



Principal Michelle Coogan

Week of May 13-20, 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>13 (B3)</b>  <b>SBAC Math CAT Session 1 (Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50 AM - 10:20 AM</b>  <b>SBAC Math PT (Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B6 &amp; B7) 1:00- 2:30 PM</b>  <b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball & Softball Practice 2:50 PM	<b>14 (A4)</b>  <b>SBAC Math CAT Session 1 (Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50-10:20 AM</b>  <b>SBAC Math CAT Session 2 (Teams Holt &amp; Stanton/ B6 &amp; B7) 1:00 -2:30 PM</b>  <i>Student Council Walking Field Trip to Hamden Government Center - Gr. 8 Only (10:45 AM-2:00 PM)</i>  <b>After-School Programs</b> Office Hours  <b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball HOME vs. Melillo Softball AWAY vs. Melillo 4:00 PM  School Governance Council Meeting (6:00 PM)	<b>15 (B4)</b>  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 1 (Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50- 10:20 AM</b>  <b>SBAC Math CAT Session 2 (Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B6 &amp; B7) 1:00-2:30 PM</b>  <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>  <b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball HOME vs. Bailey Softball AWAY vs. Bailey	<b>16 (A5)</b>  <b>SBAC ELA CAT Session 2 (Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50-10:20 AM</b>  Amanda Baksa, CSDE Educational Consultant, Visits HMS 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  HMS Early Dismissal (12:05 PM) / Professional Development (Teacher Evaluation & Support/DESSA) 12:05 PM	<b>17 (B5)</b>  <b>SBAC Make-ups (Teams Coggins &amp; Ugolik / B2 &amp; B3) 8:50-10:20 AM</b>  <b>Asian American &amp; Pacific Islander Assembly (Grade 8) 9:00-10:20 AM</b>  <b>SBAC Make-ups (Teams Holt &amp; Stanton / B4) 10:20-11:40 AM</b>  <i>Dragon PRIDE Lunch Bunch Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Pizza 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM</i>  <b>Spring Sports</b> Baseball & Softball Practice 2:50 PM
<b>20 (A6)</b>  Dr. LaSalle, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS	<b>21 (B6)</b>	<b>22 (A7)</b>  DIBELS Day (Gr. 7)	<b>23 (B7)</b>  Field Day (Grade 7)	<b>24 (A1)</b>

<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)</i> 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</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>Gary Petersen, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Homebase: School Climate Surveys 8:35 AM - 9:10 AM</p> <p><i>Italian Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Restaurant (Group 2)</i> 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</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>Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p><i>Italian Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Restaurant (Group 3)</i> 11:45 AM - 1:15 PM</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>Gr. 8 Dance 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM</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>HMS Marching Band Performance in the Hamden Memorial Day Parade</p>	<p><b>28 (B1)</b></p> <p>DIBELS Day (Gr. 8)</p> <p><i>Dragon Pride Field Trip to Peabody Museum (Gr. 7)</i> 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM</p> <p><b>After-School Programs</b> Office Hours 2:50 PM</p> <p>HMS PTA Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM</p>	<p><b>29 (A2)</b></p> <p>DIBELS Day (Make Ups!)</p> <p><i>Team Domurad Field Trip to HHS (9:00 -10:30 AM)</i></p> <p><i>Team Morello Field Trip to HHS (11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)</i></p> <p><b>After-School Programs</b> Expressions Club Gr. 8 A-Team Jazz Band Let's Learn Merengue Spring Intramurals Student Council</p>	<p><b>30 (B2)</b></p> <p>Rain Date: Field Day (Grade 7)</p> <p><i>Team Rocco Field Trip to HHS (9:00 AM - 10:30 AM)</i></p> <p><i>Team DeLucia Field Trip to (HHS 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM)</i></p> <p><b>Spring Concert: Gr. 8 Orchestra, Chorus &amp; Band 7:00 PM</b></p>	<p><b>31 (A3)</b></p> <p>Rain Date: Field Day (Grade 8)</p> <p>Algebra Final 8:15 AM - 10:15 AM</p>

		Student Sunshine Club Technology Club YES Club  <b>Last Day for After-School Programs &amp; Late Buses</b>  <i>HMS IF Movie Field Trip (1:30-4:15 PM)</i>		
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## SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Parent link: [https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8dCIVH9mmMyVZvo](https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8dCIVH9mmMyVZvo)

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.

