



# HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT Viking View

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## EV3 ROBOTICS SETS

Earlier this fall, the Allegan Area Educational Service Agency (AAESA) provided Hopkins Public Schools with an opportunity to partner with them in the MI STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Grant. This grant gave the AAESA \$21,000 to distribute among participating districts to purchase equipment such as EV3 LEGO Robotics kits. See the link below to learn more about the systems that our district received through this grant: [www.lego.com/en-us/mind-storms/about-ev3](http://www.lego.com/en-us/mind-storms/about-ev3).

Teachers and students at both Hopkins and Sycamore Elementary are busy learning to use the kits as well as the accompanying software used to program the robots. Scott VanBonn, Hopkins Elementary principal says, "These kits are a great way to use student's existing excitement about LEGOs in an educational way through STEM; the kids love exploring with them and learning about how to make them work."

In the future, elementary students will have the opportunity to compete alongside students in other local districts in county-wide competitions using the kits, such as the Allegan County EV3 LEGO Robotics Challenge and Coding Showcase.



## FIRST ROBOTICS TEAM 2054

Team 2054's build season is in full swing for this year's game - FIRST Steamworks. In FIRST Steamworks, the aim of the game is to prepare your "airship" for flight. Robots must collect fuel (5 inch wiffle balls) and place them into "boilers" by either shooting them into a high goal or dumping them into a low goal. In order for the airship to fly, the airship's rotors also need to be spinning. To spin the rotors, teams must place gears on the airship with the help of a team member already inside. During the first 15 seconds of the match, robots must complete these same tasks using preprogrammed code. When the 15 seconds are up, teams start to control the robot. The team with the most points at the end of the match wins!

Check out our progress on our website, [frc.techvikes.com](http://frc.techvikes.com). A detailed animation and photos of our build season can be found under the "This Year" tab. If you would like to see us in action, we have two competitions scheduled. The first is on March 24 and 25 on GVSU's Allendale campus, and the second is at East Kentwood HS on March 31 and April 1. If we do well at those competitions, we will advance to the State Championship at a location yet to be determined. Finally, if we do well there, we will move on to the World Championship in St. Louis on April 26-29. All events are free and open to the public, so come check us out!

Last of all, we would like to give a huge thank you to all of our sponsors for sticking with and supporting us every year. Without their support we wouldn't be where we are today. Their sponsorship will help us greatly as we continue on our journey to success. Make sure to look out for our team at competitions as we charge full steam ahead!



Gary Wood

### *From the Superintendent...*

Let me start by thanking everyone who attended our community forum on January 30. The discussion remained positive-focusing on several things the district is doing right and some things we can do to provide an even better place to educate our children. It is always good to see the involvement of so many caring people in our community. If you were not able to attend this forum, please consider attending next time.

With spring right around the corner, it won't be long until we begin some of the sinking fund projects that have been identified for the first year - redesigning the main entries at both the high school and middle school in order to provide greater security for our students and staff, repairing the parking lots at both the Hopkins and Sycamore campuses, and replacing bleachers in the middle school gymnasium. The district is thankful for the support of our community in providing sinking funds that allow us to help maintain and improve our facilities.

You may also be interested in knowing that the district is leveraging funding from the Universal Service Fund (USF) e-Rate program in order to upgrade technology infrastructure throughout the district. The e-Rate program is covering 70% of the costs to update switches and access points in each of our buildings.

In keeping with our plan to maintain the replacement schedule of our transportation fleet, the district has purchased one new school bus this year. The bus was placed in service during the month of February.

The district has also been awarded \$19,305 for an Additional Instructional Time and Interventions grant. Classroom teachers will each be receiving \$430 to supplement their classroom libraries with books that are reading-level appropriate for their students. If you have an elementary student in your household, be sure to ask them about this initiative.

Speaking of reading – March is Reading Month. Please encourage your children to read an interesting or entertaining book, or better yet, find time to regularly read with your children.

I hope you enjoy the articles and photographs included in this edition of the Viking View. Have a great spring!

Yours in Education,  
Gary Wood, Superintendent



### **Blood Drive**

#### **Hopkins High School**

Library  
333 S. Clark Street

**Tuesday, March 7, 2017  
10:00 AM to 5:45 PM**

Sponsored by the National Honor Society.

To schedule an appointment, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: HHS) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2787).

Be rewarded for leading efforts that help save lives. Learn more about the High School Leadership Program today at [leader.redcrossblood.org](http://leader.redcrossblood.org).

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2787 | Download the Blood Donor App

Hopkins NHS is excited to announce an incentive program for Blood Donations to the American Red Cross. This year, every attempt (students, staff and community) to donate at the Hopkins NHS sponsored blood drives will count to be entered into a drawing. Therefore, if someone comes in to donate 3 times, their name will be put in the drawing each time. Then, at the end of the year, there will be a drawing for a gift that is yet to be determined.

### **Blood Drives and Incentives**

**March 7th, 2017 10:00am-6:00pm**

A drawing for 2 Griffin Tickets every hour.

**May 13, 2017 9:00am-4:00pm**

Gift card drawing every hour (Old Navy, Gap, MC sports, Dick's, Celebration Cinema etc. )  
Those are just possibilities at this point, but mainly local stores.



## SUBSTITUTE POSITIONS

Hopkins Public Schools utilizes EDUStaff to facilitate substitute teaching positions. You must have an account registered with EDUStaff to be considered for a substitute position at Hopkins Public Schools. In order to get an account setup, please follow the directions below:

- Go to [www.EDUStaff.org](http://www.EDUStaff.org)
- Top left hand corner, click on "Start Application"
- Complete the online application (*process will take about 30 minutes to two hours depending on employee type*)
- Call EDUStaff with any questions or concerns at 877.974.6338
- Monthly \$25/per building gift card drawings.



