

Weeks of November 27-December 1, 2023

- 1.) *Is your Chromebook charged for tomorrow?*
- 2.) *Do you have pens and pencils?*
- 3.) *What book are you reading?*
- 4.) *Did you complete your IXL home assignment? What skills did your teacher assign you? Did you earn 80%?*
- 5.) *Did you complete your Rosetta Stone lessons?*
- 6.) *Do you have any assignments or tests due this week?*
- 7.) *Do you need to stay for Office Hours on Tuesday?*
- 8.) *Do you need my help to study?*
- 9.) *What grade did you earn on the test? Do you need to request a retest?*

In closing, we want our students to work hard and learn each day. We are determined to provide the right balance of support and challenge. We believe the partnership between teachers and parents is vital to a middle school student's success. Together, we can make a positive impact on student achievement.

**Monday,  
November 27, 2023 (A2)**

2:50 PM - 3:50 PM

Healthy Heroes  
2:50 PM - 5:00 PM

Boys Basketball Callbacks  
Girls Basketball Practice  
2:50-4:45 PM

**Tuesday,  
November 28, 2023 (B2)**

8:35 AM - 9:10 AM

Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS

Fall Theater Workshop  
New Haven Magnet Schools Informational  
Presentation

Boys Basketball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice  
2:50-4:45 PM

**HMS PTA Meeting**  
7:00 PM

**Wednesday,  
November 29, 2023 (A3)**

Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS

Creative Writing Club  
Diversity & Equity Club  
Fall Theater Workshop  
Gr. 7 A-Team  
Gr. 8 A-Team  
Jazz Band  
Let's Learn Merengue  
Math Club  
Mock Trial

Newspaper/News Club  
Student Council  
Technology Club

#### Winter Sports

Boys Basketball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice  
2:50-4:45 PM

Thursday,  
November 30, 2023 (B3)

#### Winter Sports

Boys Basketball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice  
2:50-4:45 PM

Friday,  
December 1, 2023 (A4)

#### After-School Programs

Healthy Heroes  
2:50 PM - 5:00 PM

#### Winter Sports

Boys Basketball Practice  
Girls Basketball Practice  
2:50-4:45 PM

#### Flu & COVID Vaccination Clinic

(HMS Cafeteria)  
4:30-7:30 PM

#### UPCOMING DATES

**Monday, December 4: No School  
Professional Development**

Friday, December 8: Fall Theater  
Workshop Showcase at 7 PM

Monday, December 11: Early  
Dismissal/Professional Development

#### HMS CALENDAR

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

#### HMS PTA MEETING

InPerson Meeting at HMS

Virtual Attendance:

<https://zoom.us/j/96926916760>

On Tuesday evening, the HMS PTA  
will be hosting their next meeting  
6:30-7:30 p.m. This meeting will be in  
person, however there will be an  
open Zoom Link for anyone  
interested in participating from home.  
This is an important meeting for the  
PTA since we will be voting for new  
members of the Executive Board.  
Ideally, we would have our  
seventh-grade families get involved  
so the PTA torch can be passed on  
seamlessly year-to-year. If you are  
interested or have any questions,  
please email—  
[hamdenmiddlepta@gmail.com](mailto:hamdenmiddlepta@gmail.com)

Attending the HMS PTA meetings is a  
great way for parents and families to  
connect with each other. It is the  
perfect opportunity to talk with others  
about your middle school experiences  
and to plan some enriching  
experiences for the students. We  
hope to see you there!

#### FALL THEATER SHOWCASE

**December 8th at 7 PM**

Please join us for a special evening at  
HMS. Students who participated in  
the Fall Theater Workshop are  
performing in a special showcase on  
Friday, December 8th at 7 PM. The  
tickets are only \$5.00 per person and  
guests can pay at the door.

THE HAMDEN MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATER PROGRAM  
presents

**THE 2023 FALL THEATER WORKSHOP  
SHOWCASE**

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM  
Hamden Middle School Auditorium  
Tickets \$5

Enjoy two entertaining one-act plays and monologues  
featuring our Hamden Middle School student performers

What a World by Judy Truesdell Mecca

The Ever After by Nathan Hartswick

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc. Englewood, Colorado  
For more information, call 203-281-6007

#### VACCINATION CLINIC

Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center will  
host a vaccination clinic at Hamden  
Middle School on Friday, December  
1st from 4:30-7:30 PM. No  
appointment is necessary.

Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center in partnership with  
Hamden Public Schools is offering a

**FAMILY VACCINE CLINIC**

All Ages Welcome!

Friday, December 1st 2023  
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Hamden Middle School, 2623 Dixwell Ave, Hamden

**FLU SHOTS &  
COVID VACCINES**

ALL COVID/FLU SHOTS ARE FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18.  
Children under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.  
Flu shots are \$0 Copay with most insurance.  
COVID-19 vaccinations are covered by most insurances, but cost share may apply.  
Ask your insurance provider to verify your benefits cost-share amount.

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Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, en asociación con  
Hamden Public Schools, ofrece una

**CLÍNICA DE VACUNAS FAMILIARES**

¡Todas las edades son bienvenidas!

Viernes 1 de diciembre de 2023  
4:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Hamden Middle School, 2623 Dixwell Ave, Hamden

**VACUNAS CONTRA LA GRIPE  
Y EL COVID**

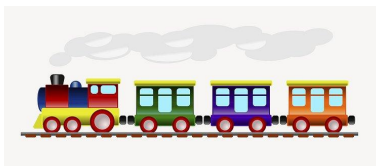
TODAS LAS VACUNAS CONTRA COVID/GRIPE SON GRATUITAS PARA NIÑOS MENORES DE 18 AÑOS.  
Los menores de 18 años deben estar acompañados por un padre o tutor.  
Las vacunas contra la gripe tienen un copago de \$0 con la mayoría de los seguros.  
Las vacunas contra COVID-19 están cubiertas por la mayoría de los seguros, pero se puede aplicar la participación en los costos. Pídale a su proveedor de seguros que verifique la cantidad de costo compartido de sus beneficios.

