

Monday, October 4, 2021, Issue 6

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p style="text-align: right;">4A</p> <p>CSDE Site Visit (7 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Office Hours After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Jazz Band Auditions</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Late Bus</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">5B</p> <p>Office Hours After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Jazz Band Auditions</i> <i>Mock Trial</i> <i>NJHS</i> <i>Rainbow Club</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Late Bus</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Boys Soccer VS. North Haven MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Girls Soccer VS. North Haven (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Volleyball VS New Haven MS (Away @ 5:00 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">6A</p> <p>Office Hours After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Late Bus</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">7B</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Girls Soccer VS. Melillo MS (Home @ 4:15 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Volleyball VS Adams MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">8A</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Girls Soccer VS. Adams MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">11B</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Student Council</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">12A</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Mock Trial</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">13B</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Divide & Conquer</i> <i>Math Club</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">14A</p> <p>HMS Boys Soccer VS. Bailey MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">15B</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>

<p><i>Yearbook Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p><i>Rainbow Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Volleyball VS Walsh Intermediate (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	<p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>HMS Girls Soccer VS. Bailey MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Volleyball VS Amity MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	
<p>18A</p> <p>PICTURE DAY!!!</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i></p> <p>HMS Boys Soccer VS. Dodd MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Girls Soccer VS. Dodd MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Volleyball VS Dodd MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	<p>19B</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Mock Trial</i> <i>Rainbow Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>20A</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>G&G Gazette</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Boys Soccer VS. Amity MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	<p>21B</p> <p>EARLY DISMISSAL 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>Professional Development</p> <p>HMS Volleyball VS Amity MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	<p>22A</p> <p>HMS Boys Soccer VS. North Haven MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Girls Soccer VS. North Haven MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Volleyball VS Melillo MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>
<p>25B</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Student Council</i> <i>Yearbook Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>26A</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Cross Country</i> <i>Mock Trial</i> <i>Rainbow Club</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Boys Soccer VS. Melillo MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Girls Soccer VS. Melillo MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	<p>27B</p> <p>After-School Clubs (2:44-3:32 p.m.) <i>Divide & Conquer</i> <i>Math Club</i> <i>G&G Gazette</i></p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>28A</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:44-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Boys Soccer VS. New Haven MS (Home @ 3:45 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS Volleyball VS Dodd MS (Away @ 3:45 p.m.)</p>	<p>29B</p> <p>HPS Superintendent Student of the Month (Check the website!)</p>

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

HMS SITE VISIT (10/4/21)

On Monday, October 4th, representatives from the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) will visit HMS. Throughout the day, they will visit classrooms and observe our routines and transitions. They will also talk with teachers and students in focus groups throughout the school day. We would love for parents to also be involved. **At 1:45 p.m., parents can either visit school and attend a meeting in person or Zoom into the meeting. ([ZOOM LINK](#))** It is important for the CSDE representatives to hear from our parents! They want to hear what you love about HMS, and your wishes for improved practices.

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.



SOCIAL MEDIA CHALLENGES

PLEASE READ & TALK WITH YOUR CHILDREN

Over the past month, our school has experienced several acts of vandalism in student bathrooms. These events are similar to those that other schools have been reporting nationwide and are consistent with monthly “challenges” posted on social media, particularly Tik Tok.

Aside from vandalism, other dares motivated by this Tik Tok trend include theft, gross disrespect to adults and, more recently, touching staff inappropriately. The administration **does not** consider these acts as simple pranks and will treat any such behaviors as criminal activity and will include the Hamden Police

Department in addressing them. Per Board of Education policy, acts such as the ones described above not only warrant suspension, but possible expulsion.

It is important that we make families aware of this trend so you can support the school by monitoring your child's social media accounts and having conversations with them about appropriate behavior. Our children are heavily influenced by what they see on social media and we want to work together in developing them into discerning young adults who think and act for themselves and reflect the values of their families and school community.




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](#).



DRAGON PRIDE

	DRAGON PRIDE TICKET Student Name: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Present & Prepared <input type="checkbox"/> Respect Everyone <input type="checkbox"/> Insist on Safety <input type="checkbox"/> Determined to be your best self. <input type="checkbox"/> Engaged in your community.	
HMS Staff Name: _____	
Date: _____	

We consistently teach and model our Dragon Pride Expectations. When students make good choices, we want them to know we notice and appreciate them. Teachers give students a Dragon Pride ticket, and our students drop them off in their Team Leaders room. On Friday mornings, we collect all the tickets and pull names out of the raffle. We ensure there is a winner from every team. Kids come to the main lobby, spin a wheel, and win a prize. There are an assortment of prizes, including passes to the Student Center, snacks, HMS Swag, and more. We are not sure who has more fun... the adults or the kids! This week's winners include: Sarah C., Ava E., Jayla G., Olivia H., Lucas M., Dean M., Conneatta M., Xavier S., and Torsten W.

OFFICE HOURS

Our HMS teachers are available to support students after school hours. Teachers select one day between Monday and Wednesday. Parents and students can determine the day a teacher is available on our [school website](#). All teachers will post their day in Google Classrooms, and team leaders will communicate the information too. Students can stay after school to get extra help with assignments. Office hours end at 3:32 p.m. Parents can choose to pick up their child or use the late bus service.

COMMISSIONER'S NETWORK! *(Second Publication)*

We appreciate the parents who attended the 2021 Open House programs on Tuesday and Wednesday. At the end of the evening, Ms. Coogan shared exciting information about our partnership with the Connecticut State Department of Education. HMS has much to celebrate, and we are proud of our school. And, yet, we also strive to make improvements. For instance, we are determined to help all students demonstrate increased student achievement as measured by the SBAC assessment. In addition, we want to reduce the number of students who are chronically absent. Without a doubt, we are committed to making HMS a great place for all members of our community.

Last year, we applied to be considered to be a member of the Commissioner's Network. HMS was accepted, and we are currently in our "planning year". With the support and guidance of the CSDE, we are collecting data about our school. The state is conducting an audit, including a site visit on Monday, October 4th. Then, our Turnaround Committee will analyze data to identify strengths and needs. We will examine the data through the lens of Talent, Academics, Climate, and Organization with the goal of generating actionable strategies. A School Improvement Plan will guide our work over the next three to five years. It is an exciting time for our school, and we promise to provide continuous updates in future school communications.

Representatives from the CSDE want to meet **YOU**, our families. If parents are available on Monday, October 4th between 1:45 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., please email Ms. Coogan at mcoogan@hamden.org. Parents can also Zoom into the meeting. ([Zoom Link](#)) We need your help to tell our story!



Our students ❤️ the Student Center!

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!

WINTER SPORTS

It is never too soon to think about basketball season. Starting on October 7th, 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
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THE HMS PTA PROUDLY PRESENTS....

POP-UP FALL FUN

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
6-7PM

HAMDEN TOWN GREEN
(near town green gazebo)

BRING CHAIRS, PICNIC BLANKET, AND
DINNER FOR A "POP-UP" FALL
HMS GET TOGETHER!

FAMILIES ARE ALSO ENCOURAGED
TO BRING THEIR FAVORITE
YARD GAMES!

*Stay afterwards for the
Drive-In movie on the green,
Hocus Pocus, 7:30pm*

