

The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

September 02, 2022

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

- ❖ **Monday, 9/5: No School** (Labor Day observed)
- ❖ **Wednesday, 9/7: Picture Day** (9th and 11th Grade School ID Portraits)
- ❖ **Thursday, 9/8: Picture Day** (10th and 12th Grade School ID Portraits)
- ❖ **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

MASKS - On Tuesday, March 8, 2022, the Hamden Board of Education voted to transition to a mask-optional policy for Hamden Public Schools. This means students, staff and visitors can either continue to wear masks while in HPS facilities, or can choose not to wear masks while in HPS facilities.

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](#)

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

[School Governance Council Parent Position Voting Form](#) - Please use the linked Google Form to choose ONE parent to serve as a parent representative on Hamden High School's School Governance Council for the 2022-2023 School Year. Deadline is TODAY!!

HHS PTSA

(Parent/Teacher/Student

Association) For information about the HHS PTSA and/or to join, please click [HERE](#).



2022-23 STUDENT SCHEDULES

PARENT PORTAL

Parents may visit the [HHS Parent Portal page](#). The Parent Portal page includes additional links on how to Register for a Parent Portal account or if you need your Parent Portal password reset.

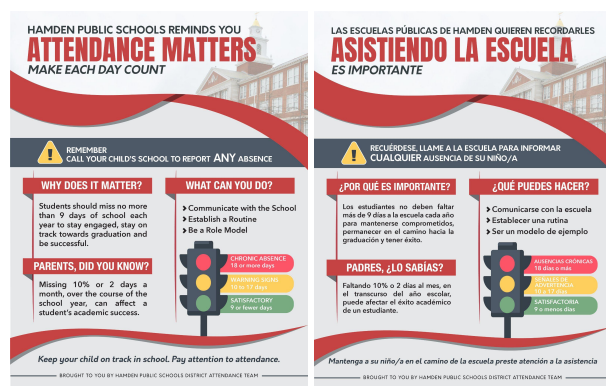
STUDENT PORTAL

Students may visit the [HHS Student Portal page](#) to complete the form to register for a Student Portal account. Once students have their credentials, students may click [HERE](#) to login. You can also contact Stephanie Homa shoma@hamden.org if additional assistance is needed.

! HEALTH ASSESSMENT - All parents, students and staff should engage in the **Daily Health Assessment** ([ENGLISH](#) or [SPANISH](#)) before arriving to school to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in school. Please use the links to preview the Health Assessment checklist.

! HHS SAFETY BROCHURE

Click [HERE](#) to preview this year's Hamden High School Safety brochure.



Click [HERE](#) to enlarge poster in English.

Click [HERE](#) to enlarge poster in Spanish.

COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

SCHEDULING ISSUES/CHANGES

If an error is found in the schedule, please alert your student's [school counselor by email](#). ****Even in the event of an error, your student must attend the courses on their schedule when they arrive at school.**

For Clarification, errors include:

- Having a blank period in the school day
- Missing a requirement for graduation
- Having a course before completing the prerequisite (ie: Art 25 on the schedule without having completed Art 15)

*****Administration has determined that counselors DO NOT have permission to do the following:*****

- Change a course from one period to another
- Change a teacher assignment
- Add a class in place of an existing course

Administration may, in some limited instances, need to modify a student's or teacher's schedule even up to the first day of school.

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

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



YEARBOOK SALES

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

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

by: Aaron Barkon



BAND CAMP

HHS Marching Band and Guard has just finished their summer camp. All students who were not able to attend should check their email for information to help catch up.



ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



FALL SCHEDULES

Fall Schedules have been released on the CIAC website - ciacsports.com Please continue to check for updates.

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

Tuesday, 9/6: Marching Band and Guard REHEARSAL - 5:30-8:00 p.m. (arrive between 5:00-5:15 p.m.)

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 7, 2022 2:15-2:45PM

RISE UP!

UPCOMING HOME VARSITY EVENTS

Thursday, 9/8/22: Boys/Girls Cross Country Meet at Hamden Middle School 3:45 p.m.; Girls Volleyball vs Shelton HS 5:15 p.m.

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



Boys Ice Hockey Meeting - Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. at the Lou Astorino Ice Rink for all new and returning players



FALL SPORTS TEAM & INDIVIDUAL PHOTOS WITH LIFETOUGH

Monday, September 5, 2022 (Labor Day) - Girls Volleyball 7:30 a.m. Gym; Football 8:00 a.m. Turf #1; Cheerleading 8:30 a.m. Turf #1, Dance Team 9:00 a.m. Turf #1

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - Boys/Girls Cross Country 2:15 p.m. Turf #1; Girls Swim/Dive 2:30 p.m. Pool; Field Hockey 2:45 p.m. Turf #2; Boys Soccer 3:30 p.m. Turf #2; Girls Soccer 4:00 p.m. Turf #2

****To Order Photos go to mylifetouch.com using Picture Day ID EVT34V7Z9**



FALL SPORTS CAPTAIN'S COUNCIL MEETING -

Wednesday, September 7, 2022 9:30-11:30 am - All Fall Sport Captains will meet at the Athletic Office (Room C106) at 9:05 am. Bus departs at 9:15 to the Floyd Little Athletic Center. Permission slips should be brought into the Athletic Office before this date.



MANDATORY PLAYER/PARENT FALL SPORTS NIGHT

All fall sports programs will meet on **Wednesday, September 7, 2022** at 6:00 p.m. at Hamden High School in the Gymnasium. This meeting is to review policies of the Athletic Department and review our safety procedures. Each program will also meet with their specific program to review their expectations. This meeting will be for all parents/guardians and athletes who have made their fall sport teams.