

The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

September 09, 2022

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

- ❖ **Thursday, 9/22: OPEN HOUSE** (6:00 - 8:00 PM)
- ❖ **Monday, 9/26: No School** (Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday, 9/25 at sundown and ends Tuesday, 9/27 at sundown)
- ❖ **Wednesday, 10/5: No School** (Yom Kippur begins Tuesday, 10/4 at sundown and ends Wednesday, 10/5 at sundown)
- ❖ **Monday, 10/10: No School** (Indigenous Peoples' Day)
- ❖ **Wednesday, 10/19: Picture Retakes**

PARENT CORNER

! ACT TEST at CHOATE - Students from Hamden High taking their ACT at Choate this coming Saturday, 9/10/22, must adhere to the following: *Our school policy for standardized testing is that testers remained masked.*

! VAPING INFORMATION - We continue to retrieve vaping devices during safety screenings. We are urging families to monitor what your students are bringing to school. Please use the following [informative Google presentation](#) on the different kinds of vaping devices being marketed to teens. Please continue to have conversations with your students about the dangers of vaping.

! MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS DAYS - "Mental Health Wellness Days (2 max; nonconsecutive)" defined as a school day on which a student attends to the student's emotional and psychological well-being instead of attending school. Upon their return from a Mental Health Wellness day, students will meet with a school professional to assess their well-being."



YEARBOOK SALES

Yearbooks are ON SALE NOW! They can be purchased at yearbookforever.com!

FOOD SERVICE - The food services section of the website has been updated and can be found here: <https://www.hamden.org/families/lunchmenu>. There is a new webpage dedicated to the free and reduced-price meal application, and it can be found here: <https://www.hamden.org/mealapplication>
[District Food Service Update](#)
[Meals Application](#)
[Free and Reduced Lunch Letter](#)

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. Please use the links to preview the Health Assessment checklist.

COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

!! SENIOR YEAR & POST-SECONDARY PLANNING SESSION!!

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 in the HHS Library Media Center (5:30-7:30 p.m.)



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

by: Aaron Barkon



BAND CAMP 2022



ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



FALL SCHEDULES

Fall Schedules have been released on the CIAC website -

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

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>

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Saturday, 9/10: HHSMPPO Can & Bottle Drive

Tuesday, 9/13: Marching Band and Guard REHEARSAL - 5:30-8:00 p.m. (arrive between 5:00-5:15 p.m.)

Tuesday, 9/16: Marching Band and Guard FOOTBALL GAME 5:30 arrival

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

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 Page.

Tri-M

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 2:15PM (voting for council)

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.

UPCOMING HOME VARSITY EVENTS

Saturday, 9/10/22: Field Hockey vs Brookfield 11:00 a.m.; Girls Soccer vs Foran 1:30 p.m.

Monday, 9/12/22: Girls Swimming/Diving vs Sheehan 4:00 p.m.; Volleyball vs West Haven 5:15 p.m.;

Tuesday, 9/13/22: Boys Soccer vs Wilbur Cross 5:00 p.m.;

Wednesday, 9/14/22: Volleyball vs Sheehan 5:15 p.m.;

Thursday, 9/15/22: Girls Soccer vs Wilbur Cross 5:00 p.m.; Field Hockey vs Amity 5:30 p.m.

Friday, 9/16/22: Football vs Wilbur Cross 7:00 p.m.