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CONNECTICUT STATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL ON EDUCATION
"Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award"
Project Nomination Form

Project Title: NJHS Projects

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hour/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and
Citizenship... this is NJHS where we take part in
our community. For two years 18 leaders have
brought happiness to others. one of our favorite
activities is Reading Buddies where monthly we read
with about 200 children from local elementary
schools. Also, we wrapped and gave out 80 holiday
gifts to preschool children. We have donated nearly
\$1000 and many canned goods to our regional
food pantry and helped prep boxes for delivery to
30 local pantries. Finally, we brought joy to 50
seniors at the senior center by playing various
games with them.

Student Spokesperson: Elin Iita

Faculty Contact Person: Betsy Russell Phone: 203-260-0252

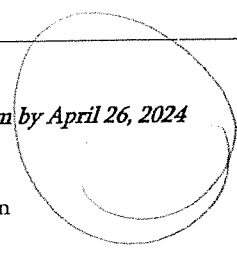
School Name: Bennie Dover Jackson middle Fax: _____

School Address: 36 Waller St New London CT 06320
Street Town State Zip Code

Principal's Signature: 

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Project Title: Peace Day, December 1st 2023

Description: (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

Peace Day was organized by a group of 20 students and staff over two months. Our mission was to address and alleviate suffering after the devastation that began on 10/7/23. The event involved selling bracelets, baked goods, and shirts, bringing in speakers, and participating in educational workshops. We heard from a former IDF soldier and an Imam, learned about the history of the conflict, and gave up our lunch time to walk for peace. The day involved participation from the entire school (1600 people) and it raised over \$4,000, which was donated to multiple relief organizations in the Middle East.

Student Spokesperson: Julia Walters

Faculty Contact Person: Jodi Nova-Robinson Phone: 917-734-7332

School Name: Fairfield Ludlowe High School Fax: 203-255-7213

School Address: 785 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Principal’s Signature:

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Project Title: Hillside Food Outreach

Description (brief but detailed - including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

Hillside Food Outreach is an organization that serves the greater Danbury area. Volunteers pack up a month's worth supply of groceries and then deliver it to clients that have been assigned to them. Most people have 1-2 clients, however I took on 6 clients. I pack up groceries and deliver them once a month. I have been doing this for 2 1/2 years now and I love it. It feels absolutely amazing to give back to my community. The feeling of knowing that I made a difference in somebody's life makes me feel grateful. I have made connections with all of my clients that will last a very long time. This volunteer experience has also opened my eyes because I never knew that people who live so close to me struggle so hard. I also strive to be as brave as my clients; they are always smiling and kind. Their actions make me reflect on myself. I will double check myself if I get sad or angry over little inconveniences.

Student Spokesperson: Tribby Cellamare

Faculty Contact Person: Wendy Neil Phone: 203.744.1510

School Name: Immaculate High School Fax: _____

School Address: 73 Southern Blvd Danbury, CT 06810
Street Town State Zip Code

Principal's Signature: Wendy M. Neil

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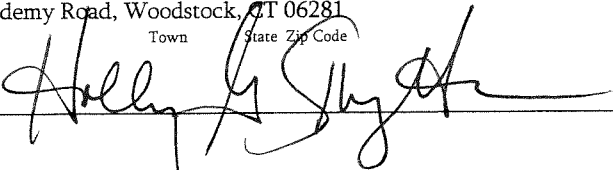
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Project Title: **B Club – Social Engineers for Good Days and Better Tomorrows**

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

The B Club is a student-led group with a goal of positively affecting our local community. Specifically, we focus on raising money for a student’s medical expenses, and providing normal life experiences to the student we support. This year, through numerous bake sales and the determination of its members, the B Club has already met the annual goal of raising \$5000 which we are immensely proud of since most of these funds were raised \$1 at a time! The total raised in the last few years is \$31,000! The B Club continues to have one of the largest memberships on campus as it strives to empower students to learn benevolence and empathy. It establishes positive school role models who value and are willing to champion those less fortunate.

Student Spokesperson: Campbell Favreau
Faculty Contact Person: Holly Singleton Phone: 860-928-6575
School Name: The Woodstock Academy Fax: 860-963-7222
School Address: 57 Academy Road, Woodstock, CT 06281
Street Town State Zip Code

Principal’s Signature: 

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TO: High School and Middle School Principals, Staff Members and Students

FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education

DATE: February 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award Program

Please share the following message from our State Student Advisory Council:

The State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) is pleased to offer the Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award Program.

The recipients of these awards embody the spirit of citizenship, commitment to serving others, and altruism. Any student-organized activity that demonstrates intrinsic kindness is eligible for submission. Submitted projects will be evaluated on the basis of the depth, breadth, and quality of impact on others.

Reflect on the organizations within your school community. Do any of them epitomize exemplary civic awareness, cooperation, and boundless potential for community impact? If so, SSACE asks you to give them your thoughtful consideration for this recognition.

Schools may submit more than one project. Please complete a separate form (master copy attached) for each project. Every project submitted will receive a certificate of recognition. The members of SSACE will carefully evaluate and select between 10 and 20 statewide winners. All submissions will be published in a pamphlet and distributed statewide to allow for replication of successful projects.

Awards will be presented in late May or early June. We hope this year every middle and high school in Connecticut will submit at least one project in order to properly recognize the hard work of students who work tirelessly to improve their communities. Thank you.

Attachment

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Project Nomination Form

Project Title: **FutureScript – Empowering students through technology**

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

Mission: Increase accessibility of computer science education and resources for underserved communities.
(www.futurescript.net)

Number of individuals served:

- Over 300 families have been contacted as part of outreach programs since inception in Dec 2023. Further collaboration with other educational institutions (Yale) and local educational centers (WorkspaceCT) along with scheduled summer camps (virtual and in-person) is expected to benefit an additional 200+ students this summer.
- There are 4 board members, including the founder, all of whom are high school students.
- As of today, the team has put in over 100+ hours of volunteer work, including conducting workshops for the local communities and early development centers. These hours are expected to increase considerably as more volunteers sign up and the operations expand to more towns.

Benefits

- FutureScript offers free computer science education to students in grades 1-10. The focus is on improving awareness and access to computer education for under-resourced and underserved communities. The current objective is to expand the sphere of influence across CT and NJ.

Years of operation

- FutureScript was set up in Dec 2023 as a 501-(c)(3) organization (EIN # 93-4813699)

Student write up

FutureScript is a nonprofit, providing free computer science education to underserved students. We build awareness about tech career paths and enable students to benefit from the unprecedented potential of STEM. In just 4 months, our team of 4 has reached over 300 families through events in Hartford and Danbury. Upcoming collaborations with Yale University, WorkspaceCT, and various summer programs will benefit 200+ students across Southwestern Connecticut. As we expand with more volunteers, FutureScript aims to impact 1000+ children in CT and NJ within a year. By bringing CS education to under-resourced communities, we unlock doors to a brighter, technology-driven future for all.

