



Monday, April 11, 2022, Issue 28

APRIL 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
11A After-School Programs 5K Club Annie Jr. Rehearsal Board Games Student Council Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Mandatory Office Hours followed by Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)	12B Team Rocco Visits HHS (9-10:30 a.m.) Team Evans Visits HHS (12-1:30 p.m.) After-School Programs Equity & Diversity Club Jazz Band Mock Trial Club Rainbow Club Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.) HMS Climate Committee (2:45-3:45 p.m.) HMS Parent Conferences (5:30-7:30 p.m.)	13A After-School Programs 5K Club Annie Jr. Rehearsal Divide & Conquer Math Club GGG: Student Newspaper Korean Club Student "A-Team" Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)	14B Team Morello Visits HHS (9-10:30 a.m.) Team Domurad Visits HHS (12-1:30 p.m.) HMS Staff Meeting Department (2:45-3:45 p.m.)	15 NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY
18 NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS	19 NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS	20 NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS	21 NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS	22 NO SCHOOL SPRING RECESS
25A After-School Programs 5K Club Annie Jr. Rehearsal Student Council HMS Baseball VS. Poulson MS (AWAY) (3:45 p.m.) HMS Softball VS Poulson MS (HOME) (3:45 p.m.)	26B SBAC PRACTICE TEST & SCAVENGER HUNT After-School Programs Equity & Diversity Club Jazz Band Let's Dance! Mock Trial Club Rainbow Club Student "A-Team" HMS Baseball VS. Adams MS (HOME) (3:45 p.m.) HMS Softball VS. Adams MS (AWAY) (3:45 p.m.)	27A NGSS TEST (Gr. 8 Only) After-School Programs 5K Club Annie Jr. Rehearsal Divide & Conquer Math Club Korean Club HMS Baseball VS. Dodd MS (AWAY) (3:45 p.m.) HMS Softball VS. Dodd MS (HOME) (3:45 p.m.)	28B Early Dismissal Professional Development	29A HMS Safety Committee Meeting (7-7:45 a.m.) NGSS TEST (Gr. 8 Only) After-School Programs Annie Jr. Rehearsal Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.)

	HMS PTA Meeting (6-7 p.m.)			
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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY THURSDAY, JUNE 16th.

AN INTRODUCTION TO SBAC

[HPS District SBAC Letter](#)

The SBAC summative assessment (from the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium) is a standardized test that is aligned to the Common Core State Standards, also known as the Common Core.

These standards emerged in 2010, as part of a national educational initiative centered on what American students, grades K-12, should know in math and English Language Arts (ELA) at the close of each grade. The Common Core are consistent standards across states that ensure our children are ready for high school, higher education, and the workplace.

The SBAC, used for the first time in May of 2015, is an adaptive, online assessment, which is given in several states, including Connecticut, and also uses automated essay scoring. Students in grades 3 through 8 and 11 take this summative assessment for math and ELA, including a Performance Task (PT) and a Computer-Adaptive Test (CAT) in both subjects.

Why is SBAC important?

Each assessment is scored on a scale of 1 to 4:

- 4 - Standard Exceeded
- 3 - Standard Met
- 2 - Standard Nearly Met
- 1 - Standard Not Met

SBAC scores gauge school performance, guide curriculum and school-based initiatives, and support responsive instruction that meets each child's learning needs. By high school graduation, the SBAC has helped students to better meet the demands of post secondary education, training, and the workplace.

At more than 200 colleges and universities in seven states, SBAC scores are accepted to determine a student's readiness for college courses. When a student scores at level 3 or 4 on the SBAC, a high school grad is "college and career ready" and may skip remedial courses and enroll in credit-bearing college classes.

When will SBAC be administered at Hamden Middle School?

Year-end summative assessments begin at HMS the week of April 25th and continue through the close of May. 8th graders will also take the NCSS summative assessment in science. Be sure to mark your calendars with the testing schedule below:

Tuesday, April 26th	Scavenger Hunt
Wednesday, April 27th	8th Grade- NGSS Science

Friday, April 29th	8th Grade -NGSS Science
Tuesday, May 3rd	SBAC ELA CAT
Wednesday, May 4th	SBAC ELA CAT
Thursday, May 5th	SBAC Math PT
Wednesday, May 25th	SBAC MathCAT
Thursday, May 26th	SBAC Math CAT

WORLD LANGUAGE NEWS

The Connecticut Organization of Language Teachers (COLT) sponsors the annual Poetry Recitation Contest for Connecticut middle and high school students. The World Language Department at Hamden Public Schools is delighted to support our world language students' participation in this state-wide event this year. The Recitation is held Wednesday, April 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m., Virtual Via Zoom. At the COLT Poetry Recitation Contest, our student will compete either as a language-learner or a heritage-speaker.

Hamden World Language Department is very proud of the following students:

Marianna Titus – Heritage Russian
 Steven Torres– Italian 2
 Amal Aldabaan– Italian 1
 Liam Gallagher – Chinese 1
 Alaysia Kittrell – Chinese 2
 Melody Chen – Heritage Chinese
 Jhomaira Silva - Heritage Spanish

Our students chose to partake in this special event and we are very pleased.

* HMS CONFERENCES *

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR CONFERENCES IS MONDAY, APRIL 11th by 12 NOON

Please understand that if you register for a conference after this date and time, the teacher will not be prepared to share information with you.

We will host third marking period conferences on Tuesday, April 12th between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. **Parents will have a choice to either meet in-person or on Zoom.** Teachers are ready to juggle between the two platforms, and they know timing will be important. We will strive to be punctual for our 10-minute conferences. We know we will be successful if we work as a team. At this time, we invite parents to sign up for a conference by clicking on the appropriate links below.

