

# Nettle News

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



December 15, 2024

## Important Dates

**Monday, December 16**

Nettle Band Concert at HHS (6-7pm)

**Thursday, December 19**

Home basketball game 3:00 - 5:30

**Thursday, December 19**

Site Council in person 6-7pm

**Friday, December 20**

Early Release Day (11:05)

**Monday, December 23 - Wednesday, Jan 1**

No School - winter break



### Girls Basketball

Monday, Dec 16, 3:00 - 3:45 and Tuesday Dec. 17 3:00 - 4:30

Game: Thursday, Dec 19 at Nettle against JG Whittier (boys first)



### Boys Basketball

Monday, Dec 16 3:45 - 4:45 and Wednesday, Dec 18 3:00 - 4:30

Game: Thursday, Dec 19 at Nettle against JG Whittier (boys first)



### Cheerleading

Practice will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:30

Game: Thursday, Dec 19 at Nettle against JG Whittier (boys first)

## Message from the Principal

Good Morning Nettle families!

I hope you all read the letter I sent earlier this week about our newest member of the Nettle family. We are excited to have a comfort dog, Tucker (see picture above), joining us.

Comfort dogs have been shown to reduce stress and anxiety, provide emotional support,

and increase students' empathy and compassion. Tucker will start on Monday as a 10 week old puppy. He will always be on a leash and the leash will always be on his handler's arm unless he is napping in his crate. He has been trained and will be certified through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. He is up to date on his vaccinations and licensure requirements. One of our teachers, Ms. Lawler, is the owner/handler of the dog and she is trained in handling the puppy with students. The dog will not be allowed in the cafeteria at any time and we are asking the students not to sneak him any snacks!

If your child has an allergy to dogs please reach out to our nurse, Diane Adebayo at [diane.adebayo@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:diane.adebayo@haverhill-ps.org). If your child is nervous or afraid of dogs and you would like to ask more questions please do not hesitate to contact me at [eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org).

This week is the last week of school before winter break. School ends on Friday, December 20 at 11:05 and students will be welcome back on Thursday, January 2nd. Enjoy your time with family and friends!!

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The yearbook committee needs baby photos of your 8th grade student for the yearbook. Please email Ms. McVey at [angela.mcvey@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:angela.mcvey@haverhill-ps.org).

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### **Model UN**

Nettle School students participated in the Model UN conference at Haverhill High School. The conference took place over 2 days and involved all the middle schools from the city. Each student represented a different nation and used their knowledge of that nation to come up with real world solutions to issues facing those countries. We are very proud of their performance and their representation of the Nettle School.

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### **Clubs**

GSA meets on Tuesdays during 7/8 lunch & recess and Wednesdays after school from 2:45pm-3:30pm. I will post on our google classroom if there is a staff meeting and GSA is cancelled. Any questions reach out to Mrs. McCarron at [elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org) or by text at 978-361-0659.

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 to 3:45.

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### **Guidance: From Mrs.Crowley**

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

\*The Classical Academy is an honors-level program that engages intellectually curious students, 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](mailto:mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org)

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*A big thank you to our community partners Fantini Bakery, Valley Logistics, 411 CARES, The Barber Academy, Gourmet Specialty Foods, Bloom by Nancy, and Crystal Engineering*

*Please continue checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates [nettle.haverhill-ps.org](http://nettle.haverhill-ps.org)  
Contact Eileen Doherty [eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org)*