

# Nettle News

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

December 4, 2022



## Important Dates

**Monday Dec 5**

PTO Meeting in Cafe (7pm-8pm)

**Wednesday Dec 7**

Report Cards published

**Thursday Dec 8**

Home Basketball Game

**Wednesday, Dec 14**

Early Release Day/MCAS Practice Day


**Tuesday, Dec 20**

Winter Concert (6-7:15)

**Friday, Dec 23**

Early Release day and Practice MCAS

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<b>ATHLETICS</b> 	Girls Basketball Practice Dec 6,7	Boys Basketball Practice Dec 5, 7	Floor Hockey Club Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips
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## From the Principal's Desk

It is getting colder in the mornings as winter approaches. The school doors do not open until 8:05 because that is the time staff are required to start their day by contract. Please do not drop off your students before 8:05.

As a reminder, attendance is important to students' success. If your child misses 2 days per month during the school year they are considered chronically absent (more than 18 days). Studies show that students who are chronically absent are more likely to fail at school. They are also more likely to be suspended and drop out of high school.

If your student is having difficulty attending school, try to set up a reward system. For example if a student attends every day during the week maybe they could stay up an hour later on Saturday night.

Any parents or guardians interested in joining the School Site Council please contact me at [eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org). [Site Council Information](#)

*Report Cards will be published on Wednesday, December 7.*

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**From the Guidance Department 8th Grade Students & Families:**

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The application for Classical Academy is now available on the website:

<https://hhs.haverhill-ps.org/classical-academy-3/>

The Classical Academy advisors will be doing a virtual question and answer session every evening from the 5th to the 8th of December. They are not school-specific so you can attend any meeting that is convenient for you. More information can be found here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/17vIJ8rkahz1Gh9YdKzrHoV3B2zP9zW9gniETi8mC6Fk/edit>

Applications for the Career Technical Education programs at Haverhill High School are currently open online. There are five Career Technical Education programs that focus on areas such as healthcare, information technology, programming, biomedicine, and engineering. HHS CTE Application Timeline for the 2022/23 school year is:

- October 1, 2022 – Students can apply at <https://haverhill.go2cte.com/>
- February 17, 2023 – Deadline to submit all parts of the application
- March 2023 – Interviews will be held at students' schools
- March 31, 2023 – Acceptance to the programs will be finalized and notifications sent to students

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs.Crowley at (978)374-5792 or [mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org)

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**From the Reading Specialist**

Grade 7 practice MCAS samples, which were completed on the last half day, are graded and will be reviewed with students during class as a writing conference. This will include interventionists, classroom teachers, and the literacy coach. Students will be shown a printout of their open response from grade 6 MCAS and compare it to the practice version we did during the half day at school. We will compare and contrast the pieces and focus on areas where the students could improve. We will use this information to help students better understand how MCAS is scored, and how to improve their writing for this year's MCAS in the Spring.

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