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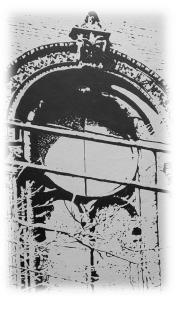
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Dear ECA Community:

As we dive into the flurry of the spring season with its many events and deadlines, we wanted to take a moment to remind our families and friends to prioritize self-care. Whether it's how you approach your down time, your days off, or your vacations, finding moments for yourself is crucial. As part of our advocacy, we wanted to share some practices we are incorporating into our lives.



Kevin's Self-Care

I recently read "Digital Minimalism" by Cal Newport, which has resonated with me. It emphasizes taking a more intentional approach to using technology, focusing on what truly matters, and reducing the use of digital tools that don't add value to our lives. As a result, I've started a new routine when home, "phone away for the rest of the day". It's important to stress that I have my good days, and my bad days.

Amy's Self-Care

My morning run, especially on the darker, colder mornings, I tell myself that I don't need to run more than a mile, but I need to at least get out the door for the first mile. Inevitably, once that first mile passes I am in the groove, shaking off stress, running to the beat of my favorite tunes, and appreciating fresh air. I run to feel alive, to get the blood flowing, and to generate creative ideas about the day ahead. No matter what happens throughout the rest of the day, I know I've engaged in time well spent!

While we're not pushing our agendas onto you, we do believe that modeling the value of taking time for ourselves can help us be better present for each other, especially during these critical months ahead.

Whatever approach you choose, remember the value that self-care has on you and our community. Take care of yourselves, and be well.

Kevin & Amy



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!! A new date for the 50th Anniversary Celebration will be announced in the near future. Please contact Amy Graver & Ali Parmelee at amy@elementsdesign.com aliparmelee@gmail.com

ECA Prom - May 17th at 7:00 pm Please contact Amy Christman achristman@aces.org

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 27th New Music, New Sounds 6:30 pm Little Theatre

Thursday, April 11thFilm Class Sharing
2pm & 6:30pm ECA Arts Hall

SPRING RECESS April 15th - April 18th

Saturday, April 27th
Jazz Live at the 55
7:00 pm ECA Arts Hall

ECA COMMUNITY EVENTS

On Tuesday, March 12th, ACES ECA continued their work with the IRIS Integrated Refugee & Immigrant Services After School Program in New Haven.

Students across our five disciplines developed engaging activities for elementary and middle school-aged students in an effort to increase connection through our universal arts language.



A special THANK YOU to Creative Writing Department Chair, Saul Fussiner and Instructor, Margie Chardiet, for facilitating this work with our students and to our Assistant Principal, Amy Christman, for initiating this partnership with IRIS which will continue through the spring semester.

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Students watched NHSO Principal Clarinetist David Shifrin, who was featured on Mozart's Clarinet Concerto. The program also included Reena Esmail's imaginative "Testament" and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 6, "Pathetique".

On Thursday, March 21st, the ACES ECA Visual Arts Quarter 3 Exhibition invited a curious crowd which included our ECA families, alumni, and friends of the community. The work, prominently displayed in multiple locations of our building, showed the immense growth our students have made in their dedicated studies. This includes the larger sculpture works featured in our Arts Hall!

Congratulations to our Visual Arts students for their hard work this past quarter. And a special THANK YOU

to our Visual Arts faculty for supporting this incredible, thought provoking work

On Thursday, March 21st, the ACES Education Foundation held its 20th Annual Gala at Anthony's Ocean View in New Haven. Congratulations to our student photographer, Madeleine Erb '25 and student musicians, Isaiah Cross '24, Angel Mendoza '24, Daniel Gutierrez '24, Alex Gryaznov '24, Harrison Seaberg '24, Israel Ortiz '24, Dontae James '26, and Amelia Shaw '24 for assisting with this celebration. A special thank you to ECA faculty, Will Cleary and Paul Duda for their support of our students at this event.



WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH ARTIST HIGHLIGHTS: We invite you to visit this link to view the artists we have highlighted so far. We will continue to add to these slides, engage in conversations, and plan for opportunities throughout the month of March which will allow us all to learn more about the impact these artists of color have had on our work today.

ACES/ECA DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Creative Writing



Creative Writing department welcomed Haven's inaugural poet laureate Sharmont "Influence" Little on Thursday during block 2, to hear about his journey, to listen to his spoken word poetry, and to have a dialogue about why we write.



Beloved Flash Fiction instructor Margie Chardiet will be going on maternity leave at the beginning of April, and we will be welcoming writer and former ECA instructor Arnie Sabatelli back as a long term sub. Many years ago, Arnie was Margie's (and also Michael Jefferson's) instructor in Flash Fiction and Creative Nonfiction, and he is excited to return to the 4th floor to inspire experimentation and growth in our student writers.

Saul Fussiner, Department Chair

For the past two weeks, seniors in the dance department led workshops in preparation for their senior project. We had a wonderful department sharing of their work on Wednesday, March 20th.

On Monday, March 25th, dance department seniors begin rehearsals for their senior project. The purpose of the Senior Choreography Project is for senior dance students to design and implement an original piece of choreography. Each student will have the opportunity to develop a clear choreographic idea into a final piece of choreography. They will explore the entire choreographic process from pre- to post-production. This will lead up to the 2024 Senior Choreography Showcase performance in June.

Mariane Banar-Fountain, Department Chair

Music



March is Music in Our Schools Month, a time to celebrate the essential role of music education in our students' lives. At ECA, we are proud to reaffirm the positive impact music instruction has on our many students. Music not only PLS MONTH® enhances academic performance but

also fosters creativity, discipline, and a sense of community. Let us celebrate the joy of music and the profound influence it has on our students' growth and development.

Music (cont.)

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Congratulations to our students who completed their music reviews this past Wednesday!

The music department will share an evening of new music, in the New Music New Sounds concert, on March 27th. The performance will feature works by student and professional composers. We will be joined by guest musical artist and bass clarinetist Michael Lowenstern.

Amy Christman & Kevin Buno, Co-Chairs

Theatre - Synopsis of Springfest

Chamber Music by Arthur Kopit

Chamber Music is a 1962 one-act play by absurdist playwright Arthur Kopit. The story is set in 1938 and concerns eight famous women from different historical periods who all are interned in the same asylum. The women are, or at least believe they are, author Gertrude Stein, martyr Joan of Arc, activist Susan Anthony, politician Queen Isabella of Spain, Constanze Mozart (wife of the famed composer), pilot Amelia Earhart, silent-film actress Pearl White, and explorer Osa Johnson. They have come together to represent the women of the asylum in planning for an attack they believe is soon to come from the men's ward. The doctor and his assistant, the omnipresent figures in the asylum, check in on the women.

Directed by Ingrid Schaeffer April 11th 6:30pm Little Theatre Tickets \$15

Theatre for Social Justice

The students in the Theatre for Social Justice class are busy creating characters, writing, and editing scenes about a high school debate team that travels to Philadelphia to participate in a National Debate Tournament regarding the environment. An active shooter outside their hotel leads to a blackout and a lockdown, and as a result the debate is postponed. The students realize that even though we are numb to gun violence, it can happen anywhere, and they are left with the question, "How can we heal from gun violence if we are still in danger?"

*Not recommended for children 12 and under. **Directed by Peter Loffredo** May 2nd 6:00pm Little Theatre Tickets \$10.00

Dreamscapes

"Dreamscapes" invites you on a whimsical journey where dreams merge with reality. Through original scenes, monologues, and songs inspired by students' nocturnal dreams and future aspirations, "Dreamscapes" explores the meaning of human existence. Using documentary theatre and autobiographical storytelling techniques intertwined with text from August Strindberg's "A Dream Play", the performance becomes a fantastical narrative of self-discovery. Surrender to the surreal and embrace the magic of the unknown in this captivating exploration of the human psyche.

