Sedgwick Scene
February 2019

Mr. Andrew Clapsaddle, Principal

Mr. Frank Cardona, Asst. Principal

Mrs. Melissa Behrens, Asst. Principal

Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY DATES:

2/6 - Fitness Night 6:30 PM - Gym

2/11 - Spring Festival - 6:00 PM - Gym

2/13 - Fitness Night 6:30 PM - Gym

2/15 - Read-a-Thon

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

2/20 - Fitness Night 6:30 PM - Gym

2/22 - Snow Date - Read-a-Thon

2/27 - Fitness Night 6:30 PM - Gym

ESOL student of the month

Mia M. - Team Colgate

Technology and Engineering Education Safety Engineering Crash Test Project:

In this arts rotation, students in Ms. Nagler's 7th grade technology and engineering classes, took on the role of employees in the safety engineering department at a major automobile manufacturer. They were assigned the task of designing and installing safety devices (e.g., airbags, seat belts, and efficient crumple zones) for a new test vehicle. The vehicles they designed went through a head-on collision, as well as a rollover, crash test. The vehicles were supposed to successfully complete these tests while protecting the passenger (a raw egg) from getting hurt (cracking). The vehicles were designed following many different criteria and constraints. Following the tests, the students began analyzing the effectiveness of their safety features. Below is a picture of some of the safety engineers and their vehicles which rolled down a ramp placed in a stairwell to simulate a head-on collision.

Join us!

5th to 6th Grade Transition Night

Sedgwick Middle School

Parents and students are invited to join us at Sedgwick Middle School on the date assigned to your child's current school.

6:30-7:30 pm - Auditorium

Monday, March 18th
Braeburn, Charter Oak and Webster Hill

Monday, March 25th
Duffy, Wolcott and eligible Smith students

Snow Date: April 1st

TRANSITION to Middle School

News from the Nurses
February 2019

ATTENTION 6TH GRADE PARENTS

BEFORE entering 7th grade, all students must have documentation at school of having received a physical exam (performed ***after*** *July 1, 2017) and up to date vaccinations.*

The State of CT required vaccinations for 7th grade are:

Tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis: (Tdap vaccine)
Meningitis: (Menactra Vaccine)
Chicken Pox: (Varicella vaccine Dose #2)

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

The documents can be sent to school with your child, via regular mail, email or fax!

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

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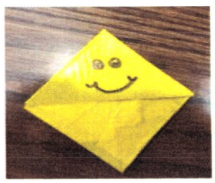
Sedgwick Library: **FEBRUARY MakerSpace** ThemeS

DUCT TAPE BOOKMARKS



Get a blue Maker pass and SIGN UP to stop by and make something at the library during Advisory, lunch, or learning lab!

BOOK HEART ART

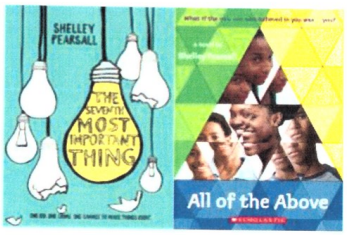
COMMUNITY MURAL

What will this month's theme be?

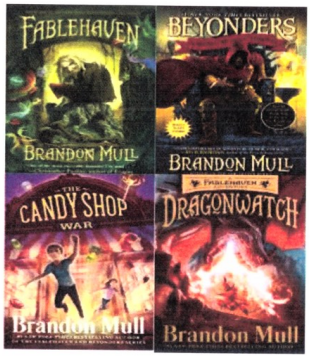
AUTHOR SKYPES @ Sedgwick Library
READATHON DAY February 15, 2019

Sign up in the library to come speak with one of the amazing authors below! The library will be hosting three Skypes on Readathon Day! Students must have read at least one book by the author to sign up for the Skype.

BRANDON MULL



SHELLEY PEARSALL



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Northern Region Music Festival

49 Sedgwick Band, Orchestra and Choir students auditioned for the Northern Region Music Festival on Saturday, January 12th.

