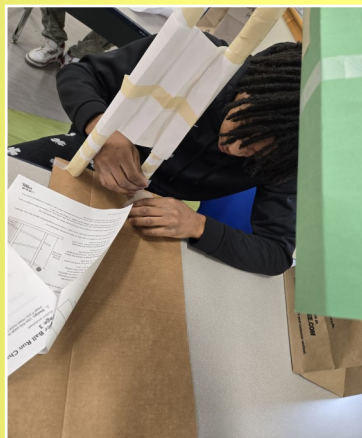




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POLARIS CENTER
Guiding students to learn and grow

DECEMBER 2025 NEWS & NOTES



STEM, students are exploring the Law of Conservation of Energy by building paper ball runs. These runs are made entirely out of paper and held together with tape. This project challenges students to balance structure, form, and energy to keep the ball moving for as long as possible.!

Our longest run was held by Jason, with a total travel time of 5.56 seconds. Jack was our overall winner earning the most points, with a final score of 12.84. Jack achieved this by balancing a travel time of 4.46 seconds and using the least amount of paper, only 5 pieces!

Well done!

POLARIS FAMILY NIGHT & RESOURCE FAIR

Families are invited to join us for a night of engagement & community spirit. Agencies from a wide range of professions will be in attendance to help connect our families with valuable resources & support. Vendors may include agencies in education, mental health, employment services, mentoring programs, health care & youth leadership initiatives.

PLEASE JOIN US:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3
5:30PM-7:00PM
474 SCHOOL STREET
EAST HARTFORD, CT 06108

For More Information Contact:
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Our Culture & Climate Committee sponsored a game of volleyball for staff on November 14. A shout out to all the staff who played, as well as those who stopped by to cheer, officiate, and lend support!

2025-2026 PROGRAM HOURS

Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday
8am—2pm
Wednesday
8am—12:30pm

12:30 Early Dismissal
Tuesday, December 23

NO SCHOOL
December 24 - January 2

CONGRATULATIONS! NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

**ALANA * OWENYIA * KARDELL
CADEN * SEAN * AMELYZ**

These students have excelled at upholding
our three core values:

**BE SAFE | BE RESPECTFUL | BE RESPONSIBLE
KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK!**