



Principal Michelle Coogan

Week of June 10-13, 2024

OUR MONTH IN REVIEW

Hamden Middle School June 2024				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
10 (A6) Grade 8 Celebration: Team Rocco (9:00-10:00 AM) Grade 8 Celebration: Team Morello (11:00 AM-12:00 PM)	11 (B6) Grade 8 Celebration: Team DeLucia (9:00-10:00 AM) Grade 8 Celebration: Team Domurad (11:00 AM-12:00 PM)	12 (A7) <i>Art Infusion Day</i> Make Up Day (1/16/24) HMS Banking Reminder: Final Day for Deposits/Requests Last Day for ELA LMC Visits	13 (B7) Make Up Day (2/13/24) Last Day of School* Early Dismissal (12:05 PM)	

GRADE 8 CELEBRATIONS

Ms. Coffey and the eighth-grade teams have worked with students to prepare for celebration. We want to be sure our families are aware of the plan. Please read this article carefully, and contact Ms. Coogan (mcoogan@hamden.org) and Ms. Coffey (jcoffey@hamden.org) with any questions.

<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 Morello 11:00 AM	Grade 8 Celebration: Team DeLucia 9:00 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 that families drive together to the celebration to reduce the number of vehicles. Listen to the directions of our staff and the CERT Team; 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. **Note: Only 53 families completed this sign out form. Based on past years, most families want to take their HMS Dragons home after the celebration. In order to avoid long "sign out" lines, please complete this form.**

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 & YARD SIGNS

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. 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. (If families bring balloons, we will ask for them to be stowed away in the main office.) 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 203-407-7187. Ms. Coffey is happy to answer any questions parents may have about our celebration plans.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: THINGS TO TAKE HOME & THINGS TO RETURN

Students will be asked to clean out their lockers and take home all of their school supplies. All student-owned personal band and orchestra instruments must go home before the last day of school. School resources, such as textbooks, library books, Chromebooks and chargers must be turned in to teachers and library media specialists.

Library Book Returns

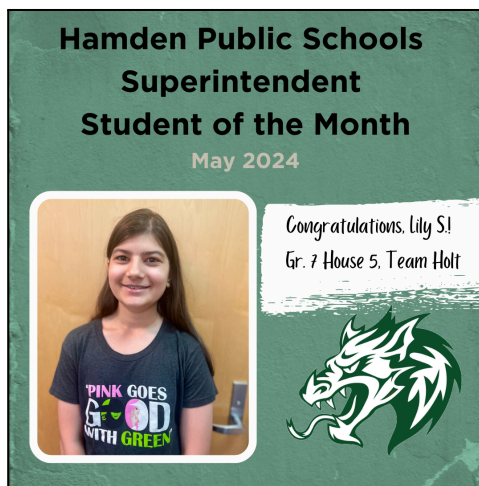
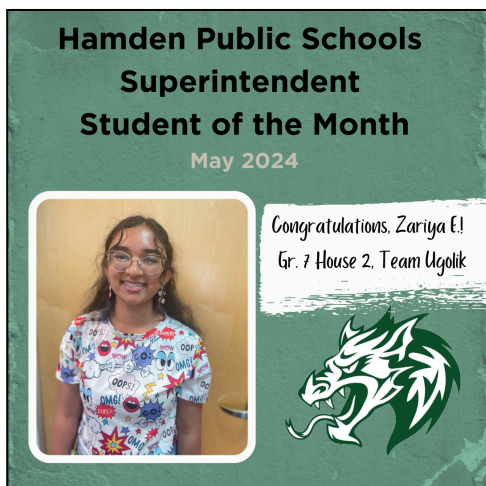
You will receive an email letting you know what library materials your child currently has checked out. All library materials must be returned to school as soon as possible. We appreciate your help with locating and returning our library books!

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.

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.



HPS SUPERINTENDENT STUDENTS OF THE MONTH (MAY 2024)

Congratulations, Zariya, E.!

In May, Zariya was nominated for the HPS Superintendent Student of the Month Award by Team Ugolik. Zariya is an outstanding student who strives to do her best each and every day. Her teachers describe her as a conscientious and insightful student. She is also an active student who participated in the Newspaper and Theater Clubs. Zariya plays the flute in our school band, and she also plays the piano. Zariya was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society this year as a result of her scholarship, services, leadership, and character. Zariya shared that her family is very supportive and encouraging, including her older sister, Zahra. She feels fortunate to have positive role models in her life, and she is committed to being a positive member of our community.

Congratulations, Lily S.!

Lily is a kind, respectful individual, and Ms. D'Attilio nominated her to represent the World Language Team at the May HPS Superintendent Student of the Month Celebration. Lily is a busy person. She is an active member of a Girl Scouts Troop. She participates in the Invention Convention. She also plays the piano. Ms. D'Attilio is proud of Lily's performance in the COLT Poetry Contest. Lily said the key to her success is her work ethic. When Lily was asked what advice she has for incoming students, she said, "Do the work!" Yes, indeed, hard work does pay off! Congratulations, Lily!

CONGRATULATIONS, MR. LEE!



Mr. Michael Lee serves as a paraeducator at HMS, and he is the assistant coach for the HHS Track and Field Team. We recently learned that Mr. Lee was recognized as the Assistant Coach of the Year by the Connecticut High School Coaches Association. It makes sense to us; Mr. Lee is an outstanding coach who motivates students to be their best. We are so proud to have him on our HMS Team.

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>

HHS SPORTS OPPORTUNITIES FOR INCOMING 9TH GRADERS

A poster for the HHS Boys Swim & Dive Team. The top half has a blue background with the text "JOIN HHS BOYS SWIM & DIVE TEAM!" in large yellow letters. To the right is a yellow dragon logo. Below the text is a photo of the team standing in front of a pool. To the right of the photo is a list of bullet points: "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?". At the bottom, it says "Then The Swim & Dive team".

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Then The Swim & Dive team

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

A poster for the HHS Boys Tennis Team. The top half has a dark green background with the text "JOIN HHS BOYS TENNIS TEAM!" in large yellow letters. Below the text are four circular photos showing tennis players in action. In the center is a large green tennis ball.

JOIN HHS BOYS TENNIS TEAM!

SCHOOL SPIRIT WEAR
<https://hamdenspiritwear.com/>

SPIRITWEAR WEEKLY AD
VALID JUNE 7 - 13, 2024

Gildan Crewnecks #18000 & 18000B
20% OFF

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

Ladies' Classic Funnel #EZ329
10% OFF

Baseball Tees #T200, YT200
15% OFF

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

Rainbow Hoodies #1162Y, W1162
15% OFF

BLANKETS!
10% OFF

SPIRITWEAR ANUNCIO SEMANAL
VÁLIDO JUNE 7 - 13, 2024

Gildan Cuello Redondo #18000 & 18000B
20% DESCANTO

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

Embudo Clásico Para Mujer #EZ329
10% DESCANTO

Camisetas de Beisbol #T200, YT200
15% DESCANTO

Mangas Largas Tri Blend #3075, 3076, 3077
10% DESCANTO

Sudaderas con Capucha de Arcoiris #1162Y, W1162
15% DESCANTO

¡MANTAS!
10% DESCANTO

No Coupon Code!

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.