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VIKING VIEW

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"Cultivating Lifelong Learners Who Contribute To A Global Community"

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



As summer winds down, we turn our focus to the new school year at Hopkins Public Schools. The staff has been busy making preparations to educate our children. Students will report for a full day of school on August 25; and we hope that they are ready and eager to learn. Here is the [LINK](#) to the 2022-2023 school calendar.

At the time I am writing this (July 18), it looks like we will be able to start the school year in a normal manner. This means that no mandatory COVID protocols will be in place. That should be good news.

We are looking forward to partnering with you to provide the opportunities necessary for all of our children to learn and grow in a safe environment. For those working in our school system, it is exciting to share in the responsibility of developing our youth.

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 thankful for the level of family involvement in the Hopkins School District. Parents have such an important role in the education of their children. If you would like to get more involved in our schools, you can do so by attending school events such as open houses, concerts, sporting events and award programs. You may also become part of 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 to make this a great year to be a Viking!

Yours in Education,

Gary Wood, Superintendent

NEW STUDENT ONLINE REGISTRATION

We are very excited to announce that Hopkins Public Schools have partnered with FinalForms, an online forms, and data management service. FinalForms allows you to complete and sign academic and athletic forms for your students.

All current parents within the District received a confirmation email from FinalForms on July 27. If you did not receive this email, please check your spam folder.

Please click on the Parent Playbook (attached) to get started in FinalForms. If you require any support during the process, scroll to the page bottom and click "Use Support".

Thank you for your assistance in streamlining our paperwork processes at Hopkins Public Schools.

[Hopkins CURRENT Parent Playbook.pdf](#)

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2022 HHS ALUMNI BANQUET

The 2022 HHS Alumni was held on June 18 and honored the HHS graduating classes from 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Although the turnout was slightly lower than in past years, graduating classes from 1953 up to the mid 1990's were recognized and friendships were once again renewed. The winners of the Alumni scholarships awarded for 2020, 2021 and 2022 were recognized as well and a big "thank you" was given to all those who contributed to that fund these last three years.

Next years potluck will again be held at noon on June 17, 2023. The graduating class from 1973 will be the honored class, and we hope to see many alumni in attendance.

Once again we want to thank all donors to the HHS Alumni scholarship fund.



HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS-ANNUAL NOTICES

Please visit <https://www.hpsvikings.org/wp-content/uploads/2022-2023-Legal-Notices-.pdf> to see the district annual notices including information on:

Severe Weather
Drug Free Schools
Inspection of Instructional Materials
Handicapped Access
Asbestos Awareness Update
Pesticide Application
Title IX Coordinators
FERPA
Locker Search Policy
Student Privacy & Parental Access to Information
Federal Education Rights & Privacy Act
Bullying Toward Students
Procedure for Collection & Payment for Charged Meals
The Right to Request a Personal Curriculum Modifying Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements for Graduation
Hopkins Public Schools Permission to Publish/Distribute Student's Images and/or Work
Directory Information
Information for School-Aged Youth



SCAN ME

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS SEEKING SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIANS. THIS POSITION OFFERS A FLEXIBLE SCHEDULE WITH DAY/EVENING SHIFTS. PLEASE CONTACT DINAH SMITS @ 269-680-5633 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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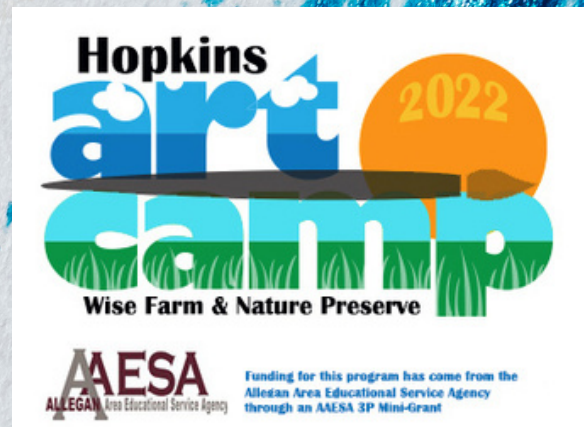
Creativity thrived at Hopkins Art Camp this summer! HPS students created art in nature while connecting with the local environment at the Wise Farm & Nature Preserve. Students learned about the history of Hopkins, and about the local plant life in the area. Students were able to experiment with different types of art including plein air painting, printmaking and different types of drawing in nature techniques.

This fall, student artwork created at camp will be exhibited around Allegan County...stay tuned for details.

Thanks to everyone for participating in Hopkins Art Camp and for the incredible community support!

Sincerely,

The HPS Art Department



Encore!

Summer Music Camp 2022 hosted 130 campers! Campers and 20 staff came together to learn and make music with each other. Kids participated in music games, theater games, learned new instruments and performance skills. Camp ended with a big performance at the end of the week!



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

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Annual Education Reports

The 2021-2022 district and school Annual Education Reports (AERs) are now available.

They can be accessed on our school website at www.hpsvikings.org.

Paper copies are available at each school.

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READER FEEDER



The HPS Reader Feeder finds reading success and fun on it's summer tour! Scheduled for 5 dates with 4 stops each day, the Reader Feeder helped get books into the hands of over 100 children this summer.



**NEVER
STOP
READING**

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

Hopkins Elementary is looking forward to our upcoming 2022-2023 school year! I hope everyone was able to enjoy their summer and that our students are looking forward to beginning another school year with us. This coming year will be full of fun opportunities, new learning and lots of friends. Our vision for the year is a focus on collaboration to ensure all of our students are safe, learning and finding success. I enjoyed delivering books this summer to students on our Reader Feeder. This was a great chance to stay connected with our students while sharing a love of reading, some good laughs and a popsicle. Please join HES as we welcome our newest teacher, Mrs. Amy Pitsch. She joins us from Grand Rapids Public Schools. This is her 13th year of teaching first grade. She is a graduate of Western Michigan University. When she is not teaching she enjoys spending time with her family at the beach and going camping. Please know we are going to have a wonderful year and we look forward to seeing you at our HES Open House on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, from 5-6pm. Our first day of school for our students is on Thursday, August 25, 2022.

Go Vikings!

John Krajewski, Principal
Hopkins Elementary School

RETIREMENT



Don Stampfler
Thank you for 17 years of service!



Lisa Birtles
Thank you for 25 years of service!

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! Summer may not be quite over, but our eyes are fixed on a new school year. When I asked my staff what their vision for our school is, they responded that vision is promoting community and family involvement, student success and enjoyment, whole school cohesiveness, and being part of a school "family." This poster now hangs in my office to remind myself daily about this vision. It is my goal that each part of this vision is attained for every family joining our Sycamore family and the overarching Hopkins family. We have some exciting updates! Summer school took place for 22 of our students. These students had fun and took their summer learning seriously. I am so proud of their commitment to learning and can't wait to see their accomplishments. The Reader Feeder made its way out 5 times and reached over 100 students! Getting books into their hands is so rewarding and just seeing their smiles and how they've grown over the summer brings a smile to our faces. We have some new staff joining us at Sycamore this fall. Mrs. Shelly Modreske will be our Art Teacher. Mrs. Modreske has been a teacher in the district for 25 years and is excited for this opportunity to teach Art to our students. Miss Raelee VandenBerg will be our Resource Room Teacher and our Math RtI Interventionist. Miss VandenBerg graduated from Cornerstone and comes to us from Delton Kellogg, where she worked as a special education teacher. Mrs. Kim Woody will be returning as an Instructional Paraprofessional, and the Recess Aide position will be filled by Tracey Maguffee. Helen Keller once said, "Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." Our staff is excited to mesh their expertise with their families and students, bringing their learning to the next level. I hope our community will join us on our quest to fulfil our vision. Together we can create a cohesive learning environment where our students find success and enjoyment.

Go Vikings!

Amy Mielke, Sycamore Elementary Principal

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear HMS Students, Families, and Staff,

The 2022-2023 school year is nearly upon us! I hope your summer has been filled with friends, family and fun.

I wanted to welcome you back with some important information about our upcoming dates.

