



# HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT Viking View

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## Hopkins Elementary Fifth Grade Class Field Trip to Holland Outdoor Discovery Center



On November 10, the three fifth grade classes took a field trip to the Holland Outdoor Discovery Center to participate in their Native American Pathways program. The fifth graders had been recently studying the seven Native American Cultural Regions of North America, and this was an ideal opportunity to learn some more in depth information about how the Native Americans lived, particularly in the Midwest. The classes rotated through three stations led by a Discovery Center teacher.

Our first stop was at the archery range. The students received a lesson on how to throw a dart using an atlatl. An atlatl is a long wooden rod that allows a dart to be thrown farther and with more force than simply using your arm. Many students were quite successful and their dart ended up piercing the ground several inches! After archery, students tried their fire making skills using just sticks.

The second stop was a native plant walk. Under the direction of the teacher, students learned which berries and plants could be eaten in the forests and how Native Americans used them for food. Students dined on wild grapes, berries and stag horn sumac. The sumac was a hit among students as it tasted like lemons! The Native Americans used it to make lemonade!

The last stop was at the Native American summer village. Students huddled inside a wigwam and learned about how these homes were used. All students also participated in moving a teepee, learning that Native Americans were a mobile people and often moved from place to place. Finally, students learned about the gardens that Native Americans used and took turns grinding corn into flour.

This was our first trip to the discovery center, and it was a great day of hands-on learning and fun!





Gary Wood

### *From the Superintendent...*

This school year seems to be flying by. Perhaps the great weather we had this fall makes it seem like we should not have completed one third of the year already. The reality of the calendar tells us that we have reached the holiday season which makes it a great time to reflect on the positive things in our schools and in our lives.

### *Did you know that...*

- Sycamore Elementary School has earned Reward status for its academic accomplishments.
- Student enrollment at Hopkins Public Schools is up 50 students from last fall.
- Traci Rhoades was recently elected to our Board of Education (and Jeff Gilder was re-elected).
- The Vike Hike fundraiser at Hopkins Elementary earned over \$17,000 to support educational programs.
- Approximately 2,000 people filled the high school gymnasium for an outstanding Veteran's Day program.
- Several of our student organizations have participated in activities to support needs in the community (food drives, toy drives, fundraisers/donations, etc.).
- Our 6th graders enjoyed team building activities at Clear Lake Camp.
- Our 7th graders enjoyed watching plays at the Van Singel Fine Arts Center.
- Our 8th and 11th graders participated in our annual Career Fair.

These are just a few of the great things going on at Hopkins Public Schools. I could go on and on about the great things that occur as we prepare our young people to become successful citizens, but instead let me thank you for allowing us the opportunity to partner with you in this endeavor.

Have a great holiday season!



*Give the perfect gift.*

Give blood.



Hopkins NHS is excited to announce an incentive program for Blood Donations to the American Red Cross. This year every attempt (students, staff and community) to donate at the Hopkins NHS sponsored blood drives will count to be entered into a drawing. Therefore, if someone comes in to donate 3 times, their name will be put in the drawing each time. Then at the end of the year, the drawing will take place for a gift - Yet to be determined.

### **Blood Drive**

#### **Hopkins High School**

Library  
333 S. Clark Street

**Tuesday, December 13, 2016**  
**10:00 AM to 5:45 PM**

Come to donate and receive a \$5 Subway gift card, while supplies last!

Sponsored by the National Honor Society.

To schedule an appointment, log onto [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) (sponsor code: HHS) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

**Give Something that Means Something.®**

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#### **Blood Drives and Incentives**

The Red Cross duffel bags were an incentive for the first drive. **THEY WERE AWESOME!!!**

**Dec 13, 2016 10:00am-6:00pm**

The subway gift cards (\$5.00 each) will be at the next drive.

**March 7th, 2017 10:00am-6:00pm**

A drawing for 2 Griffin Tickets every hour.

May 13, 2017 9:00am-4:00pm – Gift card drawing every hour (Old Navy, Gap, MC sports, Dick's, Celebration Cinema etc.) Those are just possibilities at this point, but mainly local stores.



