

Monday, May 9, 2022, Issue 31

MAY 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9A After-School Programs 5K Club Divorce Support Group NJHS Student Council Sports Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Mandatory Office Hours & Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)	10B After-School Programs Equity & Diversity Club Jazz Band Let's Dance! Mock Trial Rainbow Club Sports HMS Baseball VS. North Haven MS (Home) HMS Softball VS. North Haven MS (Away) HMS Climate & Safety Committee Meeting (2:45-3:45 p.m.)	11A School Nurses Day! After-School Programs 5K Club Korean Club Sports HMS Baseball VS. Branford MS Softball Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)	12B Gr. 8, House 2, Team Rocco Field Trip to Extreme Air Sports HMS Baseball VS. New Haven MS (Away) HMS Softball VS. New Haven MS (Home) HMS Staff Meeting / Building (2:45-3:45 p.m.)	13A Gr. 7, House 4, Team Stanton Field Trip to Bowling Sports Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)
16B After-School Programs Divorce Support Group Sports Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Mandatory Office Hours & Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)	17A After-School Programs Equity & Diversity Club Jazz Band Let's Dance! Mock Trial Student A-Team Sports HMS Baseball VS. Melillo MS (Home) HMS Softball VS. Melillo MS (Away) HMS Chorus Concert (7:00 p.m.)	18B Gr. 8, House 2, Team Rocco Chalk Fest (P7) After-School Programs Korean Club Student Council Sports Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)	19A Gr. 8, House 1, Team Morello Field Trip to Extreme Air Sports HMS Baseball VS. Bailey MS (Home) HMS Softball VS. Bailey MS (Away)	20B Gr. 8, House 4, TeamDomurad Field Trip to Sleeping Giant Sports Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)

23A After-School Programs Divorce Support Group Sports Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Mandatory Office Hours & Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.)	24B Gr. 8 House 2, Team Rocco Field Trip to Sleeping Giant After-School Programs Equity & Diversity Club Let's Dance! Mock Trial Sports HMS Baseball VS. Amity MS/Orange (Away) HMS Softball VS. Amity MS/Orange (Home) HMS Band & Orchestra Concert (7:00 p.m.)	25A SBAC Math CAT (Gr. 7 & 8) After-School Programs Divide & Conquer Math Club Korean Club Sports Baseball Practice (3-5 p.m.) Softball Practice (2:45-4:30 p.m.) LAST DAY FOR LATE BUS	26B SBAC Math CAT (Gr. 7 & 8) Sports HMS Baseball VS. Shelton Intermediate (Home) HMS Softball VS. Shelton Intermediate (Away)	27A Gr. 8, House 2, Team Rocco Field Trip to Sleeping Giant
30 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY Memorial Day Parade (10 a.m. Step Off)	31B No After School Programs	Monday, June 13, 2022 House 1, Team Morello 9:00 a.m. & House 3, Team Mandel 11:00 a.m.	Tuesday, June 14, 2022 House 4, Team Domurad 9:00 a.m. & House 2, Team Rocco 11:00 a.m.	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS CURRENTLY THURSDAY, JUNE 16th.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FROM CLIFFORD BEERS

Hamden Public Schools is partnering with Clifford Beers to access mental health resources and needs at Hamden Middle School. The first step is to gather input from parents, students, faculty and staff. Parents are asked to read this letter and complete a brief survey. bit.ly/HPSCaregiversSurveyENG Our students will have an opportunity to complete a survey tomorrow morning.

There will also be an opportunity for parents and students to participate in focus groups. The student focus group is tomorrow, Tuesday, May 10th at 4 p.m. If parents want their child to participate, they can email hamdensurveys@cliffordbeers.org. In addition, there are parent focus groups today (May 9th at 6 p.m.) and tomorrow (May 10th at 10 a.m.). We understand the announcement of these focus groups is late. As a result, we are working with Clifford Beers to coordinate a different time for interested parents and students.

[Clifford Beers Parent Letter](#)

[Clifford Beers Student Letter](#)

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM: DANCE CLASSES

(Dates: May 10th, May 17th & May 24th)

Kelley Zaleta serves as the proud coach of the Hamden High School Dance Team. The team has an impressive reputation for many reasons, including they won the Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic State Championship for 15 consecutive years. (Amazing!) Coach Kelley is offering our middle school students an opportunity to dance. This afterschool program is free to our students. Parents, please sign up by registering on this [form](#).

LET'S DANCE!

Sign up to for after school
dance classes hosted by the
Hamden High School Dance Team!



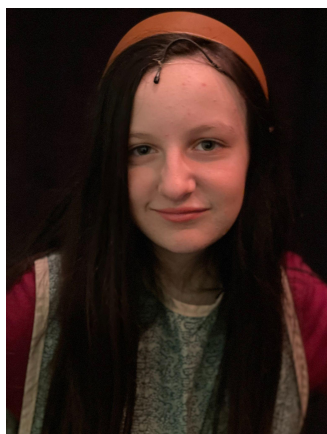
No Experience necessary!
Let's have fun moving to good music together!
After School @ HMS on Tuesdays
5/10, 5/17 and 5/24 from 2:45-3:45



BRAVO! ANNIE JR. WAS A HIT!

