

Hampden Academy

Bronco Bulletin



August 28, 2026

Upcoming Events

[School Calendar 2026-27](#)

[Purple & White Calendar](#)

Monday, 8/31 -- First Day of School for 9th grade, transfer, and exchange students.

Tuesday, 9/1 -- First Day of School for 10 -12th graders; all students attend school.

Friday, 9/4 -- Photo Day (see flyer in Around the School section)

Monday, 9/7 -- No School

Wednesday, 9/9 -- Open House 6:00 - 7:00 PM (see flyer below) and HAMA BBQ at 5:00 PM (see flyer in Around the School section)

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Hampden Academy OPEN HOUSE

**Families are
invited to
HA's
Open House**

**Wednesday, 9/9/26
from 6:00 to 7:00 PM**



**Open House is a chance to meet your student's
teachers and learn about classes. There is no
set schedule, so come when it is convenient.**



Principal's Message

We are excited to welcome our new students and see our returning students again soon! The custodial staff has worked hard and the building is looking great. This coming week, students will settle into their schedules, find their way to their classes, and meet their teachers. Students will receive paper copies of their schedule on their first day of school. We look forward to another year of learning together!



A reminder that students should not bring personal electronic devices to school, including laptops, tablets, glasses, watches, and gaming devices. We anticipate issuing school laptops in mid-September. In the meantime, teachers will make adjustments to assignments so that students do not need devices to complete them. Laptops will also be available for teachers to borrow for student use, as needed in classrooms.

BUS INFORMATION

Bus 10 - Will be doubled with Bus 11 am and pm.

Shuttle buses - will be 17 for Frankfort, 14 and 15 for Winterport.

Please read this information for details: [Bus Routes 2026-27](#)



School Information

Attendance Procedures

PLANNED ABSENCES

If your student has a planned absence, please be sure to complete the [Pre-approved Planned Absence Form](#). If this form is completed before the absences, then the absences will be excused and students will be allowed to make up their work. If families do not complete this form, absences will be unexcused and students will not be able to make up assignments missed while absent.



DAILY ATTENDANCE

In order to promote good school attendance and maximize learning opportunities, Hampden Academy adheres to the following attendance guidelines:

1. If a student is absent from school, parents/guardians should email the school at haoffice@rsu22.us before 9:00 a.m. to notify the school of the absence and provide a reason for the absence.
2. Accurate records of student attendance including absence, tardiness and dismissal are maintained in the main office. Reasons for absence, tardiness and dismissals are verified and recorded as either excused or unexcused. Excused absences, tardies and dismissals are determined by state law and school board policy as listed below:

1. Absence due to personal illness. In the case of illness or suspected truancy, a doctor's statement may be required.
 2. Appointments with health professionals that cannot be made outside of the regular school day.
 3. Observance of recognized religious holidays when the observance is required during the regular school day.
 4. Planned absences for personal/educational purposes that are approved in advance by the Principal or Assistant Principal. A planned absence of three or more days requires the completion of a [Request for Planned Absence Form](#) seven days prior to the absence.
 5. Absence due to emergency family situations.
3. All unexcused absences will be addressed through the school's disciplinary and truancy policies.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Once a student arrives at school, they are expected to stay on school grounds until dismissal. If a student needs to be dismissed before the regular dismissal time, a parent or guardian must notify the office via note or phone call giving permission and indicating the reason for early departure. Excused dismissals are determined by state law and are listed above in the Daily Attendance section.

Students are dismissed under the following guidelines:

1. Students who wish to be dismissed due to illness must be dismissed by the nurse.
2. The parent/guardian should call the front office if a student is being dismissed by them. The student must report to the office for a dismissal slip.
3. When dismissed, students must sign out in the office and leave school premises.
4. Parent/guardian permission is required in writing for the express purpose of the student working at a part-time job (under the provisions of current Maine Labor Laws), and parent/guardian must sign an Early Dismissal Permission form. This permission slip makes it clear that once the student has left the school grounds, the student may not return until after the close of school on that day. Early dismissal is considered a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked (for a given student) by administration for good reason.

