

Nettle News

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



February 2, 2025

Important Dates

Monday, February 10

PTO Meeting (4:00-5:00)

Thursday, February 13

Valentine's Dance (4:00-6:00)

Monday - Friday, February 17-21

No School, Feb break

Tuesday, February

6:00 - 7:00 (online)

Site Council Meeting (6:00 pm online)



Volleyball Team Tryouts Are Coming Soon!

Boys Team: Wednesday 2/5 & Thursday 2/6, 3-4:30, Nettle Gym

Girls Team: Monday 2/10 & Tuesday 2/11, 3-4:30, Nettle Gym

Make sure your ride can pick you up in front of Nettle at 4:30.

See Mr. Benoit, Ms. Prevost, or Ms. Torres with any questions.

Message from the Principal

Hi Nettle Families!

February 14 (in addition to being Valentines' Day) is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day -we invite you all to wear red. At Nettle we do not celebrate holidays because they can be distracting to learning. Please do not send in flowers, candy, chocolate or Valentines' cards to school.

The lost and found on the stage is over-flowing - please check before February break when we will be donating all the garments on the stage. Conversely, if your child needs a coat, please contact Ms Nimcy at nimcy.guerra@haverhill-ps.org

I just wanted to share this website that someone shared 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.

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 or Elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org

Math Coach

Answers to last week's puzzle:

1. 31, 37
2. 15, 13,
3. 36, 49
4. 720, 5040
5. 21, 34

English Language Arts Coach

Having a strong vocabulary is an asset in any class a student takes. There are so many words and so many meanings, you might question the best way to break them down and have a better understanding of them. Take for instance the root word *struct*. By itself, it doesn't have any meaning but when adding prefixes or suffixes it gives meaning to words like construction, destruction, and structure. The word part (struct) means to build. The more words students are exposed to and experiment with increases their vocabulary and ability to manipulate the language they use in speaking and writing. Practicing wordplay encourages your brain to quickly process and manipulate

language. Think of words and practice changing that word around with prefixes and suffixes. Quick games to play in the car or while waiting for an appointment would be to practice with three letter words and challenge each other to come up with a new word by being allowed to only change one letter, for example, Bat - cat- mat- mad- lad - lag- log- bog- cog. It's harder than it might seem but it's good practice with phonics and it can get competitive by setting a time limit such as 30 seconds that your opponent has to form a new word.

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 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 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

8th Grade Students & Families

HHS Course Registration:

8th grade teachers have completed the course registration process for HHS in School Brains. Mrs.Crowley will begin meeting with students on January 27th through February 14th to ensure all 8th graders have chosen electives for 9th grade. It is important that students take the process seriously to ensure proper placement and limit changes in the fall. Please see the link below to a guide and condensed list of elective offerings for incoming 9th graders.

[Guide to Choosing Courses: English-Grade 8](#)

[Guide to Choosing Classes: Spanish-Grade 8](#)

[Guide to Choosing Classes: Portuguese-Grade 8](#)

Whittier Tech Interviews:

The interviews for 8th grade students applying to Whittier Tech. will be held at Nettle School on February 12th and February 13th. Mrs.Crowley met with all applicants this week

to give them their scheduled interview date/time and to help them prepare for the interview.

CTE Program at HHS

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

The CTE interviews have been scheduled for March 10th and March 11th at Nettle School. Mrs.Crowley will be giving all CTE applicants their interview date and time in the coming weeks.

If you have any questions, please email me at mcrowley@haverhill-ps.org

A big thank you to our community partners Fantini Bakery, Valley Logistics, 411 CARES, The Barber Academy, Gourmet Specialty Foods, Bloom by Nancy, Firehouse Center of the Arts, Riverside Church, Union Installations and Crystal Engineering

*Please continue checking the Nettle Middle School website for updates. nettle.haverhill-ps.org
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