

# Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!*

November 20, 2022



## Important Dates

Nov 23

Early Dismissal

Nov 24

No School

Nov 25

No School


Dec 1

Grade 8 Tour Haverhill High

Dec 5

PTO (7-8pm)

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ATHLETICS	Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball	Floor Hockey Club
	Practice Nov 22 (3-4:45) First Game Nov 29	Practice Nov 21 (3 - 4:45) First Game Nov 29	Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips

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## From the Principal's Desk

We are especially focused on attendance at Nettle this year. A student is considered "chronically absent" if they miss 18 (10% of the school year) or more days of school. We have had approximately 50 days of school this year. Any student who has missed 5 days or more of school is at risk of becoming chronic. Research has shown that students who improve their attendance rates, improve their academic performance and increase their chances of graduating. Please reach out to me if there is anything we can do to help you get your child to school. We have guidance counselors available and I can speak to your child in the morning if they are reluctant to come to school - just call 978 374 5792. Attendance is critical!!

We are doing an Attendance Raffle from Thanksgiving break until Winter break. Students who come to school are eligible to win prizes which will be given out on December 23 (you obviously must be present to win).

Shout out to Ms. Hodson's grade 6 homeroom for winning best attendance two months in a row!

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## From the Nurse

Hello, Nettle Families from the Nurse's office. We have sent out letters for missing vaccine records. If you have received a letter, please follow up with your physician for the records or administration of vaccines. Just a reminder that these vaccines are required by the State of Massachusetts.

We are still working on our vision screenings for 5th and 7th graders. You will receive a letter within the week of your child's screening. If you receive a letter, your child is being referred to their doctor due to their vision challenges. If you have noticed any vision difficulties with your child, please refer them to me. I can screen them regardless of their grade.

Polished Dental will return in the Spring. Below are the sign-up links for the program. As a reminder, this is a FREE program and highly recommended for students who need additional dental care.

[English](#)

[Spanish](#)

For any questions or concerns, please reach out to me. I can be reached at 978-374-5794 at the school, 929-265-1208 via GoogleVoice, or at [Jennifer.Huynh@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:Jennifer.Huynh@haverhill-ps.org).

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## From the Guidance Department

Families of the 8th Graders

If your child plans to apply to a private high school, please contact Mrs. Crowley, School Counselor, as soon as possible to ensure all application materials are submitted before the deadline dates. Mrs. Crowley can be contacted at (978) 374-5792 or by email at [mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org)

All 8th grade students will be taking a tour of Haverhill High School on December 1 from 8:45 am. until 11 am. All 8th grade students will also visit Whittier Tech High School on December 13 from 8:45 am until 11 am. Permission slips will be sent home next week. Please return permission slips as soon as possible.

If you have any questions let me know, this is my contact information [mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org) or (978)374-5792. Thank you!

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Please keep checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates. [nettle.haverhill-ps.org](http://nettle.haverhill-ps.org)

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