

# The Knight Times

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## Interview with Caitlin Rickaby By: Emily Gozzi

As I sat down to interview Caitlin Rickaby, the newest math teacher at WHS, I was excited to learn about her enthusiasm for teaching as well as the color blue and her 'adorable' seven-year-old Terrier named Hayley.

KT: What made you want to become a teacher?

CR: I first wanted to have a career as a physical therapist, but during my later years as a student, I had tutored some of my fellow classmates. I fell in love with it!

KT: Why did you decide to start teaching in Westbrook?

CR: I had heard very good things about the school. I figured I would give it a try.

KT: Is this school very different compared to the other schools where you have taught?

CR: Westbrook is extremely different. The staff, administration, the setting...they are all very different! It was certainly a transition, but sometimes change is for the better.

KT: Is it difficult teaching while your husband is deployed (in the military)?

CR: Yes, it is. Of course, I miss him, and worry about his safety.

KT: What are the features you like about Westbrook High School?

CR: Well, Westbrook is much smaller than other districts I have taught in. It feels more comfortable and simple



here because the school is less bustling and hectic. I also like the good morals and rules the school has.

KT: Are there any features you dislike about Westbrook High School?

CR: The distance from my classroom to the copying machine!

## Rumor Has It... By: Sarah Hollis

'Rumor has it' that WHS Theatre is up and running again! This fall we will be presenting the farce, *Rumors*, by Neil Simon.

The cast and crew are really excited to be working together again,

and are looking forward to an absolutely fantastic production under the direction of Ms. Mal.

November 10, 11, and 12 are the dates scheduled for the show

beginning at 7:30 p.m. We hope everyone can come.



Save the date for an evening of comic misadventure!

## KNIGHTS TIMES IS LOOKING FOR CONTRIBUTORS!

- *This is a great opportunity for students who enjoy writing, photography, and editing.*
- *Looks great on your resume!*
- *Students should see Miss Syzdek if interested in becoming a part of the school newspaper.*

## What's new with S.A.D.D.? By: Caroline Barton

This year's officers include:

Co-Presidents:  
Callie Hagemister  
Brendan Rauniker

Vice President:  
Bethany Schuster

Secretary:  
Chloe Vincent

Community Liaison:  
Caroline Barton

If you are interested in joining S.A.D.D., please do not hesitate to talk to any of the officers!

Our mission statements:  
S.A.D.D....

Is committed to a "no use" policy towards illegal alcohol and drug use  
Believes that young people can have fun, enjoy life and nurture positive personal relationships without the distraction and distortion of alcohol and other drugs

Seeks to demonstrate positive and attractive alternatives to alcohol and other drug infused activities for teenagers

Is an inclusive, not exclusive, organization

Seeks not to punish or alienate those students who make poor choices, but rather to inform, educate, support and empower young people to make positive decisions in their lives



## OSW Football Team Looks to Succeed By: Karim Jalil

The Old Saybrook/Westbrook football team, which is now under the management of a new head coach, is looking for a winning record this year to place the team into the playoffs. The newly hired head coach, Rudy Bagos, has a long and distinguished career in youth football, both as a player, and as a coach.

Coach Bagos has the assistance of a strong coaching team to help in achieving success. This includes: Coach Patrick Hanssen (varsity offensive/defensive line), Coach Kevin Pentergast (varsity defense), Coach Ken Dower (JV head coach), and also new to the staff, Coach Jim Lynch (assistant offense line/defense line). This skilled coaching team plans on jump starting the

football program and leading them to success on the field. With help from this year's captains; Ken Dower, Mike



Sweeny, Mark Cornacchio, Jesse Jimenez, and starting Quarterback Torin Wood, the OSW Rams Football Team is looking for their first positive record in years.

A winning record is not the only goal behind this OSW Rams football team. Many players spoke out to say that

they want to earn respect as a team, and under the guidance of the coaching staff and the captains, they hope to achieve it. As the coaching staff always says to the players, "respect is earned not given" and this is the key motivation that this OSW team needs.

