

HAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL

THE DRAGON'S TALE

FAMILY NEWSLETTER



Principal Michelle Coogan

Week of October 30-November 3, 2023

OUR WEEK IN REVIEW

**Monday,
October 30, 2023 (A1)**

School Safety Meeting
8:00 AM - 8:40 AM

Security Meeting
8:45 AM - 9:25 AM

School Climate Meeting
9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

HMS Early Dismissal (12:05 PM)

Professional Development

Set Up Price is Right

**Tuesday,
October 31, 2023 (B1)**

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
Pajama Day



Gary Petersen, Educational
Consultant, Visits HMS

**Gr. 7 Team Ugolik's "The Dragon's
Price is Right" Assembly**
8:45 AM - 10:20 AM
Auditorium

PowerSchool & Pizza Lunch for New
Staff
Blocks 4 & 5

After-School Programs
2:50 PM - 3:35 PM
Office Hours
Fall Theater Workshop

**Wednesday,
November 1, 2023 (A2)**

HMS End of Marking Period 1

After-School Programs
2:50 PM - 3:35 PM
Creative Writing Club
Cross Country & Flag Football
Intramural
Diversity & Equity Club
Fall Theater Workshop
Gr. 7 A-Team
Jazz Band
Mock Trial
Newspaper/News Club
Student Council
Technology Club
YES Club

Education Center for the Arts
Informational Presentation

**Thursday,
November 2, 2023 (B2)**

**Gr. 7 Team Coggins "The Dragon's
Price is Right" Assembly**
8:45 AM - 10:30 AM
Auditorium

Staff Meeting (D-90)
2:50 PM - 4:20 PM

**Friday,
November 3, 2023 (A3)**

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY
Red, White, & Blue



Veterans' Day Celebration

After-School Programs
Healthy Heroes
2:50 PM - 5:00 PM

HMS CALENDAR

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

HMS SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY!

Last week, less than 35 families
completed the School Climate
Survey. We crave your feedback.
Please take the online survey by
using the following unique school link:
https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7WgXgniCm8HiNE

Thank you for your time and
participation!



When we have early dismissal days, our HMS teachers engage in professional development. Teachers are continuously challenging themselves to be their best for their students. Our teachers continue to study and learn so they can be on the cutting-edge of teaching and learning. Our ultimate focus is always helping our HMS students achieve their goals. We appreciate the ongoing support of our Hamden community.

SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS Tuesday, October 31: PJ Day



On Tuesday, students are invited to wear their pajama bottoms to school. Remember to wear sneakers, especially if you have physical education class.

We recognize some students will participate in Halloween activities on October 31st. We will not celebrate this holiday in school, and costumes should not be worn. Please review safety rules for trick or treating, and remember ... Everyone has school on Wednesday!

Friday, November 3: Red, White, & Blue Day in Honor of United States Veterans



Our community will proudly wear their red, white and blue to school on Friday. We will be recognizing Veterans' Appreciation Day. (See more details below.)

CELEBRATING VETERANS' DAY

On Friday, November 3, we will host the Veterans Awareness Day program at HMS. The program's primary goal is to help our seventh-grade students understand the outstanding contributions of our country's veterans and to honor their sacrifice. Over 80 Veterans are prepared to share their stories with primary artifacts from their experiences in the US Service. The program will begin with a special assembly. Then our seventh-grade students will visit the Veterans in the gymnasium. During this fair-like experience, students will have an opportunity to interact with the Veterans and learn more about their experiences. We promise to share updates throughout Friday morning using our school's social media accounts. Be sure to follow us on Facebook or Instagram.

OUR HMS PTA ROCKS

Thank you for hosting the Family Yoga Night last week. We can't wait for the next family engagement event!



HMS SCHOOL COUNSELORS' CORNER

[High School Visits to HMS](#)

Representatives from local high schools are visiting HMS to share information about their programs. Presentations take place directly after school at 3 PM in Room 205. Students should sign up in the Grade 8 Google Classroom. Please see Ms. Mitchell with any questions.
11/1 - Educational Center for the Arts
11/15 - Lyman Hall
11/16 - High School in the Community.
Students and parents are encouraged to check the Google Classroom for updates and information pertaining to high school options.

[Attendance Groups](#)

If you are concerned about your child's attendance or are struggling to get them to school, please contact your child's school counselor for support and more information.

[Office Hours](#)

Your children are welcome to join the school counselors after school. Please have them sign up in the Google Classroom. Links are also below.

-Ms. Atkin - Tuesday [Office Hours](#)
Grade 7 - Team 5, Grade 8 - Team 3
-Ms. Bonessi - Tuesday [Office Hours](#)
Grade 7 - Teams 2, 3, 4
-Ms. Mitchell - Wednesday - [Office hours](#) Grade 8 - Teams 1, 2, 4

2023-2024 WINTER SPORTS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

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

Join the Basketball Google Classroom. The code is shxzfyp. Ms. Bergstrom created this GC to help students and families get ready for tryouts!

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.



TEAM ASSEMBLIES: PARENTS AND FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

Team Leaders and teachers have planned a special assembly for their students and families. Based on the popular daytime game show, we are bringing The Price is Right to HMS... Dragon Style! Both students and parents will play an active role in the game, and it promises to be a memorable experience for all.

We will send individual team emails with additional details. At this time, we are asking parents to SAVE THE DATE in their calendars and RSVP by scanning the team's QR code.

We are looking forward to kicking off the assemblies with Team Ugolik (Tuesday) and Team Coggins (Thursday). Parents, please be sure to take advantage of this time to visit HMS during the school day.

Grade 7, House 2, Team Ugolik
October 31, 2023
8:15-10:30 AM



[CLICK HERE to RSVP for
Team UGOLIK Price is Right](#)

Grade 7, House 3, Team Coggins
November 2, 2023
8:15-10:30 AM



[CLICK HERE to RSVP for
Team COGGINS Price is Right](#)

Grade 7, House 4, Team Stanton
November 6, 2023
8:15-10:30 AM



[CLICK HERE to RSVP for
Team STANTON Price is Right](#)

Grade 7, House 5, Team Holt
November 8, 2023
8:15-10:30 AM



[CLICK HERE to RSVP for
Team HOLT Price is Right](#)

Grade 8, House 1, Team Domurad
November 9, 2023
8:15-10:30 AM

Grade 8, House 2, Team Morello
November 13, 2023
8:15-10:30 AM

Grade 8, House 3, Team DeLucia
November 14, 2023
8:15-10:30 AM

Grade 8, House 4, Team Rocco
November 15, 2023
8:15-10:30 AM

Eighth grade RSVP links codes will be shared in next newsletters.

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.
