



Points of Pride

Spring 2016

Elementary School

- Academic achievement:
 - ✓ 60 % of students, grades K-3, in eight of our schools and 50% in two of our schools scored at/above Proficient in Reading in May 2015
 - ✓ 75% of students, grades 1-5, mastered math objectives in June 2015
 - ✓ 95% of students attended elementary school daily
- Received \$77 Million grant to expand the Rogers International IB school
- Pre-K classes at Davenport, Roxbury, and KT Murphy
- 6-week Summer school for rising Kindergarten and 1st graders
- Two Elementary SPS Odyssey of the Mind teams advanced to World Finals

Middle School

- Academic achievement:
 - ✓ Honors classes reflect the diversity of our student population
 - ✓ Qualified middle school students can earn high school credit by taking Algebra in grade 7 and Honors Geometry in grade 8, in 2014-15:
 - 22 Grade 7 students were enrolled in Algebra I
 - 407, or 37%, of Grade 8 students were enrolled in Algebra I
 - ✓ 437 Grade 8 students were enrolled in French or Spanish
 - ✓ 92% of students attended middle school daily
- In core courses, 70% or more of Grade 8 students in College Prep classes and more than 90% in Honors classes received an A, B, or C in June 2015
- Cloonan Middle School received the *College for Every Student (CFES) National School of Distinction Award* for the seventh year in a row
- Two TOR students were selected to perform with the *Fairfield County Strings Festival*
- Cloonan Middle School teacher named, *White House Champion of Change for Computer Science Education*
- Dolan Middle School received a \$5,000 grant from James Patterson and Scholastic Reading Club
- Scofield Magnet Middle School teacher named *2016 Linblad Expeditions and National Geographic Grosvenor Teacher Fellow*
- Two middle school SPS Odyssey of the Mind teams advanced to World Finals

High School

- Academic achievement:
 - ✓ Number of AP exams taken by Stamford Public Schools (SPS) students increased from 1,411 in 2010 to nearly 2,000 in 2015
 - ✓ Number of students taking AP exams increased from just over 670 in 2010 to more than 1,000 in 2015
 - ✓ Number of AP scholars increased from 248 in 2014 to 264 in 2015
 - ✓ Westhill recognized by the College Board for high participation in APs by a diverse student population
 - ✓ AITE ranked number one magnet high school in the State of Connecticut by Niche Rankings
 - ✓ High school graduation rate increased from 83% for the Class of 2010 to 89% for the Class of 2015:
 - 10 point gain for Hispanic students from 71% to 81%
 - 9 point gain for Black students from 79% to 88%
- AITE student named a U.S. Presidential Scholar in 2016
- Eight SPS students were named *National Merit Semifinalists* in 2015, the most we've had in the past 3 years
- The National Merit Scholarship Corporation named 10 Stamford Public School seniors as *Commended Students*

- SHS Strawberry Hill Players drama club earned top honors at the *Connecticut Drama Association Festival*:
 - ✓ Outstanding Production (first place in the state)
 - ✓ People's Choice
 - ✓ Outstanding Characterization
 - ✓ Two Outstanding Actor Awards
 - ✓ Three All Connecticut Cast Awards
- WHS Northstar Playmakers drama club earned the following awards at the *Connecticut Drama Association Festival*:
 - ✓ Theatrical Achievement
 - ✓ Outstanding Ensemble Acting
 - ✓ Execution of Overall Theatrical Concept
 - ✓ Outstanding Make-Up
- AITE students earn first and second place at the *Fairfield Regional Connecticut History Day* contest
- WHS School Social Worker Juan Pazmino named one of *50 Most Influential Latinos in Connecticut*
- Three AITE students won *The 2015 World Series of Innovation*
- SHS's "The Round Table" and WHS's "The Westword" both awarded *Gold Medals* by The Columbia Scholastic Press Association
- Eight WHS Students Recognized with Top Honors at *FBLA National Leadership Conference*:
- Westhill High School swept *NFTE Fairfield County Regional Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge*
- SHS Junior named *Connecticut Association of Schools 2015 Governor's Scholar*
- SHS Winter Percussion won *Gold Medal* in *MAC Championships* and ranked 25th overall in *WGI World Championships*
- SHS Receives Continued Accreditation by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC)

District

- Trained more than 1,000 teachers in EL strategies, receiving high praise from the Department of Justice
- English Language Arts curriculum unit of study was recognized as Exemplary
- One of only eight districts nationally to receive a technical assistance grant for mental health initiatives from the University of Maryland Medical School
- Launched a Parent Portal for middle and high school—more than 60% of our parents are utilizing the portal
- School Climate Survey, which is the first of a 3-year plan to monitor results, showed positive results for:
 - ✓ Adults caring about and having high expectations for their students
 - ✓ Respect for diversity
 - ✓ Positive Professional Relationships
- Expanded the use of Twitter to inform our more than 2,200 followers (students, staff, families and community members) of school cancelations, student and staff achievements, press releases, and news articles