At this point in the season, the OSW Rams hold a record of 2-1 and are looking for their third win after defeating both Nonnewaug and East

Hampton/Vinal Tech. The Rams will be playing against North Branford this week as they hope to get one step closer to their goal.

## Driver Education Update

Students interested in participating in a Fall Driver Education Program should submit an application to Mr. Bialicki by Friday, October 14th.



Applications are available from Mr. B or online at our school's website through the Student Activities Link!

See Mr. Bialicki for details; the application is essential to determine a schedule for the course. A permit is

not necessary to enroll in the classroom and payments are not due at this point. All information will be reviewed at the first class when parents will be asked to attend.



## October Horoscopes By: Emily Gozzi

**Aquarius (1/20-2/18)** It is an admirable month for careers. Charm can be used to reach your goals. Be involved. Your attitude to finish tasks quickly appeals to your partner, but also convince your love that you can be insensitive and brash. Invite your partner to help you with a goal to show you care. Besides stress you may develop over constant work, your health should be exceptional.

**Pisces (2/19-3/20)** After a dull start to the month, your schedule will fill with work that must be done. Utilize intellectual skills and patience. On a positive note, your relationships will be flavorful. You will meet a variety of people and become attracted to someone. Your health could be affected from a high amount of pressure and burden on your shoulders. This could lead to fatigue or your brain to become scattered, leading to an injury.

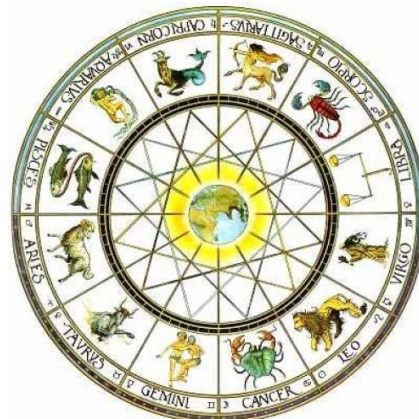
**Aries (3/21-4/19)** It is an important month for decisions. Your stable position will last to spring, with promise of rewards. You will be stressed. Create building blocks to success while juggling responsibilities. You face decisions in relationships. Complexity will lead you to make decisions based on feelings. You are in excellent physical shape but actions may affect this. Take no risks as disease or illness may arise if not taken seriously.

**Taurus (4/20-5/20)** Challenging commissions lie ahead. Learn techniques to help with a month of gradual success. Discover talents in group-work and accept ideas in a respectful way. This month will trigger opportunities for romance as you will be alluring to others. Otherwise, communicate with your partner and continue a delightful relationship. If you feel weak or sick, any side-effects should be taken in a somber perspective.

**Gemini (5/21-6/20)** Focus and be ready to handle tasks. Work will be peaceful. Your studies fit with sched-

ules and aspirations. No major or abrupt transitions occur in your occupation. Your love life may not be as romantic as you hoped. A partner may complain about how you treat them. If single, you may want someone in a superficial manner, not emotional. Make sure your health is in prime condition.

**Cancer (6/21-7/22)** You will bond with people you may not already know. You must sacrifice to move forward in the working environment. Mid-October, you will also fall in fiery love which could lead to unofficial relationships. You will have plenty of physiological and physical strength. Stay active and exercise every day but only use your energy in portions. If you become too active, you could harm your body.



**Leo (7/23-8/22)** Your creativity is crowded with ideas. Do not become restless over sharing these conceptions. Discuss ideas in a civilized manner, so as not to appear selfish. You'll feel passion for another, and may want to go after something without waiting. The results could lead to love, or a failed effort. You will be energetic and in great hands medically. You may experience minor injuries, so take precaution.

**Virgo (8/23-9/22)** You will be exposed to ventures that mature you as a student. This will help in multiple subjects. Your relationships will be filled with opportunities for time through work and recreational activities. Com-

munication is necessary. Your health may not be fortunate, as you are more fragile and out of shape than others. Get more sleep and seek your doctor for necessary advice

**Libra (9/23-10/22)** Work allows you to share ideas and become more social for audiences or crowds. In reward, your earnings and gifts received will please you. Love and relationships will be lighter this month. You and another may develop shallow feelings for each other, but not sentimental. You will find common interests with others during parties and leisure events, but nothing more.

