

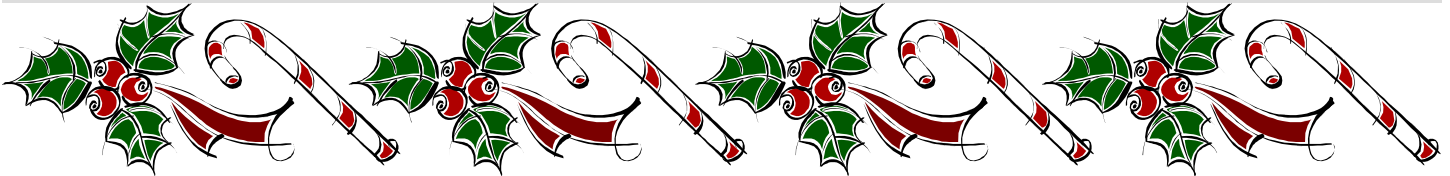
Hopkins Public Schools



Hopkins Middle School Newsletter

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"Committed to Quality Education for our Children's Future"



November Citizens of the Month

*Hank Clevenger
Jenna Kurdelski
Brad Lowery
Nolan Pickett
Samantha Sebright
Coleton Teunissen
Congratulations!*

*Christmas Band Concert
High School
&
Middle School
Monday, December 9th
6:30
High School Gym*

November Students of the Month

*Carie Bowman
Makayla Bulich
Jasmine Fisher
Coleton Sabin
Chad Steffes
Vanessa Veld
Congratulations!*



Hopkins 2014 Variety Show TRYOUTS

Community members and students of all ages are encouraged to do a walk-in tryout.

**December 10th, 11th, 16th
from 3:30-6:00pm**

M.S. Cafetorium
Performances will be
January 24th & 25th



From the counselors corner:

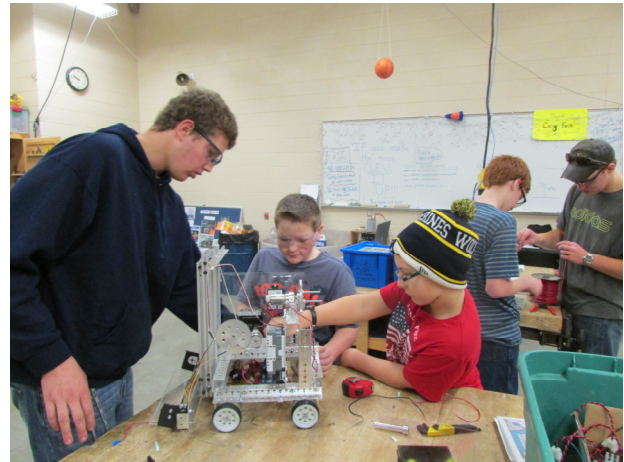


Christmas Giving

Christmas for a lot of students is about getting, getting the new video game, ipod, or music. But let's take a step back and think about our giving. You have probably heard, "It is better to give than to receive." Well, try it out! Think of a way that you and your family can give during this Holiday season. You might be surprised there are lots of ways to give. Give of your time by volunteering at a nursing home to be with those who are lonely. Give of your talents by Christmas caroling to your elderly community members. Give of your baking talents by making cookies for your neighbors. Find one of the local Angel Tree locations and give a gift to a person in need. Talk with your family and be creative. Who knows maybe you will even create a new family tradition!

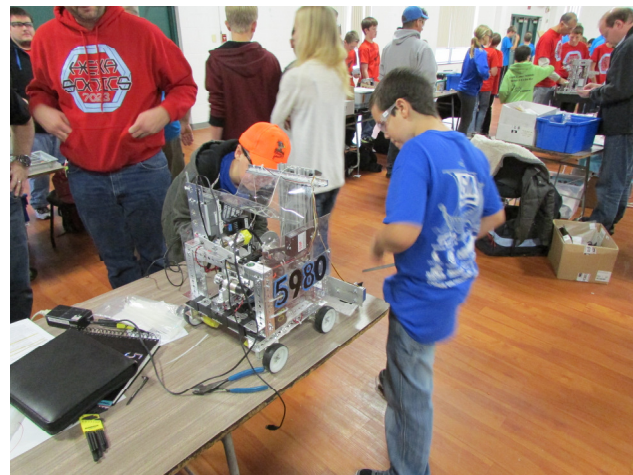
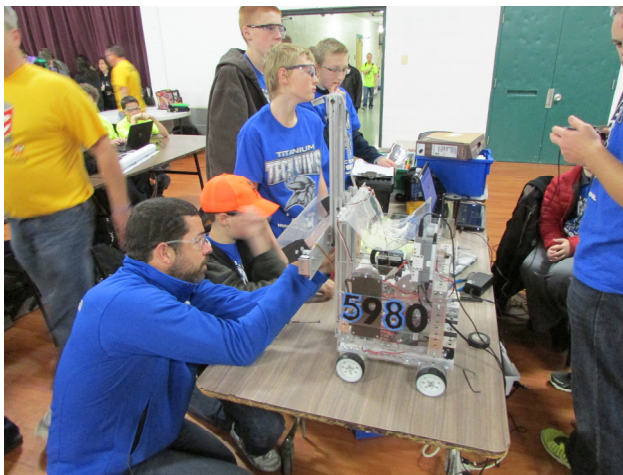
Ski Club

