

# HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

## *2013 AND BEYOND*



*The Leadership Team and staff of Hartford High School are excited about the changes that are being initiated during the 2013 – 2014 school year. We are confident that, in concert with the programs and facilities that Hartford has historically provided, these changes will significantly improve the learning opportunities for all students.*



Presenting Hartford High School of the present and future  
Parent Advisory Board Meeting  
April 11, 2013

## Hartford High School in 2013

Hartford High School is accredited by the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

Hartford High School's master schedule is currently structured as a 4 x 4 block; this means that students have 4 classes per semester and change classes at the mid-year. This will not change in 2013 - 2014.

### Academic Programs and supports

- Honors Program
- Special Education and Support Services (IEP, 504, EST, Pupil Services)
- QUEST alternative program
- Academic Resource Center (ARC) available for Academic support and tutoring
- *Second Growth*, substance and bullying prevention (contracted service)
- Membership in the Vermont Virtual Learning Collaborative (VTVLC), through this program our students have the opportunity to access an ever-increasing number of on-line courses
- Opportunity to access Dartmouth College courses
- Dual enrollment opportunity through River Valley College (RVC) and Community College of Vermont (CCV)
- Over 80 elective offerings
- Course offerings at varied levels including AP, Advanced, Standard and Foundational, available for *all* students
- Opportunity to pursue a technical program through the Hartford Area Career and Technology Center (HACTC), a regional technology center located on Hartford's campus

### Co-curricular and club Opportunities

- 18 Varsity sports with many sub-varsity offerings
- Student Government through Student Council or Class Councils
- Fall Musical
- Winter One-Act Play
- Spring Pizzazz performance
- Seasonal Band and Choral concerts
- Anime Club
- Debate Team
- International Club
- Math Team
- National Honor Society
- Participation in the Mega-Moody Challenge Math competition
- Participation in the VEX Robotics competition
- Peer Projects
- Project Compass
- Prom Committee
- Rainbow Squad
- Ultimate Frisbee
- Yearbook

## Facilities and Technology:

- Approximately 40 *SmartBoard* and LED projector-equipped classrooms
  - Including 3 recently renovated Science Labs & a Greenhouse
- 3 desktop computer labs and multiple mobile laptop labs
- Multiple digital and video cameras
- A 3 – D printer
- A state-of-the-art 340 seat theatre, renovated during the summer of 2012
- A state-of-the-art music technology lab (*Diane Lawrence Music Technology Lab*)
- Fully equipped Library, media and study center
- 180 seat cafeteria
- Academic Resource Center (ARC)
- QUEST, an on-sight alternative program
- A quarter of a million dollars of fitness equipment, soon to be housed in a new Field house
- Wendall A. Barwood Arena and skating facility, to be upgraded 2013 - 2014
- A gymnasium, to be upgraded during the summer of 2013
- Football field – soon to be replaced with a multi-purpose turf field, around which will be placed a track
- Tennis facilities
- Various field spaces including baseball, field hockey and softball fields – all of which will be positively impacted by the recently passed bond

## Staffing

- 46 teaching staff, the vast majority of whom are full-time teachers
- Special Education and 504 Coordinators
- 4 Full-time Guidance Counselors
  - Including a “looping Counselor” who supports the 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade transition
- 2 Full-time staff who provide student supports through the Academic Resource Center (ARC)
- QUEST Coordinator
- Student Support Teacher
- Full-time HCRS Clinician
- *Second Growth* Counselor (contracted service, 2 days per week)
- A Resource Officer (3 days per week)
- Technology Integration Specialist
- Library and Media Specialist

## Hartford High School travel and service learning opportunities:

April 2012	Cultural immersion trip to Germany
Dec. 2012	Service learning trip to the Dominican Republic
March 2013	Washington DC – Genocidal Studies & US History
April 2013	Cultural immersion trip to France

In addition Hartford High School has sponsored trips for students to Montreal, Boston and New York City

## NEW FOR 2013 – 2014 (*and beyond*)

*The Leadership Team's goal throughout this process has been to expand opportunities for students, while providing support for all in a climate that fosters the development of relationships and honors student learning.*

### Academic Programs and supports

- Implementation of a formal Student Advisory Program (2013 – 2014)
  - Every student will develop a Personal Learning Plan (PLP)
  - Including a dedicated Advisory Coordinator
  
- Master Schedule modifications (2013 – 2014)
  - Embedded “H” block
    - Opportunity for students to access *Band / Choir* without conflict
    - Opportunity for students to access academic supports from their teachers
    - Opportunity for students to access their Advisor
    - Opportunity for students to access and utilize facilities
      - Computer labs, gymnasium, quiet study area(s)
  - Opportunity for HHS students enrolled in the HACTC to access HHS for 6 credits rather than 4 in the junior year
  - Learning day extended to 2:45
  
- Curriculum / Programming changes (2013 – 2014)
  - Implementation of a full-year *English Language Arts (ELA)* program of studies for ninth grade students
  - Implementation of a full-year *Algebra I* program for **most** ninth grade students (some may test out, others may be placed out)
  - Implementation of a half-day, transition program for ninth grade students titled, *The Eye*
  - Increased ARC accessibility for all students
  - Implementation of a *Financial Literacy* elective for seniors
  
- Creation of a *Gifted and Talented Coordinator* position (2013 – 2014)
  - Review and, potential, revision of the Honors Program
  - Develop programmatic opportunities for gifted and talented students
  
- Creation of a *Volunteer Coordinator* position (2013 – 2014)
  - Support student volunteerism as a liaison to the Upper Valley community

## Hartford High School travel and service learning opportunities (proposed)

Spring 2014	Galapagos Island Experiential Learning Trip
	Germany learning trip
	Washington DC & Gettysburg
'14 – '15 school year	Greece trip

In addition to these learning opportunities, that are currently being planned, there will be other travel and service experiences offered through Hartford High School.

## Facilities and structures (**bold** indicates improvements resulting from recent bond support)

- Building of a new **Field house** used for storage, locker rooms and our fitness center
- **Track**
- **All-purpose turf field** which will host games for all field sports
- Renovations and upgrades to the gymnasium
- Renovations and upgrades to the **Wendall A. Barwood Arena**
- New **baseball and softball complexes** to be located on the Maxfield property
- Increase in number of laptops and/or tablets available to students
- On-campus computer access through wi-fi
- Ongoing campus improvements led by the CIC (Community Improvement Council)

It is important to note that all of the changes align with the New England Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges (NEASC) standards and provide a foundation from which we can address all of our accrediting body's standards of practice. In addition, these changes support our capacity to address the Common Core State Standards. Lastly, these modifications provide pathways for our students to grow within the Hartford School District Ends Policies. In short, with these changes in place, the necessary staff development to allow for maximizing our time with students and the accompanying ongoing review and revision of our curriculum Hartford High School will be prepared to support students while providing dynamic learning opportunities for all.

# *Daily Bell Schedule*

## 2013 - 2014

Advisory            7:45 - 8:10 (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday\*)

Block 1            8:15 - 9:30

Block 2            9:35 - 10:50

"H" Block        10:50 - 12:05

    "H" Block A     10:53 - 11:15

    "H" Block B     11:18 - 11:40

    "H" Block C     11:43 - 12:05

Block 3            12:10 - 1:25

Block 4            1:30 - 2:45

There is no Advisory on Wednesday; school will begin at 8:15 for all students.