

The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

October 14, 2022

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

- ❖ **Wednesday, 10/19: Picture Retakes**
- ❖ **Thursday, 10/20: Early Dismissal, Professional Development**
- ❖ **Saturday, 11/5: Homecoming Dance (7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)**
Doors open at 6:00 p.m. at Hamden High School

PARENT CORNER

PTSA - The PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) would like to remind you to become a member. Your membership is needed so that we can make a difference together! Please visit our website to become a member, find out more, or contact us. <https://ptsaofhhs.memberhub.com/>

SGC (School Governance Council) - The SGC had a very productive first meeting of the year! We met in person and managed to open the Zoom link so we can be hybrid and accommodate everyone's needs. However, it is great to be in person! Our meeting times have changed to 6:00 P.M. in the library media center at HHS. Please send any concerns or questions you would like to have raised to: hhsgc1@gmail.com Thank you! Karlen Meinsen, Chairperson
To join the Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83014673613?pwd=VUszd1U0SUNbEd5Z2dOUzFoTjhrUT09>



HHS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

SURVEY - Hamden High School is in the process of establishing a short-term exchange program with Liceo Scientifico "Ettore Majorana," a public high school in Caltagirone, Italy in 2022 (tentatively in April and November). We hope to learn whether there are families interested in hosting an Italian high school student for 10-14 days in April 2022 (tentatively April 4-16). Please complete the [short survey](#) below by Friday, October 14, 2022. Feel free to contact Jasmina Besirevic Regan at jasmina.besirevic@yale.edu or via cell phone at 203-980-6595 with any questions. Thank you for your support.

YEARBOOK SALES

Yearbooks are ON SALE NOW! The yearbook is now on sale for \$70 until November 22nd. They can be purchased at yearbookforever.com! **Parents/guardians have until October 14th to purchase a senior ad for the yearbook.** They can purchase an ad for their senior student by visiting www.yearbookforever.com.

HEALTH ASSESSMENT - All parents, students and staff should engage in the **Daily Health Assessment** ([ENGLISH](#) or [SPANISH](#)) before arriving at school to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in school.

COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

NAVIANCE LOGIN - Students may now login to Naviance through Clever.com!

COLLEGE VISITS at HHS - Many colleges have already signed up to visit our school to meet with SENIORS in person. **Students need to go on their Naviance to sign up to meet with the reps.**

WEEK - October 17 - 21

Oct. 17

- Wesleyan 9:00
- Eckerd College 9:45
- Yale Univ. 10:30
- Haverford 11:15

Oct. 18

- Nichols College 8:15
- Univ. of Bridgeport 10:30
- Greensboro College 11:15

Oct. 19

- Brown Univ. 9:45
- US Air Force Academy 10:30

Oct. 21

- Univ. of New Hampshire-Main Campus 8:15
- Western New England 9:00
- Southern New Hampshire Univ. 10:30
- Moravian Univ. 11:15

💰 HHS VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID NIGHT- Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. - A workshop will be held to help students and parents/guardians explore options for funding their college education. [Facilitated by Joseph Bogardus, Barnum Financial Group](#) - click to view the flier. **Register in advance for this meeting: <https://financialguide.zoom.us/join/join?pwd=VUszd1U0SUNbEd5Z2dOUzFoTjhrUT09> Passcode: College**

🎓 12th GRADE COLLEGE PLANNING SEMINAR SLIDE DECK
- See the slide deck presentation from the 12th Grade Parent/Guardian College Planning seminar hosted last week by [clicking HERE](#).

🎓 12th GRADE COUNSELOR MEETINGS - *Make sure your 12th grade students are meeting with their school counselors for post-secondary planning support. Find the counselor caseloads and contact information by [clicking HERE](#).

🎓 SENIOR SCHOOL COUNSELING
Classroom Code: hljihgh

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

by: Aaron Barkon



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022
3PM
HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL

The season kicks off with the Unforgettable hits of legendary singer Nat King Cole, including L-O-V-E, Nature Boy, and Mona Lisa. The NHSO welcomes guest star CAESAR, whose smooth velvet voice has often been compared to Nat King Cole's, but he has his own interpretation and style that compares to none.

FOR TICKETS:
NEWHAVENSYPHONY.ORG
(203) 693-1486



**FREE TICKETS
FOR HAMDEN
K-12
STUDENTS &
FAMILIES!**

Use the Code **HAMDEN** when purchasing tickets to this performance and your tickets will be 100% free of charge.

