

HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome back to Hartford High School!

We hope that your summer has been both relaxing and fulfilling. Hartford High School continues to strive to increase our use of digital communication. This newsletter is being sent home to ensure that all of our families have access to this information; however we are hoping to continue to regularly communicate through digital tools, a number of which are identified in this mailing.

Among its many announcements, the *Principal's Newsletter* traditionally communicated to students when and how they can access their schedule. Student 2018 – 2019 schedules will be available for viewing on Wednesday, Aug. 8. Students who have a Hartford School District password will continue to access their Infinite Campus account using their current password; any student who has not been issued a password, or any student with a question regarding their password, should contact Rena Burnett, school registrar, at (802) 295-8610, ext. *2369. School counselors will be back in their offices on Aug. 15, 16 and 17 to support students with any scheduling concerns they may have. To ensure counselor availability, students should contact the counseling office to set up an appointment prior to arrival.

If you are a junior or senior who plans on driving to school, you may register your car with Jennifer in the Main Office from 8:00 AM – 2:00 PM on the following dates: Tuesday, August 14 and Wednesday, August 15. If the cost for parking represents a hardship please speak with Jen McGonigal and we will work out a payment schedule that accommodates all students. Registration forms may be obtained online under the student section or in the main office. The cost of the parking pass is \$40 for the year (pro-rated at \$10 per quarter). Student parking on campus will be on a first-come, first-serve basis; all students with a parking pass will have a space on our campus. The "Parking Lot Fund" is used to support a variety of student activities including providing assistance to students who find themselves in need and providing students with celebratory events and food. At some point in their educational careers all students will benefit from this fund. Students found to have parked an unregistered vehicle on campus or who drive in an unsafe manner are subject to the loss of their parking privileges. We have had a busy summer; the campus has seen a number of improvements including the paving of the parking lot and a substantial redesign of the traffic pattern.

In addition to periodic *Views from the Principal's Office*, there are a number of ways the school will communicate with students, parents, and the community via social media. Please friend us on Facebook (Hartford High School Announcements), follow us on Twitter at hcaneswirl, hcanleads, and hcanearns and on Instagram at hcanesswirl; families can also access information from the high school webpage, or simply access the daily announcements posted on our website. Sports information, including schedules and practice times, can be found on the webpage as well. It is always our hope to communicate more often and more effectively all that is going on at Hartford High School. If you would prefer a hard copy of the documents that will be posted, please let us know by contacting Jennifer McGonigal (ext. *2396), principal's secretary at Hartford High School, and one will be sent to you.

We wish you an enjoyable conclusion to your vacation and look forward with great anticipation and excitement to your return, joining us for what we expect will be a rewarding and prosperous school year!

Sincerely,

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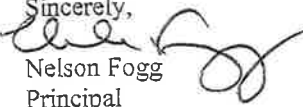
A message from the Principal

Hartford High School finds itself in a changing educational landscape. We are pleased that our school is positioned to support student learning through a number of interesting, exciting, and unique ways. While Hartford students will always be provided an opportunity to engage in rigorous and relevant learning through traditional classes, we are also providing opportunities for students to find meaningful and significant learning outside the customary classroom experiences. As education becomes personalized, Hartford is partnering with students and their families to ensure that a Hartford education prepares *all* students for their futures. Our challenge in this partnership is to support students throughout their high school experience as their interests and abilities change with their maturation. It is a rare student who graduates with the same plan that they entered. This flexibility of planning requires our school to consider all an individual student can be, or might want to be, in preparation for the day they graduate. This approach to learning differs greatly from the way most of us were educated. Simply stated, we must be prepared to partner with our students to support their personalized education.

The 2017-2018 school year found a number of significant changes in the types of opportunities our students took advantage of. These included more students in dual-enrollment courses at local colleges than at any previous year. Students also pursued their interests and passions through our Eye program. A number of students explored learning a language of their choice through the World Language Lab. In general, Hartford High School's commitment to serve all students requires that we continue to consider alternative pathways to graduation that include excellence in our traditional programming. It is our goal to make "Yes" our default answer when a student approaches us regarding their educational goals. As a larger percentage of our students identify their learning goals through their Personalized Learning Plans (PLP) we will continue to rise to the challenge inherent in supporting each and every student's unique education plan.

We are excited to partner with you and your student and look forward to the coming year.

Sincerely,


Nelson Fogg
Principal

Other important dates:

- Aug. 6 **Fall Preseason Sports Orientation Meeting (6:00 in the High School gym)**
This meeting is required for ninth graders, new students, or first time participants and highly recommended for everyone else. If you attended the June 5 meeting you do not need to attend this meeting as the same information will be presented.
- Aug. 13 **Football Practice begins**
- Aug. 16 **All other sports practices begin**
- Aug. 23 **New Student Orientation (9:00 – 12:30, check in at the High School Main Lobby by 8:45)**

Busing will be provided for Hartford and Hartland students for this event. Hartford buses will run their regular routes, but *one hour later*; Hartland students will be picked up at 8:00 at Hartland 4 Corners and 8:05 at Hartland 3 Corners. The day will culminate with a pizza lunch.
- Aug. 27 **Fall Sports Media Day**
Photo forms can be picked up either at the orientation events or in the athletic office.
- Aug. 28 **First Day of School**
- Sept. 17 – 21 **Spirit Week**, culminating with Homecoming on Friday, Sept. 21