



The Parish Hill NewsFlash

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Successful Fall Blood Drive

Parish Hill had a large turnout for our blood drive on Friday, November 18th with over 90 donors coming through the door. Students, staff, parents, alumni, parents of alumni, and members of the community at large all came in to help out with this worthy cause. Blood supplies have been low this fall due to combined blood drive cancellations from Hurricane Irene and the October Nor'easter, so the American Red Cross was very happy to receive 71 pints of blood from our drive. Many of our students were first time blood donors. It is our hope that many of them will become lifelong donors. The supporting duties of the blood drive, such as set-up and clean-up, registration, escorts and canteen service, are run by Parish Hill students. Students also donated or obtained supporting supplies.

Parish Hill is also involved in the Bob's High School Heroes College Scholarship Contest and stands to benefit by receiving thousands of dollars in college scholarships for members of our graduating senior class this year. The number of donors coming to our drive makes Parish Hill the top performing school in the State of Connecticut at this time. The results of our spring blood drive on April 3rd, 2012 will determine if we are awarded college scholarships again as we have for the past two years.

Running the blood drive and donating blood are civic duties that our students can participate in with deep satisfaction. The number one reason that people give blood is that they like helping other people, and that is also true at Parish Hill. We received many compliments from the public and the American Red Cross for the large participation by our students for taking part in the blood drive and how helpful they were to all of the donors coming in. As a team effort, the blood drive was one of our most successful ever!

United States Senate Youth Program

Each Connecticut high school is eligible to nominate one female and one male for the United States Senate Youth Program. Based on the criteria of community service and leadership positions, Stephanie Seguin and Brendan McPhearson were among a group of students nominated by the Parish Hill Middle/High School staff. From the nominated students, Stephanie and Brendan were selected by a committee to be Parish Hill's nominees at the state level. Each student was required to write an essay and fill out an application to be submitted to a panel of judges to select the states' finalist. As a finalist, Stephanie Seguin participated in the "Finalist Interviews" on Tuesday, November 22, 2011 at CREC Central in Hartford. Two students from the state of Connecticut will be selected from the finalist to receive a \$5000 scholarship and travel to Washington, DC in the spring as a student delegate.

Veteran's Honored at Parish Hill

In honor of Veteran's Day, Parish Hill hosted a complimentary lunch for Veterans from the tri-town area. Eleven Veterans including Superintendent, Mr. Henrici (Army) and our Director of Maintenance, Mr. Pytel (Marines), honored us with their presence. Veterans were paired with students from the US History II class to share their military and war time experiences. The Veterans were welcomed with a wonderful performance by the Select Chorus singing, "*The Star Spangled Banner*". The ceremony ended with Alex Vieira playing a moving rendition of "*Taps*" in honor of our fallen heroes.

Parish Hill Hosts Annual Career Day

On November 22nd, Parish Hill hosted 30 Career Day speakers including two Parish Hill Alumni students, LeeAnn Vertfeuille and Javier Mercado. Along with many traditional careers, some new and unusual careers were presented including Turfgrass Management, Wildlife Rehabilitation and Equine Management. A complimentary lunch was hosted by the PTO. Many thanks to all the community members who participated.

News from the Accounting Class

Kaelyn Stieg's high school Accounting 1 and Accounting 2 classes participated in the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants Annual Conference at the University of Connecticut on Friday, October 21st. Students listened to three speaker sessions about different careers in Accounting. Topics included were Forensic Accounting, Private Accounting for ESPN and a panel of young professionals ranging from a UConn senior business student to a graduate from UConn's Masters in Accounting program. All students were very engaged, asking questions in each of the sessions and discussing the new facts they learned about this field.

News from the English Department

Ms. Tiffany Smith earned Honorable Mention recognition for the 2011 Connecticut Writing Project Teacher-Consultant Writing Contest in the category of prose nonfiction. Her work has been published in the 2011 Teacher-Writer journal, and she was honored on Thursday, October 27th at the Aetna Awards Night held in the Dodd Center at the University of Connecticut

Music Department

"Guys and Dolls" is here! Students are busy rehearsing and preparing for the February show. Students still wishing to be a part of this experience should contact Mrs. Cannon. Middle and High school students are busy preparing their regional pieces. Students that participated in Regionals for Chorus were: Kevin Seguin, Matthew LaFlamme, Joey LaCasse, Brendan McPherson, Mariah Gonzalez, Ashley Kramer, Cassidy Allen, Samantha Card, Maegan Aube, Meghan Pelletier, Sarah Rose, Alexis Davis, and for Band: Elizabeth Gaston, Maegan Aube, Alex Vieira.

News From Guidance

Seniors should be actively working on their college applications and post-high school plans. School counselors will help throughout this process with advice and answers. Those with early college application deadlines have already applied and some have already been accepted. Those who have not yet applied should be getting applications in, and those who are still deciding should make an appointment to meet with their counselor. Seniors and their parents should apply for financial aid if they are planning to attend any post-secondary education.

In order to be eligible for financial aid, seniors and their parents must obtain PIN numbers at www.pin.ed.gov and apply for the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Most financial aid forms are due by February 15 at the latest – estimate if necessary to meet the deadline. Students applying to certain colleges (mostly independent) may also have to fill out the CSS PROFILE form for financial aid. This form will be requested, with payment due at that time, for each college. Go to <https://profileonline.collegeboard.com> to see if your chosen college(s) requires the PROFILE or to apply. For anyone concerned about completing the FAFSA, there is free help available. Contact Leila Krutt at 860-412-7263 or email her at LKrutt@qvc.comnet.edu. Also, feel free to call your school counselor with any questions.