## EDUCATIONAL JOB FAIR

**Immediate Need For:**

- Substitute Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- Other Support Staff

**March 29**  
**10AM to 2PM**

**Allegan Area ESA**  
**AAESA Board Room**  
**310 Thomas Street**  
**Allegan, MI 49010**

**EDUStaff**  
[www.EDUStaff.org](http://www.EDUStaff.org)  
877.974.6338



## Safer Schools at Hopkins Public Schools

Creating safe schools for all students is a priority and Hopkins Public Schools has recently been awarded \$10,215 from the 2017 Competitive School Safety Grant Program (CSSGP) through the Michigan State Police to install panic button systems at all Hopkins Public School buildings. "The funds from this grant will provide Hopkins Public Schools the ability to streamline the process of notifying students, staff, and local authorities in the event of a lock-down. The installation is expected to be completed in time for the start of the 2017-18 school year" said Scott Getter, technology director for the district.

The requests for the CSSGP exceeded \$4.6 million and only \$2 million was available to be awarded. Hopkins Public Schools is honored to have been selected to receive funds from this grant program.



## School Board Appreciation

Thank you to our Board of Education members for serving the community of Hopkins Public Schools. We appreciate you!

*Pictured L-R: John Myers, Mike Maule, Jeff Gilder, Traci Rhoades, Ben Brenner, Karen Ryan, Jay Gibson*



## Michigan Annual Education Reports

**The 2016-2017 district and school Annual Education Reports (AERs) are now available.**

**They can be accessed on our school website at [www.hpsvikings.org](http://www.hpsvikings.org)**  
**Paper copies are also available at each school building.**

## CELEBRATING RETIREMENT & YEARS OF SERVICE



**Freida Kraft 32 years**



**Jackie Perez 19 years**



**Brian McLaughlin 6 years**

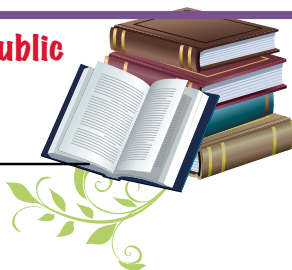
**Congratulations on their retirement & years of service to Hopkins Public Schools**

## 4 HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### Elementary Classroom Libraries at Hopkins Public Schools will Increase Thanks To A Grant From The Michigan Department of Education

Students at Hopkins and Sycamore Elementary Schools will soon have access to much larger classroom libraries thanks to a grant from the Michigan Department of Education. Hopkins Public Schools has been awarded \$19,305 from the Additional Instructional Time and Interventions grant. Classroom teachers will be receiving \$430 to supplement their classroom libraries with books that are reading-level appropriate for their students. Research indicates that students in classrooms with high-quality classroom libraries read 50 percent more than students who do not have access to a library in the classroom (Booksource, 2003; Hunter, 1999). Well stocked, high-quality classroom libraries can generate interest and motivation for reading, support differentiated instruction through better matching of students with texts, and provide the means to the practice necessary to develop expert reading skills (Catapano & Elias, 2009). Key findings in the Reading Now Network's research also promote the need to develop classroom libraries.

Federal Programming & RTI Coordinator Kammy Leep said: "As a district, we are thankful for this opportunity to give so many students access to quality books -- that are at the "just right" level."



### Elementary Daddy Daughter Dance

Friday, May 12 6:00-8:00

Hopkins Middle School

Cafeteria \$10.00/couple

\$15.00/family

Concessions Available

## HOPKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### HOPKINS ELEMENTARY 2017-18 Y5/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thursday, March 30, 2017 - 6:00pm  
Adult informational meeting  
Please bring your child's:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunizations
3. Hearing & Vision Screening
4. Proof of Residency

Child must be 5 yrs. old by before Sept. 1, 2017  
Current Y5 parents need not attend

### 2017-18 Y5/KINDERGARTEN SCREENING

TUESDAY, APRIL 25TH

Sign-up will take place at Registration on March 30th.

### 2017-18 KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

June 2, 2017

No School for current Y5/Kindergarten students.



### Martin Luther King Day Activities

4th/5th graders celebrated Martin Luther King Day and the Civil Rights Movements. They started by listening to excerpts from some of his famous speeches. They read a book about MLK and watched a Kid President clip on MLK. This sparked their interest in Rosa Parks. As a group students talked about how she felt, why she didn't give up her seat and worked to understand how others feel. Empathy discussions continued.

Several teachers provided/shared with their students various MLK, Rosa Parks, and Civil Rights texts. Students from many different classrooms created posters to hang. It was great to see the kids from different grade levels working to create their posters. It was a great week of learning!





# Peter and the Wolf

On Jan. 19th, Sycamore Y5 and K classes went to see the Peter and the Wolf symphony show at the Forest Hills Fine Arts Center. What fun we had watching the dancers, scenery and costumes! We loved the music from the Gr. Rapids Symphony too! Thank you to all who helped us make it happen.



## Reading with the Preschoolers

Four reading volunteers from Mrs. King's class get to read every afternoon with Miss Coleman's SRP preschool students. This is a great opportunity for Miss Coleman's class to hear some great reading and for Mrs. King's class to practice their reading. Both classes look forward to this part of the day.



Kasey Chase  
& Charlie Johnson



Gavin Baugh  
& Ayden Whitefoot



Austin Schmidt & Jacen Hutchinson  
Brayden Wychers & Avery Zalis

## REWARD SCHOOL



Sycamore Elementary School has been identified as a Reward School by the Michigan Department of Education. A Reward school is one that has achieved one or more of the following distinctions: top 5% of schools on the Top-to-Bottom School Rankings, top 5% of schools making the greatest gains in achievement (improvement metric), or "Beating the Odds" by outperforming the school's predicted ranking and/or similar schools.

