

Monday, October 11, 2021, Issue 7

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: right;">11B</p> <p><i>HMS School Climate Committee Meeting (2:45-3:45 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Office Hours After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Jazz Band</i> <i>Mock Trial</i> <i>Rainbow Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12A</p> <p>Office Hours After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Jazz Band</i> <i>Mock Trial</i> <i>Rainbow Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13B</p> <p>Office Hours After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Divide & Conquer</i> <i>Math Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p><i>HMS Girls Soccer VS. Bailey MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p> <p><i>HMS Volleyball VS Walsh Intermediate (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14A</p> <p><i>HMS Staff Meeting (2:45-3:45 p.m.)</i></p> <p><i>HMS Boys Soccer VS. Bailey MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p> <p><i>HMS Volleyball VS Amity MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15B</p> <p><i>HMS Safety Committee Meeting (2:45-3:45 p.m.)</i></p> <p>Team Rocco's Walking Field Trip to the Farmington Canal (Periods 1-4)</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>PTA Krispy Kream Fundraiser Orders Due</p> <p>PTA Event: Pop-Up Fall Fun @ the Town Green (6-7 p.m.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">18A</p> <p>PICTURE DAY!!!</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i></p> <p><i>HMS Boys Soccer VS. Dodd MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">19B</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Jazz Band</i> <i>Mock Trial</i> <i>Rainbow Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">20A</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.)</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p><i>HMS Boys Soccer VS. Amity MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">21B</p> <p>EARLY DISMISSAL 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Professional Development</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">22A</p> <p><i>HMS Boys Soccer VS. North Haven MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p> <p><i>HMS Girls Soccer VS. North Haven MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p> <p><i>HMS Volleyball VS Melillo MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</i></p>

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October is a busy month. We will continue to provide weekly updates through the school newsletter.

PARENT SURVEY (Please complete this weekend!)

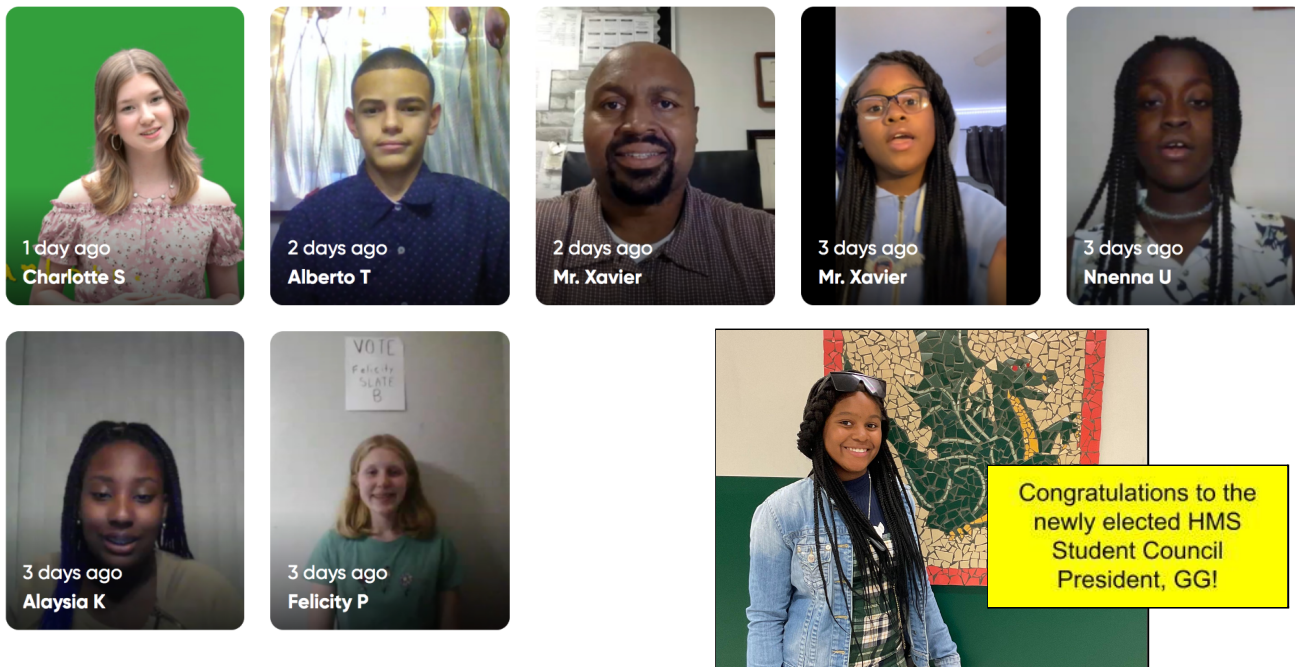
Parents, you are being invited to complete an important survey. Your feedback will help guide our school improvement planning. [Click this link](#). The deadline is Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

As you know, we are working with the Connecticut State Department of Education. We are participating in an instructional and operations audit. The purpose of the audit is to assess our school's strengths and challenges in order to inform the improvement process. This survey will provide information for the audit. Thus, we would greatly appreciate it if you would take approximately 10 minutes to complete this survey. Please note that survey responses are completely anonymous. The survey is voluntary, but we hope you will respond. Your voice is important!



