

HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

November 10, 2023

Monday, November 13	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Monday, November 13	Boys' Basketball Tryouts, 2:40-4:15pm
Tuesday, November 14	Boys' Basketball Tryouts, 4:15-6pm
Wednesday, November 15	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
November 20 and 21	Early Dismissal, Parent Conferences
Wednesday, November 22	Early Dismissal
November 23 and 24	No School, Thanksgiving Break
Monday, November 27	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, November 29	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm
Friday, December 1	Early Dismissal
Friday, December 1	7 & 8 Grade Semi-Formal
Monday, December 4	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, December 6	Afterschool Clubs, 2:45-4pm

Hello, Hall Families!

Here are some events and reminders for Hall Memorial School:

Washington, DC Trip

We are beginning the fundraising efforts for our Washington, DC trip. We will be holding a bottle and can drive at HMS on Saturday, December 2, 2023 beginning at 9 am. We will be accepting all redeemable cans and plastic bottles at the back of the school. Please be sure to rinse out the bottles and cans. We will sort them (if necessary) at the school and transport them to the redemption center in Vernon. Unfortunately, we are not able to take glass bottles at this time. A letter with details for 8th grade parents and students will be coming home soon!

PTA Information

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

- November 1st - Scripps Fundraiser Kicks off! Order your holiday gift cards

The PTA is starting their Fall Gift Card Fundraiser. This will go through Nov 23rd. All gift cards purchased have a percentage which gets sent directly to the PTA for Enrichment funds. The PTA is still looking to sponsor a wish list item for each school and any support is appreciated. Whether you're buying a gift card for your gas or groceries this month or gift cards for your holiday shopping, stop at the Raise Right Link to see the hundreds of businesses to purchase from first, and support our Willington Kiddos - [Click Here to Start Your Gift Card Order](#)

- December 4 - 8 (in each school) Holiday Shop
- December 14th - PTA Meeting

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Proactive and positive communication home are hallmarks of a strong learning community. HMS is holding parent-teacher conferences on Monday, 11/20 and Tuesday, 11/21. We are offering time slots on Tuesday that will take place in the evening for those families who cannot attend during the course of a school day. Your child's teaching team will send home a notice to you requesting a conference or indicating that they do not feel a conference is necessary at this time. As always, if you would like to meet with your child's teachers, please reach out to set up an appointment.

Basketball information

Girls' basketball tryouts were held this week. Basketball practices for the girls' team will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 4:15-5:45. There is a mandatory parent meeting on Monday, 11/13/23 at 4:15 pm.

Boys will have their tryouts on Monday and Tuesday (11/13 and 11/14). For Monday, tryouts will begin at 2:40 and go until 4:15. For Tuesday, tryouts will start at 4:15 and go until 6:00 pm.

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.

7th and 8th grade dance

We are hosting a 7th and 8th grade dance on Friday, December 1st. Permission Slips were handed out by homeroom teachers. The cost of this event is \$7.00 + 5 canned goods, \$8.00 + 3 canned goods, \$9.00 + 1 canned good, or \$10.00. Please reach out to Ms. Rychling (krychling@willingtonct.org) with any questions. This is a semi-formal dance, so students are reminded to dress to impress!!!

High School News

A reminder to families that the Windham Tech Open House and ACT Open House is on Thursday, November 16th from 6:00 to 8:00pm. Applications are due on Friday, December 15th for Windham Tech and January 31st for ACT. I will be meeting with all students who indicate interest in the program at the end of next week. If you have any questions or would like more information, please reach out to Kim Tillona: ktillona@willingtonct.org.

Important Dates:

Arts at the Capitol Theater (ACT):

- [Open House](#): Thursday, November 16th from 6:00 to 8:00pm
- Applications due Wednesday, January 31st

Agriscience Program at EO Smith:

- Applications due: Friday, December 1st
- [EO Smith Agriscience Application Instructions](#)

Windham Tech:

- [Open House](#): Thursday, November 16th from 6:00-8:00
- Applications available NOW! <https://www.cttech.org/admissions/>
- Applications due: Friday, December 15th

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Mary Kay Tshonas, Principal

Flyers:

HMS Food Drive
HMS Yearbooks on Sale
HMS 7 & 8 Grade Dance
WPL Holiday Craft Fair
WPRD NYC Trip
WPRD Winter Camp
Pack 82 Info Night
Willington Human Services Food Drive
WPRD Scavenger Hunt
Windham Tech Open House