



Principal Michelle Coogan

Week of May 28-31, 2024

OUR MONTH IN REVIEW

The final weeks of school are a busy time. We intend to share a 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
27 No School Memorial Day HMS Marching Band Performance in the Hamden Memorial Day Parade	28 (B1) DIBELS Day (Gr. 8) <i>Dragon Pride Field Trip to Peabody Museum (Gr. 7) 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM</i> After-School Programs Office Hours 2:50 PM HMS PTA Meeting 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	29 (A2) Grade 7 Field Day: Rescheduled! DIBELS Day (Make Ups!) <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> After-School Programs Expressions Club Gr. 8 A-Team Jazz Band Let's Learn Merengue Newspaper/News Club Spring Intramurals Student Council Student Sunshine Club Technology Club YES Club Last Day for After-School Programs & Late Buses <i>HMS IF Movie Field Trip (1:30-4:15 PM)</i>	30 (B2) <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> Spring Concert: Gr. 8 Orchestra, Chorus & Band 7:00 PM	31 (A3) Algebra Final 8:15 AM - 10:15 AM

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3 (B3) Dragon Pride Student Celebration * Grade 7 (9:30 AM) Dragon Pride Student Celebration * Grade 8 (10:50 AM) HMS Early Dismissal (12:05 PM) Professional Development (12:50-2:50 PM) Team Leader (2:50-3:50 PM)	4 (A4) Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS Homebase 8:35 AM - 9:10 AM HMS Yearbooks Distributed <i>Dragon Pride Field Trip to Nature's Classroom (Ivoryton, CT)</i> 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM Team Domurad: Celebration Rehearsal 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM Team Rocco: Celebration Rehearsal 9:50 AM - 10:20 AM Team Morello: Celebration Rehearsal 11:45 AM - 12:15 PM Team DeLucia: Celebration Rehearsal 12:15 PM - 12:45 Amanda Baksa, CSDE Educational Consultant, Visits HMS 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM	5 (B4) <i>Gr. 8 Field Trip to Holiday Hill (Teams Domurad & Rocco)</i> 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Team Morello: Celebration Rehearsal 11:45 AM - 12:30 PM Team DeLucia: Celebration Rehearsal 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	6 (A5) Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS <i>Gr. 8 Field Trip to Holiday Hill (Teams DeLucia & Morello)</i> 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Team Domurad: Celebration Rehearsal 8:50 AM - 9:30 AM Grade 8 Fitness Assessment Celebration (11:00-11:40 AM) Team Rocco: Celebration Rehearsal 11:40 AM - 12:30 PM Staff Meeting (D-90) 2:50 PM - 4:20 PM	7 (B5) Dragon Pride Student Junior Flight School 8:45 AM - 11:00 AM Team Domurad: Celebration Rehearsal 8:45 AM - 9:30 AM Team Morello: Celebration Rehearsal 9:35 AM - 10:20 AM <i>Dragon PRIDE Lunch Bunch Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Pizza</i> 11:00 AM - 12:45 PM Team Domurad End-of-Year Event (Block 5 & 6 - 11:43 AM-1:46 PM) Team Rocco: Celebration Rehearsal 11:40 AM - 12:30 PM Team DeLucia: Celebration Rehearsal 1:50 PM - 2:30 PM
10 (A6) Grade 8 Celebration: Team Rocco 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Grade 8 Celebration: Team Morello 11:00 AM	11 (B6) Grade 8 Celebration: Team DeLucia 9:00 AM Grade 8 Celebration: Team Domurad 11:00 AM	12 (A7) Art Infusion Day Make Up Day (1/16/24) HMS Banking Reminder: Final Day for Deposits/Requests	13 (B7) Make Up Day (2/13/24) Last Day of School* Early Dismissal (12:05 PM)	

FIELD DAYS 2024

Grade 7 Field Day: Thursday, May 23, 2024

Rescheduled: Wednesday, May 29, 2024

We originally planned the seventh-grade field day on Thursday, May 23rd, and we had to postpone the event due to inclement weather. Our rain date was Thursday, May 30th, and we learned it might rain again. We want our seventh-grade Dragon's to have

their day in the sun. So, we are ready to go outside and play tomorrow, Wednesday, May 29th. Please help your HMS Dragon prepare by wearing the correct color t-shirt.

Team Ugolik BLACK	Team Coggins BLUE	Team Stanton GOLD	Team Holt PURPLE
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Students should bring a refillable water bottle. We encourage all HMS Dragons to wear sunscreen too. It promises to be a nice day filled with team activities and fun in the sun. We appreciate your support.

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Parent link: https://gsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8dCIVH9mmMyVZvo

We understand it is a busy, busy time of year. We hate to ask for one more favor, but could you please complete this parent survey. As of today, approximately 40 parents completed the end-of-the-year survey. We would love to hear from a larger number of parents.

GRADE 8 CELEBRATIONS

Our eighth-grade students are finishing their final days of middle school. During the past two years, we had the opportunity to observe our HMS Dragons learn and mature. We know they are ready for high school and beyond, and we are excited to celebrate this time with them. We will host four individual celebration programs.

