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Monthly Announcements

- ❖ March 15th, 16th, & 17th: Early Dismissal
- ❖ March 17th: Dress Down Day
- ❖ March 22nd: Early Dismissal

Ravens' Second Round of States!

On Wednesday, March 8th, the Innovation Ravens' High School Basketball team played their second round of the CIAC Class S State tournament at EC Goodwin Technical High School. The boys played a tough game against Bolton High School. The Ravens fell behind early in the first quarter of the game, by ending quarter one with a score of 13-14. But by halftime, they caught back up to the Bolton bulldogs who only had a one-point lead. Nearing the fourth quarter, the boys were able to get ahead of the Bulldogs, ending the game with a win of 59-57. Sophomore Mohammad Kulaib led the game with 19 points, 7 assists, and 4 steals! The boys will play their quarter-final game on Friday, March 10th. We wish them the best of luck.



Have the scoop? Let us know at asi.times@gmail.com!

Girls Basketball

The Highschool girls' basketball team had their most outstanding season yet! The girls had an incredible senior night on February 2nd, saying goodbye to three seniors: Enialex Castener, Niyah Johnson, and Captain Izzy Chaparro. The Lady Ravens faced a difficult game against Achievement First, but overall were able to come out with a win. Freshman Symber Sutton scored a total of 19 points, Sophomore Karina Falcon came out with 12 points, and Senior Niyah Johnson added 3. Overall, the Lady Ravens ended the game with a score of 38-34, adding another win to the girls' stats. In total, the girls had eight wins this year, meaning they were able to qualify for two tournaments (CRAL and CIAC) for the first time in four years.

On March 1st, the Lady Ravens took a long trip to Old Saybrook to play their first round of the CIAC Class S Tournament. The girls played a great game, with Karina Falcon scoring 19 points, Symber Sutton adding 9, and Freshmen Phoebe Candy scoring 4. But, ultimately lost to Old Saybrook with a final score of 32-54.



Indoor Track

At the beginning of February, the Innovation Ravens track team traveled to Hartford Public High School where they had their final meet of the season. All players performed extremely well. The boys 4x200 had time of 1:48.17 with a team of Jayden Boadu, Demareon Taylor, Adrian Almeida, and Clifford Addo. Clifford Addo ran a 7.29-second 55-meter dash. Two of the team's Seniors finished off their Senior year career: Simon Mamaclay ran a 2:56.98, and Amya Ortiz took her final jumps. Lastly, sophomore Elyse Joseph finished this meet by clearing a 4'8" high jump which qualified her for states, along with PR-ing for her 300 with a time of 48.04.



Teacher Interview With Mr. Buckland

Mr. Buckland is a mathematics teacher with 12 years of experience. He was born in Hartford, Connecticut, but was raised in Manchester. He attended MCC for 2 years where he got his associates in general studies, earned his bachelor's in mathematics at Eastern, and a Master's Stem Education at CCSU, and is certified to teach TechEd. Buckland's high school experience was very troubling. He lacked the academic and emotional support needed to have a successful high school career and thus gravitated to teaching. He strives to be what he lacked in high school and provide students with resources for all educational and emotional needs. He understands the fear and anxiety associated with math and hopes to create an environment where all students feel comfortable asking for help. He loves questions and is always prepared when a student is confused about any given topic. In his classrooms, students are welcomed into an ever-loving and supportive community where success and growth are guaranteed. Outside of school, Buckland is an experienced musician with over 20 years of guitar experience. He loves video games, comic books, anime, giant robots, action figures, and fantasy board games. He hopes, one day, that his teaching will provide students with the confidence and independence needed to succeed in adulthood. With a warm heart and dedicated morals, Buckland ensures that no student ever has to face a challenge with hesitation.

Pop Culture News

Starting with her infamous album CTRL back in 2017 SZA has returned with her most anticipated album SOS. Top hits such as Kill Bill and low SZA have been dominating the world charts on all streaming platforms across the globe. With the success she has gained from her work, SZA was able to announce her first tour for her new album with 17 locations across America and Canada. Fans were thrilled with this announcement causing multiple shows to sell out and for her to win the title for Woman of the Year in the Woman in Music ceremony hosted by Billboard. SOS stayed at the top of the charts at No.1 on Billboard 200 for several weeks making the album certified platinum.



Baby Two On The Way!



Rihanna is expecting her second baby with A\$AP Rocky after her baby boy turned 9 months old. This was revealed during the Super Bowl Halftime show, where Rihanna performed a variety of her hit songs such as “We Found Love” and “Diamonds.” But, fans weren’t too focused on the songs themselves. Rather, they were focused on the fact that Rihanna appeared to be pregnant. Her supporters noticed some obvious hints of this, picking up on the fact that her outfit highlighted her pregnancy bump, her lack of movement, and her placing her hand on her stomach numerous times. After her performance, a representative for Rihanna confirmed that she is pregnant.

Breaking News

A huge consequential decision that would affect climate change forever is being made by the Biden administration right now. This is the decision of whether to move ahead with the Willow Project or not. This project is a \$6 billion dollar proposal for the company ConocoPhillips to drill inside the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska. This reserve makes up 23 million acres in Alaska and is the largest tract of undisturbed public land in all of the United States. The government wants to pass this project because it would provide \$17 billion dollars in revenue for federal, local, and state governments and would create over 2,800 jobs (Emily Olsen). But, the huge amount of CO₂ emissions that would occur would create irreversible damage to our earth’s ozone layer, which in turn would worsen global warming across the world. If this project did continue, 9.2 million metric tons of carbon dioxide would be released into the atmosphere per year. But, this can still be prevented. Americans on TikTok have attempted to get the word out about this terrible plan by starting a campaign called #StopWillow. A viral environmentalist, Alex Harus, explains “This is an economic issue, an environmental issue, and a social issue.” This extreme amount of attention given to The Willow Project led to people beginning to take action. As of Friday, March 11th, a change.org petition that supports the end of this project has gained over 3 million signatures, and 1.1 million letters have been sent to the White House asking them to not go through with this plan (Emily Olsen).



What's Happening In Connecticut?: Local News



This month Stone Academy, a school that offers courses mainly for the healthcare field in East Hartford, Waterbury, and West Haven, has announced that the school will now stop its courses since it is closing. The Academy will close all three of its campuses, though not everything was disclosed to the public and its students we know that the academy didn't meet the state's testing requirements and the state's Office of Higher Education said they found a number of compliance issues. Some of these compliance issues included offering invalid clinical experiences and utilizing unqualified instructors (20 percent of them were not qualified to teach in the practical nursing program). On February twelfth there was a fight at a hookah lounge in Manchester that resulted in three arrests. The police were called to the scene after four men got into a fight and just as they left the scene, they displayed a gun. The police arrested two men for possession of a gun illegally and one for active arrest warrants. The weather in Connecticut seems to be changing rapidly even though winter is supposed to end on March twentieth. Researchers have judged that spring may be arriving early in CT. "Judging by how the map has been moving, unless there's a cold front that's predicted to come through in the next week or so, I think it'll continue to move north, and in the next week or so, it'll probably arrive there [Connecticut]," Posthumus said.

School Announcements

High School spring sports are starting this week! Make sure you have signed up for your sport, and you are green in every section on finalforms.com.

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November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Half Day (Parent Teacher Conferences)	16 Half Day (Parent Teacher Conferences)	17 Half Day (Parent Teacher Conferences) St. Patricks Day!	18
19	20	21	22 Half Day	23	24	25
26	27	28	27	30	31	