NEW  
TEACHING  
STAFF

**Chad Coots**  
Hopkins Elementary School  
3rd Grade Teacher



**Jenna Kastran**  
Hopkins Elementary School  
Level 2 Special  
Education Teacher

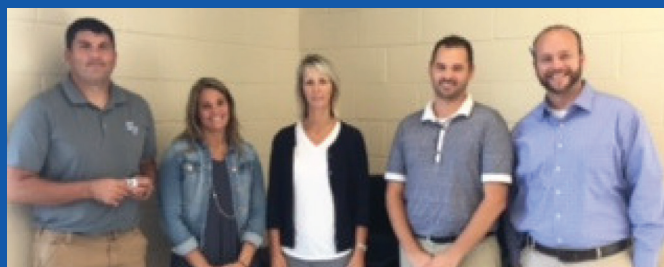


**Nicole Sleeman**  
Hopkins Elementary School  
Young 5 Teacher



**Sarah Pennington**  
Hopkins Middle School  
7th Grade Science Teacher  
At-Risk Counselor

## STAFF RECOGNITION AWARDS

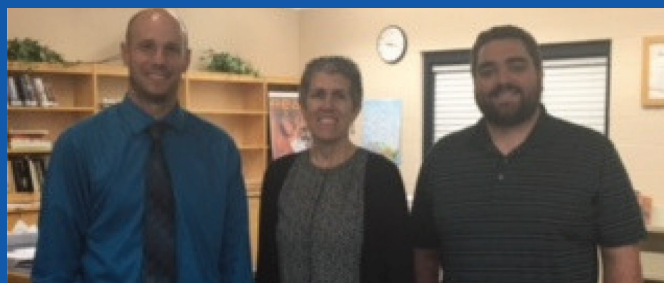


**10 Years of Service:** (LR) Cody Francis, Lisa Zapolnik, Sharon Secor, James Kiss, Jacob Oaster. *Not Pictured: Shelly Kibby*



**20 Years of Service:**  
(LR) April Alberda & Diana Smits

*Not Pictured: Susan Kwaitkowski*



**15 years of Service:** (LR) Scott VanBonn, Suzanne Antvelink, Jason Babiak

**25 Years of Service:**  
Pat Weick & Vince Koperski

NATIONAL PRINCIPAL'S  
MONTH

Pictured L-R: Superintendent Gary Wood, Jessica Robrahn, Scott Stockwell, Ken Szczepanski, Amy Mielke, Scott VanBonn, School Board President Brian McLalughlin

## CELEBRATING RETIREMENT



**Congratulations to Ron Hitzler on his retirement from Hopkins Public Schools after 19 years of service to the students, staff and community.**



## 4 HOPKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### Third Grade Thanksgiving Feast!



Calleigh Cavanaugh & Ali Langlois



Set up in the cafeteria



Elliott Cook

The third graders at Hopkins Elementary held their annual Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 16th. The kids worked in groups prior to the feast learning about various topics such as The Mayflower, Pilgrims & Indians, and Thanksgiving Then & Now. The kids also participated in some Reader's Theatres (complete with props and pictures). All third graders helped make the cornbread and pumpkin pies the day before their feast. This is a great tradition that we look forward to holding for many years!



Owen Weber, Brayden Harnish, Ali Langlois, & Faith Flickenger making placemats for the feast.

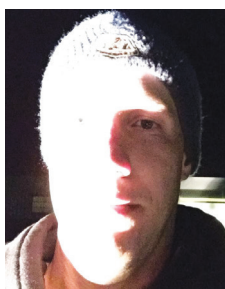


### 2016 VIKE HIKE puts Principal VanBonn on the Roof!

The students of Hopkins Elementary had their VIKE HIKE fundraiser in early October. This is the only fundraiser to benefit the HOPE group. Money raised is used to fund teacher's classroom accounts, field trips, assemblies, books and other supplies necessary and beneficial to the teachers and students. Mr. VanBonn challenged the student body to raise \$15,000 in pledges. If they did, he would sleep on the roof of the school and greet students as they arrived to school in the morning. The students exceeded that goal by raising over \$17,500! On October 27th, Mr. VanBonn climbed to the roof to his tent amid a group of spectators enjoying cider and donuts provided by HOPE. Our principal slept well and the students are now scheming to think of a new challenge for next year!



Vike Hike 2016  
Goal \$15,000  
Money Raised \$17,796



### Cards For Vets



Hopkins Elementary Art students worked hard to honor our Veterans. They learned about Veteran's Day, the significance of the poppy flower as a symbol of remembrance, and the poem "Flanders Fields," by Major John McCrae. In response, students created Thank You cards for Veterans, inspired by the poem. Many students know a Veteran, and were able to deliver their card to a loved one. The rest of the beautiful cards were donated to Wayland VFW to be distributed to local Vets.