**Scorpio (10/23-11/21)** You face friendly competition. Partaking in team-work benefits you. Feel content with your earnings and possibly make a profit. Your love contact will be spectacular. The opposite sex will be attached to you and your options will be unlimited. Health should be wonderful, but make sure to maintain this! Don't ignore your body's needs, by placing your wants first.

**Sagittarius (11/22-12/21)** Accept any course that sparks interest. Welcome academic studies to benefit your future! Consider a decision based on consequences. Do not engage in situations that may negatively affect your reputation or long term effects could trouble you. You may start to develop secret loves. You are fit, but it is suggested you keep a balanced diet and exercise frequently.

**Capricorn (12/22-1/19)** It is a difficult month for work. If something is not second nature, do not get discouraged as this will help you grow. Relationships will be laid back this month, consisting of a cheerful time of entertainment and liveliness. If single, you may find someone at a social gathering. There are no health issues heading your way. However, if feeling stressed, a relaxation course could do you wonders.

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## ATTENTION SENIORS

### **2012 Yearbook Deadlines Information and Important Dates**

#### **THE DEADLINE FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IS**

**WEDNESDAY~ NOVEMBER 9, 2011**

*(With the exception of Summer Photos ~ Due October 13<sup>th</sup>)*

1. Yearbook Order Form ~ Imprinted name is \$3.00 (Book approx.. \$55)
2. Formal Name Sheet and Birth Date
3. Formal Picture ~ 2 more dates to be photographed at Westbrook High Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2:00 – 8:00 pm and Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (Day Off) 10:00 am – 6:00 pm. Cost is only \$20.00 which is returned once proofs are sent back.
4. Baby Picture ~ We can submit this for scanning otherwise you can upload on [replayit.com](http://replayit.com) info on other side.
5. Quips (Likes, Quotes, Fun Times, Friends, Family, Memories etc...)
6. Quips Pictures ~ Choose 8, 10 or 20 photos and submit them on [replayit.com](http://replayit.com) info on other side.
7. Summer Pictures ~ We need summer photos asap to get started on that section submit them on [replayit.com](http://replayit.com). ~ (Due Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>)
8. ADS ~ Goal is 3 per student

**Any inappropriate photos, narratives, phrases etc... will immediately eliminate your participation in the QUIPS section.**

**We need your assistance ~ Meetings are held every Thursday from 6:30 – 7:30 pm  
Above information available in Senior Packet by the exit to the Senior Parking Lot**

## Senior Class Wins Field Day

Event	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Awareness Day	2	1	3	4
Sports Day	1	2	4	3
Super Hero Day	2	1	3	4
Dress to Impress	1	2	3	4
Class Color Day	2	1	3	4
Water Balloon	2	1	3	4
Tug of War	2	1	4	3
Setback	4	0	2	3
Flag Football	1	3	2	4
Ultimate Frisbee	2	1	3	4
Volleyball	2	1	4	3
Pumpkin Carving	4	3	2	1
Whiffle Ball	1	2	3	4
Catch & Release	1	2	3	4
Fishing Skills	1	2	3	4
Scavenger Hunt	3	0	0	4
Lip Sync	2	1	4	3
Jello Eating	3	1	4	2
Showcases	1	2	4	3
Hackey Sack	1	2	3	4
3 on 3 Basketball	1/3	2/4	3/1	4/2
Faculty Eyes	3	0	4	4
Chip Shot Golf	4/4	3/2	1/0	2/3
Horseshoe	4	2	1	3
Ladderball	1	2	4	3
3 pt Shot	3	4	2	2
TOTALS	65	51	83	99

## Photo Retakes November 10th!

Attention all Students, Staff & Faculty!

The Photo Absentee & Retake date for everyone is scheduled for Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. at a time to be determined. Everyone must be photographed for a new Identification Card and school records.