



# Lyman C. Hunt Middle School Family Newsletter

January 6, 2023

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## Principal's Corner



Jim Kelley,  
Principal

Happy New Year to all of the Hunt community. It was wonderful to have students back from the break. Since we've been back, students have been reviewing behavior expectations in Advisory. Advisories will be competing on putting together creative presentations on the expectations for Friday, 1/13.

## Advisory Group

The parent Advisory Group has started meeting. If you would like to be a part of this group, please fill out the [application](#) form or contact me at [jdkelley@bsdvt.org](mailto:jdkelley@bsdvt.org) or call 802-846-8469.

New meeting day and time! The Advisory Group meets with me monthly, the third Monday of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM at Hunt. At our next meeting, we will be spending the first half hour meeting with the PTO.

The Advisory Group provides an opportunity to be involved in creating an even more equitable, open, welcoming, and successful school. We discuss a variety of topics, share information, and seek to broaden understanding of school-related issues.

For a more complete description of the Advisory Group, please click this [link](#).

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## Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community: Vaping Education

Our school is working with our local substance misuse prevention coalition, the Burlington Partnership for a Healthy Community (BPHC) to bring the **widespread** student use of **electronic nicotine and cannabis vapor products (EVPs)** to your attention.

Here in Burlington, students are reporting that an alarming number of their peers, across social groups, are using these products. Staff are also concerned by the numbers of students bringing vaping devices on school property. This is not only a BSD problem. Data shows that vaping among high-school aged children nationally, as well as across Vermont, has skyrocketed in recent years. Among VT high school youth, the rate of current EVP use increased more than 73% between 2015 and 2019. The Surgeon General's Office representative said in recent years, they have **"never seen use of any substance by America's youth rise this rapidly."**  
(\*Center for Disease Control and the Food and Drug Administration)

**We wanted to share some information and resources to help us all support youth in our community to make healthy choices.**

[Click here to read the full letter to families.](#)

## Athletics

### January Basketball Games:

<b>HUNT BOYS-BBALL-A @ TUTTLE</b> Monday, January 9th, 2023 4:00pm	<b>HUNT GIRLS-BBALL-A vs. TUTTLE</b> Monday, January 9th, 2023 4:00pm
<b>HUNT BOYS-BBALL-B @ TUTTLE</b> Monday, January 9th, 2023 5:00pm	<b>HUNT GIRLS-BBALL-B vs. TUTTLE</b> Monday, January 9th, 2023 5:00pm
<b>HUNT BOYS-BBALL-A @ ESSEX</b> Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 4:00pm	<b>HUNT GIRLS-BBALL-A vs. ESSEX</b> Wednesday, January 11th, 2023 4:00pm
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### COVID Booster Shot

***This is our shot, Vermont!*** Everyone age 12 and older is now eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine. Sign up for your shot today at [healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine](https://healthvermont.gov/MyVaccine) or follow @healthvermont on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) for walk-in opportunities. **#OurShotVT**

### Health and Wellness Survey

Burlington School District's Coordinated School Health Team (CSHT) is working to improve health and wellness outcomes in our district. We are looking for your feedback on the district's substance use policy and procedures to help us update and improve the policy. Please take this 5 minute survey to share your thoughts. Thank you for your time!

Adult Key Informant Input Survey: <https://forms.gle/68nr35nACRLZnCQ17>

### MLK Day, Monday 1/16

Martin Luther King day will be a half day, from 8-11:30 AM. We are planning on having a guest speaker in the morning and students going out to do community service afterwards. We will share details in the next newsletter!

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## Upcoming Dance

Friday January 13th there will be a 7th and 8th grade dance from 6-8:00 PM. Tickets for the dance are free, if students are interested in attending they need to sign up during lunches before Friday.

Here are the [Dance Expectations](#) that were shared with students during Advisory on Thursday, 1/5.

## Homework Guidelines

Complete [Homework Guidelines](#) with a short summary below:

Students should expect to spend the following amount of time on homework nightly:

	6th	7th	8th
Team Assigned (Math, Science, ELA, Social Studies)	15-25 minutes each night from Monday through Thursday.	25-30 minutes each night from Monday through Thursday.	25-30 minutes each night from Monday through Thursday.
Unified Arts Assigned	Occasional assignments, practice sessions, or rehearsals.	Occasional assignments, practice sessions, or rehearsals.	Occasional assignments, practice sessions, or rehearsals.
Advanced Mathematics Assigned	none	none	Up to 30 additional minutes per day if enrolled in an advanced math course.

