

From Dewey to Infinity... and Beyond!

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Shelf Life

Seniors Keep Your Chromebooks!

Seniors, CTECS is giving you a graduation present! The school district is allowing graduating seniors to retain their chromebooks after graduation! Information on un-enrolling your chromebook for personal use after graduation, will be posted in your Guidance Counselors classroom, and the Library Media Classroom! For more info or questions, see Mr. Barner in the Library Media Center.

Summer Reading

As we near the end of another academic year and head into the summer months, we hope everyone enjoys some fun in the sun, while also keeping your minds active with summer reading. The purpose of summer reading is to engage in ongoing reading and learning, and to develop a culture of literacy in our community. This year, we expect all of our students to set personal goals for reading, and commit to reading at least one book. Summer reading is critical for students to retain knowledge and skills learned in the previous school year. Students who don't read are at risk of falling behind their classmates. Summer reading programs can help students sustain and sharpen their focus and concentration. By breaking up their action-packed summer days with periods of concentrated reading time, students can maintain their ability to focus so they are ready to return to school in the fall.

The Summer Reading Assignment is for students to read 1 book, and create a trading card based on one of the characters in the book. All the Summer Reading info can be found on the School's Website or their English Instructor's Classroom.

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Big Thanks To Electrical!

In January, Mr. Murray's senior Electrical students began a project in the Media Center. The project was the start of a process that would lead to a change in the layout of the LMC's entrance. Before any layout changes could be made, a new power circuit, conduit, 4 outlets, and a new switch were all installed! The senior Electrical students did an awesome job. Once that part of the job was completed, the entrance layout was rearranged to a more engaging set-up! The final part of the project will be the installation of lighting, and digital signs to illuminate the entrance!

May is National Pet Month!

May is National Pet Month, so we asked the staff to send in pictures of their pets. Originally, we were going to use one of the LMC bulletin boards to display the pictures of our adorable pets. However, in an effort to get the most exposure for our beloved companions, we decided to display our pets on the Library's front door for all to see! Pets provide companionship, bring joy to our lives, give us affection, and we share our homes, our food, and our lives with them and do everything we can to ensure their well-being and happiness. See the picture below for the display of our beloved pets located in the Main Entrance to the LMC!

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

Frederick Douglass



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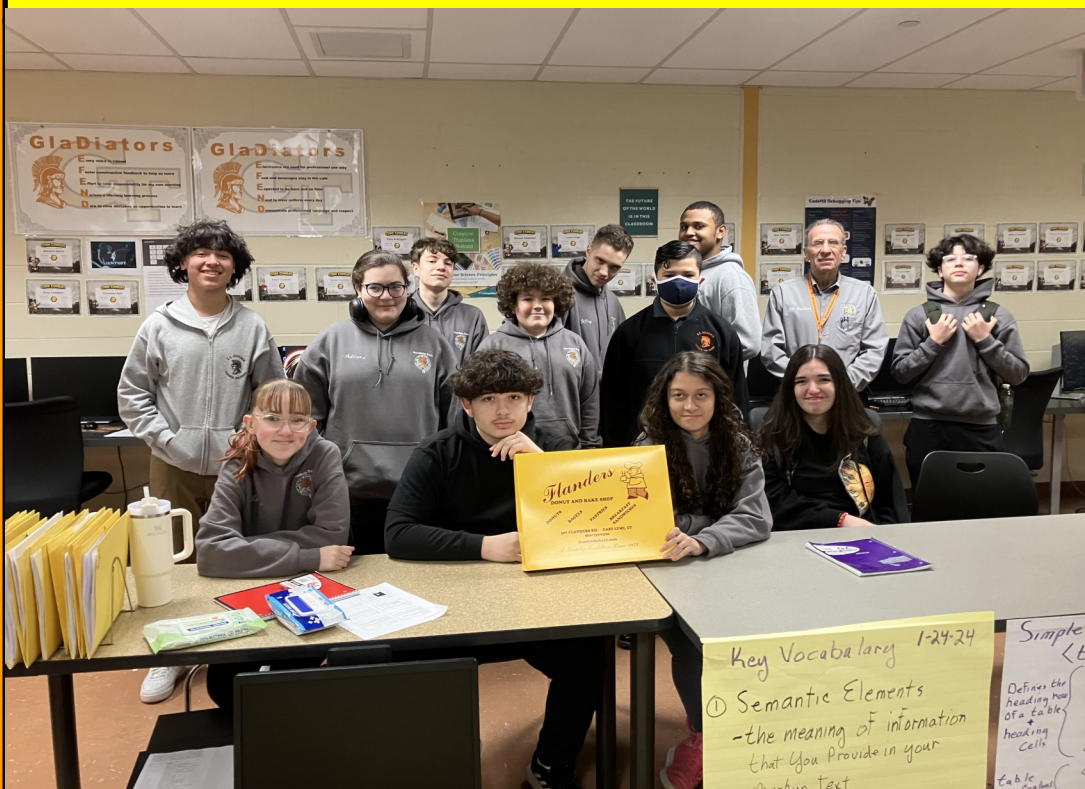
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Get Caught With Donuts!

