

Hopkins Public Schools



# Hopkins Middle School Newsletter

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



Christmas Spirit

Days

Monday 12/8-

Red & Green Day

Tuesday 12/9-

Christmas Character  
Day

Wednesday 12/10-

Hopkins Shirt Day

Thursday 12/11-

Tie/Tye Day

Friday 12/12-

Pajama Day-

**\*\*\*Double Spirit**

**Points for**

**Christmas**

**Pajamas\*\*\***

**MS Band Christmas Concert 6th-8th Grade  
Thursday, December 11th 6:30 PM  
Middle School Gym**



CHRISTMAS DANCE  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12,  
3:00-5:00  
HMS CAFETERIA- \$5.00  
CD'S PIZZA/POP  
CHEESE/PEPPERONI  
PIZZA - \$1.50  
POP- \$.50  
BAKED GOODS \$.50  
\*Sponsored by the sixth  
grade team. Proceeds go  
to help pay for camp.



Variety Show Try Outs  
*Thursday Dec. 11*  
*Tuesday Dec. 16*  
*3:30- 6:00 P.m.*  
*Middle School Stage*  
Community members  
and students of all ages  
are encouraged to do a  
walk-in-try out

**Scholastic Book Fair**  
**When:** December 8 -12  
**Where:** MS Library  
Students can shop before  
and after school.  
Money raised will be used  
to purchase new titles for  
the library for all to enjoy!

**Fly Tying Club**  
Every other Wednesday  
3-4pm in Mr. Reszka's room  
Next meeting - **Dec. 10th**  
Cost-\$15 (one time cost for  
hooks & tying material)

## Musical

We are happy to announce that the 2014-15 Hopkins Public Schools Musical production will be **Beauty and the Beast**. Tryouts will be held immediately after Christmas break, January 6 and 7 with call backs on the 8th if needed. More information to come.



## Softball Pitching Clinic:

For girls 4 - 8th Grade  
5 Sessions on Wednesdays Jan. 7th -Feb. 4th  
4:30-5:30pm every session  
Sycamore School Gym  
\$20.00 Checks payable to Hopkins Softball Program  
Registration forms in the Middle School Office  
Forms need to be returned to Coach Schoenborn,  
Deadline is Friday, December 19th, 2014.

**Boxtops:** Middle School collects box tops all year long. You can have your child drop them off in the office. This is a great way to earn money for our school! Thanks for your support

*Next Partners Meeting  
Tuesday, January 6th  
7:00pm Middle School*

2014-2015 Ski Club Cards for Bittersweet Ski Area are available at all school offices. Forms are due to the school office by December 10th in order to get your ski club card before Christmas Break. \$16 for Adult and Student Cards. Make checks payable to **Hopkins Public Schools**.



## 2015 Variety show

### Performances

Friday, January 16, 7:00p.m.

Saturday, January 17, 3:00p.m.

Two identical shows

Tickets: \$5

Available at Hopkins school offices and sold at the door

Family packages available

For more information contact:

Jacob Oaster—Director

269-793-7407

JacoOast@hpsvikings.org



“**Come out of the cold**” is the theme of the box of goodies and Keurig that will be up for auction with many other items on December 12th at the spaghetti dinner held at the high school. All proceeds will benefit the Winchester family.

**Community Christmas Program  
Hopkins Community Reformed  
Church.**

**Monday, December 8th at 6:30pm.**

**Featuring HHS Chamber Choir.**

**The community is invited to attend. Nursery is provided & Refreshments served after the concert. A drawing will be held for a Christmas Ham or Turkey**



Here are pictures of some of the staff who did the “No Shave November” in memory of Paul Lodenstein who lost his battle with cancer. This a program through the American Cancer Society that works to enlighten men about health care issues and continued cancer research. Donations were made to the Cancer Society. Thanks Guys!



## Year Books

Order forms should be arriving this week. The cost of the yearbook this year will be \$20.00 before January 31st. After that date they will cost \$22.50 until the final order date of March 31st. Students will be notified when the order forms come in. They will be available in the MS office.

Student in Mrs. Garrett’s Discovery class had the opportunity to be design engineers. Students worked with materials from the James Dyson Foundation to do some hands on designing and analysis. Then, students designed their prototypes of iPhone speakers. Each student designed an iPhone speaker from found materials that amplified the sound. Pictured below are Christian Briles and Devon DeGroot.



**HYSO Basketball Forms** are available in the MS office for 6th grade boys & girls. Forms need to be turned in by Friday, December 12th

## Spirit Points:

Here are the latest spirit points for each class:

6th grade—188

7th Grade—176

8th Grade—125

Spirit points are earned by participating in Dress up days, canned goods drive ect.