*Bittersweet Ski Club forms are available at
all school offices
The Cost is \$16 for Student or Adult ski
club card*



Middle School FIRST Robotics FTC Team Are Busy Preparing For Competition

This year we have about 11 students involved in our Middle School FIRST Robotics FTC (FIRST Tech Challenge) Team. We have been meeting 2 nights a week since September 17. This year's game is called "FTC Block Party". The game's challenges are to collect and place 2" square plastic blocks into baskets on a balancing beam, driving over a ramped area, raising a corner flag up a pole, and having the robot lift and hang from a pull up bar, The students have been working with volunteer mentors and some of the high school FRC (FIRST Robotics Competition) students on building their robot for competition. The team went to West Catholic Scrimmage on November 16 for some practice, learning to work through some software problems we had, and finally having a running robot to play in a couple of practice matches. Our next scheduled qualifying tournament is Saturday, December 14, at Petoskey Middle School. There are 7 open spots to qualify for the next level, the Michigan State FTC tournament which is being held Saturday, December 21, at Marshall Middle School. Ask a FTC student about their robot and wish them "good luck"!!



Yearbook

Order by Dec. 31st

\$20.00

After Dec. 31st

\$22.50

Final deadline for all orders:

March 31st

Make Payments to Hopkins Public School

Key Cards

Available in the Middle School Office \$25.00

Help support the Band

Tutoring

The High School NHS (National Honors Society) will be available to help tutor here in the middle school on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** right after school in the media center. All students are welcome to take advantage of this opportunity from 3:00-4:00. Please arrange for transportation home no later than 4:00.

Please note, our media center is open every day for those students needing a place to do homework until 4:00, tutoring is only on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Class Room Happenings

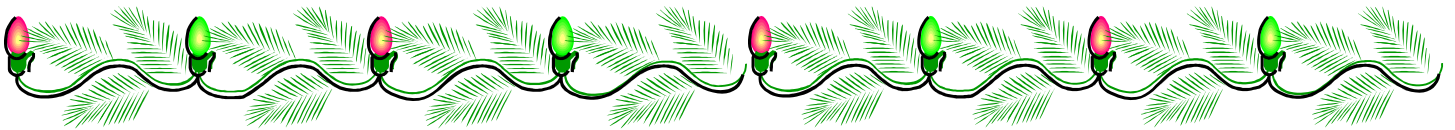
That's not a worm, it's a larva! Students in Mrs. Garrett's science class are making daily observations and generating hypothesis as they watch mealworms undergo complete metamorphosis. Each student is caring for their own mealworm and collecting data daily on their length, appearance, and phase of metamorphosis. Pictured below is Danny Rooks with his mealworm.



**7th grade
discovery
class
Making
a
Stop
Motion
Video**



The 7th grade class took their field trip to Holland Crazy Bounce today. Thanks to all chaperones that attended the trip. We also celebrated an early Christmas with an assembly today. Today was a great way to celebrate the end of the first trimester.



**8th Grade
Students are busy
working on their
Colonization projects.**



Sports

SoftBall Pitching Clinic



Girls 4th – 8th Grade.

