



# EHHS Student Culture Update

December 2017

## EHPS Theory of Action #2: Build a Rich and Vibrant Learning Culture

### Big Hornet Program

Our 52 Little Hornets will meet their mentors on Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup> during Connections in the lecture hall. The Big Hornets will have breakfast with their Little Hornet and complete a questionnaire to get to know one another. Additionally, the Big Hornets have been asked to meet up with their mentee in the library to study for mid-term exams on either Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>.



### Student Leadership

In December our 10<sup>th</sup> grade Promising Hornets were able to meet for lunch with their summer staff and create Holiday cards for the senior center in East Hartford.

The Connections PLUS group will meet again on December 22<sup>nd</sup> to plan for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team visits the week of mid-terms.

### School Connect

This month our Connections PLUS students role modeled a discussion circle for our 9<sup>th</sup> grade advisors. This activity will be used in December.

Our staff groups met on December 1<sup>st</sup> to review this month's School Connect activities:

- 10<sup>th</sup> grade- Establishing rapport with Teachers
- 11<sup>th</sup> grade – Responding to Feedback
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade- Building a Budget



### Student Council

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, Student Council hosted Breakfast with Santa. It was a wonderfully fun filled event with all types of crafts and a wonderful breakfast. Santa and Mrs. Claus received many wonderful letters. One that touched our heart was from Emilie who is 8 years old and her birthday is on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Christmas is her favorite holiday. Her "old dog passed away and my family is taking it hard especially me but we moved on and he is still in our heart." She ended it with "I hope you get this letter Santa." Happy Holidays!



### Service Learning

The faculty, staff, and students came together on Community Awareness Day to support our town. Thank you for all the donations, organizations, and community partners that helped EHHS accomplish outstanding outcomes:

- 179 seniors engaged in team-building activities with the elementary schools, collectively earning 895 hours of service
- 215 Juniors participated in service trips to various local organizations, earning a total of 1075 hours
- 104 Sophomores raked a total of 15 yards in the pouring rain

### Student Awards & Celebrations

#### November Students of the Month





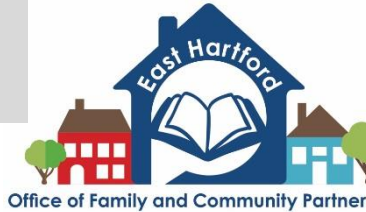
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### Office of Family & Community Partnerships

The Office of Family and Community Partnerships works to help support both students and families to get the most out of their education. Specifically, the Office of Family and Community Partnerships focuses on four key components for success with in the school district. We provide resources for our most vulnerable students that will help them succeed in maybe some of the most difficult circumstances. Data collection keeping track on how well our office is impacting our school district. Support Partnership teams by sitting on committees that are at the heart of our schools. Support Teacher outreach by implementing programs that contribute to our teachers continued success.



### Family Involvement

#### December Announcements/Student Involvement

On December 11<sup>th</sup> we held our monthly Family Engagement committee meeting. Parents provided feedback on upcoming events for 2018. For the month of December we are having a Hat and Glove drive to support our local shelter. If students are in need of a coat please have them stop by the Family Engagement Center/ Tardy Tank to receive one.



### Security Team

On Monday, December 4, 2017, there was a suspicious phone call that was reported to the EHPD, prompting EHHS to "Lockdown" the facility. This event occurred during afterschool hours and followed appropriate protocol under the identified circumstances. Students, staff, and police did an exceptional job at following protocols and ensuring the safety and security of the building with the information provided. The event resulted in a false report, which was then handled by the police department. Follow-up information was provided to staff and families through a letter reviewing the incident and a request for further facility needs or questions can be directed to the security office or House 10, Mr. LeRoy.



### School-Wide Data Team

The School Wide Data Team shifted its focus this month from SAT and lunch box recovery to scholar hour. The team looked over the student feedback with regards to adult actions and also discussed the logistics of scholar hour. The team determined that EHHS will have another scholar hour this year with better communication and more training for teachers prior to them conferencing again with students. The team will look more in depth at the feedback from the students at next month's meeting.

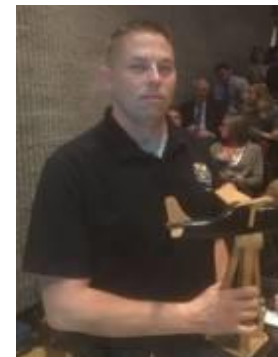
### PBIS

Our team met on November 29<sup>th</sup> and approved the IOW for December through Connections called, "Calming the Storm". Our members modified this role play activity to help our students recognize mean spirited behavior and discuss ways to stop it from happening in the Hornet Community.

**Our staff holiday gathering will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup> at Trattoria Toscana in Manchester at 2:30. Please stop in!**

### Staff Awards & Celebrations

**NOVEMBER Soaring Hornet: Mr. Vaughan**



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