- **Wednesday Aug 17, 2022:** This is our in-person orientation for all incoming 6th-grade/new students. It will be held in our Cafeteria and will start at 5:00 PM. You can plan on information taking about 45 mins and then students will receive their schedules and locker assignments. The building will be open until 7:00pm for students to try out their combinations and become familiar with their classrooms.
- **Thursday Aug 18, 2022:** This is our "open-house" style orientation for all returning HMS students. The building will be open from 12:00 PM to 5:00 PM. Students are welcome to come in and pick up their schedule once their orientation paperwork is completed. This paperwork has been sent to parents via email and will be digitally signed this year. We will have staff available to help complete digital forms if needed.

Here is a quick rundown of what's new at HMS:

Staffing

- Ms. Lindsey Schwartz - 7th-grade Math
- Mrs. Sarah Ruegsegger - 7th-grade ELA
- Mrs. Leanna Savage - 8th-grade Math
- Mr. Travis Myers - 8th-grade Science

Building Upgrades

- New Conference Room - located in the north end of the media center
- Fresh Paint - entrances, offices, teacher's lounge and hallways
- New Carpet - main hallways and office
- Digital Upgrade - moving to "Final Forms" as a digital signature/communication tool between the school and families (This will be especially helpful with athletics).

Thank you to the Hopkins Board of Education for making these building upgrades possible. We have been in need of a dedicated conference room to hold meetings with parents for some time.

We are excited to get the opportunity to teach and learn in such a great community. Hopkins Middle School is a great place to be!

Sincerely,

Scott Stockwell

HMS Principal

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The Hopkins Public School District Board of Education complies with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its educational programs or activities, including employment opportunities. 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

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in activities.

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

Salutations to our HHS Family,

We can hardly wait to begin our 2022-2023 school year. Last year we introduced our House System to our students and we look forward to strengthening bonds with our students, within homerooms, and in hallways. We are looking forward to the possibilities of increased student participation and a feeling of **belonging**. Recently, at the end of June, I attended a conference with other principals in Michigan. Again and again the topics of student's mental wellness, safety, and creating culture resonated. I was reflective and thankful for the foundation that was poured last year with our House System. The intentions and thought processes behind its construction have allowed us the best opportunity to keep our kids safe- physically, emotionally, and academically. I encourage all students to embrace these opportunities and to find your fit and achieve. Who ROWs (Recognize, Overcome, Work Together)... Vikings Row!

We will have the homeroom leadership of three new staff members this year:

- Alexandra Bosanac is our new social studies teacher and is a recent graduate of MSU. She did her student teaching at West Ottawa Public Schools.
- Becky Ellithorpe is our new math teacher. She has taught all grade levels of math and comes to us from Mackinac Island Public Schools.
- Erica Chamberlin is our new Spanish teacher. Erica brings solid experience to Hopkins after years at Tri County Area Schools.

Their enthusiasm and skills will blend well with our school community and benefit our students for years to come.

In closing we look forward to seeing our students at orientation, in sports practices, at band camp, showing at the fair, etc.... It is going to be a great day to start a new year!

Yours in Education,

Ken Szczepanski, HHS Principal
kenschcz@hpsvikings.org

ATHLETICS

SPRING ALL CONFERENCE ATHLETES

**Soccer- Flannery Johnston, Emily Tunstill, Katie Taylor, Maya Kerber (HM),
Abigail Zalis (HM)**

Baseball- Jack Reynolds, Charles Benting (HM)

**Softball- Hannah Brinks, Sierra Smith, Lyla Reynolds, Emily Dimock, Peyton
Roxbury, Madison Schwartz (HM), Ava Vanderkolk (HM)**

**Track- Adam Ball, Logan Klinge, Tanner Neuman, Mason Tomes, Grace
Brenner, Neveah Helderop, Kambria Moored**



PLEASE VISIT
<https://hopkinsathletics.org/>
FOR UP TO DATE ATHLETIC INFORMATION

POSTAL PATRON
BOX HOLDER
RURAL ROUTE

SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Mondays at 6:00pm

August 15, 2022 Regular Meeting
September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
October 17, 2022 Regular Meeting
November 7, 2022 Work Session
November 21, 2022 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore
Elementary
December 19, 2022 Regular Meeting
January 16, 2023 Regular/Organizational Meeting
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

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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

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If you have questions about specific school operations,
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Assistant Principal- Patrick O'Dell

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Principal –John Krajewski

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HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Please feel free to call with your comments and concerns.

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