



Monday, September 20, 2021, Issue 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>20 A</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>21 B</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Grade 7 Virtual Open House (5:30-7:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>22 A</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>Grade 8 Virtual Open House (5:30-7:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>23 B</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>24 A</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>27 B</p> <p>Late Bus Begins</p> <p>After-School Clubs Begin!</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>28 A</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>29 B</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p> <p>HMS PTA Meeting Virtual (6:00-7:00 p.m.)</p>	<p>30 A</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p>	<p>1 B</p> <p>Fall Sports Practice Session (2:45-4:30 p.m.)</p>

WARNING: TIK TOK CHALLENGE

Parents, we need you to talk with your children today. There is a social media challenge encouraging students to destroy school bathrooms and steal school supplies. Last week, students broke mirrors and soap dispensers in various bathrooms throughout our building. These acts of vandalism are serious and disheartening. Our promise is to provide students a clean bathroom, including access to hand soap and paper towels. Our school is an extension of your homes. We want students to respect the facility, as well as the educational supplies. Please help us reinforce positive behaviors, including respectful and responsible use of the bathrooms. Help students understand that a TIK TOK Challenge does not excuse vandalism and theft. Moving forward, we will closely monitor the bathrooms and social media outlets. If we identify a student who is damaging or stealing school property, we will be in contact with the parents and follow with disciplinary actions.

HMS OPEN HOUSE 2021

Seventh Grade Tuesday, September 21, 2021 (5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)	Eighth Grade Wednesday, September 22, 2021 (5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.)
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Encore Team Presentations

(5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)

Overview: All of our students participate in Encore classes, including Art, Music, Health, Physical Education, STEM, World Languages, and more. Parents will have multiple opportunities to “Zoom In” and meet their children’s teachers. They will be sharing six 10-minute presentations, so parents will click, meet, listen and learn... And, you can meet all our Encore teachers in a short window of time!

Encore Team Zoom Links				
Session 1	5:30 p.m.	Art		
Session 2	5:40 p.m.	Music		
Session 3	5:50 p.m.	Health		
Session 4	6:00 p.m.	PE		
Session 5	6:10 p.m.	STEM		
Session 6	6:20 p.m.	World Language		
Tuesday or Wednesday? We are offering two nights of Open House, and teachers will be present on either Tuesday or Wednesday. Please take note and join us either night to learn about your child's Encore classes! <i>Example: Parents of an 8th grade band student would have to Zoom in on Tuesday to see Mr. Gunn or Ms. Rothbard.</i>		Contemporary Issues		
		Global Voices		

If you experience any challenges with the Zoom links, email Ms. Coogan at mcoogan@hamden.org and the specific teacher. We will be ready to help. All staff email addresses can be found [here](#).

Core Team Presentations

(6:30 p.m.-7:20 p.m.)

Overview: It is time to meet the Core Team. Teachers will share team expectations, curricular highlights, homework expectations, grading practices, and more. It is always fun to connect a name to a face! Please Zoom in to meet your child's teachers.

Core Team Links				
Grade 7 (Tuesday)	House 2 Team Tremper	House 3 Team Coggins	House 4 Team Stanton	House 5 Team Walton
Grades 7 & 8 ALsCs (Tuesday)	Ms. Patnoad	Ms. Sullivan	Ms. White	
Grade 8 (Wednesday)	House 1 Team Morello	House 2 Team Rocco	House 3 Team Evans	House 4 Team Domurad

ADMINISTRATIVE PRESENTATION

(7:20 p.m.-7:45 p.m.)

[Zoom Link](#)

Overview: Join Ms. Coogan, Ms. Coffey, and Mr. Ortiz to hear HMS updates and school goals for the 2021-2022 academic year.

TEAM NEWS

On Wednesday, Team Coggins participated in team-building activities. Students and teachers spent the morning outside. The time was dedicated to getting to know one another and nurturing friendships. Kids played kickball, participated in a scavenger hunt, and more. The fun was capped off with a visit from the ice cream truck. It was a great day and Ms. Coggins, Ms. DelCervo, Ms. Kidder-Blake, and Mx. Press are very proud of their students' kindness, cooperation, and positive attitudes. As a school community, we continue to prioritize the social emotional development of our middle school students. Healthy, happy children are the best students!



ATTENTION GRADE 8 STUDENTS & FAMILIES: IT IS TIME TO THINK ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL!

