

VIKING VIEW

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“INSPIRING AND EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO DEVELOP CHARACTER AND SKILLS TO PURSUE FUTURE SUCCESSSES.”

FEBRUARY 2026

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Hopkins School Community,

As we begin the month of February, my hope is that the worst of our extremely cold and snowy days are behind us. This winter has certainly tested our patience and flexibility with events, activities, and schedules needing to be adjusted (sometimes more than once). I am grateful for the understanding and cooperation of our students, families, and staff as we have worked hard to keep student safety at the forefront of every decision.

This is always the time of year that I start to think about spring, as the daylight hours grow longer and we actually start to see the sun occasionally. Spring brings with it so many exciting school related activities, from our annual musical (Freaky Friday this year) in late March to outdoor sporting events and end of the school year field trips/celebrations. In addition to these annual events, this spring brings with it an additional exciting opportunity for our school district.

On May 5, Hopkins Public Schools will consider a bond proposal to fund facility improvements throughout the district. The proposed bond is structured to maintain the current debt millage rate for property owners in the Hopkins Public Schools district.

If approved, bond funds would support improvements that address safety and security, learning environments, and long-term facility needs across the district. Potential projects included in the bond proposal include:

- Replacing the existing Hopkins Middle School
- Constructing the district's first Performing Arts Center
- Upgrading safety and communication systems districtwide
- Adding a new locker room addition at Hopkins High School
- Making modest improvements to outdoor activity spaces
- Providing districtwide technology upgrades to support teaching, learning, and operations
- Purchasing two new school buses to support student transportation needs

There are two upcoming community forums aimed to provide additional information about this proposal and answer any questions the community may have.

Wednesday, March 18th @ 6:00pm (Hopkins High School Cafeteria)

Thursday, April 23rd @ 6:00pm (Hopkins High School Cafeteria)

Thank you for being such an incredible school community

Go Vikings!
Scott VanBonn
Superintendent
Hopkins Public Schools



**HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
MAY 2026 BOND PROPOSAL**

**NO TAX RATE INCREASE
FROM THE CURRENT MILLAGE RATE**

Congratulations



Hopkins Public Schools would like to thank Missy Schoonveld for 21 years of dedicated service. Enjoy your retirement!

Why Go Out For Bond?

Going out for a bond is an investment in our students and our community's future. It allows the district to address long-term facility needs that cannot be funded through the annual operating budget, ensuring schools remain safe, functional, and supportive of learning.

By planning ahead and making improvements now, the district can protect community assets, avoid more costly repairs in the future, and create learning environments that serve today's students and generations to come.

Student Registration is now open for 2026/2027

Directions:

www.hpsvikings.org/wp-content/uploads/Student-Registration-2026-2027-4.pdf

Online Enrollment:

hopkins-mi.finalforms.com/?forward_path=%2Fstudents



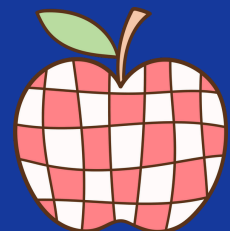
Do you know someone who is making a difference in education at Hopkins Public Schools? Consider nominating them for the 2026 Outstanding People for Education Award.

All nominations are due March 6.

Nominations are limited to 1/person.

Nominate here:

<https://forms.gle/BrstBo9tebk9jEZZ8>



SCAN ME

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

With Gratitude to Our Board of Education

Education

The Hopkins community extends our heartfelt gratitude to the Hopkins Public Schools Board of Education for their unwavering commitment, leadership, and vision. Your dedication to ensuring excellence, equity, and opportunity for every student continues to inspire and strengthen our schools.

Thank you for the countless hours you devote to guiding our district, supporting our educators, and helping every Hopkins student thrive. Your service makes a lasting difference in our community!

**Thank
YOU!**



HONORING OUR VETERANS: A COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSEMBLY

This Veterans Day, Hopkins came together to honor the brave men and women who have served our country. Students, staff, and community members participated in a meaningful assembly dedicated to recognizing the courage, sacrifice, and dedication of our veterans.

The program featured an inspiring speech from a local veteran, a student-led performance of patriotic songs, and a moment of reflection to honor those who have defended our freedoms. Our student leaders also shared essays that highlighted the importance of service, gratitude, and community.

