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Summer Music Camp

In July, elementary students were able to participate in the first annual Sycamore Music Camp. The week consisted of special guest performers, camp performances, music games, instrument and singing activities and more! Camp director and Sycamore Elem music teacher Megan Vos and four musically trained counselors led campers in many musical activities throughout the week! Stay on the look out for our next summer music camp!



From the Superintendent...



Gary Wood

As the end of summer draws near, we find a new school year just beginning. The staff at Hopkins Public Schools has been busy making preparations to educate our children. Our staff is committed to providing a safe and productive learning environment. Students will report for a full day of school on Tuesday, September 8; and we hope that they are ready and eager to learn. A complete calendar for the 2015-2016 school year is contained in this newsletter.

Each summer there are many changes that take place at our schools and this summer is no exception. Some changes will be obvious, such as the construction of the new FFA building behind the high school and updating of our athletic practice fields. An important area you are sure to notice changes to involve the main entrances to all of our buildings. Each building now has a newly installed secured entry system (funded by a safety grant). This will require you to be “buzzed in” during school hours. You may find this a bit inconvenient at times; however it offers another layer of safety for our children.

The maintenance and custodial staff have worked hard this summer to get the facilities ready for the new school year. Please remember to thank them for their hard work.

I am continually impressed with the level of family involvement in our school district. It assures me that you understand the important role that parents have in the education of their children. Please try to get involved in our schools by keeping in contact with your child’s teachers. Attend school events such as open houses, concerts, sporting events, award programs, etc. Join parent organizations or other groups that support education. Volunteer to chaperone field trips, dances or to help in the classroom. Check with your child’s teacher or principal for ways to become involved.

Finally, I would like to encourage our students to do their absolute best this year – it should be a good one.

Yours in Education,
Gary Wood, Superintendent



Celebrating Retirement

Thank you for your years of service to the students, staff and community of Hopkins Public Schools!

Pictured: Superintendent Gary Wood, Carol Vendeville (42 years), Mitzi Crowe (29 years). Not Pictured: Tim Orme (19 years)

Added Security at Building Entrances

In an effort to create a safe learning environment for the students and staff at Hopkins Public Schools, all guests visiting during instructional time will need to request entry into the building using an AirPhone inside the first set of doors at each main entry. A staff member in the office area will verify your identity and then release the lock on the door. We are sorry for the inconvenience this causes but we feel it is worth the added security it provides.

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



“Some of Mrs. Belka’s students, along with their siblings, were able to join her at the park this summer for some fun!”

School Opening

Important Information

First Student Day for the 2015-2016 School year will be September 8

School Hours for 2015-2016

Grades 6-12

Full Day: 7:45 AM – 2:43 PM

Half Day: 7:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Grades K-5

Full Day: 7:45 AM – 2:55 PM

Half Day: 7:45 AM – 11:10 AM

If you are calling to enroll a new student, register by calling to arrange a conference with your building principals:

Hopkins Elementary – Scott VanBonn 269-793-7286

Sycamore Elementary – Amy Mielke 616-681-9189

Hopkins Middle School – Ken Szczepanski 269-793-7407

Hopkins High School – Ken Szczepanski 269-793-7616

Severe Weather

When severe weather or other emergencies make it necessary to suspend school, TV stations WZZM TV-13, WOTV-8, WWMT-3, and most radio stations will report the fact. We also began using a school messenger system that contacts families by phone message. Parents and students should not call school officials to see if there will be school since their phones must be kept open for emergency calls.

In the event of severe weather, the plan outlined below will be followed:

1. TORNADO WATCH – If a tornado “watch” is announced prior to or during the regular dismissal time, students will normally be dismissed at the regular dismissal time for all schools.

2. TORNADO WARNING – If an official tornado “warning” is announced or if a tornado appears, children will be retained in school in predetermined shelter areas until the warning is lifted.

3. AFTER HOURS AND SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES – If a severe weather “warning” is announced during afternoon school hours, all after school activities will be CANCELLED.

Make sure that students understand and follow these procedures. Arrange for an alternate shelter-home where students can go if you will not be home. For safety's sake, review your family's plan with your children on a regular basis.

MEMORANDUM TO PARENTS

School Board Policy On Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs included any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute, or substance that could be considered a “look-a-like” controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and include expulsion from school. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials.

The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

Parent Notification Letter

Dear Parent:

We recently have been notified by the Federal government that the District is subject to new regulations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV) in the workplace. These regulations are designed to protect employees of the District who are, or could be, exposed to blood or other contaminated bodily fluids while performing their job duties.

Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment.

Part of the Federally-mandated procedures include a requirement that the District request the person who was bleeding to consent to be tested for HBV and HIV. This information would then be provided both to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment.

The law does not require parents or guardians to grant permission for the examination of their child's blood, but it does require the District to request that consent. Although we expect that incidents of exposure will be few, we wanted to notify parents of these requirements ahead of time. That way, if the situation does develop you will understand the reason for our request and will have had an opportunity to consider it in advance. These are serious diseases, and we sincerely hope that through proper precautions and cooperation we can prevent them from spreading.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gary Wood, Superintendent at 269-793-7261.

Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA)

Asbestos Awareness Update

In September 2013, DeLisle Associates LTD completed a regularly scheduled inspection of all remaining asbestos-containing materials in district facilities. This inspection and routine six month inspections performed by district personnel are part of our Management Plan.

