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High Hopes Hoot

High Hopes is an after school academic, enrichment, recreation and leadership development program for Hartford Public High School students.

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High Hopes Makes Some Changes!

High Hopes asks all participants to stay after school a minimum of three days a week. By doing so, you will be a true High Hopes participant. This means you will be eligible for prizes and special field trips. You will also help High Hopes staff meet our participation goals!

All participants need to fill out a "Student Designed Schedule" in which you select the days of the week you

think you can stay after and which clubs and activities you want to join. Copies of this document can be found in the High Hopes Headquarters—Room 148.

High Hopes does recognize that many students have after school commitments that make it impossible to stay after three or more days. Staff ask that you come

as often as you can and have fun!



Should you have any questions or concerns, talk to Ms. Mae or Ms. Minervia in Room 148.

Thanks!

The High Hopes Room Gets a Make Over

The High Hopes room is getting a face lift thanks to the Community Service Club and Mural Arts Team. On January 10th, students began

painting the walls a vibrant green and sky blue. One wall will be painted with a mural depicting popular High Hopes activities including drama, music,

art, and community service. If you want to help renovate the High Hopes room talk to Ms. Diann or Ms. Adela in Room 148 on Mondays.



High Hopes Ended 2010 With a Bang!

From September to December, more than one hundred students participated in the High Hopes Program.

On December 17, 2010 High Hopes threw an End of the Year party to celebrate student accomplishments and highlight the Musical Theatre club.

The Musical Theatre

club was led by Hartford Children's Theatre's Meagan MacLeod. Ms. Meagan is a professional actress and studied Music Theater at the Hartt School.

Ms. Meagan directed and choreographed two dance routines that over a dozen students memorized and performed at the High

Hopes Party. Students sang and danced to "Pinball Wizard" from the musical "Tommy" and "I Just Can't Wait to Be King!" from the Lion King. Festivities concluded with a meal prepared and cooked by Ms. Minervia and Ms. Mae.



Featured (from left to right): Latifah Dennis, Winifer Rosario, Ilan McDonald and Dominic Bonitto

Whose Line is it Anyways?

This year, High Hopes is teaming up with **Hartford Children's Theatre** and professional improvisational theatre team "**Sea Tea.**"

Improvisation is the practice of acting, sing-

ing, talking and reacting to people and situations around you. It is all about having fun and being creative.

Ever see the show **Whose Line is it Anyways?** Many of the games on the show are

games that High Hopes students get to play as part of the improv club.

Room 158

Wednesdays and Fridays



New Programs

Is there something you are really interested in but High Hopes doesn't currently offer?

What about a dance team or martial arts club? If so, please talk to Ms. Mae in Room 148.

Thanks!

Do you need community service hours to graduate?

Every Monday and Thursday High Hopes offers community service opportunities. So far the High Hopes Community Service club has planted a Bird and Butterfly garden in front of the school,



written letters to sick children living in the hospital during the

the holidays and launched a food drive.

Do you have some ideas for community service projects? How can you make a difference?



Mikayla Anderson and Tayze Thomas



Featured (from left to right): Pratima Benjamin, Liz Arroyo, Eshwar Gulcharran, George Denkey and Ms. Minervia.



David Johnson, featured with his aid, Suzy Rummans



Vivian Nguyen and Elsa Baez



Featured (from left to right): Karisma Rose, Ahmad Johnson, Ilan McDonald, Latifah Dennis, Winifer Rosario and Dominic Bonitto



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Readers as Leaders

Several students have already been invited to participate in **Readers as Leaders** this winter. **Readers as Leaders** pairs High Hopes students with an elementary school child. For several months the teenager reads to and mentors the elementary school child.

Each week, High Hopes students visit a local elementary school and

read a children's book to their "mentee." Students also play games and lead activities that are related to the book.

An information session will be held in the High Hopes Headquarters (Room 148) on January 20th from 3:00—4:00.

If you are interested in being a mentor and



making a huge difference in the life of a child, come to the information session!

Remember—**Readers as Leaders** engages only responsible and committed students.

