



*CREC Academy of Science and Innovation*

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### Monthly Announcements

- ❖ Nov 2nd - No School
- ❖ Nov 8th - Last Day of Quarter 1
- ❖ Nov 11th - No School (Veteran's Day)
- ❖ Nov 12th - Dress Down Day
- ❖ Nov 16th - Powder Puff Practice
- ❖ Nov 18th - Powder Puff Practice
- ❖ Nov 23rd - Powder Puff (6-7pm)
- ❖ Nov 24th - Half Day
- ❖ Nov 25-26th - Thanksgiving Break

### Interviewing Mr. Krier and His Thoughts on the New School Year

I had the opportunity to interview Mr. Krier, who teaches ninth-grade math and also coaches Cross Country, Indoor Track, and Baseball. He was originally an elementary school teacher in Waterbury who taught there for four years, and now it is his third year teaching at ASI. I asked him about some of his hobbies, and he mentioned that he loves “to go hiking and camping” as well as “spend [his] time outdoors playing golf.” He also enjoys hanging out with friends and cooking. When I asked him how his school year is going so far, he expressed that the adjustment from COVID last year with Zoom to this year has been “very, very different.” Since everyone is now in person and in a class together, it has been quite a change from “a class of ten being considered big.” He prefers teaching in person, and believes that “student engagement is way better when it is in a classroom.” In his opinion, “grades are better” for students not online, but he also feels that this year has been “moving slower” and “has been draining.” In order to help his students become more successful, I then asked what his tips were for students to stay organized this school year, and he said “don’t procrastinate.” It is important to get the work done as soon as it is assigned, so students do not have to worry about it later. He recommends “reaching out to your teachers whenever you have questions”. When I asked what he is looking forward to this year, he stated he “is looking forward to [his] son’s first Christmas” and hopes to coach the baseball team in the spring. When I then questioned him about some of his personal goals for the year, he said he wants to “support students as individuals” and he hopes to help students, not only academically but in general. He loves his job because he loves interacting with students and building a relationship with them, and he loves seeing students become successful because to him that feels very rewarding.

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# ASI Sports Scoop

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## Boys Soccer

The Ravens put up a tough performance this year with a record of 7-4-3, and with Seniors Waseem Alsafari and Dawood Alsafari making All Conference and contributing 13 goals each for their team. Seniors Elias Colon and Aleksander Zazula held down the defense with Arnez Falcon in goal and Jairo Sibrian as center mid who led the team through many wins, also allowing them to qualify for states. Despite the success from the seniors, freshman Sebastian Bidoae and sophomores Bryson De La Cruz, Giancarlos Posadas, and Yosef Alsafari all performed well throughout their seasons, holding down the defense and scoring goals, and they will continue for their next two years with the Ravens. The boys' seven wins put them through to states, which they will be playing on November 9th, so make sure to support them!

## Girls Soccer

The Lady Ravens had a very successful season this year, finishing with a record of 7-5-2. The seniors put up a strong performance, with both Te'ijah Roberts and Alice Bidoae making All Conference along with Kaylah Forde as an Honorable Mention. Seniors Mya Saylor, Moya Johnson, and Macyn Rosay were a part of the strong defense along with Aiyana Gonzalez, Alice Bidoae, Kaylah Forde, and Akaila Tucker making up the offense. Te'ijah Roberts became one of the top three best goalkeepers in the league, and freshmen Karina Falcon, Naida Dautovic, and junior Amya Ortiz show promising potential for the future soccer seasons to come as goal-scorers and tough defenders. The seven wins put the Ravens through to states, which will be played at home on November 8th, so make sure to come and support!



## Girls Volleyball

The girls volleyball team had quite the season this year with a total of 11 wins and 9 losses.. They also qualified for this year's state tournament. This season showcased some of the returning seniors, Ashley Palombizio, Katherine Palombizio, Daniah Sawyer, and Naisha Aponte, and some of their amazing performances throughout the games. Senior Ashley Palombizio played one of her best seasons yet, making All Conference as an outside hitter and being a consistent varsity starter. Juniors Patrice Broughton (middle hitter) and Ciara Cardona (setter) also had amazing seasons along with Freshman Madison Ramos, who was the only freshman varsity starter on the volleyball team and also one of the most consistent servers for the Lady Ravens. Congratulations to all of the seniors and good luck with the state tournament!

# Pop Culture and Global News

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## Dune: Yay or Nay?



