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Report cards come home Friday, November 21.



Thanksgiving Break:

Wednesday, November 26 through Sunday, November 30!

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



VETERANS DAY
Community Assembly
honoring all who served
HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL GYM
9AM
NOVEMBER 11, 2025

The end of the first trimester is quickly approaching...November 14! Our students have 11:10 dismissals on November 13 and November 14. Be certain to make arrangements both days.

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 20 days until Thanksgiving and only just under 7 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, November 21. 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., Nov. 19, 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 26th. For a list of other school holidays go to our [district calendar](#).



Children who attend school every day or miss at most 1 day a month, have an easier time learning the reading and math skills they need.

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

Next H.O.P.E. meeting is on Thursday, November 20 at 7:30

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

- *Thursday, November 13
- *Friday, November 14
- *Friday, January 16
- *Thursday, February 12
- *Thursday, March 5
- *Friday, March 6
- *Friday, March 27
- *Tuesday, June 2
- *Wednesday, June 3

Half Days...

These are 11:10 dismissals.

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