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Hopkins Public Schools District Calendar 2011 - 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

February	17	Midwinter Break
March	1	2 nd Trimester ends
	2	Data Day – No school for students
April	2 – 6	Spring Break
May	28	Memorial Day – No School
	31	Exams – Students ½ day
June	1	3 rd Trimester ends Exams – Students ½ day and last day

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Asst. Supt. – Bob Hennip

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

333 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7616
Principal – Ken Szczepanski
Athletic Director/Coordinator of Quality Outcome – Scott VanBonn
Coordinator of Quality Outcome – Jay Shriver
Coordinator of Quality Outcome – Jessica Robrahn

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

215 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7407
Principal – Ken Szczepanski
Coordinator of Quality Outcome – Bruce VanderWall
Coordinator of Quality Outcome – Scott Stockwell

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7286
Principal – Mary Howard

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY

2163 142nd Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323 681-9189
Principal – Amy Mielke

TRANSPORTATION

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Transportation/Operations Supervisor – Jon Tew

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HOPKINS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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From Superintendent:



Nearly five years ago, the Hopkins School Board asked that the district develop a new Strategic Plan. This plan was to be the guide or road map to our future. In the spring of 2008, nearly seventy people came together to take a hard look at where we were and look to the future.

That first meeting was a very exciting time for the district. People in our community had the opportunity to dream big and to think about the possibilities for the students of this community. Over several months, community members and staff members worked to create a plan that would set the stage for what we would do and accomplish. The works of this committee lead to the development of our "One Page Strategic Plan". The idea that Hopkins Public schools will become a "Destination District" was established. The community wanted our school to be a place where the students and parents in our community wanted to be and those from outside the district wanted to attend. I can report that the enrollment in Hopkins Public Schools has increased each year. This is even more impressive when you put that in the context of our state's economic challenges.

Core values for all of our employees and students were established to aspire to and demonstrate every day. The values of dedication, inspiration, compassion, flexible and excelling in their role were identified as key values necessary to continue to make Hopkins Public School a place that will lead to the goal of being a destination district. Over the past four years we have seen people go above and beyond in these values. We have increased our training efforts and expectations. We have found ways to meet the needs of students and parents as they experience difficult times and wonderful opportunities. Our community has shown compassion for others through numerous activities and our students have been inspired to achieve high honors in many areas.

The committee and Board of Education had the audacity to dream so big that they wanted our students to "Learn Locally, and Compete Globally." The vision was to have our students prepared to be able to not only find work locally, but that the students in our community are able to compete with students and workers from around the world. This lofty goal has helped focus our work and accomplish many things. Our students continue to demonstrate academic success at the highest levels in our county, with our district having the highest ranked building in the county, Sycamore Elementary, the highest ranked Middle School and the highest ranked High School. We have made all our learning spaces connected to the world through many forms of technology. We have found ways to use data about teaching and learning in new ways that is helping us improve student achievement. We have also been able to add the use of personal technology with every student in grades six through twelve. This addition has leveled the playing field for many and allows all of our students to have learning and information at their ready for use beyond the walls of Hopkins and beyond the normal school day. Our High School students also have the ability to take college courses during the school day at Hopkins High School, the Allegan Tech Center and area colleges. Our students have demonstrated the ability to meet the expectations of these courses.

The plan has been a very successful tool and helped us reach new heights. This spring the Board of Education has asked us to revisit the plan and establish new lofty goals and actions. Having come as far as we have in the past five years we now need to look to the future and vision what Hopkins Public Schools can and should be. The soil is fertile and ready for us to continue to grow and meet even higher expectations.

If you are interested in being a part of the process this spring, please contact your building principal. They will be indentifying parents, community members, students and staff to be part of the process. As has been our practice, we will continue to post our efforts on the Hopkins Public Schools webpage. Our Strategic Planning goals and actions for each building run on the right side of our home page. We encourage you to check them out and give us your feedback.

We would like to thank everyone for the work they have done and look forward to the great things to come!



Fourth Annual

"Outstanding People for Education" Award

(Sponsored by the Allegan County School Boards Association)



Do you know someone who has "made a difference" to a student in your district?

The purpose of the "Outstanding People for Education" recognition is to honor and recognize people in education who are excelling in their field and/or making an impact in the quality of public education in Allegan County.