WE'RE ON INSTAGRAM!

Follow us at [hms_dragons](#). We are consistently trying to improve our communication with students, families, and communities. We are posting daily reminders and highlights. You need to check us out! Don't have Instagram? Don't worry! You can view our feed on our [school website](#).



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Mr. Xavier, Social Worker and Student Council Advisor, worked with interested students to organize the 2021-22 Student Council election. We could not be more proud of our presidential candidates. They campaigned with integrity and passion. On Friday morning, the student body listened to speeches from the six candidates. Everyone was impressed with the quality of their messages. Then, students participated in an anonymous vote. We would like to congratulate GG, our newly elected Student Council president. We know she will be a positive leader, and we are grateful that all candidates agreed to participate in the council.

WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION

It is never too soon to think about basketball season. Families can begin to register their child at [FamilyID](#). Please know that only students who are medically cleared by the nurse and academically cleared by Mr. Mandel will be permitted to try out. (Keep those grades up, student athletes!) Basketball tryouts will take place the week of Monday, November 15th. Student athletes will stay after school with coaches, and they must be picked up by a parent or guardian by 4:30 p.m. Questions? Please contact Mr. Mandel, HMS Athletic Coordinator, at rmandel@hamden.org or our Basketball Coaches.

Boys Basketball Coach
Aaron Hawkins
ahawkins@hamden.org

Girls Basketball Coach
Kim Mallard
kmallard@hamden.org

LET'S ORDER OUR HMS SWAG!

[ORDER LINK](#)

We want our students to have access to outstanding School Spirit clothing! If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt or hoodie, please click on this link above and place your order. Parents can write checks payable to HMS and send them to school in a labeled School Spirit Sale. Or, parents can also pay through Venmo @HMS-DRAGON. Place the student's name in the memo section of the check or Venmo and the last four digits of the phone number associated with our Venmo is 5738.



DONORS CHOOSE

Our amazing teachers at HMS are always brainstorming ways to enhance teaching and learning. One way that this happens is through a Donors Choose project. Click [HERE](#) to see all of the LIVE Donors Choose projects from HMS and help us celebrate those teachers who have already been funded!



Donors Choose is an online charity on a mission to make it easy for anyone to help a classroom in need by allowing people to donate directly to classrooms.

Congratulations to Mrs. Coggins (7th-grade Team Leader and English teacher) on her fully-funded project for more flexible seating options in her classroom.



HMS currently has several live projects up from Mrs. Boehning (7th and 8th-grade Art teacher), Mrs. Breen (7th-grade Literacy Specialist), and another one from Mrs. Coggins.

Check out the link or scan the QR code to see what the projects are all about!

REMINDER: HMS MARKING PERIOD ENDS FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5th.

There are 18 days remaining in this marking period. Be sure to check the Parent Portal to check your child's progress!

HMS PTA NEWS



POP-UP FALL FUN

Friday, October 15, 2021

6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Our fabulous PTA is hosting a simple, yet joyful opportunity to gather on the Town Green (near the gazebo). Everyone can bring their chairs, blankets, dinner, and games. It is an evening for families, so every middle school student should attend with a parent or an adult who is supervising them. We cannot think of a better way to spend Friday night!

Did you hear about the town's plan for a drive-in movie on the green? It starts at 7:30 p.m. If you are interested in seeing Hocus Pocus, your family can stick around to see this Halloween classic!

PTA FUNDRAISER

Our PTA is hosting a fun fundraiser, and they would love your support.

Sometimes, it is great to have a sweet treat and many of us love the taste of Krispy Kreme Donuts. Orders are due on Friday, October 15th, and the cost is \$11 per dozen. Donuts will be ready for pick up at HMS on Wednesday, October 27th between 5 :00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Please know students cannot bring the donuts home with them. The delicious treats must be picked up by a parent.

[Order Form Link](#)



RETURNING OVERDUE MATERIALS

This week, students and families will receive a list of school materials that are due to Hamden Public Schools. Students will receive a printed list in school, and parents will receive a list via email. Please help your child(ren) locate and return school materials. All school materials (even those due to our elementary schools) may be returned to our HMS Library Media Center.



HAMDEN YOUTH CONNECTIONS

-Cheryl Kasprychi, Founder

Did you know there is a FREE program for Hamden Middle Students? This program operates with volunteer mentors from local Hamden businesses and retired skilled professionals. Our mentors share various careers existing within many industries.

Our base at HMS operates Monday through Friday 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. with one-hour long sessions each in various fields of interest. Areas offered are based on responses from student surveys. Sessions have no more than a dozen students in each and follow all Covid protocols in place.

Instruction will be provided with hands-on skills in various careers. We also share mentorship, creativity, positive attitude, and future opportunities. To sign up, visit our website, take our survey, complete the registration form, and register for as many session offerings you have interest in.

You will never know where it will take you going forward. Discover all the facets within an industry, learn a skill or just have some fun with us. We are waiting to welcome you to our program.

<https://hamdenyouthconnections.com/>

Cross Country T-Shirt Order Form



- 1) **\$12** a t-shirt
- 2) **Select** the size and amount you would like in the table below.

YOUTH					ADULT							
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					+\$2.50 +\$3.50 +\$4.50							

- 3) **Payment:** Cash or check made out to Hamden Middle School

- 4) Please return this completed order form and payment no later than **Friday October 22nd**.

Thank you for your support. If you have any issues or questions please feel free to email me at jsimone@hamden.org.

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Mr. Simone is sending a reminder to all his student athletes that t-shirt orders are due by Friday, October 22nd. Anyone can choose to order this cool t-shirt! Just complete the form and send the information to Mr. Simone.

Cross Country meets every Monday and Tuesday. Students and families need to be “weather watchers” and if rain is in the forecast, this fall intramural is likely to be canceled.

Check out our kids running. They can run like the wind blows!





Parent Advisory Committee

Interested in Working Together to Support Hamden's Young Children & Their Families?

Join Us Virtually for Our First Meeting, Thursday, November 4, 2021

FIND OUT What we are working on and why we want and need more Hamden Parents to work with us

TELL US where you see Hamden headed in the right direction when it comes to young children and changes you think would help meet the needs of families and their young children. Potential topics: childcare, parenting support, children with special needs, communication and outreach, transition to kindergarten

LOOKING FOR parents, grandparents, and foster parents interested in understanding the system of services, improving supports to families, and supporting town wide efforts that help young children reach their full potential

\$10 Gift Card as thanks for your feedback and time!

What is Hamden's Partnership for Young Children?

- ▶▶ A Collaborative including public and private agencies, community members and representatives from the Town and Hamden Public Schools who advocate for Hamden's young children.
- ▶▶ Focused on improving the education, care, health, and safety of children from birth to age nine.
- ▶▶ Committed to creating a coordinated, integrated system of services for young children and their families with accountability by all.
- ▶▶ Working as partners across Hamden to improve effectiveness and efficiency: examining what is working well, what needs to be improved and potential solutions.

Register for November 4th or Need More Info?

Tricia Godfrey, Partnership Coordinator cell:203-671-2254
tgodfrey@hamdenyoungchildren.org

Guadalupe Kuilan, Hamden Family Resource Center 203-407-3111
gmartinez@hamden.org

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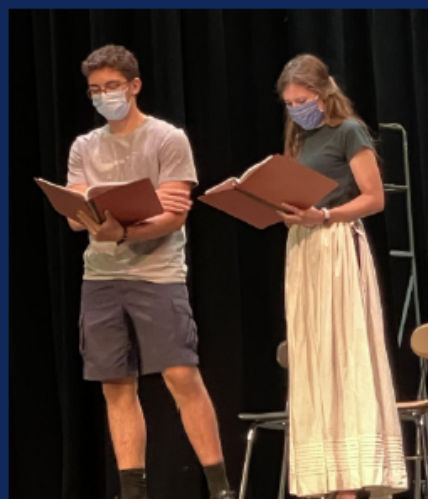
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OUR PRODUCTION OF
OUR TOWN
IS BEING PRESENTED IN
CONJUNCTION WITH
THE MILLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY!



***We are seeking digital photos of people
and businesses from our town of
Hamden for a display in our lobby. After
the play is over, the posters will be moved
to the library.***

***TO PARTICIPATE,
PLEASE SEND YOUR
DIGITAL IMAGE TO***

mmerrill@hamden.org



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