

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*
August 30th, 2021



Important Dates

Monday, August 30th

Open House for all grades 5:30pm-7:00pm

Tuesday, August 31st

First day of school!



Friday, September 3rd

Early dismissal at 11:05am

Monday, September 6th

No School, Labor Day

Wednesday, September 8th

Band instrument demo for grades 5 and 6!

Tuesday, September 14th

PTO Meeting 7pm-8pm



Transportation

Bus passes will be distributed to students the first week of school. Students will be able to get on the bus without a bus pass while passes are being distributed. Ridership will be reviewed throughout September to see if there are additional seats available for walkers. Students will sit two-per-bench and must wear masks on the bus.

Bus routes are posted here:

<https://www.haverhill-ps.org/transportation/haverhill-public-schools-bus-list/>

Please note the walk zones by grade:

Grades K-3: If the student lives within 1 mile of the school they are a walker.

Grades 4-6: If the student lives within 1.5 miles of the school they are a walker.

Grades 7-12: If the student lives within 2 miles of the school they are a walker.

Chromebooks

Student Schedules

Students schedules are now available on School Brains!

For information on the student/parent portal, see these websites:

<https://www.haverhill-ps.org/parents-students/>

[HPS Technology @ Home - PORTAL](#)

If you have any issues logging in, please contact Portal Support by emailing portalsupport@haverhill-ps.org from the email address you have on file with the school. Please also include the following in the email:

- Your Full Name
- The Full name of your child(ren)
- Your Full email address
- Your child(ren)'s Grade Level(s) and School(s)
- Detailed explanation of issue

You have the opportunity to protect the Chromebook issued to your student for this school year by paying a Device Waiver Fee. This \$20 fee will cover a single incident of damage or repair for the school year (not covering lost equipment) for your assigned device.

Please review the [HPS Student Technology Device Policy](#).

If the annual optional Damage Waiver Fee is not purchased, the typical cost of repairing components is as follows, where an invoice could be sent to the family:

- Charger - \$39
- LCD Screen - \$80
- Top Cover (keyboard, trackpad, etc.) - \$139
- Device Replacement (when damage to the device is unreparable) - \$199

If you would like to submit your \$20 (per student), please communicate with the office at 978-374-5792. Please make checks payable to: **Haverhill Public Schools**

Supplies

Student supplies will be provided, a traditional “supply list” will not be sent home.

Open House

Open House will be on **Monday, August 30th 5:30pm-7:00pm**. We will have an outdoor meet & greet with the teachers on the back field. Building tours in small groups will be available to families.

Masks

All students, staff, and visitors must be masked inside of the school building. Masks are not required outdoors. We will continue to share any updates with you throughout the school year.

From the Nurse’s Office

Students will need to submit their yearly physical and updated immunization records. These can be sent via fax, email, or dropped off at school.

Any student who requires medication during the school day including EpiPens, inhalers, or daily medications will need new orders from the physician, parent permission to administer, and the medication itself in pharmacy packaging with the pharmacy label. Medications need to be dropped off by the parent/guardian in person.

Nurse Barbara will be available at Open House for any medication or form drop offs.

PTO

Buy your mums from the PTO September Fundraiser this year!
[Mums Order Form](#).

The PTO will also continue to sell Nettle masks and be sure to stock up on your Nettle and Golden Hill gear!
<https://haverhill21.itemorder.com/sale>

The next PTO meeting will be on **September 14th 7pm-8pm**.

Drop-off/Pick-Up



Student drop-off is **8:05am-8:25am** at the back entrance. Students walk up the stairs to the field/playground until they are lined up for homeroom. Staff supervision begins at 8:05am, students can not be dropped off before that time.

Pick up is **2:45pm-3:05pm** at the same location as drop-off. Please do not line up early as it creates a traffic jam on Golden Hill Ave.



Questions? Contact Shereen Escovitz, shereen.escovitz@haverhill-ps.org