Assemblies like this give our students the opportunity to learn firsthand about the sacrifices made by members of the armed forces and to express their thanks. It was a day filled with respect, appreciation, and a shared commitment to remembering the men and women who have served our nation.

We thank all veterans for their service and are proud to provide a space where our students can honor their courage and dedication.



January-Curriculum News and Updates

This quarter, our curriculum work has focused on strengthening Tier 1 instruction through aligned resources, consistent assessment practices, and intentional use of data to inform MTSS supports. Across K-12, teams continued refining literacy implementation, disciplinary literacy, and assessment alignment to meet PA-146 expectations while maintaining equity for all learners. Professional learning, curriculum updates, and data team structures remain centered on improving student outcomes, strengthening instructional coherence, and supporting continuous school improvement. Overall, the work reflects steady progress toward a more aligned, cohesive, and effective instructional system.

The district leadership team continues to closely monitor state-level updates to PA-146, including MDE's release of evidence-based Tier 1 core ELA and K-3 assessment lists. The MDE has opened additional Requests for Submission (RFS) through September 2026, allowing publishers and assessment partners to provide further evidence for inclusion. Hopkins Public Schools will continue working with Allegan Area ESA, McGraw Hill, and our assessment partners to support alignment and ensure our core literacy programs and assessments meet the state requirements. This proactive approach positions us well to remain compliant while maintaining instructional stability for students and staff.

Alongside instructional priorities, schools continued implementing Capturing Kids' Hearts to strengthen relationships, reinforce positive school culture, and support student engagement and belonging.

Sincerely,
Karmin Bourdo
Director of Instruction
karmbour@hpsvikings.org



The District shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression, age, religion, height, weight, marital or family status, disability, military status, genetic information, or any other legally protected category in its programs and activities, including employment. Sexual harassment is a form of sex discrimination and shall likewise not be permitted with respect to students or employees. The District shall not retaliate against a person who reports or opposes improper discrimination or retaliation. The District shall fully comply with all applicable federal and state civil rights statutes, including, without limitation, Title IX of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Sycamore Art Club

This is the first time holding an after-school Art Club, and it has been a wonderful experience for the students involved. The club includes 14 students who are excited to create, explore, and try new things. During Art Club, students have had the opportunity to experiment with a variety of materials and techniques in a fun, supportive environment. They have explored squeegee painting, discovering how different colors and movements can create exciting effects. Students have also enjoyed printmaking with Gelli plates, painting on canvas, creating collages, and working with clay. Each project encourages creativity, imagination, and self-expression, while giving students the freedom to make choices and take pride in their artwork.



ART

From Classroom to Bookshelf

Fifth-grade students from Sycamore were excited to see their poetry in print! Last year when these same students were fourth graders, they were given the opportunity to write and submit poetry in a contest put on by The American Library of Poetry. These students were chosen and their work is published in a book! Congratulations, Sycamore writers!

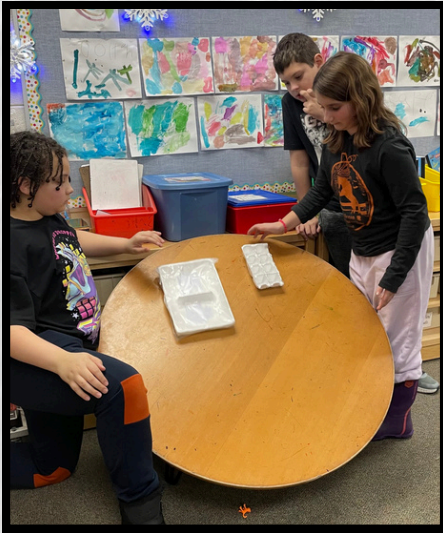
Students from left: Noah Johnson, Jackson Pawloski, Maddie Bautista Aguila, Harper Blaauw, and Riley Kuzee.



Sycamore Young Scholars



The Sycamore Young Scholars group has been busy this school year with a variety of STEM challenges. They've built parachutes, chains, boats, sleds and more. This group of fourth and fifth graders are always eager to learn and try new activities.



Back row L to R - Jackson Palowski, Brody Fry, Riley Kuzee, Carter Postma, Charlie DeGroot and James Berkel Front row L to R - Allison Helms, Rory Johnston, Maddie Bautista, Aleigha Maher, Harper Jolman and Savanna Dykstra



HMS FUN RUN



Students at Hopkins Middle School had a blast at the 2 mile Fun Run! From speedy sprinters to casual joggers, everyone joined in the fun, cheering each other on and showing school spirit. Top Finisher awards, smiles, and high-fives made it a day to remember.