"We are proud of our programs at Sycamore Elementary and are committed to continuous improvement based on research-based professional decisions, data analysis, and increased rigor. We appreciate the continued support of parents, staff, and our community in this effort" said Principal Amy Mielke in her Annual Report posted on the district website.

## SYCAMORE Y5/KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Thursday, March 16, 2017 - 6:00pm • Sycamore Gym  
Adult informational meeting  
Please bring your child's:

1. Birth Certificate
2. Immunizations
3. Hearing & Vision Screening
4. Proof of Residency

Child must be 5 yrs. old by before Sept. 1, 2017  
Current Y5 parents need not attend





## OK2SAY

Special Thanks to Mr. Harry Werkema for presenting the OK2SAY program as well as the State of Michigan's Cyber Safety Initiative to all Middle School Students. More information can be found at: [www.michigan.gov/csi](http://www.michigan.gov/csi)

Parents, there is also an anti-bullying app for phones that can detect "mean spirited messages" and will automatically generate a warning that must be "clicked" through to send the message. More information can be found at: <http://www.rethinkwords.com/>

## TECH CAMP 2017

Allegan County Area Technical & Education Center

**JUNE**  
19th-23rd  
current  
6<sup>TH</sup>, 7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS  
**COME EXPLORE A NEW CAREER**  
PROGRAM OFFERINGS

A+ Child Care  
Animal Care  
Camera to Art  
Computer Exploration  
Construction Junction  
Cosmetology  
Lego Robotics  
Car Care  
Operation "Big Rig"  
Shark Tank  
The Scene of the Crime



More classes forming everyday!

CALL FOR MORE INFORMATION

269-512-7800



## Congratulations, Lauren Brown!

8th grader, Lauren Brown, recently won the 2016 Outdoor News Michigan Youth Writing Contest Junior Division. Lauren wrote an outstanding essay about turkey hunting with her dad. As the first place winner, Lauren was awarded \$100 and an award plaque. Her essay was also published in the December 16, 2016 edition of Outdoor News magazine.



**Here is her first place essay titled "Two Turkeys, One Gun:"**

The air was cool and muggy, a typical April morning. The fog still hung when my dad, my neighbor, and I trudged through the weeds to set up our blind. The chirps of crickets and the occasional rustle in the tall grass gave signs of hope for an active hunt. We hustled to set up the blind before the sun rose to avoid spooking any turkeys that were lurking nearby. After the blind was set, we sat in the dark and waited.

We waited for what seemed like forever when you're anxious to see something. I even dozed off occasionally, then waking up to find it only a bit brighter. The sun came up, and still we waited. We had watched raccoons and skunks scurry across the open field. We had even seen deer hop along with their fawns. All of this excitement was in the air, but there were no turkeys in sight.

We still sat patiently, keeping quiet conversation, reminiscing of successful hunts. We came up with hunting commercial ideas while we called turkeys. We found other ways to laugh our way through the long wait; all while being relatively quiet, of course. I never found myself to be bored. I looked at the nature around me, in awe of all of its beauty. I sat on edge, constantly being brain teased by things in the woods that looked like it could be a turkey in any way.

The hunt for turkeys seemed to become harder and harder. My neighbor, Mike Mshar, had even snuck out of the blind to scout other parts of the property in hopes of better luck. But we didn't give up hope. My dad and I still sat patiently. Then, after we had waited until 10am, we were getting ready to pack up. Mike kept scouting ever since he left almost an hour before. One last scan of the field was necessary before we called it a morning.

Over a hill, through the grass, I spotted a cluster of turkey heads. My heart skipped a beat, and I tried my best to stay calm. I alerted my dad of the nearby turkeys, and showed him where they were. With the turkeys in sight, we called Mike, making sure he didn't come back and spook them. My dad started calling the three turkeys, and they responded quickly. I slowly put my youth model 20 gauge out the window of the blind, keeping the biggest turkey in the cross hairs. I was shaking as the turkeys kept inching closer to the blind. They crossed to the right, causing me to move my gun out the front window instead, which was nerve racking. I successfully got myself re-focused and finally, the turkeys were within range. I sighted in and took a deep breath. As I learned to do in hunter's safety, I pulled the trigger at the end of my exhale to ensure a steady shot. The turkey immediately fell to the ground.

One of the other turkeys was smart enough to run away, but one more decided to stay and walk around. My dad just sat and watched as my turkey lay in front of us, still flapping its wings. My dad had his spring turkey license as well, but had no intention of shooting a bird until I got one. I handed him the gun and said, "What are you doing? Shoot the other one!" He was hesitant, and the turkey was beginning to waddle away. I said once more "Shoot that turkey!" He sighted in and the second bird was down. We looked at each other, and we could not contain our excitement. We flipped over the blind to claim our birds.



# Hopkins FFA Advances to Regionals!

Hopkins FFA Chapter had an outstanding showing at the District FFA Leadership Contests. Twenty-three members competed at Van Buren Tech Center on Feb. 2. All members who competed received a gold award and advanced to regionals on February 16 at Olivet HS.