Asbestos materials were confirmed in all Hopkins Public Schools Buildings. They were found to be in good condition and present no danger to students, staff, or visitors.

If and when any changes occur, employees and parents will be promptly notified.

Parents who wish to review the district's Management Plan may do so by contacting the Transportation & Maintenance Supervisor's office at 269-793-7121.

Policy EFE has been revised to state that parents who do not want to allow their child's name, likeness, or work to be published as part of District publication activities, must sign the attached permission slip and return to the Superintendent's office. The permission slip is shown below.

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Permission To Publish/Distribute Student's Images And/Or Work

1. Students who attend Hopkins Public Schools may occasionally be asked to participate in school and/or District publications and/or public relations activities. These activities may include videotaping, recording and/or photographs which may be published, displayed, distributed, or broadcast outside by the District or third parties with District consent. Publications also may include use of the student's name, photograph, art, written work, voice, verbal statements or portrait (video or still) in school publicity, District publications, videos, digital or electronic media or on the District website. For example, pictures and articles about school activities may appear in local newspapers or District publications.

2. If you do not want to allow your child's name, likeness or work to be published as part of District publication activities, please check (no) in the box below, sign the form, and return it to the District. We ask that you complete a separate form for each student you have in the District.

NO ☐

3. The District will assume your consent to your child's participation in District publications unless assigned non-participation affidavit is returned to the Superintendent's office.

4. The District does not anticipate commercial use or sale of your student names, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (video or still). However, to the extent works described in this form result in any profits, by signing this form you and your student agree to waive any and all rights to any copyright interest in such works and any royalties that may be paid. Any profits generated by the works described in this form will be used to benefit the Hopkins Public Schools and its programs.

5. By signing this form, you agree:

☐ No monies or other compensation will be or become due to you, your student or your heirs, agents or assigns at any time because of participation in publication activities.

☐ Consent for your student's participation in district publication activities may be rescinded at any time by written notice to the school principal.

SCHOOL YEAR: 2015-2016

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

STUDENT SIGNATURE

4 LEGAL NOTICES

Information for School-Age Youth

If you live in any of the following situations:

In a shelter; In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation; In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station; Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible students have the right to:

Receive a free, appropriate public education. Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment. Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents. Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible.

If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.

Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.

Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. Scott Stockwell is the local liaison for Hopkins Public Schools and can be reached at 269-793-7407.

If you need further assistance with your educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education: 1-800-308-2145, homeless@serve.org, www.serve.org/nche

Pest Management

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hopkins Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, these will only be used as a last resort. This program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

You will receive advanced notice of the application of a pesticide, other than a bait or gel formulation at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by the law is the posting at entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot. The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact the Maintenance Department at the following number 269-793-7121. Please give the Maintenance secretary your name, mailing address and what school your child attends.

In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling or e-mailing Jon Tew the District's Supervisor of Transportation and Maintenance at phone number 269-793-7121 or e-mail address jontew@hpsvikings.org. This number or e-mail may also be used when school is not in regular session.

Pesticide Control Act

Hopkins Public Schools utilizes certain pesticide products from time to time at its various school buildings and facilities. Some are applied by contractual vendors and a few are applied by staff. All are applied in accordance with the Pesticide Act of 1976 and according to the district's Integrated Pest Management Plan.

Any district parent, guardian, or care provider desiring information regarding these pesticides or who wishes to be notified prior to scheduled applications may complete a request online at www.hpsvikings.org and mail it to: Jon Tew, 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328.

Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

In compliance with Federal regulations, Hopkins Public Schools has established the following guidelines concerning student records.

Katie Jager is the Records Control Officer for the District and is responsible for the processing and maintenance of all student records. Her office is located at 400 Clark Street, Hopkins MI 49328, or can be reached by calling 269-793-7261.

Each student's records will be kept in a confidential file located at Hopkins Public Schools. The information in a student's record file will be available for review only by the parents or legal guardian of a student, an adult student (18 years of age or older), and those designated by Federal law or District regulations.

If not satisfied with the accuracy of the records or with the District's compliance with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act, a parent, guardian, or adult student has the right to request a change or addition to a student's records, and to:

- Obtain a hearing with District officials, or
- File a complaint with the U.S. Office of Education.

The District has established the following information about each student as directory information and will make it available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the Records Control Office in writing within 10 days from the date of this notification that they will not permit distribution of any or all information:

Name, address and telephone number; date and place of birth; photograph; major field of study; participation in officially recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; dates of attendance, date of graduation, and awards received; any other information the district considers would not be harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed.

A copy of the Board of Education's policy and the accompanying District regulations are available at Hopkins Public Schools. There will also be a person available to answer any questions concerning the policy or regulations.

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

Hopkins Public Schools recognizes and abides by the standards of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act.

These standards prohibit the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, sale, distribution, or concealment of illegal drugs and alcohol in school programs, school vehicles, school premises, and at school sponsored activities on and off school property. Drugs include all controlled substances as defined by law, as well as "look-alike" drugs, steroids, and alcohol.

These standards apply to all Hopkins Public Schools students and staff.

The use / abuse of drugs and alcohol poses serious health and safety risks to Hopkins Public Schools students. We urge students, parents, guardians, and care providers to work hand-in-hand with our district to ensure that these important standards are upheld.

