

Dear Harwinton Consolidated School Families,

We are entering into our eighth week of school and Halloween is right around the corner! On Friday, October 29, students will be allowed to wear their costumes to school. Please keep in mind:

- No props of any type can be brought to school
- No masks (except face masks of course!)
- Costumes must allow students to walk, sit at their desks and participate fully in the school day
- Please remember that we have students as young as three at HCS so no scary costumes

Our HCS PTO had their first In-Person meeting (since February 2020) that was well- attended! The HCS PTO is holding a Halloween Party at HCS on Wednesday, October 27 from 5:00-7:00 pm outside. (See flyer below) Also, students will have the opportunity to go the book-fair with their classes in mid-November during the school day.

This week is bus safety week. Students will be making cards for their bus drivers. Let's show our bus driver's how much they mean to us!

Families, we really appreciate your attention to our health and safety protocols. We thank you for being cautious when your children exhibit symptoms that are associated with COVID. You continue to talk with your children about the importance of mask-wearing and you have been reporting illnesses and following the district guidelines. All of us at Harwinton Consolidated School are so thankful to be in school in person and know that we could not do this without your support!

A friendly reminder from our director of nutrition services: Shortages of products and supplies are becoming the norm. Please be assured that we will always have a nutritious breakfast and lunch available for our students. Although, there may be unexpected changes to the menu. **We have been told that lunch on 10/18 has been changed to chicken tenders, tater tots, and apple crisp.**

Region 10 is actively searching for 3 more coach volunteers for our enrichment program, Odyssey of the Mind. (see flyer below) If we are not able to secure enough coaches, some of our students may unfortunately miss out on this wonderful opportunity. Please consider helping out if you can. Please see the flyer and reach out to Megan Wichert with any questions at [wichertm@region10ct.org](mailto:wichertm@region10ct.org) To sign up to become a coach, please visit this link: <https://forms.office.com/r/ZzLahE2eEf> Thank you for your consideration!

One last thing...if you haven't turned in your child's PLD agreement, please do so as soon as possible. If you need another copy, please call the main office.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend!

*Bob*

**A Message from the PTO:** Trick or Treat! Our family Halloween party is back - just a little modified! Wear your costume if you'd like and join us outside for free music, dancing, glow party, games, and prizes. Snacks will be available for purchase. Optional to bring a decorated pumpkin to participate in our pumpkin contest. We are so excited for the return of these family events but we need several volunteers to make this a success. Please consider helping by clicking this link <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A49AFAB2EA5FF2-hcshalloween> Middle and high school students may volunteer on the sign up too! The back lot is lit but there may be dark patches so get festive and bring a flashlight. Parking available on Bentley drive and in the front lot - please, for everyone's safety, no parking across the street. Hope to see everyone there!

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**Wednesday, October 27-** Halloween Party outside at HCS, 5-7pm (Rain date October 28)

**Friday, October 29** – Kids can wear costumes to school

**Friday, October 29-** PTO Wreath Fundraiser deadline (order forms/payments due)

**Monday, November 8** – No school, teacher professional development

**Tuesday, November 16** – HCS Picture Retake Day

**Tuesday, November 16** (4:00 pm -7:00 pm) **or Thursday, November 18** (4:00-7:00 pm) **or Friday November 19** (1:30-4:00 pm) Home/School Conferences (more info to come)

**Friday, November 19-** 1:00 pm Dismissal for Home/School conferences

**November 24, 25, 26** - No School, Thanksgiving Recess

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#### **HELP HCS:**

**Box Tops:** <https://www.boxtops4education.com> (download the app!)

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## COVID ATTENDANCE GUIDELINES

We appreciate everyone's adherence to the guidelines below. It is essential that students do not come to school if:

- They have had close contact (at least 15 minutes, within 6 feet) with a person that has tested positive for COVID-19 and are quarantining for the required number of days
- They, or a member of your household, has been tested for COVID-19 because of symptoms and/or potential exposure and you are awaiting results
- You screen them in the morning before school and they have any of the symptoms below:
  - fever of 100.4 or higher
  - chills
  - a new uncontrolled cough
  - difficulty breathing
  - a sudden loss of taste or smell

If your family has traveled, we recommend testing upon returning. Please be vigilant and check for any symptoms daily for 14 days after travel. Even mild symptoms can be the first sign of COVID. If the traveler, family member or student, develops any symptoms, keep all family members home from school until the traveler has been tested.

