

Nettle News

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

October 20, 2024



Important Dates

Monday, October 21

PTO Meeting (5 -6 pm) in cafe
Also Ski Club Information Night (6-7)

Wednesday, October 23

Early Release Day (11:00 am)

Tuesday, October 29

PTO-sponsored Halloween *dance* (4:00pm - 6:00 pm)

Thursday, November 7

Picture Re-takes



Boys & Girls Soccer

Soccer Team: Elementary -
ALL parents need to park at
Nettle and walk up to Golden Hill
because of bus traffic



Cross Country Team

Meets:

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

It was really nice meeting new and returning families at this week's Parent Conferences. It often helps to get to know the family behind the students - meeting families allows teachers and staff to see each child as more than a student. If you were unable to attend please reach out to your child's teacher and set up a meeting. All the teachers' emails are on the Nettle [home page](#). I would encourage you to contact a teacher or just to find out when after-school homework help is available.

I know many families celebrate Halloween but we don't in Middle School. We try to focus the day on academics and less on candy and costumes. Candy and costumes create distractions in class and arguments among students. Please make sure your student is not

wearing a costume to school. If your student would like to wear a costume to the PTO Dance on Tuesday, October 29 they may bring it in their backpack to change or go home to change before the Dance.

Please remember the weather is getting colder. It is important that students wear coats. If your student needs a coat please ask them to come see Ms. Gio or Ms. Guerra in the office.

We are excited to continue our partnership with Family Zone, which provides staff, students, and families with free access to resources such as articles, videos, and courses on cyber safety. You can access the Family Zone Cyber Safety Hub through the District website. To explore more about Family Zone, [visit this link](#).

The 5th and 6th Grade Student Council speeches will be given during lunch next week. Students should have a poster and speech ready. (Poster and suggested guidelines were provided for all interested candidates,) If you have any questions you may contact Angela McVey @angela.mcvey@haverhill-ps.org.

Ms. McVey is doing a popcorn Fundraiser to support our food pantry. Thursday 24th and Friday 25th during lunch. 1\$ for popcorn

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

GSA meets Wednesdays in 203 with Mrs. McCarron from 2:45-3:30 pm. Due to the half day, GSA will not be held on the 23rd. We will meet again on 10/30!

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

Drama club will meet on Thursdays from 2:45 - 3:45 (Auditions are on October 24).

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

Math Coach

How many squares do you see?

A big thank you to our community partners Fantini Bakery, Valley Logistics, 411 CARES and Crystal Engineering for their continued support!!!

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