Examples of whom you might nominate:

- a teacher or classroom aide
- an administrator, secretary or board of education member
- a bus driver, custodian, or other school support staff
- social worker, therapist, or consultant
- a volunteer or community member who supports education

OR Anyone else who has made an impact!

Things to consider when submitting a nomination:

1. Someone involved in education who has made a difference in the overall quality of public education in Allegan County by:

- demonstrating knowledge and skill in his/her area of responsibility.
- developing unique programs that have enhanced the classroom learning experience.
- playing a leadership role in education.
- is a true "team player" in a school setting.
- providing support for a program, service, or event that significantly impacts education.
- exhibiting an attitude that promotes a positive working and learning environment and reflects positively on your school district.

2. Someone who has made an impact on the quality of an individual student's educational experience by:

- demonstrating sensitivity to the needs of individual students.
- providing service "above and beyond" (over and above their job description).

Deadline for nomination: April 1st

I would like to nominate:

Nominee _____ School District and Building/Department _____

Home Address or Phone (if known) _____ Position (teacher, volunteer, bus driver, etc.) _____

Person Submitting (Your Name): *If you wish to remain anonymous, please check this box.

Name and Address _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Relationship to Nominee(co-worker, parent of student, etc.) _____

Please explain how this person has impacted the quality of education in your school and/or tell why this person has made a difference in your (or another child's) individual education. Feel free to use the criteria mentioned above as you write, give examples from your own experience, and speak from your heart! **Attach another sheet, if necessary.**

Please send nomination form to: **Marion Cutts, Hopkins Public Schools**
400 Clark St, Hopkins MI 49328
or email the requested information to: maricutt@hspvikings.org

GIRLS BASKETBALL



VARSITY BASKETBALL

Back Row Left to Right: Coach Russ Rose, Jensyn VanZalen, Asst Coach Logan Weis

Middle Row Left to Right: Katie Stein, Ellen Bregg, Morgan Krcatovich, Claire Schwartz

Front Row Left to Right: Keara Kilbane, Becca Davis, Kristin Gilbert, Ashley Sokol, Callie Brower

Date	Time	Opponent
11.23.11	7:00pm	@ Plainwell Schools (scrimmage)
11.29.11	7:00pm	Tri-Unity Christian
12.02.11	7:00pm	@ Covenant
12.06.11	7:00pm	@ Wayland
12.09.11	6:00pm	@ Hamilton
12.13.11	7:00pm	@ Kelloggsville
12.16.11	6:00pm	@ Lee
12.20.11	7:15pm	Calvin Christian
01.03.12	7:00pm	@ Fennville
01.06.12	6:00pm	Godwin Heights
01.10.12	7:00pm	@ NorthPointe Christian
01.13.12	6:00pm	@ Allendale
01.17.12	7:00pm	Wyoming Park
01.24.12	7:15pm	@ Kent City
01.31.12	7:00pm	Kelloggsville
02.03.12	6:00pm	Lee
02.07.12	7:15pm	@ Calvin Christian
02.10.12	6:00pm	@ Godwin Heights
02.14.12	7:00pm	@ Union
02.17.12	6:00pm	Allendale
02.21.12	7:00pm	Kent City
02.27.12	TBA	@ MHSAA District Tournament

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11.23.11	5:00pm	@ Plainwell Schools (scrimmage)
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12.08.11	6:30pm	Hamilton
12.13.11	5:30pm	@ Kelloggsville
12.15.11	7:00pm	@ Lee
12.20.11	5:45pm	Calvin Christian
01.03.12	5:30pm	@ Fennville
01.05.12	7:15pm	Godwin Heights
01.10.12	5:30pm	@ NorthPointe Christian
01.12.12	7:15pm	@ Allendale
01.17.12	5:45pm	Wyoming Park
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02.14.12	5:30pm	@ Union
02.16.12	7:15pm	Allendale
02.21.12	5:45pm	Kent City



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Back Row Left to Right: Rachel Colby, DeJager, Megan Snoeyink, Coach Russell VanDommelen

Middle Row Left to Right: Alyssa Knoester, Aubree Szczepanski, Danielle Beukema, Karisa Boerman, Samantha Miedema