In all cases, we ask that you always err on the side of caution. If your child has any signs of illness, please keep them home and contact our school nurse, Kristen Sullivan, [sullivank@region10ct.org](mailto:sullivank@region10ct.org) or by phone at (860) 485-9029 ext. 12103

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Flyers:

# HCS HALLOWEEN PARTY

**WHEN:** WED OCT 27 (RAIN DATE THURS OCT 28)

**TIME:** 5-7 PM

**WHERE:** BEHIND SCHOOL ON BLACK TOP

**PARKING:** PARK IN FRONT OF SCHOOL OR ON BENTLEY DRIVE

**DETAILS:** COSTUMES (OPTIONAL), BRING A PUMPKIN TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR PUMPKIN CONTEST (OPTIONAL, CARVED/PAINTED, NO LIT CANDLES PLEASE, WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON BOTTOM OF PUMPKIN)



**GAMES**

**MUSIC**



**COSTUMES**

**PUMPKIN  
CONTEST**



**EVENT SPONSORED BY THE HCS PTO. SNACKS AND WATER  
WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.**



*Registration for*  
**REC BASKETBALL**  
*Is Now Open!*

*Register Online at*  
**[www.harwinton sports.com](http://www.harwinton sports.com)**

Our mission is to provide a fun, safe and educational experience for the young athletes of Harwinton and beyond. We strive to provide opportunities for our participants to further their development as individuals and team members through adherence to the principles of Honesty, Loyalty, Integrity, Teamwork, Discipline, Sportsmanship, Respect, Leadership, Trust, Commitment and Excellence.

**2021/2022 SEASON**

Boys Teams: 2nd and 3rd Grades, 4th Grade  
Girls Teams: 2nd and 3rd Grades, 4th Grade

**HYSA BASKETBALL**

**OUR PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE**



Harwinton Parks & Recreation

**10th ANNUAL**

# DRIVE THRU Trunk *or* Treat



**Saturday, October 30, 2021**

**4 – 6 pm**

**Harwinton Sports Complex, Bentley Drive**

**Free & Family Friendly**

Get in the spirit, put on your costumes & come see the creatively decorated 'trunks' & Halloween displays.

*This is our 10<sup>th</sup> year & the decorated vehicles are always spooktacular!*

Treats/giveaways will be distributed from each decorated vehicle.  
Guests should stay in their vehicles.

## We need decorated 'trunks' & displays!

Simple or elaborate—we love them all!

Treats will be provided for the 'trunks'!



Please register your 'trunk' in advance (by 10/22).

Contact Suzanne at 860-485-0626 or [recreation@harwinton.us](mailto:recreation@harwinton.us)

rain date- Sunday, October 31, 4-6 pm

Harwinton Parks & Recreation in cooperation with  
Harwinton Agricultural Society present.....

