

The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

October 07, 2022

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

- ❖ **Wednesday, 10/12: PSAT Day**
 - [PSAT Information](#)
 - **Seniors report to school at 11:15 a.m.**
- ❖ **Wednesday, 10/19: Picture Retakes**
- ❖ **Thursday, 10/20: Early Dismissal, Professional Development**
- ❖ **Saturday, 11/5: Homecoming Dance (7:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.) at Hamden High School**

PARENT CORNER

PTSA - The PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) would like to remind you to become a member. Your membership is needed so that we can make a difference together! Please visit our website to become a member, find out more, or contact us. <https://ptsafhhs.memberhub.com/>

APRIL BREAK 2023 HHS TRAVEL CLUB IS GOING TO ITALY! Mr. Dolan is holding an Informational Meeting for parents interested in learning more about this year's trip. **The meeting will be held on Wed., Oct., 12th at 7:00 p.m. in room C107.** To RSVP, see Mr. Dolan in room B104 or look for the [QR Code on the Italy Trip flier below](#). Hope to see you there!



HHS EXCHANGE PROGRAM

SURVEY - Hamden High School is in the process of establishing a short-term exchange program with Liceo Scientifico "Ettore Majorana," a public high school in Caltagirone, Italy in 2022 (tentatively in April and November). We hope to learn whether there are families interested in hosting an Italian high school student for 10-14 days in April 2022 (tentatively April 4-16). Please complete the [short survey](#) below by Friday, October 14, 2022. Feel free to contact Jasmina Besirevic Regan at jasmina.besirevic@yale.edu or via cell phone at 203-980-6595 with any questions. Thank you for your support.



WELCOME BACK, HEIDI!

Heidi is an emotional support service dog with Officer Rich Simons. She visited us regularly last year after some very traumatic events, and has come back to check on her Hamden High School Family!



YEARBOOK SALES

Yearbooks are ON SALE NOW! The yearbook is now on sale for \$70 until November 22nd. They can be purchased at yearbookforever.com! Parents/guardians have until October 14th to purchase a senior ad for the yearbook. They can purchase an ad for their senior student by visiting www.yearbookforever.com.

HEALTH ASSESSMENT - All parents, students and staff should engage in the **Daily Health Assessment** ([ENGLISH](#) or [SPANISH](#)) before arriving at school to reduce the risk of COVID-19 exposure in school.

COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

NAVIANCE LOGIN - Students may now login to Naviance through Clever.com!

COLLEGE VISITS at HHS - Many colleges have already signed up to visit our school to meet with SENIORS in person. **Students need to go on their Naviance to sign up to meet with the reps.**

WEEK - October 17 - 21
10/17

💰 **HHS VIRTUAL FINANCIAL AID NIGHT- Wednesday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m.** - A workshop will be held to help students and parents/guardians explore options for funding their college education. [Facilitated by Joseph Bogardus, Barnum Financial Group](#) - click to view the flier. **Register in advance for this meeting: <https://financialguide.zoom.us/j/647514Z5aPv89> Passcode: College**

🎓 **12th GRADE COLLEGE PLANNING SEMINAR SLIDE DECK** - See the slide deck presentation from the 12th Grade Parent/Guardian College Planning seminar hosted last week by [clicking HERE](#).

🎓 **12th GRADE COUNSELOR MEETINGS** - *Make sure your 12th grade students are meeting with their school counselors for post-secondary planning support. Find the counselor caseloads and contact information by [clicking HERE](#).

🎓 **SENIOR SCHOOL COUNSELING Classroom Code: hljihgh**

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

by: Aaron Barkon



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022
3PM
HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL

The season kicks off with the Unforgettable hits of legendary singer Nat King Cole, including L-O-V-E, Nature Boy, and Mona Lisa. The NHSO welcomes guest star CAESAR, whose smooth velvet voice has often been compared to Nat King Cole's, but he has his own interpretation and style that compares to none.

FOR TICKETS:
NEWHAVENSYPHONY.ORG
(203) 693-1486



FREE TICKETS FOR HAMDEN K-12 STUDENTS & FAMILIES!

Use the Code **HAMDEN** when purchasing tickets to this performance and your tickets will be 100% free of charge.

Your NHSO loves being part of the Hamden community and we hope that families will enjoy the programming available in Hamden and nearby neighborhoods all season long!

ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



FALL SCHEDULES

Fall Schedules have been released on the CIAC website -

http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=105

Visit the Hamden HS Athletic website to get more information on our high school/middle school sports

<https://www.hamden.org/departments/athletics>



CONGRATULATIONS, MIA GRIBBON!

Mia Gribbon, grade 10, has won the chair of 1st clarinet in the All-National Symphony Orchestra.

The All-National Symphony Orchestra chair is awarded by audition to students from all over the United States. Students must first qualify by being previously accepted in their state's All-State ensemble. Mia was 1st chair in Connecticut's All-State Orchestra last spring. We wish her a wonderful experience and can not wait to hear her performance with the All-National Symphony Orchestra. November 3-6, 2022, National Harbor, MD

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

October 3-14: LYMAN ORCHARD PIE FUNDRAISER (online - students will receive information on October 3 during their Music class.)

October 20: Color Guard WORKSHOP 6-8 PM in C105

October 27: Jazz Orchestra Open House 5:30-7:30 in C105

REMIND APP

Sign up for our Remind app. Information will be texted to your device.

Text these codes (choose your section) to 81010

- woodwinds/brass -- @7894bk
- percussion/drumline -- @2dk9g4
- guard - @76bb6ac

CMEA (Connecticut Music Educators Association)

Southern Region Student Auditions: November 19, 2022

Sign Up (see Mr. Barkon) - October 1 - October 20

Audition Fee: \$20.00 (checks made to HHS)

HHSMPPO – Music Parents

Contact Liz Brennan (liz@ctbrennans.com) or Bob Gribbon (bobgribbon61@gmail.com)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow us on FaceBook and Instagram @hamdendragonsmusic and HHSMPPO Music Parents Facebook @hamdenhighmusic and Twitter @hhsmpo

Tri-M

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. (General Membership)

Reminders

This year, Marching Band is a mandatory component of our band program. It is one unit in our yearly band studies. Students signed up for band are required to attend all marching band events. Contact Mr. Barkon with any questions.

UPCOMING HOME VARSITY EVENTS

Friday, 10/7: Girls Swimming/Diving vs Cheshire at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10/8: Boys/Girls Cross Country Wickham Invitational at 2:15 p.m.

Monday, 10/10: Girls Volleyball vs Foran at 5:15 p.m.

Tuesday, 10/11: Field Hockey vs Lyman Hall at 5:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs Guilford at 5:00 p.m.; Girls Swimming/Diving vs Daniel Hand at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 10/12: SCC Unified Soccer Tournament at Amity High School 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, 10/13: Field Hockey vs Cheshire at 5:30 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs Foran at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 10/14: Football vs Amity at 7:00 p.m.; Girls Swimming/Diving vs Amity at 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, 10/15: Field Hockey vs North Haven at 11:00 a.m.

Stay Up-To-Date on Your Team

Schedule Changes, Game Scores, Tournament Results - The CIAC has got you covered!

Click on the link for more information <https://www.casciac.org/pdfs/ciacsportsflyer.pdf>