

# Nettle News

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



January 12, 2025

## Important Dates

**Monday, January 13**

PTO Meeting (4-5)

**Monday, January 20**

**No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day**

**Tuesday, January 21**

Site Council Meeting (online)

**Friday, January 24**

Progress Reports posted online

**Saturday, January 25**

Bingo Night at Elk's Club (6-9pm)

**Thursday, January 30**

Parent Conferences (5:00 - 6:30)



### Girls Basketball

**Practice:** Tuesday, Jan 14 (3:00 - 4:30); Wednesday, Jan 15 (3:45 - 4:30); Wednesday, Jan 22 (3-3:45)

**Game:** Thursday, Jan 16 at Consentino (boys first); Tuesday, Jan 21 at JG Whittier (girls first); Thursday, Jan 23 at Sacred Hearts (Girls first)



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Cheerleading Practice will be Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 - 4:30  
**Game:** Thursday, Jan 16 at Consentino; Tuesday, Jan 21 at JG Whittier; Thursday, Jan 23 at Sacred Hearts

## Message from the Principal

Hi Nettle Families!

As I look at the piles of coats, hats and gloves on the stage and in the office I know your closets must be empty! Please take a minute during Parent Conferences on Thursday, January 30 from 5:00 to 6:30 to look on the stage in the cafe to see if you recognize any of the winter clothing we have collected. If the clothes are still on the stage by February break we will put them in the donation bin and start a new pile.

Our Community School program has done a great job of collecting food and clothing donations. If you are interested in working with our program or receiving donations please contact [nimcy.guerra@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:nimcy.guerra@haverhill-ps.org). Our Community Schools program has started Yoga for staff and parents (sorry no children) on Tuesdays in the Library. Please reach out to Nimcy at the email above if you are interested in joining our group.

The PTO is sponsoring a Music Bingo Night at the Elks club on Saturday, January 25th, from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. This fundraiser is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and brush up on your 90's music! (sorry this event is open to adult only).

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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).

The yearbook committee has not picked a cover yet. If you would like to submit a picture or drawing for the yearbook cover please contact Ms. McVey.

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### **Washington DC news**

Final Registration Date: Friday February 14

Register Here! <https://www.capitaltours.net/register>

Future Meeting Date:

**Thursday 2/6/25 @ 6PM** in Nettle Cafe for registered and non-registered students

Fundraisers are happening right now! Register ASAP!

Please contact [melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org) or [Elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:Elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org)

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### **PTO**

The PTO will sponsor a Music Bingo fundraiser at the Elk's Club in Haverhill on Saturday, January 25th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

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### **Math Coach**

Hi Parents, Here's a quick overview of what each grade is currently working on:

- Grade 5: Module 4 - Place Value Concepts for Decimal Operations

- Grade 6: Module 4 - Expressions and One-Step Equations
- Grade 7: Wrapping up Module 3 - Expressions, Equations, and Inequalities and moving on to Module 4 - Geometry by mid-January.
- Grade 8: Continuing with Module 4 - Linear Equations in One and Two Variables

### **English Language Arts Coach**

During the month of January students in ELA classes are reading novels as their primary texts. Haverhill Public Library has copies of these books if you want to borrow one and read along with your child. One of the best ways to increase comprehension is through discussion of texts.

Grade 5: Students are finishing their reading and work with Thunder Rolling in the Mountains.

Grade 6: Grade 6 students are reading either A Wrinkle in Time or One Crazy Summer.

Grade 7: Grade 7 students are reading either The Giver or Hidden Figures.

Grade 8: Grade 8 students are reading Refugee and working in conjunction with the social studies department.

### **Clubs**

The Academic Bowl Senior Team (7th and 8th graders) will be meeting after school in room 203 with Mrs. McCarron on Tuesdays from 2:45-3:30 starting January 7th! Any questions please email me at [elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org) or text me at 978-361-0659. We have a Google Classroom setup for the senior team, email me if you want to be added!

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.

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

Haverhill High School will be sending information home this month to all 8th grade students and families about the upcoming 9th grade course registration process so stay tuned! 8th grade students will have the opportunity to choose electives that they're interested in taking at HHS next year and Mrs.Crowley will be assisting students in this process, beginning at the end of January.

Please see upcoming deadlines for the Career Technical Program and Classical Academy at HHS, in addition to Whittier Tech. If a student has applied to the high school program of their choice, the next step will be an interview in February or March. Interview dates have not been scheduled yet for any high school program, but all information will be sent home as soon as we receive the confirmed interview dates and times.

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

#### HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION for 8th Grade Students and Families:

If you're interested in applying to any high school programs, the deadlines are quickly approaching. All information can be accessed online.

\*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! The deadline to apply is February 14th, 2025.

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

\*The Classical Academy is an honors-level program at HHS that engages students who are intellectually curious, who are passionate about learning, and who want to deepen their knowledge of the arts and sciences. The deadline to apply is January 17, 2025.

#### Classical Academy Application

The portal to apply to Whittier Tech. for admission for Fall 2025 is open. The deadline to apply is February 1st. Please see their website for more details at

[www.whittiertech.org](http://www.whittiertech.org)

If you have any questions, please email me at [mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org)

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*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).*