The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon  September 16, 2022

2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES
by: HHS Administration

❖ Monday, 9/19: School Governance Council Meeting (7:00 PM) in the HHS Library Media Center
❖ Thursday, 9/22: OPEN HOUSE (6:00-8:00 PM)
❖ Monday, 9/26: No School (Rosh Hashanah begins Sunday, 9/25 at sundown and ends Tuesday, 9/27 at sundown)
❖ Wednesday, 10/5: No School (Yom Kippur begins Tuesday, 10/4 at sundown and ends Wednesday, 10/5 at sundown)
❖ Monday, 10/10: No School (Indigenous Peoples’ Day)
❖ Wednesday, 10/19: Picture Retakes

PARENT CORNER

❗ PARENT DISMISSALS – We are asking that all parents/guardians call or email the appropriate House Administrator and/or clerk well in advance to dismiss their student from school. We ask that you do not call in the moment when at all possible. Click here for House Information.

❗ UPDATED HOUSE INFORMATION
❖ For Quinnipiac House (Grade 9) questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Devaney at ext. 5040 or edevaney@hamden.org.
❖ For Whitney House (Grades 10-12, Last Names A-F) questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Devaney at ext. 5040 or edevaney@hamden.org.
❖ For Sleeping Giant House (Grades 10-12, Last Names G-M) questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Sweeney at ext. 5050 or zsweeney@hamden.org.
❖ For Washburn House (Grades 10-12, Last Names N-Z) questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Francis at ext. 5060 or wfrancis@hamden.org.
To visit our website with a complete list of House Information, please click here.

VAPIING INFORMATION – We continue to retrieve vaping devices during safety screenings. We are urging families to monitor what your students are bringing to school. Please use the following informative Google presentation on the different kinds of vaping devices being marketed to teens. Please continue to have conversations with your students about the dangers of vaping.

MORNING TRAFFIC PLAN – Please click the link to preview the most up-to-date HHS morning traffic pattern.

SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL
The first meeting is Monday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the HHS Library Media Center and all are welcome to attend. Parents can submit questions or issues to Karlen Meinsen, Chairperson, via email: hhsgc1@gmail.com
The link to the meeting is: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8301467361?pwd=VUszd1U0SUlnbEd5Z2dOUzFoTjh4UT09

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. Students 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. Please use the links to preview the Health Assessment checklist.

MENTAL HEALTH WELLNESS DAYS – “Mental Health Wellness Days (2 max; nonconsecutive) defined as a school day on which a student attends to the student’s emotional and psychological well-being instead of attending school. Upon their return from a Mental Health Wellness day, students will meet with a school professional to assess their well-being.”

COUNSELING CORNER
by: Dan Cocchiola

SENIOR YEAR & POST-SECONDARY PLANNING SESSION!! Wednesday, September 28, 2022 in the HHS Library Media Center (5:30-7:30 p.m.)

❗ SENIOR TRANSCRIPTS – As part of post secondary planning, seniors are requested to review their transcript for accuracy. If your senior student did not receive their transcript, please have them stop by the School Counseling Department ASAP to pick up a copy. Please review your senior student’s transcript and report any errors/corrections to their School Counselor by Monday, September 19th.

❗ 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 – Sept. 19 - Sept. 23
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Smith College 8:15 a.m.
SCSU 9:00 a.m.
Univ. of Rhode Island 9:45 a.m.
Emmanuel College 11:15 a.m.

9/20
Lasell Univ 8:15 a.m.
Salve Regina 9:00 a.m.
Univ of St Joseph 9:45 a.m.
Massachusetts Maritime 10:30 a.m.
Endicott College 11:15 a.m.

9/21
Princeton 8:15 a.m.
Iona 9:00 a.m.
Wagner 9:45 a.m.
Cedar Crest 10:30 a.m.
Trinity 11:15 a.m.

9/22
Franklin Pierce 8:15 a.m.
Dean College 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart 9:45 a.m.
Bryant Univ. 10:30 a.m.
Post Univ. 11:15 a.m.

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Univ of Southern Maine 8:15 a.m.
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MUSIC DEPARTMENT
by: Aaron Barkon

BAND CAMP 2022

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS
Friday, 9/16: Marching Band and Guard FOOTBALL GAME 5:30 p.m. arrival
Saturday, 9/17: Marching Band and Guard COMPETITION (Maloney HS) 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 9/20: Marching band and Guard Rehearsal 5:30 - 8:00 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

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)

HHSMPO - Music Parents
Contact Liz Brennan (liz@ctbrennans.com) or Bob Gribbon (bobgribbon61@gmail.com)

SOCIAL MEDIA
Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @hamdendragonsmusic and HHSMPO Music Parents
Facebook @hamdenhighmusic and Twitter @hhsmpo

Tri-M
Wednesday, September 14, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. (voting for council)

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.

ATHLETICS
by: Tom Dyer

FALL SCHEDULES
Fall Schedules have been released on the CIAC website - http://ciacsports.com/site/?page_id=105

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.casciacc.org/pdfs/ciacsportsflyer.pdf

Visit the Hamden HS Athletic website to get more information on our high school/middle school sports
https://www.hamden.org/departments/athletics

UPCOMING HOME VARSITY EVENTS
Friday, 9/16/22: Football vs Wilbur Cross 7:00 p.m.
Monday, 9/19/22: Girls Swimming/Diving vs Sacred Heart at 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 9/20/22: Girls Soccer vs Amity HS at 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 9/21/22: Girls Volleyball vs Guilford HS at 5:15 p.m.
Thursday, 9/22/22: Boys Soccer vs Xavier HS at 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 9/23/22: Girls Volleyball vs North Haven HS at 5:15 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs Shelton HS at 5:00 p.m.