

HALL SCHOOL DIGITAL BACKPACK

September 29, 2023

Monday, October 2	Music Monday, Chamber Singers 2:45-4pm, Jazz Band 4:30 - 6pm
Wednesday, October 4	Curriculum Night, 6pm
October 4 - 18	8 th Grade Fundraiser, Lyman Orchards Pies and Cookie Dough
Friday, October 6	Early Dismissal, Staff Development
Monday, October 9	No School, Columbus Day
Tuesday, October 10	No School, Staff Development
Wednesday, October 11	Afterschool Clubs Begin, 2:45-4pm
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

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. Trainings will take place on Tuesday, September 26, 2023, and 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/1BcptSpfSlJecpCec_2TmVKTLlIDoDSah/view?usp=sharing

School-Wide Assembly

On Wednesday, September 27, we hosted an assembly by Mr. Michael's Fana that presented motivating and uplifting messages to our students. Mr. Fana's main focus was for students to believe in themselves and build self-confidence. He also shared that people need to surround themselves with positive people, messages, and activities in order to live a positive life. A major piece of advice he shared is that students should put down their phones and disengage from the false depictions of reality that we see on social media. He ended his presentation with students setting a goal for themselves and choosing an accountability partner to keep them on their path for success. Making good decisions and putting kindness first is always a priority!

Curriculum Night

HMS is hosting Curriculum Night for parents on Wednesday, October 4th beginning at 6:00 pm. Parents will have the opportunity to meet with the core teaching team to learn about the curriculum that will be covered. Unified Arts staff will also provide an overview of their content and goals.

Grades 5 and 6 will begin their evening at 6:00 in the CORE classrooms. Grade 5 will report to room 202 (Ms. Callahan's room) and Grade 6 will report to room 204 (Ms. Culpepper-Nadeau's room). Parents of grade 7 and 8 students will report to the library at 6:00 pm for the Unified Arts presentation.

At 6:30, Grade 7 parents will report to room 110 (Ms. Rychling's room). Grade 8 parents will report to room 102 (Ms. Britner's room), while grades 5 and 6 parents will proceed to the library to the UA presentation.

The PTA will have a membership table set up for anyone who would like to be a part of this fantastic organization that greatly benefits all of the children in the Willington Public Schools!

Mrs. Knight will also be available in the cafeteria to answer any questions you may have about our fabulous Food Service program, lunches, breakfasts, snacks, or other important information.

Parking is available in the front or back parking lots. Please be sure to press the crosswalk button prior to crossing Route 32 and wait until cars completely stop before stepping into the street.

If you cannot attend the presentations, the slideshows will be available to you on our website after the evening is concluded.

Picture Day

School picture day is scheduled for Monday, October 30. We will send home information from Lifetouch once it is available to us. Make those haircut appointments now!! 😊

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. I realize that this is far in advance, but I wanted families to have advanced notice.

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.

Clubs

Clubs will be returning to HMS and will begin on October 11th. Students will bring home a permission slip if they are choosing to attend. Clubs will run from 2:45 until 4:00 pm. There will be two late buses available for transportation. Parents will also be able to pick their children up when dismissed from clubs.

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!

PTA

If you have not already done so, please consider joining the PTA. The PTA works diligently to provide our students with funds to go on field trips, enjoy enrichment activities, and sponsor amazing family events for our school community. The membership form is contained in this Digital Backpack and your child brought a paper copy of the form home as well.

Thank you and have a great weekend!

Mary Kay Tshonas, Principal

Flyers:

2023-2024 School Calendar

WPS October Menu

WPS Substitutes Needed

Interscholastic Sports Accident Plan

PTA of Willington Membership/Fundraiser

PTA of Willington Holiday Shop Volunteers Needed

PTA of Willington Penny Wars

PTA of Willington Lyman Orchards Fundraiser

PTA of Willington Event Dates

PTA of Willington Meet the BOE Candidates

WPL Free Flu Clinic for kids