## BATTLING FOR BABIAK STUDENT VS. STAFF VOLLEYBALL GAME TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE BABIAK FAMILY:

Monday, December 8th starting at 1:40 at the High School. Students will pay \$1 to their 5th hr. teacher in order to go to the assembly. Money is due at the end of the day on Friday. if they want to attend or if they choose to they can put their name on a slip and 6 Middle school students names will be drawn to play, They can pay an additional \$1 to increase their odds of getting their name drawn. What a great way to support this family!



# Hopkins Middle School Announces " Tools 4 Schools "

Sponsored by: Dick's Market

Parents and Friends:

Unlike other fund raisers, Tools 4 Schools requires no selling of anything on your part. Simply do your grocery shopping at Dick's Market and collect your register receipts.

Every dollar displayed on the receipt gives our school a point. At the end of the campaign we redeem those points for great teaching tools for our students, including Apple ipads, computers, sports equipment, microscopes, books, literally hundreds of items all FREE from Dick's Market.

Our sponsoring community supermarket is located at:

Dick's Market  
1623 142nd Ave  
Dorr, MI 49323  
ATTN: Steve Dutkiewicz

If you have not shopped here before, please give them a try. The more receipts you collect for our school the more our students benefit.

The teachers, staff and our students thank you!

Best Regards,

Tamara Sevenski-Popma  
School Coordinator



GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY PRESENTS

# SUPER SCIENCE SATURDAY



## THE WONDER of LIGHT



IN CELEBRATING  
THE INTERNATIONAL  
YEAR OF LIGHT 2015 AND THE  
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY REGIONAL  
MATH AND SCIENCE CENTER'S 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Experience light as it applies to understanding biology, earth science, physics, engineering, technology, history, art, and more! There will be large group presentations by Grand Valley faculty members and guest presenters. Every lab and classroom will be filled with hands-on science activities! No registration required.

Hosted by Grand Valley State University

- Regional Math and Science Center
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- Center for Scholarly and Creative Excellence
- Physics Department

For more information

visit [www.gvsu.edu/rmsc](http://www.gvsu.edu/rmsc) or contact the Regional Math and Science Center at (616) 331-2267



INTERNATIONAL  
YEAR OF LIGHT  
2015

CELEBRATING  
**25** Regional  
YEARS Math and  
Science Center

INTERACTIVE, <sup>hands-on</sup>  
SCIENCE **FUN**

FOR K-12 STUDENTS, TEACHERS,  
PARENTS, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS

# SATURDAY

# JANUARY 24 2015

OPEN HOUSE 10 AM  
to 4 PM

SEYMOUR AND ESTHER PADNOS  
HALL OF SCIENCE  
GRAND VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY  
ALLENDALE CAMPUS

THIS EVENT IS  
**FREE**  
&  
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

School groups are requested to provide one  
adult chaperone for every five students



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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  
3112  
3508  
3510  
3500

### STAFF:

Aleman, Kathleen  
Barry, Joseph  
Brooke Brenner  
Bub Brainard  
Byville, Suzanne  
Crook, Todd  
Dommenick, Tim  
Francis, Cody  
Francomb, Christopher  
Hazen, Rick  
Irwin, Irwin  
Johnston, Jennifer  
Marckini Katelyn  
Oaster, Jacob  
Orme, Timothy  
Pitsch, Judy  
Quist, Carrie  
Reszka, Richard  
Rose, Lindsay  
Rynsburger, T.J.  
Smith, Julie  
Smith, Lesa  
Snoeyink, Susan  
Stein, Karen  
VerMerris, Steve  
Weible, Alexis

### EXT:

3002  
3001  
3551  
3540  
3103  
3009  
1117  
3592  
3114  
2117  
3006  
3552  
3552  
3109  
3106  
3562  
3104  
3007  
3105  
3003  
3005  
3550  
3009  
6541  
3008  
3102



## Important Dates to Remember

<i>Dec. 11</i>	<i>MS Band Concert 6:30pm MS Gym</i>
<i>Dec. 22-Jan. 2</i>	<i>Christmas Break</i>
<i>Jan. 6</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>Jan. 16</i>	<i>Variety Show 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>Jan. 17</i>	<i>Variety Show 3:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>Jan. 21</i>	<i>P/T Conferences 4-7:00pm</i>
<i>Feb. 3</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>Feb. 20</i>	<i>Mid- Winter Break</i>
<i>Feb. 23</i>	<i>Data Day no school for students</i>
<i>Mar. 3</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</i>
<i>Mar. 6</i>	<i>2nd Trimester ends</i>
<i>Apr. 3</i>	<i>Good Friday No School</i>
<i>Apr. 6-10</i>	<i>Spring Break</i>
<i>Apr. 14</i>	<i>Partners Meeting 7:00pm Hopkins MS</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.