The members who competed were:



**Demonstration:  
1st place team**

Jordyn Burch Samantha  
Modreske Rachel Velderman



**Creed Speaking:**

Mary Wells - 1st Place  
Caleb Tucker - 2nd Place



**JH Speaking:**

Bailey Couch - 1st Place  
Maddie Bockheim - 2nd Place



**GH Speaking:**

Katrina Tucker - 1st Place  
Valerie Nagengast - 2nd Place



**Ag Issues: 1st place team:**

MaKenna Davies, Megan Heft,  
Laura Velderman  
Kaelyn Pepper, Madison Ellis



**Job Interview:**

Lexie Wilson - 1st Place



**JH Conduct of Meetings:  
1st place team**

Olivia Coffey, Olivia Hightower  
Lindsey Tayler, Sara Velderman  
Hayley Kiraly, Ashton Dorman  
Tyler Moored, Adam Ortman

## FFA Regional Results

- **Demo: 2nd place team:** Jordyn Burch, Rachel Velderman, Sam Modreske
- **Ag Issues: 1st place team:** MaKenna Davies, Megan Heft, Laura Velderman, Kaelyn Pepper, Madison Ellis
- **JH Conduct of Meetings:** 1st place team (First time we have had this honor!) Olivia Coffey, Olivia Hightower, Lindsey Taylor, Sara Velderman, Haylie Kiraly, Ashton Dorman, Tyler Moored, Adam Ortman
- **Greenhand Public Speaking:** Katrina Tucker - 1st Place, Valerie Nagengast - 2nd Place
- **Creed Speaking:** Caleb Tucker - 1st Place, Mary Wells - 3rd Place
- **JH Public Speaking:** Bailey Couch - 1st Place, Maddie Bockheim - 2nd Place
- **Job Interview:** Lexie Wilson - 4th Place



High School Biology Teacher Casey Schoenborn is escorted by varsity player Mikayla Bulich

## TEACHER APPRECIATION

On Friday, February 3rd, the varsity girls basketball program hosted a teacher appreciation game to recognize HPS staff for their hard work and dedication. All HPS teachers and staff received free admission to the game and a special treat at the door. Varsity players selected individual teachers to recognize at half time of the boys game with a gift and a small appreciation letter. The hallway was decorated with appreciation notes from middle and high school students to teachers, as well as banners for the elementary staff from their students.



Thank you notes to all HPS staff members line the hallway outside the gym

The Hopkins High School Student Council would like to thank all of the students for helping us with one of the most successful Penny Wars in school history. The students raised a total of \$1414.50 to benefit the VanDerMeulen family. "It was great to see all of the students get so competitive for such a good cause," said junior Alexis Morris. The real battle was between the seniors and the sophomores as both tried to win spirit points towards the spring spirit trip to Grand Valley. In the end, the seniors came out on top and clinched their spot on the trip.

Thanks again to everyone for donating!



### Hopkins Vocal Music Students

Congratulations to the following Hopkins H.S. Choir Students:

Assel Tlemissova, Hosley Werner,

Haley Meyering, & Madison McDonald

These 4 choir students auditioned Monday, Feb. 6th and have been accepted into the 2017 South Western Michigan Vocal Festival Honors Choir (SWMVF). They will be performing with about 60 other Honors Choir students at the SWMVF festival performance on March 16th at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo.

## Alumni Band Concert

On Monday, December 12th, 2016 the Hopkins High School Band and Director Jessica Williams invited 18 alumni and former Band Director, David Lowe, to join them in this year's Christmas Concert. In fact, this was the first ever alumni concert that had been hosted at Hopkins High School. Before the concert, the band and the alumni rehearsed for one hour, only having had one rehearsal together the week before. Jessica Williams and David Lowe each had their own pieces to conduct; music such as themes from Home Alone and the Nightmare Before Christmas, Olde English Carol, and even a sing along Christmas medley at the end. The evening was enjoyable and the band plans to do another alumni concert in the future.

**Participating Alumni:** Autumn Kraima, Katelyn Maddox, Janet Storey, Taylor Brenner, Courtney Hupp, Linnette Krcatovich, Katherine Allen, Sheri Bolthouse, Connor Castello, Kim Cook, Kyle Colby, Alex ten Haaf, Jed Hall, Matt Krcatovich, Ryan Murray, Ana Matvichuk, John Kloska, & Todd Miller







The Hopkins High School Chamber Choir students traveled to East Kentwood High School on Saturday, February 4th, 2017 to take part in District Solo & Ensemble Festival. Together, they performed two choral pieces in front of an adjudicator/judge. The Chamber Choir received a variety of comments which highlighted both areas of needed improvement, as well as their strengths within the two pieces. Choirs that perform that day also receive a rating/score for their performance. In addition to the positive educational experience of that day, the Hopkins Chamber Choir also received a high enough score to qualify for State Solo & Ensemble Festival which will take place in March this year. The Hopkins Chamber Choir has consistently received an "Excellent" rating at the district festival level for almost a decade. This, in large, is due to the high level of dedication, commitment, and overwhelming perseverance of the students and families within the Vocal Music Department. Congratulations to Hopkins High School Chamber Choir students for once again qualifying for STATE!

## HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL WELCOMES EXCHANGE STUDENTS



### Adria' Serrano

Age 16

Adria' is from Catalonia, Spain and is being hosted by the Schumacher family. Adria' loves being in America because she is having an amazing experience and learning lots of English. She loves how high school is and how people treated her when she arrived. Adria' says that everyone wanted to be her friend including teachers.

"I'm having a great time hanging out with my American friends and my family. I like how the high school is involved in sports and how all the kids go to the football and basketball games. I love the snow so I'm enjoying this weather a lot. I've been skiing, sledding and building snowmen. Now that I've already spent 6 months in the USA, I've realized how much I've enjoyed this experience and how many friends I've made and how thankful I am to my parents who made this possible."

### "Streamer" Zhuohui Zhang

Age 17

Streamer is from China and is being hosted by the Minegar family. Streamer's hobbies include singing, drawing and communication. What she likes most about being in Hopkins is that she is making plenty of good friends.

