



Principal Michelle Coogan

Week of May 6-10, 2024

### OUR MONTH IN REVIEW

The final months of school are a busy time. We intend to share a monthly calendar each week 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.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10, 2024)</b>				
<b>6 (A1)</b>  School Safety Meeting 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM  Security Meeting 8:50 AM - 9:30 AM  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1</b> <b>(Teams DeLucia &amp; Rocco / B4)</b> <b>10:50 AM - 12:05 PM</b>  HMS Early Dismissal (12:05 PM) / Professional Development  Team Leader Meeting 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM	<b>7 (B1)</b>  Gary Petersen, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1</b> <b>(Teams Domurad &amp; Morello / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50 AM - 10:30 AM</b>  Amanda Baksa, CSDE Educational Consultant, Visits HMS 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2</b> <b>(Teams DeLucia &amp; Rocco / B6 &amp; B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</b>  <b>After-School Programs</b> Office Hours/IXL Support  <b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball HOME vs. North Haven Softball AWAY vs. North Haven	<b>8 (A2)</b>  School Nurses' Day  <b>SBAC Math PT (Teams DeLucia &amp; Rocco / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50- 10:20 AM</b>  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2</b> <b>(Teams Domurad &amp; Morello / B6 &amp; B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</b>  <b>After-School Programs</b> Culinary Club Expressions Club Jazz Band Math Club Mock Trial Spring Intramurals Student Sunshine Club YES Club <b>Late Bus</b>  <b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball & Softball Practice	<b>9 (B2)</b>  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1</b> <b>(Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</b>  Test of Emergency Communications 10:00 AM  <b>SBAC Math PT (Teams Domurad &amp; Morello / B6 &amp; B7)</b> <b>1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</b>  <b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball AWAY vs. New Haven Softball HOME vs. New Haven 3:45 PM	<b>10 (A3)</b>  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2</b> <b>(Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</b>  <b>SBAC Math PT (Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B4) 10:20 AM - 11:40 AM</b>  <b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball & Softball Practice
<b>13 (B3)</b>  <b>SBAC Math CAT Session 1</b> <b>(Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</b>	<b>14 (A4)</b>  <b>SBAC Math CAT Session 1</b> <b>(Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</b>	<b>15 (B4)</b>  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1</b> <b>(Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</b>	<b>16 (A5)</b>  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2</b> <b>(Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</b>	<b>17 (B5)</b>  <b>SBAC Make-ups (Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B2 &amp; B3)</b> <b>8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</b>

<p><b>SBAC Math PT (Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B6 &amp; B7)</b> 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</p> <p><b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball &amp; Softball Practice 2:50 PM</p>	<p><b>SBAC Math CAT Session 2 (Teams Holt &amp; Stanton/ B6 &amp; B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</b></p> <p><i>Student Council Walking Field Trip to Hamden Government Center - Gr. 8 Only (10:45 AM-2:00 PM)</i></p> <p><b>After-School Programs</b> Office Hours</p> <p><b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball HOME vs. Melillo Softball AWAY vs. Melillo 4:00 PM</p> <p>School Governance Council Meeting (6:00 PM)</p>	<p><b>SBAC Math CAT Session 2 (Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B6 &amp; B7) 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>After-School Programs</b> Culinary Club Expressions Club Gr. 8 A-Team Jazz Band Spring Intramurals Student Council Student Sunshine Club Technology Club <b>Late Bus</b></p> <p><b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball HOME vs. Bailey Softball AWAY vs. Bailey</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 &amp; Support/DESSA) 12:05 PM</p>	<p><b>Asian American &amp; Pacific Islander Assembly (Grade 8) 9:00 AM - 10:20 AM</b></p> <p><b>SBAC Make-ups (Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B4) 10:20 - 11:40 AM</b></p> <p><i>Dragon PRIDE Lunch Bunch Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Pizza 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM</i></p> <p><b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball &amp; Softball Practice 2:50 PM</p>
<p><b>20 (A6)</b></p> <p>Dr. LaSalle, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Eli Whitney Visits Math Classes 8:05 AM - 2:50 PM</p> <p><i>Italian Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Restaurant (Group 1) 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</i></p> <p><b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball &amp; Softball Practice</p> <p><b>HMS Kung Fu Panda 4 Movie Field Trip (1:30-4:15 P.M.)</b></p> <p>Team Leader Meeting 2:50 PM - 3:50 PM</p>	<p><b>21 (B6)</b></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><i>Italian Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Restaurant (Group 2) 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</i></p> <p><b>After-School Programs</b> Office Hours</p> <p><b>Spring Sports</b> Softball AWAY vs. Amity Orange Baseball HOME vs. Amity Orange 3:45 PM</p>	<p><b>22 (A7)</b></p> <p>DIBELS Day (Gr. 7)</p> <p>Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p><i>Italian Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Restaurant (Group 3) 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</i></p> <p><i>NJHS Field Trip to the Beardsley Zoo (8:45 AM-12:30 PM)</i></p> <p><b>After-School Programs</b> Expressions Club Gr. 7 A-Team Jazz Band Math Club Mock Trial Newspaper/News Club Spring Intramurals Student Sunshine Club Technology Club YES Club <b>Late Bus</b></p> <p><b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball HOME vs. Shelton Softball AWAY vs. Shelton</p> <p><b>Spring Concert: Gr. 7 Band &amp; HMS Jazz Band 5:30 PM</b></p> <p><b>Spring Concert: Gr. 7 Orchestra &amp; Chorus 7:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>23 (B7)</b></p> <p>Field Day (Grade 7)</p> <p>Gr. 8 Dance 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p>	<p><b>24 (A1)</b></p> <p>HPS Superintendent Student of the Month Celebration (7:30 AM)</p> <p>Field Day (Grade 8)</p> <p>School Safety Meeting 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM</p> <p>Security Meeting 8:50 AM - 9:30 AM</p>
<p><b>27</b></p> <p>No School Memorial Day</p>	<p><b>28 (B1)</b></p> <p>DIBELS Day (Gr. 8)</p>	<p><b>29 (A2)</b></p> <p>DIBELS Day (Make Ups!)</p>	<p><b>30 (B2)</b></p> <p>Rain Date: Field Day (Grade 7)</p>	<p><b>31 (A3)</b></p> <p>Rain Date: Field Day (Grade 8)</p>

