

The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

January 27, 2023

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

- ❖ **Wednesday, February 8: HHS Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences** from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
- ❖ **Monday, February 20: No School** (Presidents' Day)
- ❖ **Thursday, February 23: Early Dismissal** (PD Day) Periods 1-4 will meet and students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

PARENT CORNER

PTSA – The next PTSA meeting will be on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us to find out about the work we're doing to support HHS! Zoom link: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72521481143?pwd=bTLA55KHTuHs32RiTSx3LRFVhHwobu.1> Please support the PTSA fundraiser at Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant & Cantina on Sunday, February 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eat in or take out. Enjoy a meal and help support the PTSA! A percentage of the sales will be donated back to the PTSA. Mention the PTSA when ordering or show [the flier](#).

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.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION – The cost of each AP Exam is \$100.00 and is payable through our third party vendor, [MySchool Bucks](#). Payments are due by February 1, 2023. Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals also qualify for an exam fee waiver. Please contact [Emily McClain](#) as soon as possible should your child qualify.



THE CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

began Sunday, January 22, 2023. The celebration lasts for over two weeks in China.



THORNTON WILDER WRITING COMPETITION

December 2022

Now in its thirty-seventh year, the Thornton Wilder Writing Competition is open to all New Haven County public, private and parochial high school students. **The entries for the competition may be any work of fiction and are due by February 10, 2023.** For more detailed information and the application form, [CLICK HERE](#).

STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY

REMINDERS – Please remind your HHS student(s) about the current cell phone policy. *Students must keep cell phones away during instructional time unless an adult requires the cell phone use as part of the classroom assignment and for educational purposes. Cell phones should not be visible during instructional time, including study halls.*

COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

! 2023-24 COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS -

[Please click HERE](#) to read the information sent out to teachers regarding course recommendations for the upcoming 23-24 school year. [Click HERE to view the 2023-24 Program of Studies](#).

ROBERTA B WILLIS

NEED-MERIT

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

[Complete this google form](#) by **Friday, January 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** if your child meets the following criteria to be eligible for the Roberta B Willis Need-Merit Scholarship Program. [CLICK HERE for details](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Laurie Robyn (lrobyn@hamden.org), [your child's school counselor](#), or the School Counseling Dept. Chair, Loretha Felton (lfelton@hamden.org).

FAFSA

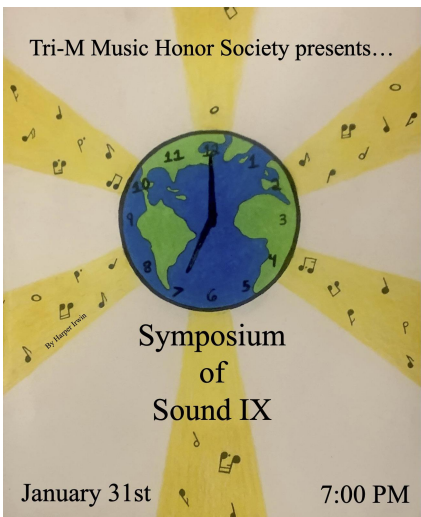
As part of the post-secondary planning process, **ALL seniors and parents/guardians are encouraged to complete the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) form related to college financial aid.** Click the link to get started: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> HHS will be offering FAFSA completion support in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!!

JUNIOR CAPSTONE

ADVISORY: Capstone advisory periods have been added to Juniors' schedules. Please check your PowerSchool schedule and attend accordingly. Questions, please contact Capstone Advisor: [James Pechette](#)

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

by: Aaron Barkon



ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



VISIT HHS ATHLETICS website to get more information on our high school/middle school sports

<https://www.hamden.org/departments/athletics>

STAY UPDATED 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

January 19 - HPS Fine Arts/HEF - VOICE of HAMDEN 3

January 31 - Symposium of Sound 9, "TIME"

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

January 24 - rehearsal 5:30-7:30 p.m.

PIT ORCHESTRA (Legally Blond)

January 26 (Thursday) - rehearsal 5:30-7:30 p.m.

CMEA (Connecticut Music Educators Association)

January 13-14 - Regional Festival (Maloney High School)

January 20-21 - Regional Festival SNOW DATE (Maloney High School)

HHSMPPO - Music Parents

Contact Liz Brennan (liz@ctbrennans.com) or Bob Gribbon (bobgribbon61@gmail.com)

January 11 - Board Meeting (new members are welcome)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on FaceBook and Instagram @hamdendragonsmusic and HHSMPPO Music Parents Facebook @hamdenhighmusic and Twitter @hhsmpo

Tri-M

February 1 - General Meeting 2:15 p.m.

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

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME GAMES

Friday, 1/27: Unified Basketball v Cheshire Unified at 3:00 p.m., Girls Basketball vs Sacred Heart Academy at 6:00 p.m. (Senior Night prior to game)

Saturday, 1/28: Annual Cheer & Dance Challenge at Quinnipiac University, Burt Kahn Gymnasium, 275 Mt. Carmel Ave., Hamden - Cheer Competitions starts at 12:00 p.m.; Dance Competition starts at 5:30 p.m

Sunday, 1/29: Boys Ice Hockey vs West Haven at 12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 1/31: Boys Basketball vs East Haven at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 2/1: Girls Ice Hockey vs Amity at 3:30 p.m.; Boys Ice Hockey vs Simsbury at 8:00 p.m.

Thursday, 2/2: Boys Swimming/Diving vs North Haven at 4:00 p.m.

Friday, 2/3: Boys Basketball vs Guilford at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, 2/4: Girls Gymnastics vs Foran at New Era Gymnastics, 850 Sherman Ave., Hamden at 6:30 p.m.; Girls Ice Hockey vs Ridgefield at 4:00 p.m.

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION

Spring Sport Registration is now **Open** for the following sports: **High School** - Baseball, Softball, Golf, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Outdoor Track, Girls Outdoor Track, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse

Middle School - Baseball and Softball

Please visit our website to register on FinalForms, get try-out dates, times and location and coach's contact information at <https://www.hamden.org/departments/athletics>

NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY

Join Southern CT State University for a day of celebration on Saturday, February 11, 2023.

For more Information click the link below:

https://scsuowls.com/news/2023/1/23/general-scsu-athletics-to-host-national-girls-and-women-in-sports-day-on-saturday-feb-11.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2glwHPS7haRF_S7n5E2EnRjr8GxYGRs9n0hxqXuabmdommKvqVsZ67_Us