

The Dragon's Tale

Hamden Middle School Student & Family Newsletter



November 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>14 (A4)</p> <p>Homebase (Period 4 Not Seen)</p> <p>Student Report Cards Published in PowerSchool</p> <p>Field Trip to the SCSU for Native/Heritage Spanish Students</p> <p>Boys Basketball Tryout (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>The Alibis Rehearsal Entire Cast & Crew (5:30-8:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>15 (B4)</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p><u>After School Programs</u> Office Hours Anime Club Fall Intramurals: Flag Football Grade 7 Student "A-Team" Meeting Mock Trial NJHS Meeting Rainbow Club S.O.S. Student Organization Session Yearbook YES Club</p> <p>Boys Basketball Tryout (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>The Alibis Rehearsal Entire Cast & Crew (5:30-8:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>16 (A5)</p> <p>Ski & Snowboard Club Meeting (9:35 a.m.)</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p><u>After School Programs</u> Office Hours Equity & Diversity Club Fall Intramurals: Cross Country Grade 8 Student "A-Team" Meeting Jazz Band Math Club Newspaper Club NJHS Meeting STEM Club Student Council</p> <p>Boys Basketball Tryout (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>The Alibis Rehearsal Entire Cast & Crew (5:30-8:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>17 (B5)</p> <p>HMS Conferences (5:30-7:30 p.m.)</p> <p>The Alibis Rehearsal Entire Cast & Crew (5:30-8:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>18 (A6)</p> <p>HPS Superintendent Student of the Month (7:30 a.m.)</p> <p>The Alibis Performance #1 (7:00 p.m.)</p> <p>Saturday 19</p> <p>The Alibis Performance #2 (2:00 p.m.)</p>
<p>21 (B6)</p> <p>Homebase (Period 6 Not Seen)</p> <p>HHS HECA Presentation to Grade 8 Students</p>	<p>22 (A7)</p> <p>HHS HECA Presentation to Grade 8 Students</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p><u>After School Programs</u> Office Hours Anime Club Fall Intramurals: Flag Football Grade 7 Student "A-Team" Meeting Mock Trial Newspaper Club Rainbow Club</p>	<p>23 (B7)</p> <p>Early Dismissal Day 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>School Spirit: Flannel Shirt Day!</p>	<p>24</p> <p>No School Thanksgiving Recess</p>	<p>25</p> <p>No School Thanksgiving Recess</p>

	S.O.S. Student Organization Session Yearbook YES Club			
28 (A1) Homebase (Period 1 Not Seen) Early Dismissal (12 noon) Professional Development (12:45-2:45 p.m.)	29 (B1) Late Bus NJHS Zuppardi's Pizza Fundraiser PickUp <u>After School Programs</u> Office Hours Anime Club Fall Intramurals: Flag Football Mock Trial NJHS Meeting* Rainbow Club S.O.S. Student Organization Session Yearbook YES Club	30 (A2) Late Bus NJHS Toy Drive Begins <u>After-School Programs</u> Office Hours Equity & Diversity Club Fall Intramurals: Cross Country Grade 8 Student "A-Team" Meeting Jazz Band Math Club STEM Club Student Council	1 (B2)	2 (A3)

Our school calendar will be updated each week.

HMS Fall Play

Presented by...
Hamden Middle School

A whodunit of absurdly blundering ineptitude!

Friday, November 18 at 7PM
Saturday, November 19 at 2PM

\$10 Adults/\$5 Students/Under 5 Free!

Cash or Check at the Door

*Checks made out to
"Hamden Middle School Drama"*

Veterans Memorial Auditorium
Hamden Middle School
2623 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden CT





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Attention HMS Families,
Students, Faculty & Staff:

The HMS Fall Play, The Alibis,
opens this weekend. You are
invited to attend a
performance.

-Friday night at 7 p.m.
-Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the
door with cash or check. It is
important to support our
student actors. We hope to see
you there!