Student Spokesperson: _____ Aakarsh Patel _____

Faculty Contact Person: Joy Squitieri _____ Phone: _____

School Name: Ridgefield High School _____ Fax: _____

School Address: 700 W Salem Rd _____ CT _____ 06877 _____
Street Town State Zip Code

Principal's Signature: _____
(Handwritten signature)

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The Unified Sports Club has been active at RHS for 7 years with the goal of creating an inclusive environment where Ridgefield High School students with and without disabilities can interact and form relationships while learning new skills and building a team. The club has had 17 partner students and 9 athletes (students with identified disabilities) active this school year, and many more over the last 7 years. As a club we meet for an hour every Monday after school for practice. We play soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter (our team's favorite season), and volleyball in the spring. Additionally, we participate in tournaments against many neighboring schools, and during basketball season we typically have a scrimmage against another local high school. Unified Sports is meaningful to the Ridgefield community as it creates a bond between all students at RHS, and it provides an opportunity for all students to enjoy sports and experience being part of a team, an activity that we believe should be available to everyone.

Student Spokesperson: Nicolas Genna

Faculty Contact Person: Megan Calderwood Phone: (203) 894-5750

School Name: Ridgefield High School Fax: _____

School Address: 700 North Salem Road Ridgefield CT 06877

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Principal's Signature: 

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Student Spokesperson: Aadit Jerfy (Founder)

Faculty Contact Person: Mr. Jeffrey Tolson

Phone: 203-426-7646

School Name: Newtown High School

Fax: 203-426-6573

School Address: 12 Berkshire Rd

Sandy Hook

CT

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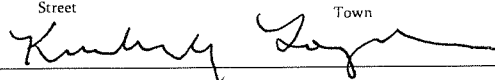
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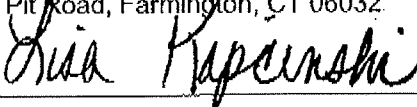
In our Crew, we have been learning how to crochet to support the Project Linus foundation. The Project Linus Foundation creates handmade blankets for kids who have suffered trauma. Project Linus creates and hands out handmade blankets, which helps comfort little kids. While crocheting we felt connected being of service for younger kids and we were extremely focused as we were learning a new skill. Many of us knew how to crochet or picked up on it fast and taught others who were struggling. Allowing ourselves to do this we were able to build stronger relationships within our classroom.

Student Spokesperson: Sharvani Thyarla

Faculty Contact Person: Lisa Karcinski, Principal Phone: (860) 677-2683

School Name: Irving A. Robbins Middle School Fax: (860) 676-0697 (fax)

School Address: 20 Wolf Pit Road, Farmington, CT 06032.

Principal's Signature:  _____

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Project Title: **Empowering Preschoolers**

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Our school uses the CREW model as an advisory period in the schedule. Forty-two students from our team's CREW collaborated for an hour to create and lead a lesson to empower the roughly twenty preschool students in our building. We learned that they were learning about positive affirmations, therefore, we served as civic-minded contributors to help them continue to gain confidence in themselves so they can learn at their highest potential. We developed a creative idea of putting affirmations in fortune tellers with colors and numbers as well. In addition, we read them the book 'Life' by Cynthia Rylant and Brendan Wenzel. Furthermore, we decorated their lockers with mirrors so they could "reflect" on these affirmations. The preschoolers were very happy and excited that older kids were helping them in their ongoing learning and further getting them ready for elementary school.

Student Spokesperson: Anthony Reed

Faculty Contact Person: Lisa Kapcinski, Principal Phone: (860) 677-2683

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Project Title: **Podcast Challenge**

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The Podcast Challenge is designed for 7th-grade students to explore global topics and educate people around us. Students spend about a month working on their projects, totaling about 25 hours of researching, writing, recording, editing, and producing their podcasts. About 330 7th-graders participated in this project in 2024. IAR introduced the Podcast Challenge in 2020, thus making this the fourth successful year. This challenge annually serves about 330 people, with a potential for more listeners. The topics create a positive impact on the individuals and community, as they bring more awareness and more followers, resulting in a call to action.

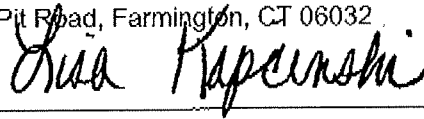
Student Spokesperson: Ananya Ghatti

Faculty Contact Person: Lisa Kapcinski, Principal Phone: (860) 677-2683

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Project Title: **Project Paideia**

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Paideia is a project about 300 8th graders each year have to accomplish. We pick a topic that influences Connecticut from a big list and then we study that topic and interview experts. Some examples of topics are Witchcraft Trials, Albert Pope, Samuel Colt, and more. We then write a formal paper on the topic. But afterwards, together with a small group, a partner, or by yourself, you can create a poster, a documentary, a live play, or a digital play. Out of all the students, each year they have a chance to get their work displayed in a museum.

Student Spokesperson:

Faculty Contact Person: Lisa Karcinski, Principal Phone: (860) 677-2683

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Project Title: **Medical Moment**

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At IAR, every 8th-grade student was tasked with extensively researching a disease/disorder of their choice and ultimately creating a final product to enlighten others. This project, called Medical Moment and spanning about two months, let students exercise diligence, responsibility, and empathy - three key qualities of citizenship. By having students educate their peers about challenges faced by millions of people, it increased civic awareness within IAR. Finally, the winners of Medical Moment won the ability to donate money to any charity of their choice, an altruistic act that ensures a lasting impact on communities all around the globe.

Student Spokesperson: Arjun Mishra

Faculty Contact Person: Lisa Karcinski, Principal Phone: (860) 677-2683

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Project Title: **Dylan's Wings of Change**

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Dylan's Wings of Change is a foundation that was created to honor Dylan Hockley. Dylan was killed on December 14th, 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The mission of this foundation is to focus on leadership skills and team-centered mentalities that inspire these core values. Here at Irving Robbins Middle School, we think carefully about our activities that we direct and make sure all students learn about leadership and teamwork. So far this school year, we have led 5 different team-building activities in all 30 of our CREW classrooms. In the month of February, we held an activity called, "The Tin Can Pass." In this activity, students worked with their peers to pass the tin around with just their feet. As we continue this month, we hope to continue to help support to promote kindness and teamwork.

