

Parents and Guardians,

We have some great upcoming items that we wanted to share with you. Please check out the below.

### **Student Led Conferences (February 28th, March 1st and March 2nd)**

Reminder, our spring student led conferences are coming up next week. Information on the SLC times for the different grade levels is below. Parents are expected to participate. If after the SLC, you would like to come back on a different day and have a conference with a particular teacher or teachers, you can set that up through the front office.

#### 9th and 10th Grade Parents

The student led conference will include your son/daughter, you, and a STEM faculty member. Please contact Amy Robinson, [robinson\\_amy@hcde.org](mailto:robinson_amy@hcde.org), to reserve your 20 minute time slot.

—Tuesday, Feb 28th: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am

—Wednesday, Mar 1st: 8am, 8:20am, 8:40am, 9am

—Thursday, Mar 2nd: 4:40pm, 5pm, 5:20pm, 5:40pm, 6pm, 6:20pm, 6:40pm

#### 11th and 12th Grade Parents

The student led conference will include your son/daughter and you, and your son/daughter will take you from class to class. You can come anytime between 8am and 9:15am on Wednesday, Mar 1 OR between 4:40pm and 7:00pm on Thursday, Mar 2. Teachers will be in each room as you move from one room to the next with the student leading the activity. This is a required student led activity for all 11th and 12th grade students. You do not need to sign up prior to coming.

### **9th Grade Robotics Competition (Friday, March 3rd)**

On Friday, March 3rd there will be the annual Boe-Bot competition for 9th graders. This year will be a little different from the past. Student teams will be competing in 16 different challenges during the afternoon. The competition will take place in our Commons area and Mr. David will be sending out further information for parents to volunteer. We are super excited about this year's competition, as each team will be able to participate, make adjustments on the fly, and help crown our champion!

### **10th Grade CDM Lessons (February and March) and Unum Coding Competition (March 15th)**

10th graders are in the midst of traveling to different elementary schools throughout Hamilton County to implement elementary STEM lessons created by the 10th graders. By the time they are done, they will have worked with almost 2000 students. We are so proud of them and their work with the Creative Discovery Museum to create STEM opportunities for so many people.

The top ten 10th grade teams from the 10th grade coding competition will be competing against Unum employees on Wednesday, March 15th. This competition takes place at Unum in a Jeopardy style format. This year's competition pits Unum employees vs STEM students in their knowledge of Swift and Xcode. We look forward to the hugely fun and interactive experience... and having a STEM student team win the competition for a third straight year!

### **11th Grade PBL Presentations (March 13th – 16th)**

11th graders will be presenting their finished products and ideas during the week of March 13th to their PBL business partners. The week begins with presentations to the Chattanooga Bakery for the MoonPie 100th

Anniversary Social Media Campaign and end the week with presentations to the Tennessee Aquarium for the TNACI Environmental Terrain Relief Model. Presentations will take place for seven different projects in total. The five others include the Chattanooga Zoo Snake Exhibit, the Chattanooga Urban Design Project, the Unum Performance Support Tool of the Future, the STEM Storage Solution, and the Kenco Loading Dock Status Tracker.

### **National Merit Finalist Announced**

Congratulations to Renee Schebler! Renee has been selected as a National Merit Finalist, which places her in the top 1% of all entrants for the National Merit Scholarship program. Amazing job Renee!

### **Spring Break Times and Calendar**

March 6 thru March 10 – Chattanooga State Spring Break

--No classes for 11th and 12th grade students. However, ER (extended remediation) will be assigned for any 11th and 12th grade student who is behind on their STEM classwork.

March 17 thru March 24 – Hamilton County Schools Spring Break

--No school for 9th and 10th grade students.

--No STEM School classes for 11th and 12th grade students. However, all college classes are in session and students are expected to attend their college classes.

Thank you for your support!

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