

# The Dragon's Tale

Hamden Middle School  
Student & Family Newsletter



## November/December 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>28 (A1)</p> <p>Homebase</p> <p><b>Early Dismissal (12 noon)</b> (Periods 6 &amp; 7 Not Seen)</p> <p><b>Professional Development (12:45-2:45 p.m.)</b></p>	<p>29 (B1)</p> <p>NJHS Zuppardi's Pizza Fundraiser PickUp</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p><a href="#">After School Programs</a></p> <p>Office Hours</p> <p>Anime Club</p> <p>Newspaper Club</p> <p>Mock Trial</p> <p>NJHS Meeting*</p> <p>Rainbow Club</p> <p>S.O.S. Student Organization Session</p> <p>Yearbook</p> <p>YES Club</p> <p>Boys &amp; Girls Basketball Team Practice</p>	<p>30 (A2)</p> <p>Late Bus</p> <p>NJHS Toy Drive Begins</p> <p><a href="#">After-School Programs</a></p> <p>Office Hours</p> <p>Equity &amp; Diversity Club</p> <p>Grade 8 Student "A-Team" Meeting</p> <p>Jazz Band</p> <p>Math Club</p> <p>STEM Club</p> <p>Student Council</p> <p>Boys &amp; Girls Basketball Team Practice</p>	<p>1 (B2)</p> <p>HMS Staff Meeting Department (2:45-4:15 p.m.)</p> <p>Boys &amp; Girls Basketball Team Practice</p>	<p>2 (A3)</p>

## EARLY DISMISSAL REMINDER



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Hamden Middle School  
students will be dismissed at  
12:00 p.m. on  
**Monday, November 28, 2022.**

Professional Learning Time for HMS Faculty & Staff!

## HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### *Spotlight on Chloe B., Grade 8 Student*

Congratulations, Chloe! She was nominated by Team Morello as Hamden Public Schools Superintendent Student of the Month. Chloe is best known for her positive attitude. She truly sees the glass half full! Chloe is a member of the HMS Chorus. She loves the theater, and she has performed in many shows. For years, she has performed with Whitney Players. She also is starring in the HMS production of *The Alibis*. Her love of theater was nurtured by her mom; they have been going to shows throughout her life. We are proud to honor Chloe. She is a star at HMS!



## THE ALIBIS

By: Chloe B.

The cast and crew's performance of *The Alibis* on November 18 and 19 was a hilarious "who done it" that left everyone wondering who had committed the murder. *The Alibis* was a sequence of events that happened to each suspect in the days leading up to the murder. There were many hysterical interrogations between Detective Casey Neptune and the six suspects whose alibis were a crime itself. The experience on stage and backstage was enjoyable for all cast and crew. The hard work provided by the amazing director, Jennifer Scigliabaglio, was noted by all. Much effort was put in by the cast and all when we started rehearsals on October 3rd and then all those rehearsals came together to make a show only five weeks later. Jen made sure that a great show was put on stage and she did just that. Incredibly funny coincidences and jokes were said on stage that brought laughter to the audience members but also the actors backstage. Backstage was a whole different experience that every actor would say was an amazing one. Friends were made and will never be forgotten. We had an amazing crew and cast without whom we would not be able to put on the

show we did. Hard and long work was put in by the cast; learning lines and blocking. Everyone will miss each other and the time spent together greatly. We are all excited to get back together as a group welcoming new members for our up and coming spring musical.

## WHY HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL

December 14, 2022

6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Our eighth grade students are preparing for the transition to high school. It is an exciting time for students and families. We must admit; we are biased about Hamden High School. We continue to hear great things from our past students, and we follow their successes through high school and beyond! Principal Gannon and the HHS team are prepared to welcome families and share information about our town's amazing high school program.

Please save the date! HHS will host an Open House event on Monday, December 14th. Students and families will learn about the academic programs, and athletics, clubs and enrichment programs. There will be a student panel ready to discuss: AP Courses, Art Programming, the Hamden Engineering Careers Academy (HECA), the Culinary Arts Program, Early Childhood Education Program & Nursery School Lab, National Honor Society, and more. We strongly encourage all eighth grade students and families to participate in this informational program.