Student Spokesperson: Kundana Krithika Chivukula

Faculty Contact Person: Lisa Kapcinski, Principal

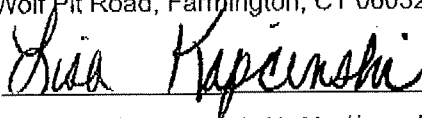
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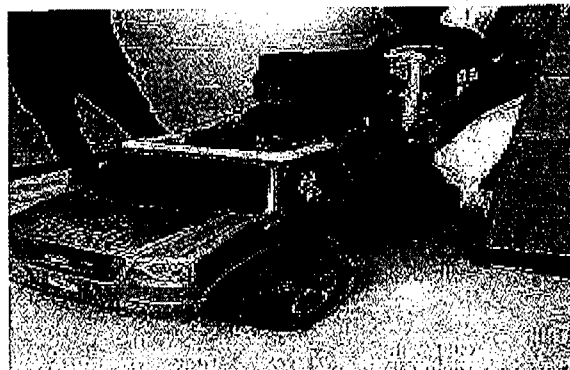
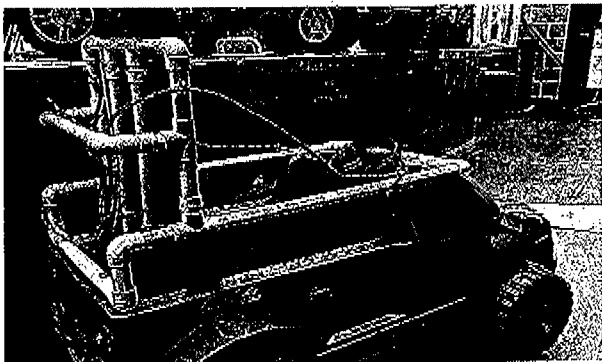
Project Nomination Form

Project Title: **Go, Baby, Go!**

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100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

Go Baby Go is a unique modified ride-on electric vehicle for kids with physical limitations. It is designed to help improve the child's ease of mobility. We have modified four F-150 trucks to best fit kids in need. Some of the modifications we had to make were reconfiguring the electrical wiring, changing the dimensions of the seat to provide comfort to the child, adding extra support using PVC pipes and finally attaching rope to the steering wheel for guardians to control the car as an additional safety feature. Although the car cannot reverse due to the children's safety, it still can provide enjoyment for the kids receiving the cars. We have been working diligently on this project for approximately five months with the ultimate goal of bringing a smile to the child's face.



Student Spokesperson: Maream Al Marayati, Alexandra Underhill, Addison Mihalek, Levi Nowakowski and Ariuna Dobrovolskaia

Faculty Contact Person: Lisa Kapcinski, Principal Phone: (860) 677-2683

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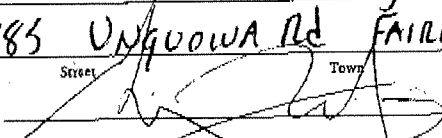
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Project Title: SADD (STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING)

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OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY ON THE EFFECTS OF DRUNK OR DISTRACTED DRIVING. SADD HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS AND SERVES AND EDUCATES THE 1600 STUDENTS HERE AT HUDLOWE, AS WELL AS THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD AND IT'S COMMUNITY. THE ORIGINAL 8 MEMBERS OF SADD HAS NOW GROWN INTO OVER 40 STUDENTS.

Student Spokesperson: LILY WADG Cell: 703 943-1621
Faculty Contact Person: TIM MORRIS Phone: 203 255-8558
School Name: FAIRFIELD HUDLOWE HIGH SCHOOL Fax: 203 255-7234
School Address: 785 UNGUOWA RD FAIRFIELD CT 06824
Street Town State Zip Code
Principal's Signature: 

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Students Against Drunk Driving

In Connecticut alone over the past 10 years there have been noted over 20,000+ cases of drunk driving incidents, not including 6,800 of those cases that have resulted in death. Drunk driving in Connecticut is something we may see in the news, however is rarely further discussed, resulting in it to be overlooked. This results in many teenagers taking drunk driving less seriously due to a lack of knowledge, however at Fairfield Ludlowe High our club SADD takes on the crucial role of advocating and informing teenagers about the devastating effects of drunk driving. By shedding light on the dangers and consequences of impaired driving, SADD plays a vital role in educating the community at FLHS and empowering these students to make responsible choices. The efforts provided by SADD are instrumental in shaping a safer future for not only Fairfield, but the Connecticut community as a whole.

SADD has been established in the FLHS community for over eight years and has 40 Fairfield students participating in the club. As members of Students Against Drunk Driving, we collaborate with various organizations dedicated to raising awareness about the detrimental impact of underage drinking and vaping. One such organization is Fairfield Cares, which actively works alongside us to educate the community on the dangers of these behaviors. Members also team up with the Bridgeport Hospital in the neighboring town to promote safety on the roads by bringing in guest speakers to educate the students on drinking and driving along with substance abuse. Additionally, our partnership with Mothers Against Drunk Driving allows us to amplify the message of responsible drinking and combat distracted driving. Our commitment to these causes have earned our high school the prestigious title of being the top-ranked program for the past eight years since the establishment of the SADD club.

Some of the most significant events we host for our community are the pre-prom presentations: The Mock Crash and Grim Reaper Day. The event of the Mock Crash helps educate our Junior class by firsthand witnessing a simulated car crash scene to understand the devastating consequences of drunk driving. Our members from the club perform the actor roles in the crash because we find when the students in the audience personally know the individuals involved in the crash, it can make the experience even more impactful. When students witness classmates get seriously injured or even die from the brutality of the crash, it hits closer to home and reminds them that consequences of impaired driving can affect anyone, including those we care about. In the other pre-prom event, known as Grim Reaper Day, we choose a handful of students to represent the victims of drunk driving incidents. These chosen students are pulled away from their classes and remain silent along with minimally interacting with others to represent the lives lost due to impaired driving. This visual serves as a reminder about the very real and very devastating consequences of making irresponsible choices. This event encourages our students to think twice before getting behind the wheel under the influence and reinforces the importance of making safe and responsible decisions.

Students Against Drunk Driving performs a crucial and overlooked role of advocating and educating teenagers about the consequences of drunk driving. With our many events and speakers we are able to have a key impact in our community on informing students of the dangers of impaired driving. The SADD club is a key contributor to combating the issue of drunk driving and we wish to create further impact on not only Fairfield, but other towns in Connecticut.

