

Week of January 15-19, 2024

Monday,  
January 15, 2024

**Tuesday,  
January 16, 2024 (A1)**

Wednesday,  
January 17, 2024 (B1)

Thursday,  
January 18, 2024 (A2)

**Friday,  
January 19, 2024 (B2)**

We want all of our students to wear their HMS Dragon Shirts. We gifted each student this school spirit swag on the day of their Price is Right assembly. Parents, please help us by finding this t-shirt and making sure it

is washed and ready for Thursday morning.

**REMINDER: Marking Period 2 Ends on Tuesday, January 23rd. There are 6 instructional days left in this marking period.**

## Dragon Pride Ticket Prizes

Earn Dragon Pride Tickets to trade in for prizes!

Tickets can be exchanged during lunch when available for the prizes below...

<b>Snack Cart</b> 10 Tickets	<b>Cup-O-Noodles</b> 20 Tickets
See Ms. Mule or Mr. Tremper to exchange tickets for the prizes below...	
<b>Student Center</b> 10 Tickets	<b>HMS T-Shirt</b> 25 Tickets
<b>School News Anchor</b> 25 Tickets	<b>Karaoke with Coogan</b> 25 Tickets
<b>Bracelet Making with Mule</b> 40 Tickets, 4 People	<b>Plates with Coffey</b> 40 Tickets, 4 People
<b>TikToks with Tremper</b> 40 Tickets, 4 People	<b>Open Gym with Ortiz</b> 50 Tickets, 5 People
<b>Monthly Field Trips</b> 100 Tickets	<b>Recess</b> 50 Tickets, 5 People
<b>Noodle Party</b> 20 Tickets per person up to 8 people	<b>Mystery Prize ???</b> 25 Tickets

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## DRAGON PRIDE TICKETS & REWARDS

As part of our implementation of PBIS, we identified prosocial behaviors, we consistently teach (re-teach) and model the expectations. Then, we positively reinforce behaviors through recognition. At HMS, we give Dragon Pride Tickets when we observe students following the school-wide behavioral expectations. We intend to boost the program by refreshing the "rewards" students can purchase with their Dragon Pride Tickets. There are some great things, such as serving as a news anchor on WHMS School News, attending a monthly field trip, and earning recess or open gym time. Parents, please ask your children if they earned a Dragon Pride ticket and why? Parent chats are a wonderful way to reinforce positive choices!

**DRAGON PRIDE TICKET**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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HMS Staff Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## WINTER CONCERTS AT HMS

Mark your calendars! You are invited to attend the Winter Concerts.

- **Wednesday, January 17**  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra
- **Tuesday, January 23**  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra
- **Thursday, January 25**  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade Band, Jazz Band

Our student musicians and singers have diligently prepared for these concerts. Mr. Barkon, Mr. Gunn, and Mr. O'Herron are excited to share their students' talent with our community. All concerts begin at 7 PM in our school auditorium. We hope to see you there.

## HMS 2024 YEARBOOK CLUB MEETINGS & COVER DESIGN CONTEST

Ms. Santiago is the faculty advisor to the HMS 2024 Yearbook Club. She is ready to start meeting with students on Wednesday afternoon. It is a new club, and students who have been trying to get involved at HMS are encouraged to attend.

The club's first project is the **Yearbook Cover Design Contest**. Student artists are invited to design our yearbook covers. Students can design a cover and submit it to Ms. Santiago by Thursday, February 15th. The winning entries will be proudly displayed as the front cover and back covers of the 2024 HMS Yearbook.

## Requirements for the Cover Designs:

- 1.) Brainstorm ideas. How would you represent Hamden Middle School, including the teachers, students, and families. Don't forget our mascot the Dragon!
- 2.) Use a 8 ½ X 11 white sheet of paper.
- 3.) Leave a ½ inch border around the edge of the paper.
- 4.) Draw your artwork VERTICALLY, not horizontally.
- 5.) Keep your artwork flat and clean.
- 6.) Include our school name (Hamden Middle School) and the year (2023-2024) in your design.
- 7.) Write your first and last name on the reverse side in pencil.
- 8.) Submit your artwork to Ms. Santiago on or before Thursday, February 15th by 9 a.m. (This deadline is firm.)

