



Principal Michelle Coogan

Week of May 1, 2024

OUR MONTH IN REVIEW

The final months of school are a busy time. We intend to share a monthly calendar each with families to help everyone stay organized and prepared for events at HMS. In addition, we will consistently update the [HMS Calendar](#) on the school website. Please be sure to scroll past the calendar to read the weekly updates.

Hamden Middle School Calendar May 2024				
		1 (B6) SBAC Math CAT Session 1 (Teams Domurad & Morello / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM Team Ugolik Field Trip to Regional Water Authority (Rain Date) 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM SBAC NGSS Session 2 (Teams DeLucia & Rocco / B6 & B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM After-School Programs Culinary Club Dance Team Expressions Club Gr. 8 A-Team Jazz Band Newspaper/News Club Spring Intramurals Student Council Student Sunshine Club Technology Club Late Bus Spring Sports Baseball & Softball Practice	2 (A7) SBAC Math CAT Session 1 (Teams DeLucia & Rocco / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM Team Ugolik Field Trip to Regional Water Authority (Rain Date) 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM SBAC Math CAT Session 2 (Teams Domurad & Morello / B6 & B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM Staff Meeting (B-90) 2:50 PM - 4:20 PM Spring Sports Baseball AWAY vs. W.I Softball HOME vs. W.I. Into the Woods! Performance #1 7:00 PM	3 (B7) Grit & Wit SBAC 2024: Gr. 7 SBAC Math CAT Session 2 (Teams DeLucia & Rocco / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM Baseball & Softball Practice 2:50 PM - 4:30 PM Healthy Heroes: LAST DAY! Into the Woods! Performance #2 7:00 PM Saturday, May 4, 2024 Into the Woods! Performance #3 2:00 PM
Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10, 2024)				
6 (A1) School Safety Meeting	7 (B1)	8 (A2) School Nurses' Day	9 (B2)	10 (A3)

<p>8:00 AM - 8:45 AM</p> <p>Security Meeting 8:50 AM - 9:30 AM</p> <p>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1 (Teams DeLucia & Rocco / B4) 10:50 AM - 12:05 PM</p> <p>HMS Early Dismissal (12:05 PM) / Professional Development</p> <p>Team Leader Meeting 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM</p>	<p>Gary Petersen, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1 (Teams Domurad & Morello / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:30 AM</p> <p>Amanda Baksa, CSDE Educational Consultant, Visits HMS 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM</p> <p>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2 (Teams DeLucia & Rocco / B6 & B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p> <p>After-School Programs Office Hours</p> <p>Spring Sports Baseball HOME vs. North Haven Softball AWAY vs. North Haven</p>	<p>SBAC Math PT (Teams DeLucia & Rocco / B2 & B3) 8:50- 10:20 AM</p> <p>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2 (Teams Domurad & Morello / B6 & B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p> <p>After-School Programs Culinary Club Dance Team Expressions Club Jazz Band Math Club Mock Trial Spring Intramurals YES Club</p> <p>Spring Sports Baseball & Softball Practice</p>	<p>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1 (Teams Coggins & Ugolik / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</p> <p>Test of Emergency Communications 10:00 AM</p> <p>SBAC Math PT (Teams Domurad & Morello / B6 & B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p> <p>Staff Meeting (Collaboration) 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM</p> <p>Spring Sports Baseball AWAY vs. New Haven Softball HOME vs. New Haven 3:45 PM</p>	<p>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2 (Teams Coggins & Ugolik / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</p> <p>SBAC Math PT (Teams Holt & Stanton / B4) 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM</p> <p>Spring Sports Baseball & Softball Practice 2:50 PM</p>
<p>13 (B3)</p> <p>SBAC Math CAT Session 1 (Teams Holt & Stanton / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</p> <p>SBAC Math PT (Teams Coggins & Ugolik / B6 & B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p> <p>Spring Sports Baseball & Softball Practice 2:50 PM</p>	<p>14 (A4)</p> <p>SBAC Math CAT Session 1 (Teams Coggins & Ugolik / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</p> <p>SBAC Math CAT Session 2 (Teams Holt & Stanton/ B6 & B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p> <p>After-School Programs Office Hours</p> <p>Spring Sports Baseball HOME vs. Melillo Softball AWAY vs. Melillo 4:00 PM</p> <p>School Governance Council Meeting (6:00 PM)</p>	<p>15 (B4)</p> <p>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1 (Teams Holt & Stanton / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</p> <p>SBAC Math CAT Session 2 (Teams Coggins & Ugolik / B6 & B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p> <p>After-School Programs Culinary Club Dance Team Expressions Club Gr. 8 A-Team Jazz Band Spring Intramurals Student Council Technology Club</p> <p>Spring Sports Baseball HOME vs. Bailey Softball AWAY vs. Bailey</p>	<p>16 (A5)</p> <p>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2 (Teams Holt & Stanton / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</p> <p>Amanda Baksa, CSDE Educational Consultant, Visits HMS 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM</p> <p>HMS Early Dismissal (12:05 PM) / Professional Development (Teacher Evaluation & Support/DESSA) 12:05 PM</p>	<p>17 (B5)</p> <p>SBAC Make-ups (Teams Coggins & Ugolik / B2 & B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</p> <p>Asian American & Pacific Islander Assembly (Grade 8) 9:00 AM - 10:20 AM</p> <p>SBAC Make-ups (Teams Holt & Stanton / B4) 10:20 - 11:40 AM</p> <p>Dragon PRIDE Lunch Bunch Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Pizza 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM</p> <p>Spring Sports Baseball & Softball Practice</p>
<p>20 (A6)</p> <p>Dr. LaSalle, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Eli Whitney Visits Math Classes 8:05 AM - 2:50 PM</p> <p>Italian Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Restaurant (Group 1) 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</p>	<p>21 (B6)</p> <p>Gary Petersen, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Homebase 8:35 AM - 9:10 AM</p>	<p>22 (A7)</p> <p>DIBELS Day (Gr. 7)</p> <p>Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Italian Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Restaurant (Group 3) 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</p>	<p>23 (B7)</p> <p>Field Day (Gr. 7)</p> <p>Gr. 8 Dance 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>24 (A1)</p> <p>HPS Superintendent Student of the Month Celebration (7:30 AM)</p> <p>Field Day (Gr. 8)</p> <p>School Safety Meeting 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM</p>

