

Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School

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Happy Friday. Please check out some important information for the week ahead:

- 1) A reminder that next week we have a half-day scheduled on Thursday, December 23. Our new dismissal time on half days is 1 PM. There will be no school on Friday, December 24 through Friday, December 31. We will be welcoming students back to school on Monday, January 2, 2022.
- 2) Next week, December 20-23, there will be no afterschool programs. Students signed up for afterschool programs will go home at their normal time. This does not include basketball.
- 3) The week of December 20-23 will be spirit week. Each day will have a theme:
 - a) Monday 12/20- Winter White Out (dress in all white)
 - b) Tuesday 12/21- Holiday hat day
 - c) Wednesday 12/22- Wear your favorite holiday colors
 - d) Thursday 12/23 - Festive sweater day
- 4) Last week I sent home information about our new E-Sports league. Vanta Leagues will be sponsoring a free winter league for our students, which includes 2 practices a week and one game each weekend. The league will be hosted by a fully-vetted adult, who will work with students on appropriate gaming and reducing emotional outbursts while gaming. If your student is interested, please have them sign up before the end of the day next Thursday, 12/23. Sign-up info can be found on the DHBMS website.
- 5) Finally, in light of all of the hype and misinformation occurring on social media, I canceled our previously scheduled emergency lockdown drill for today. Please know that by Connecticut statute we are supposed to hold a practice safety drill each month we are in school. We will be holding a practice lockdown drill at some point next week. Please speak with your student this weekend and emphasize the importance of our safety drill practice.

Have a great weekend everyone! As always, please reach out with any questions or concerns.

Mr. Dukette

Principal, Dr. Helen Baldwin Middle School