



YOUNG VIKINGS

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WELCOME BACK!!

OFFICE CONTACTS:

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Please help us welcome to our
Sycamore Staff Family:

- *Miss Karlie Schulte—Resource Room/ECSE teacher
- *Mrs. Anne Sutter—Speech
- *Mrs. Rebecca Shanahan—Kitchen
- *Mrs. Sydney Haralson is now Computer Lab & Library
- *Miss Kaley Kaminski (Social Worker) is now Mrs. Okic!
Congratulations on your wedding!

We are excited to have you here!!!

Attendance leads to higher test scores.

Students who attend school everyday or miss at most 1 day a month score higher on reading and math tests.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS.



Free Breakfast & Lunch

Because of uncertainty with the state budget, we are still unsure if free breakfast & lunch will occur.

However, free breakfasts & lunches will happen through September for all. We will keep you posted once we learn more.

Phone Ins:

Please call or email **the office** to notify the school if your child is going to be **absent**. Also, if notes need to be sent to classrooms for **pick-up arrangements**, please have your calls made by 2 pm. The office gets busy at the end of the day and planning ahead helps us out tremendously!

616-681-9189 or kelltals@hpsvikings.org

Please remember that your students new teacher does not know what the “norm” was last year!

Attendance and transportation changes are the responsibility of the office, not the teacher. Their time is spent in the classroom teaching and they do not always have the chance to see these things. The office then shares this info with the teacher. **Thanks for your help! :)**

REMINDER: School begins at 7:45 and is dismissed at 2:55.

Student drop off is nothing before 7:25.

If your child is eating breakfast here, they should arrive right at 7:25.

Pick up: Y5/Kdg in the loop.

1st-5th grades pick up from the parking lot.



FINAL FORMS

Final Forms should be updated every year! Remember it has your contact information in it and we know things can change over the course of the summer.

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School pictures will be Wed., Sept. 10

All orders are online before & after picture day. Order
BEFORE picture day for free shipping.

**Don't forget to order the
yearbook as well!**

Order online at
Inter-State.com/order & use order code: 0248YXT

SCHOOL MESSENGER:

You must opt in to receive non emergency school messenger alerts.

This can be anything from notifications from the Board of Education to this newsletter. View this link:

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#learn>

Our half days for the 2025-26 school year are:

- *Friday, September 19
- *Friday, October 31
- *Thursday, November 13
- *Friday, November 14
- *Friday, January 16
- *Thursday, February 12
- *Thursday, March 5
- *Friday, March 6
- *Friday, March 27
- *Tuesday, June 2
- *Wednesday, June 3

Half Days...

These are 11:10 dismissals.

**MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)
THESE DAYS!!!**

Medications...

If your child needs medications at school, be certain to go to Final Forms to fill out the necessary form.

For prescription medication, a doctor signature is required.

Please bring medications into the office (not with students), in their original package.

Suggestions given by the Allegan County Health Dept. of "When to Keep Your Child Home":

- *Severely Ill
- *Fever: Temp. of 100.4F or greater AND behavior changes or other signs and symptoms (keep home until 24 hours fever-free, without use of fever-reducing meds)
- *Diarrhea: no loose stools for 24 hrs. prior to returning==
- *Vomiting: no vomiting episodes for 24 hrs. prior to returning==
- *Rash: with fever or change in behavior==
- *Skin sores (weeping sores that can't be covered with waterproof dressing)
- *Certain Communicable Diseases: may need to be excluded

==These are general recommendations only. Consult physician or local public health department.

NO SCHOOL:

Take time out for the long Labor Day weekend.

No school on Friday,
August 29 or Monday,
September 1.



Our H.O.P.E. Board:

Ali Mays

Bobbi Edwards

Megan Burmania

Kayla Robitaille

Ashley Johnson

Amanda Sterk

These ladies do a lot for our students!!!

Your help is

ALWAYS welcome.

Check it out at Sycamore
H.O.P.E. on Facebook or
email

sycamorehope@gmail.com

Proper Clothing Rules:

60 degrees or more...short sleeves

50-59 degrees....long sleeves

Less than 50 degrees....coat



BACKGROUND CHECKS are required for all who will help in the classroom, attend a field trip, go to Field Day....be ahead of the curve & fill them out now! They must be done every year.

Hpsvikings.org Under "Family Resources"

News from H.O.P.E.

Upcoming Dates:

*H.O.P.E. Mtg. Thurs., September 25 7:45 a.m.

And much more to come soon!!

Positive Message Day....break out those shirts with all your positive messages! Happy thoughts, smiley faces, any positive thought to bring positivity to our school!

First positive message day: Wed., Sept. 17, 2025



Thanks to all who kept the papergator filled this summer!
Remember it's available year round.

Proceeds go to our

"March is Reading Month" festivities.

Next Board of Education Mtg: Mon., Sept. 15 6: @
Hopkins Elementary Bldg.