Directed by Liz Daingerfield May 9th 6:30pm Little Theatre Tickets \$10.00

ACES/ECA DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS (cont.)

Theatre - Synopsis of Springfest (cont.)

The Labor Project

The Labor Project is a collection of scenes and songs celebrating the triumphs and trials of working people and labor related issues. It features scenes that range from depression-era drama by Clifford Odets and Lillian Hellman to cutting edge contemporary plays by Lynn Nottage and Dominique Morrisseau. Music ranges from the classic musical theatre catalogue to pop to folk and to punk.

Directed by Benjamin Curns
May 23rd 6:30pm ECA Arts Hall Tickets \$15.00

Ingrid Schaeffer, Department Chair







Visual Arts

Our 3rd Quarter Student Exhibition was a success! Congratulations to our students for their hard work and dedication over the past couple months. And a big THANK YOU to all who came to support us. Below are highlights of the work that was on display.

The Opening Reception was held in the ECA 1st floor gallery, the 5th floor, and the Arts Hall. Works featured moveable murals and a multi-media installation featuring large-scale sculptures, video, and projection mapping by more than 20 students.

Each year, students in the Visual Arts department design "unofficial" ECA t-shirts to be silkscreened in the printmaking class. Shirts and totes with this years' two winning student designs, selected by students and faculty, were sold at our 3rd quarter show.

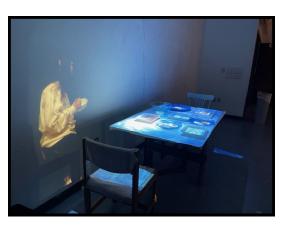
The student-designed and printed shirts are a limited edition and all funds go to support Visual Arts Department activities- please be sure to pick one up!

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Johanna (Hanni) Bresnick, Department Chair











PACE Parents for Arts-Centered Education

ACES ECA PACE (Parents for Arts-Centered Education) held its third hybrid meeting on Wednesday, December 13th. Our families meet with administrators to continue conversations on their vision for the school and opportunities to support our students in their artistic endeavors. Please consider joining this wonderful organization which provides immense support to the ongoing needs of our school. PACE is in the process of organizing sub-committees to help support the school's forthcoming endeavors. To indicate your interest in PACE and to join the mailing list, we invite all ECA families to complete this short form. The officers of PACE for the 23-24 school year are:

- Sara Armstrong, president (parent of ECA visual arts student '24 & theatre alumnus '21)
- Kitty Clemens, vice president (parent of ECA music student '25)
- Nick Perrone, secretary (parent of ECA dance student '24)
- Lisa Leamon, treasurer (parent of ECA creative writing student '25 & theatre alumna '23)

UPCOMING MEETING DATES:

- Wed., April 24 at 6:30PM
- Wed., May 15 at 6:30PM

All meetings will be HYBRID, meeting in person at ECA with online access as well. There will also be an ECA administrator at each meeting to report to the ECA family community about current happenings. PACE relies upon the involvement of our many families to support these and future events. To learn more about the organization and becoming involved, please email PACE at pace.eca@gmail.com

ACES ECA SOCIAL MEDIA

ACES ECA continues to celebrate accomplishments, provide information on upcoming events, and promote educational opportunities through our Facebook Page. We want to remind all who follow our social media that this is a platform used for informational purposes only. If there are any concerns, social media related or otherwise, we encourage you to reach out to <u>Principal Kevin Buno</u> or phone 203-777-5451 at any time. Our door is always open!

FINALLY, keep scrolling to review community resources shared by the office of ACES Family and Community Engagement.

ACES Educational Center for the Arts Theatre Department proudly presents

CHAMBER MUSIC

BY ARTHUR KOPIT

April 11, 6:30 PM

The Little Theatre on Lincoln Street New Haven, CT





Pay online in advance or at the door the day of performance.