Front Row Left to Right: Marie McKinnon, Emma Kilbane, Kharleigh DeLeeuw, Kristin Bowman



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Back Row Left to Right: Kerissa Glascott, Jessie Sytsma, Coach Tim dommenick, Allie DeBoer, Sam Nagel

Middle Row Left to Right: Rachael Weber, Kennedy Miedema, Christine DeJager, Madison Kerber

Front Row Left to Right: Haley Gilder, Baylee Roys, Nicole Pavlak

Date	Time	Opponent
11.23.11	5:00pm	@ Plainwell Schools (scrimmage)
11.29.11	4:00pm	Hastings N
12.02.11	4:00pm	@ Covenant
12.06.11	4:00pm	@ Wayland
12.08.11	5:00pm	Hamilton
12.13.11	5:30pm	@ Saugatuck
12.16.11	4:15pm	Otsego
12.20.11	4:15pm	Calvin Christian
01.03.12	4:00pm	@ Comstock Park
01.10.12	4:15pm	@ Otsego
01.17.12	4:15pm	Wyoming Park
01.19.12	4:00pm	@ Ottawa Hills
01.23.12	4:15pm	Plainwell
01.26.12	5:00pm	@ Allegan
01.31.12	4:00pm	Heritage Christian
02.02.12	4:00pm	Cancelled Delton Kellogg
02.07.12	4:15pm	@ Calvin Christian
02.14.12	4:00pm	Forest Hills Eastern
02.21.12	4:00pm	Heritage Christian

BOYS BASKETBALL



VARSITY BASKETBALL

Back Row Left to Right: Asst Coach Jeff Collier, Matt Modreske, Head Coach Jeff Weber, Blaine Merren, Asst Coach Ben Schulz

Middle Row Left to Right: Blake Kraft, Joey McPeck, Michael Ryan, Kyle VanderSyde

Front Row Left to Right: Ethan Elzinga, Wes Hoffmanster, Tyler Schwartz, Clayton Williams, Cody Winger

Date	Time	Opponent
12.06.11	5:45pm	Wayland
12.08.11	6:30pm	@ Hamilton
12.13.11	5:30pm	Kelloggsville
12.15.11	5:30pm	@ Lee
12.20.11	5:45pm	@ Calvin Christian
01.03.12	5:30pm	Fennville
01.05.12	5:45pm	Godwin Heights
01.10.12	5:45pm	NorthPointe Christian
01.12.12	5:45pm	@ Allendale
01.14.12	5:45pm	@ Allegan
01.20.12	5:30pm	@ Belding
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02.21.12	5:45pm	@ Kent City
02.28.12	5:45pm	@ Otsego



JUNIOR VARSITY BASKETBALL

Back Row Left to Right: Alex Roberts, Joshua Anderson, Zach Harig, Coach Jeff Young

Middle Row Left to Right: Ryan Pierce, Jalen Kisner, Gavin Ryan, Nathan Straub, Mitchell Ryan

Front Row Left to Right: Jacob Myers, Marc Betcher, Tyler Schulz, Matt Robinson



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

Back Row Left to Right: Coach Darrin Smith, Matthew Haaksm, Matthew Belka, Spencer Timm, Quincy Collings, Spencer Schaendorf

Middle Row Left to Right: Chase Hoffman, Tyler Wyngardern, Isaac Kukelies, Noah Kraft, Grant Stevens

Front Row Left to Right: Ball Boy Nolan Smith, Michael Kane, Wyatt Stegerman, Ball Boy Trevor Smith

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12.06.11	4:15pm	Wayland
12.08.11	5:00pm	@ Hamilton
12.13.11	4:15pm	Kelloggsville
12.15.11	5:00pm	@ Jenison
12.20.11	4:15pm	@ Calvin Christian
12.20.11	4:15pm	@ Calvin Christian
01.03.12	5:30pm	@ Saugatuck
01.04.12	5:30pm	@ Saugatuck
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84th National FFA Convention October 19-22, 2011

National FFA Organization 6060 FFA Drive P.O. Box 68960 Indianapolis, IN 46278-1370

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NEWS RELEASE

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Hopkins FFA Competes in National Agricultural Issues Forum Event

