



*CREC Academy of Science and Innovation*

*Mar 4th, 2021*

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### Monthly Announcements

- ❖ March 4th - Dress Down Day
- ❖ March 11th - Students vs Staff Basketball Game
- ❖ March 16-17 - Half Day (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- ❖ March 18th - Dress Down Day - Half Day
- ❖ March 19th - Beginning of Spring Sports

### Mr. Larson's Focus on Science in Our School

I had the chance to sit down with 9th grade science teacher, Mr Larson about his past teaching years and his focus on science. A little bit about Mr. Larson for those who may not know, his favorite color is blue, he has three kids, and was a previous baseball and football coach before beginning his teaching career. When he began focusing on becoming a teacher, which he has been for 17 years now, he doubled down on teaching science in high school due to his enjoyment of previously coaching high school students. Some of the classes he taught here at ASI included capstone, 9th grade science, biology, anatomy, and 9th grade STEM. With that being said, Larson likes the focus on science in our school and when asked if he had the chance to implement a new course of his choosing, he mentioned an “intro to physics and chemistry”. He talked about many students “going into chemistry and not understanding things such as atoms” recently, and has seen students struggle in the beginning of both of these classes. When there used to be a previous intro class to physics and chemistry, he noticed students “owning a better understanding” and simply doing better in those classes. When I shifted the focus to his teaching methods and his reaction to COVID, he mentioned disliking online learning and was happy to see students coming back into the building this school year. I then inquired about how he keeps his students focused, and he said “engaging lessons” and mentioned that information “relevant to the students” helps to keep them interested in science. He recently focused on a lesson about “environmental justice” and connected it to some of his students so they can see how science affects their lives everyday. Even though Larson appreciates science, he also enjoys watching sports and participating in the “students vs staff games” here at our school, and is eager to continue participating.

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# ASI Sports Scoop

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## Boys Basketball Senior Night

The Ravens had a successful senior night with a win against Civic Leadership with a score of 54-40. The four seniors, Yonathon Ramos, Dashaun Brown, Angel Maldonado, and Tyvonn Thompson all ended their senior seasons with a win, adding a sixth win to the overall record. Sophomore Amari Cruz led the team in points averaging 14 points per game, along with 7.3 rebounds per game and an average of 1.9 steals per game. Junior Jayden Newell-Kemp averaged 5.6 points per game along with 6.1 rebounds per game along with senior Tyvonn Thompson, who had a rather short season, however, averaged 4.9 points per game, 2.1 rebounds per game, and 1.3 assists per game. Another top scorer was Junior Nae'shaun Roberson who averaged 7.2 points per game along with 7.1 rebounds per game. Overall the Ravens had strong performances throughout the season and have a lot of up and coming talent for future years to come.



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## Girls Basketball Senior Night



The Lady Ravens took a victory over MLC on their senior night with a final score of 42-29, adding a fourth win to a long awaited rebuilding season. Senior Te'ijah Roberts had her best season yet, averaging 13.5 points per game, 6.5 rebounds per game, and 5 steals per game. Roberts also holds the school record for most assists in a game, most points scored by a female athlete at 661 points, and most points ever scored in a single season. Along with having such a strong offense, our defensive players, Seniors Kaylah Forde and Macyn Rosay, led the defense in securing our season wins. Forde averaged 2 defensive rebounds per game along with 2 steals per game and Rosay averaged 4.5 defensive rebounds per game. The Lady Ravens finished the season strong with their last game of the season, beating HMTCA with a score of 31-25, and had seniors Kaylah Forde, Alice Bidoae, and Te'ijah Roberts contributing points to secure the win. The Ravens had a crucial rebuilding period and have a lot of young talent that will grow during the next few seasons here at ASI.

## Pop Culture and Global News

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### The SAG Awards 2022

On February 27th, 2022, the 28th annual Screen Actors Guild (SAG) Awards took place with tons of new actors winning awards and tons of never-before-seen moments. One of the highlights of the night was when Lee Jung-Jae, who played Gi-hun in the famous Netflix show, Squid Games, won 'Best Performance by a Male Actor' and his co-star, Jung HoYeon, who played Sae-byeok, won 'Best Performance by a Female Actor'. Another big moment from the awards was Tyler Perry and Lady Gaga showing up to the red carpet with Ukraine Flag brooches in showing their support for Ukrainians in response to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. Due to the amazing reviews from the SAG Awards, many screen fans can't wait to see what's in store for next year's show.



Image Source: TheWrap.com

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### Batman Returns!



Image Source: imdb.com

The latest release from DC "The Batman" tallies \$128.5 million at the domestic box office. This is the second highest opening film in the Covid pandemic era. Many fans that went to watch the movie were pleasantly surprised, and claim it was "peak". When the casting for the movie was revealed, there were many fans concerned at the choice of Robert Pattinson for the role of Batman, but as soon as the movie was released, many praised his performance. DC movies have always been known for lacking in some ways, leaving watchers disappointed, but this movie altered that view. Fans are now eagerly awaiting the next DC movie to come.

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## Uncharted: One Hit Wonder?

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The new Uncharted movie, released February 18th, is receiving mixed reviews. The film featuring Tom Holland, most famous for his acting in the Spiderman movies, got a 41% on rotten tomatoes. Many people claimed that it was “uninspired” and that Tom Holland wasn’t a good fit for the main character role since they can’t seem to get his Spider-man image out of their mind. Other reviews stated that the movie was thrilling and a great action movie that paid homage to the game it was created after. “Uncharted” made a whopping \$226.4 million globally, making \$83 million in North America alone. Many people see this film as an opportunity for Tom Holland to finally grow into an actor who is known for more than his superhero role and can’t wait to see which characters he’ll play next.



