

Weeks of January 1-5, 2024

**Monday,
January 1, 2024**

**Tuesday,
January 2, 2024 (A4)**

Homebase
8:35 AM - 9:10 AM

Office Hours
IXL Math Support (LMC)

Boys Basketball Team Practice (Only)

**Wednesday,
January 3, 2024 (B4)**

Gr. 7 A-Team
Jazz Band
Technology Club

Boys Basketball Team Practice
Girls Basketball Team Practice

Thursday,
January 4, 2024 (A5)

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

Ski & Snowboard Club
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Boys Basketball vs. Shelton **HOME**
Girls Basketball vs. Shelton **AWAY**

Friday,
January 5, 2024

**No School
Three Kings Day**

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

HMS Early Dismissal




Monday, January 8, 2024
Students dismiss at 12:05 PM.

We value your involvement in your child's education and are excited to invite you to our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences.

- **Conference Highlights :**
 - Review of Student Progress
 - Goal Setting
 - Future Planning

Register for a conference today!

 Tuesday,
January 9, 2024
5:30-7:30 pm

Conference registration links can be found on the HMS website.

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

We are excited to welcome parents and guardians to register for a conference with their child's teachers. We ask that parents **ONLY** register for **ONE** conference with a member of their child's Core Team, including the English, math, science, social studies, and special education teachers. Here are the conference links for the Core Teams:

Gr. 7 House 2, Team Ugolik
Gr. 7 House 3, Team Coggins
Gr. 7 House 4, Team Stanton
Gr. 7 House 5, Team Holt
Gr. 8 House 1, Team Domurad
Gr. 8 House 2, Team Morello
Gr. 8 House 3, Team DeLucia
Gr. 8 House 4, Team Rocco

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Language Teachers. Please check out the following links:

[Encore Team](#)

[World Language Team](#)

Members of our PPS team, including school counselors, psychologists, social workers, and speech and language pathologists are also available to meet with parents. It is a great time to hear about your child's progress.

[PPS Team](#)

Finally, our school administrators, deans of students, and curricular specialists will be available to meet with parents. Please register for a conference with specialists by using this link: [Specialists Team](#). Ms. Coogan, Ms. Coffey, Mr. Ortiz, Ms. Mule, and Mr. Tremper will be present in the main lobby to greet and talk with parents.

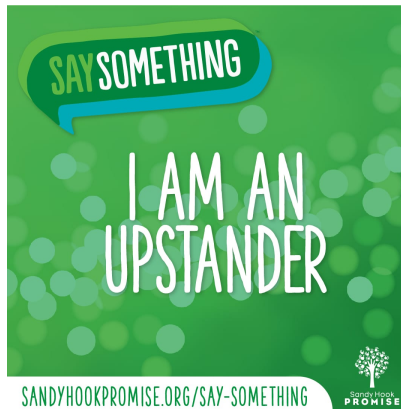
It is an important night for our community. We hope to connect with one grown up for each middle school student at HMS. Help us achieve this goal by registering for a conference today!



HIDDEN IN PLAIN SIGHT PRESENTED DURING CONFERENCE NIGHT!

The Hamden Youth Services Bureau is sponsoring an opportunity for parents to learn how to look for signs of potential adolescent "risky" behavior. When parents attend conferences on Tuesday, January

9th, they can visit this informational station in the main lobby. There will be a mock bedroom for parents and adults to explore and try to find evidence of drug paraphernalia and warning signs associated with drug and alcohol abuse. It is an excellent resource, and parents have expressed positive feedback about this informational program.



SAY SOMETHING!

We continue to encourage our students to advocate for themselves and our community. Students learn how to be an "upstander" - a person who speaks or acts in support of an individual or cause. On Tuesday, we discussed how students can recognize warning signs, such as threatening posts on social media, a friend who may be depressed, or a conflict between classmates. If they see something that causes them to worry or be concerned, we want them to say something to a trusted adult.

Teachers also reintroduced students to the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. There are multiple ways our students can make an anonymous report. They can submit a tip or make a report by using the [Say Something website](#). Students can also call the Say Something hotline at 1-844-5-SayNow. Students can choose to download the free Say Something App on Google Play or the Apple Store to make reports.

If a student was to make an anonymous report, we receive timely information from the Sandy Hook Call Center. As a team, we can respond to all tips to ensure our students are well-cared for and safe at HMS. Hamden Public Schools is proud to partner with the Sandy Hook Promise organization. We are committed to ensuring schools are a safe, positive place for students to learn. Parents are encouraged to talk to their children about the Say Something Anonymous Reporting tools. Be sure your middle schooler knows how to make a report to a trusted adult or by utilizing the Say Something tools.

HMS BASKETBALL GAMES

Students who are interested in watching a basketball game at HMS **must be accompanied by an adult/parent**. Parents, we love to have students cheering on teams, but we need help supervising students during the games.

Moving forward, parents can only accept responsibility for their own children and three additional friends as long as they are willing to remain at HMS until all children are safely picked up from school.

THE DRAGON'S POST STUDENT NEWSPAPER

Our student Newspaper Club has been busy at work compiling their second issue. They did an awesome job. [CLICK HERE to view The Dragon's Post Student Newspaper.](#)

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
2. September 18, 2023
3. October 16, 2023
4. October 30, 2023
5. November 13, 2023
6. November 22, 2023
7. December 11, 2023
8. December 21, 2023
9. January 8, 2024

10. January 25, 2024
11. February 5, 2024
12. February 15, 2024
13. March 4, 2024
14. March 21, 2024
15. April 1, 2024
16. May 6, 2024
17. May 16, 2024
18. June 3, 2024