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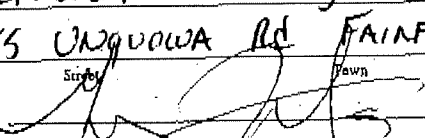
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Project Title: RAAFT (RAISING ABUSE AWARENESS FOR TEENS)

Description (brief but detailed - including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AND HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS. RAAFT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS EDUCATING AND SUPPORTING THE 1600 STUDENTS HERE AT LUDLOWE'S HIGH SCHOOL ALONG WITH THE FAIRFIELD COMMUNITY. OUR ORIGINAL 6 MEMBERS HAS NOW GROWN INTO OVER 50 STUDENTS.

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Faculty Contact Person: TIM MORRIS Phone: 203 255-8558
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Raising Abuse Awareness for Teens

Relationships are the foundation of human-kind, and provide us with love, support, and a sense of belonging. They give us the opportunity to connect with others, share experiences, and build meaningful connections. At times it can be difficult to understand the aspects of a relationship you are involved in, especially when you are convinced the person you are with provides you happiness. However many relationships teenagers experience can be extremely manipulative and toxic without people realizing, and it can also be very difficult to get out of abusive and unhealthy relationships. Raising Abuse Awareness for Teens not only plays the critical role of educating students on abusive and unhealthy relations, but also raises money to help support domestic violence foundations which assists those who may be battling tough relationships.

Raising Abuse Awareness for Teens is a club that was founded 8 years ago and has over 40 participants. Our club partners with programs such as the Center for Family Justice to train high school students on healthy relationships and empower them to build relationships based on trust, respect, and mutual support. Unhealthy relationships not only have a negative impact on a person's wellbeing, but also can be extremely damaging and dangerous. It is important students are educated on maintaining healthy relationships because it helps one recognize red flags, set boundaries, and prioritize their own happiness and safety. Raising Abuse Awareness for Teens not only focuses on educating highschool students, but also in grammar schools and middle schools. For younger audiences we bring in speakers who discuss bullying and educate these students on peer relationships.

Raising Abuse Awareness for Teens also has a significant impact on its community through events and fundraising. At events such as Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, we perform a walk

for domestic violence and bring awareness to what women go through in their relationships. Not only is Walk a Mile in Her Shoes a huge fundraising opportunity, but it provides another chance for citizens in Fairfield and other parts of Connecticut to be informed on unhealthy relationships. Our club also attends real life domestic violence cases at the Milford Courthouse where students are able to talk to the judges, prosecutors, and attorneys. This gives students the opportunity to get a better understanding of cases that involve unhealthy and abusive relationships. The club also runs events such as bake sales, badminton tournaments, and we also have been bestowed the title best club during a charity event, which then donated \$6500 to the Center of Family Justice on Domestic Violence on behalf of the RAAFT club.


Relationships are a crucial part of a teenagers life, and because of that we believe RAAFT places an instrumental role in bringing awareness to unhealthy relationships. Toxic relationships can result in low self-esteem, anxiety, and even physical harm. Raising Abuse Awareness for Teens strives to empower teens to have strong relationships that bring joy, fulfillment, and provides them with a support system that can help them navigate through life's ups and downs.

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Project Title: NJHS Projects

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Scholarship, Service, Leadership, Character, and
Citizenship.. This is NJHS where we take part in
our community. For two years 18 leaders have
brought happiness to others. one of our favorite
activities is Reading Buddies where monthly we read
with about 200 children from local elementary
schools. Also, we wrapped and gave out 80 holiday
gifts to preschool children. We have donated nearly
\$1000 and many canned goods to our regional
food pantry and helped prep boxes for delivery to
30 local pantries. Finally, we brought joy to 50
seniors at the senior center by playing various
games with them.

Student Spokesperson: Elin Iida
Faculty Contact Person: Betsy Russell Phone: 203-260-0252
School Name: Bonnie Dover Jackson middle Fax: _____
School Address: 36 Waller St New London CT 06320
Street Town State Zip Code
Principal's Signature: 

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Project Nomination Form

Project Title: Peace Day, December 1st 2023

Description: (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

Peace Day was organized by a group of 20 students and staff over two months. Our mission was to address and alleviate suffering after the devastation that began on 10/7/23. The event involved selling bracelets, baked goods, and shirts, bringing in speakers, and participating in educational workshops. We heard from a former IDF soldier and an Imam, learned about the history of the conflict, and gave up our lunch time to walk for peace. The day involved participation from the entire school (1600 people) and it raised over \$4,000, which was donated to multiple relief organizations in the Middle East.

Student Spokesperson: Julia Walters

Faculty Contact Person: Jodi Nova-Robinson Phone: 917-734-7332

School Name: Fairfield Ludlowe High School Fax: 203-255-7213

School Address: 785 Unquowa Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

Principal's Signature:

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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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APR 18 2024

TO: High School and Middle School Principals, Staff Members and Students

FROM: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education

DATE: February 20, 2024

SUBJECT: Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award Program

Please share the following message from our State Student Advisory Council:

The State Student Advisory Council on Education (SSACE) is pleased to offer the Challenge to Educational Citizenship Award Program.

The recipients of these awards embody the spirit of citizenship, commitment to serving others, and altruism. Any student-organized activity that demonstrates intrinsic kindness is eligible for submission. Submitted projects will be evaluated on the basis of the depth, breadth, and quality of impact on others.

Reflect on the organizations within your school community. Do any of them epitomize exemplary civic awareness, cooperation, and boundless potential for community impact? If so, SSACE asks you to give them your thoughtful consideration for this recognition.

Schools may submit more than one project. Please complete a separate form (master copy attached) for each project. Every project submitted will receive a certificate of recognition. The members of SSACE will carefully evaluate and select between 10 and 20 statewide winners. All submissions will be published in a pamphlet and distributed statewide to allow for replication of successful projects.

Awards will be presented in late May or early June. We hope this year every middle and high school in Connecticut will submit at least one project in order to properly recognize the hard work of students who work tirelessly to improve their communities. Thank you.

Attachment

cc: Superintendents of Schools

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Project Nomination Form

Project Title: Cultural Showcase

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)


Bunnell's Cultural Showcase was created by students in 2021 to exhibit and admire the cultures that make up Bunnell. The Cultural Showcase has played a major role in the school's climate and has even led us to become a No Place for Hate school. The Cultural Showcase features plethora of students and teachers who participate in various acts such as our coveted flag walk, poetry, music, and dancing. The cultural Showcase is student-led with staff supervision and requires months worth of preparation. It has become something the Bunnell community looks forward to every year. By highlighting the various cultures throughout our school, students learn more about their fellow students and promote unity and understanding within Bunnell High School.