As a reminder, parents are asked to only sign up for ONE conference with a teacher on their child's core team. Therefore, parents can only sign up for one conference with **either** the English, math, science **or**

social studies teachers. Some parents wonder why we restrict the number of conferences. Please know it is a practice we follow to ensure as many parents as possible can have an opportunity to connect with one of their child's core teachers.

Parents are also invited to sign up for additional conferences with members of the Encore Team. We recommend selecting a minimum of one Encore teacher to meet with on conference night. It is important to hear how your child is performing in art, music, health, physical education, STEM and more!

Please embrace this time to register for a conference.

HMS Conference Registration Links	
<u>House 1, ALsCs</u>	Teachers: Ms. Patnoad, Ms. Sullivan, & Ms. White
<u>Gr. 7, House 2, Team Tremper</u>	Teachers: Ms. Camacho, Mr. Castello, Ms. Kim, Ms. Tsai-Goss & Mr. Tremper
<u>Gr. 7, House 3, Team Coggins</u>	Teachers: Ms. Abdussabur, Ms. Coggins, Ms. DelCervo, Ms. Pearson & Mx. Press
<u>Gr. 7, House 4, Team Stanton</u>	Teachers: Ms. Holt, Ms. Lamothe, Mr. Stanton, Ms. Symonaitis & Mr. Ugolik
<u>Gr. 7, House 5, Team Walton</u>	Teachers: Ms. Bellmore, Mr. Frishman, Dr. Levier, Ms. Mus & Mr. Walton
<u>Gr. 8, House 1, Team Morello</u>	Teachers: Mr. Franzoni, Ms. Stoeffler, Mr. Marzano, Ms. Morello & Ms. Zarate
<u>Gr. 8, House 2, Team Rocco</u>	Teachers: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Michaud, Ms. Morgillo, Ms. Pandolfi & Mr. Rocco
<u>Gr. 8, House 3, Team Evans</u>	Teachers: Ms. Britton, Ms. Delucia, Mr. Evans, Mr. Mandel & Ms. Williams
<u>Gr. 8, House 4, Team Domurad</u>	Teachers: Ms. DeCarter, Ms. Domurad, Mr. Simone, Ms. Marcoux & Ms. Quiñones
<u>Encore Teachers</u>	Art: Ms. Boehning, Mr. Hubbard & Mr. Sanchez Health: Ms. Craft, Ms. Raffone & Ms. Scanlon Music: Mr. Gunn, Ms. Rossomando & Ms. Rothbard PE: Ms. Bergstrom, Mr. Cebula, Ms. Crann & Mr. Smith STEM: Mr. Hailey, Mr. Kachmar, Mr. Martins & Mr. Stratton World Language: Ms. D'Attilio (Chinese), Ms. Sgrigneri (Italian), Ms. Dawson, Ms. Forbes, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Ibanez & Ms. Quito Poma (Spanish) Contemporary Issues: Mr. Greco Global Voices: Ms. Colello
<u>Curricular Specialists & SRBI Coordinators</u>	Literacy Specialists: Ms. Breen (7) & Ms. Murtagh (8) Math Specialists: Ms. Peccini (7) & Ms. Rodriguez (8) Media Specialist: Ms. McCulley Science Specialist: Ms. Symonaitis Multi-Language Specialist: Ms. Knoblauch SRBI Literacy Coordinators: Ms. Casini (7) & Mr. Gallo (8) SRBI Math Coordinators: Ms. Mule (7) & Ms. McDonald (8)
<u>PPS Staff</u>	Counselors: Ms. Mitchell (7/8) & Ms. Salerno (8) Psychologists: Ms. Davis (7/8), Ms. Diaz (7) & Ms. Miller (8), Social Workers: Ms. Cooper (7/8), Ms. Scecina (7) & Mr. Xavier (8) SLPs: Dr. D'Souza & Ms. Rowe



ART SHOW SUCCESS

Many of our Hamden students are talented artists, and we celebrated their work on Thursday evening. There are so many people to thank, including:

- Our Hamden fine arts teachers, including our very own Ms. Boehning, Mr. Hubbard, and Mr. Sanchez.
- Ms. DellaValle, the HPS Fine Arts Director.
- The many families who visited HMS
- Our students who performed at the show, including our middle school students.
- Our HMS students who allowed their work to be shared the show. (You are wonderful!)

It is one of the many things we are happy to bring back to our community.

RAMADAN

Many of our students are celebrating Ramadan. If your child is fasting and would prefer not to be in the cafeteria, they may spend their lunch period in our Library Media Center. Students should visit Mrs. McCulley, our Library Media Specialist, during homeroom to make arrangements.

CHROMEBOOK REMINDERS

Parents please remind your child to bring a **charged Chromebook** to school each day. Students cannot fully engage in their classes without being prepared, and a charged Chromebook is an essential part of the learning process.

FACE MASKS

As a friendly reminder, students have a choice to either wear a face mask in school or not. Our children have embraced the opportunity to choose, and they are respecting everyone's personal decision. While it is a choice, we appreciate parental support in preparing for the day. **If your child wants to wear a mask, make sure he/she/they has a few masks in their backpack.**

**Save the
Date!**



Saturday, April 23rd
10:00am-3:00pm
Hamden Middle School
2623 Dixwell Ave.

Hosted by The Office of the Mayor
203-287-7021 - Joe Derisi, Recycling Coordinator

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

**June
18**



Hamden Pride

Saturday, June 18th

Town Center Park, 10am-2pm

2761 Dixwell Ave. Hamden

