



Principal Michelle Coogan

Week of June 3-7, 2024

OUR MONTH IN REVIEW

Hamden Middle School June 2024				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>3 (B3)</p> <p>Nature's Classroom Student Meeting (Block 1: 8:15 AM)</p> <p>Dragon Pride Student Celebration * Grade 7 (9:30 AM)</p> <p>Dragon Pride Student Celebration * Grade 8 (10:50 AM)</p> <p>HMS Early Dismissal (12:05 PM)</p> <p>Professional Development (12:50-2:50 PM)</p> <p>Team Leader (2:50-3:50 PM) Reschedule to June 10th</p>	<p>4 (A4)</p> <p>Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Amanda Baksa, CSDE Educational Consultant, Visits HMS (11:30 AM - 2:30 PM)</p> <p>Homebase (8:35-9:10 AM)</p> <p>HMS Yearbooks Distributed</p> <p>Dragon Pride Field Trip to Nature's Classroom (Ivoryton, CT) (9:00 AM - 4:30 PM)</p> <p>Team Domurad: Celebration Rehearsal (9:15-9:45 AM)</p> <p>Team Rocco: Celebration Rehearsal (9:50-10:20 AM)</p> <p>Team Morello: Celebration Rehearsal (11:45 AM-12:15 PM)</p>	<p>5 (B4)</p> <p>Gr. 8 Field Trip to Holiday Hill: Teams Domurad & Rocco (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)</p> <p>Team Morello: Celebration Rehearsal (11:45 AM - 12:30 PM)</p> <p>Team DeLucia: Celebration Rehearsal (1:00 PM - 1:45 PM)</p> <p>Chromebook Returns: Team Morello</p>	<p>6 (A5)</p> <p>Todd White, Educational Consultant, Visits HMS</p> <p>Gr. 8 Field Trip to Holiday Hill: Teams DeLucia & Morello (9:00 AM-4:00 PM)</p> <p>Team Domurad: Celebration Rehearsal (8:50-9:30 AM)</p> <p>Grade 8 Fitness Assessment Celebration (11:00-11:40 AM)</p> <p>Team Rocco: Celebration Rehearsal (11:40 AM-12:30 PM)</p> <p>Chromebook Returns: Team Rocco</p> <p>Staff Meeting D-90 (2:50-4:20 PM)</p>	<p>7 (B5)</p> <p>All books returned to HMS Library</p> <p>Dragon Pride Student Junior Flight School (8:45-11:00 AM)</p> <p>Team Domurad: Celebration Rehearsal (8:45-9:30 AM)</p> <p>Team Morello: Celebration Rehearsal (9:35-10:20 AM)</p> <p>Dragon PRIDE Lunch Bunch Field Trip to Eli's Brick Oven Pizza (11:00 AM - 12:45 PM)</p> <p>Team Domurad End-of-Year Event (Block 5 & 6 - 11:43 AM-1:46 PM)</p> <p>Team Rocco: Celebration Rehearsal (11:40 AM - 12:30 PM)</p> <p>Team DeLucia: Celebration Rehearsal (1:50 PM - 2:30 PM)</p>

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HAMDEN BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Agenda

Tonight, Superintendent Highsmith will present the deficit mitigation plans for the 2024-2025 School Year. The Hamden Board of Education proposed budget was not fully funded by the Hamden Legislative Council. As a result, Superintendent Highsmith and the Hamden Board of Education must reduce the district's overall budget by 3.1 million. Parents and family members can attend the meeting in person or virtually to gain a greater understanding of the budgetary impact on Hamden Middle School. Please see the agenda above for meeting details.

DRAGON PRIDE STUDENT CELEBRATIONS

We are committed to recognizing our students for their positive contributions to HMS. Today, we will shine the spotlight on students in both seventh and eighth grade. Teachers nominated students based on the Dragon Pride expectations. For instance, we are celebrating students who demonstrated commitment to learning and are determined to be their best. Ms. Coogan will take a photograph of all students being honored. If parents cannot attend the assembly and would like their child's picture, please email her at mcoogan@hamden.org.

HOLIDAY HILL FIELD TRIP

Our eighth grade students are visiting Holiday Hill this week. Students will leave the park at 4:00 PM. **Please do not forget all students need to be picked up at Hamden Middle School at 4:15 PM.** We promise to share pictures on social media.

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 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.

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

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 B4 Day	Blocks 2-3 (Per. 5 & 6)	MORELLO House 2
Thursday, June 6th A5 Day	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.

HHS SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

JOIN HHS BOYS SWIM & DIVE TEAM!




ATTENTION Rising Freshmen!

Are you interested in...

- becoming a part of a *varsity team*?
- bonding with your classmates?
- unleashing your *competitiveness*?
- *learning* how to swim?

Then JOIN The Swim & Dive team



For more details, contact:

Head Coach Nate Hill: NHille210@gmail.com

Diving Coach Jody Clouse: Jemclouse@gmail.com

Captain Aryan Singla: 203-809-7626

Captain Nick Ferrett: 203-710-6454

Come Experience *training, fundraising, and bonding* with us this summer!



For more information visit our HMS website: www.hamden.org/hms

JOIN HHS BOYS TENNIS TEAM!







8TH GRADERS... BE PART OF OUR WINNING TRADITION!

ENJOY FUN PRACTICES, COMPETITIVE MATCHES, AND TEAM BONDING EVENTS WITH THE HHS BOYS TENNIS TEAM YEAR-ROUND!

JOIN OUR SQUAD AND EXPERIENCE REPRESENTING A VARSITY TEAM!

WE WILL BE PLAYING ALL SUMMER!

if you are interested, contact:

Coach Adam Raffone: Rossraff33@gmail.com

Captain Aryan Singla: 203-809-7626

Captain Kaustuv Mohanty: 203-927-5524

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR

<https://hamdenspiritwear.com/>

Before you set off for summer,
check out our latest sale!!

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

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10% OFF

Ivy League Fleece
#228763, 222501, 222681

10% OFF

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#20BMS, 200MS

15% OFF

Girl's Princess Tee
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consulte nuestras últimas ofertas!

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VÁLIDO MAY31 - JUNE 6, 2024

CAMISETA GILDAN
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20% DESCANTADO

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

Camiseta Esencial Para Mujer
#EZ038

10% DESCANTADO

Vellón de la liga Ivy
#228763, 222501, 222681

10% DESCANTADO

Tintes de Corbata de Varios Colores
#20BMS, 200MS

15% DESCANTADO

Camiseta de Princesa Para Niña
#3710

15% DESCANTADO

¡Dé el regalo del espíritu escolar!
Con una tarjeta de regalo electrónica a la tienda spiritwear de su escuela

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>

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

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