

Hopkins Public Schools

Hopkins Middle School Newsletter

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



ONLY 15 MORE DAYS!!!

upcoming events:



YOU
CAN
DO IT!

May 18	MS Dance
May 25	Field Day
June 6	8th Graders Tour the HS
June 6	8th Grade Graduation 
June 7	1/2 Day of School
June 8	1/2 Day/ LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Please take note:



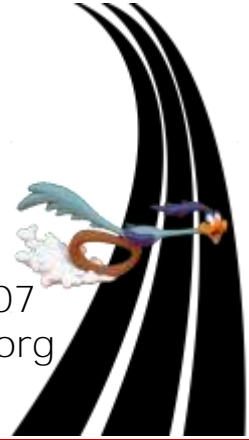
All medications that are being held in the office must be picked up by the last day of school. Any medications left at the end of the day on June 8th will be destroyed. Lost and found items also need to be found by the end of the day on June 8th or they will be donated.

Please have all library books
turned back into the
Media Center by **MAY 25TH!!!**





NOTICE

We are looking for volunteers to help with the 9th Annual Hopkins Middle School 5K. The race will take place on May 25, with a rain date of 06/01. Volunteers are needed from 7:15 am to 12:00 pm. If you can help, please contact Mr. Hazen @ 793-7407 ext 3593 or send an email to: rickhaze@hpsvikings.org



Hopkins Middle School 6th graders will be participating in the West Michigan Whitecaps 2018 Reading Club, an incentive based reading program that provides your child the opportunity to improve their reading skills while earning one FREE ticket to a Whitecaps home game. Following is our game plan:

- When:** March 1-31, 2018 
- What:** Have your child read for 465 minutes during the month of March...that's only 15 minutes a day!
- Record Progress:** Initial a calendar square for each 15 minutes read. 
- Bring to School:** After the entire calendar has been filled, sign it and have your child bring it to Mrs. Aleman.
- Rewards:** Your child will receive one FREE ticket to the West Michigan Whitecaps baseball game on Tuesday, May 22, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.

Our 7th Grade students will be taking their last trip of the school year on the last day of school. They will be going to Rebounderz out of Jenison. This is a reward trip and is earned by limiting the number of SRC's or suspensions throughout the third trimester. Information will be sent home soon, as well as the waiver information. Please return the permission slip with money and complete the waiver promptly so Rebounderz can make sure all students are ready for this fun event.



It's been a pleasure working with your children this year. We look forward to celebrating with them on this final field trip of 2018! Have a safe summer!

The 2017-18 district and school Annual Reports (AER's) are now available. They can be accessed on our school website at www.hpsvikings.org. Paper copies are available at each school building.



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May 17, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony is upon us! The ceremony is scheduled for June 6th at 1:00 PM in our gymnasium. There will be a brief reception held in the cafeteria immediately afterwards. Parents, siblings, and extended family are all invited. We hope to see you there!

We do have a slight change in the procedure for spectators this year. Due to limited seating, we will not be sending the entire student body (6th and 7th grade students) to the gym. This should free up coveted seating for parents and extended family. We still would like to offer the opportunity for any 6th or 7th grade sibling to attend. If you have a 6th or 7th grade student and you would like them to attend the ceremony, please sign and return the bottom of this form. We would also ask that you sit with your 6th or 7th grade student as we will have limited chaperones as the teaching staff in 6th and 7th grade will still be in their classrooms.

Thank you for all your support as we send our 8th grade students off to be successful in the High School. Please call or email if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Scott Stockwell

Principal HMS

*Please return this portion of the form to the MS office no later than June 1st.

I would like my 6th and/or 7th grade student(s) to attend the 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony on June 6th.
By signing, I am giving them permission to leave class and sit with the family.

List all Students being excused: _____

Parent Signature: _____

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(269) 793-7616

Hopkins Middle School
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Hopkins Elementary
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Hopkins, MI 49328
(269) 793-7286

Sycamore Elementary
2163 142nd Avenue
Doir, MI 49323
(616) 681-9189

HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Hawaiian Luau

FRIDAY, MAY 18, 2018

HMS CAFETERIA

6:30-9:00 P.M.

\$5.00 ADMISSION

- **Candy,
CD's
Pizza,
Soda,
Juice
Boxes,
Water
Available
for
Purchase**

- **Lei's
Available
for Pur-
chase at
Dance
\$.50**

- **Limbo
Contest**



**PIZZA \$1.50, BEVERAGES \$.50,
CANDY \$1.00**

****FEATURING DJ-
ORPHEUS****

**Hosted by: YOUR HMS
STUDENT COUNCIL**

June 1st

Caps for Karen Ryan

There will be a district wide hat day to support the Ryan family as Mrs. Ryan battles multiple myeloma.

When: June 1, 2018

Cost: \$1 or whatever your heart wants to donate.

Proceeds will help with medical expenses, medications, transportation, and overall just ease the financial burden.

