

# Nettle News

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

March 19, 2023




## Important Dates

**Monday, March 27**

First Day of MCAS

**Thursday, March 30**

Open Gym Fundraiser PTO

<p><b>ATHLETICS</b></p> 	<p><b>Volleyball Games Schedule</b> Tuesday, March 21 Home Thursday, March 23 Home Thursday, March 30 Hunking Wednesday, April 5 Whittier</p>	<p><b>Floor Hockey Club</b> Games on Fridays Ask Mr. Cote for permission slips</p> <p><b>Basketball League</b> for all grades (co-ed) starting on soon -</p>
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## From the Principal's Desk

Sign your child up for April Vacation Academy - last chance to sharpen their MCAS Skills and have a little fun! The Vacation Academies will be held at the YMCA/Pentucket Lake School( (978) 374-0506 ask for Cathy Wolf), YWCA((978) 374-6121 ask for Amy Desimone), and Boys and Girls Club ((978) 374-6171 - ask for Jessi Feiner).

Mr. Joffre is starting a co-ed, all grades basketball league for our students. They can sign up during homeroom or lunch this week. When he gets a list of interested students he will send home a flier and permission slip. The games will be 10 min games with 8 students (mixed grades) on each team. The games will begin on Thursdays beginning March 30 from 3-4:30. The second game will be on Wednesday, April 5 and then every Thursday after that.

On March 16th we conducted an A.L.I.C.E. drill as outlined in a letter earlier this year. The drill began with an announcement alerting the students to the fact that it was a practice drill. Following the practice, the teachers and administrators discussed with the students the benefits of learning how to protect themselves in the event of an intruder. For more information about A.L.I.C.E., please read the Frequently Asked Question below. Further

information is available at: <https://www.alicetraining.com/> and <https://www.haverhill-ps.org/security/k-6-alice-training-information/>.

We are looking for a couple of grade 8 parents who are interested in leading a team of parents to coordinate the 8th grade celebration and dance. If you are interested please email me at [eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org)

If you are interested in buying any Nettle gear for yourself or your family please use this link from the PTO

[https://ghnet23.itemorder.com/shop/home/?fbclid=IwAR1u\\_Jn1VOxIdZ4D8L4yCKdRBraXeQuXFTUi8-qQrGF9xiLr6SC9MfhtgyU](https://ghnet23.itemorder.com/shop/home/?fbclid=IwAR1u_Jn1VOxIdZ4D8L4yCKdRBraXeQuXFTUi8-qQrGF9xiLr6SC9MfhtgyU)

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### **8th Grade Students & Families:**

Haverhill High School is beginning the process of registering incoming 9th graders for the 2023-2024 school year. All 8th graders are expected to register for HHS classes, even if they plan on attending a different high school. Students have received a paper copy of the course registration packet with instructions of how to select electives for freshman year. The information for HHS Course Registration, including course descriptions, is also posted below.

All students must select alternate electives so that we have enough options listed in the event a specific class is not available. Students should write the course selections on the course registration sheet you received and return it to Mrs. Crowley by March 16th. Mrs. Crowley has met with all students to explain the course registration process, and she will be following up with any 8th graders who have questions next week. All 8th grade teachers are in the process of making recommendations for levels of all core classes in School Brains. To see these, students and parents should visit the Community Portal. If you have any questions or need assistance, please let me know.

#### HHS Course Selection

Packet: [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FwnpZjx4ciYzGDkGtHkKK\\_T9OuWLC-Wyx4tC1kfS9mc/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FwnpZjx4ciYzGDkGtHkKK_T9OuWLC-Wyx4tC1kfS9mc/edit?usp=sharing)

#### HHS Course Selections:

Selections: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RaKBFhkJVHqnNfJaQO7T5TB8xan5QDL0mOSuDdnVsU/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions, please contact Megan Crowley, School Counselor, for 7th & 8th grade at [mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org)

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### **National Junior Honor Society**

Apply Now! National Junior Honor Society. This is a group where students are recognized for their service, citizenship, leadership, and character at Nettle and in the community in addition to their excellence in academics. Click [HERE](#) to see the REQUIREMENTS. The Link to apply is in the document from the Guidance Department. Any questions please contact

Ms. Hodson at [melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org)

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### **From Nettle Side Kicks**

Nettle will be hosting a Multicultural Celebration in the near future. Ms. McVey and the Sidekick Mentors are organizing the event. They are looking for parent and community volunteers to help them organize the event. If you are interested in helping out please complete this [survey](#).