

# Nettle News

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



January 19, 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 (6:00 pm online)

**Friday, January 24**

Progress Reports posted online

**Saturday, January 25**

Bingo Night at Elk's Club (6:30 -9:30 pm)

**Thursday, January 30**

Parent Conferences (5:00 - 6:30)



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

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### Message from the Principal

Hi Nettle Families!

Big shout out to Ms. McVey - she has submitted a grant sponsored by Samsung - Solve for Tomorrow STEM competition - and has been selected as one of 5 finalists in the State. The grand prize is \$100,000.00, but as a finalist, she (Nettle) has been awarded \$2500 worth of technology. Thank you so much for your hard work, Angela!

Monday is a Federal holiday that celebrates the birth of the famous American Civil Rights advocate Martin Luther King, Jr. This year is extra special because Monday, January 15th is Martin Luther King's actual birthday! Please take time to reflect on the important work of this man who fought for the civil rights of all people, spoke out against injustice and inequality, and recognized the debilitating effects of poverty. He is famous for his inspirational speeches including the "I have a Dream" on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial where he hoped that someday his children and all children would live in a country where they were not judged by their skin color. His marches drew thousands of people together to advocate for nonviolent resistance to injustice. There are many [activities](#) planned in Haverhill to commemorate this remarkable leader including a celebration at the Calgary Baptist Church (13 Ashland St) on Saturday, January 18th.

I just wanted to share this website that someone share with me . It is a really good resource on immigration and a lot of the uncertainty many of us have been feeling either for students, their families, and/or our community.

<https://www.miracoalition.org/news/know-your-rights/>

*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.

### 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 6:30 pm to 9:30 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.

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## 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.

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**Guidance: From Mrs.Crowley**

8th Grade Students & Families

The deadline to apply to the CTE Program at HHS is Friday, February 14th. Please use the link below to apply and let me know if you have any questions.\*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>

The deadline to apply to Whittier Tech is February 1st. You can apply online at [www.whittiertech.org](http://www.whittiertech.org) and press "Apply Now" on their homepage.

The interviews for 8th grade students applying to Whittier Tech. will be held at Nettle School on February 12th and February 13th. Mrs.Crowley will be meeting with all applicants to give them their scheduled interview date/time and to help them prepare for the interview in the coming weeks.

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).*