

Nettle News

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



October 13, 2024

Important Dates

Monday, October 14

No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day

Tuesday, October 15

Site Council Meeting (Google Meet) (6:00 - 7:00) Please email me for a link

Wednesday, October 16

Cross Country Meet for grades 4 and 5

Thursday, October 17

Parent Teacher Conferences (5:00 - 6:30)

Monday, October 21

PTO Meeting (5 - 6 pm) in cafe

Tuesday, October 29

PTO-sponsored Halloween dance

Thursday, November 7

Picture Re-takes



Boys & Girls Soccer

Soccer Team: **October 15** Nettle v. Consentino at Golden Hill Elementary -

ALL parents need to park at Nettle and walk up to Golden Hill because of bus traffic



Cross Country Team

Meets:

10/16 Wednesday meet for 4th and 5th grades.

10/24 Thursday Scoring meet for grades 6th - 8th

10/28 Monday Meet vs Methuen and North Andover

Practice:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:50-3:45

Morning Nettle Families

Please don't forget there is no school on Monday. Monday is Indigenous Peoples' Day when we celebrate the Indigenous American people, their culture, and history.

As a reminder, the weather continues to get colder, and the students are outside school for morning and afternoon recess. They are outside for 20 minutes (or until 8:25), and if they aren't running around, they sometimes get cold. Please remember to send your child to

school with a coat, hat, and mittens to keep them comfortable. We don't do indoor recess until the temperature is around 32 degrees Fahrenheit.

As you know, our students' reading scores are below average across the country. After the pandemic schools in Haverhill began hiring Reading interventionists to help students improve their reading fluency, phonics, and comprehension. Some students work in small groups with specialized reading instructors often during Social Studies classes. Sometimes the students work in the library 2 or 3 days a week for four to six weeks at a time. Depending on the level of need they often do their reading for Social Studies with a reading tutor.

Nettle is doing a canned food drive for our pantry to help families in need please consider donating.

Progress reports will be issued on October 15 and Parent Conferences will be on October 17 from (5:00 - 6:30). If you need more time than the 5 minutes we have scheduled per parent, please request more time on a different day with your child's teacher.

Grade 8 Families - 8th Grade Washington, D.C. Trip

Registration is officially open.

Go to <https://www.capitaltours.net/register>

1. You do not need to put a deposit down in order to register.
2. You DO have to register in order to participate in fundraising.
3. Next fundraising event: 11/5 Bake/Craft Sale - sign up will be sent out soon.

Any questions?

Please email Ms. Hodson at melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org or Mrs. McCarron at Elizabeth.Mccarron@haverhill-ps.org

Clubs

The Nettle School will be starting the Model UN program very soon. We look forward to working with students from HHS to produce another strong group of informed citizens who have the tools to become leaders in our society.

GSA will meet in Mrs. McCarron's room 203 on Wednesdays at 2:45-3:15 starting on 9/18. Any questions please ask Mrs. McCarron at elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org. Looking forward to meeting everyone!

Chess Club will meet on Thursdays from 3-4PM. Come to room 505 to join.

Drama club will meet on Thursdays from 2:45 - 3:45 (Auditions are on October 24). No drama club on October 17.

Guidance: From Mrs.Crowley

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Tuesday, October 29th- 8th Grade Tour of Haverhill High School (permission slips will follow as the date gets closer)

Friday, November 1st- Whittier Tech. portal opens to apply for admission for Fall 2025; Open house at Whittier Tech is November 3rd from 1-4. Please see their website for more details at www.whittiertech.org

Thursday, November 7th- Middle School Family Night at Haverhill High School for Grades 6-8; Tour HHS from 6:00-7:30pm and get your questions answered; Great opportunity to check out all of the amazing programs at HHS

Tuesday, December 10th- 8th Grade Tour of Whittier Tech (permission slips will follow as date gets closer)

Haverhill High School Programs Now Accepting Applications from 8th graders:

*The Classical Academy is an honors-level program that engages students who are intellectually curious, who are passionate about learning, and who want to deepen their knowledge of the arts and sciences.

[Classical Academy Application](#)

*HHS Career Technical Education (CTE) Program: Haverhill High School students can participate in one of five Career Technical Education programs that focus on such areas as healthcare, information technology, programming, biomedicine, and engineering. The online application portal for the CTE Programs is now accepting applications!

<https://haverhill.go2cte.com/>

All 8th graders have been invited to join my 8th Grade Guidance Google classroom where I will post all high school information and updates. Please check with your child to make sure they've joined the Google Classroom so they can stay up to date. If you have any questions, please email me at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org

ELA Coach

Our school library has been working hard to get titles that students are interested in. Currently, the top authors are Dave Pilkey, JK Rowling, Raina Telgemier, Jeff Kinney, and Koyoharu Gotouge. We are always looking for suggestions for other authors and genres that students are interested in so please encourage your child to let the librarian know when they check out their next book! Mrs. Gibson is interested in having some students be

book "influencers" so if there are any avid readers who want to let others know about the best titles, send her an email at Bethann.gibson@haverhill-ps.org to discuss!

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