

# HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

October 13, 2023

Monday, October 16	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, October 18	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, October 23	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, October 25	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, October 30	Picture Day
Monday, October 30	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, November 1	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Monday, November 6	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, November 8	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm

Hello, Hall Families!

Here are some events and reminders for Hall Memorial School:

## **Student dismissal**

Due to the need to track trends in illnesses, especially COVID-19, students who are not feeling well **MUST** be seen by the school nurse prior to dismissal. If your child contacts you from school to be picked up via text message or other personal communication, please contact the nurse's office for them to be seen.

**Students must be assessed by our school nurse prior to leaving the building.**

## **Student Sign-In**

When signing students into school if they are tardy or have an appointment, a parent or guardian **MUST** accompany them into the front office to sign them in.

## **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, are offering two FREE OF CHARGE online Internet Safety Trainings. 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. The next training will take place on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Registration is required and available via the flyer that is linked below:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BcptSpfSljepcCec\\_2TmVKTLlLlDoDSah/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BcptSpfSljepcCec_2TmVKTLlLlDoDSah/view?usp=sharing)

## **Picture Day**

School picture day is scheduled for Monday, October 30. Forms and packet information were distributed in school this week for parents to order their packages.

## **Halloween**

Students will be permitted to dress in costumes for Halloween on Tuesday, October 31. We ask that costumes adhere to our School Dress Code and are thematically appropriate for school. Masks are not allowed for security purposes. Full face makeup should be avoided as it can become uncomfortable and distracting as the day progresses.

## **Veterans' Day**

HMS is hosting a school wide assembly to honor our Veterans. This will take place on Friday, November 10. I am working with the local veterans group to provide students with the opportunity to meet in small groups with our veterans. Our band and chorus groups will present a musical performance to end the celebration.

## **PTA Information**

The PTA has many exciting things planned for the next few months:

- October 16th - Final day for Pie & Cookie Dough Orders
- October 27th - Trunk or Treat! (Rain Date Oct. 28th)
  - We still need lots of volunteers to make this a success! Please consider signing up to help [HERE!](#)
  - Still time to sign up to do a Trunk - [Trunk Sign Up](#)
- November 1st - Scripps Fundraiser Kicks off! Order your holiday gift cards
- November 7th - Election Day Bake Sale!
  - [Bakers Needed - Sign up here!](#)
  - [Booth Volunteer Sign Up](#)
- November 9th - PTA Meeting!

## **Clubs**

Clubs have returned to HMS!! We have 93 students who are participating and over 70 who are taking the late bus. Our first late bus run went very well! Thank you for your patience with this process! Please contact me if you have any questions!

## **Positive Behavior Referrals**

HMS has instituted Positive Behavior Referrals to recognize those students who go above and beyond to achieve our core values of Safety, Ownership, Achievement, and Respect. Students who receive positive behavior referrals will receive a special recognition on the front office bulletin board, a formal letter home, a snack voucher, a shout out on the Morning News, and recognition during our quarterly Success Assemblies. We are so proud of our fantastic school citizens!

## **Willington Public Library**

The Willington Public Library is celebrating 100 years of service to the town of Willington! On October 22nd, there will be a reception from 2 pm until 4 pm in the Community Room of the library complete with speakers, exhibits, music, and refreshments. Come out to celebrate a fixture of our town and share your memories of the library!

## **Coaches needed**

**Hall Memorial School currently has no coaching staff for either girls' basketball or softball.** We were not able to field soccer teams this season and are in jeopardy of having no interscholastic opportunities for our female students. PLEASE let me know if you know anyone who is interested in helping us ensure that our students have a well-rounded experience in middle school!

## **High School News**

On Wednesday, October 11th, Mr. Agnello presented information about the Agriscience program at E.O. Smith. Students interested in applying to this program are highly encouraged to attend the Open House on Wednesday, November 8th. Applications are due on Friday, December 1st. I will be meeting with all students who indicated interest in the program next week. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Kim Tillona : [ktillona@willingtonct.org](mailto:ktillona@willingtonct.org). There will be more information to come regarding the application process for Technical High Schools and ACT. A representative from Windham Tech will be coming to Hall on Wednesday, November 8th to share information with all 8th grade students.

### **Important Dates:**

#### ***Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT):***

- Applications due Wednesday, January 31st
- [EO Smith Agriscience Application Instructions](#)

#### ***Agriscience Program at EO Smith:***

- Open House Wednesday, November 8th
- Applications due: Friday, December 1st

#### ***Windham Tech:***

- [Open House](#): Thursday, November 16th 6:00-8:00
  - Applications available November 1st
  - Applications due: Friday, December 15th

## **Internet Safety Seminar**

HMS and our PTA are sponsoring a virtual informational webinar on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm on the subject of internet safety. The internet and social media are ever-changing and it is so important to stay informed!

The zoom link is below:

**Nov 15, 2023 (Wed) – 7pm Eastern/4pm Pacific**

<https://trendmicro.zoom.us/j/98086655528?pwd=QzBISkNSZVICUTFCU1ZySWRocnQ2dz09>

This webinar will focus on the 15 apps that parents need to be aware of and other information regarding accessing social media.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

*Mary Kay Tshonas, Principal*

**Flyers:**

WPS Substitutes Needed

PTA of Willington Trunk or Treat

PTA of Willington Meet the BOE Candidates

PTA of Willington Bake Sale

HMS Yearbooks for Sale

Willington Workers 4-H

WPL Friends with Reptiles

WPL Halloween Movie

WPL Birthday Reception