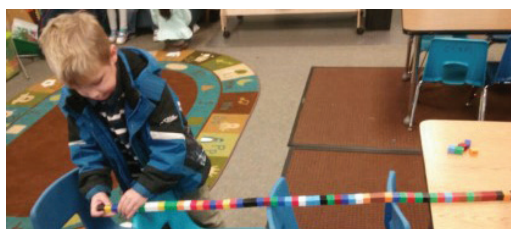




## **"The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)"**

GSRP - "The Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) has 2 classrooms at Sycamore Elementary. The program serves preschoolers in the Hopkins School district and provides free tuition to those families that qualify. The curriculum uses active, hands-on learning that encourages the students to develop academic skills at their own pace. Here are a few pictures of GSRP preschoolers from the past couple of months.

The kids worked on fine motor skills with Fall colored button trees and building bridges across chairs. They also helped make some homemade applesauce and went on a letter hunt in the sensory table. They are always busy learning and having fun!



### **Buddies Against Bullying**

Buddies from Ms. Herman's second grade class and Mrs. Belka's Young Fives class recently learned about bullying. They know how to "Step Up, Step Forward, and Stop Bullying!"



Firefighters from Dorr visited to talk to us about fire safety.

*Pictured: Mrs Vanderweg's Kindergarten Class*



### **Sycamore Scholars**

Sycamore Scholars is a group of fourth and fifth grade students that are chosen by their teachers. These students have demonstrated an excitement for learning. They meet once a month to research about a chosen topic and will create a presentation to share their learning. Topics being researched include computer coding, electricity, pet training, codes used in the military and the history of Sycamore Elementary.



Students in photo: (LtoR) Front row - Ava VanderKolk, Ayden Kuhn, Noah Vriesman, Myah Duimstra, Eli Aalderink. Back row - Stephana Ewing, Mackenzie Heppe-Ungrey, Isaac Koperski, Kate Cleypool, Flannery Johnston, Natalie Thompson, Evan Burns

### **Math Games in Mrs. King's Second Grade**

We are enjoying playing math games everyday to practice and reinforce our math skills. We play games with partners Monday - Thursday and learn new games in small groups on Fridays. These photos are from our small group math time.



(Above Left) Place Value Top It - Trinity Perez, Brayden Maher, Logan Dykstra, Casey Benting, Paige Commons and Emma Riley.

(Above) Place Value Money Game - Jace Hibma and Austin Schmidt.



(Below Left) Salute Game - Brayden Wychers, Hannah Bogema, Maleigha Duiven.



# Greetings from the Sixth Grade



We are very pleased to say that Sixth Grade Camp 2016 was a huge success! The weather held out for us the whole time we were there. The students had some new experiences in the outdoors such as canoeing on beautiful Clear Lake or learning about 'The Rule of Three' when it comes to survival. Many of the kids challenged themselves in their attempts to make it as far as they could up the 'climbing tower.' Some students were able to go more than one time. It was very enlightening for us to see our students in a completely different setting besides the classroom. Camp was a wonderful way for us to get to know our students better. The count-down for Camp 2017 has begun!





## 8th Grade Fun Fests



The school year is off to a great start for the 8th grade class! For the second year, the eighth graders have been participating in "Fun Fests!" The first fun fest took place within the first week of the school year, and was centered on teamwork and forming friendships with their classmates. Throughout the morning, the 8th graders took part in crazy icebreakers and team-building events.

In October, Mrs. Stephanie Caulder led the entire class in Zumba. The class also teamed up to build candy corn catapults and STEM projects. During the month of November, the class discussed the Presidential election process. Mrs. Lesa Smith and Mrs. Judy Pitsch turned the middle school media center into a polling center, and the class cast their very own vote in the Presidential Election.



