



THE ASI TIMES

The Academy of Science & Innovation's Student-Run Newspaper

Upcoming Events

- October 3rd: Girls Soccer Home Game @ Goodwin and Boys Soccer Home Game
- October 4th: Volleyball Home Game
- October 5th: Girls Soccer Home Game @ Goodwin
- October 6th: Volleyball Home Game
- October 9th: NO SCHOOL!
- October 10th: Boys Soccer and Volleyball Home Game
- October 11th: Boys Soccer and Volleyball Home Game
- October 19th: Girls Soccer Home Game @ Goodwin and Boys Soccer Home Game
- October 18th: EARLY DISMISSAL!
- October 20th: Boys Soccer Home Game
- October 23rd: Girls Soccer Home Game @ Goodwin and Volleyball Home Game
- October 25th: Volleyball Home Game

BOYS SOCCER

The Innovation Boys' Soccer team has been on a good run in the last week, starting with their game on September 27 against Classical Magnet. The boys played hard, and won the game 7-0, with goals by Seniors Yosef Alsafari, Giancarlo Posadas and Samuel Cruz, Junior Sebastian Bidoae, and Sophomores Gary Ortiz and Jason Mendez.

They continued with aggression later in the week on the 29th when they faced the Eagles of Comp Sci High. They came out very strong despite the heavy rain and won the game 9-2, with goals by Junior Mohamed Kulaib (3), Senior Yosef Alsafari (3), Senior Giancarlo Posadas, and Sophomores Wilder Ortiz and Jason Mendez. Defense was strong throughout the game & only allowed two goals, both by Eagles' Sophomore Jacob Matthieu. The boys play Goodwin Tech, Bulkeley, and SMSA all next week, so let's all wish them luck!



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GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Ravens' Volleyball team has been off to a very good start this season. They played the Trailblazers of Capital Prep on the 25th, and won 3-0. Innovation Freshman Amani Edwards finished the game with 8 kills, and Sophomores Symber Sutton and Phoebe Candy each had 7. Junior Patrina McHugh finished the game with 17 assists, and Freshman Nehae'vah Armstrong had 10 service points during the game. The girls went on later that week to face the Hawks of University, sweeping them 3-0. Freshman Amani Edwards played another strong game, finishing with 4 kills and 10 aces. Junior Patrina McHugh had 9 assists, and Sophomore Symber Sutton had 6 aces. The girls will play International, Achievement First, and Wilcox Tech to start off October. Good luck Volleyball!