SUMMER CAMP 2024 LIST

SUMMER CAMPS 2024 websites*	TOWN	Ages or Grades	Address	PHONE
Soundview Family YMCA Day Camps	Branford	Ages 5-16	628 East Main Street	203-481-9622
Treehouse Players	Centerbrook	3-15	109 Main Street	860-581-0143
Holiday Hill	Cheshire	4-10	43 Candee Road	203-387-2267
Camp Hazen YMCA	Chester	4-13	204 West Main Street	860-526-9529
Bulldog Rowing Campus - Yale University	Derby	14-18	280 Roosevelt Drive	203.687.7829 or 203.494.8149
Fairfield Tennis Club	Fairfield	Grades 3-10	210 Old Dam Road	203-254-0440
Missoula Children's Theatre	Fairfield	Grades 1-12	1073 North Benson Road	203-254-4242
Summer Cabaret Workshop	Fairfield	Ages 7 and up	Check website for locations	203.259.1036
New Era Gymnastics	Hamden	5-17	1180 Sherman Avenue	203-281-1826
Hamden-North Haven YMCA	Hamden	5-12	Check website for location	203-248-6361
Bushy Hill Nature Center Summer Day Camps	Ivoryton	Check website for specific programs	253 Bushy Hill Road	860-767-2148
Day Camp at Deer Lake	Killingworth	5-14	101 Paper Mill Road	203-421-8484
Camp Claire	Lyme	Grades K-8	15 Oakland Avenue	860-434-0368
Camp Laurelwood	Madison	6-16	463 Summer HIII Road	203-421-3736
Monroe Summer Day Camp	Monroe	3 years old - students entering 8th grade	34 Church Street	contact info on website
Mystic Aguarium Summer Camp	Mystic	K-5	55 Coogan Boulevard	860-572-5955
Mystic Seaport Camps (includes sailing and other fun optoins)	Mystic	3-16	75 Germanville Avenue	888-973-2767
Camp Playland	New Canaan	4-16	802 Ponus Ridge	203-966-2937
Audubon Arts at Neighborhood Music School	New Haven	3-14	100 Audubon Street	203-624-5189
Foote School Summer Theatre Camp	New Haven	Grades 7-12	Check website	203-777-3464
Foote School Summer Adventures	New Haven	S years and up	Check website	203-777-3564
Hopkins Summer School	New Haven	4-14	986 Forest Road	203-387-1001
Schooner: Exploring Our Coast	New Haven	Grades 7-12	60 South Water Street	203-562-6655
Elm Shakespear Teen Troupe Summer	New Haven	Ages 13-18	Check website for locations	203.392.8882
Elm Shakespeare Players Camp	New Haven	Ages 7-13	Check website for locations	203.392.8882
Shubert Summer Theater & Arts Camp	New Haven	6-12	247 College Street	203-624-1825
Two Cayates Wilderness School	Newtown	Grades 6-8	197 Huntingtown Road	203-843-3112
Crystal Theatre	Norwalk	0-15	66 Bayview Avenue	203-847-4850
Maritime Rowing Club	Norwalk	4-18	3 Jennings Place	203-854-5492
Oak Hills Tennis Club Camp	Norwalk	5-18	165 Fillow Street	203-838-9110
Kate's Camp for Kids	Old Saybrook	5-17	90 Main Street	860-767-0026
Bright Horizons at Yale West Campus	Orange	5-10	117 West Campus Drive	203-795-3564 ext. 0
Camp Argo	Orange	4-14 years	886 Mapledale Rd	203-799-2746
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Giggling Pig	Shelton, Milford,	Bages 4-16 years	Check website for locations	203-919-1153

Join the Women and Families Center Sexual Assault Crisis Services for a

VIGIL FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

For survivors and their supporters to share their stories, artwork, poetry, and community with others.

Commemorating Sexual Assault Awareness Month BELIEVE SURVIVORS



APRIL 10 5-7 PM AUGUSTA CURTIS CULTURAL CENTER

175 E Main St, Meriden, CT 06450

RSVP via email to MSuzanne@womenfamilies.org





Holistic Behavioral Health Wellness Center Inc.

