



Sedgwick Scene

February 2018

Mr. Andrew Clapsaddle, Principal

Mr. Frank Cardona, Asst. Principal

Mrs. Melissa Behrens-Gray, Asst. Principal

Upcoming Events

2/5/18 - PTO Meeting - Café - 7:00 pm

2/19/18 - 2/20/18 - Winter Recess - No School

Student of the Month

Julia V. - Team Colgate



Sedgwick Library

Breakout EDU

How many Nutmegs have you read this year??

It's not too late. Stop by the library to pick some up!

On **READATHON Day, February 16th**, come to the library to participate in the "Nutmeg Breakout Challenge" during one of your academic reading times. Sign up in the library **AHEAD OF TIME** with your teammates (two to four students) to solve epic puzzles based on the 2018 Teen Nutmeg Nominees. We will give you a pass.

Breakout EDU involves locked boxes. Each set up clues you solve will give you a new combination for opening a lock. Open all four locks, unlock the box, and find out what's inside!

All questions are based on the books below. You may use the books to solve the puzzles.

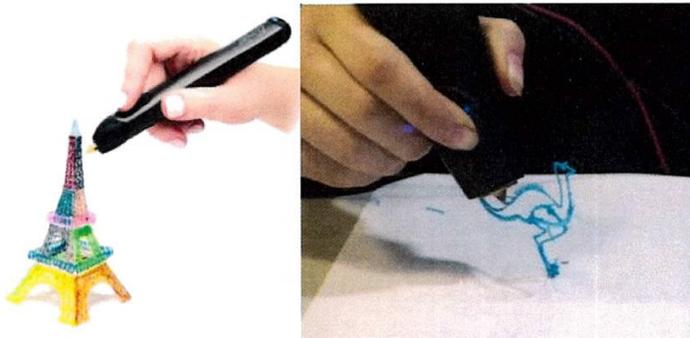


February @ the Sedgwick Library MakerSpace

3Doodler

What will you doodle? Stop by the library's Makerspace, funded by the Foundation for West Hartford Public Schools, to try our 3Doodler pens!

Must have a blue **Makerpass** and **Sign up for a SPOT**, as daily spots are limited!



NEW BOOK CLUB @ Lunch

Do you love to read? Love good books? The join us in the library for "Nerdy Book Club" every Wednesday during lunch for all three grades. Read a "Nerdy Book Club" book and bring lunch to the library to chat about it!

Visit <http://bit.ly/MGNerdies> for summaries!

School Counseling Department



Grade 5 to 6 Transition

5th grade parents and students are invited to Sedgwick for an Orientation/Information Session on Monday, **March 19th** or **March 26th**. Please join us on the following date assigned to your child's current school:

March 19th – Parents and students currently attending Braeburn, Charter Oak and Webster Hill

March 26st – Parents and students currently attending Duffy, Wolcott and eligible Smith students
You will have an opportunity to meet with several sixth grade teachers and our administration in the auditorium starting at 6:30 p.m. This night is for parents and students. If your child will be attending Sedgwick, they will have an opportunity to visit and tour our school during the school day with their current class later in the spring.

Grade 8-9 Transition

The transition process to Conard High School began in January. The following activities are included in the process:

- School counselors from Conard made presentations during an assembly on January 9th. Students were provided with a Conard High School's Program of Studies book, information about overall high school graduation requirements and extra-curricular activities.
- Elective Classes presentations in January to students by Career and Technical Education, Music, Visual Arts, Performing Arts and World Language
- A list of students course recommendations and classes will be accessible in PowerSchool
- Students will register for their 9th grade courses during the week of February 5th with counselors.
- "Meet the Principal Coffee" - on **April 6th starting at 7:30** at Sedgwick. Parents are invited to meet Mr. Duarte (Principal of Conard) and members of the Conard School Counseling Department. Current Conard students will be in attendance to share their middle school/high school transition experience, student life at conard and engage in a question and answer session.
- "A Day in the Life" - Each team will spend a morning at Conard on a date to be determined in May. This small group visit will consist of a tour, panel discussions, and question and answer sessions with teachers, current 9th graders, coaches, club advisors, school counselors and administrators.

Please contact the 8th grade counselor (Mrs. Smith) if you have any questions about the high school transition process.



News from the Nurses February 2018

NEED A FORM? NEED INFORMATION?

Check out the Sedgwick Nurse Blog at
<http://blog.whps.org/sedgwicknurse/>

This is where you can download medical forms, get information on what is happening in the health room and find general information on Middle School health.

WINTER

Snow days and winter illness can result in many missed days of instruction for students. Please open the attached flyer on the importance of school attendance and when you should or should not keep your child home from school. If you have any questions about when to keep your child home, feel free to call the health room and speak with us.

<http://atschool.alcoda.org/files/healthflyer2013.pdf>

6TH GRADE PARENTS

All 6th grade students must have a physical exam performed after July 1, 2016 and up to date vaccinations in order to enter 7th grade. The State of CT required vaccinations for 7th grade are:

Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis: Tdap vaccine

Meningitis: Menactra Vaccine

Chicken Pox: Varicella vaccine #2

If you are unsure if your child has already met these requirements, please contact the health room and we can let you know.

Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have concerns regarding your child's health.

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Grade 6 to 7 and 7 to 8 Mathematics Placement Process

West Hartford Public Schools strongly believe that each of our students must be placed into a nurturing environment where students will be effectively challenged and will be successful. During the upcoming months, the secondary mathematics department supervisors at our middle schools will collaborate with classroom teachers to develop math course placement recommendations for 2018-2019. Teachers will provide input regarding current student progress in mathematics including student performance on standardized measures, classroom performance, and use of higher order thinking skills. Placement recommendations will be determined later this spring and parents/guardians will receive notification when the recommendations are posted in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. Please contact your student's teacher if you have any questions regarding the upcoming math placement process.

Northern Region Middle School Festival Auditions

On Saturday morning, January 6, 40 Sedgwick students arrived at King Philip MS for the Northern Region Middle School Festival auditions. They have been preparing an audition which included a solo piece, scales, and sight-reading. Upon arriving, they got warmed up and then headed off to their audition room. Students performed for music professionals and received a score based on a detailed rubric for their instrument or voice. Though not all of the students made it in, the Music Department would like to congratulate the courage of these students as they take their learning into a real-world application. Regardless of acceptance into the festival, they will receive valuable feedback from the adjudicators which will help them develop their independent musicianship.



Below is a list of students who auditioned:

Owen B., Joyce C., Michael C., Michelle C., Reeve C., Evan D., Maeve D., Jesse F., Riley F., Alessandro G., Rachel G., Cameron H., Noah K., Samantha K., Ethan K., Ewan M., Aaron M., Hannah M., Shirah M., Nicolas M., Benjamin M., Nina M., William M., Andrew M., Sydney M., Reid M., Jack M., Tyler N., Mason P., Zahara Q., Luke R., Max R., Gabriella R., Angelina S., Kevin S., Zoe S., Thatcher S., Charlotte T., Michelle V., Grace W.

Great job to everyone!

The Music Department

Conard High School Ice Cream Social

CONARD MUSICAL PRODUCTIONS ICE CREAM SOCIAL & FUNDRAISER WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, @ 6:30

Rehearsals are in full swing at Conard High School
for this year's production of *Urinetown the Musical*.

Join the cast and crew at **6:30 pm** on Wednesday, February 14,
in the Conard High School auditorium, for a ***sneak preview***
of select musical numbers from the show.
Then enjoy a sweet treat afterwards at the

Ice Cream Social

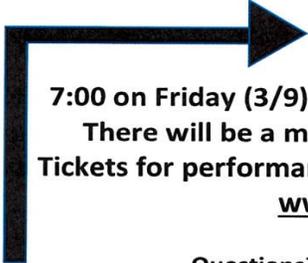
check out the

basket raffle & silent auction

at **7:00 p.m.** in the Conard High School Cafeteria.

**Come on out and support the rich tradition of
Conard's musical theater program that began in 1959.**

Tickets are \$5.00 at the door.



Performances of *Urinetown*

7:00 on Friday (3/9), Saturday (3/10), Friday (3/16), and Saturday (3/17).

There will be a matinee performance at 2:00 on Sunday, March 11.

Tickets for performances available for purchase beginning February 21 at:

www.ConardHighSchoolMusical.com

Questions? Please contact us at ConardMusical@whps.org

LIKE us on Facebook: Conard High School Musical Productions

Rethinking School Start Time Committee

Last year, the West Hartford Board of Education directed West Hartford Public Schools to establish a research committee to investigate the challenges and benefits of adjusting school start times. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the American Medical Association (AMA), the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and other health organizations support later school start times because of the positive role adequate sleep has on adolescent mental and physical health. The Board's decision to research this issue is in response to these recommendations.

In the fall of 2017, the Rethinking School Start Time (RSST) Committee, a group of volunteer parents, students, teachers and administrators, began a one-year study of the issue. The committee is examining the impact a change will have on the educational program and is providing the West Hartford Board of Education updates on its work throughout this school year.

One important aspect of the committee's work is to gather information from stakeholders regarding possible changes to the current school start and end times. To that end, the committee will issue a survey for parents, teachers, and secondary school students at the end of February. Remaining open through the end of March 2018, the survey will provide an opportunity to collect important information that will be presented to the Board of Education at the May 2018 meeting.

The survey is one way for stakeholders to communicate their questions, comments and concerns. If you prefer to use email, please direct any comments to RSST@whps.org. Please be aware that every Board of Education meeting includes the opportunity for public comments. You are always welcome to attend and address the Board of Education members in person.

A survey will be sent at the end of February.

THE UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH PRESENTS

Okee Dokee Brothers



**SATURDAY
MARCH 24, 11:30 A.M.**

BACK FOR THEIR SECOND YEAR

Joe and Justin were born adventurers. Now, as the GRAMMY award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers, they have put this passion for the outdoors at the heart of their Americana folk music. Together, Joe and Justin record and perform family music with a goal of inspiring children and their parents to get outside and get creative.



“The mix of fun song-writing and folksy rhythms takes the younger listeners on an adventurous trip.”

- NPR

Use the code **WHPS5** for \$5 off each general ticket

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FAMILY OF FOUR: \$50

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