## THANK YOU, HMS FAMILIES!

Teacher Appreciation Week was a wonderful success as a result of your kindness and support. Our PTA collected donations from so many families, and they filled the staff room with treats for all the staff to enjoy. We also shared many letters of appreciation with individuals and teams of teachers. We ended the week with a special raffle. Teachers pulled a ticket, and they either won a generous gift card or a prize. We are grateful to work in a caring community, and teachers were thrilled to be remembered by students and families.

## 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!

## SBAC 2024

We are incredibly proud of our students as they are doing their best to complete the state-mandated assessments. Our eighth grade students have completed their four assessments, including ELA CAT, Math CAT, Math Performance Task, and NGSS. We will support several students who need additional time to finish these tests. Our seventh-grade students are starting their tests with the ELA CAT, and they will continue to work next week. While these assessments are only one “snapshot” of student achievement, we are encouraging every student to take their time, read questions carefully, and show off their knowledge and skills. Test proctors are reporting that our students are embracing the challenge with determination. Go Dragons!

### Remember:

- ☐ Charge your chromebooks!
- ☐ Take rest – early bedtimes.
- ☐ Eat breakfast.
- ☐ Bring a refillable water bottle and snacks.

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## FIELD DAYS 2024

**Grade 7 Field Day: Thursday, May 23, 2024**

**Grade 8 Field Day: Friday, May 24, 2024**

Field days are designed to promote fitness and community. Our students will be outdoors participating in a variety of activities for most of the day. We are bringing back some of our favorite events, including DJ Charlie Neal, basketball in the gym, flag football, friendship bracelets, dodgeball, dunk tanks, inflatable obstacle courses, and more. Parents can help us make these days special by ensuring your child wears the correct color t-shirt and brings water bottles, volunteering to attend a portion of the day and/or donating a box of ice pops.



[Grade 7 Parent Volunteer Form](#)

[Grade 8 Parent Volunteer Form](#)

Team Ugolik <b>BLACK</b>	Team Coggins <b>BLUE</b>	Team Stanton <b>GOLD</b>	Team Holt <b>PURPLE</b>
Team Domurad <b>BLACK</b>	Team Morello <b>GRAY</b>	Team DeLucia <b>BLUE</b>	Team Rocco <b>GREEN</b>

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## DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE MEDICATION AT THE SCHOOL HEALTH OFFICE?

If you answer, yes, we want to remind you that medication must be picked up on or before 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 13, 2024. Per state guidance, we are unable to keep medication over the summer months. Unfortunately, we must destroy or dispose of medication that is not picked up from school before summer recess. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kelly Stewart, school nurse, at [kstewart@hamden.org](mailto:kstewart@hamden.org).

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## SIGN UP FOR FALL SPORTS

Ms. Didone, the teacher formerly known as Ms. Bergstrom, is excited to announce that it is time to sign up for fall sports. Information on times and locations of tryouts and coaches contacts can be found online at [www.hamden.org](http://www.hamden.org). All Student Athletes who want to tryout must have their parent/guardian register at on FinalForms and have an updated physical turned in to the School Nurse. Only Fall Sports can register now. <https://hamden-ct.finalforms.com/>

Need help using FinalForms? [Click here for information about how to complete FinalForms.](#)

Eighth graders: Interested in playing a Fall sport at HHS? If so, it is time to sign-up! [CLICK HERE to sign-up for HHS Fall Sports..](#)

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## MOVING? TRANSFERRING?