TOP FINISHERS

8th Grade: Ayden Whitefoot & Emerie VanBonn

7th Grade: Leyton Vanderweg & Natalie Williams

6th Grade: Caleb Jankowiak & Claire Weber

Our building recently experienced an emergency as one of the light fixtures in the gym caught fire. The timing of this event was both a positive and a negative. On the positive side, no one was in the gym as it was in between classes. This means no one was there to get hurt. On the negative side, the fire could have gone on unnoticed and spread quickly.

Thankfully, Colton Rolen happened to be passing through the gym. I've seen the video and he took about 5 steps into the gym when he realized what was happening. Colton immediately walked to the fire pull station and alerted the entire building of the emergency.

Colton's astute awareness and decisive action ensured that all students had time to safely exit the building and most likely saved thousands of dollars of property damage as the fire was quickly contained by our Hopkins Area Fire Department and our own custodian and firefighter, Brian Kerber.

Thank you Colton and Brian for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Scott Stockwell
HMS Principal

A Moment of Courage and Quick Thinking



HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

Marching Band Finishes a Fantastic Season!

The Hopkins High School Marching Band wrapped up an incredible marching season filled with hard work, dedication, and outstanding performances!

Portage Central Marching Invitational
2nd Place – Class C

Awards of Excellence: Music, Marching, Guard, Percussion
Caption Award: Best Guard

Otsego Band Invitational
3rd Place – Class C

Awards of Excellence: Music, Guard, Percussion
Caption Award: Best Guard

Vicksburg Invitational
1st Place – Class C

Awards of Excellence: Music, Marching, Guard, Percussion
Caption Awards: Best Music and Best Color Guard

MSBOA District Marching Band Festival
Received a First Division of Excellence rating!

This season marks the first time in school history that the Color Guard earned the “Best Guard” caption at every invitational they attended!

Congratulations to the entire band, color guard, and directors on a truly remarkable season!



The high school students and staff collected items again this year for the FFA's Christmas boxes. Food and hygiene items were collected to help 56 families in our community. The items were split up equally and delivered to the families. Also donated were frozen dinners, potatoes, chips, crackers and bread from Hungry for Christ, fresh fruit from Sebright Products and ground beef from Schaendorf Cattle Co.



**FALL 2025
ALL CONFERENCE
ATHLETES**

**ANNIKA FORD-GOLF
JACK ESTELLE-SOCCER & CROSS COUNTRY
CLAYTON AVERY-SOCCER HM
KYLEE SYKES-VOLLEYBALL
KELSEY BURGESS-VOLLEYBALL
CORA HALL-VOLLEYBALL
LEAH WILLIAMS-VOLLEYBALL HM
KASH MOORED-CROSS COUNTRY
GRADY JOHNSTON-CROSS COUNTRY
NICOLAS JABLONSKI-CROSS COUNTRY HM
ALLISON BREINING-CROSS COUNTRY
LILLIAN DEWEY-CROSS COUNTRY
IZABELLA JORDAN-CROSS COUNTRY HM
GRACE SCHUMACHER-CROSS COUNTRY HM
JAXON KOPERSKI-FOOTBALL
HENRY TEUNISSEN-FOOTBALL
JUSTIN VANWAGNER-FOOTBALL
AUSTIN SCHAENDORF-FOOTBALL
JACKSON ICIEK-FOOTBALL
CAMERON DEHAAN-FOOTBALL HM
BRAYDON SMIGIEL-FOOTBALL HM**

ATHLETICS

Announcing the 2026 Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees

Hopkins Public Schools is proud to announce the 2026 class of the Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame! This prestigious honor recognizes athletes, coaches, and contributors who have demonstrated exceptional skill, leadership, and dedication, leaving a lasting impact on Hopkins athletics.

The 2026 inductees include individuals whose accomplishments on and off the field exemplify the spirit, perseverance, and sportsmanship that define Hopkins athletics. Their achievements have inspired teammates, energized our community, and set a standard of excellence for future generations of students.

The induction ceremony took place January 31, in between the boys and girls basketball games, where we celebrated the accomplishments of these outstanding individuals and honored their contributions to the legacy of Hopkins sports.