Student Spokesperson: Symone Good and Chrismeilyn Medina Diaz

Faculty Contact Person: Mrs. Garcia Phone: (203) 385-4250

School Name: Frank Scott Bunnell High School Fax: (203) 381-2014

School Address: Bulldog Blvd Stratford CT 06614
Street Town State Zip Code

Principal's Signature:  4/3/24

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Project Nomination Form

Project Title: THE GIVING TABLE

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

Student Spokesperson: ANNA GRIFFITH

Faculty Contact Person: RANDY COLIN + RACHEL PANGU Phone: (203) 783-3502

School Name: JOSEPH A. FORAN HIGH SCHOOL Fax: (203) 783-3636

School Address: FORAN ROAD MILFORD CT 06460
Street Town State Zip Code

Principal's Signature: 

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Dear members of the SSACE committee,

The Joseph A. Foran High School Giving Table Club was established three years ago. The goal of this club is to encourage and develop exceptional learning opportunities and engage in events aimed at unifying our school's & Milford community. The central focus of this initiative involves the preparation of meals to benefit individuals facing hardships within the Milford area and its surrounding regions. This year, we wanted to gauge the need in our school district community and had no idea what kind of response we would get. We received immediate responses from schools that had families in need ranging from financial hardship, food insecurities, and medical emergencies that are impacting the family's ability to provide at this time. To date, we have served over 64 meals, serving an average of 10 people per preparation, and approximately 470 individuals from the Milford area. The Giving Table also prepares meals as a token of appreciation and recognition to first responders, veterans, and dedicated volunteers.

This school based group is led by co-advisors Randy Colin and Rachel Pangu, and a diligent group of approximately 25 students who have consistently dedicated significant time and effort to prepare and distribute meals weekly to numerous deserving individuals in our community. The students are actively spreading kindness and gratitude with their cooking. We're making an impact in the community and beyond with our meals, as the students feel a sense of pride in being of service. In essence, these culinary efforts, and "hugs of food," are aptly referred to as "giving events," symbolizing the nourishment of both the body and the soul.

Sincerely,

Randy Colin

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Joseph A. Foran High School

Culinary/Bake Instructor

The Giving Table Co-Advisor

Rachel L Pangu

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Joseph A. Foran High School

Family and Consumer Science teacher

Director - Foran Child Learning Center

The Giving Table Co-Advisor

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Project Nomination Form

Project Title: "Hearts of Kindness"

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

In the month of February, a few Honor Society members got together and cut out red, purple, pink hearts. On the hearts, the students wrote motivational, inspirational, and kind messages on them. It started as a goal of creating a more positive and supportive environment at the school. It also went with the Valentine's day theme. The messages were created to also ensure mental health was prioritized in the school. The messages were placed in a public area in the school, so anyone who was having a bad day, week, or month could grab a message and have their day be improved through anonymous kindness. About 5 members participated in making the hearts. Over 50 hearts were made and all were taken by students around the school. This lasted a month (all of February). We will now continue it for more years to come.

Student Spokesperson: Melania Korenovsky
Faculty Contact Person: Lawen Myers Phone: (203) 468-3267
School Name: East Haven High School Fax: _____
School Address: 35 Wheelbarrow Lane, East Haven CT 06513
Street Town State Zip Code
Principal's Signature: _____

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Project Nomination Form

Project Title: Read Across America Field Trip

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

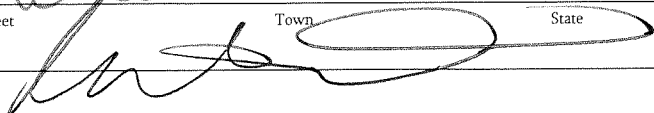
East Haven High School's National Honor Society
orchestrated a heartwarming field trip to
Deer Run Elementary in honor of Read Across America.
All twenty six of our dedicated members split into groups
and each read different books to students ranging
from kindergarten to second grade. To our
satisfaction, every grade was equally captivated and
entertained by our stories. After the approximately
two hour long reading sessions, we handed out
bookmarks to the kindergarten students to
celebrate as a way of saying "udette": This annual
tradition has the objective of cultivating
passion in young children for reading, who
we hope are inspired by our diligent
efforts!

Student Spokesperson: Nick Vozotura

Faculty Contact Person: A. Bogue / L. Myers Phone: 203-468-3254

School Name: East Haven High School Fax: _____

School Address: 35 Wheelbarrow Lane East Haven CT
Street Town State Zip Code 06513

Principal's Signature: 

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MAR 25 2024

Project Nomination Form

Project Title: Homeless Care Packages

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

Students do not always realize there are less fortunate people in the area who may not look forward to the holidays. Additionally, students often have misconceptions about homelessness. Therefore, seventh-graders participated in a service project on this subject. To educate students about homelessness and its impact on the community, students watched a documentary that highlighted the causes, struggles, and effects of this worldwide crisis. Additionally, a representative from Columbus House in New Haven visited students to discuss homelessness and how it impacts children and families and to share how the shelter supports the community.

Over 3-4 weeks around the holiday season, approximately 70 students collected snacks and essential toiletries, made holiday cards, and decorated and assembled more than 100 gift bags to be donated to Columbus House for distribution. This project began over 20 years ago by a former teacher within our school, and upon her retirement, students carried it on. Completing this project helped students see how a small act of kindness can brighten the holiday season for those less fortunate.

Student Spokesperson: Avarie Holmes

Faculty Contact Person: Pamela Merole Phone: 203-888-5418

School Name: Oxford Middle School Fax: 203-463-2510

School Address: 40 Great Oak Rd., Oxford, CT 06478
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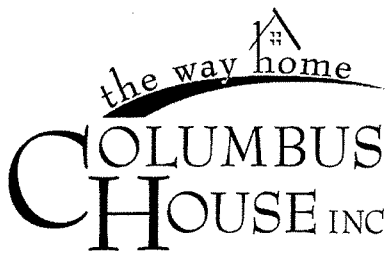
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February 7, 2024

Ms. Pamela Merole
Oxford Middle School
50 Great Oak Rd.
Oxford, CT 06478

Dear Ms. Merole,

On behalf of all the clients we serve, thank you for your thoughtful contribution to Columbus House. You make a real difference to the most vulnerable members of our community, and we're grateful for your support. We received your gift of 110 Christmas goody bags on December 19, 2023.

It's never a great time to be poor in America, but this moment presents exceptional challenges. Despite inflation and unemployment being low, the things people depend on- everyday things like eggs and milk and most families' biggest ticket item, rent, are each up about twenty percent since before the pandemic. The latest point-in-time count shows that there were 3,015 people experiencing homelessness in January 2023, compared to 2,930 in January 2022. That's close to a 3% increase. On January 30, 2024, there were 4,831 people on Connecticut's homeless by-name list, a measure of people currently experiencing homelessness in Connecticut.

