

# Nettle News

Nettle Middle School... Community School for EVERYONE March 9, 2025



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## Important Dates

**Monday, March 10**

CTE Interviews (grd8)

**Tuesday, March 11**

Volleyball game at Nettle

**Wednesday, March 12**

Early Release Day (11:00 dismissal)

**Thursday, March 13**

Volleyball game at Consentino

**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)

**Thursday, March 27**

Game Night (5:00 - 6:30)



## Volleyball

Monday: Boys & Girls Practice

Tuesday: Home Game v Sacred Hearts, Boys Play First

Thursday: Away Game @ Consentino, Girls

## Track and Field

An informational Track meeting will be happening on Tuesday, March 11th from 2:55- 3:15 pm in room 502. Practices won't officially start until Tuesday, March 18th from 3:00 - 3:45.

### **Message from the Principal**

As spring approaches, we would like to remind you that the MCAS testing is just two weeks away. It is crucial for your child to attend these tests. The night before the tests, please ensure that your child gets a good night's sleep, enjoys a nutritious breakfast, and experiences a calm transition in the morning (let's avoid reminders about chores, like cleaning their room).

Here are the testing dates:

#### **\*\*Grade 8\*\***

March 24 and 25 ELA test, April 29 and 30 Science test, May 6 and 7 Math test, May 27 and 28 Civics test

#### **\*\*Grade 7\*\***

March 26 and 27 ELA test, May 15 and 16 Math test

#### **\*\*Grade 6\*\***

March 31 and April 1 ELA test, May 8 and 9 Math test

#### **\*\*Grade 5\*\***

April 2 and 3 ELA test, May 1 and 2 Science test, May 13 and 14 Math test

Thank you very much for your continued support!

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### **Game Night at Nettle!**

Join us for an engaging Game Night designed to unite students, families, and friends for an evening filled with fun and learning. Discover how math and word games can sharpen minds, build confidence, and reinforce essential academic skills—all while enjoying a great time! We'll provide a variety of games for you to try out, but feel free to bring your own favorites to share with others!

**\*\*Date & Time:\*\*** Thursday, March 27 (5:00 PM - 6:30 PM)

**\*\*Location:\*\*** Nettle Cafeteria

**\*\*What to Expect:\*\***

- **\*\*Collaborative Play:\*\*** Teachers, families, and students will come together to enjoy a diverse array of games.

- **Math Challenges & Puzzle Stations:** Test your problem-solving skills! We encourage logical thinking and creativity.
- **Word Games & Vocabulary Builders:** Challenge yourself to create as many words as possible from a set of letters. Can you convince others that your words are valid?
- **Prizes!** We will be holding a raffle for the chance to win exciting games to take home at the end of the night.

**Extra Credit!** Many teachers are offering extra credit to students who attend—so if you need some additional points in ELA or math, Game Night is the perfect opportunity!

Join us to experience how practicing math and language skills outside of the classroom can powerfully reinforce what you learn in school.

Let's turn learning into an adventure!

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### **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!

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### **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

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### **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](mailto: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.

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### **Yearbook**

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

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### **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!!

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### **Washington DC news**

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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### **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 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](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. Drama club performance will take place on May 29, 2025, from 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

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### **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.

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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 at [eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org](mailto:eileen.doherty@haverhill-ps.org).*