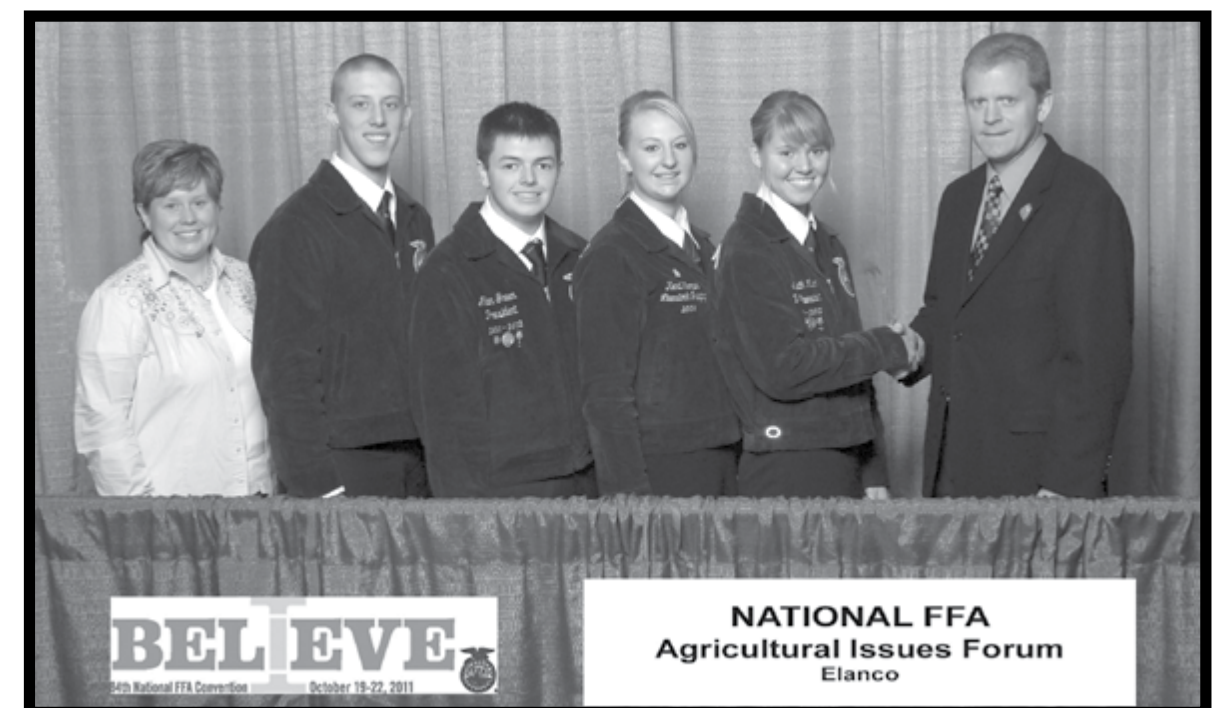
INDIANAPOLIS- Hopkins FFA members were one of 36 teams participating in the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum

Career Development Event (CDE). The event was held in conjunction with the 84th National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Ind. Kendi Kamps, Alan Green, Elizabeth Miller, and Nick Caywood competed with 210 other members from across the country. The team, led by advisor Jessica Couch, advanced to the semi final round with the top 16 teams in the nation and was awarded a Silver emblem.

The National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum CDE is a competitive activity that tests students' knowledge of agricultural issues and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. To qualify for the National Agricultural Issues Forum CDE, teams must win their state CDE event by designing a presentation that addresses multiple viewpoints of a contemporary agricultural issue and present it to a number of audiences in their community. For the national event, they present a portfolio based on their local audiences' feedback and deliver their presentation to a panel of judges.

This event, held at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis, Ind., is one of many educational activities at the national FFA convention in which FFA members practice the lessons learned in agricultural education classes.

The National FFA Organization, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national youth organization of 540,739 student members – all preparing for leadership and careers in the science, business and technology of agriculture – as part of 7,487 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The National FFA Organization changed to its present name in 1988, in recognition of the growth and diversity of agriculture and agricultural education. The 84th National FFA Convention is held Oct. 19-22, 2011 in Indianapolis, Ind., and draws 50,000-plus FFA members, advisors and guests from across the country. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. Visit www.ffa.org for more information and follow us on Facebook, and Twitter and FFA Nation.