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### SCHOOL SPIRIT T-SHIRTS

Parents can purchase Hamden Middle School spirit wear at <https://hamdenspiritwear.com/>. We work with Spirit Wear to offer families the chance to purchase school swag. You can shop for a variety of items, including hoodies and t-shirts. Then, you can choose a variety of cool Hamden Dragon designs. If you place an order this week, there are NO SHIPPING FEES! It might be just the thing parents are looking for during the upcoming holiday season.



### NJHS TOY DRIVE

Members of the National Junior Honor Society are hosting the annual Toy Drive. Our students will start to collect donations on Monday, November 27th. The team that collects the most donations will be rewarded with donuts and hot cocoa. (YUM!) The greatest reward is supporting others in a time of need. All toys collected are donated to the Keefe Center in Hamden.

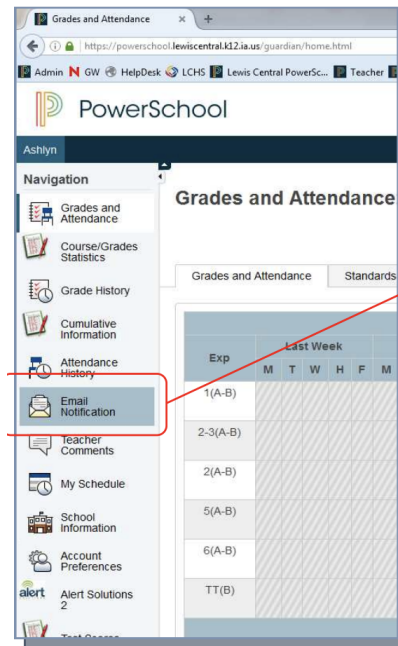
### HOW TO SET UP EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS ON POWERSCHOOL

Teachers use PowerSchool to communicate student performance and achievement. There is a way parents can set up notifications to

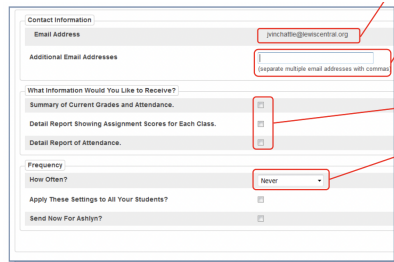
automatically receive email updates. Report options vary from grade and attendance summaries to detailed attendance and assignment scores from each course. Below are the instructions for setting up email notifications.

**Step 1—**Log into your PARENT PowerSchool account. Warning: Setting up notifications under a student account will allow students access to turn off the notifications or change the notification settings. You must use the PARENT account. [LINK TO SIGN IN PAGE](#)

**Step 2—** Select “Email Notifications” on the student home screen



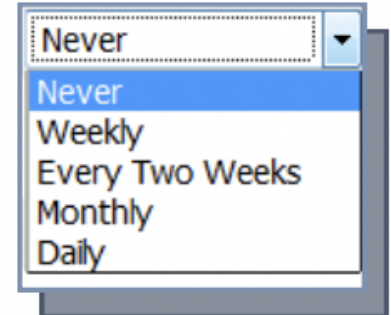
**Step 3—**Check to see if your email address is correct. Incorrect email addresses can be updated under “Account Preferences”



**Step 4—** You may add additional emails for notifications. Separate multiple email addresses with commas.

**Step 5—** Select what information you would like to receive.

**Step 6—** Select how often you would like to receive the notifications. Frequency options are shown below.



**Step 7—** Hit “SUBMIT”

PowerSchool is an important tool to help students and families stay up to date on grades and attendance. Setting notifications helps to monitor information regularly.

Please contact Stephanie Bezerra at [sbezzera@hamden.org](mailto:sbezzera@hamden.org) if you have questions about PowerSchool parent account information, log in or notifications.

### 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>



HARDEN  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

DAILY  
HEALTH  
ASSESSMENT



Please review this health assessment each day before entering school

### HOW ARE YOU FEELING TODAY?

Students and staff with mild respiratory disease symptoms (infrequent cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, etc.) **may come to school if:**

- They are fever-free (a temperature of less than 100° F) and feel well enough to participate,
- They test negative for COVID-19 prior to reporting in-person every day they have symptoms, as well as one final test on the morning their symptoms have completely resolved, and
- They consider wearing a mask while in school

Students and staff who have any respiratory disease symptoms **must NOT come to school if either:**

- They have a fever (a temperature of 100° F or higher),
- They test positive for COVID-19

Stay home until the symptoms resolve and test for COVID-19. This includes not coming to school until the fever has ended for at least 24 hours without the use of medication. Anyone testing positive for COVID-19 should stay home according to the guidance provided by their medical provider and in consultation with the school nurse.

Following this guidance will help keep our schools healthy and open!  
www.harden.org

## 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.






**REMINDER! EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS**

1. September 11, 2023	10. January 25, 2024
2. September 18, 2023	11. February 5, 2024
3. October 16, 2023	12. February 15, 2024
4. October 30, 2023	13. March 4, 2024
5. November 13, 2023	14. March 21, 2024
6. November 22, 2023	15. April 1, 2024
7. December 11, 2023	16. May 6, 2024
8. December 21, 2023	17. May 16, 2024
9. January 8, 2024	18. June 3, 2024