Columbus House will continue to push for new and more affordable ways to create housing because it is *the* only thing that will end homelessness. This year we hope to be giving you hard hat tours of a construction site, where with the help of our state and municipal partners, we will build the next generation of emergency shelter on Ella Grasso Blvd. This new shelter will have only one or two people in a room and a bathroom and will offer people an improved sense of dignity, convenience, and safety during their stay with us.

Because of you and other caring supporters, Columbus House will continue to be a port in the storm for people in crisis. Households including single adults, adult families, and families with kids with nowhere to go will come inside with Columbus House in New Haven, Wallingford, and Middletown. We will continue to help people experiencing homelessness move into permanent homes, and we're going to help create all the deeply affordable housing available for people experiencing homelessness that we can. Thanks again for your partnership and for being part of this important work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Middleton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Margaret Middleton
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Silvia Ouellette

*As a 501c3 nonprofit organization, contributions to Columbus House, Inc. are deductible to the extent allowed by law.
This letter acknowledges that no goods or services were exchanged in consideration of your donation.*

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Project Title: Book Drive to Benefit Read to Grow

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

During March, approximately 70 seventh-graders held a book drive to collect new and gently used children's books to be donated to Read to Grow, a nonprofit organization promoting language skills and literacy. The mission of this community service project is to help provide Connecticut's children access to books and to raise awareness about Read to Grow for families in need within the community. Students dropped books off in a collection bin at school, and the students in charge of the book drive counted the books and organized them into boxes that would be sent to Read to Grow. Additionally, a Saturday drop-off event was held to open the collection up to the entire community. After all the collected books were sent to Read to Grow, they gifted them to children all over Connecticut. Students were excited to donate their gently used books to this cause, and the book drive collected and donated hundreds of books.

Student Spokesperson: Kyla Decrescenzo
Faculty Contact Person: Pamela Merole Phone: 203-888-5418
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Principal's Signature: Lubin Ouellette

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Project Title: The Forgive and Forget Program

Description (brief but detailed – including the mission/purpose, number of individuals served, number of students participating, hours/days of work, specific benefits to individuals and/or groups, and years of operation. Please have the students work hard on writing approximately 100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

The Forgive and Forget program is an 8th grade leadership program consisting of 29 students who perform a wide range of activities during the school day for younger students. The mission is to utilize student leaders to provide, support, guidance and mentoring for the purpose of creating an overall positive school climate. This program is in its 12th year running and is facilitated by 2 staff members, but all programming is led by the students with the belief that students helping other students leads to a greater impact. Activities include: support groups, restorative circles, leading assemblies and creating videos to address bullying, as well as mentoring 50 5th grade students.

This past year Forgive + Forget began a fundraising campaign to bring attention to the world-wide water crisis and successfully raised enough money to fund a well in Uganda, thereby leaving their global footprints. This year we are in our 2nd campaign to give this to another village in Uganda. This program consistently strives to send a message to their peers that each one of us can make a positive difference in the lives of others, not only in our school, but now, even across the globe.

Student Spokesperson: Loretta Lennon

Faculty Contact Person: Matti Smith / Eric Bryant Phone: 860-779-6748

School Name: Killingly Intermediate School Fax: _____

School Address: 1599 Upper Maple St. Dayville CT 06241
Street Town State Zip Code

Principal's Signature: Bryant Shell

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Project Nomination Form

Project Title: **Best Buddies Program: Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School**

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Although the Best Buddies chapter at Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School started only last year, the program has already made an impact on the local community; partnering with local schools, clubs and community organizations, the 23 members of Best Buddies continue learning what it means to be an inclusive leader and friend. In partnership with East of the River Transition Academy, a local school for students with special needs, Best Buddies organized a bottle collection that is still going strong! This year, Best Buddies teamed up with Unified Sports and played Bingo with citizens at the local Senior Center. Buddies also volunteered as “elves” at the local tree lighting celebration this holiday season, spreading cheer as guests waited for Santa’s arrival.

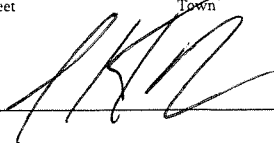
Student Spokesperson: Rose Esty

Faculty Contact Person: Lauren Masterson Phone: 860-873-5081

School Name: Nathan Hale-Ray Middle School Fax: 860-873-5086

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Project Nomination Form

Project Title: Thompson Community Car Cruise

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TMHS Car Cruise's mission is to give back to the community and make money for the Community Fire Department by way of a service project. This service project is for the entire population of Thompson and is led by a group of 12 Tourtellotte students. Lots of preparation has gone into this project including 18 hours total. 15 of those hours went into preparation, including sending letters to participants and putting flyers around town. The rest of the time went into the setup and clean-up of the car cruise on the day. Last year we raised \$2,262 for the Community Fire Department and this year we hope to make \$2,500.

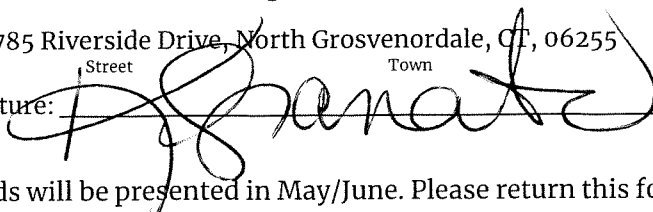
Student Spokesperson: Jackson Santos

Faculty Contact Person: Deb Spinelli Phone: 860 428 9682

School Name: Tourtellotte Memorial High School Fax: (860) 923-3752

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Principal's Signature:



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Thompson Car

Cruise

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April 27, 2024

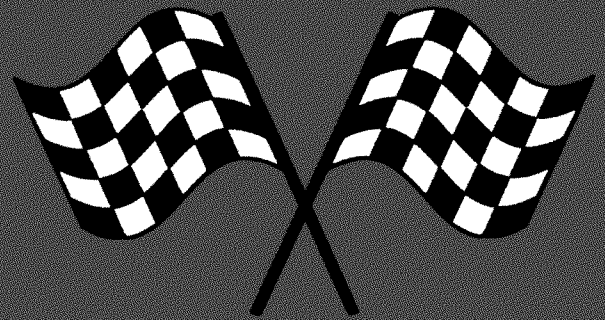
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- **MUSIC**
- **AWARDS**

Location: 785

Riverside Dr.

TMHS

10AM-2PM



MR. Angelo aangelo@thompsonpublicschools.org

Mrs. Spinelli

860-923-2350



**Benefits go to the Thompson Community
Fire Dept.**

TOURTELLOTTE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



Dear Sponsors,

We are pleased to inform you that at Tourtellotte Memorial High School we will be hosting our 2nd annual Car Cruise! Through this event, we hope to raise money for our local community fire department. As much as we look forward to the success of this event, we can not do this without the help of companies like yours! Your sponsorship truly means a big deal for our cause and further assists our efforts to help our community!