The new blockbuster movie, *Dune*, is receiving mixed reviews in the media. *Dune*, starring Timothee Chalamet and Zendaya, is a movie about a boy with a great destiny, trying to save and protect his people's future. The motion-picture got an outstanding 4.1 stars on Google, with many viewers giving positive feedback. One review read:

“The cinematography, acting, storytelling and accuracy related to the original books is absolutely sublime... *Dune* is our reward for patiently waiting in the wings with our Covid masks on and our Netflix accounts depleted. It's why we go to the movies... It is the best film I've seen in a very long time!” (Brian Hickey). However, this opinion is not shared everywhere. On social media platforms like Tik Tok, the movie has gotten nothing but criticism, with users saying it has no plot. Some are merely disappointed that there wasn't more of Zendaya in the film. So what do you think? Is *Dune* worth watching? Or should it be thrown into the trash heap?

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## Trending: Squid Game

The new Netflix original show *Squid Game* has been trending #1 all over the world ever since it was released on September 17, 2021. The thriller show takes place in South Korea where the players play children's games to win money, but there is a deadly catch and only one of them will survive. One of the most popular children's games they played was the infamous, “Red Light, Green Light”; if you move, you're dead. The game got so popular that many adaptations and remakes came out only days after the show dropped. Many people are wondering what the hype of the show is and why it's been trending so much. Many fans say it's the amazing characters and the very interesting plot that keeps them watching.



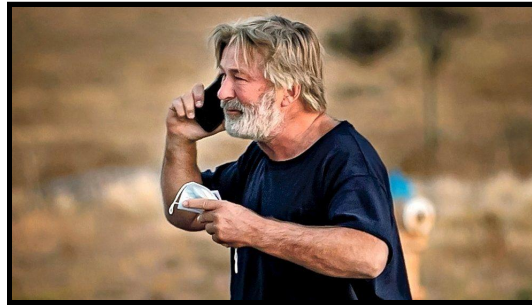
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## Breaking News

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During the filming of the movie *Rust*, director and actor, Alec Baldwin, fired a loaded prop gun at Heleyna Hutchins, the cinematographer. That same bullet wounded another worker, the film director, Mr. Souza. Alec Baldwin was told the gun was “cold,” meaning clear of any ammunition, just before the accident. The set of *Rust* was said to be rushed and caused many other cameramen and behind the scene workers to quit before this incident, due to other mistakes made with prop guns just a few weeks earlier. Producers hurried to hire new cameramen to replace the ones that fled, but at what cost? Currently, the situation is still being investigated by police.



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## Local News

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### Connecticut Children Ages 5-11 are Eligible for Vaccination

It was recently announced by the CDC that the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccination would be eligible to be administered for children between the ages of 5-11. The decision was made on Tuesday, November 2nd, 2021 by vaccine advisers to the US CDC. Members of this advisory committee voted 14-0 in favor of the COVID-19 vaccination being administered to young kids in this age group. CDC Director, Dr. Rochelle Walensky was the last to sign off in favor of the vote. She stated that she was in favor of administering the vaccine because the risks of not administering the shot to these young kids outweighed the risks of administering it. The CDC notes that a total of 745 teenagers and children under the age of 18 have passed away from COVID-19. In regards to this Dr. Walensky said that, "The chance that a child will have severe COVID, require hospitalization or develop a long term complication like MIS-C remains low, but still the risk is too high and too devastating to our children, and far higher than for many other diseases for which we vaccinate children!" According to a report done by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the children in this age group accounted for a quarter of all of the new cases during the past week, making the 28 million newly eligible kids for the vaccine more prominent in decreasing COVID rates than ever.

Although physicians hope for the same effect in kids that they have received from adults, not everything about this new vaccine is the same. The younger age group vaccine, which became FDA approved last Friday, is only one third of the dose of what people ages 12 and older have received. In addition to this, the vaccination is also less concentrated. Doctors said that they hope the smaller dose and other adaptations will help decrease any risks of side effects in the young kids. In Connecticut, Hartford HealthCare vaccinated its first six children on Tuesday evening, with more shots hopefully to be administered as the week goes on. Children in Connecticut will also be able to get the vaccine in pharmacies, pediatricians' offices, and at mobile clinics at some schools. The kids themselves were nervous but expressed that they were more excited than anything. One kid, Kailyn Cronin, said, "I felt very nervous but now it's over. Now we're vaccinated. That's a big step into making the world normal again, so we all don't need to wear masks and for everyone to be safe and healthy."

