

The Dragon's Tale

Hamden Middle School Student & Family Newsletter



November 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>21 (B6)</p> <p>Homebase (Period 6 Not Seen)</p> <p>HHS HECA Presentation to Grade 8 Students</p> <p>Boys & Girls Basketball Practice</p>	<p>22 (A7)</p> <p>HHS HECA Presentation to Grade 8 Students</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p>After School Programs Office Hours Anime Club Fall Intramurals: Flag Football Grade 7 Student "A-Team" Meeting Mock Trial Rainbow Club S.O.S. Student Organization Session Yearbook YES Club</p> <p>Boys & Girls Basketball Practice</p>	<p>23 (B7)</p> <p>Early Dismissal Day 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>School Spirit: Flannel Shirt Day!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No School Thanksgiving Recess</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No School Thanksgiving Recess</p>
<p>28 (A1)</p> <p>Homebase (Period 1 Not Seen)</p> <p>Early Dismissal (12 noon)</p> <p>Professional Development (12:45-2:45 p.m.)</p>	<p>29 (B1)</p> <p>NJHS Zuppardi's Pizza Fundraiser PickUp</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p>After School Programs Office Hours Anime Club Fall Intramurals: Flag Football Newspaper Club Mock Trial NJHS Meeting* Rainbow Club S.O.S. Student Organization Session Yearbook YES Club</p>	<p>30 (A2)</p> <p>Late Bus NJHS Toy Drive Begins</p> <p>After-School Programs Office Hours Equity & Diversity Club Fall Intramurals: Cross Country Grade 8 Student "A-Team" Meeting Jazz Band Math Club STEM Club Student Council</p>	<p>1 (B2)</p>	<p>2 (A3)</p>

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL COOGAN


It is hard to believe that we are approaching the end of November. Time flies when you are having fun! We continue to be proud of your children - our students. We see daily signs of academic and personal growth. It was wonderful to connect with so many families last week during conferences. The partnership between teachers and parents is so important, and we feel the ongoing support of our families. Our middle school years mark an important time in life. On behalf of the HMS faculty and staff, thank you for working with us to make this year a positive one for all members of our school community.

We will kick off the Thanksgiving Break on Wednesday, November 23rd at 12:00 p.m. We are wishing our students and families a wonderful holiday weekend.

EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDER

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HMS students will be dismissed at
12:00 p.m. on
Wednesday, November 23, 2022
and
Monday, November 28, 2022.



EARLY DISMISSAL NOTICE

As part of our school improvement plan, we must increase professional learning opportunities for our faculty and staff. During this academic year, we added the following additional early dismissal days at Hamden Middle School, including:

1. November 28, 2022
2. December 12, 2022
3. January 9, 2023
4. January 23, 2023
5. February 13, 2023
6. February 27, 2023
7. March 13, 2023

8. March 27, 2023
9. April 10, 2023
10. April 24, 2023
11. May 8, 2023
12. May 22, 2023
13. June 12, 2023

Students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. Then, teachers will participate in professional development. Please make note of these dates in your school and home calendars.

On Monday, November 28th (...Yes, next Monday!), students will be dismissed at 12:00 p.m. Teachers will work together to learn how to increase opportunities for discourse. Academic conversations are proven to enhance student engagement and achievement.

The Voice of Hamden 3

Audition

**Thursday, December 1 at
Hamden High School**

Eligible: Any student currently at a Hamden Public School-Grades from 4 to 12



SCAN & JOIN



Audition Details:

- Prepare 30 seconds of any song
- You may sing as a solo or with a small group, either a cappella or with live or recorded accompaniment (tracks should be instrumental only, no vocals)
- Email ecaldwell@hamden.org to register for your audition time and to submit your accompaniment recordings
- Can't make it on December 1st? Submit a recorded video audition November 28-December 2 at bit.ly/hamdenvoice

Winners will be selected to take part in Voice of Hamden 3 Concert
Thursday January 19th, 7pm (snow date 1/20) at Hamden High School

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AUDITION TO PERFORM IN - THE VOICE OF HAMDEN 3!

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time at Hamden High on December 1st, or submit a recorded video audition November 28 - December 2 at bit.ly/hamdenvoice. Winners will perform at Hamden High on January 19th.

—BLACK FRIDAY SALE—

15% OFF
Gildan Hoodies

<https://hamden-spiritwear.com/>

SHOP OUR SCHOOL'S SPIRITWEAR STORE TODAY!

NOV. 18 - 28
USE CODE: BF15



HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY

We are working with the company Spirit Wear this year. Students and families can order awesome HMS Swag at <https://hamdenspiriwear.com/>. It could be the perfect gift for your middle school scholars...