Last year we raised a total of \$2,262, which all went to benefit the Thompson Community Fire Department. This year we hope to surpass our total of last year's contributions, along with more participation from our car enthusiasts.

If you wish to contribute, you can do so by contacting Deb Spinelli (dspinelli@thompsonpublicschools.org) or Alex Angelo (aangelo@thompsonpublicschools.org)


Thank you in advance for your consideration and support for our cause.

Sincerely,

TMHS Car Cruise






 Date: 2023
 Pay to the Community Fire Company, Inc. \$2,262.00
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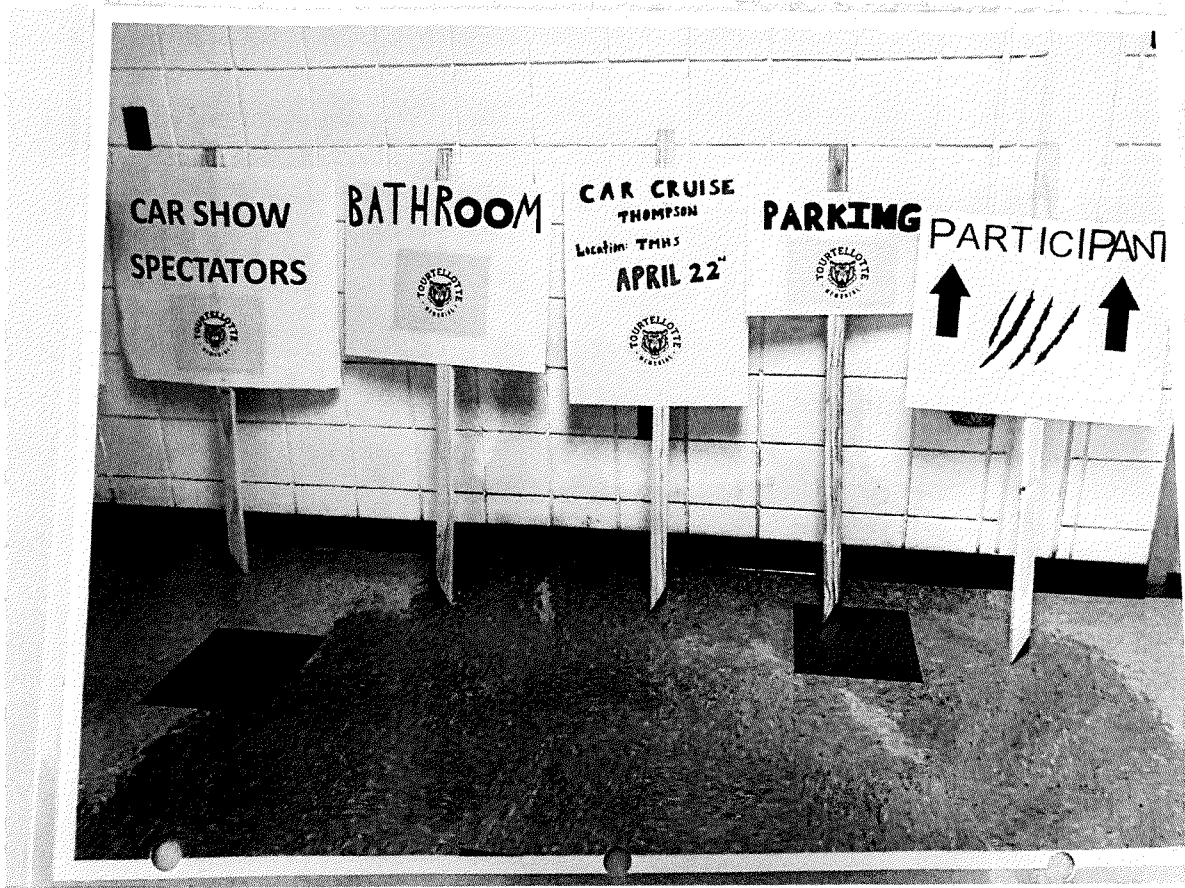
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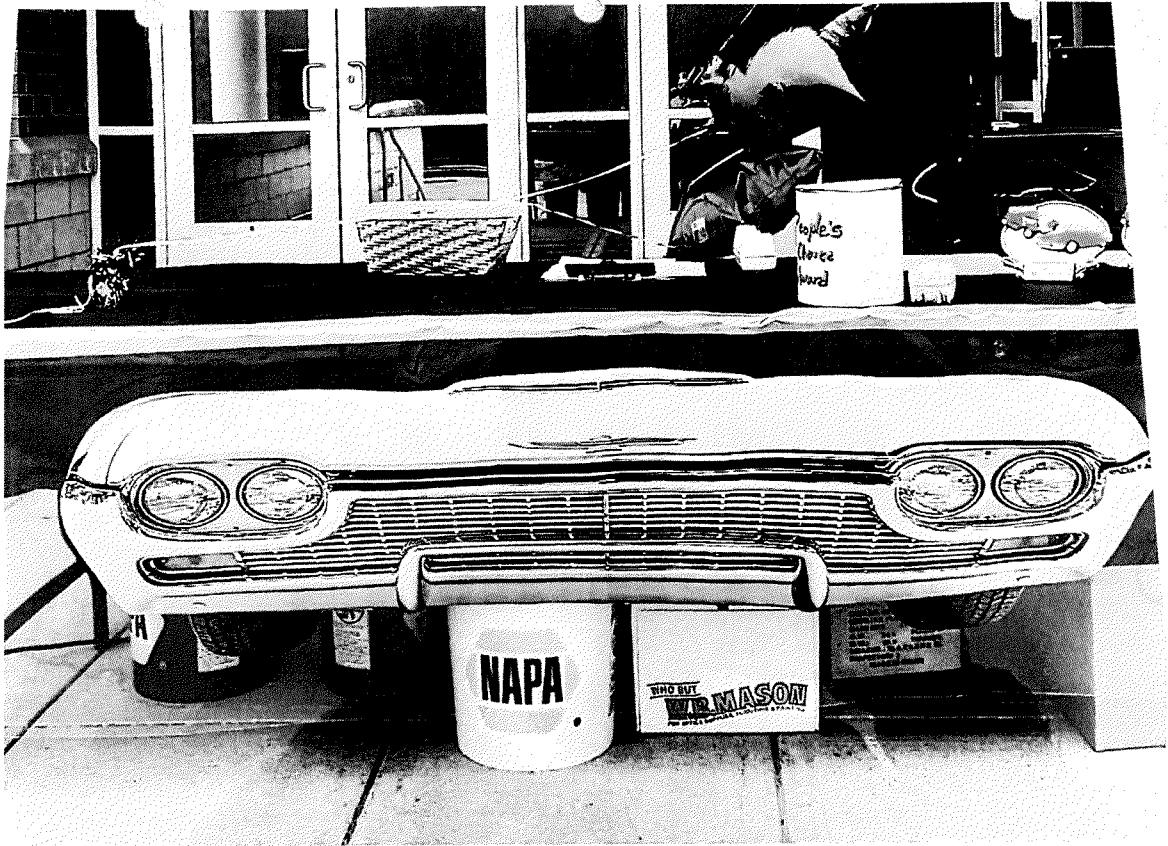