In January, the school began a literacy program called, Get Caught Reading! Instructors gave out tickets to any student who was caught reading in class after their work was completed, in the lobby before school, in the café, just about anywhere students can read! A student from each grade with the most tickets, for the quarter, gets a prize. In order to support that program, and, to promote March as National Reading Month, the LMC sponsored “Get Caught With Donuts.” The March Homerooms, academic & trade, that had the most students caught reading, received donuts from the world renown Flanders Donuts! Pictured are: B Cycle Winners, Ms. Alexandro’s ELL HR, and Mr. Bucchieri’s IST HR. A Cycle winners were Ms. Kelliher’s ELL HR, and Mr. Zito’s IST HR.

“Books train your mind to imagination to think big.”
Taylor Swift



Big Shout-Out to IST!

Since the start of the school year, IST and the Library Media Center have been actively collaborating to improve the CB repair process. IST students have been coming to the LMC on Tuesday and Thursday's during Period 2 to help out with the CB's. So far they have scrapped/surplused over 650 CB's; supported all of the tech needs for the standardized testing, processed numerous CB repairs, and have been generally, a huge help! THANKS IST!



Chromebook Corner

Remember, if you have any issues with your chromebook or your Google or Outlook accounts, See Mr. Barner, in the Library Media Center, as soon as possible!

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you’ll go.”

Dr. Seuss

Items of Interest:

- The annual chromebook inventory is underway. So far, the sophomore and freshmen classes have been completed. Junior classes will have their CB's inventoried in their math classes on Friday, June 14th.
- If your chromebook was not inventoried during the assigned times, please stop by the Library Media Center so your unit can be inventoried!
- CTECS is changing vendors for their chromebooks for the upcoming school year. Initially, when the 1-to-1 Initiative started, Dell supplied our units, then HP for the past 7 years, and next year we will be using Lenovo Chromebooks!

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Final Thoughts

As the end of another school approaches, time to reflect on the year in the Library Media Center. It's been a good year with the various collaborations with the Electrical Department, IST, and the English departments for the "Get Caught with Donuts" promotion. The students really liked the donuts! Besides the various collaborations going on, there has been another project ongoing this school year. Last Summer, the Library was awarded a \$95,000.00 Title 1 Grant to expand and update our non-fiction collections. The process of weeding out the old books, and integrating the new material, has been ongoing, and should be completed by the start of the new school year. Over 3500 new non-fiction resources have been added to the collection! The new resources have enhanced students ability to do research, and to engage in pleasurable reading across the non-fiction spectrum. Last Summer's grant, in conjunction with another Title 1 Grant, received in the Summer of 2020 to update the fiction collection, has improved the quality of the LMC's collection immeasurably! Our collection is one of the best in the District! Remember, Stay Calm, & Read On! Don't Forget Summer Reading! Everyone have a great summer! Mr. B

"Think before you speak. Read before you think."

Fran Lebowitz

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1. Powerless—Lauren Roberts
2. Powerful —Lauren Roberts
3. Divine Rival—Rebecca Ross
4. The Reappearance of Rachel Price—Holly Jackson
5. Sweet Nightmare—Tracy Wolff
6. Ruthless Vows—Rebecca Ross
7. A Crane Among Wolves— June Hur
8. Heartless Hunter—Kristen Ciccarelli
9. Nightbane—Alex Aster
10. Murtagh—Christopher Paolini

