

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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**WELCOME  
BACK!!**

# YOUNG VIKINGS

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Please help us welcome to our  
Sycamore Staff Family:

- \*Mrs. Christine Nagelkirk—1st Grade
- \*Mrs. Heather Herrick—Parapro
- \*Miss Gretchen Koster—Resource Room
- \*Mr. Zachary Kula—PE
- \*Mrs. Michelle Harnish—Food Service
- \*Mr. Alex Kloska—Custodian
- \*Mrs. Tracy Buskirk—Reading Interventionist
- \*Mrs. Pam VanFaasen—School Psychologist

**WELCOME TO SYCAMORE!!**

*The staff at Sycamore is excited to have  
you back from summer break for a  
fantastic 2021-22 school year!!!*

School pictures will be  
Thurs., Sept. 9



Information went home in 1st  
day student packets.

**CALL OR EMAIL the office  
with any bus/pickup needs!** This  
is the job of the office. It is confusing when teachers  
juggle this information.

**FREE for ALL!!!!**

Breakfast & Lunch will be free  
for all this year!

A "Free & Reduced Lunch" form  
will still be coming home and we  
ask that you take a moment to fill  
it out as we are still provided  
funding.



## Phone Ins:

Please call or email the office to notify the school if your child is  
going to be absent. Also, if notes need to be sent to classrooms for  
pick-up arrangements, please have your calls made by 2 pm. The  
office gets busy at the end of the day and planning ahead helps us  
out tremendously!

616-681-9189 or kelltals@hpsvikings.org

**Please remember that your students new teacher  
does not know what the "norm" was last year!**

**REMINDER: School begins at 7:45 and is  
dismissed at 2:55.**

**Student drop off is nothing before 7:25  
please!**



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**THANKS TO ALL WHO KEPT THE PAPERGATOR FILLED  
THIS  
SUMMER!  
REMEMBER IT'S  
AVAILABLE YEAR ROUND.  
PROCEEDS GO TO OUR  
“MARCH IS READING MONTH“ FESTIVITIES.**

## Half Days...

Our half days for the 2021-22 school year are:

- \*Wednesday, September 22
- \*Friday, October 29
- \*Tuesday, November 23
- \*Monday, January 17
- \*Thursday, February 17
- \*Thursday, March 3
- \*Friday, March 4
- \*Friday, April 15
- \*Thursday, June 2
- \*Friday, June 3

**These are 11:10 dismissals.**

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

### Medications...

If your child needs prescription medication, please pick up a meds form in the office and have your dr. fill it out.

If your child needs over the counter meds at school, please pick up a meds form in the office and bring the med in it's original bottle.

### 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.

## NO SCHOOL:

Take time out for the long Labor Day weekend.  
No school on Friday,  
September 3 or Monday,  
September 6.



Our H.O.P.E. Board:

Ali Mays...President

Jen Aalderink...Vice President

Melissa Hiemstra ....Treasurer

These ladies do a lot for our students!!!

Your help is ALWAYS welcome.

Check it out at Sycamore H.O.P.E. on Facebook or email

sycamorehope@gmail.com

## Proper Clothing Rules:

**60 degrees or more...short sleeves**

**50-59 degrees....long sleeves**

**Less than 50 degrees....coat**



Here are ways to help H.O.P.E. We do

Coca-Cola Give, we will have pop can drives, events & fundraisers throughout the year.

For more information check out Sycamore H.O.P.E. on Facebook.

## Parents:

Please be sure to fill out all paperwork that has come home to you and return to the school as soon as possible.



## Background checks:

Anyone helping in the classroom, going on field trips, helping at field day, etc...background checks are required & must be updated each year.

The form is on line at [hpsvikings.org](http://hpsvikings.org).

Go to the “family resources” upper right corner & drop down to “volunteer background check”.