Men's Group Safe Space

To Secure a slot contact Karina Cordaro at kcordero@holisticbhwc.org or 203-604-9009 ext 402

> Join it's Free





The purpose of our group is to provide a dedicated space for men to explore and address the unique challenges men face in relationships, work, and societal expectations. We aim to facilitate open and honest conversations that promote self-discovery, emotional intelligence, and personal development. Through shared experiences and mutual support, our purpose is to create a brotherhood that encourages authenticity, resilience, and positive transformation in the lives of our members.

Thursday at 7pm Once a Month

WEST HAVEN PREVENTION COUNCIL

Free Naloxone Training

Naloxone is an FDA approved medication designed to rapidly reverse opioid overdose. It can reverse and block the effects of other opioids, such as heroin, morphine, and oxycodone.



- Naloxone works in 2-3 minutes
- · It can be administered by anyone
- · It does not cause harm

Naloxone Saves Lives.

2024 Virtual Training Dates:

- Monday, March H
- Monday, April 8
- Monday, May 13
- Monday, June 10 Classes are 6-7pm
 - 20 people per class

THE TRAINING WILL NOT BE RECORDED. ATTENDEES MUST ARRIVE BY 6:05 OR WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE ZOOM.



Scan the QR code to register!











Apr 10, 24 | May 8, 22 | Jun 5 | Jul 3, 17, 31

Every other Wednesday
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM / 306 Circular Ave.

St. Paul's Parish Parking Lot

For the full schedule visit www.ctfoodshare.org

Park/Walk-up - In parking lot across from Sapori









Don't forget to bring bags!

SNAP Education & Training Program



Any student interested in enrolling in the SNAP & E&T Program MUST attend one mandatory orientation session and meet the following requirements:



- Receive SNAP benefits
- · Have high school diploma/GED
- · Do NOT receive TFA benefits
- Have not previously enrolled in a SNAP E&T program

To Register Scan Here 3



For more information contact Kandace Murray KMurray@gatewayct.edu

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SNAP) EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The SNAP Employment and Training Program prepares and assists students by offering vocational training, career activities, case management, and support services. The following certificates are FREE to eligible SNAP recipients - program descriptions can be found in this catalog.

CERTIFICATES OFFERED

- Bookkeeping Professional National Certificate
- Property & Casualty Insurance Certificate
- Central Sterile Supply Certificate
- · Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) Certificate
- · Child Development Associate Credential
- · Community Health Worker (CHW) Certificate
- Comprehensive Automotive Repair and Service (CARS) Certificate
- CompTIA A+ Desktop Support Specialist
- · Culinary Arts Certificate
- · Drug and Alcohol Recovery Certificate
- · Honda PACT Certificate Program
- · Hospitality and Tourism Certification
- Medical Office Assistant Certificate
- Patient Care Technician Certificate
- Pharmacy Technician Certificate

ServSafe Food Handler and Manager

- Professional Baker Certificate
- IT Certificate

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Preserve our Parish

Follow Us!



St. Luke's Services, Inc. (SLSI) has as its mission: a) the provision of wholesome and appealing meals, in a cheerful, no-questions-asked setting where men, women and children in need are welcomed; and b) the offering of varied additional support services to guests who choose to utilize them. In a land of great plenty for some and demeaning poverty for others, we believe that providing food for the hungry is a compelling necessity, but that meals alone constitute a "band aid" measure. We therefore feel responsible for addressing some of the causes of dysfunctional living as well, by making available a range of life enhancing opportunities.

The sustaining philosophy of our work is the time-honored belief that there is God in every man, woman and child. Translated into soup kitchen terms, this challenges us to share respect consistently among lunch guests, paid and volunteer staff, and professionals. Not always an easy task where intensely difficult life issues often make for a precarious balance of tempers. However, respect works! Women express their appreciation for the special St. Luke's atmosphere, and – very importantly– give us their trust, thus enabling us to assist them with services which range from pastoral counseling to children's programs.