Section 504 Protects Children From Discrimination

The Rehabilitation Act at Section 504 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving Federal financial assistance, including public schools. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who: has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, reading and working); has a record of such an impairment; or is regarded as having such an impairment.

In order to fulfill its obligation under Section 504, the Hopkins Public Schools recognizes a responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and practices in the school system.

The school District has specific responsibilities under the Act which includes the responsibility to identify, evaluate, and if the child is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the School District, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

For more information about your rights under Section 504 contact: Gary Wood, Superintendent of Hopkins Public Schools or the Special Ed Director at the AAESA

Annual Notice of the Right to Request a Personal Curriculum Modifying Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements for Graduation

What is a personal curriculum?

The personal curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school credit requirements and/or content expectations based on a student's unique learning needs and post-secondary goals. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize MMC requirements to earn a high school diploma.

Who may request a personal curriculum?

A personal curriculum may be requested by the parent or guardian of a student for whom a personal curriculum is sought, or the student if the student is of the age of majority, or an emancipated minor may request a personal curriculum, a teacher who is currently teaching the student (who currently teaches in, or whose expertise is in, a subject area proposed to be modified by the PC, or who is determined by the principal to have qualifications otherwise relevant to developing a PC), or a school counselor or school employee qualified to act in a counseling role.

If the request for a PC is made by the student's parent or legal guardian or, if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor, by the student, the school district shall develop a PC for the student pursuant to the parameters outlined in 380.1278b(5).

When may a personal curriculum be requested?

If the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade.

(Note: Any resulting PC may not be implemented until the student begins/enters 9th grade.) If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be requested after the student has completed 9th grade.

For more information on the Personal Curriculum (PC), or to make a request for a PC, please contact the building principal or visit the district's website at <http://neola.com/hopkins-mi/search/policies/po5460.htm>.

Security And Video Surveillance

Through this policy, the Board of Education provides notice to all students, the public and its employees of the potential use of video surveillance and electronic monitoring in order to protect District property, promote security and protect the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff and visitors.

The Superintendent shall develop and supervise a program for the security of the District's students, staff, visitors, school buildings, school grounds, and school equipment in compliance with statute and rules of the State. The Superintendent may authorize the use of video/electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property.

Every effort shall be made to apprehend those who knowingly cause serious physical harm to students, staff, visitors and District property and to require prosecution of those who bring harm to persons and property. The Board will seek repairs to rectify the damage or payment of a fee to cover repairs. A reward may be offered for apprehending such persons.

Appropriate authorities may be contacted in the case of serious offenses.

Video surveillance will not be used in bathrooms or locker rooms, although these areas may be placed under surveillance by individuals of the same sex as the occupants of the bathrooms or locker rooms.

The District will post signs at the main entrances to buildings stating that video surveillance cameras are in use to monitor activity within buildings for security purposes.

The Superintendent shall report to the Board each major case of vandalism and the extent of the damage.

Wellness (Board Policy 8510)

As required by law, the Board of Education establishes the following wellness policy for the Hopkins Public Schools.

The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the District's students. Furthermore, research concludes that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and his/her ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school.

The Board, however, believes this effort to support the students' development of healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model such healthy behaviors and habits.

Handicapped Access (Board Policy 9160)

No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies.

For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, providing accommodations to parents with disabilities who desire access to their child's educational program or meetings pertinent thereto.

NOTIFICATION TO PUBLIC Regarding Inspection Of Instructional Materials

The Principals of Hopkins Public Schools and are responsible for coordinating inspections of instructional materials at the schools. Offices are located at:

Hopkins Elementary School

Scott VanBonn, Principal
400 Clark Street
Hopkins, MI 49328
269-793-7286

Sycamore Elementary

Amy Mielke - Principal
2163 - 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-681-9189

Hopkins Middle School

Ken Szczepanski, Principal
215 Clark Street
Hopkins, MI 49328
269-793-7407

Hopkins High School

Ken Szczepanski, Principal
333 Clark Street
Hopkins, MI 49328
269-793-7616

Members of the public have the right to inspect instructional materials, including but not limited to print and non-print materials, teacher's manuals, films, tapes and any other supplementary materials, used as part of the educational curriculum.

ALUMNI



Class of 1965

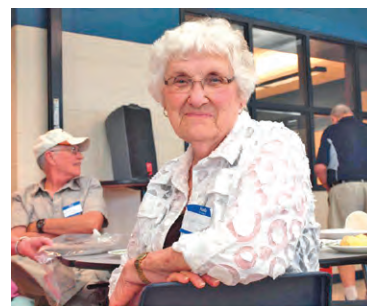


Rosemary Pueschel Lambert '69,
Liz Pueschel Cunningham '65,
Dick Church '65



Vivian Roberts class of 42
and niece Rosemary

The 89th annual meeting of the Hopkins High School Alumni was held on June 20, 2015 at the High School cafeteria. Over 200 former graduates were in attendance and enjoyed visiting and reminiscing about their years at Hopkins. The members of the class of 1965 were the honored group for this year as they celebrated 50 years since their graduation. Allyson Dykstra and Baylee Roys from the class of 2015 were honored as this year's HHS Alumni scholarship recipients. Oldest graduates in attendance were Marjorie Vollink Hines (Class of 1941), Elwood Schwartz, Dale Smith and Vivian Roberts all from the Class of 1942. Alumni President June Krug and Secretary "Pete" Arnsmann presided over the calling of the roll of the past graduates. The annual potluck is held each year at the High School on the 3rd Saturday of June. If you are a HHS graduate and would like to be added to the mailing list, send your name, address and email to Lee Dale "Pete" Arnsmann, 337 East Main Street, Hopkins, MI 49328.



