

# The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

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## Next Week at a Glance

January 11, 2021 ~ January 15, 2021

Monday 1/11	Tuesday 1/12	Wednesday 1/13	Thursday 1/14	Friday 1/15
Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Asynchronous Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning

## IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

### Asynchronous Wednesday,

**January 13th** → Students will log into each of their Google Classrooms to complete an asynchronous distance learning assignment. → Attendance questions will be posted in Google Classrooms 15 minutes before the start of the student day.

## PARENT CORNER

### ★NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

**Congratulations** to our newly elected officers of the National Honor Society!!!

- ❖ **President: Micah Fleischman**
- ❖ **Vice-President: Rae-Ada George**
- ❖ **Secretary: Selina Deng**
- ❖ **Treasurer: Mark Lu**
- ❖ **Historian: Andrea Durwin**

## PROGRESS REPORTS

**Academic Progress Monitoring** - We are mid-way through Quarter 2 and the Parent Portal is ready for you to review your child's academic progress via your PowerSchool account. Hamden Public Schools' Website: [www.hamden.org/hhs](http://www.hamden.org/hhs), click on > Parents tab and choose > "Parent Portal". 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](mailto: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.

## 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)

## PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT SERIES PARENT to PARENT CONVERSATION

Due to the positive response of our December *Town Hall with Families on Remote Learning*, CSDE, in partnership with SERC, will be offering a series for families to engage in further conversation on topics related to their children's education. The next in the series will be held January 12<sup>th</sup> and is called, **A Place at the Table: A Parent-to-Parent Conversation about the Importance of Attendance and Supporting Our Kids in School**. For more information, please see the **attached flyer**.

☀️ **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, is 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 more information and submission details!

## KEEPING OUR COMMUNITY

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

\***COVID REPORTING** Our school nurses are still available at each school for you to communicate any possible exposures to Covid-19, as well as all cases of Covid-19 that might develop in your household. This will allow us to continue our efforts to limit the spread of Covid-19 within our community. The nurses are also available to assist you in navigating the complex healthcare system during this Pandemic. [HHS Nurses' Office](#)

## COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

## GRADE 9-11 STUDENTS

**2021-22 School Year Course Selection is CLOSING THIS WEEKEND. There are four steps:**

- Week of December 14th: Teacher Recommendations (Completed)
- [Week of December 21st: Student Course Selection](#)
  - Click the link above to see the lesson students received in today's Connections.
- [Over winter break: Parent Review](#)
  - Click the link above to access PowerSchool
  - If you cannot access PowerSchool, then click [HERE](#).
- January: School Counselor confirmation of course requests.

[The 2021-2022 Course Catalog, listing all of our programs and course offerings, can be found here.](#) Please spend the next week going over it with your children.

**GRADE 12 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](#)

## CONNECTIONS PROGRAM (STUDENT ADVISORY)

**Parents/Guardians:** On December 18th, the Connections lesson focused on [Course Selection for next year](#). Please click the link to view the lesson materials presented.

## FOOD SERVICE

Click here for Hamden's **\*Food Service during Remote Learning**. For district

# 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.

## HAMDEN ATHLETICS COLLEGE INFORMATION NIGHT

**Want to play college sports? Join our recruiting education event to learn about the college recruiting process. Click to register here** <http://bit.ly/3njjvfl>

This event will take place Wednesday, January 13th at 7:00PM via Zoom. Our speaker, Holly Ismail from NCSA, will educate our parents and student athletes about the process of college recruiting. It is never too early to start this process.

## ★FALL INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC AWARDS

Congratulations to our individual award winners from this fall. These student athletes were recognized by our local paper for their accomplishments.

**Rae Ada-George** - Girls Volleyball- All-Area New Haven Register

**Emma Panaroni** - Girls Swimming- All-Area New Haven Register

**Andrew White** - Boys X-Country- All-Area New Haven Register

## UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

The schedules will be released for winter sports once the CIAC and DPH give their updated guidance this week and the SCC has a chance to meet to review the guidelines that were set. Currently, the first games with the original CIAC plan would be due to start on or around February 1st. That is the best case scenario.

## ❄ WINTER SPORTS UPDATE

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

**All Winter sports have been delayed until 1/19/20.** There is still a good chance some sports may have different start dates. Again, this does not mean winter sports are cancelled. There is a strong chance that some sports will start in January or February and finish by the first week in April. We feel strongly that winter sports will be played at some point during the school year. The Hamden Athletic Department will send out updated guidance on this weekly school email as well as via email (we use email addresses used during signup on FamilyID). If you have any questions, please contact the Head Coach - email addresses are on our website.