Thanks in advance for your support of this fundraiser.



From the Counseling Office,

Your Future

On April 25th the 8th grade class had the opportunity to go to the Devos Place in Grand Rapids for the MICareerQuest. This was an event where hundreds of local careers were put on display. Students were able to explore careers in a hands on manor, actually using the equipment and getting experiences these careers offer. They also were able to ask experts in these career fields questions about their careers and what it takes to work in these jobs. MICareerQuest focused on 4 major career groups, Construction, Health Science, Information Technology, and Advanced Manufacturing.

An upcoming trip is planned for the 8th grade to tour Western Michigan University on May 24th. Parents if you would like to join us we are in need of chaperones. This tour will be lead by WMU admission officials so that students can experience what College life.

Career Cruising! To help continue the discussion of your students' future all students 6-8th have access to CareerCruising.com. This website will help students explore Careers, College, and even Financial Aid.



Middle Years

Working Together for School Success



Short Stops

Imaginary language
Using a pretend language can sharpen your tween's listening and critical thinking skills. Have her make up nonsense words for actions (like *blegle* for *point* and *troni* for *sit*). Then, you do the same. Take turns using your languages—and motions—to communicate. Can you figure out what each other's words mean?

Attending concerts

If your middle grader asks to go to a concert, consider his request carefully. Ticket prices may be high, and the atmosphere might not be kid-friendly. Check into the act online or talk to other parents. If you allow him to go, avoid school nights, and have an adult attend, too.

DID YOU KNOW? Your child's body clock shifts during puberty, making her naturally want to stay up later. Yet she needs 9–11 hours of sleep daily to support her memory, regulate hormones, and guard against stress. Discourage late-day naps, and avoid caffeine. Also, doing a quiet activity before bed, such as drawing, can signal to her body that it's time to sleep.

Worth quoting

"I declare after all there is no enjoyment like reading! How much sooner one tires of anything than of a book!"
Jane Austen

Just for fun

Q: Why aren't zebras good dancers?

A: Because they have two left feet.



Social summer learning

Summer alert! Did you know that students can lose up to two months of skills during the break from school? Keep that from happening to your child with these suggestions for learning the tween way—with friends.



Reading exchange

Let your middle grader create a shared document online where he and classmates list books they have read and share recommendations. They could summarize the books, rate them from 1 to 5 stars, and explain their opinions. They might even read together at a park or at each other's homes.

Baseball math

Play ball—with a math twist. During weekly get-togethers, friends can pitch to each other (three pitches per turn) and tally swings, hits, and misses. Have them calculate stats. What percentage of the

time did players hit the ball (total hits + swings x 100)? Who had the best "batting average" (hits ÷ at-bats)? Let them graph their progress over the summer.

Map making

Encourage your child to turn a trip to the park into a geography expedition. Suggest that he and his friends each make a map, using a compass to label it north, south, east, and west. They could add landmarks like a basketball hoop, a slide, or a trail. Then, they take turns secretly choosing a landmark and using their maps to guide others to it. ("Walk north to the pond, then turn east.")

1-2-3 Kindness

Being a kind person helps children form strong relationships and enjoy a greater sense of belonging at school and at home. Try these steps to encourage kindness.

- 1. Develop ideas.** Together, brainstorm ways to show kindness. *Examples:* Ask an older relative to tell a story from his past. Send an inspirational quote to someone who's struggling.
- 2. Track actions.** Divide a sheet of paper into boxes, and write an idea in each square. Now look for opportunities to perform these acts of kindness. For each one completed, "x" it out.
- 3. Repeat.** When the sheet is filled, make a new one. There are always more ways to be kind—and discovering them will help your youngster make kindness a regular part of her life.



Home safe

You may not always be home while your child is out of school. Consider these ideas for handling summer supervision.

Stay alone? Decide whether your tween is ready to be home alone. Think about how responsible and resourceful she is—and whether she would be comfortable by herself. You'll want to get her input, too. *Note:* Check your state's age guidelines for leaving kids alone.



Buddy up. Talk to other parents about swapping supervision times, whether that means checking in on kids home alone or watching ones who aren't ready yet. Another idea is to look for another tween who would also be home alone and let them spend time together at one of your houses.

Set clear rules. Be firm about expectations. For instance, you might not allow your child to open the door, answer the phone unless she recognizes the name or number, or leave home without your approval. Explain that she shouldn't let callers know she's alone, and give her written instructions on who to contact and where to go in an emergency. 🍌

If an elephant brushed its teeth...



This science activity creates foam that looks like toothpaste the size an elephant would need! It also demonstrates an exothermic reaction, or a chemical reaction that releases energy. Share these directions with your middle schooler.

Mix

Place an empty 20-oz. plastic water bottle in the sink. Pour in $\frac{1}{2}$ cup hydrogen peroxide and $\frac{1}{4}$ cup dishwashing soap. (Tip: For colorful "toothpaste," he can add food coloring.) Gently swish the mixture around, being careful not to create too many bubbles.