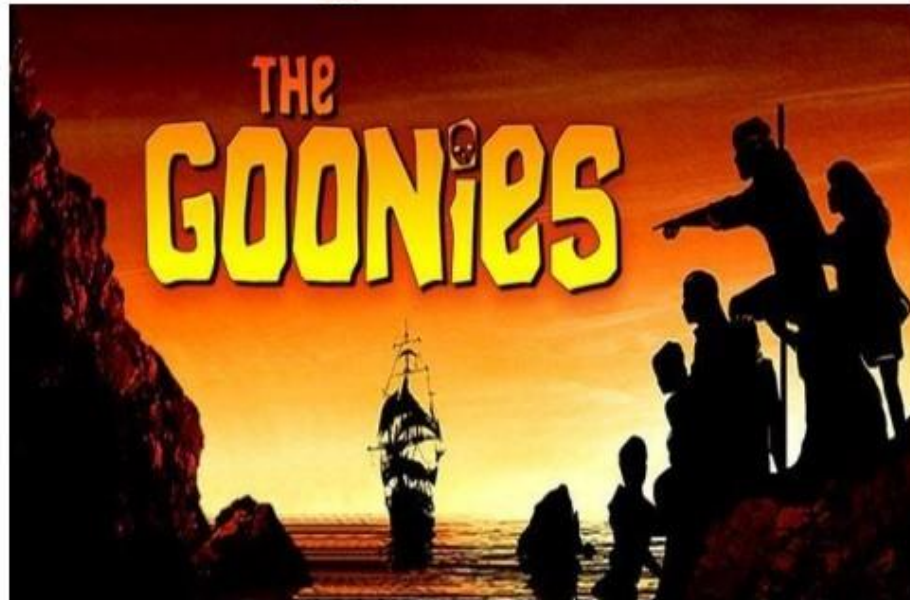
## ***Drive In Movie Night***

**Saturday, October 23 @ 6:30 pm**

Harwinton Fairgrounds, 150 Locust Road

\$10/car

suggested donation



**Sit inside or outside your vehicle.**

**Masks are not required, but please keep social distance.**

**Gates open at 5:45 pm.**

Follow Harwinton-Recreation facebook for more info or  
email Suzanne at: [recreation@harwinton.us](mailto:recreation@harwinton.us)

Harwinton Parks & Recreation Department  
100 Bentley Drive, Harwinton CT 06791, 860-485-0626  
recreation@harwinton.us

### 2022 Ski & Snowboard Club for Harwinton Students

**WHO:** Harwinton residents in grades 4-12  
(Burlington residents must register with Burlington Recreation Department)

**WHAT:** Skiing and snowboarding at discounted rates at Ski Sundown!

- Lift pass for 4 hours each week for 5 weeks
- Group lessons and rental equipment are available.
- Lesson package includes 5 weekly one hour group lessons for any level skier or snowboarder.
- **New skiers and boarders are required to take lessons.**
- Students not taking lessons must possess a solid knowledge of the sport.
- Helmets are strongly recommended for ALL group participants.
- **NO bus** transportation this year

**WHEN:** **Thursdays, 4-8 pm**, January 6, 13, 20, 27, & February 3  
Make-up dates will be added for cancellations (total 5 weeks)



	PACKAGE SELECTIONS	Fee
#1	Lifts Only	\$186
#2	Lifts, Ski Lessons,	\$280
#3	Lifts, Snowboard Lessons	\$280
#4	Lifts, Ski Rentals	\$321
#5	Lifts, Snowboard Rental	\$321
#6	Lifts, Ski Lessons, Ski Rentals	\$415
#7	Lifts, Snowboard Lessons, Board Rentals	\$415
#8	Season Pass Holder Lessons	\$160
#9	Chaperone Lift Pass	Free

**IMPORTANT:**

- Program notifications/cancellations will be communicated through **email**
- Due to a statewide shortage of bus drivers, we are unable to provide bus transportation

**CHAPERONES: Chaperones are needed!** Chaperones ski or snowboard for free during program.  
Chaperones are also needed for inside the lodge.  
*Interested? Call 860-485-0626 or email [recreation@harwinton.us](mailto:recreation@harwinton.us) for more information.*

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

- 1) Send email to: [recreation@harwinton.us](mailto:recreation@harwinton.us) to receive all necessary forms OR pick up forms at the Parks and Recreation office during regular business hours.
- 2) Print & Complete forms then mail or drop off reg/waiver forms with payment at Town Hall

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 5.** Late fee of \$25 must be paid if received after 11/5/21

**Need equipment?**

Check out the **Ski Swap** sponsored by Ski Sundown Ski Patrol on Friday 11/12- Sunday 11/14.  
A large selection of new & used equipment & clothing, *including helmets* will be for sale.



