The Dragon Update

Principal Gannon
September 30, 2022

2022–2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES
by: HHS Administration

❖ 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, 10/12: PSAT Day ➢ PSAT Information
❖ Wednesday, 10/19: Picture Retakes

PARENT CORNER

/APPE/Progress Reports
Academic Progress Monitoring - The Parent Portal is open for mid-quarter review. Please be sure to review your student’s academic progress via your PowerSchool account. Please visit Hamden High School’s Parent Portal webpage to login. You will find additional links on how to sign up for a Parent Portal account or if you need your Parent Portal password reset. You can also contact Stephanie Homa shoma@hamden.org if additional assistance is needed.

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 Updated House Information.

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 Wednesday, October, 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 flyer below. Hope to see you there!

COUNSELING CORNER
by: Dan Cocchiola

NAVIANE 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 03 - 07
10/03
● Univ. of Rochester 8:15
● Dickinson College 9:45
● Tulane Univ. of Louisiana 10:30
● Western CT State Univ. 11:15
10/04
● Seton Hall Univ. 8:15
● College of Charleston 9:00
● Spelman College 9:45
● Univ. of Miami 10:30
● Gettysburg College 11:15
10/06
● Rhode Island College 8:15
● Univ. of Hartford 9:00
● Univ. of Connecticut 9:45
● Villanova Univ. 10:30
● Salem State Univ. 11:15

🎓 12th GRADE COLLEGE PLANNING SEMINAR SLIDE DECK - See the slide deck presentation from the 12th grade parent college planning seminar hosted this 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.

CLASS OF 2023 CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER - Please support the Class of 2023 this Saturday by purchasing food from Chipotle on Dixwell Avenue between 5 p.m. and 9 p.m. ALL proceeds will help the Senior Class pay for major events such as the Senior Prom. Click HERE for the flier.

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

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.

VAPING 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. Students found in possession with vaping devices will be issued an In-School Suspension.

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MUSIC DEPARTMENT
by: Aaron Barkon

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS
Friday, 9/30: Marching Band and Guard FOOTBALL GAME 5:30 -9:00 p.m.
October 3-14: LYMAN ORCHARD PIE FUNDRAISER (online - students will receive information on October 3 during their Music class.)

REMIT 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)

HHSMP - Music Parents
Contact Liz Brennan (liz@ctbrennans.com) or Bob Gribben (bobgribben61@gmail.com)

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

Tri-M
Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022 at 2:15 p.m. (COUNCIL ONLY)

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

UPCOMING HOME VARSITY EVENTS
Friday, 9/30/22: Football vs Fairfield Prep at 7:00 p.m.
Monday, 10/3: Girls Swimming/Diving vs Jonathan Law at 4:00 p.m.; Girls Soccer vs Jonathan Law at 5:00 p.m.; Boys Soccer vs Jonathan Law at 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, 10/6: Girls Volleyball vs Jonathan Law at 5:15 p.m.; Field Hockey vs Guilford at 5:30 p.m.
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.

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

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

HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL SPECTATOR EXPECTATIONS
1. ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT BEFORE ENTERING THE GAME AND MUST REMAIN WITH THE ADULT THROUGHOUT THE GAME.
2. SPECTATORS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO CONGREGATE AT THE TOP OF THE STADIUM.
3. LARGE BAGS, BOOKBAGS AND OUTSIDE FOOD AND DRINK ARE NOT ALLOWED.
4. SPECTATORS MUST REMAIN AT THEIR SEATS DURING THE GAME UNLESS THERE IS A NEED TO GO TO THE LATRINARY OR CONCESSION STAND.
5. SPECTATORS WHO DO NOT COMPLY WITH THESE RULES WILL BE REQUIRED TO LEAVE THE PREMISES.
6. ALL OUT OF DISTRICT STUDENTS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN.