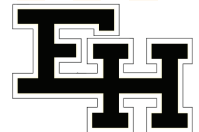
<u>Sport</u>	<u>First Practice</u>	<u>Location/Time</u>
Football - Dan Lawrence	August 23rd	Practice field - 5:30pm
Feshman Football -Mark Brown	August 23rd	Practice field - 5:30pm
Boys' Soccer - Brendon Boyd	August 28th	Practice field - 9:00am & 4:00pm
Girls' Soccer - Ray Bell	August 28th	Practice field - 7:00am
Girls' Swimming - Brian Verrastro	August 28th	Pool - 8:00am
Girls' Volleyball - Janice May	August 28th	Front gym - 9:00am
Cheerleading - Britney Whitworth	September 7th	Track - 2:45pm
Boys Cross Country—Tim Kinel	August 27th	Track - 2:45pm

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From The Principal's Desk

Dear Hornet Community,

I trust your summer continues to be filled with Safe, Responsible and Respectful decisions and experiences. As we *Begin* the planning for the upcoming 2010-11 school year, we are focused on developing the most effective learning environment for all students. We are *Building* on our successes from last year to maintain a path toward achieving excellence consistently. EHHS has *Become* a school where we have high expectations for every student while supporting students at all levels. Together, we are making a difference.

EHHS received continued Accreditation from NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) which signifies the school met criteria for the ten year evaluation process. Moving forward, we will be communicating to families the achievement of students based on School wide Student Expectations through courses and grades. Our English and mathematics curriculums have been revised and rewritten following well-known Larry Ainsworth's model for curriculum revision. In 2010-11, all courses at EHHS will provide students with a quarterly syllabus outlining topics and student expectations. We have many important endeavors that lie ahead of us this year.

As we continue our excellence into 2011, all families must be involved in the Hornet Community at East Hartford High School. The greatest factor in the life of a young person is parental involvement. EHHS is committed to working with all parents to ensure every door is opened and every opportunity is available. Please take every opportunity to encourage your child to maximize their potential and take advantages of the opportunities offered at EHHS.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer—the first day of school is August 31, 2010. Come to school ready to be a Hornet! I look forward to your arrival and wish you the best.

With Hornet Pride,
Matthew Ryan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Ryan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.