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SPORTS SECTION



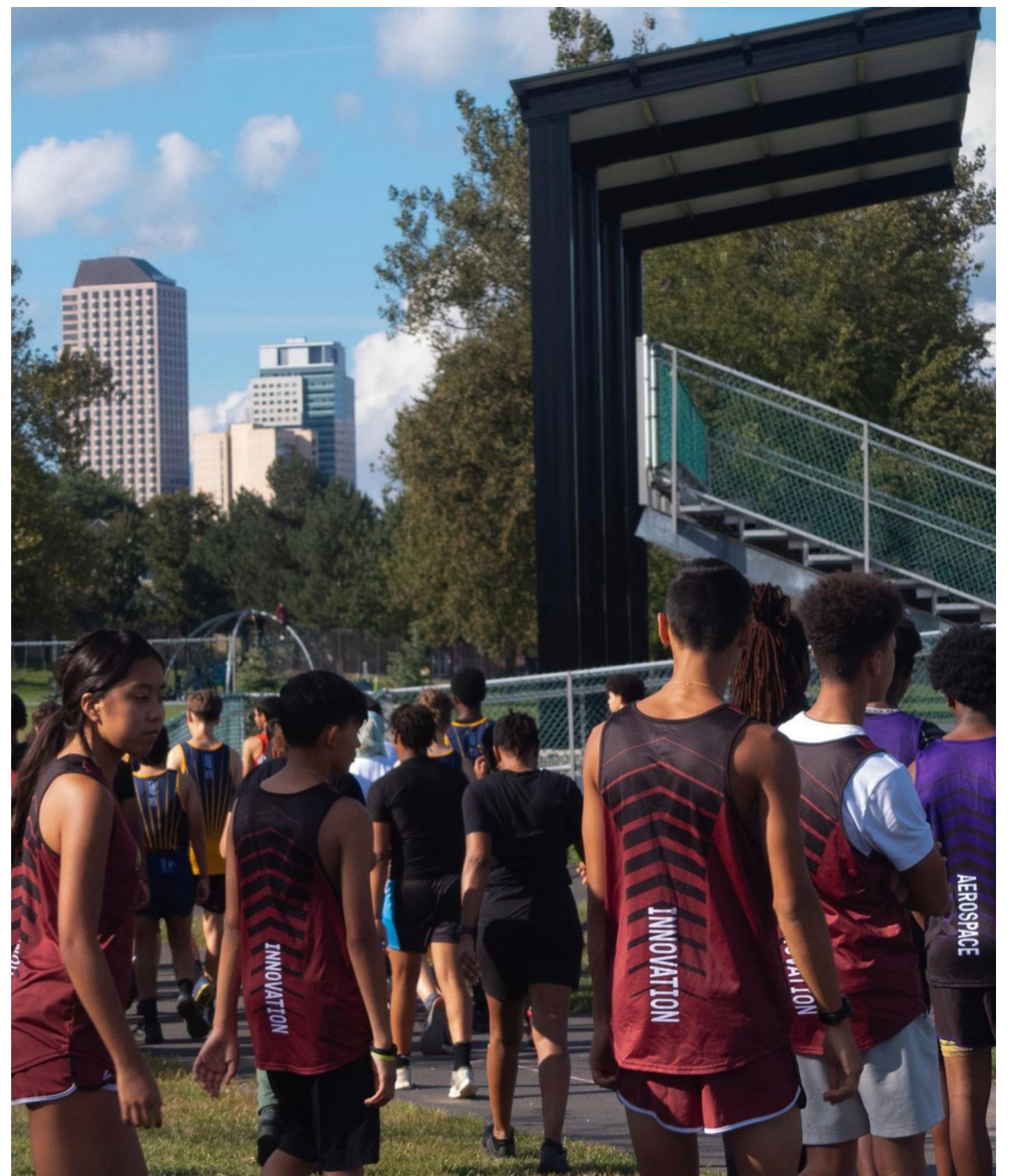
GIRLS SOCCER

The Goodwin/Innovation Girls' Soccer team has had a pretty balanced season so far, with their record now being even at 4-4. The Girls played Prince Tech on September 15th, and finished 6-0, with goals by Innovation Junior Karina Falcón (3), Sophomore Juliana Childs, Senior Simone Locasto, and Goodwin Tech's Junior Kadisha Barbosa. The girls then went on later in the month on September 20th to play Platt Tech. The girls fought hard the whole game, going back and forth on goals.

They pushed through and won 3-2, with goals by Innovation Senior Tamara Lopez, Junior Karina Falcón, and Goodwin Tech Freshman Tabitha Yeziarski. Defense played well, and was able to hold their own, especially towards the end of the game. The girls will play Bullard Havens Tech, Norwich Tech/Holy Family, and Platt Tech, again, during the beginning of October!

CROSS COUNTRY

On September 19th, the Innovation Cross Country team had their second meet of the season at Aerospace. The three runners completed the race with Freshman Immanuel Kearney leading the group with a time of 20:44. Sophomore Adrian Almeida impressively finished the race just 4 seconds short of his personal record, and Sophomore Noah Perez ran his first ever race with a time of 30:51. Then, on September 26th, the team had their third race at Colt Park. Freshman Immanuel Kearney finished the race in 19:30, Freshman Mia Matayoshi finished her first ever race in 31:35, Sophomore Adrian Almeida finished 1 minute behind his personal best, and Sophomore Noah Perez hit a PR with 4 minutes faster than his previous race. The next Cross Country meet will occur in October 3rd at Elizabeth Park. Good luck to the team!