Spring Sports Baseball & Softball Practice Team Leader Meeting 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM	Italian Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Restaurant (Group 2) 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM After-School Programs Office Hours Spring Sports Softball AWAY vs. Amity Orange Baseball HOME vs. Amity Orange 3:45 PM	After-School Programs Dance Team Expressions Club Gr. 7 A-Team Jazz Band Math Club Mock Trial Newspaper/News Club Spring Intramurals Technology Club YES Club Spring Sports Baseball HOME vs. Shelton Softball AWAY vs. Shelton Spring Concert: Gr. 7 Band & HMS Jazz Band 5:30 PM Spring Concert: Gr. 7 Orchestra & Chorus 7:00 PM		Security Meeting 8:50 AM - 9:30 AM
27 No School Memorial Day HMS Marching Band Performance in the Hamden Memorial Day Parade	28 (B1) DIBELS Day (Gr. 8) Dragon Pride Field Trip to Peabody Museum (Gr. 7) 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM After-School Programs Office Hours 2:50 PM HMS PTA Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	29 (A2) DIBELS Day (Make Ups!) Team Domurad Field Trip to HHS (9:00 -10:30 AM) Team Morello Field Trip to HHS (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM) After-School Programs Expressions Club Gr. 8 A-Team Jazz Band Let's Learn Merengue Spring Intramurals Student Council Technology Club YES Club Last Day for After-School Programs & Late Buses	30 (B2) Rain Date: Field Day (Gr. 7) Team Rocco Field Trip to HHS (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM) Team DeLucia Field Trip to (HHS 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM) Spring Concert: Gr. 8 Orchestra, Chorus & Band 7:00 PM	31 (A3) Rain Date: Field Day (Gr. 8) Algebra Final 8:15 AM - 10:15 AM

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 6-10, 2024)

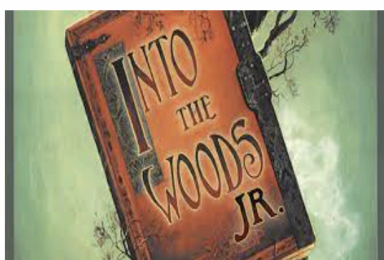
WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We are celebrating all members of the HMS faculty and staff next week. It is a special opportunity for students and families to say thank you to the educators who make a positive impact on our community. Parents, we could use your help to implement the following ideas:

- 1.) **STOCK THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE:** The PTA is planning to stock the staff lounge with goodies, drinks, and snacks. Please use this list to purchase and send items directly to the fantastic staff and educators at HMS. It's so easy to show your support. [Teacher Appreciation Week](#)

- 2.) **COMPLIMENT A TEACHER:** Kindness is the greatest gift a person can receive. Please consider writing a quick note for an individual teacher or a team of teachers who have made a positive impact on your middle schooler. Send Ms. Coogan your note via email (mcoogan@hamden.org) or to the main office. She will print and surprise the recipient with your note.
- 3.) **GIFT CARD RAFFLE:** Please donate a \$5 or 10 gift card to the Teacher Appreciation Raffle. On Friday, May 10th, our teachers will spin the wheel and win a prize. Send gift cards to Ms. Coogan in the main office on or before Thursday, May 9th.

**Hamden Middle School Drama Club
PRESENTS**



Music by

Stephen Sondheim

Book by

James Lapine

Originally Directed on Broadway by James Lapine

Orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick

Original Broadway production by

Heidi Landesman

Rocco Landesman

Rick Steiner

M. Anthony Fisher

Frederick H. Mayerson

Jujamcyn Theaters

Originally produced by the Old Globe Theatre, San Diego, CA

May 2nd-4th, 2024

Thursday & Friday 7:00 PM, Saturday 2:00 matinee

Hamden Middle School, 2623 Dixwell Avenue

TICKETS: \$10 general admission Students, \$5

Into the Woods, Jr. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by
Music Theatre International, New York, NY 212-541-4684 | mtishows.com

JOIN US FOR THREE AMAZING PERFORMANCES OF INTO THE WOODS!

Our theater students are ready to share their talents with the HMS community. *Into the Woods, Jr.* is the story of a baker and his wife who are determined to start a family but must work together to break the witch's curse. Our students bring to life the motto, *Be careful what you wish for!* You must come see the Baker, his wife, Rapunzel, Cinderella, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and more! Please consider attending one or more of the three performances this weekend. We hope to see you there.

Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00 PM

Friday, May 3rd at 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 4th at 2:00 PM

CELEBRATING OUR HMS DRAGONS

Third Marking Period Honor Roll

We are excited to recognize our HMS scholars who earned honors during the third marking period. Please check the [HONOR ROLL](#) posted on our school website. Students achieve high honors by earning all As in their courses. When students earn all As and Bs, they are recognized as honor students. We also shine the honorable mention spotlight on students who earned As, Bs, and one C. Teaching and learning is our priority at HMS, and we value the hard work and commitment of our students. In an effort to

raise awareness and celebrate our students, we shared honor roll information with student names on WHMS, our daily school news program.

SCASA Award Recipients

On Friday, April 26th, Camille D. and Will S. and their parents joined Superintendent Highsmith and Ms. Coogan at the South Central Area Superintendents' Association Student Recognition Luncheon in Waterbury. The SCASA Student Leadership Award recognizes students' accomplishments based on academic, extra-curricular, and community service criteria.



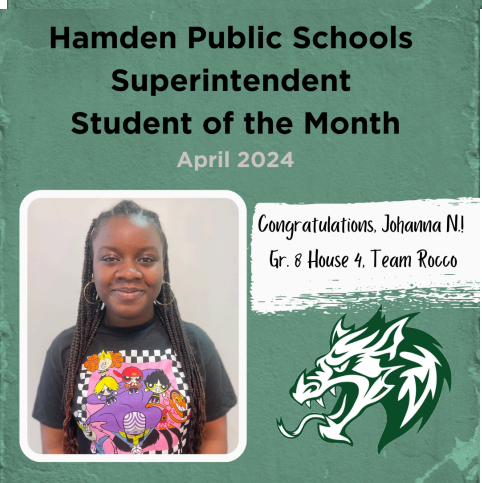
Camille D., Grade 8

Camille exemplifies the spirit of this award through her dedication to both academic excellence and service to others. In the classroom, she consistently demonstrates a strong work ethic and a genuine passion for learning, exceeding expectations and inspiring her peers. Camille is a creative person who loves to draw and sing; she is an active member of our school's chorus. She is also an avid reader and finds joy in visiting the library and local bookstores. Beyond academics, Camille actively volunteers her time to various community initiatives, demonstrating a deep commitment to making a positive impact on those around her. Her leadership qualities shine through not only her individual contributions but also in her ability to motivate and collaborate with others. Family is extremely important to Camille, and she values opportunities to learn about her culture. Camille is a humble individual, yet she is motivated to work hard and achieve her goals. We predict Camille will continue to learn and make our world a better place.