Marjorie Vollink Calkins Hines (class of '41)



Hopkins FFA Agri-Science Barn



Ground Breaking Ceremony

Jessica Couch (Agriscience Instructor and FFA Advisor), Dawn Punches (Project Coordinator), Gary Wood (Superintendent), Roy Miller (Past FFA Advisor), Comer Skinner (FFA President)

AT LAST!!!! After a lengthy permit and approval process with the State of Michigan, we are making progress on the new FFA agri-science barn. The planning for this project began over two years ago. The animal science barn has been a dream since the old barn (that so many of us remember) was torn down when the new high school was constructed. With the new barn, we will be able to provide students a hands-on- approach that will enhance the students learning experiences. Students will be able to learn agri-science concepts such as:

Husbandry	Anatomy	Physiology	Digestion
Nutrition	Genetics	Health	Production

Students will obtain skills through independent thinking, responsibility, record keeping, math and scientific application.

As an organization of individuals who understand the importance to educate our society about agriculture, we know we need to start with the young people in our community. We intend to utilize the barn to engage elementary students and generate their curiosity and excitement. This will instill the kind of thinking that charges up new younger students to become leaders in FFA and become aware of all of the opportunities that exist in agriculturally based careers.

The facility will also serve a badly needed storage area for leadership props, exhibit materials and community service tools. Students that do not have the area to raise an animal as a project will be able to use the facility to enhance their supervised agricultural experience.

Our plan will be to erect a 40 x 60 x 16 building with the following attributes:

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| 8ft cement pads on each end | Bathroom – Handicap |
| 12ft overhead doors on each end | Accessible |
| Human door on each end | Hand washing Station |
| Steel siding inside and out | Moveable pens |
| Insulation | Open classroom area |
| Ventilation fans in coup lows | Moveable tables |
| Center drainage | Storage Loft |
| Office | |

Once approvals were received, the builders were on it and the first poles for the barn were set in the ground on July 21st. Progress has been moving along nicely and as of Wednesday July 29th the roof has steel in place. The next steps will be to get the underground plumbing and electrical in. The concrete can go in after another state inspection. The side steel and finishing work will then take place.

When the project was originally launched in 2013, we began raising funds to pay for the barn and its contents. Through generous donations from the community, memorials and fund raisers we were able to raise over \$51,000, an awesome feat! The organization is grateful to be part of such a wonderful community.

Additional assets will still be needed in order to operate the barn. With that said, once again the FFA Alumni Barn Committee will initiate another round of fund raising to satisfy those needs. More details to come soon.

If you have any questions on the project, contact Dawn Punches, Project Chairman, at (269) 806-2727.



“Bee the Change”



Pictured (left to right): Megan Heft, Bailey Couch, Lexie Wilson, Alex Ludlam

In April of 2015, the Hopkins FFA was one of two Michigan FFA chapters to receive a grant from the National FFA Foundation and Bayer Crop Science Environmental. The grant was given to two chapters in each state in the nation. The grant focuses on combating problems concerning pollinator health and habitat, and the selected chapters will educate the public about the issues. Through education, the public will learn how they can get involved to promote better bee health and improve their environment. Several Hopkins FFA members participated in leadership contests this past spring, with bees as their topic. The members understand that this is a local, national and international issue. If the problem is not recognized and action is not taken, the survival of many pollinating species will be affected.

The Hopkins FFA members taking part in this grant know that Michigan is home to many different crops that are highly dependent on pollinators. Without them, crop quality and yield will suffer. The members feel it is their responsibility as young agricultural leaders to become part of the solution. They have come up with a plan that informs the public of the threat to pollinators everywhere. Their plan includes three areas of action: Promote, Educate and Bee Health & Environment.

Promote

- One of the members attended the Washington D.C. Leadership Conference and will be incorporating the grant into their community service plan; they have ideas to involve the local Boy Scout troop

to help build informational pollinator gardens. These gardens will become part of our community and be filled with nutritious vegetables for both people and pollinators. In the meantime they will be educating the community about pollinator importance and what they can do.

- A “Bee the Change” bee mascot will appear in local parades passing out honey sticks and pamphlets. The pamphlets will contain information about bees, the benefits of honey, and what the general public can do to make a positive impact.

Educate

- They will create an exhibit for the Allegan County Fair to be displayed in the Baby Animal Barn.

- They will also develop educational and eye catching posters to display in the area elementary and middle schools. The bee mascot will pass out honey sticks, gel bracelets and coloring sheets. Honey tasting will be included to showcase different flavors.

Bee Health & Environment

Presentations to the area producers on how to utilize bee-friendly crops, as well as what plants work best in different geographical areas. The producers will also be informed on where they can learn more about the topic.

The Hopkins FFA will even be reestablishing and improving habitat in four local areas while introducing strong and healthy beehives to those environments.