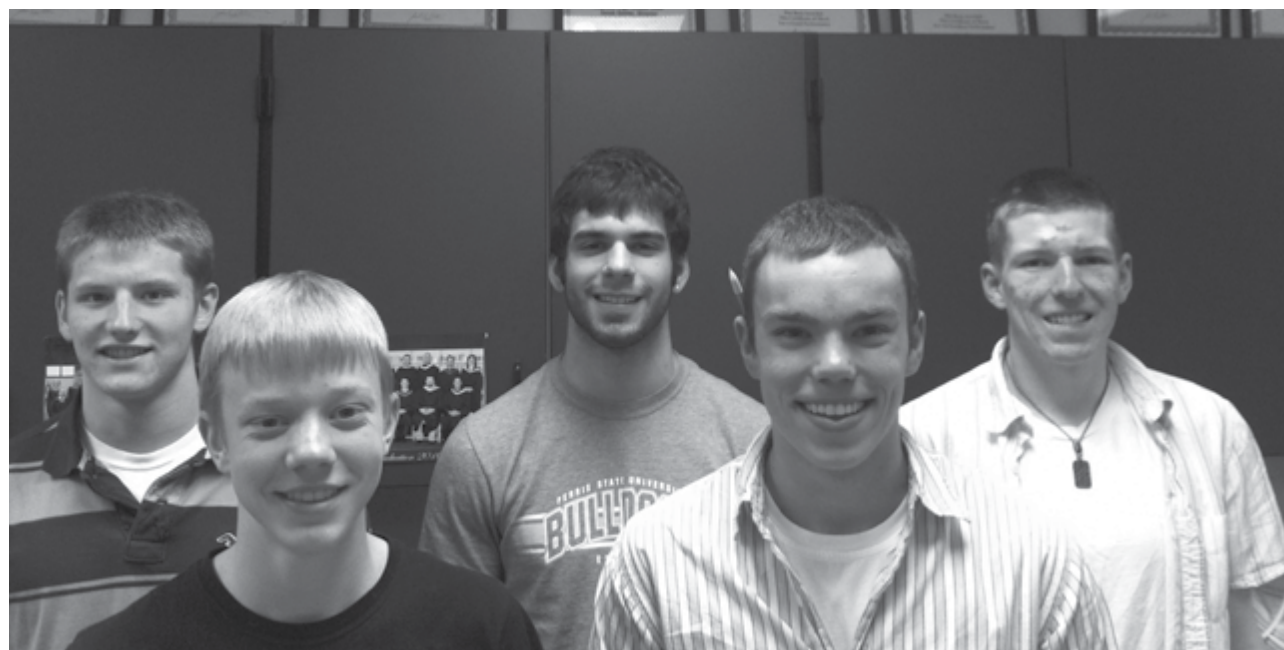


Pictured from left to right: Jessica Couch, Nick Caywood, Alan Green, Kendi Kamps, Elizabeth Miller, Sponsor Representative

STATE HONORS CHOIR STUDENTS

Eight Hopkins Vocal Music students traveled to Western Michigan University on December 3rd, 2011 to participate in MSVMA's Regional Honors Choir Concert and to audition for this year's State Honors Choir. These auditions were held at the Delton Center on WMU's campus. Students that auditioned were asked to memorize five intermediate level choral pieces. Later that evening, after the concert had concluded, the results from the student auditions were released. Four Hopkins Vocal Music students made it through to the State Honors Choir for 2012. These four students will get to perform at the DeVos Concert Hall in Grand Rapids on January 21st with about 300 other top choral students from around the state. Congratulations to the following Hopkins Vocal Music students:

Name	Voice Part
Jameson Weber	Bass
Jeremiah Brookhouse	Baritone
Evan Crowe	Tenor 2
Dylan Williams	Tenor 1



BACK ROW: Dylan Williams, Jameson Weber, Jeremiah Brookhouse
FRONT ROW: Bruce Cammenga, Evan Crowe

UPCOMING EVENTS...

