

Principal Michelle Coogan

Week of September 11-15, 2023

Our Week in Review

Monday, September 11, 2023 (B5)

Early Dismissal (12:05 PM) Professional Development

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 (A6)

Homebase

Fall Sports Tryouts - Callbacks! 2:50-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13, 2023 (B6)

PICTURE DAY!

Fall Sports Practices 2:50-4:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 14, 2023 (A7)

Fall Sports Practices 2:50-4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 15, 2023 (B7)



School Spirit
Wear Your Hawaiian Gear!
Donate \$1.00 to Support the Families
Impacted by the Maui Fires

HMS CALENDAR

Parents and students can access calendar information on the HMS School Website.

PICTURE DAY

Our students will have their picture taken on Wednesday, September 13 by LifeTouch photographers. Parents can order photographs by visiting this LifeTouch website. Use this Picture Day ID: EVTCNBNK2. Student photographs are uploaded to our PowerSchool database and used in our annual yearbook.

OPEN HOUSE: SAVE THE DATES

Grade 7 Open House Tuesday, September 19, 2023 5:20-7:30 p.m.

Grade 8 Open House Wednesday, September 20, 2023 5:20-7:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to attend our annual Open House programs. We will begin the evening with a presentation from our administrative team at 5:20 p.m. Then, parents will travel to their children's HMS Houses to meet with the Core Teachers. At 6:30 p.m., parents will travel to visit the Encore and World Language Teachers. Members of the PPS team will also be present to connect with families. It is an important event for our school. We look forward to seeing our HMS families.

Note: This evening program is

designed for the adults who care for our students. If children need to attend due to childcare, it is important for them to stay with their parents throughout the evening.

WHMS SCHOOL NEWS

Every day, students watch an episode of WHMS School News. Ms. Kraemer and Ms. McCulley share reminders and announce upcoming events. Parents can view each episode to stay informed. Here is a link to our school's YouTube channel. https://www.youtube.com/@HMS.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY HAWAIIAN SHIRT FRIDAY 9-15-23

On Friday, September 15th, all members of the HMS Team are encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt or lei and donate \$1 to support families who were impacted by the Maui fires. No Hawaiian shirt? No leis? No problem! Wear bright colors.

REPORTING AN ABSENCE

While we want our students to be present every day, we understand there are times they need to be absent. Please help us by letting us know if their children by emailing hmsattendance@hamden.org.

Parents can also call GRADE 7: Call 203-407-7207 GRADE 8: Call 203-407-7180

OTIS SPUNKMEYER

Each year, we host a fundraiser for enrichment programs for students. All of the funds collected are dedicated to Team Activities, including student recognitions, guest speakers, field trips, school spirit days, Field Day, and more. It is our most important school fundraiser.

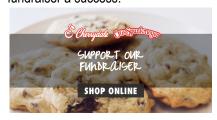
It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

- Register at www.ShopFund.com
- Share custom support links with family & friends via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Email, Text and more.

Informational packets were sent home last week. Sales have been slow. We are asking families to embrace this opportunity to support HMS.

Some parents may choose to make a monetary donation in lieu of the fundraiser. Donations can be sent to Ms. Coogan's attention.

On behalf of myself and the staff at Hamden Middle School, thank you for doing your part to make our fundraiser a success.



HEALTHY HEROES!

We are excited to continue our partnership with Monitor My Health, a non-profit agency to host the Healthy Heroes after-school program. The program takes place on Monday and Friday afternoons. Students will participate in a lesson designed to promote healthy lifestyles. Then,

students participate in a fitness activity. Participating students will always be served a healthy snack and get help with homework assignments. On Fridays, students are treated to a healthy dinner too. The hours are 2:50 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. and parents must pick up their children. The program will begin on Monday, October 2nd, and we will send home registration information in next week's newsletter. This amazing afterschool opportunity is FREE to HMS families, and is limited to 120 students. Questions? Please contact Michelle Mule at mmule@hamden.org.

EARLY DISMISSAL: PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN BEFORE DISMISSAL NOTES

If you need to pick up your child early from school, please visit the main office and the clerks will call your child out of class. We ask all families to pick up students before 2:15 PM (or 11:45 AM on early dismissal days). The end of the day is a busy time at HMS, and we are focused on our dismissal routines during the last 20 minutes of the day.

FALL SPORTS

We are proud of our students who tried out for fall sports at HMS. The "Callback" final tryouts will take place on Tuesday afternoon. We will share our team rosters next week, including the game schedule.

HAMDEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARDS

Parents are invited to check out the district website. It is the virtual space for community fliers. It is a great way to see what is going on in our

beautiful town.

https://www.hamden.org/families/vbb

REMINDER: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th IS AN EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

