



# YOUNG VIKINGS

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## New Salem Corn Maze

Monday, October 2

5:-8: p.m.

\$8 per person

Price includes maze, wagon ride, animals, playground, bounce house, cider & a donut



## 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](mailto:kelltals@hpsvikings.org)

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

## Homecoming Week Spirit Days

Monday, September 25...PJ/Comfy Clothes Day

Tuesday, September 26...Tie Dye Day

Wednesday, September 27...Hat Day

Thursday, September 28...Neon Day

Friday, September 29....Viking Blue & White Day



## FINAL FORMS

Final Forms should be updated every year! Remember it has your contact information in it and we know things can change over the course of the summer.

Please take a few minutes to make those changes so we have everything we need for your child!

Thank you

## SCHOOL MESSENGER:

You must opt in to receive non emergency school messenger alerts.

Please go to [hpsvikings.org](http://hpsvikings.org) under parent portal and sign up!

**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.

**Hopkins will be part of FOOTBALL FRENZY for Homecoming on Fri., Sept. 29!** Along with this, Wood TV has a Food & Toiletries Drive.

**Please let's show the surrounding communities our Viking Spirit. Donations being taken at all schools through Sept. 28...non-perishable foods & wrapped toiletries.**

**Watch for US on the morning news Sept. 29!!!**



**Positive Message Day...Wed., Sept. 20...wear a shirt with a happy thought, positive message, smiley face, etc.**

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## Half day of school on Wednesday, September 20 11:10 dismissal

Girls basketball opportunities for 1st-3rd grade girls and 4th-6th  
Information was sent home with your students. If you have any  
questions please contact Coach David Flowers:  
daviflow@hpsvikings.org

Boys basketball opportunities for 3rd-6th grade boys  
Information was sent home with your students. If you have any  
questions please contact Coach Jake Jewett:  
coachjakejewett@gmail.com

## Half Days...

Our half days for the 2022-23 school year are:

- \*Wednesday, September 20
- \*Tuesday, October 31
- \*Tuesday, November 21
- \*Monday, January 15
- \*Friday, February 16
- \*Thursday, March 7
- \*Friday, March 8
- \*Friday, April 26
- \*Monday, June 3
- \*Tuesday, June 4

**These are 11:10 dismissals.**

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

### Medications...

If your child needs medications at school, be certain to go to  
Final Forms to fill out the necessary form.  
For prescription medication, a doctor signature is required.

Please bring medications into the office (not with students), in  
their original package.

### 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.

## FFA HOMECOMING HOG ROAST

Friday, September 29 4-7: pm  
Fire Barn/Hopkins Downtown Park  
\$12 adults \$6 ages 2-10 Free for under 2  
Cash, credit card or check  
Rain or Shine take out or seating available  
Pulled pork, potatoes, coleslaw, applesauce, dessert & beverage

Our H.O.P.E. Board:

Ali Mays...President

Jen Aalderink...Vice President

Melissa Hiemstra....Treasurer

Bobbi Edwards....Secretary

### Proper Clothing Rules:

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

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

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



**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"

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

New Salem Corn Maze—October 2 5:-8: (more info soon)  
Smencil Sales—October 20 (more info later)  
Byron Fun Spot Roller Skating—October 20 (more info later)  
FIRST H.O.P.E. MTG: Wed., September 27 6:30 p.m.  
ALSO! New Playground Equipment coming soon...\$10,000  
funded by H.O.P.E.!!!! ThAnK YoU H.O.P.E.



**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.**

Next Board of Education Mtg: Mon., Sept. 18 6: @  
Hopkins Elementary Bldg.