**The Harwinton Consolidated School PTO invites and encourages all families to participate in our 2021 holiday wreath sale!**



It's time to prepare for your holiday decorations while raising money for our school activities! Evergreen Industries offers an unconditional quality and freshness guarantee and we are excited to partner with them again this holiday season. All profit goes directly to PTO funds to support school-wide enrichment.



**There are 2 fundraising options – one for local sales to be picked up at school and hand delivered by students and a second option for online ordering with direct shipment to any specified address in the United States.**

**Local Sales delivered to HCS** – use the *glossy fold-old brochure* to collect orders from friends, family and neighbors. Payment is to be collected at the time of order, with checks made out to **HCS PTO**. **These orders will be delivered to HCS and families will be responsible to pick up and distribute their orders.** This is the most cost-effective option! (See attached for key dates and pricing)

**Direct Ship Online Sales** – Utilize the online link: <https://www.evergreenindustries.com/friends-and-family/> and customer code: **HARWIN** to place orders online. Pricing is slightly higher than local sales to account for individual shipping and there is a limited selection of items. However, these can be shipped anywhere in the United States for distant friends and family. Payment is made directly online and orders are shipped to the buyer. Items purchased will be shipped out from their facility between Thanksgiving and the first week of December for delivery by mid-December. The HCS PTO receives \$10 for every item purchased online!

Similar to past years, our goal is for each student to sell at least 3 items during our sale. This holiday sale has been a key fundraiser for the PTO, allowing us to continue providing our school community with valuable resources throughout the year. Some of our typical fundraising options continue to look different this year, making this holiday sale more important than ever to raise funds to be able to provide additional enrichment for the teachers and students!

Should you have any questions, please contact:

Allison Snelling

(860)733-3631 (call or text)

[allisonasnelling@gmail.com](mailto:allisonasnelling@gmail.com)

Thanks for your support!

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**Please return this portion to HCS with your order forms and payment by Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup>.**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_


Parent Email : \_\_\_\_\_





## Odyssey of the Mind Coaches

Region 10 is looking for adult volunteers to coach Odyssey of the Mind teams!

 Odyssey of the Mind



### What is Odyssey of the Mind?

OotM is a well established, international program that promotes fun, challenging and creative problem-solving opportunities to small groups of students (5-7 students). Team members for the district range from 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Along with working together to find a solution to an open-ended problem for the spring competition, students will practice spontaneous on-the-fly problem solving as well

### How Does it Work?

Teams will choose an open-ended problem to solve. Through their ongoing work together, students learn teamwork, to appreciate others, practice their creativity, and the mindset that a group is a more powerful force rather than an individual.

For more information, please email Megan Wichert @ [wichertm@region10ct.org](mailto:wichertm@region10ct.org)

Coaches must be available to volunteer 2 hours/ week before or after school from late October - mid March. Coaches choose the day & time that work best for themselves and team members. In March, teams will compete at Southern CT State with other teams from around the state. Some of those teams will move onto to the national level following the state competition.



BURLINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
200 Spielman Highway, Burlington, CT 06013  
860-673-6789 ext. 7

## **!Fit Happens!**

***Instructor: Mary Yabrosky***

**Location: Lewis S. Mills Aerobics Room**

**Dates:** Wednesdays, October 27 – December 22

**No Classes:** November 17th and 24th

**Time:** 5:00 – 6:00 pm

**Fee:** \$56

**Maximum:** 15 participants

Bring a mat and hand weights!



YES! Getting FIT can happen! This course offers instruction in a combination of overall toning, strengthening, and cardio with moves commonly used in a wide range of fitness programs such as cardio kickboxing, circuit, boot camp and more; all while moving to the beat of music! Class formats will start with a warm-up and end with stretching each week, but will also vary in content so you won't get bored on your journey to total fitness!

**Register at [myburlingtonrec.com](http://myburlingtonrec.com)**

All Covid-19 protocols and modifications can be found on the website