LOCAL NEWS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF KATHERINE COLON

Katherine Colon was fatally struck crossing West Main Street getting hit and killed by a police cruiser early Thursday morning. New Britain officials say that officer Connor Reinsch was responding to a burglary call when he fatally hit and killed Katherine, there is dash camera footage which was sent to state police as the investigation is still continuing. Katherine's daughter Maribel Rodriguez has opened a GoFundMe to raise money for the Funeral cost, asking for the community's support as they mourn her death.

Rodriguez called her mother a "beautiful sunflower" and said, "she was not just a woman who died tragically, she was a caregiver and loved by many". May she rest in peace and get the justice that she deserves, show your support by using the hashtag #justiceforkatherine.



CONNECTICUT NEWS

From concerts and dancing to films, Connecticut residents can enjoy this month-long celebration in different ways.

September 15th to October 15th is Hispanic Heritage Month and Connecticut is celebrating it by holding a series of events from concerts and dancing to films and food. We can see this within communities like Stratford where the 18th Annual Latin Music Festival was held. "Our Hispanic citizens are a huge part of our community and we just want to recognize them" says the mayor of Stratford. The celebration consisted of 45+ vendors and showcase performances from both folkloric dance groups and Latin bands. "We have people dancing and eating, celebrating with friends. They have their own picnic, it's fantastic what happens at the green," says Gladys Ramos.



<https://www.ctinsider.com/things-to-do/article/hispanic-heritage-month-ct-2023-18366786.php>

In Middletown, police arrested two people in a car chase. This occurred when detectives followed a black Nissan that did not have a license. When they tried to stop/approach the car, the driver sped forward nearly hitting the detective. Police stated the car was speeding and recklessly driving between lanes. After chasing the car, they were able to successfully block the car at exit 25-26 on I-91. No one was harmed and officers took two people into custody along with some evidence from within the vehicle. Both people are due in Court on September 27th.



SCHOOL UPDATES

TEACHER INTERVIEW: SEÑORA BECK

Señora Beck, a Middle School language teacher, transferred to High School this year. She has been teaching for over eleven years and is committed to the linguistic growth of her students. With a Bachelor's in Spanish from Roanoke College, a Master's in Education from San Diego State University, and a Master's in Spanish Literature from Idaho State University, Señora Beck found her passion for teaching after struggling through her language courses in High School. High school language courses have always been difficult to teach and learn. Students are often left disengaged or disheartened when learning a new language. Señora Beck wishes to create an engaging and supportive learning environment for all novice and experienced Spanish speakers. If you sign up for her class, expect to talk in Spanish frequently. The best way to pick up a second language is to practice, according to Beck, and there's no better place to practice than her classroom. In her classroom, students are guaranteed to leave with a deeper understanding of the Spanish language. As a teacher, she is committed to her students and wishes to expand their capabilities with a light and manageable workload. As a friend, she hopes to see students grow outside her classroom; in their passions and relationships. Señora Beck is a wonderful teacher and we wish her the best in her transition into High School classrooms.



AN OUTBREAK OF STUDENT LEADERSHIP

As we dive into the 2023-2024 school year things are looking a little different at ASI. The grey, maroon, and black uniforms are gone and the Student-led organizations at ASI have taken a head start on bettering our school environment.

Student leadership and activism at ASI is beaming. Thanks to the ASI Student Senators, in 2022, they proposed a proposal to abolish uniforms throughout the district of CREC. In May of 2023, their proposal was approved, and now, we are seeing this change as students roam the halls in their outfits of choice. The Student Senators, led by Sara Hefnaoui, and Sabrina Lanza, have also worked with Mrs. Mooney to found a Student Advisory Board, otherwise known as a Principals Council. This will serve to give feedback to administration from 6-12th graders about ways to make our school a better community for learning and fun!

The ASI National Honor Society started their year off quickly with establishing a peer tutoring program! ASI High School Students can get help on any assignment for any class by filling out a google form, which will then get them matched with a tutor. This tutoring can take place during a study hall, lunch/advisory block or even after school. NHS will also be partnering with the ASI Sunshine Committee to partake in Socktober! Socktober is a month-long event where organizations all over the United States work to collect new socks to donate to local shelters. ASI will be collecting donations starting October 6th when we encourage students to wear their craziest socks!