William S., Grade 8

William is a remarkable student, and he consistently receives accolades from his teachers and peers. He is a scholar who is determined to be his best self by being present and prepared for school every day. He is articulate, kind, and easily engages with others. Will consistently earns honors and serves as the president of our National Junior Honor Society. Music is a passion for Will, and he learned to play the cello at age four. He was motivated to perform in both the school's band and orchestra, so he learned to play the clarinet in fourth grade. Will is an accomplished musician, and he inspires other students to consistently practice and perform. Outside of school, Will plays tennis and enjoys the opportunity to compete. Will's older brothers inspire and motivate him to work hard to achieve his goals. In the future, Will anticipates he will explore the fields of science to determine his career goals. We are confident he will be a positive leader in our community.



HPS Superintendent Students of the Month (April 2024)

Ms. Coffey joined students and families at the month student of the month celebration at the Board of Education on Friday, April 26th. We would like to shine the spotlight on two of our eighth grade scholars, Johanna N. and Sebastian C.

Johanna N., Gr. 8, House 4, Team Rocco

Johanna is new to the HMS family, coming all the way from Accra, Ghana. Johanna hit the ground running when she started at HMS. She takes on challenges graciously, seizes opportunities to help others, and positively contributes to our team community. Her sense of self and wellbeing is clearly shown in the way she presents herself in and out of the classroom. She continues to exude the level of maturity and social skills that embodies our school-wide expectations. Johanna is involved in the chorus. In her free time she enjoys playing guitar, singing, cooking and indulging in her creations. Johanna aspires to be a cardiac surgeon in the future. We are grateful and fortunate to be a part of her academic experience.



Sebastian C., Gr. 8, House 4, Team DeLucia

Sebastian is described by his teachers as a high achiever with high energy. He always has a smile and a positive outlook, and his attitude is contagious! While it may seem like a small gesture, Sebastian is known for his warm greetings. He always acknowledges others with a quick hello or good morning. He understands the importance of kindness. Sebastian thrives in his classes because of his desire to accomplish each task to the best of his ability. Sebastian's efforts on projects are top-notch, and he achieves his goals as a result of his hard work and determination. Sebastian is a natural leader who willingly supports his group and keeps his peers motivated and focused. Sebastian is also an athlete and plays soccer. He shows leadership both in the classroom and on the field that will help him succeed in the years to come.

SBAC 2024

Our eighth grade students kicked off standardized testing in a powerful way. Most students completed the NGSS science assessment, and they are moving forward with the math tests. We are doing our best to support each student by offering tips and words of encouragement, creating the optimal testing environment, and reminding them – **THEY'VE GOT IT!** Parents, we appreciate your ongoing support. We will continue to post updates in our school newsletters.



GRIT 'N WIT

Our eighth-grade students had a fabulous experience with the Grit 'N Wit crew last week. There was much excitement on the backfields, as students completed both physical and mental challenges. Our seventh-grade students are scheduled to participate on Friday. **Please be sure your 7th grade HMS Dragon has a signed waiver. It is required in order to participate.** They will not want to miss out on this outstanding opportunity.

ALL THINGS EIGHTH GRADE

IMPORTANT DATES FOR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS

May 23: Grade 8 Dance

May 24: Grade 8 Field Day

May 30: Spring Concert Featuring the HMS Gr. 8 Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and Jazz Band

June 5: Grade 8 Field Trip to Holiday Hill (Teams Domurad & Rocco)

June 6: Grade 8 Field Trip to Holiday Hill (Teams DeLucia & Morello)

June 10: Team Rocco's Eighth Grade Celebration at 9 AM

June 10: Team Morello's Eighth Grade Celebration at 11 AM

June 11: Team DeLucia's Eighth Grade Celebration at 9 AM

June 11: Team Domurad's Eighth Grade Celebration at 11 AM

June 13: Last Day of School

SURPRISE YOUR EIGHTH GRADE STUDENT WITH A HMS DRAGON LAWN SIGN



Completing middle school is an accomplishment worth celebrating! We are selling beautiful green and gold lawn signs to our 8th grade families. The cost is \$15.00, and payments can be made with cash, check or through Venmo @HMSDragons (HMS Banker Rodriguez). Parents, you can pick up your yard sign in the main office. Please complete this [HMS CONGRATULATIONS SIGN ORDER FORM](#).