These Hopkins FFA members are knowledgeable about the issue and are becoming part of the solution. The members will commit to follow up with local farmers and beekeepers to ensure all groups are working together for the success of the project goals. As young agricultural leaders, the Hopkins FFA members appreciate the opportunity to “Bee the Change”.

2015-2016 FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE

HOPKINS



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VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

F-8/21	WMVOA Tournament	A	8:00AM
	@ MVP Fieldhouse		
Sa-8/22	Lawton Invitational	A	8:30AM
W-8/26	Delton Kellogg Invitational	A	8:30AM
Th-8/27	Black River Tri	A	6:00PM
Sa-8/29	Cereal City Invitational	A	8:00AM
	@ Battle Creek Central and Pennfield		
Sa-9/19	Cadillac Invitational	A	9:00AM
Tu-9/22	NorthPointe Christian	A	7:00PM
Th-9/24	Lee	H	7:00PM
Tu-9/29	Calvin Christian	H	7:00PM
Th-10/0	Kelloggsville	A	7:00PM
Sa-10/03	Switek Memorial Invitational	H	8:00AM
Tu-10/06	Godwin Heights	A	7:00PM
Th-10/08	NorthPointe Christian	H	7:00PM
Sa-10/10	Belding Invitational	A	10:00AM
Tu-10/13	Lee	A	7:00PM
Th-10/15	Calvin Christian	A	7:00PM
Tu-10/20	Kelloggsville	H	7:00PM
Th-10/22	Godwin Heights	H	7:00PM

VARSITY FOOTBALL

Th-8/20	Three Rivers (Scrimmage)	A	5:00PM
Th-8/27	Wayland	A	7:00PM
Th-9/03	Allendale	H	7:00PM
F-9/11	Berrien Springs	H	7:00PM
F-9/18	NorthPointe Christian	A	7:00PM
	@ Cornstock Park HS		
F-9/25	Kelloggsville	A	7:00PM
F-10/02	Calvin Christian	A	7:00PM
F-10/09	Montague	A	7:00PM
F-10/16	Lee	H	7:00PM
F-10/23	Godwin Heights	H	7:00PM

JV FOOTBALL

Th-8/20	Three Rivers (Scrimmage)	A	3:00PM
Th-8/27	Wayland	A	4:30PM
W-9/02	Allendale	A	6:30PM
Th-9/10	Berrien Springs	A	6:00PM
Th-9/17	NorthPointe Christian	H	6:00PM
Th-9/24	Kelloggsville	H	6:00PM
Th-10/01	Calvin Christian	H	6:00PM
Th-10/08	Coopersville	H	6:00PM
Th-10/15	OPEN DATE (TBA)	H	TBA
Th-10/22	Godwin Heights	A	6:00PM

MS VOLLEYBALL

W-9/16	Lee	H	4:45PM
M-9/21	NorthPointe Christian	A	4:15PM
W-9/23	Godwin Heights	H	4:15PM
M-9/28	Kelloggsville	A	4:15PM
W-9/30	Delton Kellogg	H(7) A(8)	4:15PM
M-10/05	Lee	A	4:15PM
W-10/07	NorthPointe Christian	H	4:15PM
M-10/12	Godwin Heights	A	4:15PM
W-10/14	Kelloggsville	H	4:15PM
Th-10/15	Delton Kellogg	H(7) A(8)	4:15PM

COED MS CROSS COUNTRY

Sa-9/12	Fennville Invitational	A	TBA
M-9/14	TK Invite	A	4:00PM
Tu-9/22	OK Silver Jamboree	H	5:15PM
	@ Wise Farm		
Tu-9/29	OK Silver Jamboree	A	5:15PM
	@ Pinery Park		
Sa-10/03	Allendale Invite	A	TBA
Sa-10/10	Portage Invitational	A	TBA
Tu-10/13	OK Silver Jamboree	A	5:45PM
	@ Johnson Park		

JV VOLLEYBALL

F-8/21	Vicksburg Round Robin	A	9:00AM
Sa-8/22	TK JV Invitational	A	9:00AM
Tu-8/25	Delton Kellogg Invitational	A	8:30AM
Th-8/27	Wyoming Invite	A	9:00AM
Sa-9/12	Carson City-Crystal Invite	A	9:00AM
M-9/14	Kent City Quad	A	5:00PM
Tu-9/22	NorthPointe Christian	A	6:00PM
Th-9/24	Lee	H	6:00PM
Tu-9/29	Calvin Christian	H	6:00PM
Th-10/01	Kelloggsville	A	6:00PM
Tu-10/06	Godwin Heights	A	6:00PM
Th-10/08	NorthPointe Christian HS	H	6:00PM
Tu-10/13	Lee	A	6:00PM
Th-10/15	Calvin Christian	A	6:00PM
Sa-10/17	Allegan County Classic	H	9:00AM
Tu-10/20	Kelloggsville	H	6:00PM
Th-10/22	Godwin Heights	H	6:00PM
Sa-10/24	Conference Tournament	Lee	9:00AM

