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"Inspiring and empowering students to develop character and skills to pursue future successes."

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

First of all, congratulations to our newest Viking Alumni - the Class of 2023!

Secondly, with this being my final article for the Viking View, I will take the opportunity to thank the Hopkins School Community for making this a great place to work and live. We really have good kids and that is a reflection of our families and schools working together.

I would like to thank all of the great staff members we have here at Hopkins that care so much for our students. I was also very fortunate to have a fantastic administrative team to help run the school district. I would especially like to thank the various Board of Education members that I had the privilege to work with. You were truly the best.

Finally, I leave our district in great hands under the leadership of Mr. Scott VanBonn and wish Hopkins Public Schools the best in the future.

Yours in Education, Gary Wood, Superintendent Dear Hopkins Public Schools Community,

It is with great pride and enthusiasm that I write this letter of introduction as your new Superintendent. I am truly grateful to the Hopkins Board of Education for giving me the opportunity to lead Hopkins Public Schools. Whether you are a student, parent, staff or community member, I look forward to working collaboratively with you to make Hopkins Public Schools the best place for all.

Over the course of the past 22 years, I have served this district as a Teacher, Coach, Athletic Director, Building Principal and K-12 Director of Instruction. Each of these positions has given me the opportunity to work with various stakeholders. As Superintendent, I look forward to continuing to build and grow relationships with the entire school and local community.

As Superintendent of Hopkins Public Schools, I will focus on the following core beliefs:

- Students come first
- · Parents and the community are our partners
- · Relationships are paramount
- Communication and collaboration are keys to our success

Have a wonderful summer and please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

It's a Great Day to be a Viking!

Scott VanBonn
Hopkins Public Schools

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS-CURRICULUM

Hopkins and Sycamore Elementary schools will be implementing a new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum starting in the fall of 2023. Over the course of the 2022-2023 school year, both elementary buildings have been piloting two different curricular programs (MyView Literacy and OpenCourt Reading). With staff feedback and research in mind, Open Court became the clear choice as our Tier 1 curricular tool. OpenCourt is comprehensive and contains all ELA components that teachers will need to be successful. The foundational skills lessons are strong, and the texts are rigorous to extend student thinking. Teachers will also be able to benefit from in-person training from OpenCourt trainers, along with continuous online support.

For a detailed overview of OpenCourt click on the link below:

OpenCourt Curriculum Overview

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



HHS ALUMNI POTLUCK

THE 95TH ANNUAL HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION POT-LUCK IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. THE ANNUAL EVENT WILL BE HELD IN THE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON JUNE 17TH, 2023. THERE WILL BE A SOCIAL TIME STARTING AT 11:15 AM WITH THE POT-LUCK BEGINNING AT NOON. THE FEATURED CLASS WILL BE THE HOPKINS HS GRADUATES FROM 1973, CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH YEAR AFTER GRADUATION. FOLLOWING THE POT-LUCK DINNER WILL BE RECOGNITION OF ALL INDIVIDUALS AND CLASSES IN ATTENDANCE AS WELL AS A COLLECTION TOWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FUTURE HHS GRADUATES. FROM 2010 THRU 2022 THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION HAS CONTRIBUTED \$18,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS TO HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS.





Schools. Best wishes in your retirement!

ProtectMiChild Registry Keeps Kids Safe From Adult Ads Online

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and Attorney General Dana Nessel are encouraging Michigan parents and schools to sign up for the state's ProtectMiChild Registry in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month.

ProtectMiChild is a free and secure program that keeps kids safe from adult-oriented advertising via social media, text, and email. Parents can register their children's social media handles, phone numbers, and email addresses to block ads for products like alcohol, tobacco, pornography, and online gambling. Schools and organizations that work with children under 18 can also add their accounts. More than 920,000 numbers and accounts have been added to the Michigan registry.

In 2021, the registry was updated to allow parents to add their child's Snapchat, Instagram, and Twitter accounts. Benson and Nessel said they are working to add YouTube and TikTok to the ad-blocking service in the coming months.

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS



Pictured: Softball Coach Amy Funk, Scott Brower, Ava Vanderkolk and Marsha Brower Hopkins now has an AED out at the baseball and softball fields! Previously we had to share our mobile AED unit but thanks to the generosity of Scott & Marsha Brower, we have a permanent AED out at our baseball & softball complex. Thanks again Mr. & Mrs. Brower!!

GO Buckets & Bags

Each class in the High School and Middle School will be equipped with a "go bucket". These buckets will provide everything needed for an extended lockdown situation. The buckets will also hold essential items such as medical supplies, toilet paper, a curtain, water, a small snack, a classroom list with parent contact, as well as tools such as flashlights, batteries, rope to tie the doors closed, and many other items needed in a critical incident. While we hope we never have to use them, 'go buckets' will be placed in each learning space, office, and administrative area and can be utilized to help save lives in the event of a violent critical incident. Thank you to Home Depot for the donation of buckets.