The Northern Region festival is sponsored by the CT Music Educators Association. It provides an opportunity for advanced music students in the Northern region of Connecticut to perform together with students from neighboring districts. Students prepare an audition for the festival and if selected perform in one of the following groups: Chorus, Band, Orchestra, or Jazz Band. The ensembles perform advanced Middle School literature in a beautiful concert hall at Wethersfield High School. The students benefit from the opportunity to rehearse and perform under the direction of distinguished ensemble conductors.

The following Sedgwick Music students participated in auditions this year:

Esteban B.	Vincent C.	Ethan K.	Mason P.
Alexander B.	Julia D.	John K.	Dominic Q.
Mailina B.C.	Evan D.	Chloe L.	Alexandra S.
James B.	Maeve D.	Sam L.	Andrew S.
Maisie B.	Giancarlo F.	Nathan L.	Sadie S.
Owen B.H.	Lillian F.	Aaron M.	Zoe S.
Alexander B.	Jesse F.	Benjamin M.	Thatcher S.
Charlotte C.	Riley F.	Reid M.	Gabriel S.
Sara C.	Julian H.	Sofia M.	Ella S.
Michael C.	Luke J.	Tyler N.	James T.
Michelle C.	Maria K.	Isaac N.	Charlotte T.
Elijah C.	Noah K.A.	Chloe P.	Grace W.

How to Pay for College

February 2019

Dear Families:

Please join us next Wednesday, February 6th from 6:30-8:00 pm in the Conard H.S. auditorium for a "*How to Pay for College*" presentation with guest speaker Charles Wareham from Valark Financial.

Some of the topics to be included:

- **How to pay for college without bankrupting your retirement**
- **Reviewing advice that may actually be detrimental**
- **What not to do**
- **Best loans to look at and ones to avoid**
- **Top myths about financial aid**

We look forward to seeing you!

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West Hartford Public Schools

Everyone's talking about the rising cost of college.
If your high school freshman, sophomore or junior plans to attend a four-year college or university, this presentation is for you.

HOW TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

West Hartford Public Schools welcomes one of New England's leading experts on college funding strategies to show options and offer insights you may not hear anywhere else.

Our Guest Speaker

Charles Wareham
Financial Advisor, Registered Principal

Charles Wareham, a trusted college planning expert and founder of Valark Financial is passionate about helping families succeed.

Although funding college has become more complex, Charles and his team simplify the process and help families make the most of their resources.

Since 1992, he has specialized in college funding strategies, planning for retirement, and personalized investment portfolios.

High Schools and groups across Connecticut frequently invite Charles to speak on smart money moves, and how to fund a college education.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th FROM 6:30 TO 8:00 PM, AT CONARD HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM.

LEARN
The realities of paying for college, and how to do it without bankrupting your retirement.

SEE HOW
Advice you've received from your financial advisor or CPA may actually be detrimental to your ability to pay for college.

WHAT NOT TO DO
Find out the steps you can take to avoid shooting yourself in the foot when applying for financial aid.

DISCOVER

- The most effective way to save and invest for college
- Best loans in today's economy and types you should avoid
- How to make the most of the financial aid system
- How to negotiate your financial aid package
- Resources for scholarships and when to apply
- Top myths about who qualifies for financial aid

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

West Hartford Public Schools

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Can't attend? Call Valark Financial Services at (860) 218-2048 or visit www.Valark.com for additional resources, or an individual no obligation consultation.

Reference # 2015 AD2211

SEPTO Transition Planning Night

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

(snow date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019)

7:00-8:00pm

King Philip Middle School

Location: 'The Commons'

Pre-School to Elementary
Elementary to Middle School
Middle School to High School
High School to Post Secondary

Please join **SEPTO** and **Pupil Services** for the **Annual Transition Night**. Transition Night is scheduled for West Hartford parents of children transitioning into Kindergarten, Middle School, High School and Post-Secondary programs.

Gretchen Nelson, Director of Pupil Services and school personnel will discuss the transition process and programs available to students receiving special education services at each level.

