# Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... *Home of the Knights!* December 18, 2022

## **Important Dates**

Monday, Dec 19 Cookie dough Pick up in the Cafe from 3:15-4:30 Tuesday, Dec 20 Home Basketball Game Tuesday, Dec 20 at Nettle

Tuesday, Dec 20 Winter Concert (6-7:15) Nettle Cafe, free Friday, Dec 23 Early Release day and Practice MCAS

ATHLETICS	Girls Basketball	Boys Basketball	Floor Hockey Club
	Practice Dec 21,22	Practice Dec 19,22	Games on Fridays
			Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips

#### From the Principal's Desk

Congratulations to the Model UN Team who competed on behalf of the Nettle at Haverhill High School! Outstanding effort by all students listed below:

Richard DaSilva - Grade 8

Dave Martin - Grade 8

Felipe Scarabelli - Grade 6

Win Kimball - Grade 6

David Moreno - Grade 6



PTO is selling candygrams during lunch for students to purchase.

I know the holidays can be a stressful time. Here is a link to some Family Resources

Nettle is creating an academic bowl team. If your child is interested please see the note below from the coaches:

Mrs. McCarron and Mr. Veiga are looking for students to join our academic bowl teams! The academic bowl is an all-subject, buzzer-based academic quiz competition for quiz bowl teams consisting of students in 5th-8th grade. Students can look on your math google classroom for the form if you are interested in signing up. Or see Mrs. McCarron or Mr. Veiga in 203!

#### From the Guidance Department

#### Grade 8 Students & Families:

UPCOMING DEADLINES FOR HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS:

The application for Classical Academy is due by January 13, 2023. The application is available online at: https://hhs.haverhill-ps.org/classical-academy-3/

The application for the Career Technical Education programs at Haverhill High School is due by February 17, 2023. The application is available online at https://cte.haverhill-ps.org/application-process/

The application for Essex North Shore is due by January 10, 2023.

Please contact Mrs.Crowley at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org or (978)374-5792 if you have any questions.

## From the Reading Specialist

Please ask your child to do more reading and ask your child questions about what they read. Can they give you a summary of the story?

## From the Math specialist

Grade 5 and grade 6 students will be taking a math MCAS practice test on the ½ day, Friday the 23rd. I understand this is the ½ day before the Holiday Break, however, the practice MCAS will give each student the opportunity to learn how to navigate the testing platform. By practicing standardized questions, students will gain more confidence in their preparation for the actual MCAS test. Please make sure your child attends school on the 14th as results will be discussed regarding strengths and weaknesses.

## From the Nurses' Office

Hello, Nettle Families from the Nurse's office. We have noticed an increase in flu-like symptoms. Please monitor your child for symptoms, such as cough, nasal congestion, fever, vomiting, sore throat, headache, muscle pains, or diarrhea. These symptoms are shared with COVID-19. Please be sure to have your child tested for the appropriate illness. If your child does test positive for the flu or covid, please be sure to share with the school nurse. If you require additional COVID-19 tests, please contact me and I will send some home.

If your child has had a recent physical, please submit a copy to the nurse. You may send in a hard copy or email me a scanned copy or image. It is important that this is shared with me annually to keep their medical records up to date.

We are currently working on our immunization records. We will be reaching out to families if your child does not meet the immunization requirements. These are required by the state. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.

We are still working on our vision screenings for 5th and 7th graders. 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. We will be following up with families once we return from winter break.

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

https://app.formdr.com/practice/Njc5MA==/form/g\_r7zXpjYIMy5yMAHuI4s5bsJpVuGHsN

Spanish

https://app.formdr.com/practice/Njc5MA==/form/\_9UgZZjZFXRYit\_gm\_U2pQfYfvcpeoN1

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, 978-274-1943 via fax, or at Jennifer.Huynh@haverhill-ps.org

Please keep checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates. nettle.haverhill-ps.org Contact Eileen Doherty eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org