Winter Follies

February 3rd
 Girls Varsity Game at 6:00pm
 Boys Varsity Game at 7:30pm
 Winter Follies King and Queen will be crowned
 High School Dance will be held
 Saturday February 4th, 8 - 11pm

FFA Soup Supper

Friday, February 3rd
 5:00 - 7:00pm
 High School Cafeteria
NHS Blood Drive
 March 5th, 2 - 8pm
 High School Cafeteria
 May 5th, 1 - 4pm
 Hopkins Elementary

Michigan Merit Exams

March 6th, 7th, and 8th
 Please try to avoid these dates when scheduling medical, dental or other appointments

HS Spring Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, April 25th from 4 - 7pm

VARSITY WRESTLING



Date	Time	Opponent
12.07.11	5:30pm	Hopkins Quad
12.10.11	9:30am	@ Dowagiac
12.21.11	6:00pm	@ Coloma Quad
12.29.11	9:00am	@ Maple Valley Invitational
01.04.12	5:30pm	Kelloggsville
01.07.12	9:30am	@ Allendale Invitational
01.11.12	5:30pm	Kent City/Lee Tri
01.14.12	9:00am	@ Homer
01.18.12	5:30pm	@ Allendale
01.21.12	9:00am	Hopkins Invitational
01.25.12	5:30pm	@ Calvin Christian
01.27.12	4:00pm	@ Comstock Individual Tournament
02.01.12	5:30pm	@ Godwin Heights
02.04.12	10:00am	@ Kent City
02.09.12	6:00pm	MHSAA Team District

Back Row Left to Right: Kyle Cooper, Coach Joel Eding, Michael Pavlak

Middle Row Left to Right: Nick Miller, Cole Roys, Alex Jones, Anthony Steffens

Front Row Left to Right: Andy Marvin, Zachary Marvin, Ra Hulst, Seth Mack, Jimmy Renberg

VARSITY BOWLING



Date	Time	Opponent
12.27.11	10:00am	@ Ravenna - Kent City Invitational
01.04.12	3:30pm	@ Calvin Christian
01.04.12	3:30pm	@ Calvin Christian
01.05.12	3:30pm	@ Lee
01.09.12	3:30pm	Kelloggsville
01.11.12	3:30pm	Godwin Heights
01.16.12	3:30pm	Allendale
01.18.12	3:30pm	Kent City High School
01.23.12	3:30pm	@ Wayland H.S.
01.25.12	3:30pm	Calvin Christian
01.25.12	3:30pm	Calvin Christian
01.30.12	3:30pm	Lee
02.01.12	3:30pm	@ Kelloggsville
02.06.12	3:30pm	@ Godwin Heights
02.08.12	3:30pm	@ Allendale
02.13.12	3:30pm	@ Kent City High School
02.15.12	3:30pm	@ Allegan High School
02.18.12	TBA	@ OK Silver Conference Tournament Spectrum Lanes
02.24.12	TBA	@ MHSAA Regionals
02.25.12	TBA	@ MHSAA Regionals

Back Row Left to Right: TJ Deubner, Alex Rens, Coach John Wierckz, Jordan Brookhouse, Kelly Archer,

Middle Row Left to Right: Jessica TenBroeke, Hannah Meyering, Alyssa Baar, Gavin Smith, Dakota Miller, Travis Bolles,

Front Row Left to Right: Emily Fredricks, Madison DeGraves, Allison Slagter, Rachel Pasma, Alison Simpson

VARSITY CHEERLEADING

Date	Time	Opponent
12.10.11	9:00am	@ CCCAM Invitational
12.17.11	11:00am	@ Gobles Holiday Cheer Bash
01.04.12	7:00pm	@ OK Silver Jamboree
01.07.12	11:30am	@ Delton-Kellogg Invitational
01.11.12	7:00pm	@ OK Silver Jamboree
01.21.12	10:00am	@ Allendale Invitational
01.25.12	7:00pm	@ OK Silver Jamboree
01.28.12	9:00am	@ Bulldog Classic
02.01.12	7:00pm	OK Silver Jamboree
02.08.12	7:00pm	@ OK Silver Conference Meet
02.11.12	TBA	@ PR Cheer
02.18.12	5:00pm	@ MHSAA Districts



Back Row Left to Right: Carlina Haagsman-Russell, Coach Autumn Kraima, Destiny Steffens

Middle Row Left to Right: Harlie Rausch, Ashley Farrell, Sidney Selvig, Kori Fredricks

Front Row Left to Right: Kendralyn Edema, Kayla Adrianson, Kristen Smith, Samantha Adrainson