Please join us in congratulating the 2026 Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame class and celebrating their remarkable achievements in the pursuit of athletic excellence!

**HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



Callie Brower Olszewski
Athlete
Inducted 2026

Graduation Class of 2013

Basketball:
3 Year Varsity Starter & 3 Year All Conference
All Area South Team - Sophomore Year
All County - Sophomore & Senior Year
2 Time Team MVP
Leading Scorer & Rebounder Junior & Senior Year

Track:
4 Year All Conference Setting 2 Records
5 Time All-State & 7 Time All-Region

**HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



Tony Krcatovich
Community Member
Inducted 2026

Graduation Class of 1982

Youth Football Coach - 1983 - Present

Football Coach - Junior High/Middle School - 1985 - 2014

Director of Hopkins Rocket Program - 1984 - Present

Scout for Varsity Team - 1982

Offensive Statistician for Varsity - 1983 - Present

**HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



Ben Bregg
Athlete
Inducted 2026

Graduation Class of 2011

Football Associated Press 1st Team All State - 2010


Track All State 5th Place 200m Dash - 2010

Football 1st Team All Conference - 2009 & 2010

Track 1st Team All Conference - 2008, 2009, 2010, & 2011

Football Grand Rapids All Area Dream Team - 2010

**HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME**



Kelly J. Reynolds
Athlete
Inducted 2026

Graduation Class of 1992

44 Points - Game Record (Basketball)

74 3-Pointers - Season Record (Basketball)

1075 Career Points - (Basketball)

Quarterback - Football 1991 - First Playoff Team

West MI Officials Association - Dan Nameth Award

Congratulations

HPS-FOOD SERVICE

SCHOOL BREAKFAST IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Research shows that when students eat a healthy school breakfast, academic performance, attendance, and behavior all improves. All students deserve the chance to start their day with the fuel they need to do well in school. At Hopkins Public Schools, we provide whole grain options or proteins as the center of the breakfast tray. Our milk and cereals are low in sugar, and all our juices are 100% fruit juice to complete the breakfast.



Students can join us in celebrating

National School Breakfast Week – March 2-6, 2026



TRANSPORTATION

HPS TRANSPORTATION IS LOOKING FOR DRIVERS

APPLY TODAY!

2 POSITIONS AVAILABLE

\$21.95 PER HOUR

10 HOURS A WEEK; MORNINGS ONLY

17-20 HOURS A WEEK; MORNINGS AND AFTERNOONS

WE WANT YOU

email for details:
jennfran@hpsvikings.org

call for details
(269)793-7121

Training provided
\$600 training incentive

**NOTICE OF MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE
HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
2026**

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

ADMINISTRATION 269-793-7261
400 Clark Street, Hopkins MI 49328
Superintendent – Scott VanBonn
Director of Instruction-Karmin Bourdo
Director of Finance – Connie Brenner

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL 269-793-7616
333 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Principal – Zach Miller
Assistant Principal – Jessica Robrahn

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL 269-793-7407
215 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Principal – Scott Stockwell
Assistant Principal– Patrick O'Dell

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY 269-793-7286
400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Principal –Andrew Mains

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY 616-681-9189
2163 142nd Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323
Principal – Amy English

TRANSPORTATION 269-793-7121
2746 22ND Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Supervisor – Jennifer Frank

FOOD SERVICE MANAGER 269-793-7082
Rhonda Sapp

SPECIAL EDUCATION 269-793-7261
400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Special Education Director – Anna Weston

[Mondays at 6pm]

January 19, 2026 Regular/Organizational Meeting
February 2, 2026 Work Session/Meeting
February 16, 2026 Regular Meeting
March 16, 2026 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary
April 20, 2026 Regular Meeting
May 4, 2026 Work Session/Meeting
May 18, 2026 Regular Meeting
June 22, 2026 Budget Hearing @5:45pm
June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting
July 20, 2026 Regular/Organizational Meeting
August 17, 2026 Regular Meeting
September 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
October 19, 2026 Regular Meeting
November 16, 2026 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary
December 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
January 18, 2027 Regular/Organizational Meeting

The Board Finance Committee meets 30 minutes before 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 before 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
Summer Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday –
Thursday
CLOSED Friday

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS 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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Traci Rhoades, Vice President 269-908-0992
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Andrea Buist, Trustee 616-307-1665
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