6 Sessions:

Tuesdays Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28

Feb. 4 & 11

4:30-5:30pm

Sycamore School Gym

\$20.00 due session 1

**You will receive your own Softie Softball to
keep and practice at home**

Checks payable to Hopkins Softball Program

Forms are due by December 20th

Forms are available in the office

The Partners organization is sponsoring a "Dress a Teacher" fundraiser. Students will be able to buy a raffle ticket to put into a variety of teacher volunteer's boxes. Each ticket sells for \$1.00 and there will be a winner for every box. The winner will be drawn on Wednesday December 18th and the Dress-up day will be Friday December 20. Tickets go on sale Monday December 9th

Middle School Boys Basketball

Th 12/12	Lee	4:15
Fr 12/13	NorthPointe Christian	4:15
M 12/16	Godwin Heights	4:15
W 12/18	Fennville	4:15
* Bold home games		

HYSOS Basketball 2014

Forms were distributed to all 6th graders with information and time. If you have any questions contact Kelly Reynolds at 269-686-2369 or email kelly.reynolds@tbvc.com Be sure to check Facebook (HYSO) for the latest information regarding the program

Hot Lunch

REMINDER: our policy is 2 meals can be charged to your lunch account. If you owe more than 2 meals you will be unable to receive hot lunch and a peanut butter & jelly sandwich will be provided. No ala carte items can be charged. If you would like to apply for free/reduced lunch, applications are available in the office

COMMUNITY WALKERS

**Hopkins High School
and Middle School**

**are open to all community members who wish to
walk the halls during the fall and
winter months**

**Where: 6:15-7:15 a.m. Hopkins High School
3:30-6:00 p.m. Hopkins Middle
School**

*** Enter through main doors**

Expectations:

- **Please honor our walking times.**
- **Children must be accompanied by parents.**
- **No walking on days when school is not in session.**

**If you have any questions call the High School at
793-7616 or the Middle School at 793-7407.**



*Thank you to all who donated to the can
food drive. The above items will be donated
to Project Hope*

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HMS Contact Information

ADMINISTRATION:

Ken Szczepanski, *Principal*
Scott Stockwell, *CQO 6/7*
Pat O'Dell, *CQO 8*
Crook, Todd, *Counselor*
Jocelyn Wright Newman *Counselor*
Jan Lodenstein, *Secretary*

EXT:

3509
3507
3509
3508
3510
3500

STAFF:

Aleman, Kathleen
Arndt, Ronna
Barry, Joseph
Byville, Suzanne
Crook, Todd
Francis, Cody
Francomb, Christopher
Hazen, Rick
Haverdink, Melissa
Bub Brainard
Johnston, Jennifer
Marckini Katelyn
Oaster, Jacob
Orme, Timothy
Pitsch, Judy
Quist, Carrie
Reszka, Richard
Rose, Lindsay
Rynsburger, T.J.
Smith, Julie
Snoeyink, Susan
Stein, Karen
VerMerris, Steve
Weible, Alexis
Weick, Pat
Williams, Jessica

EXT:

3002
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3009
3592
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2117
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Important Dates to Remember:

<i>Dec. 9th</i>	<i>Christmas Band Concert HS Gyn</i>
<i>Dec. 23-Jan.3</i>	<i>Christmas Break</i>
<i>Jan. 7</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>Jan. 23</i>	<i>Parent/Teacher Conference 4-7:00pm</i>
<i>Feb. 4</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>Feb. 17</i>	<i>Midwinter Break</i>
<i>Feb. 27</i>	<i>2nd Trimester Ends</i>
<i>Feb. 28</i>	<i>Data Day—No School for Students</i>
<i>Mar. 4</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>April 1</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>April 7—11</i>	<i>Spring Break</i>
<i>April 23</i>	<i>Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-7:00pm</i>
<i>May 6</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>May 26</i>	<i>Memorial Day, No School</i>
<i>May 29</i>	<i>Exams 1/2 Day</i>
<i>May 30</i>	<i>Last Day 1/2 Day</i>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

ATTENDANCE

Please call the Middle School office within 24 hours of your students absence. You may leave a message on our voicemail system day or night. When reporting illness, please inform Secretary of what type of symptoms your child is experiencing.

Fever, sore throat, ect. If your child is absent 2 days or more, you may request homework. If absent only 1 day, homework can be picked up from their Teacher the next day.

PHONE CALLS

Telephones in the office are to be used for illness and emergencies only. Thank you for your cooperation.

IMMUNIZATIONS

Please report all immunizations that your child has had so we can keep our school records up to date. All new students and all 6th graders must be completely up to date on all immunizations. Please contact the HMS office if you have any questions.

MEDICATION

ALL medications dispensed to the students must be supplied from home. The school does not provide any type of medication. All prescription medication must be provided in a pharmacy labeled bottle. Tylenol/Aspirin must be brought to the office in an unopened bottle. All students requiring any type of medication must have a medication form completed by their parents.

CHANGES in Phone Numbers, Home Address & E-Mail

Please inform the office any time there are changes in your address or phone numbers. We need to have this information so we can update our records.