BOYS VARSITY SOCCER

Tu-8/25	Allendale	H	4:30PM
Th-8/27	Gobles	A	5:00PM
Tu-9/01	Otsego	A	6:00PM
Th-9/03	Cornstock Park	H	4:30PM
Tu-9/08	Hamilton	H	4:30PM
Th-9/10	Calvin Christian	H	4:30PM
F-9/11	Wayland	H	4:30PM
W-9/16	G.R.-West Catholic	A	6:45PM
Th-9/17	NorthPointe Christian	A	6:00PM
Tu-9/22	Godwin Heights	H	4:30PM
Th-9/24	Lee	A	4:30PM
Tu-9/29	Kelloggsville	A	4:30PM
Th-10/01	Calvin Christian	A	4:30PM
Tu-10/06	NorthPointe Christian	H	4:30PM
Th-10/08	Godwin Heights	A	4:30PM
Th-10/13	Lee	H	4:45PM
Th-10/15	Kelloggsville	H	4:30PM
F-10/16	Fennville	A	5:00PM

BOYS MS SOCCER

W-9/09	Newhall M.S.	H	4:30PM
M-9/14	Kelloggsville	H	4:30PM
W-9/16	Kent City	H	4:30PM
W-9/23	Lee	H	4:30PM
M-9/28	Allendale	A	4:30PM
W-9/30	Newhall	A	4:30PM
M-10/05	NorthPointe Christian	H	4:30PM
W-10/07	Godwin Heights	H	4:30PM
M-10/12	Newhall	A	4:30PM
W-10/14	Kelloggsville	A	4:30PM
F-10/16	Lee	A	4:30PM
M-10/19	Kent City	A	4:30PM

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

F-8/21	Wayland Invite	A	9:00AM
Th-8/27	Rocket Invitational	A	10:00AM
Sa-9/12	Fennville Invitational	A	TBA
M-9/14	TK Invite	A	4:00PM
Th-9/17	Gilmore Car Museum	A	4:30PM
F-9/18	Spartan Invite	MSU	TBA
Tu-9/22	OK Silver Jamboree	H	4:45PM
	@ Wise Farm		
Tu-9/29	OK Silver Jamboree	A	4:45PM
	@ Pinery Park		
Sa-10/03	Allendale Falcon Invitational	A	TBA
Sa-10/10	Portage Invitational	A	TBA
Tu-10/13	OK Silver Jamboree	A	4:30PM
	@ Johnson Park		
W-10/21	OK Silver Conference Meet	A	4:45PM
	@ Ironwood Golf Course		
Sa-10/24	Gobles Invitational	A	TBA
Sa-10/31	MHSAA Regionals	A	TBA

Goldenage Lifetime Pass

If you are 60 years of age or older you are eligible for a Hopkins Public Schools Goldenage Pass. This is good for admission to all "home" Hopkins School activities. Stop by the administration office (located at the north end of Hopkins Elementary) to get yours today.

Punch Passes

Punch pass cards are available for home athletic events. The passes cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for student passes for 10 home games. The card will not expire at the end of the year so if you have any punches left, you can use them next year. Please remember that, as with season passes, punch passes may not be used for tournament play.



Dear Students & Parents,

The beginning of the school year is approaching, and we want to extend a warm welcome to let you know that Chartwells School Dining Services has exciting plans for your school meal program. School meals remain nutritious, a great value and more satisfying than ever for both students and parents. This year, Chartwells has exciting events and new menu items planned for your child's school cafeteria. Look for Chefs 2 School events, Taste it Tuesdays, new product samples and much more! Our job is to make sure that we serve healthy, well-balanced meals that students will enjoy eating. We also strive to make the dining experience a special one, so we've planned activities that will appeal to all of our students. Below are some of the highlights to help begin the new school year.

Menu Highlights:

We will be bringing back all of your student's favorite menu items as well as introducing new foods and flavors! Our biggest excitement is our new On the Go program at the Middle and High School. We are increasing our ala carte items and introducing new packaging and a fresh new look. Our On the Go program is designed to allow students to purchase more options during breakfast and lunch. Some of these options include more sides, bento box lunches, protein and vegetarian snack packs along with a bigger variety of bottled beverages. Chartwells has partnered exclusively with Hampton Creek to provide us with Just Cookies and Just Mayo. Hampton Creek is a food technology company that is focused on finding new ways to utilize plant proteins in food products. Both the Just Cookies and Just Mayo are made without eggs. These products are intended to be better for your body, allow individuals with food allergies to consume and be outrageously delicious! Visit Hamptoncreek.com for more information and future products.

Simply Good:

Throughout the year, students will have the opportunity to learn about healthier food options through fun and engaging activities that we have planned in the school cafeteria through our *Simply Good* program. *Simply Good* has a culinary emphasis that focuses on healthier meal options, especially ones with fruits, vegetables, whole grains and lean proteins.

Nutrislice:

The way you access menus is changing! Chartwells K12 is partnering up with Nutrislice to allow another way for us to publish school menus. You can now access the menus anywhere using a free smartphone app! This app will provide more information about menu items, including pictures and detailed descriptions. Parents and students will also be able to filter nutrition information for menu items that contain popular food allergies, carb counts and calorie counts. Look for more information coming soon!

Meal Prices:

"Pre-paid" lunches will cost \$2.40 in elementary schools and \$2.75, \$2.85 & \$3.00 in secondary schools. Free & Reduced applications are available on the district website. Back to school packets will also contain an application. Applications can be turned in to any cafeteria anytime throughout the year. Please remember that last year's benefits expire after 30 school days.