Lunch Menu

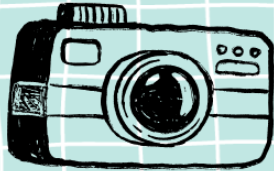
SEPTEMBER		HAMPDEN ACADEMY			2026
BREAKFAST					
Includes Juice, Milk, Fruit, Grains, & More. Each day of the week has a feature that rotates monthly.					
Breakfast Breads	Iced Donuts	Parfaits	Fresh Baked Muffins	Cinnamon Rolls	
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
LUNCH					
Includes Milk, Fruit, and Salad Bar each day. Check the cafeteria menu board for Chef's Specials and Peanut Butter & Jelly Meal.					
8/31	1	2	3	4	
Chicken Tenders with Dipping Sauces Seasoned French Fries Welcome Cookie	Bronco Burger Croissant Sandwich stuffed with Sausage, Egg, & Cheese Hashbrown Potato	DELI SANDWICHES choice of Ham,Cheese & Veggie toppings Italian Veggie Pasta Salad Gluten Free Bread Available	Chicken Alfredo Roast chicken in a creamy sauce with parmesan cheese & pasta Steamed Broccoli Dinner Roll	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
7	8	9	10	11	
LABOR DAY  NO SCHOOL	BBQ Chicken Sandwich Chopped chicken with tangy BBQ sauce on a whole grain Bulkie Roll Coleslaw	Chicken BLT Pasta Salad All white chicken tossed with Ranch sauce, bacon, tomato spinach, & whole grain pasta Garlic Breadstick	Cheeseburger Deluxe USDA beef patty on a whole grain bun, with choice of cheese & toppings Potato Salad	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
14	15	16	17	18	
Hot Dog Steamed frankfurter in a toasted bun French Fries	Mac & Cheese Baked Pasta with a creamy cheese sauce Dinner Roll	Popcorn Chicken Bowl Crispy white chicken with Mashed Potato, Corn, & Gravy Roasted Broccoli	Sloppy Joe Seasoned ground beef in a tangy sauce served on a whole grain bun Cole Slaw	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
21	22	23	24	25	
Cheesy Breadstick Dippers Savory baked whole grain sticks with Tomato Marinara Dipping Sauce	Thai Salad with Chicken Fresh salad mix with sliced veggies and chicken and scratch made Sweet Chili Dressing Breadstick	Walking Tacos Served with seasoned beef, cheese, salsa, and toppings Mexican Street Corn	Chicken Sandwich Crispy chicken on a whole grain bun with toppings Dilly Cukes	Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni, & Special 	
28	29	30			
French Toast Sticks Baked whole grain french toast served with syrup, Maine Blueberries, and Sausage Hashbrown Potato	Pasta & Meat Sauce Our spaghetti sauce is made in house with herbs, spices, and ground beef Garlic Breadstick	Chicken Caesar Salad Romaine lettuce tossed with chicken, parmesan cheese, homemade croutons, and Caesar Dressing Herb Flatbread		SALAD & FRUIT BAR Offered at Lunch Every Day 	
Menu Subject to Change. This institution is and equal opportunity provider.					

Around the School

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HA PHOTO DAY

Friday, 9/4/26



Exclusive discounts online!
¡Descuentos en línea exclusivos!

Order now for early Picture Day pricing!

mylifetouch.com

Create an account or login with your Picture Day ID: **EVTRHRP6Q**

AUDITIONS

HA Drama Club's Fall Musical:

HELLO, DOLLY!

Wednesday, September 9th
2:30pm in the PAC

Audition forms and materials are available outside 205.

Come join the Audition Workshop
Friday, 9/4 in the PAC!

Questions?

See Mrs. Oyler or Mrs. Priest!



COME JOIN US!



**HA DRAMA CLUB
EVERY WEDNESDAY
2:15-3:00
BLACK BOX**





HAMA

BBQ!

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 9TH

5:00 - 6:00PM @ HA

FOR ALL
CHOIR AND BAND
STUDENTS AND
THEIR FAMILIES!



FIND US
OUTSIDE OF THE
MUSIC WING
DOOR #7

LET US TAKE CARE
OF DINNER BEFORE
GOING TO
OPEN HOUSE!

SPONSORED BY THE HAMPDEN ACADEMY MUSIC ASSOCIATION



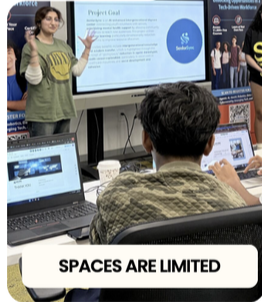


CURIOUS ABOUT AI? THAT'S ENOUGH.

The Mark Cuban Foundation AI Bootcamp is a free in-person experience for students in grades 9–12.

**NO CODING
EXPERIENCE?
NO PROBLEM.**

**NOT SURE
THIS IS FOR
YOU?
IT IS.**



SPACES ARE LIMITED

- Experiment with real AI tools and see how they work
- Focus on a career track such as healthcare, music, sports, business, and more
- Create your own project with support from industry mentors
- Collaborate with other high school students from your community



3 Consecutive Saturdays
Oct 31st, Nov 7th, Nov 14th

This is a FREE program for curious high schoolers to discover how AI is shaping the future. Visit markcubanaifoundation.org/students for more details.

Applications open August 1st! Deadline: September 30th, 2026
Visit markcubanaifoundation.org/apply
Questions? Email hi@markcubanaifoundation.org



Athletics

[Schedule for week of 8/31.](#)

Hampden Academy Athletics Facebook page is the best place to see up to date information on all things SPORTS! The practice schedule is shared every Tuesday for the following week.

Let's Go, Broncos!

Hampden Academy Family and Student Handbook



About Hampden Academy

<https://ha.rsu22.us/>



Part of RSU 22, Hampden Academy currently services approximately 700 students in grades 9-12. Hampden Academy offers strong academics designed to challenge and inspire every student. Beyond the classroom, we celebrate a vibrant community with a wide variety of sports teams, dynamic music and performing arts programs, and numerous clubs to explore your passions. Learn more at our website.