It has been 22 years since St. Luke's Services fed its first six luncheon guests. The lunchroom doors were opened June 1989 and a full course meal was prepared by the late William Johnson. In 1994 St. Luke's Services, Inc., was incorporated as a non-profit organization, governed by its own board of directors and separate from St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The two maintain an active and valued relationship by parishioners who continue

to serve on the Board.

In 2010 St. Luke's Services distributed 2,531 meals in our friendly "no questions asked" environment. The mutual respect found in this lunchroom opens opportunity to lend a hand in a variety of ways. By that, St. Luke's Services operates a food pantry, diaper bank and clothes closet. Each year, students of the Hopkins School assist "Santa" by sharing their bounty with families from St. Luke's Services along with the parish of St. George Catholic Church in Guilford, Connecticut. Thanksgiving baskets are provided to needy families. The items included assure a full thanksgiving meal with the trimmings. We are grateful to St. George Catholic Church which continues to provide generous support in this area.

Submitted by Yvette Barnard, SLSI Secretary/Treasurer

St. Luke's Services Weekly Operations:

Diaper Bank: every First Tuesday of the month, 10a.m.-12 noon

Women & Children Lunch Program: 12 noon -1p.m., Tuesdays & Thursdays

Wednesday Breakfast Program: 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.

Clothes Closet: Thursdays 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Food Pantry: every First and Third Friday of the month, 10a.m.-12 noon



EAST ROCK RANGER PROGRAMS 2024

CLIMATE EDUCATION

- Get outdoor lessons and programming that support new CT state mandates for climate education in K-12 public schools (HB 5282)
- Understand the ecological and social issues that cause climate change & how New Haven will be affected
- · Including...
 - Social Justice
 - Indigenous History & Knowledge

RECREATION

- Promote physical health by having fun in the outdoors!
- Decrease greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change by engaging in active transportation
- · Including...
 - · Biking
 - Nature Hikes
 - Snow shoeing

HEALING ACTIVITIES

- It is proven that spending time outdoors improves mental health & wellbeing
- Build stronger relationships with the outdoors & your community by participating in
 - Mindfulness Hikes
 - · Recovery Yoga
 - Support Groups

*Programs can be tailored towards the needs and interests of the group participating.

VOLUNTEER/INTERN

 Need to complete community service hours or hands-on projects? Join us at the park as we take care of our ecosystems, remove invasive species, and maintain our trails!



Please Contact to Schedule: (475) 306-4804 scollins@newhavenct.gov



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- Children 6 yrs and older
- Families
- Adults with Disabilities

Services Location

Hamden, New Haven, & West Haven, CT





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To Enroll Contact: Karina Cordaro 203-604-9009 ext: 402 Email: Kcordaro@holisticbhwc.org

Question's about the program contact Dr. La'Shondra da Cruz at Ldacruz@holisticbhwc.org

www.holisticbhllc.com



Announcing the Family Assistance & Social Determinant Fund

Providers!

Do you know a family that needs financial assistance to pay for mental health and/or substance use intervention, treatment, or medication for their child(ren) ages 0-18?

For a limited time, funding assistance is available for those that qualify*.

Completed referrals can be sent to:

The Family Assistance & Social Determinant Fund FAX: 833-370-8773 or E-mail to FASD@carelon.com

Funding may be accessed for services rendered for a child, ages 0 up to 18, needing:

- ✓ Mental health and/or substance use treatment or prescribed medications
- ✓ Adolescent psychiatric services, intensive in-home or intensive outpatient or other recommended community-based service

AND

The family has been unable to access that care because:

- ✓ The family has sought but been denied coverage or reimbursement by their health carrier or have exhausted their benefits,
- The family is unable to bear the cost of the intervention due to financial hardship.
- ✓ The family has encountered barriers based on social determinants of health such as discrimination, poverty, housing or food insecurity, unemployment/underemployment, adverse early life experiences, or other social determinants related to mental health.

QUESTIONS? Contact Carelon Behavioral Health at: FASD@carelon.com

*Funds are made available for a limited time by the CT Department of Children and Families through the American Recovery Plan Act. Funds may apply for services rendered up to 120 days prior to the date of the request.