Your NHSO loves being part of the Hamden community and we hope that families will enjoy the programming available in Hamden and nearby neighborhoods all season long!

ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



FALL SCHEDULES

Fall Schedules have been released on the CIAC website -

http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=105

Visit the Hamden HS Athletic website to get more information on our high school/middle school sports

<https://www.hamden.org/departments/athletics>

ACADEMIC ELIGIBILITY

A reminder for all student athletes that students must pass a minimum of 4 classes and can not fail more than 1 class in order to be eligible for sports in the 2nd Marking Period. This was reviewed at the preseason parent meeting. This affects student athletes who compete in fall sports as well as student athletes trying out for a winter sport.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

October 3-14: LYMAN ORCHARD PIE FUNDRAISER (online - students will receive information on October 3 during their Music class.)

October 20: Color Guard WORKSHOP 6-8 PM in C105

October 27: Jazz Orchestra Open House 5:30-7:30 in C105

REMIND APP

Sign up for our Remind app. Information will be texted to your device.

Text these codes (choose your section) to 81010

- woodwinds/brass -- @7894bk
- percussion/drumline -- @2dk9g4
- guard - @76bb6ac

CMEA (Connecticut Music Educators Association)

Southern Region Student Auditions: November 19, 2022

Sign Up (see Mr. Barkon) - October 1 - October 20

Audition Fee: \$20.00 (checks made to HHS)

HHSMPPO - Music Parents

Contact Liz Brennan (liz@ctbrennans.com) or Bob Gribbon (bobgribbon61@gmail.com)

SOCIAL MEDIA

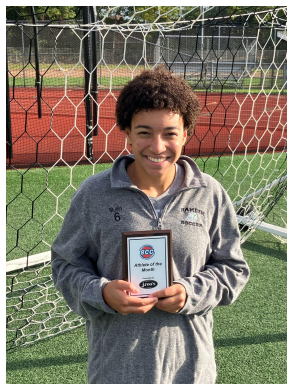
Follow us on FaceBook and Instagram @hamdendragonsmusic and HHSMPPO Music Parents Facebook @hamdenhighmusic and Twitter @hhsmpo

Tri-M

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. (General Membership)

Reminders

This year, Marching Band is a mandatory component of our band program. It is one unit in our yearly band studies. Students signed up for band are required to attend all marching band events. Contact Mr. Barkon with any questions.



SCC September Female Athlete of the Month

Each month the Southern Connecticut Conference selects 1 male and 1 female player of the month from their 23 member schools. This month they selected:

Ariana Mullin

Class of 24'

Girls Soccer



SCC Fall Scholar Athletes

Ephraim Hickey

Class of 23'

Boys Soccer

Eliza Shepard

Class of 23'

Girls Soccer



WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN ON FINALFORMS

Please click the link below if your student is interested in trying out for one of the following sports: Boys Basketball, Girls Basketball, Girls Gymnastics, Boys Ice Hockey, Girls Ice Hockey, Boys Indoor Track, Girls Indoor Track or Boys Swimming/Diving

<https://www.hamden.org/departments/athletics/sign-up-to-play-sports>



UPCOMING HOME VARSITY EVENTS

Friday, 10/14: Football vs Amity at 7:00 p.m. (SENIOR NIGHT); Girls Swimming/Diving vs Amity at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10/15: Field Hockey vs North Haven at 11:00 a.m.; Boys Soccer vs Foran 11:00 a.m.

Monday, 10/17: Girls Volleyball vs East Haven 5:15 p.m.; Field Hockey vs Cheshire 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/19: SCC Boys/Girls Cross Country Championship at East Shore 1:00 p.m.; Girls Swimming/Diving vs Mercy 3:45 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs Amity 5:00 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs Branford 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 10/21: Girls Swimming/Diving vs Loralton Hall 4:00 p.m (SENIOR NIGHT).; Girls Soccer vs West Haven 5:00 p.m.; Field Hockey vs Shelton 5:30 p.m (SENIOR NIGHT).

Stay Up-To-Date on Your Team

Schedule Changes, Game Scores, Tournament Results - The CIAC has got you covered!

Click on the link for more information <https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciacsportsflyer.pdf>