

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*
November 16, 2020



VIP - Food Drive



VIP is sponsoring a food drive to help the residents at Emmaus House. We are specifically collecting Campbell's Chunky and Progresso soup and crackers. Anyone interested in donating items can leave them in the boxes in front of Nettle School. Any student interested in entering the VIP raffle, should take a selfie with their donations and tag @nettlevip on Instagram for a chance to win prizes!

Any students (grades 5-8) interested in joining VIP (Violence Intervention and Prevention) are welcome to join us for our virtual meetings on **Wednesday's from 11:30am-12pm**. Our meeting dates are **October 28th, November 18th, December 2nd, and December 16th**. If your child is interested in joining VIP, please have them join our Google Classroom using this code: **5rcrqr6**. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions. Mrs. Mueller, kmelillo@haverhill-ps.org & Mrs. Torres, maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org

Nettle's Got Talent!

Show off your talent with Nettle's first virtual talent show! Students interested in submitting their acts:

1. Create a video showcasing your talent that is 2-5 minutes long.
2. Send your video to Ms. Escovitz at shereen.escovitz@haverhill-ps.org.
3. All videos are due by **noon on December 1, 2020**.

A staff panel will review the submissions and air the top 15 acts. The show will be broadcast on **Saturday, December 12, 2020 at 6:00pm**. The link will be posted on class dojo, the school website, and emailed directly to families at this time.

Art Club

Open studio is starting up again this year, remotely!

We will meet from **3pm-5pm on Thursdays**, but just like last year you can leave early or come late. Open studio is a space for students to come together, make art, and share time and space with each other. If you would like to be added to the google classroom for this group, please reach out to your homeroom teacher, or add yourself on google classroom with the code **vuvljcn**. If you have any questions, reach out to Miss Sadie at sgriesmer@haverhill-ps.org.

From the Guidance Department

All 8th grade families:

We will be meeting with all 8th graders regarding high school options and the transition to high school next week. All of the information that we'll be presenting to the students will be posted in the Grade 8 School Counseling Department google classroom. All 8th graders are encouraged to join our google classroom with the class code: **5k6a44m** to stay up to date on high school information.

Haverhill High School will be holding a virtual Open House and the date will be announced shortly.

The virtual Open House for Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School started on November 1st and will continue to run indefinitely. It can be accessed at www.whittiertech.org/openhouse2020. You can apply to Whittier Tech. online starting November 1, 2020 and ending on April 1, 2021.

The virtual Open House for Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School is on November 21st, starting at 9am. You can access it at www.essexnorthshore.org. You can apply to Essex Tech online starting on October 26, 2020 at www.essexnorthshore.org. Applications are due January 8, 2021.

If your child is planning on applying to private high schools, please email us directly as soon as possible. The deadlines are quickly approaching. Please email us directly at:

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Student Health

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. Many families are understandably concerned about positive covid-19 cases.

When there is a positive covid-19 case in the school building the following protocols take place:

- A letter is emailed to families notifying that there has been a positive case in the building.
- The school works with the department of public health for contact tracing.
- Students or staff that have been designated as *close contacts* are notified with a phone call. A *close contact* is defined as someone that has been within 6 feet of a positive case for 15 minutes or more.
- Only *close contacts* will receive further communication from the department of public health.

Questions? Want to add to Nettle News? Contact Shereen Escovitz, shereen.escovitz@haverhill-ps.org