2023 Tiger Car Cruise
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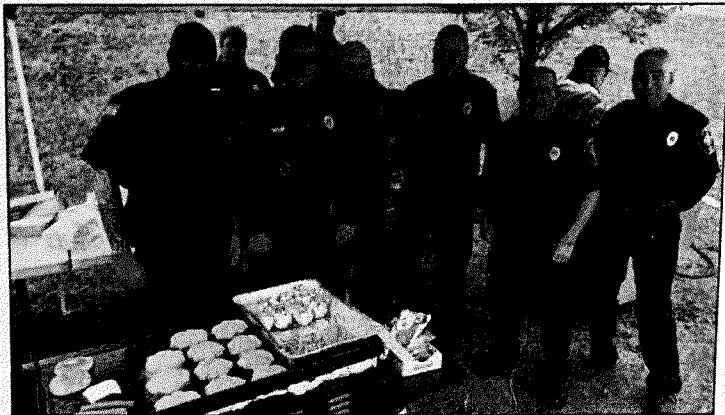
A pair of classic cars grace the parking lot of Tourtelotte Memorial High School in Thompson.



Volunteers from Tourtelotte Memorial High School, along with the school's tiger mascot, pose for a photo during the car show.



The Women of the Community Fire Company helped keep spectators and vehicle owners hydrated by providing water and other drinks throughout the day.



Members of the Community Fire Company volunteered in different capacities throughout the event, including cooking. The Fire Department was the direct beneficiary of the car show.

THOMPSON CAR CRUISE BENEFITS COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY

THOMPSON — Tourtelotte Memorial High School played host to the Thompson Car Cruise on Saturday, April 22, bringing more than 80 classic vehicles to the school's parking lot in one of the first car shows of the season. The student-led and organized event created through the school's PRIDE program benefitted Community Fire Company, a local department right down the road from the high school, and provided food, prizes, and plenty of morning and afternoon community fun.



A classic Chevy Bel-Air from North Grovesendale.



A pair of race cars, one modern and a smaller vehicle inspired by NASCAR Hall of Famer Mark Martin's classic Thunderbird.



A Plymouth Prowler added a flash of classic modernism to the car show.



Spectator examines under the hood of a drag racer.



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Project Title: **Dylan’s Wings of Change**

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Dylan’s Wings of Change is a foundation that was created to honor Dylan Hockley. Dylan was killed on December 14th, 2012 at Sandy Hook Elementary School. The mission of this foundation is to focus on leadership skills and team-centered mentalities that inspire these core values. Here at Irving Robbins Middle School, we think carefully about our activities that we direct and make sure all students learn about leadership and teamwork. So far this school year, we have led 5 different team-building activities in all 30 of our CREW classrooms. In the month of February, we held an activity called, “The Tin Can Pass.” In this activity, students worked with their peers to pass the tin around with just their feet. As we continue this month, we hope to continue to help support to promote kindness and teamwork.

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Project Title: **Medical Moment**

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At IAR, every 8th-grade student was tasked with extensively researching a disease/disorder of their choice and ultimately creating a final product to enlighten others. This project, called Medical Moment and spanning about two months, let students exercise diligence, responsibility, and empathy - three key qualities of citizenship. By having students educate their peers about challenges faced by millions of people, it increased civic awareness within IAR. Finally, the winners of Medical Moment won the ability to donate money to any charity of their choice, an altruistic act that ensures a lasting impact on communities all around the globe.

Student Spokesperson: Arjun Mishra

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Project Title: **Project Paideia**

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Paideia is a project about 300 8th graders each year have to accomplish. We pick a topic that influences Connecticut from a big list and then we study that topic and interview experts. Some examples of topics are Witchcraft Trials, Albert Pope, Samuel Colt, and more. We then write a formal paper on the topic. But afterwards, together with a small group, a partner, or by yourself, you can create a poster, a documentary, a live play, or a digital play. Out of all the students, each year they have a chance to get their work displayed in a museum.

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Project Title: **Podcast Challenge**

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100 words that accurately and completely describe the project.)

The Podcast Challenge is designed for 7th-grade students to explore global topics and educate people around us. Students spend about a month working on their projects, totaling about 25 hours of researching, writing, recording, editing, and producing their podcasts. About 330 7th-graders participated in this project in 2024. IAR introduced the Podcast Challenge in 2020, thus making this the fourth successful year. This challenge annually serves about 330 people, with a potential for more listeners. The topics create a positive impact on the individuals and community, as they bring more awareness and more followers, resulting in a call to action.

Student Spokesperson: Ananya Ghatti

Faculty Contact Person: Lisa Karcinski, Principal Phone: (860) 677-2683

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Project Title: **Empowering Preschoolers**

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Our school uses the CREW model as an advisory period in the schedule. Forty-two students from our team's CREW collaborated for an hour to create and lead a lesson to empower the roughly twenty preschool students in our building. We learned that they were learning about positive affirmations, therefore, we served as civic-minded contributors to help them continue to gain confidence in themselves so they can learn at their highest potential. We developed a creative idea of putting affirmations in fortune tellers with colors and numbers as well. In addition, we read them the book 'Life' by Cynthia Rylant and Brendan Wenzel. Furthermore, we decorated their lockers with mirrors so they could “reflect” on these affirmations. The preschoolers were very happy and excited that older kids were helping them in their ongoing learning and further getting them ready for elementary school.

Student Spokesperson: Anthony Reed

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Project Title: **Project Linus**

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In our Crew, we have been learning how to crochet to support the Project Linus foundation. The Project Linus Foundation creates handmade blankets for kids who have suffered trauma. Project Linus creates and hands out handmade blankets, which helps comfort little kids. While crocheting we felt connected being of service for younger kids and we were extremely focused as we were learning a new skill. Many of us knew how to crochet or picked up on it fast and taught others who were struggling. Allowing ourselves to do this we were able to build stronger relationships within our classroom.

Student Spokesperson: Sharvani Thyarla

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