



CREC Academy of Science and Innovation

October 2022

Monthly Announcements

- ❖ Oct 19th- Early Dismissal
- ❖ Oct 21st- Dress Down Day
- ❖ Oct 24th- Volleyball Senior Night
- ❖ Oct 25th- Girls' Soccer Senior Night
- ❖ Boys' Soccer Senior Night is Currently Undecided

ASI Interview

Ms. Juda

In her eighth year at ASI, Ms. Juda is well-known for her highly demanding classes and commitment to her students. With a bachelor's degree in history from the College of the Holy Cross, a Reading and Language Arts Master's from the University of Saint Joseph, and a sixth-year degree in education leadership from CCSU, Ms. Juda is more than qualified for her position! Ms. Juda teaches AP U.S. Government and Politics and ninth-grade U.S. History; she was brought into teaching by her mother. Young Ms. Juda would help her mother set up the classroom and watch as her mother held a crucial impact on the students' lives. The stories Ms. Juda has heard from her mother's students push her to become an influential figure similar to her mother. Although Ms. Juda may never truly know how much impact her teachings may have, she plans to work hard for the success of her students. When enrolled in one of Ms. Juda's classes you should prepare for higher standards. Don't be alarmed! Ms. Juda only expects the best because she wants the best for you! As stated by Ms. Juda, "teaching is a profession for dreamers. 'Oftentimes, teachers will expect the best in students who haven't seen what their best could be.'" Ms. Juda doesn't challenge her students for her interest, every question, every assignment, and every quiz is given with the best intention for her students. Ms. Juda hopes to give her students the opportunities and confidence needed after high school to pursue their careers with ease. Outside of school, Ms. Juda enjoys spending time with family and friends. She has two young nieces who she holds very dear to her heart and a one-year-old puppy that demands her utmost attention. Ms. Juda also works on household projects, even though she's not the best at them! If given the power to change one thing about the education system, Ms. Juda would create smaller classes and provide more resources for students and families. Ms. Juda states that small classes bring better academic, social, and emotional growth as teacher-student bonds are easily formed and struggling families are more easily supported and a safe environment is formed within the classroom. Ms. Juda only wants the best for all of her students and advises everyone in the school: "Believe in yourself and don't give in to that self-doubt."

Have the scoop? Let us know at [asi.times@gmail.com!](mailto:asi.times@gmail.com)

ASI Sports Scoop

Innovation Soccer



The Innovation sports season has officially begun! The girls team started off their season right with a win against Comp Sci (formally known as Civic Leadership) with a score of 6-0. Two of the goals were scored by sophomore Naida Dautovic, two from sophomore Karina Falcon, and two from freshmen Juliana Childs.

The boys also established a quality start to the season with a win against Prince Tech/University with a score of 3-1. One goal coming from junior Yosef Alsafari, and two coming from freshman Jason Mendez. The girls team is currently 4-6-2, while the boys team is 2-6-2



Innovation Volleyball

Volleyball's first games have gone incredible! The Raven's won 4 games in a row against Comp Sci, Aerospace, Weaver, and HMTCA. The girls first game had a total score of 3-1. The girls worked hard throughout all 4 sets, and were offensively led by their senior middle blocker Tynise Rose and Patrice Broughton who had 12 and 9 kills. Sophomore Madison Ramos had 8 aces and sophomore Patrina McHugh provided 11 assists in her first varsity game as a setter. The girls are currently on a winning streak with only 2 losses all season!



Global News

Mahsa Amini was a 22-year-old woman from Iran. She died from a severe skull fracture caused by 'unknown circumstances'. Before she died, Mahsa Amini went to Tehran to visit her brother. While she was out with her family, she was arrested by the Guidance Patrol (The religious morality police in Iran) for not wearing her hijab according to government regulations. The hijab was worn too loosely and showed some hair. Her brother stayed as close to her as he could. Her brother was told that she would take a 'briefing class' in a detention center and that later on, she had a heart attack and brain stroke. According to some of the other women who were detained with Mahsa Amini, she was beaten and insulted by police and even possibly drugged. Most of the women agreed that she was tortured. Though, according to police, she had a heart attack, collapsed, and fell into a coma. It's worth noting that the ambulance took 30 minutes to get to the detention center and an hour and a half to get back to the hospital. She died two days after the incident.



Mahsa Amini's tragic death sparked mass protests against Iran's strict dress code for women and harsh police brutality. With her story going around the internet, these protests went global too. The protests can be seen all around Iran. One of them was even held right outside the hospital where Mahsa Amini died. Women have even started to take off their hijabs for the protests and many are cutting their hair. Though, people cutting their hair doesn't seem like a lot, it's a sign of unity and a rebellion against the morality police. During these protests in Iran, an estimate of at least 185 others killed and more than 920 badly injured. The youngest known dead is about 10 years old. Constant gunshots are being fired and acid is being thrown at these protests. Those are few things happening to try and stop protests, but with the widespread information about Mahsa Amini, the Iranian government has turned off the internet a few times to try and silence the people's voices. Alongside that, people who have left Iran and spoke out against Iran are not allowed back in without major repercussions (which we can assume is death, at this point).