Image Source: Box Office Mojo

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## Local News

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### Connecticut's Heart Goes Out to Ukraine

Early on the morning of February 24, Russian soldiers flooded over the borders and charged into Ukrainian cities disrupting the peace there. Sadly these attacks affected most of the country, including the nation's capital, Kyiv. The fighting is the result of arguments between the nations for years, and is said to have exposed 44 million residents to conflict on that day. Russia's power over Ukraine has strengthened over the previous year due to the collections of thousands of soldiers and mastery weapons that they have accumulated. It is now because of this increase in issues between the nations that the greatest security conflict since the Cold War has arrived in Europe.

As a reaction to this conflict, schools and organizations all around Connecticut have made contributive efforts through hosting different events and activities throughout the state to show continued support for Ukraine. One example of someone who went out of their way to make a change was Oksana Tanasiv, located in Norwalk, Connecticut. Oksana acts to help out in her community through the best way that she knows how, her artwork. Oksana worked to create many abstract pieces of artwork with signs and symbols that are unique to Ukrainian culture, that could represent peace and perseverance for the Ukrainian people. To show her support, she will be hosting a fundraiser at her gallery on March 12 to raise money for the Ukrainian people, with 100% of the proceeds going towards helping them in what the world is calling, "Putin's War." Another large spectrum of support from the state towards Ukraine was a vigil hosted by Trinity College in Hartford, CT as a symbol of peace for those affected by the violence of Russia. In addition to this the school is also offering a set of unique counseling services to help students cope with the real world issues around them, letting them know that they are supported from an academic and nonacademic standpoint on campus allowing them to better focus on their mental health regarding this conflict. Other Connecticut organizations that are recognizing the conflict are Americares and Save the Children, which have personally already deployed crews down into the country to help with the chaos that has arisen. Along with gathering medical supplies to help aid these refugees, these organizations have also collected food, water and hygiene kits to help out the best with the situation that they can. The passion for helping with this international conflict is overwhelming by the citizens of Connecticut as Gloria Slava, a Windham resident says, "I cry because I am seeing the city which was beautiful and now is being destroyed. It's incomprehensible."

**Written and Edited By: Jasmine Carby**

# Advice Column and School Announcements

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## *Counseling with Carese*

Hello students and staff of ASI, Happy March! This month is always quite long, so try your best to keep pushing. Three more months until we reach the finish line of the 2021-2022 school year! As for today's topic, I would like to talk about healthy nutrition.

As students, eating properly is a pivotal factor in being successful in the classroom. Your body must be supplied with the right nutrients to keep you energized and your brain stimulated throughout the day. Research shows that students learn better when they are eating healthily. Everyone should be eating three meals a day. Breakfast being the first is essential to starting the day strong. A balanced meal should consist of grains, proteins, dairy, fruits, and vegetables; also, drinking enough water is crucial for a healthy diet. Yes, you may be eating enough, but if those meals only consist of unhealthy foods, you will not reap the benefits.

All students should be adopting these habits, and especially those who are student-athletes. Eating right is the only way you can put your fullest potential into each practice, meet, or game. A body lacking nutrition or one that is dehydrated will quickly burn out and not perform at its finest. Take care of your body and watch how much it will benefit you. As always, thank you for listening, and you will hear from me again in April!

Until next time, Carese.

## Spring Sports

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Spring sports are going to be starting in March, and all high school spring sports will begin on Saturday March 19th. All sports have different dates for conditioning so make sure to check in with your coaches to know when pre-season begins. If you are interested in playing for a sport, you need to sign up on Final Forms. It is a digital platform for you to fill out and sign forms that will allow you to play a sport for the school. If these are not completed, then you cannot join the sport. Outdoor track and field, softball, and baseball are the spring sports offered at ASI, however Boys Volleyball will be a club this year, so you need to sign up on final forms and also sign up for the after school club. For questions, ask the athletic director Ms. Scalia.

## Fire Explorers

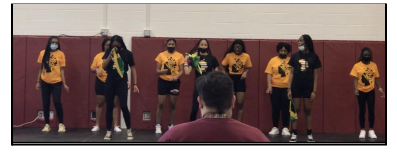
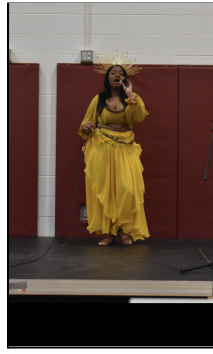
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There is a Civil Service Opportunity and a Hartford Fire Fighter Scout for students who are between the ages of 14-20. There will be open house sessions that you need to register for on March 23rd or on April 6th at 5:30 pm at the Public Safety Complex in Hartford. This opportunity will be a worksite based program with hands-on activities in the career of fire fighting and community events. Young men and women aged between 14-20 can participate in this program if they are Hartford residents and get to have a chance to explore a potential career in being a firefighter. For more information and the application, check on Schoology.

# ASI Black History Month Celebration

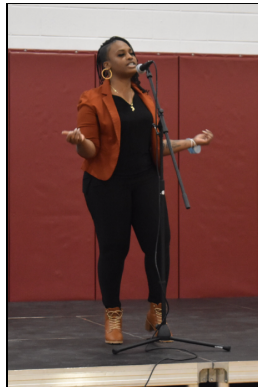
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## Student Performers for BHM Celebration



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## Guest Speakers and Performers at BHM Celebration



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## ASI Winter Concert



## March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 DRESS DOWN DAY!	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 STUDENT vs STAFF BASKETBAL L GAME	12
13	14	15	16 HALF DAY! (PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES)	17 HALF DAY! (PARENT TEACHER CONFERENC ES)	18 HALF DAY! DRESS DOWN!	19 BEGINNING OF SPRING SPORTS!
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			