

# The Dragon's Tale

Hamden Middle School  
Student & Family Newsletter



## CALENDAR INFORMATION: THIS WEEK AT HMS!

29 No School Memorial Day  HMS Marching Band performs in the Hamden Memorial Day Parade @ 10 AM	30 A2  <b>Gr. 7 Students Select their Summer Reading Book (See below)</b>  Chorus Concert Rehearsal (Block 6&7, Periods 7&1)  PTA Meeting was rescheduled to 6/6/23	31 B2  Grade 8 Field Trip to Lake Compounce for Teams Domurad & Rocco  <b>Grade 7 Assembly Practice</b> <i>Team Ugolik (8:15-9:15 AM)</i>  <i>Team Coggins (9:35-10:35 AM)</i>  <i>Team Stanton (10:40-11:35 AM)</i>  <i>Team Walton (1:00-2:00 PM)</i>	1 A3  <i>Greg Dresko visits HMS</i>  Grade 8 Field Trip to Lake Compounce for Teams DeLucia & Morello  Grade 7 Assembly Practice (Blocks 6&7)  Staff Meeting - Department (2:45-4:15 PM)  Chorus Concert (7:00 PM)	2 B3  <b>Tell Your Story: Artists in Residence</b>  Last Day to Visit the HMS Library  Witness Stones Ceremony (11:45 AM to 1:45 PM)  Celebrating Attendance Pizza Party (1:30 PM)
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Parents can begin to review the calendars for June. Updates will be posted each week.

## June 2023

**Last Day of School \* Tuesday, June 13, 2023.**

## PARENT CLIMATE SURVEY

[https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0BPEiL83Qyddu0C](https://uconn.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0BPEiL83Qyddu0C)

HMS Families, we need your feedback. Please take a few minutes to complete this school climate survey. Data collected will help us plan for next year. Our goal is to ensure Hamden Middle School is a welcoming environment where students and families feel connected. Your ideas will help us be more successful.

## AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS & LATE BUSES ARE FINISHED FOR THE YEAR

Please be aware that our after school programs are finished for this academic year. Late bus service is also postponed for the remainder of the year.

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## SUMMER READING 2023: THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF US

We will kick off the 2023-24 academic year with a school-wide thematic study, "THERE'S A HERO IN ALL OF US." All of our incoming 7th grade students and rising 8th grade students will receive the gift of a summer reading book. The three titles are quite different, and we want our students to choose their book.

Our seventh-grade students will watch this quick video. It is a brief introduction to summer reading and a review of the three titles. [Link to presentation](#) After watching the brief video, each seventh-grade student will rank the three books in order of their preference. Our goal is to send our 7th grade students home with their selected book on Thursday, June 8th. We will be sure to send an autocall home in advance so parents can be on the lookout for the summer reading book.



## REMINDER: PICK UP YOUR CHILD'S MEDICINE AT HMS

Parents may pick up medication any time during school hours between Thursday, June 1st and Tuesday, June 13th. Per state of CT we are not allowed to save it for the next year. Unclaimed medication left at HMS must be destroyed on the last day of school at 1p.m. When preparing for the 2023-24 academic year, parents will need to provide new orders and emergency plans during the first week of school.

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## COVID TESTS FOR HMS FAMILIES

**Students will bring home a box of two COVID tests on Tuesday, May 30th.**

Federal and state-level COVID-19 guidelines have recently changed. As a result, there may be changes to the availability of at-home COVID test kits. We are sending you this test kit to assist you in protecting your family's health. It is important to note that these test kits (Inteliswab from OraSure Technologies) expiration dates have been extended until 5/2024. Please ignore the expiration date on the bottom of the box. Please note that the tests are temperature sensitive and should be stored between 35-86 degrees (do not store in your car). You can also obtain test kits while supplies last by calling 1-800-232-0233 or going online at [www.COVID.gov](http://www.COVID.gov). If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

*-Marsha Guglielmino, MSN, RN Nursing Team Leader Hamden School Health Services Department*

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## PTA MEETING CHANGE

The PTA has changed the meeting date to Tuesday, June 6th at 7:15 p.m. Parents and teachers are invited to virtually attend the meeting. Here is the Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93038450990> It will be a nice way to review the year, and begin to plan for next year. Hope to see you there!