Low-fat milk is available with all meals. All 8 oz. cartons are \$.50

Breakfast Elementary & Secondary		Lunch Elementary & Secondary
Paid	\$1.50	\$2.40 (Elementary) \$2.75, \$2.85 & \$3.00 (Secondary)
Reduced	\$.30	\$.40
Adult	\$2.60	\$3.50

Other Information:

Our mission is to serve nutritious, well-balanced meals that appeal to our students and school community and we are committed to providing the best food options and nutrition education for your child. To learn more about Chartwells, visit our website at www.hpsvikings.org or www.eatlearnlive.com. We're excited about our partnership with Hopkins Public Schools and hope to provide a great program while becoming part of the Hopkins community.

Please feel free to contact us at any time at Kathboro@hpsvikings.org 269-793-7082

Best Regards,
Katherine Borovsky
Foodservice Director
Chartwells School
Dining Services
Go Vikings!



Great Start Playgroups

for children birth to 5 years

Join us each month for learning opportunities disguised as play, socialization, parent (or caregiver)-child interaction, access to services, networking, a take-home book, story time, and a snack.

Hopkins Elementary
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th
January 8th
February 5th
March 4th
April 1st
May 6th
June 3rd

Sycamore Elementary
9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

September 3rd
October 1st
November 5th

*dates could be added if sufficient participation occurs during trial period at this location

All children, five years and younger, and their caregivers are encouraged to attend.

Please contact Ashley Swainston, Hopkins Family Coach at ashlswai@hpsvikings.org

Transportation News

Bus routes for the 2015/16 school year are being updated and reviewed. If you are new to the district or would like to confirm the bus times please contact the Transportation Dept. at 269-793-7121, 7am until 3pm. If we do not answer please leave a message and we will return the call. If your child will not be riding the bus, please give us a call and let us know to remove them from our routes.

Contact Jennifer Frank with bus questions or arrangements at the Bus Garage (269) 793-7121. Students will be scheduled from the home address unless other arrangements are made. Daycare/Alternate pick- up and drop-off locations need to be updated annually. Please make arrangements at least 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO SCHOOL STARTING.

- ☐ If you **WILL NOT** be using the bus this year please notify the bus garage.
- ☐ If you get a new contact number/cell phone please update that number with the bus garage as well as school.
- ☐ Postcards will be mailed prior to the start of school. When you receive your postcard please check it over and call with any changes. Just a reminder, bus stop times will be approximate so please have your students out at least 10 minutes prior to the times you will receive.
- ☐ The first week of school bus times will shift as riders settle into a routine.

If you do not receive a postcard by August 28th please contact the bus garage to make arrangements for the year.

EARN EXTRA INCOME IN 2015!

SUBSTITUTE DRIVERS AND CUSTODIANS NEEDED.

Join our team of drivers! Hopkins Transportation is seeking Substitute bus drivers. Training is provided and starting pay is \$15.88 per hour. Please call the bus garage for more information (269)793-7121.

***TRAINING SCHEDULED FOR LATE AUGUST, MAKE SURE TO CALL EARLY AND RESERVE YOUR SPOT!**

Substitute custodial staff needed for all shifts. Inquire within the Administration office or Bus Garage for information on signing up to be a sub custodian.

Misbehavior On The Bus

Misbehavior on the bus may result in a written warning, removal from the bus for a set amount of days or permanent removal from the bus. Penalty is at the discretion of the Transportation Supervisor and Principal.

"RIDES" Program (Viking Bus Rules)

RESPECT

The Driver

- ☐ Follow all instructions
- ☐ The Driver may assign seats
- ☐ The Driver will decide if eating is allowed on the bus

Others

- ☐ Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- ☐ "No swearing, yelling or bullying"
- The Bus
- ☐ Do Not damage the bus and keep it clean

I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY ACTIONS

DO THE RIGHT THING

Stay in your seat and out of the aisle
Keep all of your body inside the bus
The Bus is a Drug Free School Zone

ENTER AND EXIT THE BUS CORRECTLY

Wait for the Drivers signal before crossing
Do Not Run or Jump
Use the Jump Seat

SAFETY FIRST

These rules are posted to provide each student the best chance of riding the bus successfully and safely. Riding the bus is a privilege and failure to comply with these rules may result in Suspension of Bus privileges.

-The Transportation Supervisor

Thank you and welcome back!



COMMUNITY

Notice Of Meeting Schedule Of The Hopkins Public School District Board Of Education 2015-2016

[Mondays]

July 20, 2015	Regular Meeting @ 5:30pm
August 3, 2015	Worksession Meeting @ 5:30pm
August 17, 2015	Regular Meeting @ 5:30pm
September 21, 2015	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
October 19, 2015	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
November 2, 2015	Worksession Meeting @ 5:30pm
November 16, 2015	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm @ Sycamore Elementary
December 21, 2015	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
January 4, 2016	Organizational Meeting @ 5:30pm
January 18, 2016	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
February 15, 2016	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
March 7, 2016	Worksession Meeting @ 5:30pm
March 21, 2016	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm @ Sycamore Elementary
April 18, 2016	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
May 2, 2016	Worksession Meeting @ 5:30pm
May 16, 2016	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
June 6, 2016	Worksession Meeting @ 5:30pm
June 20, 2016	Budget Hearing @ 6:30pm
June 20, 2016	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm

Board Finance Committee meets 30 minutes prior to regular meetings on the third Monday of each month.

