

# The Dragon's Tale

## Hamden Middle School Student & Family Newsletter



### JANUARY 2023

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
30 (A5) Homebase (Period 5 Not Seen)	31 (B5) <u>After School Programs</u> Office Hours Anime Club Card Game Club Decoupage Dungeons & Dragons Gaming Club Mock Trial NJHS Meeting Rainbow Club Yearbook  School Governance Council Meeting (5:00 p.m.)  HMS PTA Meeting (6:30 p.m.)	1 (A6) <u>After School Programs</u> Office Hours Equity & Diversity Club Math Club STEM Club Student Council	2 (B6)	3 (A7)

**Hamden Middle School  
Parent Conference  
Tuesday, February 7, 2023  
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

### Overview

HMS faculty will host “in-person” conferences at HMS. Parents can:

- Register for **ONE** conference with **EITHER** the English, math, science **OR** social studies teacher. *(If a parent registers for more than one conference with the Core Team, we will honor the earliest conference and delete the others. Note: This practice ensures we can accommodate as many parents as possible during conference time. If parents have a concern, they can contact Ms. Coogan and their child's team leader.)*
- Register for multiple conferences with the Encore Team, including the health, physical education, art, music, and grade 8 elective courses.
- Register for a conference with any member of the PPS team, Specialists, and SRBI Coordinators.

Conference registration will close on Monday, February 6th at 10 a.m. If a parent signs up after this time, the teacher may not be available to meet with parents. Our teachers take great care in preparing for conferences, and they greatly appreciate advance notice from the conference registration process. We look forward to connecting with our parents to review student progress and to set goals for the second semester.

### **HMS Conference Registration Links**

Seventh Grade House 2, Team Ugolik	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade56">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade56</a>
Seventh Grade House 3, Team Coggins	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade57">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade57</a>
Seventh Grade House 4, Team Stanton	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade58">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade58</a>
Seventh Grade House 5, Team Walton	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade51">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade51</a>
Eighth Grade House 1, Team Domurad	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade59">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade59</a>
Eighth Grade House 2, Team Morello	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade60">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade60</a>
Eighth Grade House 3, Team DeLucia	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade61">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade61</a>
Eighth Grade House 4, Team Rocco	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade62">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-grade62</a>
ALsC Classrooms	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-alcs12">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-alcs12</a>
Encore Team	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-encore5">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-encore5</a>
World Language Team	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-world1">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-world1</a>
PPS	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-ppsteam6">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-ppsteam6</a>
Specialists & SRBI Coordinators	<a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-specialists7">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A084AA4AC22AAFD0-specialists7</a>

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**HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT**  
**Hamden Middle School**  
**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**  
**5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Hamden Prevention Council and Connecticut Association of Prevention Professionals, Inc. present Hidden in Plain Sight- an interactive presentation about what to look for in your teen's bedroom and what to say once you have found it. There will be mock scenarios where the Prevention Specialists will guide attendees, explain various substance use trends, and identify signs and symptoms to watch for with their children at home. We hope you can attend.

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## **PTA MEETING REMINDER (1/31/23)**

**6:30-7:30 p.m.**

**Zoom Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/93038450990>

The PTA Executive Board is planning a meeting chock full of important information. Our PTA meetings are an easy way for parents to connect with others and stay informed. Please join us!

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## **SURVEY SAYS...**

121 parents responded to the most recent survey, and they provided feedback on opportunities for family involvement. 37% of the parents who responded stated there were **not** enough family engagement activities. We agree, and yet, we need parent feedback so we can plan activities of interest.

*What kind of parent events would you like to see offered this year at HMS? Email your ideas to Michelle Coogan at [mcoogan@hamden.org](mailto:mcoogan@hamden.org). Parents, if you respond to this request, your child's name will be entered into a raffle.*

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## **SAVE THE DATES:**

### **MARKING PERIOD 2 ENDS, REPORT CARDS & CONFERENCES**

#### **END OF MARKING PERIOD 2:**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 24th**

#### **REPORT CARDS PUBLISHED IN PARENT PORTAL:**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31st**

#### **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: MONDAY, JANUARY 30th - MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6th**

Parents are invited to sign up for a conference with one Core teacher, English, math, science or social studies. Parents can also sign up to meet with their child's Encore teachers or World Language teacher. Members of the PPS team, specialists, and SRBI coordinators will also be available to meet with parents.

#### **PARENT CONFERENCES:**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.**

Parent conferences will be IN PERSON at HMS. We look forward to connecting with parents. Please embrace this opportunity to visit school.

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## **YEARBOOK SALES**

Students are working with Ms. Bellmore to design the 2023 HMS Yearbook. It will feature all students, faculty and staff, and it will highlight the events of this year. It is time to order your yearbook by visiting [www.yearbookforever.com](http://www.yearbookforever.com). Search for Hamden Middle School. The cost of the yearbook is \$30.00.

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## **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.