DEVASTATING EARTHQUAKE

As of September 11, over 2,680 people died, and more than 2,500 were injured after a 6.8 magnitude earthquake hit the North African country of Morocco late Friday, September 8, 2023. The United Nations estimates that the quake, with its epicenter in the High Atlas Mountains, affected 300,000 people across the region. The earthquake hit 72 kilometers (45 miles) south of the ancient city of Marrakesh, one of the top tourist destinations in Morocco. It reached 6.8 magnitude, with its epicenter in the High Atlas Mountains. Rescuers aim to reach some of the most remote areas of the Atlas Mountains amid reports that some villages have been destroyed. King Mohammed VI supervised the distribution of clean water, food, tents, and blankets among those impacted and the support of search and rescue teams in affected areas. Authorities declared three days of national mourning and the lowering of national flags, but the Red Cross warned that it could take years to repair the damage. A statement from Morocco's Interior Ministry shared that Morocco accepted aid from Spain, Qatar, the United Kingdom, and The United Arab Emirates



<https://www.cbsnews.com/news/morocco-earthquake-pictures-show-devastation/>

BREAKING NEWS

A child was reported for a fall at 7:40 p.m. The fall occurred on Benton Street in Hartford on Friday the 29th of September. The child whose name was not disclosed, fell from a third-story window. The fire department was called to help the eight-year-old boy. The boy didn't have any apparent injuries and was conscious and alert. Although the little boy seemed fine, he was still taken to Connecticut Children's as a precaution just in case he faced any internal or nonapparent injuries. Not much information was released surrounding the incident.

A twenty-two-year-old man in Lexington, MA was arrested on September thirty after being suspected of shooting his mom and her friend on September twenty-ninth. Brent Justice Roman-Finnegan was brought into police custody due to allegations having to do with the double shooting that took place on Keeler Farm Way. Roman-Finnegan's mother had called 911 around 4:46 p.m on Friday saying that her son had shot her friend. The two women were taken to the hospital meanwhile Roman-Finnegan was taken to a hospital for a mental health evaluation and later released back to police custody. He will stay under police custody until his court date.

POP CULTURE NEWS

Rumors have circulated about Pop star Taylor Swift and Football Star Travis Kelce dating after America watched Taylor cheer on Kelce from the stands, with his mother by her side. Fans immediately began to freak out after seeing this, knowing exactly what it meant. While neither Taylor nor Travis has confirmed their relationship, people are already labeling themselves 'Team Travis.' Moreover, fans have begun to believe these two are going to get married all because Taylor's lucky number is 13, and Travis is her 13th boyfriend. Yet, the only confirmation that has been given to the public is "Travis and Taylor are taking things slowly and not rushing into anything serious" which was told to Entertainment Tonight by an inside source.



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Drake's upcoming album, For All The Dogs, release date got pushed back to October 6th due to his ongoing tour. He broke the news to his fans via Instagram story, stating "Okay, my dilemma I am faced with is I either cancel shows to finish the album or I complete the mission and drop the album before the last show," he wrote. "I owe you all these memories we are building and anywhere we have missed to date, we will be spinning back for sure." The album is tied to his slam poetry book "Titles Ruin Everything: A Stream of Consciousness". So far, it is confirmed that the album will feature guest appearances by Sza, Yeat, Nicki Minaj and Bad Bunny.





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THE ADVICE COLUMN



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Seniors, listen up! As we near the end of September, College application season is beginning. Now is the time you should start filling out the Common App, touring colleges, getting rec letters from your teachers, and writing your college essay. Support for doing all these tasks can be found within the staff of ASI, your school counselor, and your peers. If you are not sure what college you want to attend, be sure to go to a college information session.

Here, you will be told all about the college by the school's representative. You can sign up for these meetings by messaging Ms. Sclare. Times like this feel incredibly stressful. But keep pushing through, this is the hardest part of the school year. Keep your head held high and take care of yourselves! :)

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