**Yearbook Cover Contest**  
Deadline: Thursday, February 15, 2023

All student artists are invited to design our yearbook cover. We are looking for both a FRONT cover and a BACK cover. Therefore, students can submit one design to be considered for either the front or back, or they can submit a specific design for the front or back. (We are counting on your creativity!)

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## HMS PTA MEETING

Our next PTA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30th from 6:30-7:30 pm at HMS. There is also a Zoom Link available:

<https://zoom.us/j/93038450990> for those who might prefer to join from home. We will be discussing upcoming events, including an Internet Safety Presentation on February 21st at 6 pm and a Family Bowling Night on Feb 12th 6:30-8:00 pm. We would love to connect with other parents; please join us!



## WHY HAMDEN HIGH SCHOOL?

The Hamden High School administrative team extends a warm invitation to you for the "Why Hamden High School" Informational Event on January 18 at 6:30 pm. This event is a great opportunity for families with incoming ninth graders to explore the many benefits of choosing Hamden High School for your child's high school journey.

Join us for an informative presentation that speaks to the unique advantages of a Hamden High School education. This includes a captivating student-produced video followed by heartfelt student testimonials, providing a firsthand look at the exceptional aspects that define the Hamden High School experience. The administrative team will speak to the many strengths of Hamden High School that includes a diverse student population, a caring and dedicated staff, a comprehensive program of studies, a range of extracurricular activities, and noteworthy postsecondary outcomes.

The presentation will be followed by student-led campus tours led by our student ambassadors and a clubs and organizations showcase. Our

administrative team will be on hand after the presentation to answer individual questions you may have. Whether it's about academic programs, extracurriculars, or any other aspect of the Hamden High School experience, we are here to ensure you have all the information you need.

We look forward to welcoming you on January 18 at 6:30 pm to experience the excellence that defines Hamden High School.

## JOIN HEALTHY HEROES

*Do your children want to meet new friends?*

*Do your children need help with improving their grades?*

*If you answer, yes.. Check out Healthy Heroes!*

Members of the HMS faculty and staff work with students on Monday and Friday afternoons. They help students complete their homework assignments. They also promote healthy choices with healthy snacks, engaging lessons, and fitness activities. This program is FREE to HMS students. Parents, please consider if your child would benefit from this program. Contact Michelle Mule for additional information at [mmule@hamden.org](mailto:mmule@hamden.org).

## NATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS (NAEP) TESTING

Hamden Middle School will participate in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) on February 12, 2024. NAEP is the largest nationally representative and continuing assessment of what students know and can do in various subjects. It is different from our state and local assessments because it is a common measure of achievement across the country. The assessment is administered by the National Center for Education Statistics, within the U.S Department of Education.

The results are released as The Nation's Report Card, which provides information about student achievement to educators, parents, policymakers and the public. If your child has been chosen to take part in this assessment you will be receiving an email this week.

The assessment takes approximately 2 hours for most students, which includes transition time, directions and completion of survey questions. The information is used for statistical purposes only and your child's grades will not be affected. A brochure that explains what participation in NAEP means is available at <http://nces.ed.gov/nationsreportcard/pdf/parents/2012469.pdf>. If you have questions please contact Ms. Coffey at [jcoffey@hamden.org](mailto:jcoffey@hamden.org).

## 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.

## 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.



## SAVE THE DATE: IXTAPA DINNER FUNDRAISER

On Thursday, February 15th, the HMS community is encouraged to have dinner at a local Mexican restaurant, Ixtapa. They will donate 20% of all meals purchased at the restaurant or take out. *(It does not include meals ordered through outside groups, like Uber orders, Grub Hub, or Door Dash.)* We hope members of the HMS community will join us. It is a great night to tell your

family that you are having a treat for dinner! And, who celebrates Valentines on 2/14? Smart families wait until the next day! 😊