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING MADE EASY

We are working with the company Spirit Wear this year. Students and families can order awesome HMS Swag at

<https://hamdenspiriwear.com/>. It could be the perfect gift for your middle school scholars...



**The Voice of Hamden 3**  
**Audition**  
**Thursday, December 1 at**  
**Hamden High School**

Eligible: Any student currently at a Hamden Public School-Grades from 4 to 12



**SCAN & JOIN**



**Audition Details:**

- Prepare 30 seconds of any song
- You may sing as a solo or with a small group, either a cappella or with live or recorded accompaniment (tracks should be instrumental only, no vocals)
- Email [ecaldwell@hamden.org](mailto:ecaldwell@hamden.org) to register for your audition time and to submit your accompaniment recordings
- Can't make it on December 1st? Submit a recorded video audition November 28-December 2 at [bit.ly/hamdenvoice](http://bit.ly/hamdenvoice)

Winners will be selected to take part in Voice of Hamden 3 Concert  
 Thursday January 19th, 7pm (snow date 1/20) at Hamden High School  
 Sponsored by The Hamden Education Foundation

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## AUDITION TO PERFORM IN - THE VOICE OF HAMDEN 3!

Prepare 30 seconds of any song, either a cappella or with live or recorded accompaniment (tracks should be instrumental only, no vocals). Email [ecaldwell@hamden.org](mailto:ecaldwell@hamden.org) to register for an audition time at Hamden High on December 1st, or submit a recorded video audition November 28 - December 2 at [bit.ly/hamdenvoice](http://bit.ly/hamdenvoice). Winners will perform at Hamden High on January 19th.

## HPS VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD

<https://www.hamden.org/families/flyers>

We are often asked to share community flyers. Our district has created a virtual bulletin board for parents to visit and check out local news. Please click on the link above to review recent flyers.

## LYMAN ORCHARDS PIE & CLASSIC COOKIE DOUGH TEAM FUNDRAISER

We are excited to host the Lyman Orchard Pie and Cookie Dough fundraiser. Everyone loves these delicious pies, especially for holiday dinners. The



frozen cookies also make baking extra easy. We hope our HMS families can help us by supporting the Lyman Orchards Pie and Cookie Dough fundraiser. Orders are due by December 9th.

Participants use this link to Register & Sell Online  
<https://my.mcmfundraising.com/signup/ZMNS>

## DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Please review this NEW [Daily Health Assessment](#) with your child every day. This is an important first line of defense in both ensuring the health and wellness of your children and also protecting our entire school community from the risk of infection.

### TEST, MASK, GO! What does that mean?

If your child is feeling sick with mild cold symptoms, they may come to school if:

- he/she is fever-free,
- he/she does not live with someone who has COVID in the past 2 weeks,
- he/she tests negative for COVID

They should come to school wearing a mask.

If your child has a fever or lives with a person who recently tested positive for COVID within the past two weeks, please keep him or her home and call our school nurses at 203-407-7192. Rebecca Iannucci and Kelly Stewart will listen and offer parents advice and support.

**DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT**

Please review this health assessment each day before entering school

**HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY?**

Students and staff with mild respiratory disease symptoms (infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, etc.) **may come to school if:**

- they are fever-free (a temperature of less than 100° F) and feel well enough to participate,
- they do not live with anyone who has had COVID-19 in the past 2 weeks,
- they test negative for COVID-19 prior to reporting in-person every day they have symptoms, as well as one final test on the morning their symptoms have completely resolved, and
- they will wear a mask consistently and correctly while at school.

Students and staff who have any respiratory disease symptoms **must NOT come to school if either:**

- they have a fever (a temperature of 100° F or higher),
- they live with a person who recently tested positive for COVID-19 (within the past 2 weeks).

Stay home until the symptoms resolve and test for COVID-19. This includes not coming to school until the fever has ended for at least 24 hours without the use of medication. Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 should stay home according to the guidance provided by their medical provider and in consultation with the school nurse.

**HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
 Following this guidance will help keep our schools healthy and open!  
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