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## FIELD DAYS

We hosted two consecutive field days last week. School-wide events truly require a team effort to be successful. Our HMS faculty and staff went above and beyond to ensure students had a positive experience. We would like to thank our PTA for their continued support. They sponsored much of the fun for our Field Days, and parent leaders helped to ensure all students had white t-shirts to tie dye. So many parents donated ice pops and white t-shirts. Mr. Hubbard reported that every student had the opportunity to design a t-shirt. Mother Nature also provided two of the most beautiful days. Field Days were quite simply ... perfect! And, as they say, Field Days 2023 is in the books!





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## GRADE 8 FIELD TRIP \* LAKE COMPOUNCE

Wednesday, May 31 (Team Domurad & Rocco)

Thursday, June 1 (Teams DeLucia and Morello)

The end-of-the-year field trip will be a great time for all eighth grade students. Students must arrive at school on time, and they will be able to take the school bus home at 2:30 p.m. Questions? Please contact Ms. Jessica Coffey, Grade 8 Assistant Principal at [jcoffey@hamden.org](mailto:jcoffey@hamden.org).

Special Note:

Lake Compounce is cashless so if a student intends to purchase food there, parents can send them with a debit/credit/prepaid card or there is the option of a kiosk there where they can convert their cash. Want to know more? Check out this link:

<https://www.lakecompounce.com/prepare-your-visit/relevant-information/cashless>

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## HMS 2023 YEARBOOK - Cost \$30.00

It is not too late to purchase a 2022-2023 HMS yearbook! Our yearbook crew worked hard to create a special book commemorating this year, and you can buy a yearbook by either visiting the main office or we will be selling books in-person at each of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion celebrations. Be sure to stop by the yearbook table if you are interested in picking up a yearbook!

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## CHROMEBOOK RETURNS

All Gr. 8 students are expected to turn in a Chromebook and a charger by June 7th.

See below for collection dates:

Monday, June 5th	Tuesday, June 6th
Team DeLucia, House 3	Team Rocco, House 4
Team Domurad, House 1	Team Morello, House 2

Lost charger? Not a problem! Chargers can be purchased for \$25 in the Library Media Center. Cash or check (made payable to Hamden Public Schools) are accepted.

Thank you for your assistance!

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## HELP US COLLECT OUR LIBRARY BOOKS



Library books are due and currently being collected. Help your child look for lost materials. Overdue notices have been emailed home & paper copies have been distributed to students. Help us fill our shelves for students to enjoy next school year!

## CELEBRATING THE HMS CLASS OF 2023

Imagine this sign in your front yard!



We want to shine the spotlight on our eighth grade students. Parents are invited to purchase a sign for their middle school students who are closing the chapter on middle school and preparing for high school. Parents can order by using this link. <https://forms.gle/MDiy4J51ukc1y8naA>. The cost is \$15 for parents who want to pick up the sign in the main office. We will deliver the signs during the week of May 30-June 2 for \$20. Help us spread Dragon Pride throughout Hamden!

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## GRADE 8 CELEBRATION

Ms. Coffey and Grade 8 Team Leaders emailed home important reminders for the upcoming celebrations, including arrival times, dismissal plans, attire, and more. The theme for our Grade 8 celebration is a luau. Students are encouraged to wear bright, colorful and comfortable clothing, as our celebration will take place outside. Parents and guests are encouraged to bring your lawn chairs. If you choose to bring balloons, please leave them in the car, as we want to make sure that all of our guests have the opportunity to see their child receive their certificate. Celebration days and times are as follows:

<b>Thursday, June 8, 2023</b>	<b>Friday, June 9, 2023</b>
9:00 AM- Team Delucia	9:00 AM- Team Morello
11:00 AM- Team Rocco	11:00 AM- Team Domurad

If parents have any questions regarding the eighth-grade celebrations, they should email or call Ms. Coffey at [jcoffey@hamden.org](mailto:jcoffey@hamden.org) or 203-407-7187.

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## HPS VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD

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

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.