

Nettle News

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

January 7, 2024



Monday, Jan 8

PTO Meeting (4-5pm)

Monday, Jan 8 - Wednesday, Jan 10

Auditions for JG Whittier play (2;45)

Monday, Jan 8

ACCESS testing begins for all

Multi-language learners

Monday, Jan 15




No School, MLK day

Tuesday Jan 16

Basketball game at Consentino, girls first

Thursday, Jan 19

Basketball vs. Sacred Heart, Home, boys first

 <p>Girls' Basketball Practice: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Game: Tuesday, Jan 16 at Consentino. Thursday, Jan 18 No games week of Jan 8</p>	 <p>Boys' Basketball Practice: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday Game: Tuesday, Jan 16 at Consentino. No games week of Jan 8</p>	 <p>Cheerleading Practice: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday (Gold Team only for Showcase routine) Game: Tuesday, Jan 16 at Consentino.</p>
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From the Principal's Desk

The new year is off to a fast start. If you haven't come to Nettle to see the Basketball games there is still time left. Speaking of time - we are a little more than 40 school days away from MCAS - attendance matters! MCAS begins on March 25 and run through the beginning of June this year. This year the 8th graders will be taking the first Civics MCAS.

Next week begins ACCESS testing for our Multilingual Learners.

As a reminder for those of you planning ahead, the week of February 19th is the week of February break.

As the weather turns cold the Superintendent's office will be making phone calls and posting on the Haverhill Public School website any time there is a school closing.

Unfortunately we have had some issues with middle school students attending away games. As a District, the Middle School Principals, have decided to not allow students from other schools to attend games, other than home games, without a parent/guardian.

Health Classes

Health Class News

8th Grade Homeroom 228 is currently in health class. The next unit in class is Healthy Relationships and Sexual Health. You should have received a letter handed out in class; there will be a copy sent on Remind App.

If you have any questions contact: Maeve Torres maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org

7th Grade Homeroom 202 is currently in health class. The next unit in class is The Reproductive Systems. You should have received a letter handed out in class; there will be a copy sent on the Remind App.

If you have any questions contact: Maeve Torres maeve.torres@haverhill-ps.org

Guidance

Whittier Tech has scheduled the Nettle 8th grade interviews for Thursday, 3/7 and Friday, 3/8. We currently have 74 applicants. The deadline is 2/1.

Applications for the Classical Academy at Haverhill High School and Career Tech Education are now available. Please see the application information below.

Applications for the Career Tech Education (CTE) programs at Haverhill High School are now available at:

<https://cte.haverhill-ps.org/application-process/>

The deadline to apply is February 16, 2024.

Applications for the Classical Academy at Haverhill High School are now available at

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

The deadline to apply is January 19, 2024.

Applications for Whittier Tech High School are available at:

www.whittiertech.org

The deadline to apply is February 1, 2024.

Students with any interest in either or both of these programs are encouraged to apply.

Please see Mrs. Crowley if you have any questions or email at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org

Washington D.C. Info (this was sent home with students 12/20)

- 2/12/24: last day to register
- 4/12/24: final payment due
- 1/9/24: student meeting @ 12:30 in 301.
- 1/9/24: virtual parent meeting @ 6pm (link: <https://meet.google.com/ixj-rozv-wbn>)

Contact:

Melanie.Hodson@haverhill-ps.org

Elizabeth.McCarron@haverhill-ps.org

Drama Club and Student Council

Monday and Wednesday - drama club 2:45-4 pm

Student Council on Wednesday

Academic Bowl

Academic Bowl

Mr. Dion (5/6 coach) and Mrs. McCarron (7/8 coach) are looking forward to our first academic bowl meeting on Tuesday 1/9/24 from 2:45-3:30. Any questions please contact us at matthew.dion@haverhill-ps.org or elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org.

Math Coach

Grade 5 students are beginning module 4 in the Eureka Math Squared Curriculum. Module 4 is on Place Value Concepts for Decimal Operations. Topic A of the module students will represent decimal numbers to the thousandths by using a variety of concrete and pictorial models and name the numbers in different forms.

Grade 6 students are in module 3 of the Eureka Math Squared Curriculum. Module 3 is on Rational Numbers. In Topic A, students use positive and negative numbers and 0 to describe real-world quantities such as elevation and temperature. They plot whole numbers and opposites of whole numbers on horizontal and vertical number lines and discover that these numbers are called *integers*. Then students extend their understanding of integers to locate positive and negative rational numbers on the number line

Grade 7 students are just finishing up with module 3 on Expressions, Equations and Inequalities. In topic D, students apply what they know about solving equations to solve inequalities. They begin by graphing boundary numbers and testing numbers to determine the correct region on the number line to shade. Through experimentation, students notice that when both sides of an inequality are multiplied or divided by a negative number, the inequality sign must be reversed to maintain a true number sentence.

Grade 8 students are beginning module 4 on Linear Equations in one and two Variables.

Linear Equations in One Variable: Students formalize the properties of equality and use them to solve linear equations with variables on both sides of the equation. They write and solve equations to answer questions about consecutive integers and geometric relationships. Students learn how to use linear equations to write repeating decimals as fractions.

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

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