We know it is the time of year when families may choose to move to a different state or town. If you plan to withdraw your child from Hamden Public Schools, we ask that parents complete a withdrawal form. (Contact Gayle Colburn, guidance clerk [gcolburn@hamden.org](mailto:gcolburn@hamden.org)) Your advanced notification helps our guidance clerk get transcripts and records to your children's new schools. While we do not want to say good-bye to our rising 8th grade students, we understand that changes sometimes occur. Help us be prepared for the change!

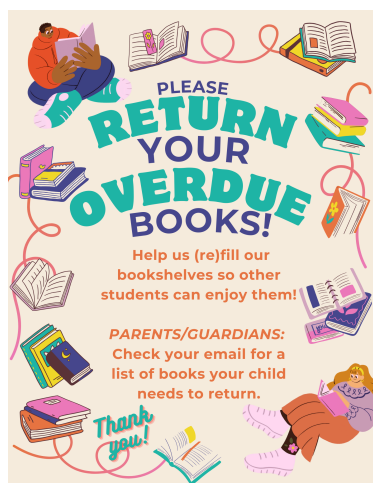
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## DRAGON ACADEMY

We are hosting the summer orientation program for incoming 7th grade students. Parents, you may have a child who is planning to attend HMS next year. Or, you may know someone in your neighborhood who has a child coming to HMS next year. Please help us spread the word about this 4-day orientation program.

Dragon Academy Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/Wqemmyq5VY7NASfD6>

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## A REMINDER FROM OUR LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Help your child(ren) find their library books! Parents/Guardians: check your email. This past week, a list of overdue books that your child borrowed from our library media center was emailed home to you. We appreciate your help in getting the books returned so other students can read them.

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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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Interested in purchasing HMS Swag?  
Check out this website: <https://hamdenspiritwear.com/>



**Your one stop shop for Celebration gifts!!**



**SPIRITWEAR WEEKLY AD  
VALID MAY 10 - 16, 2024**



Baseball Tees  
#T200, YT200  
**15% OFF**



Ladies' Classic Funnel  
#EZ329  
**10% OFF**



Flat Rate Shipping!  
SHIPPING IS ALWAYS \$4.95 ON ALL ORDERS



Gildan Crewnecks  
#18000 & 18000B  
**20% OFF**



**10% OFF** BLANKETS!



Tri Blend Long Sleeves  
#3075, 3076, 3077  
**10% OFF**



Rainbow Hoodies  
#1162Y, W1162  
**15% OFF**



**¡¡Tu ventanilla única para regalos de celebración!!**



**SPIRITWEAR ANUNCIO SEMANAL  
VÁLIDO MAY 10 - 16, 2024**



Camisetas de Beisbol  
#T200, YT200  
**15% DESCUENTO**



Embudo Clásico Para Mujer  
#EZ329  
**10% DESCUENTO**



¡Tarifa plana de envío!  
EL ENVÍO ES SIEMPRE \$4.95 EN TODOS LOS PEDIDOS



Gildan Cuello Redondo  
#18000 & 18000B  
**20% DESCUENTO**



**10% DESCUENTO** ¡MANTAS!



Mangas Largas Tri Blend  
#3075, 3076, 3077  
**10% DESCUENTO**



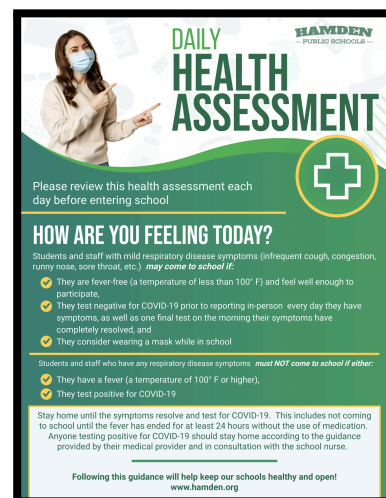
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**REMINDER! EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS**

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

**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.



**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.hamden.org](http://www.hamden.org)