

Nettle News

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

October 29, 2023



Monday Oct 30 (3-4pm)

Information Night for Ski Club

Wednesday, Nov 1

Grade 8 Visit to Haverhill High

Monday, Nov 6

Boys basketball tryout (grade 6) 3-4:30

Wednesday, Nov 8

Boys basketball tryout (grade 7 and 8) 3-4:30

Thursday, Nov 9

Boys basketball tryouts (invitation only)

4-5:30

Thursday, Nov 9

School Dance (4-6pm)



Soccer

Semi Finals will be on Tuesday, October 31
Nettle will be at Consentino (girls first) 3:30

Finals will be at Haverhill High School on
November 2nd (girls first) 3:30



Basketball

Tryouts - Nov 6,8,9 (3-4:30 time
changed)

Boys Coach is Omar Fernandez (with
some help from Gibson)

Girls Coach is Ms. Prevost who will be
posting a try-out schedule when her
soccer season ends.

From the Principal's Desk

Some of you may have seen the article in the [WHAV](#), absenteeism remains an issue across the state and spreading awareness is crucial. Thanks to the support of Haverhill Promise and generous donations from Covanta Waste Energy, Pentucket Bank and Cedar's Mediterranean Foods, Haverhill Public Schools will be running an awareness campaign throughout the year.

HPS and Haverhill Promise will be starting with “Attendance Matters” giveaways for the rest of 2023. There will be 2 students chosen randomly from Nettle from the list of students who are on time and in attendance for the week.

In 2021/2022 school year - 40.1% of Nettle students were considered chronically absent. In 2022/2023 we reduced the percentage of chronic absenteeism to 31% According to the state, students are absent who miss 10% or more of the school year (including *excused* absences - which count against attendance). There are 180 days each school year; students who miss 18 days or more - are considered chronically absent. In 2019 our Chronic absentee rate was 19%. In 2017 it was 15%. We must return to at least those rates. Most families don't think that missing a day or two here and there matters but it does. Most of our students who are considered chronically absent only miss two or three days per month. If your child misses 2 days each month for the year they will miss more than 18 days and be considered chronically absent.

Showing up to school every day - even half days - builds routines, improves engagement in classes, and improves access to learning. Students who miss a day or two each month fall behind in their learning, get embarrassed in class when they don't know what is going on, and often disengage or become behavior problems. Attendance matters - please do your best to support your child's success in school.

Ms. Hodson and Ms. McCarron have been working hard to fundraise for the Washington DC Trip for the 8th Grade. Ms McCarron says - *GOOD NEWS! We've been approved to have a bake sale/craft table at Nettle on voting day! PLEASE sign up [here](#) with your student name, the adult who will be present with the student (this is MANDATORY as teachers are in meetings all day), what your student will be bringing to sell, and the hours your student can be there (with an adult). Any questions please reach out to Ms. Hodson or me (Ms. McCarron elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org)!*

The 7th-grade team is working on a Fall field trip for the 6th-grade students who did not get a field trip at the end of last year. You should see permission slips coming home this week.

Guidance

8th Grade Students & Families:

SAVE THE DATE:

High School Open Houses: Open to all 7th & 8th graders

Haverhill High School - November 15th at 6pm

Whittier Tech High School - November 5th 1-4pm

Grade 8 Families

The 8th grade tour of Haverhill High School is on Wednesday, 11/1/23, and the tour of Whittier Tech. is on Tuesday, 12/5/23. Please make sure your child's permission slip is signed and returned by Monday, 10/30/23.

Grade 7 Families

Mrs. Crowley is in the process of meeting with all 7th graders regarding high school options and the transition to high school. All of the information presented to the students is posted in the Grade 7 School Counseling Google Classroom.

Washington DC - grade 8

Washington D.C. Meeting 2 was held on 10/12!

[Here are the Notes](#)

[Registration Packet](#) - All the Info!

[Registration Website](#) - You do not need to make a deposit in order to register!

Register ASAP to be a part of fundraising opportunities!

Contact:

Melanie.Hodson@haverhill-ps.org

Elizabeth.McCarron@haverhill-ps.org

From the Nurse

You should have received packets from your child with information about Polish Dental. They will be coming to the school on October 30 and 31 to do teeth cleaning for anyone who fills out the forms distributed to your child. Reach out to your child's homeroom teacher if you did not receive the packet.

Make math homework a habit

One of the best ways to make something a habit is to do it at the same time every day. Help your middle grader pick a homework time slot that works for him/her. It could be after dinner or right after your child gets home from school. Experiment to find the best time and stick with it daily. Even if there are no assignments due the next day, your child can use the time to review notes or work on a long-term project or even read a book.

Ski and Snowboard Club

Sign up and Information Night
For Golden Hill (gr 3-4) and
Nettle Students

Drop by to sign up or ask questions:

Monday October 30th
Between 6-7: p.m.
Nettle Middle School cafeteria

If you are unable to make the meeting,
sign-up sheets will be in the office.
Registration forms and payment are due **NO
LATER** than Wednesday, November 15th

Questions?
Golden Hill contact Erica:
e.tarasuk@gmail.com
Nettle contact Kaytie:
KayRice23@gmail.com



** This is not a school sponsored club.

Mental Health Essentials for Parents & Caregivers



with Mental Health Collaborative

HPS Wellness Caregiver Series Part 2

Haverhill parents & caregivers will learn strategies to include mental health as part of their parenting, identify when loved ones need support, how and where to get professional support, self-care for themselves and loved ones and much more! *This is strictly educational.*

Wed. November 15th 2023

7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



Step 1: REGISTER FOR ZOOM:

<https://tinyurl.com/y7333wm6>

Step 2: Check email for zoom link

**Step 3: Sign in and join via the link in your email on 11/15 @
7:00 PM**

Translation available during zoom: specify language at registration

For questions or to request accommodations, contact Marissa Carty

(marissa@mentalhealthcollaborative.org) or Megan Arivella (megan.arivella@haverhill-ps.org)