Many of our eighth grade students are beginning to think about high school. While most students will attend Hamden High School, we are ready to support students who are applying to a different high school, including private schools, ECA and more. Here are some helpful steps in the application process:

- All requests for transcripts/report cards should be sent to our guidance clerk, Gayle Colburn: gcolburn@hamden.org
- Any requests for "Principal/Administrator/Counselor" recommendations should be sent to the appropriate school counselor, not the administrator. Counselors will complete recommendations.
- If your child needs a recommendation form completed or a letter of recommendation from a teacher, they need to email or ask their teacher directly. Please do not simply drop off forms without talking to the teacher first.
- If application forms are online, please email your child's counselor and/or teacher to make them aware that the electronic forms are coming. Many times these forms get sent to junk folders and if staff is unaware to look for them, they can be missed.
- All requests for transcripts and recommendations should be made at LEAST one week before the application deadline.
- If you have questions, please reach out to your child's school counselor. We are here to help. Ms. Salerno (asalerno@hamden.org) is the counselor for 8th grade houses 1-3. Ms. Mitchell (amitchell@hamden.org) is the counselor for 8th grade house 4.

Eighth grade is an important year in one's educational journey. There is much work to be done, and planning for high school is one of the most important tasks. We are here to support our students and families.

REMINDER... HEALTH ASSESSMENT & MASKS

All parents, students, and staff should review the [Daily Health Assessment](#) before arriving at school to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in school. It is an easy checklist! **Please do not send sick children to school. If your child was in contact with a person who is positive, they should quarantine. If you are waiting for COVID test results, stay home.** Our school nurses are happy to support families by providing information and answering questions. We are so happy to offer in-person learning, and we want our students with us.

In addition, students are required to wear face masks to school. We recommend that our students wear a mask and bring a spare mask in their backpack. Parents, please talk to your children about properly wearing their masks. Masks should cover the nose and mouth. It should fit comfortably around the face. We need to work together to keep everyone in our community healthy.

WE LOVE OUR PTA!

Parents, the PTA is a great way for you to get involved and enjoy the middle school experience. We hope you will join us for the first meeting on Tuesday, September 28th at 6:00 p.m. See the flyer below for more details.

Hamden Middle School PTA General Membership Meeting

*Please plan to join the 1st HMS PTA
meeting of the school year!*

Tuesday, September 28th.....6-6:45pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71607606282?>

[pwd=YWs0OXdtSEVsZHV4Q1BVTDRYQzhPQT09](#)

Meeting ID: 716 0760 6282

Passcode: HMSPTA

BALLET LESSONS

Sponsored by the Hamden Recreation Department
2750 Dixwell Ave. (Hamden Government Center) Hamden, CT #203-287-2579
www.hamden.com

WHO: 5 & 6 year olds & 7 to 10 year olds (boys & girls)
WHEN: Starting Wednesday, October 6, 2021 (10 lessons)
DATES: Oct. 6, 13, 20, 27 Nov. 3, 10, 17, Dec. 1, 8 & 13
Make-up date due to inclement weather only: Dec. 22
WHERE: Shepherd Glen School, Skiff St, # 203-407-2070
TIMES: 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm for 5 & 6 year olds
6:30 pm - 7:30 pm for 7 to 10 year olds
COST: \$70.00 for residents, \$80.00 for non-residents
APPAREL: Leotards, tights, and ballet slippers recommended no house slippers please!



REGISTRATION: All fees payable in advance. The applicant is considered registered when check and registration form below is received at the Recreation Office. Class size is limited to 12 per students per class, no exceptions! You will be notified ONLY if there is a conflict. If you are not notified, assume you are in the class and go to the first lesson. NO REGISTRATION WILL BE TAKEN AT THE GYM.

DEADLINE: October 1, 2021 or when class is filled. **CAPACITY:** 12 participants per age-group!

Parents/Guardians Please Note: If your child is sick or running a temperature, please do not send them to class. In the event of a COVID outbreak, classes will be cancelled. COVID protocol will be followed throughout the class. For security reasons, participants are not allowed to go outside and wait for their ride home. Please arrive 5 minutes prior to the end of each class and come into the gym to pick up your child. Also, since you will not be allowed to observe your child during lessons, a Visitor's Day will be held on the last day of class. You will receive further information while the lessons are in progress. For cancellations due to inclement weather, please call our recorded announcement @ 203-287-2588. Thank-you for your cooperation.

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BALLET LESSONS - Fall 2021 (Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

Previous Dance Experience? _____ Number of Years _____

E-Mail Address: _____ (H) Phone _____ Cell _____

Please check off age group: (5 & 6) _____ (7 - 10) _____ School attending _____

Please make check payable to "Treasurer, Town of Hamden" and mail along with completed application to Hamden Recreation Dept., c/o Ballet Lessons, 2750 Dixwell Ave., Hamden, CT 06518

Office Use Only: Amount paid _____ Ck # _____ Cash _____ Date received _____

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