

The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

January 15, 2021

Next Week at a Glance

January 18, 2021 ~ January 22, 2021

Monday 1/18	Tuesday 1/19	Wednesday 1/20	Thursday 1/21	Friday 1/22
No School Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.	Cohort A Last names A-K	Cohort B Last names L-Z	Early Dismissal Staff PD Cohort B (L-Z) Running Periods 1 - 4	Cohort B Last names L-Z

IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration



Thursday, January 21 → Early Dismissal (Teacher PD)

- School day will run periods 1 - 4.
- School day will end at 11:30AM.
- For ALL daily & abbreviated schedules, please click [HERE](#).

Period 1	7:31 - 8:28
Period 2	8:32 - 9:29
Period 3	9:33 - 10:30
Period 4	10:34 - 11:30

PARENT CORNER

PROGRESS REPORTS

Academic Progress Monitoring - Friday, February 4, 2021 is the end of Quarter 2. There are 14 instructional days remaining in the second marking period.

Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about their progress during this marking period. It is important for teachers and parents to work together to support our students. Hamden Public Schools' Website: www.hamden.org/hhs, click on > Parents tab and choose > "Parent Portal" > log into your PowerSchool account. You will find additional links on how to sign up for a Parent Portal account or if you need your Parent Portal password reset. Please contact Stephanie Homa shoma@hamden.org if additional assistance is needed.

PSAT SCORES Due to COVID-19 restrictions, CollegeBoard is not sending a hardcopy of PSAT scores. To obtain your child's PSAT/NMSQT (10th/11th graders) or the PSAT 8/9 (9th graders), your child must create a CollegeBoard account to view their scores. If your son/daughter already created an account, they can just login. If your child experiences any issues accessing their account, you can call Collegeboard at 866-433-7728.

ADULT CRISIS TELEPHONE INTERVENTION & OPTIONS

NETWORK - The CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

HAMDEN HEROES



Please join me in congratulating the following staff and students as they are being recognized as our Hamden Heroes:

- ★ **La Mecca Quinones** (HHS Business Manager)
- ★ **Joe Vermiglio** (Lead day Custodian)
- ★ **Montsho Canton** (Senior at HHS)
- ★ **Justin Esmer** (Senior at HHS)



THORNTON WILDER WRITING COMPETITION

In its thirty-fifth year, the Thornton Wilder Writing Competition was established by the Friends of the Hamden Library to honor long-time Hamden resident and Pulitzer Prize winning author and playwright, Thornton Wilder. The entries for the competition may be any work of fiction. For submission details, please click [HERE](#). For application forms, please see the **attached form**.

★ **THE HAPPINESS PROJECT "Positive Choices for a Healthy Hamden" Billboard Campaign** The Town of Hamden Youth Services Bureau and HPS, with support from Outfront Media, are sponsoring a Billboard Campaign. This contest is in support of the Hamden Youth Network's prevention efforts and the theme is The Happiness Project - Explore strategies to deal with anxiety and depression. Please see the **attached flyer** for submission details!

KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY

WARM In honor of Martin Luther King Jr. 2021 In-Service Day *NEW HAVEN JOB

COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola



GRADE 9-11 STUDENTS

2021-22 School Year Course

Selection: Counselors will continue to work with students and parents through the end of January to make sure every student has the correct course requests. Please reach out to your child's counselor to make any adjustments to their course requests for next year.

[The 2021-2022 Course Catalog, listing all of our programs and course offerings, can be found here.](#)

12th Grade Students Transcript

Release Form - Please [use this Google Form](#) as our official transcript release form. The form collects email addresses. The parent/guardian is responsible for ensuring that the email used is the parent email.

11th Grade Parents School Counseling Department led 11th Grade Post-Secondary planning activities will begin the last week of January. **February 8th, 6:00PM - 8:00PM**

Junior Parent Post Secondary Planning Zoom Workshop. Link to follow.

[School Counselor Assignments](#)

SEMESTER 2: LATE ARRIVAL/EARLY

DISMISSAL Students who wish to have late arrival or early dismissal should have their parent/guardian email their house clerk. In the email, the parent should provide the student's name, grade, and which period(s) they are requesting late arrival or early dismissal. Please note that students who choose to have early dismissal may not return to take the bus home. They must arrange alternative transportation.

- Sleeping Giant House Clerk**
 - Hannah Klefke
 - hkleffke@hamden.org
- Whitney House Clerk**
 - Evelyn Devaney
 - edevaney@hamden.org
- Washburn House Clerk**



(DMHAS) announced the launch of the Adult Telephone Intervention & Options Network (ACTION) line for adults 18+ who are in the community and experiencing a mental health or emotional crisis for which an immediate response is required. Please see the [attached press release](#) for details.

