

# Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*  
September 20, 2021



## Important Dates

### September 23rd

If you ordered Mums from the PTO, pick-up will be at the Nettle cafeteria 3:30pm-6:30pm.

### September 27th

Band instrument pick-up is at the Nettle cafeteria at 3:30pm-6:00pm.

### September 29th

Early dismissal at 11:05am

### September 30th

Picture day! See details below.

### October 4th

PTO meeting 7pm-8pm

## School Pictures

Nettle picture day is **September 30th!** Click here to order prints:

<https://www.barksdalestorefront.com/shop/login/?ac=1000200IN>

The code for Nettle is **1000200IN**. The code will expire 24 hours after picture day.

## Social Media and Bathrooms

## Athletics

### Soccer

The girls' soccer coach is Rachel Prevost, [rachel.prevost@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:rachel.prevost@haverhill-ps.org). The boys' soccer coach is Maeve Torre, [maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org). The first soccer game will be **September 30th**, Nettle vs. Hunking, at the Hunking School with girls playing first. Go Knights!

### Cross-Country Track

The coach for grades 5 and 6 is Jill Bouchard, [jperkinsbouchard@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:jperkinsbouchard@haverhill-ps.org). The coach for grades 7 and 8 is Molly Cartier, [molly.cartier@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:molly.cartier@haverhill-ps.org). Cross country will start on Monday and practices will be every Monday and Tuesday. Before students can join they need to pick up an athletic packet in the office to begin practice. Meets will be held at Winnekenni Castle, weather permitting.

We are asking for your help in putting a stop

to a TikTok challenge called "devious licks." The TikTok challenge asks students to steal various objects and cause mischief. Over the past week, we have had numerous bathrooms vandalized and items stolen. Nettle is a great place and to see a small group of students vandalize and disrespect our building is sad and disappointing. Thank you for talking to your child about this issue.

### 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.

Students are dismissed from school at 2:45pm. Please do not line up for parent pick-up prior to 2:45pm. This has created a massive traffic jam. Staff are at parent pick-up until **3:10pm**. Please aim to arrive between **2:55pm-3:00pm** to help with the traffic. Thank you for your help

## Discovery Club

We are so excited to be offering Discovery Club at Nettle before and after school this year! Applications are online and accessible through the Haverhill Public Schools' website at <https://discoveryclub.haverhill-ps.org/>

Please complete an application by **September 24th** in order to be enrolled for October. Applications received later will be processed to start in November. For additional information, please contact the Discovery Club office at 978-420-1954 or email [denise.johnson@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:denise.johnson@haverhill-ps.org).

## Band

Beginning Band registration has begun!

Band classes & lessons take place during the school day. Sign up forms are due back by **Monday, September 20th**, and extra copies are available in the main office and in the music classrooms.

Please email Mr. Leftin at [Matthew.Leftin@Haverhill-ps.org](mailto:Matthew.Leftin@Haverhill-ps.org) with any questions.

## PTO

Pick up for Mums is at school on **September 23rd 3:30pm-6:30pm**.

Be sure to stock up on your Nettle and Golden Hill gear!

<https://haverhill21.itemorder.com/sale>

Orders are due **September 23rd**.

## Chromebooks

*Please make sure your student comes to school every day with a charged Chromebook.*

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 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**

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## Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones in classrooms often create a distraction for the students and make instruction more difficult. Students must leave their cell phones in their locked lockers at all times. If a student is using their cell phone in school, a teacher will ask the student to give the phone to the teacher.

The first time a phone is taken the student can pick it up in the office at the end of the day. The second time, and every time thereafter, that a phone is taken a parent or guardian will be notified to pick up the phone at school. If the phone becomes a habitual problem in school a student may be required to leave their phone at home or in the office daily.

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