*Meeting sites unless otherwise noted are at:

Hopkins Elementary School
400 Clark Street
Hopkins, Michigan

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in this activity. Any individual with a handicap or disability that requires special accommodations for attendance at the meeting is requested to notify the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools ten days prior to the meeting so reasonable accommodations can be made.

Minutes of the Board of Education meetings are on file at the Administration Office, 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, Michigan. To request information call 269-793-7261 or visit. Regular Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. daily

Hopkins Community Food Pantry

322 N Maple Street
Hopkins, MI 49328
All Hopkins School
District Residents
Are Welcome

Hours:

Wed 10-1 & Thurs 5-7

Or By Appointment:

269-793-7323

Hopkins Area Education Foundation

23rd Annual AWAY WEEKEND AND REVERSE RAFFLE

We have tickets available this year!

Saturday, October 17, 2015

- Buffet begins at 5:00 p.m.
- Raffle begins at 6:00 p.m.
- Ramada Inn, Exit 2 (Ohio Turnpike), Bryan-Montpelier, Ohio
- Room Reservations: 1-800-851-8300
- Dance with cash bar and lunch will begin immediately after the raffle until 12:00 a.m.

The price of the main raffle and buffet ticket is \$125.



Drawing numbers 1, 50, 100, 150, 200 and 250 win \$500
The top prizes are as follows:



#296 - \$500 + Jacuzzi Room
#297- \$600
#298- \$700
#299- \$800
#300 - \$12,000
door prize for all other numbers drawn.

The ticket number you get is your *ticket number for as many years as you go to this event.*

At times we have extra buffet tickets, if you would like to come check it out without committing to buy a ticket please contact a board member.

These are limited and are first come, first serve.

If you are interested in a ticket or a flyer with more detail on the event please contact

Foundation Board Members

Brent Sebright..... 269/793-3203	Rick Harmsen 269/793-7252
Jodi Brumme 616/681-2948	Renee Wilson 269/673-5908
Tracy Iciek..... 269/672-7532	Mary Howard 269/793-3299
Mick Francis..... 269/793-7321	

**Proceeds support various school organizations & events
as well as maintain the Wise Farm**

H.A.E.F. would like to thank all the loyal supporters who,
year after year, come and contribute to this fund-raiser!

MISSING OUT???

**If you know of someone who is not receiving this
publication and would like to, please call
793-7261 to add their name to our mailing list.**

The Hopkins Public School District Board of Education complies with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, height, weight, or disability in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Superintendent of Schools, Hopkins Public Schools, 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 – 269 793-7261

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WHO TO CALL

If you have questions about specific school operations, policies, or activities, please refer to this handy list.

ADMINISTRATION

400 Clark Street,
Hopkins MI 49328

793-7261

Superintendent – Gary Wood
Business Manager –
Katie Jager

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

333 Clark Street,
Hopkins, MI 49328

793-7616

Principal – Ken Szczepanski
Athletic Director – Adam Valk
Coordinator of Quality
Outcome – Jessica Robrahn

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

215 Clark Street,
Hopkins, MI 49328

793-7407

Principal – Ken Szczepanski
Coordinator of Quality
Outcome – Scott Stockwell
Coordinator of Quality
Outcome – Patrick O'Dell

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

400 Clark Street,
Hopkins, MI 49328

793-7286

Principal – Scott VanBonn

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY

2163 142nd Avenue,
Dorr, MI 49323

681-9189

Principal – Amy Mielke

TRANSPORTATION

2746 22ND Street,
Hopkins, MI 49328

793-7121

Transportation/Operations
Supervisor – Jon Tew

SPECIAL EDUCATION

400 Clark Street,
Hopkins, MI 49328

793-7261

Special Education Director –
Mary Gordon

POSTAL PATRON
BOXHOLDER
RURAL ROUTE

Blue Crew Shirts

The High School Student Council will start selling the 2015-2016 Blue Crew shirts at orientations for just \$10! Shirts will also be available in the high school office in mid August. Show your school spirit off this fall with the Blue Crew shirt.



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HOPKINS BOARD OF EDUCATION

Members of the Board of Education would like to keep lines of communications open with the community they serve. Please feel free to call with your comments and concerns.

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Karen Ryan, Secretary.....793-9287
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Ben Brenner, Trustee.....793-0009
Jay Gibson, Trustee793-7770

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facebook.com/SycamoreVikings
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Hopkins Public Schools District Calendar 2015-2016 SCHOOL YEAR

August

31 DPPD Day – Teachers Only

September

1 DPPD Day – Teachers Only

2 DPPD Day – Teachers Only

8 First Student Day

November

24 1st Trimester Ends

½ day for Students

½ DPPD Day – Teachers Only PM

25-27 Thanksgiving Break - No School

December 21 – January 1 Christmas Break

February

22 Midwinter Break – No School

March

4 2nd Trimester Ends

½ day for Students

½ DPPD Day – Teachers Only PM

April

4-8 Spring Break

May

30 Memorial Day – No School

June

8 ½ day for students

DPPD Day – Teachers Only PM

9 3rd Trimester Ends

½ day for students

Last Student Day

Annual Reports

The 2014-2015 District and School Annual Reports are now available at www.hpsvikings.org. Paper copies are also available at school offices.