GRADE 8 DANCE

We are planning a special evening for our Class of 2024 on Thursday, May 23rd. At this time, Ms. Coffey is seeking donations for the snack table. [Grade 8 Dance Donations](#)

Note: Students must be present in school on May 23 for the first four periods of the day in order to be eligible to participate in the dance. If grownups intend to

dismiss students early, please plan to pick up your child no earlier than 11:30 AM. Of course, we would love for students to stay the entire day!

HEALTH UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

Tips for Allergy Season

Allergy season is upon us. Below are a few helpful ways that you can help your child manage.

- Wash hands and face when coming indoors after being outside
- Tie up long hair- ponytails or buns – this decreases the amount of exposure to pollens and other allergens
- Change shirt when coming indoors
- Speak to your doctor or SBHC about adding allergy medication BEFORE coming to school. Allergies can flair after recess.

School Based Health Clinic

Did you know we have a clinic directly in our school?

Services are for ALL students at Hamden Middle School, as well as incoming students!

- Must be registered with the clinic
- All services are FREE. Clinic sees patients with or without insurance
- This **does not** replace your child's pediatrician
- Conveniently available during school hours/ school days.

Our SBHC Services Include:

Telehealth (Video and/or telephone chat) visits available daily • Physical exams required for school compliance • Sports physicals • Vaccines-all vaccines needed to attend school will be available, including FLU vaccines in the Fall • Sick visits • Treatment for asthma, allergies, obesity, and other health concerns • Referral to specialty care • Mental Health individualized and group counseling • Crisis intervention

Please reach out to the clinic with any questions or concerns!

Johnnise Sumpter, Medical Assistant and SBHC Coordinator

Angela Nardecchia, Family Nurse Practitioner

Dawn Hatchett, LCSW

203-407-7223

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>

HHS SCHOOL GOVERNANCE COUNCIL

Calling all parents! Do you want to have a voice in your child's educational process? Do you enjoy representing other parents on behalf of our school community? Then we need you on the HHS Governance Council! Please complete the attached application form in order to be considered for a 2-year term. This can make a huge difference in your child's life and have a positive impact in the lives of all HHS students and staff! Thank you! Please refer to the link below.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/12Zi-M2LFZngEVnFbl4Jtjqc4qVDJ4aYUuy8LI8PA0/edit>



Interested in purchasing HMS Swag?

Check out this website: <https://hamdenspiritwear.com/>

SPRING SALE

SPIRITWEAR WEEKLY AD
Valid April 26 - May 2, 2024

Sponge Hoodies #3719, 3719Y 15% OFF		15% OFF #2790, 2791, 2792, 2793 Wicking Short Sleeves
TOTE BAGS!		15% OFF
Gildan Long Sleeves #2400 & 5400B 20% OFF		Flat Rate Shipping! SHIPPING IS ALWAYS \$4.95 ON ALL ORDERS
Tri Blend Short Sleeves #3066, 3065, 3067 10% OFF		Ladies' Beach Crewneck #67391 10% OFF



PRIMAVERA VENTA

SPIRITWEAR ANUNCIO SEMANAL
VÁLIDO ABRIL 26 - MAY 2, 2024

Sudaderas con Capucha de Esponja #3719, 3719Y 15% DESCANTADO		15% DESCANTADO #2790, 2791, 2792, 2793 Mangas Cortas Absorbentes
¡BOLSOS DE MANO!		15% DESCANTADO
Gildan Mangas Largas #2400 & 5400B 20% DESCANTADO		¡Tarifa plana de envío! EL ENVÍO ES SIEMPRE \$4.95 EN TODOS LOS PEDIDOS
Mangas Cortas Tri Blend #3066, 3065, 3067 10% DESCANTADO		Cuello Redondo de Playa Para Mujer #67391 10% DESCANTADO





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.