Thank

John P. Myers

READETZ

Come out and visit the Reader Feeder at one of the stops on our schedule.

Here are the dates!

6/14/23

6/28/23

7/12/23

7/26/23

8/9/23

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Our schedule will be as follows:

Little Vikes Center: 9:00 Hopkins North Park: 9:40 Topaz Estates: 10:20 Sapphire Estates: 11:00 Dorr North Park: 11:40

Summer Office Hours-2023

Administration Office

OPEN Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CLOSED Fridays

Hopkins Elementary Office

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CLOSED June 19-August 20 OPEN Most Wednesdays through June & July OPEN full time beginning August 21

Sycamore Elementary School Office Hours: 7:30-3:30

OPEN through June 12

OPEN July 17, 18, 24, 25, 31

OPEN August 1, 7, 8, 10, 11, 15, 17, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24 OPEN Full time beginning August 28

Hopkins Middle School

Office hours: 8:30a.m. - 3:00p.m. OPEN Thursdays

Hopkins High School

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. OPEN Full time until June 15 OPEN Wednesdays starting July 12 OPEN Full time beginning August 14

Transportation Office

Office hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Closed June 19-August 4

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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CONGRATULATIONS

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

On March 23 rd, members of both the Hopkins High School Chamber and Concert Choirs traveled to Miller Auditorium located on Western Michigan University's campus to participate in the 83rd Annual South Western Michigan Vocal Festival (SWMVF). SWMVF is a mass choir participation based festival that specializes in creating the unique experience of rehearsing and performing with over 1,000 other local vocal music students a variety of choral repertoire throughout one long and rewarding festival day. In addition to the mass choral experience, the festival hosts an Honors Choir experience for those interested students. Students have to audition for, and then be accepted into, the 2023 SWMVF Honors Choir. Auditions took place in early February. SWMVF Honors Choir students have additional mandatory rehearsals and music pieces that they were responsible for attending and learning. The three Hopkins Choir Students listed below met all those extra requirements, were accepted into the SWMVF Honors Choir, practiced diligently, and then performed with the other 25+ SWMVF Honors Choir students during the March 23 rd festival performance. Congratulations to the following Hopkins SWMVF Honors Choir students:

Names (left to right):	Voice Part:
Anna Fein	Alto
Chloe Billman	Soprano
Grace Schumacher	Alto



Hopkins High School Orientation

August 14 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

August 15 9:00 a.m.-Noon

August 15 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. (9th grade & new students)

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

Hopkins FFA Chapter Receives High Honors at State Convention

At the Michigan FFA State Convention held at Michigan State University March 8-10, the Hopkins FFA Chapter was named the Top Chapter in the state of MI through the National Chapter Award Program. Hopkins was named in the top 3 chapters after submitting their award application this winter. Gracie Langlois and Emma Langlois then represented the chapter while at convention by presenting our chapter highlights in the presentation portion of the contest and earned Hopkins top honors. This is the second year in a row Hopkins has received this title. In addition, 16 members received state recognition while at convention.

Hopkins qualified in five state leadership contests by placing either first or second at the district and regional level in February. Out of 18 students competing at the district level, 13 advanced to regionals, and 9 qualified for state. Kaden Petroshus was named the State Runner Up in Extemporaneous Public Speaking. In this contest, he drew a question related to his topic area, Agriscience and Technology, upon arriving and had 30 minutes to write his speech and present it. Olivia Belden was named the State Runner Up in Greenhand Public Speaking with her speech on horse rescue titled, "From Kill Pen to Companion." Chase Laarman also competed in the Greenhand Public Contest and received a silver medal with his speech on "Climate Change's Effect on Small Peach Producers." Ellise Wedge received a gold medal in the Creed Speaking Contest. Finally, Emilie Coffey, Leah Ellis, Tally Laarman, Carson Schricker, and Colby Tucker received a silver medal in Agricultural Issues with their presentation on "Can Cultured Meat Compete with Conventional Meat Production?"

Several members were recognized with a state level award based on their academics and FFA involvement. Paisley Dorman, Tally Laarman, and Baleigh Schricker received their Outstanding Junior award based on their Supervised Agricultural Experience project, FFA involvement, and academics. Emilie Coffey, Leah Ellis, Gracie Langlois, and Carson Schricker all received their State FFA Degrees. This is the highest degree bestowed upon an FFA member at the state level based on income earned from their Supervised Agricultural Experience project outside of class, FFA involvement above the chapter level, and academics. In addition, Gracie Langlois was named the state winner in Veterinary Science for her skills learned through her Supervised Agricultural Experience placement at Town and Country Veterinary Hospital in Allegan, MI.

Three members had the opportunity to showcase their musical talents on the main stage in front of over 1,000 people. Addison Moored participated in the state band while Baleigh Schricker, and Carson Schricker sang in the state choir.

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The Michigan FFA Association operates as a state affiliate under the federally chartered National FFA Organization.

What an Amazing Season for FIRST TEAM 2054!

Fighting their way through the lower bracket in playoffs to finish as finalists in the Calvin competition completed the first week of the season and led to four weeks later at the West Michigan competition ending qualifications ranked 5th and the team winning the Creativity award. Senior student James, was also awarded a FIRST scholarship to Kettering University.

At the State Championship, the team ended qualifications ranked 11th, however through the alliance selection process moved up into the 8th seat alliance captain and had the opportunity to fully use all the hard work put into scouting to choose alliance partners.

Traveling to Texas for the World Championship, the team ended qualifications ranked 4th, the highest ranking all season. The HPS Robotics Team remained alliance captain through the alliance selection and again used a scouting team to pick some great alliance partners.

Author: Angie Flickinger

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Hopkins Athletic Boosters Scholarship-Zander Hitzler & Issac DeHaan Switek Memorial Volleyball Scholarship-Corrie Wisser & Mady Weber Gary & Bonnie Funk Memorial Scholarship-Mady Weber & Trent Baugh HOPE Scholarship Hopkins Elementary-Josiah Ryan Sycamore Elementary Alumni Scholarship-Makenna Pendock Hopkins High School Alumni Scholarship-Faith Stark & Miles Gibson Principal's Leadership Award Scholarship-Gracie Langlois Hopkins Lion Club Scholarship-Carson Schricker Don Jobe Memorial Scholarship-Joy Athearn Hopkins Student Council Scholarship-Faith Stark United Bank of MI Citizenship Scholarship-Zoey Marshall & Seth Kivell Hopkins Area Firefighters Scholarship-Trent Baugh Hopkins Area Business & Recreation Scholarship-Josiah Ryan **Dorr Business Association Scholarship-Mason Tomes** Breanna Page McPhall Memorial Scholarship-Carson Schricker & Makenna Pendock Vocal Music Boosters Scholarship-Anna Fein & Arianna DeGroot Hopkins Band Boosters Scholarship-Emma Howe & Andrea Steffes **HHS Math Department Scholarship-Matthew Fein** HHS Science Department Scholarship-Anna Fein HHS English Department Scholarship-Joy Athearn







HHS Social Studies Scholarship-Joy Athearn John Paul Myers Scholarship-Trevor Kamphuis

Valedictorian Joy Athearn



Salutatorian Nathan Onderlinde



Matthew Fein



Corrie Wisser



Anna Fein



Madelyn Weber



Gracie Kok



Arianna DeGroot



Makenna Pendock



Alexis Nutter

Class of 2023 HONOR GRADS











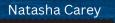


Trent Baugh

Charles Benting









James DeGood



Arianna DeGroot





Matthew Fein



Nevaeh Helderop



Jenna Hightower



Emma Howe

Seth Kivell

Gracie Kok





Alexis Nutter



Josiah Ryan











Estefany Sanchez



Corrie Wisser

Josiah Tripp Emma Verstrate

Madelyn Weber

Megan Williams



Not Pictured: Haylie Adema

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

2023 National Honor Society Inductees

Please congratulate the following students on being inducted into the HHS National Honor Society.

Connor Ainsworth
Caleb Breining
Patrick Burchardt
Abram Burchardt
Samantha Burchardt
Katherine Cleypool
James DeGood
Sydney DeGood
Olivia Dimock

Micah Estelle
Madalyn Houseman
Lillian Iciek
Flannery Johnston
Piotr Kaczanowski
Colton Kennedy
Helena Kerber
Jacey Koperski
Jayden Reed

Peyton Roxbury Jenna Runkel Ellie Sebright Grayce Shealy Jessi Spray Paladin Stanton Kate Steffes Cayla Szubinski Katie Taylor Jordyn TeHennepe Clara Teunissen Natalie Thompson Yevheniia Tkachenko Lillian VandenBosch Dahlia Veldhouse Benjamin Wiersema Megan Williams Nolan Wood Hayden Wycoff Abigail Zalis

HOPKINS VIKINGS



CLASS OF 2023

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HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL



Hopkins Middle Shool would like to congratulate
8th grade artist Lylah Janowsky for winning a Silver Medal in the
2023 National Scholastic Art Competition.
Lylah's artwork ranks amongst the best teen artwork in America!







Hopkins Middle School summer open house will be August 16 and 17.
Aug 16: 6PM to 8PM 6th graders and new students.
Aug 17: 12PM to 6PM Open house style for 7th and 8th graders.

HMS CHICAGO TRIP

On March 17 th, the Hopkins Middle School Vocal Music students went on an exciting and event-filled trip to Chicago IL. The 7th and 8th Grade Choir students traveled to Chicago as part of our semi-annual Middle School Vocal Music Department trips. About 35 Middle School choir students and about 19 adults participated in this year's trip. The first stop was at the Vandercook College of Music for a clinic with Dr. David Brunner. From there, trip participants toured Shedd Aquarium & Decanarium as well as watched a short 4D Shark Experience movie. The group then traveled to the heart of the city where they saw the sights a bit, got lunch downtown, and took a group picture at Millennium Park's "The Bean". In addition, students also visited the Lincoln Park Zoo and had dinner at the Hard Rock Café. To wrap up the trip, participants enjoyed the hit Broadway show Annie at the Cadillac Palace Theatre. This trip was made possible by the hard work and fundraising of our Vocal Music Boosters as well as our choir students and families. Without our supportive community members, businesses, parents, and hardworking Vocal Music Boosters, these activities and trips for our students would not be achievable.









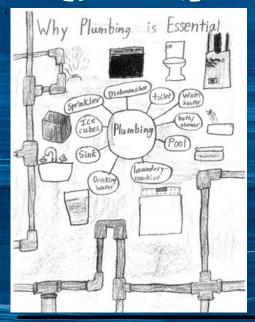
The Hopkins Public School District Board of Education complies with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, 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.

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY & TRANSPORTATION

Sycamore Elementary Open House will be Thursday,

August 24th from 4:00-5:30pm



World Plumbing Day is celebrated annually on March 11th. Andy Hyma won 2nd place in a poster contest with the theme "Plumbing is Essential." He received a check for \$250 and Sycamore received a check for the same amount.

Congratulations
Andy!



HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

Annual Mackinac Island Visit

The third graders from Hopkins Elementary visited Mackinac Island from May 10-12. Some of the activities included biking around the island, a carriage tour of the island, visiting 2 Forts, a stop at Hartwick Pines for lunch and Lumberjack Camp tour, and more! The weather was perfect, and the kids did a wonderful job representing Hopkins Public Schools. We received numerous compliments about great behavior and manners. We appreciate everyone who supports this trip assisting our kids to attend this amazing trip! We couldn't do it without our wonderful community members. THANK YOU!















ATHLETICS

2022-2023 WINTER ALL-CONFERENCE

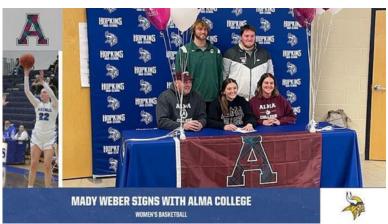


CHICAGO CONTRACTOR		
SPORT	PLAYER	AC/HM
Boys Basketball	Tristen Perry	AC
Boys Basketball	Trent Baugh	AC
Boys Basketball	Jayden Prather	HM
Competitive Cheer	Zoey Marshall	AC
Competitive Cheer	Faith Stark	AC
Competitive Cheer	Peyton Roxbury	AC
Competitive Cheer	Madison Washburn	AC
Competitive Cheer	Jade Flickinger	HM
Competitive Cheer	Kaeleigh Tilley	HM
Wrestling	Maximus Pigeon	AC
Wrestling	Colton Kennedy	AC
Girls Basketball	Madelyn Weber	AC
Girls Basketball	Nevaeh Helderop	AC
Girls Basketball	Ellie Sebright	AC
Girls Bowling	Paige Hall	HM
Boys Bowling	Charlie Brown III	AC
Boys Bowling	Charlie Benting	AC
Boys Bowling	Landon Klinge	HM











POSTAL PATRON BOX HOLDER RURAL ROUTE

Report 23-009

NOTICE OF MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION 2023

[Mondays at 6pm]

January 16, 2023 Regular/Organizational Meeting February 6, 2023 Work Session/Meeting

February 21, 2023 Regular Meeting (TUESDAY)
March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary

April 17, 2023 Regular Meeting May 15, 2023 Regular Meeting

June 19, 2023 Budget Hearing @5:45pm June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

July 17, 2023 Regular/Organizational Meeting
August 21, 2023 Regular Meeting

September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting
October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting
November 6, 2023 Work Session

November 20, 2023 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary

December 18, 2023 Regular Meeting January 15, 2024 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

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 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

Summer Office Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday - Thursday

CLOSED Friday

DISTRICT CONTACT INFORMATION

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

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

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

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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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