

Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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November 19, 2021

Dear Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School families,

Happy Friday families. We have quite a bit of information for you this week:

- 1) Report cards came home today with your students.
- 2) Parent portal login information is coming home to grade 5 parents. For those of you who already have an account, you are all set. Please do not sign up a second time.
- 3) Students will be following a half-day schedule every day next week. Monday and Tuesday are half-days for Parent/Teacher conferences and Wednesday is a half-day for Thanksgiving break. **Please note, the new early dismissal time is 1. Parent pickups will begin at 12:50.**
- 4) Parent conferences will take place on Monday, November 22, from 1:30-4 and from 5-7; additionally, they will take place on Tuesday, November 23 from 1:30-3:30. Parents will be able to sign up to see specific teachers that they would like to speak with, with a maximum of 3 teachers. If any parents need to speak with an entire team, please reach out by email and the team will set an additional appointment time up with you within 2 weeks of our parent conference dates. If you have not already signed up for conferences, please see the sign-up link on the DHBMS website.
- 5) The afterschool program is over for trimester 1. Next week there will be no afterschool activities. Afterschool programs for trimester 2 will begin on Monday, November 29.
- 6) If your student did not make the winter sports teams (basketball or cheer) and would like to sign up for trimester 2 afterschool activities, they may do so by the end of the day on Monday 11/22. See the permission slip attached to this letter. In addition, students who have made a sports team will not be eligible to participate in afterschool activities, due to schedule conflicts.
- 7) The Canterbury Volunteer Fire Company is holding its annual toy drive for the holidays. If you are in need of assistance with gifts this holiday season, please fill out the form attached to this letter and return it to your child's homeroom teacher **no later than November 30**. You may also contact Mrs. Zuckerman by phone (860-546-9421) or email (dzuckerman@canterburypublicschools.org).

Have a great weekend, and as always, please do not hesitate to reach out with questions or concerns!

Mr. Dukette

Principal

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AFTER SCHOOL Program

Activity	Description	# of students
Homework Club Open to Grades 5-8 Monday-Ms. Zuckerman Tuesday-Ms. Doran Thursday-Ms. Zuckerman	This is an opportunity to get homework support or just finish your homework so you have more time to play when you get home! This club will be run by Ms. Doran and Ms. Zuckerman.	20 students per session
GSA Club Open to Grades 5-8 Monday-Mrs. Griffin	The GSA Club is for students who either identify as LGBTQ+ or are an ALLY (a supportive friend) and would like a safe space to express themselves, ask questions, have fun, and build a community at our school. This club will meet once per week on Mondays, with an option for a meeting during lunch if you cannot make it after school. If you sign up, you're agreeing to be RESPECTFUL, OPEN, and UNDERSTANDING of others thoughts and feelings	15 students per session
Habitat Building Open to Grades 6-8 Tuesday and Thursday-Mrs. Shafer	Reptile Enclosures: Students will embark on a journey of understanding the needs of our resident animals. They will research what these animals require in order to thrive in an environment similar to their natural habitat. Using this knowledge students will design and build an enclosure for at least one of our resident species: crested geckos, turtles, corn snakes, and/or ball pythons. Students must be comfortable handling animals, responsibly follow instructions, and wear clothing that can get dirty (like painting clothes). Let's have fun improving the quality of life of our animals!	10 students per session
Aquascaping & Aquarium Science Open to Grades 5-8 Thursday- Mrs. J. Smith	Students will be involved in designing and recreating natural freshwater aquatic environments while learning water chemistry and the balance of an ecosystem. You will learn how to properly care for your little aquatic friends. Students will be involved in designing, selecting species to stock the tanks, test water parameters, water changes, and build a community tank that will be viewed by all who enter the school.	8 students per session
Jewelry Design Open to Grades 5-8	Learn some techniques to design your own beautiful jewelry. You will learn how to make necklaces, bracelets, and earrings using a variety of supplies and techniques. You will also learn	12 students per session

Tuesday-Mrs. J. Smith	the proper terms for tools and supplies and how to size accurately for a perfect fit!	OVER→
Dungeons and Dragons Club Open to Grades 7-8 Monday-Mr. Summerer	Come join us for a collaborative storytelling experience where we roll dice, EXPLORE imaginative worlds, and ACT through our adventures. Dungeons and Dragons is a Tabletop Role-Playing Game set in a world of high fantasy, swords and sorcery, and mythical magic. Players take on the roles of adventurers with various skills and abilities, and are an assortment of different races, like Dwarves or Elves or Dragonborn! It is a cooperative campfire adventure that builds on every session, like turning the pages of a storybook, and the members tell the story alongside the Dungeon Master, who runs the game and fairly arbitrates the rules. Character sheets, dice, and other materials will be provided by the Dungeon Master (or DM) at the first meeting. Grab your armor and don your imagination, adventure awaits!	8 students per session
Sewing Club Open to Grades 5-8 Monday- Ms. Doran	Calling all creative people! This is your chance to learn how to sew by hand and with a machine. We will create various crafts and work on how to build quilts. I can't wait to see you on Monday afternoons!	10 Student per session
Make & Take Fleece Blanket Open to Grades 5-8 Tuesday-Mrs. Farland	Students will be creating NO SEW FLEECE LINED BLANKETS. Each student will learn how to cut, tie, and create the blanket. Once the blankets are complete they will go home with the students.	10 students per session
Yearbook Club Open to Grades 7-8 Thursday-Mr. Durham	Students will work on completing the 2021-22 Baldwin yearbook. Tasks include taking, collecting and uploading pictures, designing the yearbook using an online program, creating artwork for the yearbook, accounting and payment collection, and fundraising. A great opportunity to develop computer, photography, and collaborative skills.	20 students per session
Handmade Cards and Crafts Open to Grades 5-8 Monday- Mrs. J. Smith	You will learn how to make and design cards, create personal journals/sketchbooks, crafts and gifts using stamps, ink, paper, dies and other supplies.	10 students per session

Trimester 2 DHBMS After School Activities Permission Slip

Please sign and return to your homeroom teacher by Friday, November 12th.

I give my child _____, grade/ homeroom _____ permission to attend after school activities on the days of the week identified below, from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. I understand that this is an extracurricular activity and will discuss appropriate behavior with my student before activities begin. Trimester 2 activities will run from November 29th through February 17th.

Check off each day your child will attend after school activities:

(List in order of preference)

_____ Monday	Activity Choice: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
_____ Tuesday	Activity Choice: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____
_____ Thursday	Activity Choice: 1 _____ 2 _____ 3 _____

My child will go home:

_____ On the bus

_____ Will be parent pickup

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Contact Number



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The holiday season is quickly approaching and we know that some of our families are experiencing financial hardships and challenges. The Canterbury Volunteer Fire Company and the junior firefighters are holding their annual **Toy Drive** and they are looking for families to benefit from this event.

If you need a little help with gifts this holiday season, please return this form to your child's teacher by **November 30th** or contact me by phone or email at (860) 546-9421 or dzuckerman@canterburypublicschools.org.

Sincerely,

Diana Zuckerman, Baldwin Middle School Counselor

Parent Name _____ Phone number _____

Children's name, gender and age:

If you need assistance with **food for Thanksgiving** contact Canterbury Cares Food Pantry at 860-230-0842 or 860-546-9007 (to leave a voicemail). They are also open for **general food assistance** on the 3rd Monday of every month from 10am-12 noon. You must show proof of residence in Canterbury (driver's license, mail etc.).

