2022–2023 SCHOOL YEAR

**COUNSELING CORNER**

**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 27th at 2:00 p.m. if your child meets the following criteria to be eligible for the Roberta B Willis Need-Merit Scholarship Program.

**Qualified applicants must meet the criteria below:**

- To be considered for eligibility, a student must:
  - Be a legal resident of Connecticut;
  - Be attending an eligible Connecticut institution;
  - Have completed a Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by February 15th and received a valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC);
  - Have an EFC below the maximum limit. The allowable EFC limit was $10,999 in 2022-23. High school counselors do not need to collect this information. The Office of Higher Education will allow this information automatically from the student’s FAFSA data.
  - Have not previously received a baccalaureate degree;
  - Be attending an eligible Connecticut institution;
  - Have an EFC below the maximum limit. The allowable EFC limit was $10,999 in 2022-23. High school counselors do not need to collect this information. The Office of Higher Education will get this information automatically from the student’s FAFSA data.

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

**DISTRICT ARTS & EDUCATION SKILLS ACADEMY (DAE)**

CLICK HERE for details.

Go to myDAE.co/scholarship to apply. Deadline is January 3, 2023.

**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 your child’s school. Your membership is 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.

**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.
UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS
December 21: HHS Band and Orchestra Concert (snow date)
December 21: Music Caroling (during each students ensemble class)

CMEA (Connecticut Music Educators Association)
Congratulations to: Caitlin, Jeffrey, Abe, Mia, Susan, Yugo, Eli, Max, Francesca, Aidan, Perjah, and Miriam
For the acceptance into the CMEA Southern Regional Ensembles 2022!

HHSMPO – Music Parents
Contact Liz Brennan (liz@ctbrennans.com) or Bob Gribbon (bobgibbon61@gmail.com)

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

Tri-M
Groups are Planning:
Symposium of Sound 9, Fundraising, Performance Ensemble opportunities, Gear
January 4 - General Meeting 2:15PM

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

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME GAMES
Saturday, 12/17: Boys Ice Hockey vs Notre Dame-FF at 4:00 p.m.
Monday, 12/19: SCC Boys Indoor Track Developmental Meet at Floyd Little Athletic Center 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday 12/20: Boys Swim/Dive vs Shelton HS at 4:00 p.m.; Girls Basketball vs Lauralton Hall at 6:00 p.m.; SCC Girls indoor Track Development Meet at Floyd Little Athletic Center 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday, 12/21: Girls Ice Hockey vs Guilford HS at 3:15 p.m.; Boys Ice Hockey vs St. Joseph HS at 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, 12/22: Boys Basketball vs Amity HS at 7:00 p.m.