Parents and Guardians are encourage to attend if their student is transitioning to a new school in the fall of 2019.

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PLAYHOUSE ON PARK

CELEBRATING TEN YEARS!

Winter/Spring Playhouse Theatre Academy Classes

Playhouse on Park announces the Playhouse Theatre Academy! Dedicated to offering professional theatre programs for emerging artists of all ages and abilities, all students will learn from expert faculty who will share their exceptional abilities and love of theatre. **The 224 EcoSpace** - Playhouse Theatre Academy is located at the beautiful 224 EcoSpace, 224 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105. Here you will find plenty of off-street parking, beautiful waiting areas, and dedicated teaching studios.

MONDAYS: Creative Kids (Grades K -2) Mon. 4:30 - 5:30 pm, **Instructor: Tori Mooney**
(also see the **Saturday Creative Kids** sessions below)
Winter: classes begin 1/14 ***Spring:*** classes begin 4/15

SATURDAYS: *new* Creative Kids (Grades K -2)

Sat. 10:00 am - 11:00am, **Instructor: Elizabeth Simmons**
Winter: classes begin 1/12 **Spring:** classes begin 4/20

Creative Kids Mon/Sat Class Description: Welcome to the basics of theatre! Children will be introduced to theatre through creative play. Exercises and games will focus on acting, storytelling, puppetry, music, and movement
Student Prerequisite: Students must be currently enrolled or have completed Kindergarten to register.

MONDAYS: Puttin' On A Show (Grades 1-3)

Mon. 5:30 -6:30 pm, **Instructor: Tori Mooney**
Winter: classes begin 1/14 ***Spring:*** classes begin 4/15

Puttin' on a Show Class Description: This class is geared more towards the process of putting together a script and a performance utilizing the fundamentals that our students have previously gained from the CREATIVE KIDS class.

WEDNESDAYS: Young Actors (Grades 3-5)

Wed. 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Instructor**: Emily Santarsiero**
Winter: classes begin 1/16 ***Spring:*** classes begin 4/1

Young Actors Class Description: Young Actors will allow upper elementary students their own space to explore acting in Improvisation, Scenes, and New Plays.

***Fees for classes described above:** $135. There is a once a year additional $15 registration fee. **Discount:** We offer a 10% sibling discount

THURSDAYS: Actor Performance Training Program (Grades 6-8)

Thurs. 4:00 - 5:30 pm, **Instructor: Emily Santarsiero**
Unit 2 (Winter): classes begin 1/17 ***Unit 3 (Spring):*** classes begin 4/18

Class Description: This class is for middle school students who are interested in improving their acting and performance technique. This class will be broken into three units to allow for in-depth study of various acting topics. **Fee:** $600. There is a once a year additional $15 registration fee.
Note: This class is a YEAR LONG class, new joining students are currently being accepted.

COMEDY/IMPROV (Grades 3-8)

Wednesdays. 5:30 - 7:00pm, **Instructor: Helena Morris and TBA**
Winter only: classes begin 1/30

Class Description: A team (director/clowning instructor) will teach this special 5 week class for students who love to improv, tell jokes, and act out comedic characters! **Fee:** $120

For more information and to register, visit www.playhouseonpark.org.

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CREATE A FUTURE. BE A MENTOR!

Youth mentoring is a sound personal or business decision. Thousands of companies and individuals across Connecticut and America invest in mentoring as a means of providing a positive influence on young peoples' lives and their communities.

January is National Mentoring Month and the West Hartford Public School System is launching a recruitment campaign called 30 Mentors in 30 Days. The January month-long campaign will focus on the need for community involvement in youth mentoring and how each of us – individuals, businesses, schools and other organizations – can work together to increase the number of mentors and assure brighter futures our young people. Please consider taking only one hour per week (and even less in some schools) to support a student.

For additional information, please contact Carol Wilkas, West Hartford Public Schools, District Coordinator at 860-231-6009 or your school's site coordinator.

HELP PASS THE TORCH TO A YOUNGER GENERATION.

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