

The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon

December 22, 2022

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES

by: HHS Administration

- ❖ **Holiday Recess - No School**
 - 12/23 through 01/02
 - School will resume on 01/03
- ❖ **Friday, January 6 - No School** (Three Kings Day)
- ❖ **Monday, January 16: No School** (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

PARENT CORNER

! In order for students to participate in/attend extra-curricular activities, they must follow all school rules and attend all classes on time, including study halls. Students who are not in compliance will be excluded from being able to attend sporting events, clubs and other activities. Please help us reinforce these expectations.

🕒 ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL & ATTENDANCE – Please remember that your student is expected to be in class and ready to learn at 7:31 a.m., so students must arrive at school between 6:45 a.m. and 7:15 a.m. to allow enough time for the safety screening procedure. Please refer to the Green & Gold Guide for more information about our attendance and tardy policies. Thank you for your continued support.

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://ptsaofhhs.memberhub.com/>

AP EXAM REGISTRATION - The cost of each AP Exam is \$100.00 and is payable through our third party vendor, [MySchool Bucks](#). Payments are due by February 1, 2023. Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals also qualify for an exam fee waiver. Please contact [Emily McClain](#) as soon as possible should your child qualify.

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.



HANUKKAH 2022 begins the evening of December 18, 2022 and ends the evening of December 26, 2022.



CHRISTMAS 2022 is December 25, 2022.



KWANZAA 2022 begins on December 26, 2022 and ends on January 1, 2023.



THORNTON WILDER WRITING COMPETITION

December 2022

Now in its thirty-seventh year, the Thornton Wilder Writing Competition is open to all New Haven County public, private and parochial high school students. **The entries for the competition may be any work of fiction and are due by February 10, 2023.** For more detailed information and the application form, [CLICK HERE](#).

COUNSELING CORNER

by: Dan Cocchiola

FAFSA

As part of the post-secondary planning process, **ALL seniors and parents/guardians** are encouraged to complete the **Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA)** form related to college financial aid. Click the link to get started: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> HHS will be offering FAFSA completion support in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!!

ROBERTA B WILLIS NEED-MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Complete this [google form](#) by **Friday, January 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.** if your child meets the following criteria to be eligible for the Roberta B Willis Need-Merit Scholarship Program. [CLICK HERE for details](#). If you have any questions or concerns, please direct them to Laurie Robyn (lrobyn@hamden.org), [your child's school counselor](#), or the School Counseling Dept. Chair, Loretha Felton (lfelton@hamden.org).

JUNIOR CAPSTONE

ADVISORY: Capstone advisory periods have been added to Juniors' schedules. Please check your PowerSchool schedule and attend accordingly. Questions, please contact Capstone Advisor: [James Pechette](#)

INTERESTED IN THE COMPUTER AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY FIELD? **DISTRICT ARTS & EDUCATION SKILLS ACADEMY (DAE)** [CLICK HERE for details](#). Go to myDAE.co/scholarship to apply. **Deadline is January 3, 2023.** **Please contact DAE directly for all details.**

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

by: Aaron Barkon



UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

January 31 - Symposium of Sound 9, "TIME"

JAZZ ORCHESTRA

January 5 (THURSDAY) - rehearsal 5:30-7:30 p.m.

CMEA (Connecticut Music Educators Association)

January 13-14 - Regional Festival (Maloney High School)

January 20-21 - Regional Festival SNOW DATE (Maloney High School)

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

January 4 - General Meeting 2:15 p.m.

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

ATHLETICS

by: Tom Dyer



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

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

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>



UPCOMING VARSITY HOME GAMES

Thursday, 12/22: Boys Basketball vs Amity HS at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, 12/28: Boys Ice Hockey vs Xavier at 12:00 p.m.; Girls Ice Hockey vs Woodstock Academy at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, 12/29: Girls Ice Hockey vs Stamford HS at 12:00 p.m.

Sunday, 1/1: Boys Ice Hockey vs Notre Dame-WH at 1:00 p.m.



HOLIDAY BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT SCHEDULES

Tuesday, 12/27: Girls Basketball Cecchini Holiday Basketball Challenge at Mohegan Sun - Game Time 6:00 p.m. **Tickets** – **All tickets for the doubleheaders are \$10.** The Mohegan Sun will be handling all ticket sales. All tickets are \$10. Tickets are available for purchase online (service fees apply) or at the box office.

<https://am.ticketmaster.com/mohegan/ciacholidayshowcase>

Wednesday, 12/28: Boys Basketball Holiday Tournament at Brien McMahon HS - GameTime 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, 12/29: Boys Basketball Holiday Tournament at Brien McMahon HS - GameTime will be either 5:15 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. depending on their game on 12/28.

Tickets - There are a limited number of seats available for each night of the event. The cost of the doubleheader for each night is \$6 for students and \$8 for adults. They will **not** be accepting cash at the door of the event.

Link to purchase tickets for the boys game on 12/28/22:

<https://events.ticketspicket.com/agency/e42110c0-6193-40d6-a00f-74fda8feb337/events/1faf0277-2170-47de-9fa0-b5c64d2679c8>

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Wednesday, 12/28: Girls Basketball West Haven Holiday Tournament at West Haven HS - GameTime 1:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12/29: Girls Basketball West Haven Holiday Tournament at West Haven HS - GameTime will be either 11:00 a.m. or 12:45 p.m. depending on their game on 12/28.

Tickets - Tickets can be purchased at the door. Ticket prices are \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for students, 12 and under and seniors 62 and older are free.

West Haven New Game-Day Protocols:

- NO re-entry
- ALL spectators must go through a security check.
- NO backpacks
- High school students must show a school ID.
- All other students must be accompanied by a parent or guardian to enter.