

Nettle News

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

February 12, 2023



Important Dates

Monday, Feb 13

PTO Meeting 6-7

Tuesday Feb 14

Progress Reports Post

Thursday, Feb 16

Parent teacher conferences (4:30 - 6:00)

Monday, March 27

First Day of MCAS

<p>ATHLETICS</p> 	<p>Volleyball Games Schedule Mon & Wed: Girls Team Practice Tues & Thurs: Boys Team Practice Thursday, March 9 Home Tuesday, March 14 Home Wednesday, March 15 Consentino Tuesday, March 21 Home Thursday, March 23 Home Thursday, March 30 Hunking Wednesday, April 5 Whittier</p>	<p>Floor Hockey Club Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips</p>
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From the Principal's Desk

Please have your students charge their chromebooks at night (especially Sunday night).

Progress reports will be posted on Schoolbrains on Tuesday, February 14 and **Parent Conferences will be on February 16 from 4:30 - 6:00.**



Shout out to the Academic Bowl team who beat Consentino Middle school this week!

Haverhill High is allowing incoming grade 9 students to opt out of the swim portion of the Freshman Physical Education class by passing a swim test at Haverhill High School's pool. Nettle students who are interested may take the test on **Thursday, May 4**. The test will start at 3:15 and be completed by 4:15. Students must be able to swim the width of the pool (@12 yards); crawl stroke, backstroke, breaststroke, side stroke, elementary backstroke, and show that they can swim under water for at least six yards (@ half the width of the pool) and tread water for one minute. If you are interested in this opportunity please email Heidi.Hannon@haverhill-ps.org (or call the Nettle School).

From the Guidance Department

The LEAD program is in the process of starting a food pantry at Nettle School. We are currently collecting food donations to stock the pantry. Before continuing our collection, we want to reach out to our students and families so our supplies accurately reflect the needs of the community. If you are interested in receiving food/toiletry items for your family, please complete the Google Form below.

<https://forms.gle/SC6sy4YGKZwaYN1f8>

We would like to get our pantry up and running ASAP but want to have an idea of the needs of our families first.

Please email us if you have any questions - nettlefoodpantry@gmail.com.

The deadline to apply to the Career Technical Education program at HHS is February 17th. Please let me know if you have any questions.

On **February 15** we will be doing a Needs Assessment Survey for grade 7 students.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs.Crowley at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org

Grade 8 Washington DC Fundraising Update

We were able to get Wednesday March 8th for a restaurant fundraiser at **G's** downtown. They will donate 20% of the evening proceeds to the D.C. trip. We will have a flier that can be shared with Nettle families. This is minimal effort- just spread the word and encourage your family/friends to eat there or get takeout on the 8th. See the attached flier.

Matt Souza is organizing a Red Sox fundraiser.

From Math Specialist

We all know that reading with a child helps literacy skills, and that playing sports in the backyard teaches the value of teamwork and being physically active. But where are the life lessons for mathematics? The truth is that we all use mathematics many times each day, but often don't realize

it. From trips to the grocery store to the amount of time playing video games, math is part of our daily lives. Don't underestimate your own math skills. You can help your child learn math! You can support your child by helping them understand how math plays a role in everyday activities. Find ways to incorporate math into everyday activities at home, for example, making goals to save money, calculating discounts , or predicting the time it will take to get to Walmart. Grocery stores are a great source of math lessons. For example, you can talk aloud about how to weigh fruit on a scale or how to estimate the total cost of groceries as you fill your cart. Do informal math together. And on rainy days, family evenings and vacation time, play math games such as Yahtzee, Dominoes or Connect Four. Show your child that math is fun!

From ELA Specialist

ELA classes are finishing up their novel studies! Please ask your child what they've been reading and have some discussions! The more students talk about what they are reading, the better the comprehension. We also finished up an MCAS practice this week for grades 7 and 8. We are also working hard at implementing Writing with Colors which is a strategy to help students organize their writing. As usual, please continue to encourage students to read. There are some great books available at local libraries and all ELA teachers would be happy to give some recommendations for titles of interest!

From the HEA

Valentine's Day is coming and the HEA (Haverhill Educators' Association) is doing a Food Drive from February 1- 14. Please donate any non-perishable items to your teacher at drop off or the office.

Please keep checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates. nettle.haverhill-ps.org
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