HPS VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD

<https://www.hamden.org/families/flyers>

We are often asked to share community flyers. Our district has created a virtual bulletin board for parents to visit and check out local news. Please click on the link above to review recent flyers.

HPS SUPERINTENDENT STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Spotlight on Bianca M., Grade 8

Bianca is an outstanding student, and she was recently honored as the HPS Superintendent Student of the Month. Her teachers admire her positive attitude. She cares about learning, and she is committed to being her best in the classroom. Bianca aspires to work in the medical field, possibly as a cardiologist. For now, Bianca is focused on making the most of her middle school experience. She actively played on the HMS Volleyball Team. She also plays lacrosse in the community. Bianca recently learned to ski with her family, and she loves the sport. One thing you

might not know about Bianca.... She is an avid reader. Bianca admits it is sometimes good to put down the screens and pick up a book.



LYMAN ORCHARDS PIE & CLASSIC COOKIE DOUGH TEAM FUNDRAISER

We are excited to host the Lyman Orchard Pie and Cookie Dough



fundraiser. Everyone loves these delicious pies, especially for holiday dinners. The frozen cookies also make baking extra easy. We hope our HMS families can help us by supporting the Lyman Orchards Pie and Cookie Dough fundraiser. Orders are due by December 9th.

Participants use this link to Register & Sell Online
<https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZMNS>

DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Please review this NEW [Daily Health Assessment](#) with your child every day. This is an important first line of defense in both ensuring the health and wellness of your children and also protecting

our entire school community from the risk of infection.

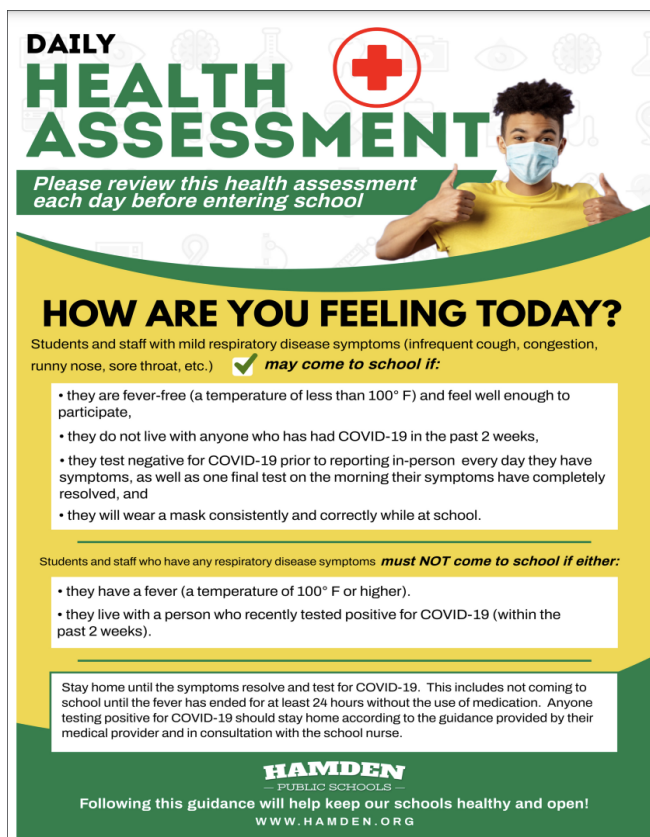
TEST, MASK, GO! What does that mean?

If your child is feeling sick with mild cold symptoms, they may come to school if:

- he/she is fever-free,
- he/she does not live with someone who has COVID in the past 2 weeks,
- he/she tests negative for COVID

They should come to school wearing a mask.

If your child has a fever or lives with a person who recently tested positive for COVID within the past two weeks, please keep him or her home and call our school nurses at 203-407-7192. Rebecca Iannucci and Kelly Stewart will listen and offer parents advice and support.



DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Please review this health assessment each day before entering school

HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY?

Students and staff with mild respiratory disease symptoms (infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, etc.) **✓ may come to school if:**

- they are fever-free (a temperature of less than 100° F) and feel well enough to participate,
- they do not live with anyone who has had COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks,
- they test negative for COVID-19 prior to reporting in-person every day they have symptoms, as well as one final test on the morning their symptoms have completely resolved, and
- they will wear a mask consistently and correctly while at school.

Students and staff who have any respiratory disease symptoms **must NOT come to school if either:**

- they have a fever (a temperature of 100° F or higher).
- they live with a person who recently tested positive for COVID-19 (within the past 2 weeks).

Stay home until the symptoms resolve and test for COVID-19. This includes not coming to school until the fever has ended for at least 24 hours without the use of medication. Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 should stay home according to the guidance provided by their medical provider and in consultation with the school nurse.

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Following this guidance will help keep our schools healthy and open!
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