



Harding Resource Center YMCA After School Activities Catalog 2011 – 2012



Harding Resource Center/RTCC YMCA

Located in Room #122

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Greetings to the Warren Harding High School family,

To all Freshman, welcome to high school! To Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors, welcome back! To parents/guardians, teachers, administrators, staff, and community partners, we are looking forward to working together once again.

This year is going to be exciting, fun, educational, and full of new opportunities. The Harding Resource Center is pleased to announce that Najia Walker has taken on the role of Program Coordinator and we have a new Program Assistant and Jesuit Volunteer in Angela Francisco.

Be sure to stop by the Resource Center in Room 122, with a pass, to sign-up for clubs, get college information, work on a project, or just to say, "Hello!" Keep your ears open during the announcements for special events like college tours, dance team competitions, and gospel choir performances.

We're here to help you find answers, explore future opportunities, and to have fun learning.

Remember, we're always here for you.

Have a great year!

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Programs for the 2011-2012 Academic Year:

- AHEC Youth Health Service Corps
- Cooking Club
- College Prep
- Dance Club
- Drama Club
- Hip-Hop Dance Team
- English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Film & TV Production
- Gospel Choir
- Modeling Club
- Yearbook Committee
- Young Men's Association

AHEC Youth Health Service Corps

Do you want to learn more about health careers? Join Youth Health Service Corps and hear from professionals in various health related careers, learn healthy fitness, receive science tutoring, and become CPR certified. This club is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

College Prep

Attention all **SENIORS!** Need help filling out college applications, scholarship applications, financial aid or improving SAT scores? We are here to help you achieve your collegiate goals! On October 11th we are offering a four-week SAT prep course, by an SAT expert who will address strengths and weaknesses for achieving high scores.

Just for Juniors, we will help you prepare for and take the May 2012 SAT exam in the same four-week SAT prep course to get you ahead of the game for your Senior year!

Cooking Club

Are you the next great chef or just want to learn how to cook? The Cooking Club will introduce you to basic recipes, cooking techniques, and healthy eating options. Teamwork, affirmation, and diversity appreciation are established in order to foster a fun learning experience for everyone. This club meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Dance Club

Dance for fun, fitness or both! All are welcome to come learn various dance forms in a fun interactive atmosphere. No experience is necessary, just a desire to have fun and be willing to try. Dance experts will guest teach in a variety of dance styles from salsa to ballet to hip-hop and more! This club is held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Drama Club

Express your inner voice and gain the skills to becoming more confident in yourself. All students are welcome to learn about theater arts techniques like movement, improv, body and spatial awareness, and scene study. Club members will perform in the spring play, but no experience is needed. Drama club is held Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Hip-Hop Dance Team

If you have a passion for hip-hop, try-out for our award winning Hip-Hop Dance Team! Try-outs will be held on Sept 22 and 26, 2011. Rehearsals are twice weekly to prepare for statewide and regional competitions as well as numerous shows and special events across the state. Dance Team practice is held after Dance Club in the auditorium Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)

Are you looking for a fun way to learn more English? Join other students to practice and apply your English in your everyday life. Learn through fun games, activities and even trips to the movies and grocery stores to become more acclimated in conversation. This club will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Film & TV Production

Be a part of this hands-on experience using video cameras, taking photographs, creating news segments and learning Final Cut Pro editing software. Students will be able to create video announcements, interviews, and other creative projects. This club will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Gospel Choir

Let your voice be heard! Harmonize with friends while inspiring others in our award winning gospel choir. Get the chance to perform all over Connecticut and participate in competitions against other gospel choirs from all over the country. Practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Modeling Club

Do you have an eye for style and a passion for fashion? Cultivate your creativity, learn self-expression and explore "do-it-yourself" projects that will be a part of the student run and produced Fashion Show. Come join us and explore today's fashion, get the chance to design and create your own pieces, and perfect a model walk! Modeling club is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Yearbook Committee

Help capture this year's events for the Harding Yearbook! Students will be able to learn how to compile, layout and design pages for the 2011-2012 yearbook. Photographers, writers, and all those willing to learn what goes into editing and production are welcome to join - no experience necessary! Yearbook is held Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

Young Men's Society

Discuss young men's issues, concerns, and everyday problems in a safe environment. Participate in leadership and community building activities including a group community service project. This club meets on Wednesdays from 2:30 pm to 5:00 pm.

About the Harding Resource Center

The Harding Resource Center is a collaborative effort between the Ralphola Taylor Community Center YMCA, Warren Harding High School and the City of Bridgeport Board of Education. Our mission is to offer quality, educational, and interactive after school programming for the Warren Harding High School student body. Clubs are held in the fall, winter, and spring sessions in addition to year-long clubs.

Harding Resource Center rules:

1. Students are not permitted in the Harding Resource Center during school hours without a pass signed by a teacher or administrator.
2. All participants must have a **completed registration and media release form** signed by a parent/guardian on file.
3. All registered students must attend programs three days per week to participate in activities and take the late bus home.
4. Clubs are in session **Monday through Thursday from 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Please check the monthly calendar for individual club schedules and any special club hours.
5. No profanity or negative comments permitted.
6. Participants must show respect to themselves and others at all times.
7. All field trips require parent/guardian signed permission slips.
8. Participants must attend all classes to participate in club activities.

**Harding Resource Center/RTCC YMCA
21st Century Community Learning Center
Registration Form 2011 – 2012**

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Email address _____

Student ID: _____

Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Emergency Contact:

Name _____

Phone _____

Relationship to Student _____

Special Needs (i.e. allergies, medications, accessibilities, diet, limitations, etc.)

Circle: Male or Female

Ethnicity: Please circle

Native American Asian American Caucasian American

African American Hispanic American Other _____

Primary Language _____

Parent/Guardian please read carefully and sign below:

I agree to allow my child to participate in the Warren Harding High School Community Learning Center/Resource Center programs and activities. If a medical emergency arises, program staff will take all the steps necessary to ensure my child's safety and will call, if necessary, an emergency vehicle to transport my child to an emergency facility; I understand that I will be responsible for any transportation charges and medical expenses incurred.

I give my permission for my child to attend and be transported to off-site club meetings as needed with a Harding Resource Center staff member. My child also has permission to take the late bus as transportation home after club activities.

I give my consent to Warren Harding High School and the CLC Program to share my child's records for purpose of educational support and assistance. In addition, I understand that the CLC may use my child's records to evaluate individual progress and improvement, as well as to evaluate the overall impact of the program to obtain continued funding for the program.

I hereby certify that I have read and do understand the above information:

Parent Signature _____ Print Name _____



Bridgeport Public Schools

MEDIA RELEASE FORM

I, _____, hereby grant permission to the Bridgeport Public Schools, its affiliates and their successors, and any person receiving permission from any of them, to use my child _____'s picture, likeness, name, photograph or voice, at its discretion in publications or on video or audio tape concerning education programs or activities of the Bridgeport Public Schools. I have been assured, and it is my understanding, that this shall be used in instructional or publicity contexts only, and shall not be used for any commercial purposes whatsoever.

I do hereby agree to hold harmless the Bridgeport Public Schools in connection with any and all claims regarding my child's photographic image, including legal fees and other costs incurred.

I do hereby waive any claim for compensation for my child's photographic image.

I do hereby agree that this RELEASE is valid until expressly revoked by me in writing.

Date: _____ Name: _____

School: _____ Signature: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____