### Yasmin Khalil

Age 16

Yasmin is visiting from Palestine (West Bank). She is being hosted by the Morris family. Her hobbies include singing, dancing, sports, reading and hanging out with friends.

"Hopkins is a really small community and therefore it is really easy to get to know most of its people. The school system is different but fun and the teachers and students are great and mostly open to learning about my culture. The fact that everyone knows each other is one of my favorite parts of Hopkins. In my first two months here I knew half of the school and by now I know almost everyone. The teachers are always willing to help and at the same time willing to learn new information about my country."

### Cova del Rio de Paz

Age 18

Cova is visiting from Spain and is being hosted by the Kloska family. Her hobbies include reading, tennis, skiing and hanging out with friends. These are a few of the things Cova likes the most about being in Hopkins:

- Hopkins School Spirit • Snow Days • Open minded & nice people • Food

~ Hopkins High School also welcomed exchange students, Andrea Zaghi, Oleksandra Kushniernko, Patrick Ringhofer, Assel Tlemissova, and Weronika Gladka.

# Punch Passes



Punch pass cards are available  
for home athletic events.

Passes cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for students for 10 home games.  
The cards will not expire at the end of the year  
so if you have any punches left,  
you can use them next year.

Please remember that, as with  
season passes, punch passes may not be used for tournament play.

## GOLDENAGE LIFETIME PASS



If you are 60 years of age or older & a resident of Hopkins  
Public Schools you are eligible for a Hopkins Public Schools  
Goldenage Pass. This is good for admission to all "Home"  
Hopkins School activities. Stop by the administration office  
*located at the north end of Hopkins Elementary to get yours today.*

## HOPKINS ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME PATRON

It is the mission of the Hopkins High School Athletic Hall of Fame to formally recognize athletes, teams, coaches, and individuals who have made significant contributions to HHS athletics. In addition, it will serve as a means to honor and preserve the traditions and accomplishments of these individuals on behalf of Hopkins Athletics or after graduation from HHS.

As an organization that has no regular income, but requires financial support to sustain itself, it is necessary to recognize our needs and ask for help. You may, as an individual or business, help develop and maintain the Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame with a donation. The H.O.F. will recognize those who contribute financial support to allow our Hall of Fame to be special and ongoing. Each contributor will be listed in our program.



### Contribution Options

Gold Standard \$500 +  
Silver Standard \$250-\$499  
Bronze Standard \$50-\$249



Please mail or deliver your contribution to:  
Hopkins Athletic Department 333 S. Clark Street Hopkins, MI 49328  
Please make checks payable to: Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame



# SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Boys Varsity Baseball

TH 3/23	Fennville (DH)	A	4:15pm
WE 3/29	Otsego (DH)	H	4:00pm
TH 3/30	Wayland (DH)	H	4:15pm
MO 4/10	Kelloggsville	A	4:15pm
WE 4/12	Calvin Christian	H	4:15pm
FR 4/14	Comstock (DH)	A	4:00pm
MO 4/17	Belding	H	4:15pm
WE 4/19	West MI Aviation	H	4:15pm
TH 4/20	Covenant Chr (DH)	A	4:30pm
MO 4/24	NorthPointe Chr	A	4:15pm
WE 4/26	Lee	A	4:15pm
SA 4/29	Newago Invite	A	9:00am
MO 5/1	Godwin Heights	H	4:15pm
WE 5/3	Kelloggsville	H	4:15pm
TH 5/4	Benton Harbor	A	4:15pm
SA 5/6	Wayland Invite	A	TBA
MO 5/8	Calvin Christian	A	4:15pm
WE 5/10	Belding	A	4:15pm
TH 5/11	Forest Hill (DH)	H	4:15pm
SA 5/13	Coopersville Invite	A	10:00am
WE 5/17	NorthPointe Chr	H	4:15pm
TH 5/18	Calvary (DH)	H	4:15pm
SA 5/20	Saranac Invite	A	9:00am
MO 5/22	Lee *	H	4:15pm
WE 4/24	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm

## Boys JV Baseball

TH 3/23	Fennville (DH)	H	4:15pm
WE 3/29	Otsego (DH)	A	4:00pm
TH 3/30	Wayland (DH)	A	4:15pm
MO 4/10	Kelloggsville	H	4:15pm
WE 4/12	Calvin Christian	A	4:15pm
FR 4/14	Comstock (DH)	H	4:00pm
SA 4/15	Spring Lake Invite	A	10:00am
MO 4/17	Belding	A	4:15pm
WE 4/19	West MI Aviation	H	6:00pm
TH 4/20	Covenant Chr (DH)	H	4:30pm
MO 4/24	NorthPointe	H	4:15pm
WE 4/26	Lee	H	4:15pm
SA 4/29	Hamilton Invite	A	10:00am
MO 5/1	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm
WE 5/3	Kelloggsville	A	4:15pm
TH 5/4	Benton Harbor	H	4:15pm
SA 5/6	Coopersville Invite	A	10:00am
MO 5/8	Calvin Christian	H	4:15pm
WE 5/10	Belding	H	4:15pm
TH 5/11	Forest Hill (DH)	A	4:15pm
FR 5/12	Northview	H	4:15pm
SA 5/20	Saranac Invite	A	9:00am
MO 5/15	Crusaders	H	4:15pm
WE 5/17	NorthPointe Chr	A	4:15pm
MO 5/22	Lee *	A	4:15pm
WE 4/24	Godwin Heights	H	4:15pm
TH 5/25	Tri-Unity	H	4:15pm

