

Week of October 9-13, 2023

Grade 8 Core Teams

[House 1, Team Domurad](#)
[House 2, Team Morello](#)
[House 3, Team DeLucia](#)
[House 4, Team Rocco](#)

ALsC Classrooms

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Parents can also request a conference with their child's Encore and World Language Teachers. All members of the faculty will also be available on Wednesday evening to meet with parents, including School Counselors, PPS Team, Deans of Students, and Administrators. We look forward to connecting with families during our first evening of conferences.

Encore, World Language, PPS, SRBI Coordinators & Specialists

[Encore Classrooms](#)
[World Language](#)
[PPS Team](#)
[SRBI Coordinators & Specialists](#)

On a final note, parents are reminded to regularly check the Parent Portal on PowerSchool. Directions to access the Parent Portal can be found on the HPS website. Click [Here](#). **HMS CONFERENCES**



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY:
PAINT HMS PINK!

In support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we are encouraging all students and staff to WEAR as much PINK as possible. We intend to sell silicone bracelets for \$1.00. All proceeds will be donated to the Smilow Cancer Center. It is time to **GET YOUR PINK ON** for a good cause!

HMS SKI AND SNOWBOARD CLUB

The HMS Ski and Snowboard Club welcomes all student-athletes (regardless of previous experience) to consider joining the club for the 2024 season. This club will travel to Mt. Southington Ski Area where student-athletes will be able to hit the slopes and enjoy five evenings of carving new trails in the snow.

Dates of the Thursday Trips:

January 4, 2024
January 11, 2024
January 18, 2024
February 1, 2024
February 8, 2024

Time:

Bus will leave HMS at 2:45-3:00 PM
Bus will return to HMS at 8:00 PM

Student-Athletes interested in signing up for this year's Ski & Snowboard Club must complete the following tasks:

1. Join the Ski & Snowboard Club Sign-up Google Classroom: jivbtcd
2. Attend the Informational Meeting

Grade 7 Informational Meeting:

Friday, October 20th
Block 2, period 6, 9:05 AM (Cafe)
Note: check in with teacher first

Grade 8 Informational Meeting:
Monday October 23rd
Block 2, period 6, 9:05 AM (Cafe)
Note: check in with teacher first

Starting October 25, 2023 at 7:00 PM the sign-up form will go live on Google Classroom. The club will accept the first 50 participants who submit their completed Google form which consists of the student's first name, last name, and grade. No payment is due at this time. The remaining student-athletes will be added to the waitlist and will be contacted should a spot become available.

The 50 participants who are invited to participate will be directly notified by Mr. Cebula through the Google Classroom. A more detailed club meeting will be held during the first week of November.

Cost to Participate:

1. Transportation Deposit (covers 5 round trips) \$125
2. Appropriate Ticket Package (Prices below)
Afternoon (Mon-Fri 3:00p-8:00p)
Lift Ticket Only \$40 x 5 trips = \$200
Lift and Lesson \$53* x 5 trips = \$265
Lift and Rental Equipment \$58 x 5 = \$290
Lift, Lesson and Rental Equipment \$68* x 5 trips = \$340

* Afternoon lessons are 1 hour

Lessons are required for student-athletes who have no prior experience

HELMETS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

Any questions not answered above... please email Mr. Cebula @

icebula@hamden.org.

2023-2024 WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION WILL OPEN OCTOBER 10, 2023

If your child would like to tryout for the boys and girls basketball teams, please complete the following tasks:

- Visit this website to [SIGN UP FOR SPORTS](#)
- Be sure to turn in a completed [Physical Form](#). It must be submitted to the school nurse prior to trying-out for any sport. Physicals are good for 13 months.
- [2023-2024 Medication Authorization Form](#) must be submitted yearly to the school nurse if your child carries medication in school prior to try-outs.

Questions about Winter Sports at HMS? Contact Ms. Bobbi Bergstrom at bbergstrom@hamden.org.

HEALTHY HEROES AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM Mondays & Fridays 2:50-4:50 PM

Starts this Friday! (10/13/23)

It is time to sign up for the Healthy Heroes after-school program! This amazing after-school opportunity is FREE to HMS families, and is limited to 120 students.

Students will:

- Participate in a lesson designed to promote healthy lifestyles.
- Participate in a fitness activity.
- Get help with homework.
- Enjoy a healthy snack & dinner on Fridays!

**Click here to [REGISTER](#)
your child.**

Questions? Please contact Michelle Mule at mmule@hamden.org.

HMS 2023 FALL THEATER WORKSHOPS

Join us for our Fall Theater Workshops on Tuesdays and Wednesdays afternoons. Have you always wanted to perform on stage? Do you enjoy performing in front of an audience? Prefer to be behind the scenes? This is the perfect time to try out all things theater. We will be working on monologues, musical theater pieces in preparation for our spring musical and playing theater games. Students will work with a script—scene work, character development, memorization—all culminating in a performance at our showcase. Everyone who wants a part will receive a part! Looking for young people who are interested in tech theater as well. All classes are at the Hamden Middle School Auditorium immediately following the school day, (2:30 PM – 4:30 PM). Classes will be taught by Cindy Simell-Devoe, Director of Hamden's non-profit educational theater company, the Whitney Players. Showcase dates—Friday, December 8th & Saturday, December 9th. Class dates: 10/10 & 11, 10/17 & 18, 10/24 & 25, 11/1, 11/8, 11/14 & 15, 11/21, 11/28 & 29, 12/5, 12/6, 12/7 (No class 10/31, 11/7, 11/22) Please email Cindy at cindysdevoe@comcast.net for more information.

SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER

It is highly recommended for children to get vaccinated yearly against the flu! All students have access to get vaccinated right at school! Call 203-407-7223, Johnnie Sumpter, medical assistant coordinator to schedule your child's appointment. During the school day, students can receive their vaccine at our Cornell Scott Clinic, located at HMS. Students will be monitored and

sent back to class as soon as they are ready. All documentation will be shared with parent/guardian and forwarded to their primary care provider. Please call with any questions!

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>



DAILY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

Please review this updated Daily Health Assessment, available in [English](#) or [Spanish](#), 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.