

Monday, January 24, 2022, Issue 20

JANUARY 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
24B	25 A	26B	27 A	28B
After-School Programs Board Games Student Council Yearbook Club	Signs of Suicide Lesson Team Morello After-School Programs	Revised Date: End of Marking Period 2 After-School Programs	EARLY DISMISSAL 12:00 p.m. Professional Development	Basketball Games Boys VS. Dodd MS (Away) Girls VS. Dodd MS
Basketball Games Boys VS. Amity MS	Jazz Band Rainbow Club	Korean Club Mock Trial	(12:45 p.m3:45 p.m.)	(Home)
(Home) Girls VS. Amity MS (Away)	Basketball Practice (2:44-4:44 p.m.)	Basketball Games Boys VS. Walsh Intermediate (Away)		
	HMS Turnaround Committee Meeting (4:30-5:30 p.m.)	Girls VS. Walsh Intermediate (Home)		
	PTA Meeting (6-7 p.m.)			

<u>REMINDER</u>: HMS STUDENTS CAN ONLY ATTEND A BASKETBALL GAME IF THEY ARE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT. ADULT SUPERVISION IS REQUIRED.

MARKING PERIOD 2 ENDS ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26th

Due to three school closings, our end of MP2 has been pushed back from Friday, January 21st to Wednesday, January 26th.

REPORT CARDS WILL BE PUBLISHED ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

To view your child's HMS Quarter 2 Report Card, please log into the <u>Parent/Student Portal via the</u> full web version link. *Note - the Mobile app cannot be used to view the report card at this time*. The <u>parent portal page</u> also includes additional links on how to sign up for a Parent Portal account or if you need your Parent Portal password reset. Please contact our PowerSchool clerk, Ms. Bezerra at <u>sbezerra@hamden.org</u> if additional assistance is needed.

HAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL VIRTUAL CONFERENCES WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2022 5:30 P.M.-7:30 P.M.

Parents are invited to register for a virtual conference with their children's teacher(s). We do ask parents to only sign up for **ONE** conference with a member of the **CORE TEAM**. (*Note: English, math, science, and social studies teachers are the Core Team.*) If parents sign up for more than one conference with the CORE TEAM, we will honor the earliest conference and delete the others. This plan is in place to create as many opportunities for parents to connect with teachers this evening.

Parents can also sign up to meet with several **ENCORE TEACHERS** during conferences, including teachers of art, music, health, physical education, STEM, world language, etc. In addition, parents can connect with members of the PPS team and Curricular Specialists and SRBI Coordinators.

At this time, Conference Registration is officially open! Please be sure to register as soon as possible. Conference times fill up quickly. Teachers will share Zoom links with parents on or before Tuesday, February 2.

HMS Conference Registration Links			
<u>ALsCs</u>	Teachers: Ms. Patnoad, Ms. Sullivan, & Ms. White		
Gr. 7, House 2, Team Tremper	Teachers: Ms. Camacho, Mr. Castello, Ms. Kim, Ms. Tsai-Goss, & Mr. Tremper		
<u>Gr. 7, House 3, Team Coggins</u>	Teachers: Ms. Abdussabur, Ms. Coggins, Ms. DelCervo, Ms. Pearson, & Mx. Press		
Gr. 7, House 4, Team Stanton	Teachers: Ms. Holt, Ms. Lamothe, Mr. Stanton, Ms. Symonaitis, & Mr. Ugolik		
Gr. 7, House 5, Team Walton	Teachers: Ms. Bellmore, Mr. Frishman, Dr. Levier, Ms. Mus, & Mr. Walton		
Gr. 8, House 1, Team Morello	Teachers: Mr. Franzoni, Ms. Stoeffler, Mr. Marzano, Ms. Morello, & Ms. Zarate		
Gr. 8, House 2, Team Rocco	Teachers: Ms. Johnson, Ms. Michaud, Ms. Morgillo, Ms. Pandolfi, & Mr. Rocco		
Gr. 8. House 3, Team Evans	Teachers: Ms. Britton, Ms. Delucia, Mr. Evans, Mr. Mandel, & Ms. Williams		
<u>Gr. 8, House 4, Team Domurad</u>	Teachers: Ms. DeCarter, Ms. Domurad, Mr. Simone, Ms. Marcoux, & Ms. Quiñones		
Encore Teachers	Art: Ms. Boehning, Mr. Hubbard, & Mr. Sanchez Health: Ms. Craft, Ms. Raffone, & Ms. Scanlon Music: Mr. Gunn, Ms. Rossomando, & Ms. Rothbard PE: Ms. Bergstrom, Mr. Cebula, Ms. Crann, & Mr. Smith STEM: Mr. Hailey, Mr. Kachmar, Mr. Martins, & Mr. Stratton World Language: Ms. D'Attilio (Chinese), Ms. Sgrigneri (Italian), Ms. Dawson, Ms. Forbes, Ms. Hernandez, Ms. Ibanez, & Ms. Quito Poma (Spanish) Contemporary Issues: Mr. Greco Global Voices: Ms. Colello		