FOOD SERVICE

Use the link to view Hamden’s Food Service updates as we transition back to our Hybrid Learning Model [*Hamden Food Service Updates](#). For district information about food services, please visit [ww.Hamden.org/meals](#)



CORPS *A CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER *STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION presents: KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY WARM. The NHJCC SGA will be accepting the following donation items: • Coats • Hats • Gloves • Scarfs • Please see the **attached flyer** for donation details.

VIRTUAL CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Parenting Workshop You are invited to join a Parenting Workshop Series starting Tuesday, January 19th. The workshop will provide you with many tools that support the important and challenging work of parenting. Please see the **attached flyer** for details - (flyer is in both English & Spanish)

- Nancy Conway
 - nconway@hamden.org

ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



☀️ SPRING SPORTS

If interested in a **Spring Sport**, please email the Head Coach - emails can be found on our website. Please send them the best contact information so they can communicate with you expectations, updates for preseason conditioning, try-outs, etc. FamilyID registration for Spring sports will open mid-February.

❄️ WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

Winter sports registration is open. If interested, please sign up on FamilyID through our website [www.hamden.org](#) > click the **Athletics** tab. Coaches will not be able to contact student athletes unless they are signed up for their sport.

- Approved Winter sports will start on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.**
All student athletes need to be approved to participate. This means everyone needs to be:
- Registered on familyID
 - Cleared medically with the HHS Nurse
 - Cleared academically with the Athletic Office (must pass 4 full credit classes)
 - Parents and student athletes must have signed the winter athletic waiver.
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSetOaPCaP-wz3Pc6duJCFpqcq0a5DD0OB4JNhNw5cmv9Rt7tQ/viewform?usp=sf_link

If you are not cleared to participate, please contact the head coach as you will not be allowed to be in attendance.

Each coach for your athlete’s program will send out information in regards to tryout procedures. In many cases cohorts will be established with no more than 15 student athletes for tryouts. Each cohort will be given instructions on how to enter and exit the facility. Parents/guardians need to pick up their athletes on time to avoid loitering at the school. Every parent/guardian must covid-symptom check their student athlete prior to arrival. If a student does not feel well or has covid-symptoms, please contact their coach immediately and stay home. Athletes and Coaches are required to wear a mask at all times. This includes pre/post practice, during practice and game play.

- All student athletes will be required to:
- Wear a mask upon arrival
 - Bring an extra clean face mask in case a replacement is needed
 - Bring a large water bottle filled with water that will last you through your practice
 - Wear proper attire for your sport. You should require very little changing to prepare for your tryout.
 - Exit immediately after your practice is complete and go home to shower.

TRYOUT INFORMATION

Girls Basketball	HHS Gym	Tues, January 19, 2021	2:30-4:30
	HHS Gym	Wed, January 20 2021	2:30-4:30
	HHS Gym	Thurs, January 21, 2021	2:30-4:30
Girls Ice Hockey	Lou Astorino Rink	Tues, January 19, 2021	TBA
	Lou Astorino Rink	Wed, January 20 2021	TBA
	Lou Astorino Rink	Thurs, January 21, 2021	TBA
Boys Basketball	HHS Gym	Tues, January 19, 2021	6:00-7:30
Grades 10-11-12	HHS Gym	Wed, January 20 2021	6:00-7:30
	HHS Gym	Thurs, January 21, 2021	6:00-7:30
Boys Basketball	HHS Gym	Tues, January 19, 2021	5:00-6:00
Grades 9	HHS Gym	Wed, January 20 2021	5:00-6:00
	HHS Gym	Thurs, January 21, 2021	5:00-6:00
Girls Gymnastics	New Era	Sat, January 23, 2021	4:30-6:00
	New Era	Sun, January 24, 2021	12:00-2:00

Boys Indoor Track	HHS Track	TBA	TBA
Girls Indoor Track	HHS Track	TBA	TBA
Boys Ice Hockey	Lou Astorino Rink	Tues, January 19, 2021	1:30-2:30
	Lou Astorino Rink	Wed, January 20 2021	1:30-2:30
	Lou Astorino Rink	Thurs, January 21, 2021	1:30-2:30
Boys Swim/Dive	HHS Pool	Tues, January 19, 2021	3:00-4/4:15-5:15 (2sessions)
	HHS Pool	Wed, January 20 2021	3:00-4/4:15-5:15 (2sessions)
	HHS Pool	Thurs, January 21, 2021	3:00-4/4:15-5:15 (2sessions)

❄️ OTHER WINTER SPORTS

- Cheer and Dance will remain virtual until at least February 1st.
- Indoor Track will remain virtual until at least February 1st.
- Off Season/Pre-Season Trainings will not start until further notice.

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

The schedules will be released at the end of next week.