All students and parents should be aware of the **Parish Hill Scholarship Bulletins** that are distributed to seniors throughout the year and posted on the Parish Hill website at www.parishhill.org under Guidance. These bulletins contain all the scholarships that come into Parish Hill. Students can also search for scholarships on various websites such as www.fastweb.com and www.collegeboard.com.

Please feel free to call or email with questions or concerns about your student.

Parish Hill Honor Roll - 2011-2012

Quarter 1

Student Name	Grade Level
High Honors	
Aube, Maegan	12
Gaston, Elizabeth	12
McPherson, Brendan	12
Seguin, Stephanie	12
Borruso, Randall	11
Clark, Cole	11
King, Shaylee	11
Allen, Cassidy	10
Araujo, Riley	10
Burr, Emily	10
Caron, Daniel	10
Llorente, Alicia	10
Morris, Alarik	10
Allen, Melissa	9
Beaulieu, Courtney	9
Card, Samantha	9
Clermont, Haley Lynn	9
Harrington, Nicklaus	9
Lanham, Justin	9
Morse, Abigail	9
O'Connor, Molly Elizabeth	9
Sprague, Jedidiah Jeffrey	9
Vieira, Alex Brant	9
Burnham, Emma	8
Cordy, Willow	8
Danielson, Sarah	8
Gagnon, Breanna	8
Gonzalez, Elijah	8
Jacobs, Alexandra	8
Kenyon, Olivia	8
LarsenGiangrave, Gus	8
Meister, Hannah	8
Rivera, Olivia	8
Sholes, Zachary	8
Smith, Deven	8
Blanchard, Zoe	7
Bourey, Kathleen B.	7
Burelle, Caleb	7
Burke, Sierra	7
Burr, Audrey	7
Chesters, Sabrina	7
Cioffari, Skylar	7
Davis, Jaida	7
Deal, Marissa	7
Fiasconaro, Lauren	7
Foster, Lauren	7
Gagnon, Haley	7
Grenon, Alexander	7
Hisman, Seth	7
Jacobson, Kyle	7
McElroy, Jessica	7

Mihok, Jordyn	7
O'Connor, Emma	7
Renaud, Katie	7
Stewart, MacKenzie	7
Ventilato, Dylan	7
Vertefeuille, Taylor	7
Vroman, Rachael	7
	Honors
Brousseau, Ashley	12
Chmielecki, Elizabeth	12
Cournoyer, John	12
Danielson, Andrew	12
Fayne, McKenzie	12
Hoskins, Whitney	12
Kinzer, Levi	12
LaCasse, Joseph	12
Love, Cory	12
Regan, Danielle	12
Schweitzer, Alexis	12
Stimson, Desmond	12
Studer, Timothy Jr.	12
Dash, Christopher	11
Finnigan, Molly	11
Lehoux, William	11
Rose, Sarah	11
Stearns, Delaney	11
Thibodeau, Ashley	11
Danielson, Matthew	10
Friedmann, Allison	10
Hope, Tristan	10
Hoskins, Tiffany	10
Pinto, Margaret	10
Salois, Matthew	10
Schaeffer, Michael	10
Shaw, Elizabeth	10
Wasel, Cheyanne	10
DeLeone, Melissa	9
Dunn, Patrick	9
Finnigan, Ryan	9
Haddad, Elizabeth	9
Hoskins, Cory	9
Miller, Molly	9
Mills, Rhys	9
Rodriguez, Karleigh Hunter	9
Rowntree, Dorine Elizabeth	9
Thornton, Kimberly Elizabeth	9
Zacchera, Alexis	9
Bojarski, Lance	8
Bourassa, Allison	8
Card, Zachary	8
Conley, Taylor	8
Davis, Isaiah	8
Gagne, Harold	8
Harris, Marcus	8
Kinzer, Lydia R	8
LaPenta, Sierra	8

Martin, Cassidy	8	Haddad, Cassie	7
Neborsky, Nicholas	8	Haddad, Kayla-Jean	7
Noel, Bryana	8	Harper, Sara	7
Ryan, Matthew	8	Harrington, Cory	7
Savino, Nicholas	8	Hohman, Matthew	7
Sholes, Dylan	8	Islieb, Jacob	7
Studer, Noah	8	Johns, Jordan	7
Welch, Dylan	8	Ladd, Kimberly	7
Beer, Daniel	7	Martin, Harmony	7
Boudreau, Olivia	7	Milhomme, Dylan	7
Clark, Jacob	7	Morse, Patrick	7
Cote, Samantha	7	Powers, Joel Aaron	7
Densmore, Alexander	7	Savino, Madeline	7
Dupuis, Jonah	7	Strong, Kailey	7
Dwyer, Jeremiah	7	Tyler, Ryan	7
Gruwell, Rachel	7	Walton, Patrick	7

Mark Your Calendars!

December 22nd

Winter Band Concert at 7pm

December 23rd

Early Release

December 26th to Jan 2nd

Holiday Recess

*Deadline for submissions for the NewsFlash is due no later than December 23rd.
Please submit via email to kbrown@parishhill.org or by disc. Thank you.*