Combine

In a separate cup, mix $\frac{1}{4}$ cup warm water with 1 packet (about $2\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.) dry yeast. Stir until the yeast dissolves. Pour the solution into the bottle. What happens?

React!

The yeast acts as a catalyst, causing the hydrogen peroxide to break down faster than normal. Oxygen is released and combines with the dish soap, resulting in overflowing foam. 🍌

OUR PURPOSE

To provide busy parents with practical ideas that promote school success, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

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Parent to Parent

A positive outlook

My employer recently brought in a motivational speaker who said a positive attitude could help us perform better. As I was listening, it dawned on me that trying her tips with my son might help him, too.

I shared what I learned with Ben—when your attitude is "up," your brain is more creative and productive. We tried two exercises the speaker had suggested: First, we stared into each other's eyes. Then, I broke into a big smile while Ben had to try to keep a neutral expression. It's almost impossible! We both ended up laughing. Next, we each wrote about a positive experience from the last 24 hours. Reliving it brought back the good feelings.

Now, we're going to try another activity—choosing three things we're grateful for each day. I'm hoping it will help to keep both of our outlooks bright. 🍌



Q & A

On track toward a goal

Q My daughter has set goals in the past and then forgotten about them in a few weeks. How can she stay focused and see them through?

A When your daughter sets goals, it's important to make them specific and measurable so she'll be able to tell if she has reached them. Giving herself deadlines for each one will help her keep moving toward them, too.

For instance, instead of saying, "I want to get in shape," she could say, "I want

to be able to run 5 miles by September." Then, she needs to name specific steps to take each week, such as, "First week: Alternate walking 1 minute and running 1 minute for 1 mile."

At the end of each week, suggest she look over the steps to see how she did. If she didn't follow through, encourage her to make revisions if needed, recommit to her goal, and keep going. 🍌



TNT West Soccer



TNT West Soccer is coming to Hopkins!

We are excited to announce Boys and Girls SELECT Soccer in Hopkins
Local fields, local players, local coaches...

Fall 2018 SELECT Tryouts
u8 - u19 Boys and Girls

3rd Week in June @ Hopkins, MI

All players should bring the following:

- Properly inflated soccer ball
- Soccer cleats or turf shoes
- Water or Sports drink

Contact:

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- Hopkins High School Soccer Coach,
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616.403.0974

Aaron Daane

- TNT West Executive Director
azdsoccer@sbcglobal.net
616.780.1723

PLEASE PRE-REGISTER ONLINE @ www.gvsoccer.org EARLY JUNE



TNT West is a local soccer club committed to player development. Our training curriculum is designed to improve the fundamental skills of each player.

We offer a highly competitive & structured training environment for all West Michigan soccer players.

All of our coaches hold a **USFF E License** or higher, and nearly half of our coaches hold a **National License**. TNT West coaches are limited to three club teams to ensure consistent training and development for each team.

We welcome ALL players at ALL skill levels! We want players that are looking to take their game to the next level! We take pride in teaching the game the right way! Developing character and playing with integrity and sportsmanship.

The TNT West **C3** core philosophy:

CONFIDENCE, CONTROL & CREATIVITY!



Tryout information available in May
WWW.TNTWESTSOCCER.COM

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HMS Contact Information

ADMINISTRATION:

Scott Stockwell, *Principal*
 Pat O'Dell, *Dean of Students*
 Todd Crook, *Counselor*
 Molly Khang, *Counselor*
 Jennifer Hitchcock, *Secretary*

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STAFF:

Aleman, Kathleen
 Barry, Joseph
 Byville, Suzanne
 Caulder, Stephanie
 Dana, Katie
 Dykstra, Krystal
 Fisher, Mark
 Francis, Cody
 Haverdink, Melissa
 Hazen, Rick
 Irwin, Julie
 Johnson, Chris
 Johnston, Jennifer
 Kerber, Brian
 Klumpp, Molly
 Marckini, Katelyn
 Oaster, Jacob
 Postma, Carrie
 Quist, Carrie
 Reszka, Richard
 Rynsburger, T.J.
 Schoonveld, Missy
 Scudder, Mack
 Smith, Julie
 Smith, Lesa
 Stein, Karen
 VerMerris, Steve
 Weible, Alexis
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ATTENDANCE

Please call the Middle School office at (269) 793-7407 within 24 hours of your students absence. You may leave a message on our voicemail system day or night. When reporting illness, please inform the secretary of the 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 your student is absent only 1 day, homework may be picked up from their teachers the following day. You may also email absences to jennhite@hpsvikings.org.

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 are able to keep our school records up to date. All new students and all 6th graders must be completely up to date on all immunizations. Contact the HMS office if you have any questions.

MEDICATION

ALL medications needing to be dispensed to 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 and on file in the office.

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 and successfully contact you if needed.