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# Advice Column and School Announcements

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## *Counseling with Carese*

Hello ASI Students and Staff, long time no see! It is with pleasure that we are continuing the ASI Times for the 2021-2022 school year. Today, the topic of discussion is college applications, which we are in the eye of right now. This can be a very stressful time for seniors, but good time management can alleviate most of the worries. The best piece of advice I can give you is do not wait to do anything; when you have time, use it to your advantage. You want to be fully confident in your application when you submit and, chances are, you would not feel confident in something you rushed through. As of October 1st, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid is open, so if you have not already, make sure to fill it out. The form is necessary for any student planning to attend college. Along with that, the Common App is what most students will use to apply for college; make sure to start early! If anything confuses you, do not be afraid to reach out to your guidance counselors. They are here for your assistance and have no problem answering any of your questions. For the freshman and sophomores, it is never too early to start researching. Your senior year self will thank you for being prepared. To the juniors, senior year will be here before you know it. Begin to think about who you would like to write your recommendation letters and what schools you want to apply to next fall. Lastly and most importantly, college is not a requirement for success. If you decide college is not the next step in your journey, there is absolutely nothing wrong with that. Follow your passions with dedication and I am sure life has something great in store for you.

Until next time, Carese

## Powder Puff Announcements

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Come and support the 6th Annual Powder Puff Game on November 23rd from 6-7pm at Osgood Field, across the street from our school! The powder puff is a flag football game between the senior and junior girls of ASI, and is a popular school event that you can watch and participate in! If you want to sign up to play, make sure to sign up with Mrs. Tabshey in the gym and pay 15\$ for your uniform shirt for game day. You will also have to attend the two mandatory practices, on November 16th and November 18th after school. If there are any senior or junior boys who wish to perform in the halftime show, please see Mr. Bilodeau for more information. For anyone who is playing, performing, or staying for the game you must sign up before Friday November 6th at the main office. Hope to see you there!

## Cross Country

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This year's cross country team had a great year, with the girls team taking home the second place CRAL Championship trophy and freshmen Natalia Torres, Elyse Joseph, Lydia Crespo, and Senior Captain Carese Davis all receiving All Conference Medals. Junior Simon Mamacay and freshman Natalia Torres and Elyse Joseph broke into the Top Ten List of the school's best cross country runners. All athletes made consistent PRs (personal records) throughout the season and many also ran for the state tournament that was held on November 1st on Monday of this week. A big congrats to Carese Davis for completing four years of cross country and for leading the team as the captain for two years!

# Dia De Los Muertos

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Dia de Los Muertos, otherwise known as the Day of the Dead, is a holiday celebrated on November 1st and November 2nd in order to honor the deceased and to celebrate the bridge between life and death in Latin America. The tradition originated in Mexico and honors the dead through family celebrations. Altars, or *ofrendas*, are made for the deceased with photos of them, along with a few key items that are important for their spirits. Every *ofrenda* has to include items meant to represent the four elements, which include earth, water, air and fire. For earth, dirt or ashes are used on altars and a glass of water is placed for the spirits after their long journey. Colorful tissue papers with different themes are meant to represent the air element, and candles are placed to show the fire and light, guiding the spirits home. Some other important holiday items include small sugar skulls called *calaveritas*, incense known as *copal* to cleanse the area, and personal belongings to the deceased.

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Some of the important foods made for Dia de los Muertos include pan de muerto, sugar skulls, tamales, champurrado, and moles. Pan de muerto is the bread of the dead, and is a traditional pastry from Mexico that is placed on the altars as an offering for the spirits. Champurrado is hot, thick chocolate, and moles are rich sauces made of both peppers and chocolate. There are also important decorations that are special to Dia de los Muertos, and one of those is the popular Day of the Dead flowers, *cempazuchitl* flowers. These marigolds and their petals are used as bright decorations for the *ofrendas* and to lead the path to the *ofrendas* for the spirits to follow. Crosses, salt, and tissue paper designs

are also placed on *ofrendas* and are placed all around to show the celebration of death, and not the mourning of death. In order to not insult the dead with sadness, their lives are to be celebrated with their families and through lively celebrations. We hope you learned more about this beautiful tradition!

## November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 NO SCHOOL	3	4	5	6
7	8 GIRLS SOCCER STATES GAME  LAST DAY OF QUARTER 1	9 BOYS SOCCER STATES GAME	10	11 NO SCHOOL (VETERAN'S DAY)	12 DRESS DOWN DAY	13
14	15	16 POWDER PUFF PRACTICE	17	18 POWDER PUFF PRACTICE	19	20
21	22	23 POWDER PUFF (6-7 PM)	24 HALF DAY	25 THANKSGIVING BREAK!!	26 THANKSGIVING BREAK!!	27
28	29	30				