On Nov. 3, Hopkins Middle and High School welcomed approximately 40 career presenters, 10 college representatives, and our Military branches to Career Fair. This was the 17th year of the Hopkins Career Fair. The Career Fair is an opportunity for the 8th and 11th grade students to explore careers they are interested in. During the Career Fair students get to select four different career presentations and then tour the gym where all the careers, colleges, and military meet. The presentations hit all of the career pathways including jobs like Careers in Music, Art, Law, Trucking, Hands on Skilled Trades, Finance, Architect, Engineering, Nursing, Athletic Training, Aviation and many more. Some new careers were added this year including a Scientist from VanAndel Research Institute, an Event Planner, and Automotive Technology. Overall it was a very successful day preparing Hopkins students for their future and beyond.

Responses from students on how they thought career fair went:

*"I liked the gym part so I could see colleges."* ~8th gr. Student

*"Career Fair was eye opening to me."* ~8th gr. Student

*"I had a fun time and learned a lot."* ~8th gr. Student

*"It was very cool! I can't wait until 11th grade"* ~8th gr. Student

*"I am now very interested in automotive technology and construction"* ~8th gr. Student

# 2016 Career Fair



# 2016 GRIDIRON GIVING

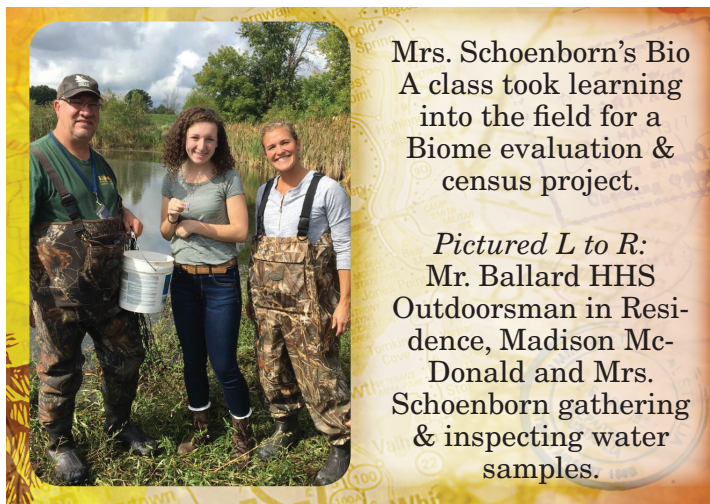


From left to right: Student Council members- Danny Rooks, Yasmin Khalil, Hannah McMullin, and Alexis Morris.

Recently Hopkins High School Student Council participated in the 2016 Gridiron Giving fundraiser to support the Helen Devos Children's Hospital support programs.

The event was run during a Viking football home game against Charlotte. Council members ran games, solicited donations, and worked in partnership with representatives from Wendy's Inc. to generate donations. The council also ran separate fundraising events during school to add to their overall donations.

For their efforts, the Hopkins Student Council was one of three schools out of the seventeen participating to be recognized and awarded the Gridiron Spirit Award for their exemplary effort in supporting the charity.



Mrs. Schoenborn's Bio A class took learning into the field for a Biome evaluation & census project.

*Pictured L to R:*  
Mr. Ballard HHS Outdoorsman in Residence, Madison McDonald and Mrs. Schoenborn gathering & inspecting water samples.

## Alumni Band Concert

The Hopkins High School Band is doing their first ever Alumni Concert! The date is December 12th at 6:30 PM in the HS Gym and will also include current band members! Come and hear some great Christmas music and see some old friends! Interested in joining the band for the evening?

**Email: Jessica Williams**  
**at [jesswill@hpsvikings.org](mailto:jesswill@hpsvikings.org)**



## The LEGACY PROJECT

Recently the Hopkins High School Student Council started a new tradition here at HHS. It is called, the "Legacy Project". The idea states, every year the council will endeavor to leave something of themselves behind to benefit the generations of Vikings to come. This year it was decided to attempt to acquire a VIKING PRIDE builder. This entry arch is for all Vikings to have a chance to use in a variety of Viking events. This was a large and lofty goal.

Luckily for the High School Student Council, two generous benefactors joined the effort and with their most gracious gift this goal was achieved. The Dynamic Duo of Chris and Dallas Kerber, of the locally iconic CD's Quik Mart, made this year's Legacy Project a reality for us all. Check out the new Hopkins Viking arch at many upcoming events.



