

# HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

January 19, 2024

Saturday, January 20	Plastic Bottle and Can Drive, HMS 9am - 1pm
Monday, January 22	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Tuesday, January 23	HMS Basketball vs. VCMS, girls' home, boys' away 3:45pm
Wednesday, January 24	Afterschool Clubs
Thursday, January 25	WEALTH
Thursday, January 25	HMS Basketball vs. Lebanon, boys' home, girls' away 3:45pm
Monday, January 29	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, January 31	Afterschool Clubs
Thursday, February 1	WEALTH

Hello, Hall Families!

Here are some events and reminders for Hall Memorial School:

## **Washington, DC Trip**

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS FOR OUR RECYCLABLE DRIVE ON JANUARY 20, 2024.**

The 8th grade will be running a Bottle and Can Drive on Saturday, January 20th, 2024 from 9 am until 1 pm. All proceeds will go towards offsetting the cost of the Washington, DC trip. Please bring your rinsed cans and plastic bottles to the back of HMS. If you can sort them prior to bringing them, we would greatly appreciate it. Glass bottles are not accepted at this time.

We will be collecting the recyclables at the loading dock area behind the school, sorting the items (if needed) in the cafeteria, and dropping them off at the redemption center in Vernon. Thank you in advance for your support!!!

## **COVID Protocols**

We have seen a considerable uptick in our COVID cases district-wide, especially since we returned from the holiday break. Our local health department (Eastern Highlands Health District) also reports a variety of other respiratory viruses circulating in Willington and surrounding communities. Please take precautions to keep our school community healthy. The school nurses have COVID tests for families with students who are symptomatic. You can find our [COVID protocols](#) on our school website. Please keep your child home from school if they are experiencing significant respiratory symptoms. We appreciate your continued support and as always, please feel free to contact the school nurse with questions.

There has also been an increase in cases of the flu and RSV. If your child is sick, please do not send them to school. Remember that students must be fever-free for 24 hours before returning to school. We appreciate your attention and cooperation in keeping our school community healthy and safe!

## **Willington Public Schools 2024-2025 School Calendar Draft Survey**

The Board of Education is requesting your feedback on the 24-25 school calendar. Please click the link below to complete the survey by Friday, January 26, 2024. Thank you for sharing your feedback with us!  
[WPS 2024-2025 School Calendar](#)  
[WPS 2024-2025 School Calendar Draft Survey](#)

## **High School News**

[Arts at the Capitol Theater \(ACT\) applications](#) are due on Tuesday, January 31st. Please reach out to Kimberly Tillona if you have any questions. ktillona@willingtonct.org

## **Internet Safety Training**

***On behalf of the US Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut and the Department of Children and Families***

Tweens and Teens spend many hours per day online chatting and interacting with friends and people who they may not know well and who may put them at risk. To educate parents, teachers and others, the US Attorney's Office, District of Connecticut, in collaboration with the Department of Children and Families, is offering - FREE OF CHARGE - online Internet Safety Training. This training will introduce parents, teachers and others to Internet and cell phone applications and video game systems being used by the tweens/teens that could potentially put them at risk. Training will take place on Thursday, January 25th, from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Here is the link to the training:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89055726810?pwd=TVhyc3BxWlVUaGxHZmtpeDRoSHITZz09>

## **PTA Dates to Remember:**

**February 8th:** No PTA Meeting! The Winter Gala committee will be meeting at 6pm at the Willington Public Library.

**February 8th:** 8th grade parents will be sponsoring a Bingo night at the Willington Hill Fire Department at 24 Old Farms Road to benefit the 8th grade dance, a parent-planned event.

Bingo cards are \$5 per round. There will be 50/50 raffles sold and light refreshments will be served. The event begins at 7:00 pm.

**February 23rd:** Winter Family Gala - Dress up the family and come on out to HMS for some fun, food, and dancing. The PTA will be sponsoring our second annual Winter Family Gala. \$25 per family. There will be a DJ playing all the good stuff and Photographer getting some fun candids! The PTA will have a concession stand offering hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Cash and Card are both accepted. Doors open at 5:45 pm!

**March 2nd-6th:** Read Across America Week! The PTA will be sponsoring a Read-A-Thon to get our students reading. More info to come!

**March 14th:** 6pm. PTA Meeting in the Hall School Library.

## **School Rule Reminders**

- Students are reminded that chewing gum is not permitted at HMS.
- Please bring WATER only to school. We have refilling stations throughout the school for bottles to be refilled.
- "Heelies" (shoes that have wheels in the heels) are not allowed to be worn in school as they pose a safety hazard.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

*Mary Kay Tshonas, Principal*

**Flyers:**

HMS Bottle and Can Drive

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Baby Photographs

WPS Help Wanted

WPS Budget Workshop Calendar

Eastconn Head Start

Valentine's Dance

WPL Mario Day

WPL Family Movie

WPL Take Your Child to the Library

WPL Reading with Sophie the Therapy Dog

CES Valentine's Day Pictures

PTA Winter Gala