## Varsity Track

FR 3/24	Indoor Challenge@GVSU	A	TBA
TH 3/30	Aquinas	A	TBA
TU 4/11	Belding	H	4:30pm
TH 4/13	Godwin Heights	A	4:30pm
FR 4/14	Gull Lake Invite	A	4:30pm
TU 4/18	NorthPointe	H	4:30pm
TU 4/25	Calvin Christian	A	4:30pm
TH 4/27	Lee	A	4:30pm
FR 4/28	Watervliet Relays	A	4:30pm
TU 5/2	Kelloggsville	H	4:30pm
SA 5/6	Hopkins Invite	H	9:00am
FR 5/12	Conference @ Lee	A	3:30pm
MO 5/15	Comstock Invite	A	3:00pm
FR 5/19	Regionals	A	TBA
SA 5/20	Regionals	A	TBA
SA 6/3	State Finals	A	TBA

## Girls Varsity Softball

TH 3/23	Fennville (DH)	A	4:15pm
WE 3/29	Otsego (DH)	H	4:00pm
MO 4/10	Kelloggsville (DH)	A	4:15pm
WE 4/12	Calvin Christian	H	4:15pm
MO 4/17	Belding (DH)	H	4:15pm
TH 4/20	Zeeland (DH)	H	4:15pm
WE 4/26	Lee	A	4:15pm
TH 4/27	Kenowa Hills (DH)	A	4:15pm
SA 4/29	Holland Invite	A	9:00am
MO 5/1	Godwin Heights (DH)	H	4:15pm
WE 5/3	Kelloggsville	H	4:15pm
SA 5/6	Allendale Invite	A	9:00am
MO 5/8	Calvin Christian (DH)	A	4:15pm
WE 5/10	Belding	A	4:15pm
FR 5/12	Lowell Invite (2 day)	A	TBA
SA 5/13	Lowell Invite (2 day)	A	TBA
MO 5/15	Wyoming (DH)	A	4:15pm
SA 5/20	Thornapple Invite	A	10:00am
MO 5/22	Lee (DH)*	H	4:15pm
WE 5/24	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm

## Girls JV Softball

TH3/23	Fennville (DH)	H	4:15pm
SA 3/25	Allendale Invite	A	9:00am
WE 3/29	Otsego (DH)	A	4:00pm
MO 4/10	Kelloggsville (DH)	H	4:15pm
WE 4/12	Calvin Christian	A	4:15pm
FR 4/14	Delton Kellogg (DH)	H	4:15pm
SA 4/15	Spring Lake Invite	A	10:00am
MO 4/17	Belding (DH)	A	4:15pm
TH 4/20	Zeeland (DH)	A	4:15pm
MO 4/24	NorthPointe (DH)	H	4:15pm
WE 4/26	Lee	H	4:15pm
WE 5/3	Kelloggsville	A	4:15pm
MO 5/8	Calvin Christian (DH)	H	4:15pm
WE 5/10	Belding	H	4:15pm
SA 5/13	Saranac Invite	A	9:00am
MO 5/15	Wyoming (DH)	H	4:15pm
WE 5/17	NorthPointe	A	4:15pm
MO 5/22	Lee (DH)*	A	4:15pm
TH 5/25	Delton Kellogg (DH)	A	4:30pm

## JV Golf

WE 3/29	Hastings	A	4:00pm
TU 4/11	Hamilton	A	3:45pm
FR 4/14	Delton Kellogg	H	3:30pm
SA 4/15	East GR @ The Mintes	A	TBA
FR 4/21	OK Silver @ The Pines	A	3:30pm
FR 4/28	OK Silver @ Broadmore	A	3:30pm
SA 4/29	Hastings Invite	A	TBA
WE 5/3	OK Silver @ The Orchard	H	3:30pm
MO 5/8	OK Silver @ The Mines	A	3:30pm
WE 5/10	OK Silver @ Clearbrook	A	4:00pm
MO 5/15	OK Silver @ Candlestone	A	4:00pm
FR 5/19	Parchment Invite	A	9:00am

## MS Track

WE 4/12	NorthPointe	H	4:15pm
WE 4/21	Lee & Black River	H	4:15pm
TH 4/20	Tri @ Thornapple	A	4:00pm
WE 4/26	Kelloggsville	A	4:15pm
SA 4/29	Delton Kellogg	A	9:00am
WE 5/3	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm
FR 5/5	Lee Invite (Runners only)	A	5:45pm
TU 5/23	Kent City	A	4:00pm

## Varsity Girls Soccer

WE 3/22	Allegan	H	4:00pm
MO 3/27	West MI Aviation	H	4:30pm
WE 3/29	Covenant Christian	H	4:30pm
WE 4/12	Belding	H	4:30pm
MO 4/17	Godwin Heights	A	4:30pm
WE 4/19	NorthPointe Chr	H	4:30pm
FR 4/21	Byron Center	A	6:00pm
WE 4/26	Calvin Christian	A	4:30pm
FR 4/28	Allendale	A	5:45pm
MO 5/1	Lee	A	4:30pm
WE 5/3	Kelloggsville	H	4:30pm
TH 5/4	Hamilton	H	4:30pm
MO 5/8	Belding	A	4:30pm
WE 5/10	Godwin	H	4:30pm
MO 5/15	NorthPointe Chr	A	4:30pm
FR 5/19	Calvin Christian	H	4:30pm
MO 5/22	Lee*	H	4:30pm
WE 5/24	Kelloggsville	A	4:30pm

## JV Girls Soccer

WE 3/22	Allegan	H	5:45pm
MO 3/27	West MI Aviation	H	6:00pm
WE 3/29	Covenant Christian	H	6:00pm
WE 4/12	Belding	H	6:00pm
FR 4/21	Byron Center	A	4:30pm
MO 4/26	Holland Christian	A	4:00pm
WE 4/26	Calvin Christian	A	6:00pm
FR 4/28	Allendale	A	4:00pm
MO 5/1	Lee	A	6:00pm
TH 5/4	Hamilton	H	6:00pm
MO 5/8	Belding	A	6:00pm
FR 5/12	Covenant Christian	A	6:00pm
TU 5/16	Lakewood	A	4:00pm
FR 5/19	Calvin Christian	H	6:00pm
MO 5/22	Lee	H	6:00pm
TH 5/25	Holland Christian	H	4:30pm

## Varsity Golf

WE 3/29	Hastings	A	4:00pm
TU 4/11	NorthPointe	A	3:30pm
FR 4/14	Delton Kellogg	H	3:30pm
TU 4/18	OK Silver @ The Pines	A	3:30pm
TH 4/20	Delton Kellogg Invite	A	10:00am
MO 4/24	GR union @ The Mines	A	3:30pm
FR 4/28	OK Silver @ The Orchard	H	4:00pm
MO 5/1	OK Silver @ The Mines	A	3:30pm
FR 5/5	OK Silver @ Broadmore	A	3:30pm
SA 5/6	Grand Haven Invite	A	9:00am
MO 5/8	OK Silver @ Candlestone	A	4:00pm
SA 5/13	Hamilton Invite	A	7:30am
WE 5/17	OK Silver @ The Meadows	A	9:00am

## MS Girls Soccer

TU 4/11	Godwin Heights	H	4:30pm
TH 4/13	Newhall	A	4:30pm
TU 4/18	Kelloggsville	H	4:30pm
TH 4/20	Kent City	A	4:30pm
TU 4/25	Newhall	A	4:30pm
TU 5/2	Allendale	A	4:00pm
TH 5/4	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm
TU 5/9	Lee	A	4:30pm
TH 5/11	Allendale	H	4:30pm
TU 5/16	NorthPointe	H	4:30pm
TH 5/18	Godwin Heights	H	4:30pm



## Annual "Outstanding People for Education" Award (Sponsored by the Allegan County School Boards Association)



**Do you know someone who has "made a difference" to a student in your district?**

The purpose of the "Outstanding People for Education" recognition is to honor and recognize people in education who are excelling in their field and/or making an impact in the quality of public education in Allegan County.

### Examples of whom you might nominate:

- a teacher or classroom aide
- an administrator, secretary or board of education member
- a bus driver, custodian, or other school support staff
- social worker, therapist, or consultant
- a volunteer or community member who supports education

OR Anyone else who has made an impact!

### Things to consider when submitting a nomination:

1. Someone involved in education who has made a difference in the overall quality of public education in Allegan County by:
  - demonstrating knowledge and skill in his/her area of responsibility,
  - developing unique programs that have enhanced the classroom learning experience,
  - playing a leadership role in education,
  - being a true "team player" in a school setting,
  - providing support for a program, service, or event that significantly impacts education,
  - exhibiting an attitude that promotes a positive working and learning environment and reflects positively on your school district.
2. Someone who has made an impact on the quality of an individual student's educational experience by:
  - demonstrating sensitivity to the needs of individual students,
  - providing service "above and beyond" (over and above their job description).

**Deadline for nomination: April 1st**

I would like to nominate:

Nominee	School District and Building/Department
Home Address or Phone (if known)	Position (teacher, volunteer, bus driver, etc.)
Person Submitting (Your Name):	<input type="checkbox"/> *If you wish to remain anonymous, please check this box.
Name and Address	Phone
Email	Relationship to Nominee (co-worker, parent of student, etc.)

Please explain how this person has impacted the quality of education in your school and/or tell why this person has made a difference in your (or another child's) individual education. Feel free to use the criteria mentioned above as you write, give examples from your own experience, and speak from your heart! *Attach another sheet, if necessary.*

Please send nomination form to: Kim Bollone, Hopkins Public Schools  
400 Clark Street, Hopkins MI 49328  
or email the requested information to: [kimboll@hpskings.org](mailto:kimboll@hpskings.org)



## Hopkins High School Athletic Hall of Fame Nominee Information Sheet



**NOTE: NOMINEE MUST HAVE GRADUATED 10 YEARS PRIOR TO NOMINATION OR HAVE RETIRED FROM COACHING - COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THE FORM AS POSSIBLE**

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
(First, Middle, Last)

Please select appropriate nomination category (circle one)  
Athlete Coach Team Distinguished Service

Please indicate if the nominee is: deceased / living If deceased, please list close living family member: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's current address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

**Educational Background**  
High School: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

College: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Sport(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Year(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Nominator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Do you wish to remain anonymous? Yes No

**High School Athletic Awards (most valuable player, all conference, all state, etc.)**

**High School Career Highlights (most points in a contest, winning streak, school records, etc.)**

**Collegiate Athletic Achievements (awards, special highlights, captain, etc.)**

**Athletic contributions after high school or college (coaching, officiating, etc.)**

**If a non-Hopkins athlete, list all contributions made to Hopkins High School Athletics.**

Please attach any other documentation you deem necessary for the committee.

Please send this form to  
Adam Valk  
333 S. Clark St.  
Hopkins, MI 49328



# Hopkins Vocal Music Department Variety Show

*Prepared by Haley Meyering (Senior Vocal Music Student)*

Every year the Hopkins Vocal Music Department offers entertainment to the whole community by presenting a Variety Show. The purpose of the Variety Show is to display our talented community members and students of all ages that sing, act, dance, play an instrument, perform skits, and much more! Both the Vocal Music Department and community benefit from this event; while the community is able to enjoy a wonderful show, the funds that is raised from this event go towards choir student scholarships, trips, and experiences here at Hopkins. The 2017 Variety Show was an absolute success thanks to the help

of many. The Boosters, staff, and students are the reason we are able to offer this event each and every year.

This is just one more way, we as a community, are able to show the passion and excitement we have for the Fine Arts here within Hopkins.



Singer Ellie DuChene performs a song



Emcees for the 2017 Variety Show—Hosley Werner and Hailey Hazen



The 7th Grade Band Group takes a bow after their performance



The 2017 Variety Show Cast takes a final bow to close the show



## NEW BUS #18



Hopkins Public Schools purchased a new bus this year. Bus #18 is a 2018, Bluebird 77 passenger bus. This will allow Hopkins Public Schools to maintain a fleet age around 12 to 13 years and keep maintenance costs down.



## EPIC TOY DRIVE!



On December 20 a bus full of new, unwrapped donated toys rolled into the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital with a police and fire escort. This huge undertaking was inspired by Dawson Babiak and spearheaded by the High School's National Honor Society to include each building in the district. Efforts from the entire Hopkins Community and Hopkins Public Schools surpassed last years totals for the Epic Toy Drive. In conjunction with the bus toy drop, the Hopkins Public School District also contributed gifts to recipients from the Kaelee Noble Wish Tree to honor Kaelee Noble, an 11-year-old Hopkins student who lost her battle to an inoperable brain tumor in January 2014.



## HOPKINS COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

322 N Maple St.  
Hopkins, MI 49328  
All Hopkins School  
District Residents  
Are Welcome

### HOURS:

Wed. 10-1  
& Thurs. 5-7 or  
by Appointment

**269-793-7323**

## Spring Vendor & Craft Show

2017-Sycamore  
Elementary

Saturday, March 25  
10 AM - 2 PM





Hopkins' Bands Present

# Spring Fling 2017

## Dinner & Show

Saturday, March 25



Doors open at 5:15pm, dinner at 6:00pm  
Hopkins Middle School Cafetorium  
Pulled Pork Dinner, Music, Dancing,  
Raffle, & Auction



Opening Acts Showcasing  
Student Ensembles & Jazz Band

~ Headliner ~

Otsego Jazz Ensemble

~ an 18 piece Big Band

Tickets ~ \$25 per person or \$160 for table of 7  
Available at Band room or Middle School Office  
Limited Seating Available

For More Information: [jzaawill@hpavillings.org](mailto:jzaawill@hpavillings.org)

## Hopkins High School & Middle School Community Walkers

All community members who wish to walk the halls during the fall & winter months are welcome.

Where:  
Hopkins High School  
6:15-7:15 a.m.

Hopkins Middle School 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Please Enter Through  
The Main Doors

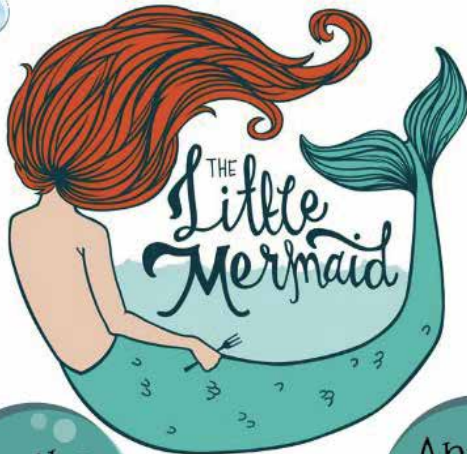
**Expectations:**  
Please honor our walking times.  
Children must be accompanied by parents.  
No walking on days when school is not in session.

If you have any questions call the High School at 793-7616 or the Middle School at 793-7407.



Hopkins Public Schools presents:

Tickets \$8/\$10  
in the MS  
office March 20



April 27  
6:30pm

April 28  
7pm

April 29  
2pm & 7pm

POSTAL PATRON  
BOXHOLDER  
RURAL ROUTE

**Hopkins Public Schools District Calendar  
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

<b>Mar. 10</b>	2nd Trimester Ends ½ Day for Students
<b>Apr. 3-7</b>	<b>Spring Break</b>
<b>Apr. 14</b>	½ day for Students & Teachers
<b>Apr. 28</b>	½ Day for Students
<b>May 29</b>	Memorial Day - No School
<b>June 8</b>	½ Day for Students & Teachers
<b>June 9</b>	½ Day for Students-Last Day

**Meeting Schedule of the Hopkins Public School  
District Board of Education 2016-2017**

<b>Mar. 6</b>	Work Session Meeting @ 5:30.
<b>Mar. 20</b>	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm at Sycamore Elementary.
<b>Apr. 17</b>	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
<b>May 1</b>	Work Session Meeting @ 5:30.
<b>May 15</b>	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
<b>June 5</b>	Work Session Meeting @ 5:30pm.
<b>June 19</b>	<b>Budget Hearing @ 5:15pm</b>
<b>June 19</b>	Regular Meeting @ 5:30pm

**MISSING OUT???**

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

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

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**WHO TO CALL**

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

**ADMINISTRATION**

400 Clark Street, Hopkins MI 49328 793-7261  
Superintendent – Gary Wood  
Business Manager – Katie Jager

**HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL**

333 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7616  
Principal – Ken Szczepanski  
Athletic Director – Adam Valk  
Assistant Principal – Jessica Robrahn

**HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

215 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7407  
Principal – Scott Stockwell  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dean of Students – Patrick O'Dell

**HOPKINS ELEMENTARY**

400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7286  
Principal – Scott VanBonn

**SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY**

2163 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323 681-9189  
Principal – Amy Mielke

**TRANSPORTATION**

2746 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7121  
Transportation/Operations Supervisor – Jon Tew

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7261  
Special Education Director – Mary Gordon

**HOPKINS 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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