

# Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*  
February 8, 2021



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School Vacation Week is **February 15th-19th.**

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## Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be posted on SchoolBrains at noon on February 11th. How to access progress reports as a parent/guardian:

1. Go to Launchpad
2. Click on School Brains
3. On left hand side, it asks if you are a student or parent; press "click here" to log in
4. \*Log in with your username and password on the HPS Community Portal page
5. Go to Student Portal on top of screen
6. Click on Report Cards/Progress Reports on dropdown menu
7. Click download to access progress report

\*Families can log in with their students' information or request their own log in by emailing tech support at [portalsupport@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:portalsupport@haverhill-ps.org). Please have the following included in any email to Portal Support:

- Full Name
- Full name of child(ren)
- Full email address (be sure to contact Portal Support from this same email)
- Your child(ren)'s Grade Level(s) and School(s)
- Detailed explanation of issue.

## iReady

iReady is an interactive online learning program that helps students build essential skills in reading and mathematics. This year the Haverhill Public Schools will use the iReady program as a tool for student assessment and instruction. Students took a diagnostic test to help identify specific skills that each student needs to develop and measures academic growth throughout the school year.

Please click the link below to learn more:  
[https://i-readycentral.com/articles/engaging-families/#help\\_families\\_understand\\_em\\_i\\_ready\\_em](https://i-readycentral.com/articles/engaging-families/#help_families_understand_em_i_ready_em)

How to access iReady scores:

1. Have your child log into the HPS Launchpad
2. Click on CLASS LINK
3. Click on iREADY
4. Choose READING or MATH
5. You will now be on the "MY PATH" screen
6. Click on the MY PROGRESS icon
7. Click on the COMPLETED WORK tab
8. DIAGNOSTIC shows your child's score

If you would like a detailed report of your child's score, please reach out to their ELA or MATH teacher directly.

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## Attendance Notes

Please call the school at 978-374-5792 if your student is going to be absent. Students should be in homeroom (remote or in-person) at 8:30am Monday-Friday. If your address or phone number has changed please call and let us know!



### **Masks for sale!**

Nettle masks are for sale in the office. Families can stop by during school hours or students can get them from the office during lunch/recess. \$10 for one mask, \$18 for two masks. Proceeds go to the Nettle PTO! Get yours while supplies last!

**Masks will be sold at parent pick-up on [Tuesday and Thursday](#) this week!**

### **Student Health**

Assessing your student's health each morning is an important part of keeping everyone healthy. Below are some questions to ask yourself before sending your student to school each day:

- Has your student shown any covid-related symptoms in the past 24 hours? For example: fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit, cough, shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell, nausea, etc.
- Has your student been identified as a "close contact" of anyone diagnosed with covid-19?
- Has anyone in the household been asked to self-isolate or quarantine?
- Have you travelled recently?

For a list of symptoms and other health information please visit the HPS website at: <https://www.haverhill-ps.org/school-health-services/pandemic-guide-for-families/>

If you have any questions about your child's health please call the nurse, Barbara Otterson, at 978-374-5792.

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### **From the Guidance Counselors**

We will be meeting with all 8th graders over the next two weeks during their Specials to do an interview preparation lesson. Interview skills are important life skills as many students begin to interview for schools, programs, and first-time jobs. We will also be holding a virtual interview preparation workshop on Wednesday, February 10th at 2pm for any 8th grader who would like to ask specific questions. The link to join this session will be in our Grade 8 School Counseling google classroom.

Essex Tech. will be conducting virtual interviews for applicants on [Friday, February 26th](#). Whittier Tech. will be conducting virtual interviews on Monday, March 1st and Tuesday, March 2nd. We will pass along more specific information as we receive it.

The Classical Academy will continue to accept applications [over the next two weeks](#) due to the pandemic. For any student who has already applied to Classical Academy, the advisors from Haverhill High School will be emailing you to schedule interviews for next week during the evening hours. The CTE Program at Haverhill High School is still accepting applications for the Information Technology Program and Programming and Web Development program. All applications are available on the HHS website.

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