

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*
September 21, 2020



Remote Learning Academy

Please see the website for ongoing information:

<https://sites.google.com/haverhill-ps.org/nettle/home>

Safety

Please talk with your students about keeping their mask on, keeping their hands clean, and maintaining a 6-foot distance from their classmates and teachers. It is very important that we work together to impress the importance of these practices on our students. We recommend that you send your student to school with at least two masks each day.

Chromebooks

Students will be bringing school chromebooks to and from school each day. Students will receive a chromebook case on the first day of orientation. If you missed Chromebook pick-up just come to the school between 8am and 3pm on weekdays and ring the front doorbell.

Bus Passes

Any students riding the bus need a bus pass this year. Please come by the school 9am-2pm to pick up your student's bus pass if they ride a big yellow school bus to school.

Check-In Forms

During homeroom each morning students will complete a check-in form online whether they are at home or at school. Students will self-rate how they are feeling about the day and counselors will follow up as needed. We are glad to have a new way to increase self-awareness in our students and support their social-emotional needs.

Student Drop-Off

Student drop off is at the back entrance of Nettle (where you picked up Chromebooks). Buses drop off at the front entrance so students can not safely be dropped off at the front entrance. Student drop off is 8:05am-8:25am.

Students will not enter the building until **8:25am** this year and will have breakfast in the classroom. 5th and 6th grade students will be on the back field in the morning, 7th and 8th grade students will line up outside of their homerooms (look for signs!).

Class Dojo

Nettle uses Class Dojo to communicate with families. If you have not already, please download the app and use this link to join:

<https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=53ee01f644f1b01e05002f65>

After you join, one of the staff members at the school will approve your request and teachers will add you to the different classes. Class dojos will be set up by next week.

School Brains

Please use school brains to stay up to date on your student's academic progress. Families can log in with their students' information or request their own log in. Email Support at portalsupport@haverhill-ps.org.

Beginning **September 16th**, students should log on to their google classroom on the days they are not in the school building. **September 21st to October 2nd** will be an orientation period. Students will come to school in small groups to learn about new expectations and protocols. On these orientation days we will follow school hours **8:30am-2:45pm**. Buses will run, breakfast and lunch will be provided, and students should bring their school chromebooks. The hybrid model will fully begin on **October 5th**.

Orientation Schedule

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| Cohort A | On Monday, September 21 and Monday, September 28 all students from Cohort A whose last name begins with letters A-L will come to school. | On Tuesday, September 22 and Tuesday September 29 all students in Cohort A whose last name begins with the letter M - Z will come to school. |
| Cohort B | On Thursday, September 24 and Thursday, October 1, all students from Cohort B whose last name begins with letters A-L will come to school. | On Friday, September 25 and Friday October 2 all students from Cohort B whose last name begins with letters M - Z will come to school. |
| Cohort C | Sub-separate classes (LCC, LSP, MSP, SSC) are being contacted by their teachers. | Any other Cohort C members: Mondays/Tuesdays A-L Thursday/Fridays M-Z |

Remote Learning Bags

Students will be sent home with remote learning bags on the first day of orientation in case school suddenly closes. We are hopeful that we can remain open but would like to be better prepared than last year!

Questions? Want to add to Nettle News?

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