Lastly, I want to mention some others in these protests. Neda Agha-Soltan: Shot in the chest during protest. Her death was caught on film but is being ignored by the police and government. Navid Afkari: Iranian wrestler who was arrested and executed for protesting in 2018. Mossy Alan Zhang: A well-known actress and journalist went to a large protest and cut her hair in front of everyone. A man got up with her to help cut her hair. Nika Shakarami: Didn't wear a hijab to a public event. She was kidnapped, tortured and so much more. She was just 17. Her family didn't know where she was. She was beaten to the point she couldn't have an open casket. She was thrown off a building and her family was told she committed suicide. Hadis Najafi: 20 year old protested who was shot 6 times and killed. There are so many others I'd like to mention but just too much to say. Please do your research and show your support to those in Iran. Thank you.

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The Girls Teams' Community Service

This past Saturday both the girls volleyball and soccer teams attended the Eversource Hartford Marathon. The course started in the Capital city of Hartford, then the runners went through East Hartford, then to South Windsor, and back to Hartford. The race ended after 6 hours. This race marked the 29th anniversary of the Eversource Hartford Marathon. The girls team set up their places and proceeded to direct the runners to where they were supposed to go throughout the 26.2 mile run. The girls cheered on the 10th grade history teacher, Mr. Person, who is the former cross country coach, and all the other runners.



Local News

Now that October has officially arrived it is time for haunted attractions to begin! Therefore the newspaper will provide a list of their favorite halloween experiences that are in Connecticut.

1. Phantom Fall Fest in Bristol
2. Trail of Terror in Wallingford
3. Legends of Fear in Shelton
4. Nightmare on Wolcott Street, in Waterbury
5. Nightmare Acres in South Windsor



Breaking News

Hurricane Ian leaves not only physical damage but emotional damage as well to those who live in the areas struck by this disaster. Research proves that $\frac{1}{3}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ of people affected by natural disasters will struggle with mental health issues later on in life. Florida is currently fighting this by setting up support centers around the state, as well as a 24 hour disaster distress helpline. The state is taking steps to help people that we have never seen before, and this was because Ian was one of the strongest storms to strike Florida's shore. It is tied as the 5th strongest hurricane ever recorded in the United States, as it almost hit being a category 5.



Image Source: WTHR.com

Ian started off as a tropical storm in the Central Caribbean, and continued to evolve into what became a category 4 hurricane. Ian hit Florida's west coast with intense rain, which led to severe flooding, high winds, and a storm surge of 12 to 18 feet above ground level. This hurricane created a record high storm surge for Fort Myers, being 7.26 feet high.

This storm led to an outrageous amount of damage. There are around 1 million people in Florida still without power. As of October 7th, there have been 119 recorded deaths, which makes Ian the 3rd most deadly hurricane. The national guard has had to rescue over 1,000 people who are stuck in flooded areas, which includes 78 people from a flooded nursing home. Sending love to anyone and anywhere that has been impacted by Hurricane Ian

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School Announcements

Are you a student Athlete who's interested in the growth of ASI's athletics program? You should apply for the student athlete advisory board! This committee will work specifically to strengthen sportsmanship and community involvement.

To join this committee you must:

Be an athlete in grades 9-12 and have a good academic standing

Be willing to contribute

Organize and help lead one community service project

Attend monthly meetings that will take place during school hours

Apply using this link (which can also be found on schoology class pages):

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfk6joZ6gjZWV-1fTC7eudyL5tc3ShG7cktGIvTHzMiMrQg-A/viewform>

Help the seniors' pay off their senior dues, prom tickets, ravenwear, and year book costs with their Butter Braid Pastry and Classic Cookie Dough fundraiser! If you are interested in purchasing, talk to a senior who has an order form. Orders are due by October 18th and delivery will occur on November 8th.

Join the Newspaper!

Want to help us get the scoop? Join the newspaper club! You can either sign up to be an editor, writer, photographer, or news source to help create our monthly newspaper! For more information, talk to Simone LoCasto.

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October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 VB Home game against MLC	4 Girls Soccer Home game against Comp Sci	5	6 Boys Soccer Home game against East Granby	7	8
9	10 Indegenous Peoples' Day- No School	11 VB Home game Against Hartford Girls Soccer Home game against Parish Hill	12 VB Home game against Aerospace	13 Boys Soccer Home game against University/ Prince Tech	14 VB Home game Against Weaver Girls Soccer Home game against Capital Prep	15
16	17 Boys Soccer Home game against Parish Hill	18	19 Early Dismissal Boys Soccer Home against SMSA	20 Girls soccer Home game against Aerospace/inter national	21	22
23	24 Vb Home game against SMSA Boys Soccer Home game against Aerospace	25 Girls Soccer Home game against Classical/Universit y	26	27	28	29
30	31 Halloween! 					

