

# The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

October 23, 2020

## Next Week at a Glance

October 26, 2020 - October 30, 2020

Monday 10/26	Tuesday 10/27	Wednesday 10/28	Thursday 10/29	Friday 10/30
<b>Cohort A</b> Last names A-K	<b>Cohort A</b> Last names A-K	<b>Cohort B</b> Last names L-Z	<b>Cohort B</b> Last names L-Z	<b>Cohort A</b> Last names A-K

### IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

**Instructional Material Distribution for Distance Learners:** Thursday, October 29 from 3:00PM - 6:00PM on the Plaza Side of the school.

→ Please be advised, in the event of unforeseen circumstances preventing us from opening the building (ex. inability to fully staff essential roles), all students will learn remotely on that day and a robo call will be sent to families as early as possible.

#### School Picture Day - Distance Learning Students

- Friday, November 20 between 2:00PM - 6:00PM
- Saturday, November 21 between 9:00AM - 3:00PM.

[An appointment is required.](#)

For those interested in ordering pictures in advance, please visit:

<https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/pictureDayId/EVT882227>

### PARENT CORNER

#### SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**The SGC (School Governance Committee) is seeking two eligible parent candidates and one eligible student candidate.**

- For more information about SGC candidacy (School Governance Committee), please [click HERE](#).
- For nomination forms, please open the **Parent/Student Nomination Form**.

#### PROGRESS REPORTS

**Academic Progress Monitoring** - The Parent Portal will be ready for mid-quarter review today, October 23. Please be sure to review your child's academic progress via your PowerSchool account. You may visit the Hamden Public Schools' Website:

[www.hamden.org/hhs](http://www.hamden.org/hhs), click on the Parents tab and choose "Parent Portal". You will find additional links on how to sign up for a Parent Portal account or if you need your



#### Green & Gold Guide 2020-2021

Please click on the link above for the current Green & Gold Guide.

#### ZOOM EXPECTATIONS



**In order to be considered present in a class while on Zoom:**

- Remain on camera at all times**
- Proper name displayed**
- School-approved background enabled or Zoom's default backgrounds.**

If after multiple attempts to enable a school approved virtual background, a student is still encountering difficulties, they will be allowed to have a blank wall background.

If a student does not comply with these three expectations, they will be kept in the waiting room and marked absent. Any allowances related to these expectations must be with prior approval from school administration.

**At no time** are students allowed to:

- Audio record, video record or photograph Zoom sessions.
- Share Zoom classroom links with other students, siblings or anyone else.

Parents should not participate in Zoom class, as class time is limited for all students. Parents are encouraged to ask questions through other forms of communication (email, phone).

#### FREE FOOD SERVICE

**Free Food Distribution** - Tuesday, October 27 from 4:30PM - 5:30PM at Hamden Middle

### COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

#### ALL STUDENTS

Counselors have created Google Classrooms for each grade level and will be sharing important information throughout the year. If your child has not received an invitation, please contact your counselor below.

#### GRADE 12 STUDENTS

**Transcript Release Form** - Please [use this Google Form](#) as our official transcript release form. The form collects email addresses. The parent/guardian is responsible for ensuring that the email used is the parent email.

**BRAG SHEETS** - The form that students use to ask teachers and counselors for letters of recommendation.

**Connecticut FAFSA Days:** [Register Here](#)

FAFSA Days are a collaborative series of workshops designed to connect students with trained facilitators in order to complete the FAFSA - the federal form needed in order to be eligible for need-based aid in college.

November 7 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM

November 18 from 6:30PM – 8:00PM

December 16 from 6:30PM – 8:00PM

**12th Grade Parents:** If you would like to connect with your child's school counselor, they will be available throughout the fall to meet with you for college and postsecondary planning. [School Counselor Assignments](#)

**NACAC Virtual College Fair** - Sunday, November 8 from 2:00PM – 10:00PM. Log into this fair to meet with 600+ colleges and universities. They will be online to talk with high school students, 11th and 12th graders.



#### COMMUNITY COVID TESTING

Parent Portal password reset. You can also contact Stephanie Homa [shoma@hamden.org](mailto:shoma@hamden.org) if additional assistance is needed.