<b>HMS Marching Band Performance in the Hamden Memorial Day Parade</b>	<i>Dragon Pride Field Trip to Peabody Museum (Gr. 7)</i> 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM	<i>Team Domurad Field Trip to HHS (9:00 -10:30 AM)</i>  <i>Team Morello Field Trip to HHS (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)</i>	<i>Team Rocco Field Trip to HHS (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM)</i>  <i>Team DeLucia Field Trip to (HHS 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)</i>	Algebra Final 8:15 AM - 10:15 AM
	<b>After-School Programs</b> Office Hours 2:50 PM  HMS PTA Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	<b>After-School Programs</b> Expressions Club Gr. 8 A-Team Jazz Band Let's Learn Merengue Spring Intramurals Student Council Student Sunshine Club Technology Club YES Club <b>Late Bus</b>  <b>Last Day for After-School Programs &amp; Late Buses</b>  <i>HMS IF Movie Field Trip (1:30-4:15 PM)</i>	<b>Spring Concert: Gr. 8 Orchestra, Chorus &amp; Band</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	

## TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 6-10, 2024)

### WE NEED YOUR HELP! IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

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](mailto: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.

## SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

### CLICK THIS [LINK](#) TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS AND FEEDBACK!

Soliciting feedback from all members of the community is important. We will survey students, families, and faculty over the next two weeks. Parents, we want to hear from you. Please take a few minutes to complete the School Climate Survey.

## FIELD TRIPS TO THE MOVIES

We are planning two field trips to the movies during the month of May. We are taking the first 50 students who sign up! We will leave at 1:30 PM and return after dismissal. These social field trips are designed to foster positive student relationships and to provide a safe, fun opportunity for students to be social. Interested students can sign up on the Dragon Pride Google Classroom. The code is 34yx3ax. We are able to offer these field trip experiences for a reduced cost of \$5.00. Most importantly, parents need to pick up their HMS Dragon at school by 4:15 PM.

**HMS Movie Field Trip #1: Kung Fu Panda 4** (Monday, May 20th, 1:30-4:15 P.M.)

**HMS Movie Field Trip #2: IF Movie** (Wednesday, May 29th 1:30-4:15 PM)

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## SCHOOL IS BETTER WITH YOU!

As you know, Team Ugolik won the Principal's Cup in March because his team had the best attendance. During the month of April, we monitored attendance across the 8 teams. We looked for teams who had the greatest improvement in attendance. **Drum roll, please... the winner of the Principal's Cup is Team Rocco!** His team's attendance increased by 1.9%. Moving forward, we are monitoring the team with the greatest attendance during SBAC. We are monitoring 8th grade attendance and will keep you posted.

At this moment in time, our year-to-date chronic absenteeism rate is 17.6%. We will continue to promote attendance. Last year, 25% of our students were chronically absent. We are moving in the right direction!

Reminder: Send your HMS Dragons to school. If they need to be absent, please call/

- GRADE 7: Call 203-407-7207
- GRADE 8: Call 203-407-7180

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## PARENTSQUARE

Hamden Public Schools is happy to announce that on Monday, May 6, 2024, we will be moving to ParentSquare, a new two-way messaging platform that will replace our current system School Messenger. ParentSquare will enable you to:

- Receive school and class information via email, text or app
- Send messages to teachers and school staff
- Complete forms, RSVP to school events and sign up to volunteer
- Schedule parent-teacher conferences
- And so much more, all in one place!

On Monday, May 6th, you will receive an email from ParentSquare asking you to activate your account and confirm that we have the correct information for you. Please be sure to do this as soon as possible so we can ensure that all parents/guardians are getting the information you need.

We are excited to offer a new tool for our district to communicate with all stakeholders in our district.

If you have any questions about ParentSquare or your account, please contact the Hamden Public Schools Parentsquare team at [parentsquare@hamden.org](mailto:parentsquare@hamden.org).



## Congratulations, Ms. Domurad

Dana Domurad was named the Hamden Middle School Teacher of the Year for the 2024-2025 school year. Ms. Domurad serves as an eighth-grade English teacher and Team Leader. Her students respect her commitment and passion for teaching, but it may be her unwavering support they admire the most. Dana's colleagues are grateful to work and learn with her. We are proud to have Ms. Domurad represent our school.

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## 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!

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### HEALTH UPDATES FROM THE SCHOOL BASED HEALTH CENTER

#### 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

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## 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>

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## 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-M2LFZngEVnFfbI4Jtjjgc4qVDJ4aYUuy8LI8PA0/edit>

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Interested in purchasing HMS Swag?

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

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## 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.

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