# 2016-2017 MIDDLE SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

# HOPKINS

## Boys Middle School Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
TH 11/3	Tri-Unity	H	4:15pm
MO 11/7	Kelloggsville	A	4:15pm
WE 11/9	NorthPointe Chr	H	4:15pm
MO 11/14	Godwin Heights	H	4:15pm
TH 11/17	Lee	A	4:15pm
MO 11/21	Hastings (7th ONLY)	A	4:30pm
MO 11/21	Hastings (8th ONLY)	H	4:30pm
MO 11/28	Kelloggsville	H	4:15pm
TH 12/1	NorthPointe Chr	A	4:15pm
MO 12/5	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm
TH 12/8	Lee	H	4:30pm
SA 12/10	Comstock	A	TBA
MO 12/12	Calvary of Holland	H	4:15pm

7th Grade Coach: Tim Dommenick

8th Grade Coach: Mike Kerber

8th Grade game begins 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 7th grade game.

## Middle School Wrestling

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
TH 2/2	Lee	H	4:30pm
SA 2/4	Wayland	A	9:00am
TU 2/7	Kent City Quad	A	4:15pm
TH 2/9	Kelloggsville	H	4:15pm
TU 2/14	Godwin Heights	H	4:15pm
TH 2/16	Lee	A	4:15pm
FR 2/17	Godwin Heights	A	4:30pm
TU 2/21	Kelloggsville	A	4:15pm
TH 2/23	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm
TU 2/28	BC Lakeview	A	4:30pm
TH 3/2	Hopkins Quad	H	4:15pm
SA 3/11	Allendale	A	9:00am

Coach: Zach Miller

## Girls Middle School Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
WE 1/25	Hastings (7th ONLY)	H	4:30pm
WE 1/25	Hastings (8th ONLY)	A	4:30pm
MO 1/30	Kelloggsville	H	4:15pm
TH 2/2	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm
MO 2/6	Hastings (7th ONLY)	A	4:30pm
MO 2/6	Hastings (8th ONLY)	H	4:30pm
TH 2/9	NorthPointe Chr	A	4:15pm
MO 2/13	Lee	H	4:30pm
TH 2/16	Kelloggsville	A	4:15pm
MO 2/20	Godwin Heights	H	4:15pm
TH 2/23	Tri-Unity	H	4:15pm
MO 2/27	NorthPointe Chr	H	4:15pm
TH 3/2	Lee	A	4:15pm
SA 3/4	Comstock	A	TBA

7th Grade Coach: Tim Dommenick

8th Grade Coach: Mike Kerber

8th Grade game begins 10 minutes after the conclusion of the 7th grade game.

## Middle School Cheerleading

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
TU 11/22	Lee	A	6:00pm
WE 11/30	Kelloggsville	A	6:00pm
SA 12/3	Plainwell	A	10:00am
WE 12/7	OK Silver @ Hopkins	H	6:00pm
TH 12/15	Godwin Heights	A	6:00pm

Coach: Natalie Spicer



# 2016-2017 HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULE

# HOPKINS

## Boys Varsity Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
TU 12/6	Maple Valley	A	7:00pm
FR 12/9	Hamilton	H	6:00pm
TU 12/13	Comstock Park	H	7:00pm
FR 12/16	Allendale	H	7:00pm
TU 1/3	West Catholic	A	7:00pm
FR 1/6	NorthPointe Chr	A	6:00pm
TU 1/10	Belding	H	7:00pm
TU 1/17	Godwin Heights	A	7:00pm
FR 1/20	Calvin Christian	A	7:30pm
TU 1/24	Kelloggsville	H	7:15pm
FR 1/27	Lee	A	TBA
TU 1/31	Plainwell	H	7:00pm
FR 2/3	NorthPointe	H	6:00pm
TU 2/7	Belding	A	7:00pm
FR 2/10	Tri-Unity**	H	6:00pm
TU 2/14	Godwin Heights	H	7:00pm
FR 2/17	Calvin Christian	H	6:00pm
TU 2/21	Kelloggsville	A	7:15pm
FR 2/24	Lee*	H	7:30pm
TH 3/2	Comstock	A	7:30pm
MO 3/6	Districts	TBA	

