2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

IMPORTANT DATES
by: HHS Administration

❖ Wednesday, February 8: HHS Parent/Guardian/Teacher Conferences from 6:00-8:00 p.m.
❖ Monday, February 20: No School (Presidents’ Day)
❖ Thursday, February 23: Early Dismissal (PD Day) Periods 1-4 will meet and students will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m.

PTSA – The next PTSA meeting will be on Tuesday, January 31 at 6:00 p.m. Please join us to find out about the work we’re doing to support HHS! Zoom link: https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72521481143?pwd=bTLA55KHTuHs32RiTSx3LRFVhHwoe246. Please support the PTSA fundraiser at Ixtapa Mexican Restaurant & Cantina on Sunday, February 5 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eat in or takeout. Enjoy a meal and help support the PTSA! A percentage of the sales will be donated back to the PTSA. Mention the PTSA when ordering or show the flier.

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.

AP EXAM REGISTRATION - The cost of each AP Exam is $100.00 and is payable through our third party vendor, MySchool Bucks. Payments are due by February 1, 2023. Students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals also qualify for an exam fee waiver. Please contact Emily McClain as soon as possible should your child qualify.

THE CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR
began Sunday, January 22, 2023. The celebration lasts for over two weeks in China.

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.

STUDENT CELL PHONE POLICY REMINDERS – Please remind your HHS student(s) about the current cell phone policy. Students must keep cell phones away during instructional time unless an adult requires the cell phone use as part of the classroom assignment and for educational purposes. Cell phones should not be visible during instructional time, including study halls.

COUNSELING CORNER
by: Dan Cocchiola

2023-24 COURSE RECOMMENDATIONS - Please click HERE to read the information sent out to teachers regarding course recommendations for the upcoming 23-24 school year. Click HERE to view the 2023-24 Program of Studies.

ROBERTA B WILLIS NEED-MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Complete this google form by Friday, January 27, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. if your child meets the following criteria to be eligible for the Roberta B Willis Need-Merit Scholarship Program. CLICK HERE for details. 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).

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!!

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
UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS
January 19 - HPS Fine Arts/HEF - VOICE of HAMDEN 3
January 31 - Symposium of Sound 9, “TIME”

JAZZ ORCHESTRA
January 24 - rehearsal 5:30-7:30 p.m.

PIT ORCHESTRA (Legally Blond)
January 26 (Thursday) - rehearsal 5:30-7:30 p.m.

CMEA (Connecticut Music Educators Association)
January 13-14 - Regional Festival (Maloney High School)
January 20-21 - Regional Festival SNOW DATE (Maloney High School)

HHSMPO - Music Parents
Contact Liz Brennan (liz@ctbrennans.com) or Bob Gribbon (bobgibbon61@gmail.com)
January 11 - Board Meeting (new members are welcome)

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

Tri-M
February 1 - General Meeting 2:15 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

UPCOMING VARSITY HOME GAMES
Friday, 1/27: Unified Basketball v Cheshire Unified at 3:00 p.m., Girls Basketball vs Sacred Heart Academy at 6:00 p.m. (Senior Night prior to game)
Saturday, 1/28: Annual Cheer & Dance Challenge at Quinnipiac University, Burt Kahn Gymnasium, 275 Mt. Carmel Ave., Hamden - Cheer Competitions start at 12:00 p.m.; Dance Competition starts at 5:30 p.m
Sunday, 1/29: Boys Ice Hockey vs West Haven at 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 1/31: Boys Basketball vs East Haven at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 2/1: Girls Ice Hockey vs Amity at 3:30 p.m.; Boys Ice Hockey vs Simsbury at 8:00 p.m.
Thursday, 2/2: Boys Swimming/Diving vs North Haven at 4:00 p.m.
Friday, 2/3: Boys Basketball vs Guilford at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, 2/4: Girls Gymnastics vs Foran at New Era Gymnastics, 850 Sherman Ave., Hamden at 6:30 p.m.; Girls Ice Hockey vs Ridgefield at 4:00 p.m.

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION
Spring Sport Registration is now Open for the following sports: High School - Baseball, Softball, Golf, Boys Tennis, Girls Tennis, Boys Outdoor Track, Girls Outdoor Track, Boys Lacrosse and Girls Lacrosse
Middle School - Baseball and Softball
Please visit our website to register on FinalForms, get try-out dates, times and location and coach’s contact information at https://www.hamden.org/departments/athletics

NATIONAL GIRLS AND WOMEN IN SPORTS DAY
Join Southern CT State University for a day of celebration on Saturday, February 11, 2023. For more information click the link below:
https://scsuwls.com/news/2023/1/23/general-scsu-athletics-to-host-national-girls-and-women-in-sports-day-on-saturday-feb-11.aspx?fbclid=IwAR2qWHP57aRF_57n5E2EnRjr8GxYGRs9n0hx5Xuabnm0mKwqV5s267_Ux