## PTO Updates

Happy new year HMS families,

With the goals of making the most effective use of our (and Principal Kelley's time), we're joining forces with the Hunt Advisory Team meeting. Starting in February, we'll have a joint PTO/Advisory Team meeting for the first half an hour, and then break off to address other PTO

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business. We'll still offer a virtual option, and encourage participation in ways that make best sense for you. As our typical meeting schedule (3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month) falls on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day again this year, we will not meet in January.

**Next meeting:** Monday, February 20th, 6:30-8pm at Hunt Middle School or via Google Meet [meet.google.com/tyr-yngx-yzd](https://meet.google.com/tyr-yngx-yzd)

However, in January, we do have two school concerts and are planning on hosting a bake sale at each evening (Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>). **Please see this Sign Up Genius to assist with the tabling and/or provide a treat for the table.**

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b48aea62aa02-hunt2#/>



### Hunt PTO Bake Sales at 2023 Winter Concerts

The Hunt Middle School PTO is an organization open to all members of the greater Hunt Middle School community, including families and teachers/staff. Our objectives are to promote and support:

Parents'/Guardians' involvement in their child's learning. School, community, activities, and events which may include fundraisers and donations.

Community social events to bring home and school into a closer relationship. Volunteer opportunities in the school/community. Students and their endeavors.

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\*\*\*\*\* We will host a bake sale at both of music concerts this winter. All items will be by donation and money raised goes to support the objectives above. A table will be set up in the lobby outside of the

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auditorium. Those staffing the table can arrive by 6:30 to organize items for the table and collect donations before and after the concert. We would love to have an array of items for the table including baked goods, gluten free items, snacks, a

[www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com)

These bake sales provide refreshments for concert attendees AND are a great way to raise some funds. What does the fundraising go toward? So far this year, the PTO has supported:

<b>PTO Funded in 2022-2023</b>	
12 Music Stands	\$756
Mural Supplies	\$300
Boxing 4 Empowerment program support	\$2000
January Dance DJ	\$400

Thanks,

Christina Erickson (mama of 7<sup>th</sup> grade Iris)

Hunt PTO

## **Virtual Workshops from the Office of Equity -**

BSD Office of Equity is pleased to sponsor a 3rd year of [virtual workshops](#) that are free and open to the public! This series tackles contemporary and challenging topics that affect our youth, our school systems, and the greater community. The workshops are a

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place to learn and to engage in cross-generational dialogue around issues that matter. Mark your calendars! All are welcome! The next workshop will be:

“Addressing the Elephant in the Classroom; Mental Health”

**Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6-7:00 pm**

Join on [Google Meet](#)

This workshop will discuss how the Covid-19 pandemic has adversely affected the mental health of students and staff. Join us with community partners from Spectrum and the Howard Center for this informational session to discuss how schools are addressing current and pressing mental health needs and to find out more about services available to students and families. This workshop will culminate in a restorative circle about decreasing stigma around mental health.

## **The HMS Music Department announces rescheduled Winter Concerts**

**Chorus & Orchestra = Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @ 7pm**

**Band = Wednesday, January 25, 2023 @ 7pm**

We are excited to present the excellent work of our student musicians from our band, chorus and orchestra ensembles. We are rescheduling the concerts to allow for the HMS auditorium seats to be replaced with the seats from the old BHS auditorium. This very intensive work will be conducted during the first weeks of December.

We are enjoying making music with our students and can't wait to share all we have been learning in January after our auditorium has received its "makeover". More specific information about the performances will be shared as we get closer. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thanks for your support!

Sincerely,

*The HMS Music Department*

Rachael Sherman (Chorus)

Michael Hakim (Orchestra)

Edward Owens (Band)





**Please check regularly for updates**

**[BSD 2022-23 Calendar](#)**

**Some Key dates coming up:**

**January**

1/11 - Office of Equity Workshop 6:00-7:00PM

1/13- Winter Dance, 6-8 PM for grades 7 and 8

1/16 - Early Release Day 11:30 AM

1/18 - Chorus & Orchestra Concert 7:00PM

1/25 - Band Concert 7:00PM

**WE ARE HUNT**

Use Appropriate Language and Volume

Move Responsibly

Respond Appropriately to Each Other

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