We could not be more proud of our student actors. The cast and crew of Annie Jr. entertained the audience during their three performances. The beloved characters of Annie, Mr. Warbucks, Ms. Hannigan, Rooster Hannigan, the orphans and more came to life on the stage. We are grateful to our director, Jennifer Sciglibaglio. She shared her passion and expertise with our students. Special thanks to all of our parents who

encouraged their children to participate and supported them.



HAPPINESS BILLBOARD PROJECT

We are proud of our students who participated in the artistic challenge to create a positive message for our community. When you are driving around town, please be on the lookout for these beautiful billboards. The Hamden Youth Network continues to empower our children ... They are, indeed, our future leaders!



Middle School Winners

First Place Winner

Matilda Green
8th Grade
Hamden Middle School

Second Place Winner

Kamila Tonkeu
7th Grade
Hamden Middle School

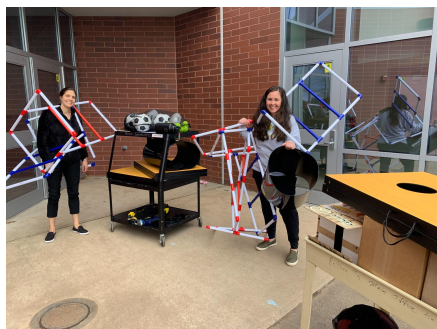
Third Place Winner

Charlotte Stover
8th Grade
Hamden Middle School

WE ❤️ OUR HMS FAMILIES!

Thank you to everyone for making Teacher Appreciation Week a special time for the HMS team. We loved every act of kindness, including the ice cream truck, snacks for the staff room, kind student notes, and candy. We can testify that teaching is truly rewarding, and we are proud to serve the Hamden community.

We are grateful you entrust your children to our care and for your ongoing support.



In addition, we want to thank all of the staff, families, and community members who donated equipment for students to use outside after the rigorous SBAC testing. We also send thanks to Ms. Breen and Ms. Rodriguez who spent a great deal of time and effort organizing and planning these events for our students. They are pictured here bringing the supplies outside and setting them up for teams to use.

DRAGON DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Mr. Xavier, school social worker, is hosting the Dragon Divorce Support Group afterschool on May 2, 9, 16, and 23. Sessions will be from 2:30 to 3:15 pm and will be held in the Restore and Reset room. The goal is to assist students in understanding the elements of divorce and how to cope with parent separations. Parents can call (203-407-7190) or email (gxavier@hamden.org) Mr. Xavier with questions or inquiries.



April 12, 2022

Dear Parent or Guardian:

Our local prevention coalition, **the Hamden Youth Network** is the recipient of a grant to assist the community in identifying current factors that influence the healthy and positive development of our children and youth. A variety of community resources have joined together to form **the Hamden Youth Network** with the goal of reducing substance use among the youth of **Hamden**.

To move forward in addressing the needs of our community, we need better information about our youth and their attitudes and behaviors regarding substance use and abuse. The **Hamden Survey** is a computer-driven survey intended to provide **the Hamden Youth Network** with data about the youth in our community and the factors that influence them. With this information, our community can plan strategies and programs that strive to increase protective factors, and decrease risk factors.

The survey will be administered to students in **grades 6, 8 and 10 the week of April 25 through the week of May 9th**. Students will be asked to voluntarily participate in this brief survey during one class period at school. The survey is both anonymous and confidential and students will not be asked for their names or any identifying information. Results will be provided only as a summary of responses. A copy of the survey is available for you to review at your principal's office. If you would like your child excluded from the survey, please contact your teacher in writing on or before April 25th.

Thank you for your support of this important community initiative. Should you have any questions about the survey, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Susan Rubino and Amanda Forcucci

Co-Chairs Hamden Youth Network



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FOR HEALTHY LIVING
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TIME FOR KIDS TO BE KIDS

Summer Day Camp

Camp Mountain Laurel is the place to make every precious summer day a great one!

CAMP MOUNTAIN LAUREL provides children and teens with an opportunity to have fun, meet new friends, play and create memories that last a lifetime.

At our Summer Camps and Clinics, participants gain a sense of accomplishment, build relationships and find their sense of belonging. It's an opportunity for physical, social, emotional and cognitive learning experiences. For families, our Summer Camps and Clinics offers a peace of mind knowing that your child is in a safe and enriching environment.

AGES

Classic Camp - Ages 3-15
Specialty Camps - Vary by age

LOCATIONS

Camp Mountain Laurel - 2705 Downes Road,
Hamden, CT

REGISTER

Registration is now open! Download or pickup your registration packet one of our program sites.

OPEN HOUSES

Please come visit Camp Mountain Laurel and meet the staff.

Saturday March 12	10am-1pm
Saturday April 30	10am-1pm
Saturday May 14	10am-1pm
Saturday June 4	10am-1pm



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