Best of luck to the cast and
crew of The Alibis.

HMS CALENDAR MODIFICATION!

Additional Early Dismissal Days

Hamden Middle School is actively participating in the Connecticut State Department's Commissioner's Network. We intend to improve the overall educational experience for our students, as well as our climate and culture for all stakeholders. As part of the plan, our faculty and staff will participate in increased professional learning opportunities by adding the following early dismissal dates to the HMS calendar:

1. November 28, 2022
2. December 12, 2022
3. January 9, 2023
4. January 23, 2023
5. February 13, 2023
6. February 27, 2023
7. March 13, 2023
8. March 27, 2023
9. April 10, 2023
10. April 24, 2023
11. May 8, 2023
12. May 22, 2023
13. June 12, 2023

On these designated Mondays, our students will be dismissed at 12 noon. Then, our teachers will participate in professional development aligned with the school improvement plan. It is important to note that these additional early dismissal dates are not referenced in the HPS calendars. They are unique to the HMS calendar. We are committed to communicating this information multiple times throughout the school year to ensure families are prepared for their middle school children to report home earlier. Finally, we will share updates on how we dedicate this additional professional learning time and the intended outcome on student learning.

HMS CONFERENCES

Register before Wednesday at 12:00 p.m.

We will host parent conferences on Thursday, November 17th between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The registration links are posted below and can be found on the HMS webpage.

Our Core Team is composed of English, math, science and social studies teachers. Each teacher can accommodate 12 conference appointments. Our goal is to ensure as many parents who want a conference have an opportunity to register for one. **Therefore, parents can only register with one Core Teacher. If a parent signs up**

for multiple Core Team conferences, we will honor the earliest or first appointment and delete the others. Please be sure to only register for one Core Team conference.

Parents can select additional conferences with Encore and World Language Teachers. They can also request a conference with a school psychologist, social workers, and counselors. The entire HMS faculty is available to meet with parents and students on this special evening.

Be sure to register before Wednesday at 12 noon.

Grade 7 Teams	
House 2: Team Ugolik	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-grade48
House 3: Team Coggins	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-grade49
House 4: Team Stanton	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-grade50
House 5: Team Walton	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-grade51
Grade 8 Teams	
House 1: Team Domurad	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-grade52
House 2: Team Morello	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-grade53
House 3: Team DeLucia	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-grade54
House 4: Team Rocco	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-grade55
ALsCs, Grade 7 & 8	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-alcs11
Encore Team	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-encore4
World Language Team	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70ao84aa4ac22aafdo-world

PPS & School Counselors	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084aa4ac22aafdo-ppsteam5
Curricular Specialists & SRBI Coordinators	https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084aa4ac22aafdo-specialists6

IT'S A WRAP! MARKING PERIOD 1

Your child's report card will be available to view on Monday, November 14th. Parents, you will view report cards on PowerSchool. Here are the steps:

1. Log into the Parent/Student Portal via the full [web version link](#). Note: The Mobile app cannot be used to view the report card.
2. Click on "Student Reports" on the left navigation panel.
3. Click on your report card.
4. If you would like to print a copy of your report card, you may do so by clicking the printer icon on the top right corner of your screen.

If you have any questions, please email Stephanie Bezerra at sbezerra@hamden.org.



LYMAN ORCHARDS PIE & CLASSIC COOKIE DOUGH TEAM FUNDRAISER

We are hosting a school-wide fundraiser, and there is a special

twist. When students participate, the funds raised will go directly to their team. Each team has a separate account, and the funds are dedicated to field trips, enrichment activities, and PBIS Dragon Pride incentives. We are excited to host this fundraiser. Everyone loves these delicious pies, especially for holiday dinners. The frozen cookies also make baking extra easy.

Participants use this link to Register & Sell Online <https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZMNS>

We hope our HMS families can help us by supporting the Lyman Orchards Pie and Cookie Dough fundraiser.

HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

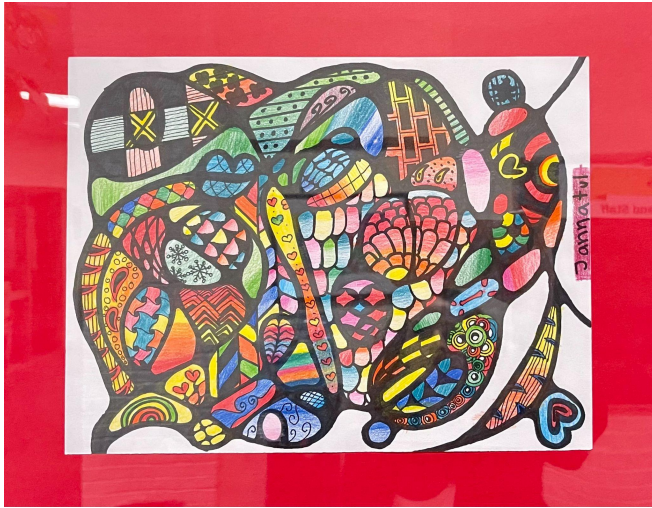
Spotlight on Parker P., Grade 8

In October, Parker was nominated for the Hamden Public Schools Superintendent Student of the Month by our Art Department. It is not a surprise; she is quite an artist. Parker also is a musician. She plays bass in the HMS Jazz Band and the New Haven Orchestra. Her dad is a musician, and he taught her how to play when she was a young child. Her family always supports her, and she is grateful for her mom, dad, and brother, Atticus. Parker is a kind person who always helps her fellow students. We are thrilled to have Parker as a student at HMS.



SKI & SNOWBOARD CLUB

Attention Ski & Snowboard Club Members: Mr. Cebula is hosting a meeting on Wednesday, November 16th at 9:35 a.m. in the cafeteria. Club members should check in with their teacher before reporting to the cafeteria.



Congratulations to Jannatul S., Grade 7. Her artwork was displayed in Superintendent Highsmith's Office at the Central Office. Jannatul was also recognized at the HPS Superintendent Student of the Month ceremony on Friday, October 28th. Be proud, Jannatul!

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.

DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Please review this NEW [Daily Health Assessment](#) with your child every day. This is an important first line of defense in both ensuring the health and wellness of your children and also protecting our entire school community from the risk of infection.

TEST, MASK, GO! What does that mean?

If your child is feeling sick with mild cold symptoms, they may come to school if:

- he/she is fever-free,
- he/she does not live with someone who has COVID in the past 2 weeks,
- he/she tests negative for COVID

They should come to school wearing a mask.

If your child has a fever or lives with a person who recently tested positive for COVID within the past two weeks, please keep him or her home and call our school nurses at 203-407-7192. Rebecca Iannucci and Kelly Stewart will listen and offer parents advice and support.

DAILY
**HEALTH
ASSESSMENT**

Please review this health assessment each day before entering school

HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY?

Students and staff with mild respiratory disease symptoms (infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, etc.) **✓ may come to school if:**

- they are fever-free (a temperature of less than 100° F) and feel well enough to participate,
- they do not live with anyone who has had COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks,
- they test negative for COVID-19 prior to reporting in-person every day they have symptoms, as well as one final test on the morning their symptoms have completely resolved, and
- they will wear a mask consistently and correctly while at school.

Students and staff who have any respiratory disease symptoms **must NOT come to school if either:**

- they have a fever (a temperature of 100° F or higher).
- they live with a person who recently tested positive for COVID-19 (within the past 2 weeks).

Stay home until the symptoms resolve and test for COVID-19. This includes not coming to school until the fever has ended for at least 24 hours without the use of medication. Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 should stay home according to the guidance provided by their medical provider and in consultation with the school nurse.

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Following this guidance will help keep our schools healthy and open!
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