

Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... Community School for EVERYONE

March 16, 2025



Important Dates

Monday, March 17

Academic Bowl at Whittier (9:15)

March 17 - 28

Nettle Genocide Exhibit at Nettle (details to follow)

Tuesday, March 18

Site Council, 6:00

Wednesday, March 19

Academic Bowl at Hunking (9:15)

Wednesday, March 19

Community Night for Genocide Unit (5:00 - 7:00 pm)

Monday, March 24

First day of ELA MCAS

Monday, March 24

PTO Meeting (4:00)

March 25 and March 27

Academic Bowl Semifinals (4:00) and Finals (6:30) at Hunking

Thursday, March 27

Game Night (5:00 - 6:30)

Thursday, May 1

Multicultural Night (TBD)



Volleyball

Monday: Boys & Girls Practice

Tuesday: Home Game v Sacred Hearts, Boys Play First

Thursday: Away Game @ Consentino, Girls



Track and Field

Practices start on Tuesday, March 18th from 3:00 - 3:45.

Message from the Principal

Congratulations to the Academic Bowl team on their latest victory! They will be competing against Whittier on Monday at Whittier. Best of luck to them!

On Wednesday, March 26th from 5:00 - 7:00 pm, we will be hosting an Ann Frank Exhibit to the whole community. The event will be hosted by 8th-grade students. I hope everyone can invite a friend, family, or neighbor to this community event.

We are focusing heavily on the skills, strategies, and background knowledge students need a refresher on before we start MCAS on March 24. Attendance is a big part of students' success.

Game Night at Nettle!

Join us for a fun-filled Game Night designed to bring students, families, and friends together for an evening of fun and learning. Discover how math and word games help sharpen minds, build confidence, and reinforce essential academic skills—all while having a blast! We will have games on hand to try but feel free to bring your own games to play with other families and students!

Date & Time: Thursday, March 27 (5-6:30)

Location: Nettle cafeteria

What to Expect:

- Teachers, families, and students: all playing a variety of games
- Math Challenges & Puzzle Stations: Put your problem-solving abilities to the test! Logical thinking and creativity are encouraged!
- Word Games & Vocabulary Builders: How many words can you make from a set of letters? Is that really a word? How well can you convince others that you're right?
- Prizes! We will be raffling off some games to take home at the end of the night.
- EXTRA CREDIT! Many teachers have offered to give students extra credit for attending - need some extra points in ELA or math? Come to game night!

Come experience firsthand how practicing math and language skills outside the classroom can powerfully reinforce what's learned in school.

Let's make learning an adventure!

Multicultural Night

Join Us for Multicultural Night on Thursday, May 1st!

We're excited to start planning our upcoming Multicultural Night, a celebration of the many cultures and traditions that make our community so special! If you'd like to learn more or are interested in joining the Parent Committee to help bring this event to life, please reach out to Angela McVey at angela.mcvey@haverhill-ps.org. We'd love to have your voice at the table.

Academic Bowl

Academic Bowl semi-finals will be held on Tuesday 3/25 starting at 4 pm at Hunking. Students will need a ride to and from the event. All teams play in the semi-final round.

The finals will be held on Thursday 3/27 starting at 6:30 pm at Hunking. The Junior and Senior teams will play in the finals if they win in the semi-final round.

Art Class

Do you (or a family member) have any art or craft supplies you would like to donate? The art room at Nettle is looking for donations from now until the end of March! If you would like to donate please drop off your supplies in the office.

We welcome traditional donations of colored pencils, brushes, crayons, paper, and unusual supplies like stencils, spray paint, and paper crimpers! Thank you!

8th Grade Anne Frank Museum Traveling Exhibit Family Night

The Social Studies Department is thrilled to have our student docents lead visitors through the Anne Frank Museum Traveling Exhibit, offering insightful information and thought-provoking questions for our community to reflect on. The dedication and expertise shown by our students, demonstrated through their coursework and training, highlights their commitment to preventing future atrocities. This effort also reflects the tireless work of our Civics and ELA teachers, who are deeply invested in providing high-quality genocide education. This program is a testament to the Social Studies leadership in pioneering transformative genocide education for our students, staff, and community.

It is our hope that each of you will be attend our family night so that you can experience the exhibit firsthand.

Nettle Middle School: Wednesday, March 19th from 5:00-7:00 pm

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 on February 26, 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.

Yearbook

If you are interested in buying a yearbook for your student here is the [link](#).

PTO

PTO's next meeting is Monday, March 24 at 4:00 at Nettle, in person. They are looking for new members and 8th-grade parents interested in supporting 8th-grade graduation activities. Hope to see you there!!

Washington DC news

Washington D.C. - Grade 8 - Registered Student ONLY

Please Join - NETTLE DC Remind Group - Code: **nettledc25**

Contact Form - <https://forms.gle/vjuYQKCwc5UfiQoB8>

Upcoming Dates:

4/17 - Final Payment Due

5/14 - Mandatory Meeting 6PM Nettle Cafe

5/22 - Medications/Orders Due

6/2 - Arrival to HUNKING - 5AM

6/5 - Return to HUNKING - TBD

Any questions, please contact us.

Ms. Hodson - melanie.hodson@haverhill-ps.org

Mrs. McCarron - 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 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 2:45 pm-3:30 pm. I will post on our Google Classroom if there is a staff meeting and GSA is canceled. 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. Drama club performance will take place on May 29, 2025, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Guidance: From Mrs.Crowley

8th Grade Students & Families

The CTE interviews for Haverhill High School will take place on Monday, March 10th at Nettle School. Mrs.Crowley has given all CTE applicants their interview time and a list of interview questions to practice.

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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