<i>Monday, June 10, 2024 (A6)</i>	<i>Tuesday, June 11, 2024 (B6)</i>
Grade 8 Celebration: Team Rocco 9:00 AM	Grade 8 Celebration: Team DeLucia 9:00 AM
Grade 8 Celebration: Team Morello 11:00 AM	Grade 8 Celebration: Team Domurad 11:00 AM

ATTIRE

It is a luau theme! Students should dress comfortably, and we suggest bright colors. We also recommend comfortable, safe shoes. Students should not wear hats or glasses, as we want to see their beautiful faces. Leave backpacks and cell phones home with parents. Students will not need them, and they will be a distraction.

ARRIVAL

9:00 a.m. Celebrations: (Team Rocco and Team DeLucia) Students can arrive at 7:45 a.m. If parents choose to drive their children later, they must come to school by **8:30 a.m.**

11:00 a.m. Celebrations: (Team Morello and Team Domurad) Students can arrive at 7:45 a.m. If parents choose to drive their children later, they must come to school by **10:15 a.m.**

GUESTS

Each student can bring up to five guests due to seating in the auditorium. Members of the HMS team will be present to check families into the celebration. Please enter the school together as a family.

PARKING

Guests will be able to park their vehicles on the side lot. We recommend families to drive together to the celebration to reduce the number of vehicles. Listen to the directions of our staff; they are ready to help!

DISMISSAL

We understand most parents will dismiss their child after the celebration. We want to make the process efficient for all. Parents who plan to bring their child home after the celebration **MUST** complete this form. <https://forms.gle/xA3nvk5KYZurNVwy9>

The celebration is about 60 minutes. At the conclusion of the celebration, families must depart as soon as possible. As a reminder, other families will be arriving for the next celebration at 10:30 a.m.

PHOTOGRAPHER

We hired a photographer from LifeTouch to photograph students when their name is called. While it will be tempting to run up and take a picture, we ask parents to stay in their seats. We will share the link in an upcoming Dragon's Tale. Parents can view and purchase selected pictures.

SCHOOL MATERIALS

If your child does not turn in their Chromebook and charger, as well as other school materials (such as, a textbook or library book), we will hold the promotion certificate. (Please help us by ensuring students return school materials!)

YEARBOOKS

Ms. Santiago will be selling 2024 yearbooks for \$25.00. Please visit her at the yearbook table! They can be paid for with cash or check.

YARD SIGNS

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).

CELEBRATION ETIQUETTE

It is a celebration! Let's continue to be respectful to all. Keep balloons in the car so they do not block other's views. Cheer for your child, but be sure to allow everyone to hear their child's name. Give your principals and teachers a high five, fist bump, and or a wave before you leave. We got this HMS!

ATTENDING OTHER CELEBRATIONS

In past years, students have asked to attend other celebrations. Our first priority is to accommodate students and their families. As a result, students can only attend if they are part of a family's five guests. In short, most students do not attend additional celebrations. It is a rare occasion, and we request parent communication in advance.

QUESTIONS

Please contact Jessica Coffey, grade 8 administrator, at jcoffey@hamden.org or 203-407-7189. Ms. Coffey is happy to answer any questions parents may have about our celebration plans.

HOLIDAY HILL FIELD TRIP

Our eighth grade students are visiting Holiday Hill next week. Permission slips and the \$50 field trip fee are due by Friday, May 31st. **Please do not forget all students need to be picked up at Hamden Middle School at 4:00 PM.** We promise to share pictures on social media.

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.

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. 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..](#)

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 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!

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>

REMINDERS FROM OUR LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER

Library Book Returns

The end of the year is quickly approaching. Over the next few weeks, be on the lookout for library books! You will receive an email letting you know what library materials your child currently has checked out. All library materials must be returned by Friday, June 7th. We appreciate your help with locating and returning our library books!

Dates	Calendar Event
Friday, May 31st	Last Day to Checkout Books
Friday, June 7th	All Books to be Returned
Wednesday, June 12th	Last Day of Long Block English Language Arts Visits (No Gr. 8 Classes Friday, June 7th for CB collection)

Chromebook Collection-- Gr. 8 Only

This is a reminder that **all grade 8 students must return both a Chromebook AND a charger** during their team's collection date (see dates below). If your child has lost their charger, one can be purchased for \$25 in our Library Media Center.

Date	Block/Per	Team
Weds, June 5th <i>B4 Day</i>	Blocks 2-3 (Per. 5 & 6)	MORELLO House 2
Thursday, June 6th <i>A5 Day</i>	Blocks 6-7 (Per. 3 & 4)	ROCCO House 4

Friday, June 7th B5 Day	Block 5 (Per. 2) Collection begins at 11:43AM	DeLUCIA House 3
Friday, June 7th B5 Day	Block 5-6 (Per. 2 & 3) Collection begins at 12:40PM	DOMURAD House 1

Chromebooks & Gr. 7 Students

All grade 7 students who are returning to HMS in the fall may keep their Chromebook and charger over the summer break. Parents may also opt for us to hold their child's Chromebook and charger over the summer. Interested parents should contact our media specialists Elisa McCulley at emcculley@hamden.org or Karen Kraemer at kkraemer@hamden.org for more information.

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

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.

