

Nettle News

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



February 9, 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 25

6:00 - 7:00 (online)

Site Council Meeting (6:00 pm online)

Friday, February 28 (5:30pm - 8:30pm)

Community Event at YMCA (parents and kids)



Volleyball Team Tryouts

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

Boys Team: Wednesday 2/12, 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 Valentine's Day) is Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Day -we invite you all to wear red.

I understand that everyone wants to bring a card, chocolate or stuffed animal for their best friend on Valentine's Day. But unfortunately for many students at Nettle, Valentine's Day reinforces their belief that they don't have any friends. It is heartbreaking as a teacher to witness the hurt some students feel when *everyone* gets a gift except one or two kids. We

don't want school to be a place where students feel like they don't belong. Please remind your students to exchange their gifts in private at your home.

Next week is the last week of school before February break. After February break we have 20 school days until we start MCAS testing.

Shout out to our Community School volunteers who have been randomly picking teachers and giving them flowers!

News from Community School

Please remember we have free winter jackets in the front of the lobby and if anyone needs anything else please contact Nimcy Guerra at nimcy.guerra@haverhill-ps.org.

Some staff members have volunteered to host a crochet club on Wednesdays after school. The classes will start after the February vacation, permission slips are in the main office. Yoga classes for staff and parents are every Tuesday in the library from 3:15 to 4:00.

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>

Fundraisers are happening right now! Register ASAP!

Please contact melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org or Elizabeth.mccarron@haverhill-ps.org

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
Contact Eileen Doherty eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org.*

