



# YOUNG VIKINGS

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## Thanksgiving Break:

Wednesday, November 26 through Sunday, November 30!

Have a wonderful break with family and friends and see you back on December 1.



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## WINTER BREAK

Winter Break is Saturday, December 20 through Sunday, January 4! Time for fun, family and maybe some snow?

## Sycamore H.O.P.E. Christmas Shop

Our Christmas Shop is Monday, December 8, Tuesday December 9 & Wednesday, December 10.

More information to come.

We are still in need of volunteers! It's so much fun to watch the students find treasures for their families.

Please email if you are able to help: [sycamorehope@gmail.com](mailto:sycamorehope@gmail.com)

2025-2026 Bittersweet Ski Club passes for Adults & Students are available at the school offices. Contact Kim Bollone with any program questions: [kimbboll@hpsvikings.org](mailto:kimbboll@hpsvikings.org)

## Field Trip:

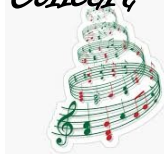
2nd Grade: Tues., Dec. 16 8:30-2:00  
Meijer Garden & Celebration Cinema



## SAVE THE DATE:

### Sycamore Christmas Concert

Friday, December 5  
Y5-2nd grade: 1:15  
3rd—5th grade: 2:00



## Treat Day....

Treat day is every Tuesday. One treat for .75 cents or three treats for \$2.00. This happens at the very beginning of the day. Proceeds help with "March is Reading Month" activities.



## Did You Know:

It is only 6 days until Thanksgiving and only just under 5 weeks until Christmas????!

Hand2Hand

Permission slips went home for this opportunity to have weekend food bags delivered to school for your children for over the weekend. If you are interested, please scan the QR code on that sheet to have your child added to the list.

Popcorn....Our next popcorn day is Friday, December 19. Same great price of 50 cents a bag!



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**WE WANT TO KNOW  
WHAT YOU THINK!**



## PLEASE JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY FORUM

Please join the HPS district leaders for a community discussion about the vision of our school buildings.

As a district, we're seeking input on future facility and programming needs that will improve the educational environments of our students.



### SAVE THE DATES:

#### FORUM #1 (2 OPTIONS)

6:00 PM, Monday, September 22, 2025  
Hopkins High School Cafeteria

6:00 PM, Tuesday, September 23, 2025  
Sycamore Elementary School Media Center

#### FORUM #2

6:00 PM, Monday, October 27, 2025  
Hopkins High School Cafeteria

#### FORUM #3

6:00 PM, Monday, November 24, 2025  
Hopkins High School Cafeteria



SCAN FOR MORE  
INFORMATION!

## Epic Toy Drive

**Our annual toy drive for the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital will be November 17–December 1. Please bring unwrapped new toys to the office during this time to help with a very worthy cause.**

Positive Message Day....think happy thoughts, smiley faces, any positive thought to bring positivity to our school!  
Our next positive message day: Wed., Dec. 17, 2025

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

- \*Severely Ill
- \*Fever: Temp. of 100.4F 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.

## Children who regularly attend school learn important lifelong study skills.

- When children go to school, they learn more.
- Homework doesn't have to be a chore. Go to this [link](#) for help.
- Sometimes children miss the bus. Have a backup plan to get your child to school.
- Children who attend school regularly learn to work with peers.

Allergies can trigger asthma in some children. For more information about asthma go to this [link](#).

We are thankful for our students and our school community. Remember that the Thanksgiving holiday starts on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>. For a list of other school holidays go to our [district calendar](#).



**Proper Clothing Rules:**  
**60 degrees or more...short sleeves**  
**50-59 degrees....long sleeves**  
**Less than 50 degrees....coat**

### News from H.O.P.E.

Check us out at Sycamore H.O.P.E. on face book or email [sycamorehope@gmail.com](mailto:sycamorehope@gmail.com)  
Next H.O.P.E. meeting is on Thursday, January 15 at 7:45 a.m.

Our half days for the 2025-26 school year are:

# Half Days...

- \*Friday, January 16
- \*Thursday, February 12
- \*Thursday, March 5
- \*Friday, March 6
- \*Friday, March 27
- \*Tuesday, June 2
- \*Wednesday, June 3

**These are 11:10 dismissals.**

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