PARENT/TEACHER COMMUNICATION

Please email teachers directly with concerns and/or questions you may have regarding your student’s progress.

School. Drive Up & Go Flyers: English / Spanish

Families will no longer be served food 10:00AM - 11:30AM. \*New Times are Monday-Friday 3:00PM - 6:00PM by the Auditorium entrance (Parkway side).

For updated district information, including pick-up locations and times as well as mobile meal information, please visit [www.Hamden.org/meals](http://www.Hamden.org/meals)

COVID-19 Testing is available to all community members on Saturday, October 31 from 8:30AM - 4:00PM. Please view the attached flyers, available in both English / Spanish

CELEBRATE HHS TEACHERS

Is there a teacher who is doing a great job? If you want to recognize a teacher, please complete the form below so we can celebrate the positive things going on at HHS. [Kudos to Teachers](#)

ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



SIGN-UPS

Sign-ups for winter sports have begun. Currently, Hamden Public Schools will be offering a full slate of winter sports. Once the CIAC and the State DPH weigh in with recommendations, we will adjust anything we have to, to meet the recommendations they set. Sign-ups can be found at: <https://www.familyid.com/programs/2020-2021-winter-athletic-registration-5>

SCHEDULES

Fall Schedules are now online. Use the link to sign up to view schedules and receive updates when changes are made. <http://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciacsportsflyer.pdf>. Please make sure you check it weekly due to changes that are happening in our conference.

Winter Schedules will not be posted until the 2nd week in November.

Post Season Tournament information should be released soon. We will share this information on this weekly update as well as through our coaches.

SPECTATOR POLICY

Parents/Guardians for outdoor sports may attend only home events at this time. We still have a no spectators policy for indoor events. Boys and Girls Soccer, Field Hockey and Football - parents/guardians should have received 2 passes for parents/guardians to show when they come to a game. You will need to show the actual pass and not a picture of it. It will only work for events that your son/daughter is participating in. The passes are numbered. There will be no re-issuing of passes for lost passes. We are doing our best to keep our athletes, coaches and staff safe.

LIVE STREAMING

I am happy to finally report we have the livestream up and running. The video is looking very good. Currently, the sound and score keeping features are still being worked out and each sport is in a different place with it. Here is the link for our games that will be filmed: <https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/schools/bc9622bc60>

Please share the link with others who may be interested in watching the game and are unable to attend. You can subscribe to the NFHS Network for \$10.99 a month (Billed monthly. Cancel at anytime) or \$69.99/year - a 47% discount by clicking the subscribe button. That gives you access to watch all games that take place on the network including games at away schools that have the same system. This will cover games on the turf fields such as football, field hockey, soccer, lacrosse, baseball/softball (possibly) and indoor sports such as volleyball and basketball that take place in the HHS gym.

There is a 4-minute delay from the actual game time. We have started the cameras earlier than the anticipated game time so everyone can sign on and view the game. Please do not be alarmed in warm-ups when the camera is scanning back and forth. The cameras detect the balls moving when it films. The cameras will be operational as long as our internet at our school is operational. Any issue in service to our school will affect our ability to livestream the event.

We appreciate everyone’s patience with getting this up and running. Hopefully, everyone gets to enjoy their sons and daughters playing now.

We appreciate the continued support of our programs.

GO DRAGONS!!!

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Friday, 10/23

Boys Soccer vs Sheehan - V 5:00 pm

Saturday, 10/24

Boys Soccer vs Sheehan - JV 11:00 am

Monday, 10/26

Girls Swim/Dive vs Mercy - 3:45 pm Virtual Meet  
Girls Volleyball vs Guilford - JV 4:00 pm/V 5:30 pm

Tuesday, 10/27

Boys Soccer vs North Haven - V 5:00 pm/JV 7:00 pm

Thursday, 10/29

Field Hockey vs Cheshire - V 5:00 pm/JV 6:30 pm  
Girls Swim/Dive vs Cheshire - 3:45 pm Virtual Meet  
Girls Volleyball vs East Haven - JV 4:00 pm/V 5:30 pm

Friday, 10/30

Girls Soccer vs Luralton Hall - V 5:00 pm