Curricular Specialists & SRBI Coordinators	Literacy Specialists: Ms. Breen (7) & Ms. Murtagh (8) Math Specialists: Ms. Peccini (7) & Ms. Rodriguez (8) Media Specialist: Ms. McCulley Science Specialist: Ms. Symonaitis Multi-Language Specialist: Ms. Knoblauch SRBI Literacy Coordinators: Ms. Casini (7) & Mr. Gallo (8) SRBI Math Coordinators: Ms. Mule (7) & Ms. McDonald (8)
PPS Staff	Counselors: Ms. Mitchell (7/8), Ms. Salerno (8), & Ms. Tresselt (7) Psychologists: Ms. Davis (7/8), Ms. Diaz (7), Ms. Miller (8), Social Workers: Ms. Cooper (7/8), Ms. Scecina (7), & Mr. Xavier (8) SLPs: Dr. D'Souza & Ms. Rowe

If you are having any challenges registering for a conference, please contact Ms. Coogan at <u>mcoogan@hamden.org</u>.

ATTENTION GRADE 8 STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Most of our 8th grade students will transition to Hamden High School for their freshman year of high school. We also know some students will apply to alternative schools, such as Eli Whitney, Hamden Hall, Hopkins, Sacred Heart, and Notre Dame. We want to be sure parents understand the process to request transcripts and recommendations. Please read and direct questions to Ms. Angela Salerno (<u>asalerno@hamden.org</u>) and Ms. Andrea Mitchell (<u>amitchell@hamden.org</u>).

- All requests for transcripts/report cards should be sent to Gayle Colburn: gcolburn@hamden.org
- Any requests for "Principal/Administrator/Counselor" recommendations should be sent to the appropriate **school counselor**, <u>not the administrator</u>. Counselors will complete those recommendations with feedback from Ms. Coogan, Ms. Coffey, and Mr. Ortiz.
- □ If your child needs a recommendation form completed, 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 will arrive via email. 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. They are ready to help!

Grade 8 Houses 1, 2, and 3	Grade 8 House 4
Ms. Angela Salerno	Ms. Andrea Mitchell
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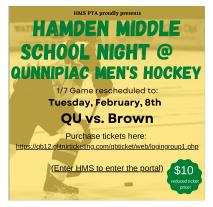
HHS: HAMDEN ENGINEERING CAREERS ACADEMY (HECA)

Applications for HECA will open on February 15th. <u>See the program description here.</u> Keep an eye out in the coming weeks for the schedule of parent information sessions.



#MASKUP!

We appreciate our students for properly wearing their masks. We also value our parents and appreciate their ongoing support. We noted a marked improvement with masks last week, and we will continue to remind students of this important safety measure. Our goal is to keep our faculty, staff, and students safe and AT SCHOOL! Daily reminders to wear a mask and to bring extras do make a difference. Keep it up, HMS!



HMS PTA UPDATES

The HMS family night at the QU Hockey game has been rescheduled. The new date is February 8th. We look forward to a fun evening together.

HMS PTA MEETING * TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022 * 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

Here is the meeting Zoom Link!

The PTA Executive Board is planning a meeting chock full of important information. Ms. Jessica Tresselt, school counselor, will share information

regarding the SOS, Signs of Suicide training. In addition, Mr. Dan Levy will share updates on COVID protocols in schools. Our PTA meetings are an easy way for parents to connect with others and stay informed. Please join us!

SPRING SPORTS

It is time to register for spring sports at HMS, including **baseball** and **softball**. Parents should visit the Family ID website on the <u>Athletics page of our school website</u>, and enter the necessary information. Students must have an updated physical to try-out and participate in the season. Physicals must be less than 15 months old. Our baseball/softball season ends in May 2022; therefore, an updated physical must be dated from February 2021 or later. In addition, students must be academically eligible to participate. Parents, if you have any questions regarding spring sport registration, please contact Mr. Rob Mandel at <u>rmandel@hamden.org</u>.



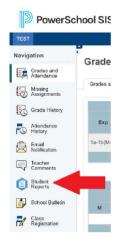
FOLLOW HMS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Please follow us on Instagram at hms_dragons. We post daily reminders and recognize our dedicated staff and amazing students. Information is also posted on FaceBook. Search for our Hamden Middle School group. Finally, parents can also check us out on Twitter @HMSDragons.

Social media is an excellent communication tool. It is a quick, easy way to stay connected.

Using the Parent/Student Portal to view Report Cards

- Log into the Parent/Student Portal via the full web version link (the Mobile app cannot be used to view the Report card at this time): https://hamden.powerschool.com
- Click on "Student Reports" on the left navigation panel:



Return to PowerSchool

• Click on your report card:



• If you would like to print a copy of your report card, you may do so via the printer icon in the top right corner of your screen:

