



# YOUNG VIKINGS

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## CLOTHING CRITERIA FOR OUTSIDE RECESS winter rules...

Students must have snow pants & boots to leave the asphalt when there is snow or it is wet from snow. If the asphalt is clear, boots are not mandatory. If there is snow on the asphalt, boots are required to even go outside.

Please see your children are dressed properly as we do not wish to keep them from their outdoor, free time.

Please remind them these are the rules and will need to be enforced to keep them dry & keep our building clean.

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## HYSO Winter Basketball 2024

It's time to sign up for the winter HYSO season! Games are in January & February for boys & girls in Kindergarten—6th grade.

Specific details went home with your youngest. Grab it out of their backpack!!



## Ski Club

2023-24 Bittersweet Ski Club passes for adults & students are now available. Forms are available at all school offices.

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## Hopkins Epic Toy Drive for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital

Please bring donations of any unwrapped toys, games, arts & crafts to the office.

We are having a grade level contest to see who collects the most. The reward will be donuts for the winning grade level.

Please bring gifts in by **December 4!**



## Treat Day

Each Tuesday, students can pick a snack...chips, drinks, cookies, donuts, crackers, fruit snacks.

PRICE: 75 cents for one or 3 snacks for \$2

## Christmas Movie Night

Dec. 1, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Sycamore Gym

Drinks & Snacks available for purchase

More info to come!

**Popcorn!** Our next popcorn day is Friday, December 15. Just 50 cents a bag!



Report Cards come home Friday, Dec. 1



**Positive Message Day...Wed., Dec. 13...** wear a shirt with a happy thought, positive message, smiley face, etc.

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Did you know....H.O.P.E. does that?

Teacher/Staff Support:  
Happy teachers & staff benefit  
the students!

- parent/teacher conference meals
- classroom start up funds
- staff appreciation week
- classroom supplies
- specific staff requests

Become part of the team!  
sycamorehope@gmail.com



Sycamore Christmas Shop for the students will be Dec. 6, 7 & 8. It is their opportunity to buy gifts for family members, pets, special others. More info to follow!

Vikings girls/boys basketball program presents:

### **PARENTS NIGHT OUT**

Sat. Dec. 9 4:-8: p.m.

Parents, enjoy a night out or get some shopping done! Let the basketball team watch your Kindergarten-5th grade children.

Check the flier that came home & schedule your time now!

## **Half Days...**

Our half days for the 2023-24 school year are:

- \*Tuesday, November 21
- \*Monday, January 15
- \*Friday, February 16
- \*Thursday, March 7
- \*Friday, March 8
- \*Friday, April 26
- \*Monday, June 3

**These are 11:10 dismissals.**

**MAKE ARRANGEMENTS  
FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)  
THESE DAYS!!!**

Suggestions given by the Allegan County Health Dept. of  
**"When to Keep Your Child Home":**

- \*Severely Ill
- \*Fever: Temp. of 101F or greater AND behavior changes or other signs and symptoms (keep home until 24 hours fever-free, without use of fever-reducing meds)
- \*Diarrhea: no loose stools for 24 hrs. prior to returning==
- \*Vomiting: no vomiting episodes for 24 hrs. prior to returning==
- \*Rash: with fever or change in behavior==
- \*Skin sores (weeping sores that can't be covered with waterproof dressing)
- \*Certain Communicable Diseases: may need to be excluded

==These are general recommendations only. Consult physician or local public health department.

## **Thanksgiving & Christmas Break:**

Thanksgiving Break:

**11:10 dismissal on Tuesday, November 21 & NO SCHOOL  
Wednesday, November 22—Friday, November 24**

Christmas Break:

**NO SCHOOL Thursday, December 21—Tuesday, January 2**

**Back to school on Wednesday, January 3**

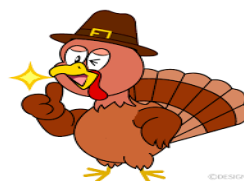


*The Sycamore Elementary Christmas Music Program  
will be held on Thursday, December 14*

2nd-5th grade 1:00

3rd-5th grade 2:00

**ONLY two days until  
THANKSGIVING**



**ONLY 33 days until  
CHRISTMAS**

**BACKGROUND CHECKS** are required for all who will help in the classroom, attend a field trip, go to Field Day.....be ahead of the curve & fill them out now!  
Hpsvikings.org Under "Family Resources"

Next H.O.P.E. mtg: Wed., Nov. 29 6:30 p.m.

The drop off loop in the morning has been running smoother, thank you! Reminder that the loop is for the quick drop off & the parking lot is for those longer good-byes, extra hugs, slow children!! ;)

Dorr Business Association presents:

### **Christmas in the Park**

Dec. 2 4:-7: p.m. Dorr North Park  
Tree lighting, special delivery of Santa,  
kids activities, food trucks, free cookies  
& hot chocolate

Next Board of Education Mtg:

Mon., Dec. 18 6: @  
Hopkins Elementary