Coach: Darrin Smith

\*Parents Night

\*\*Winter Follies

## Girls Varsity Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
FR 12/2	West Catholic	H	7:00pm
TU 12/6	Comstock	H	7:00pm
FR 12/9	Hamilton	H	7:30pm
TU 12/13	Comstock Park	A	7:00pm
FR 12/16	Allendale	A	7:00pm
TU 12/20	Gobles	A	7:00pm
FR 1/6	NorthPointe Chr	A	7:30pm
TU 1/10	Belding	A	6:00pm
TU 1/17	Godwin Heights	H	7:00pm
FR 1/20	Calvin Christian	A	6:00pm
TU 1/24	Kelloggsville	A	7:00pm
TU 1/31	Plainwell	A	7:15pm
FR 2/3	NorthPointe	H	7:30pm
TU 2/7	Belding	H	6:00pm
FR 2/10	Tri-Unity**	H	7:30pm
TU 2/14	Godwin Heights	A	7:00pm
FR 2/17	Calvin Christian	H	7:30pm
TU 2/21	Kelloggsville*	H	7:15pm
MO 2/27	Districts	TBA	

Coach: John Robinson

\*Parents Night

\*\*Winter Follies

## Varsity Bowling

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
SA 12/3	Allendale	A	9:00am
WE 12/7	Allendale	A	3:30pm
TU 12/13	Vicksburg	A	4:00pm
SA 12/17	Orchard View	A	12:00pm
MO 12/19	Belding	H	3:30pm
FR 12/23	Lee	A	12:00pm
TU 12/27	Lee	A	12:00pm
WE 1/4	Godwin Heights	A	3:30pm
SA 1/7	Fruitport	A	12:00pm
MO 1/9	NorthPointe Chr	H	3:30pm
MO 1/16	Calvin Christian	A	3:30pm
WE 1/18	Lee	A	3:30pm
FR 1/20	West Catholic	H	3:30pm
MO 1/23	Kelloggsville	H	3:30pm
WE 1/25	Belding	A	3:30pm
MO 1/30	Godwin Heights	H	3:30pm
WE 2/1	NorthPointe Chr	A	3:30pm
WE 2/8	Calvin Christian	H	3:30pm
TH 2/9	Lowell	A	3:30pm
MO 2/13	Lee	H	3:30pm
WE 2/15	Kelloggsville	A	3:30pm
SA 2/18	Conference Finals	H	1:00pm
2/24, 25	Regionals	TBA	
3/3, 4	State Finals	TBA	

Coach: Patrick O'Dell

## Boys JV Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
TU 12/6	Maple Valley	A	5:30pm
TH 12/8	Hamilton	H	6:30pm
TU 12/13	Comstock Park	H	5:30pm
FR 12/16	Allendale	H	5:45pm
TU 1/3	West Catholic	A	5:45pm
TH 1/5	NorthPointe Chr	A	7:15pm
TU 1/10	Belding	H	5:45pm
TU 1/17	Godwin Heights	A	5:45pm
TH 1/19	Calvin Christian	A	7:00pm
TU 1/24	Kelloggsville	H	5:45pm
TH 1/26	Lee	A	5:45pm
TU 1/31	Plainwell	H	5:30pm
TH 2/2	NorthPointe Chr	H	7:00pm
TU 2/7	Belding	A	5:45pm
TH 2/9	Tri-Unity	H	7:00pm
TU 2/14	Godwin Heights	H	5:45pm
FR 2/17	Calvin Christian	H	4:15pm
TU 2/21	Kelloggsville	A	5:45pm
TH 2/23	Lee	H	7:00pm
TH 3/2	Comstock	A	6:00pm

Coach: Rick Hazen

## Girls JV Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
FR 12/2	West Catholic	H	5:45pm
TU 12/6	Comstock	H	5:45pm
TH 12/8	Hamilton	A	6:30pm
TU 12/13	Comstock Park	A	5:30pm
FR 12/16	Allendale	A	5:45pm
TU 12/20	Gobles	A	5:45pm
TH 1/5	NorthPointe Chr	A	4:15pm
TU 1/10	Belding	A	4:30pm
TU 1/17	Godwin Heights	H	5:45pm
FR 1/20	Calvin Christian	A	4:15pm
TU 1/24	Kelloggsville	A	5:30pm
TH 1/26	Lee	A	7:00pm
TU 1/31	Plainwell	A	5:45pm
TH 2/2	NorthPointe Chr	H	4:15pm
TU 2/7	Belding	H	4:30pm
TH 2/9	Tri-Unity	H	5:45pm
TU 2/14	Godwin Heights	A	5:45pm
TH 2/16	Calvin Christian	H	7:00pm
TU 2/21	Kelloggsville	H	5:45pm
TH 2/23	Lee	H	5:45pm

Coach: Lindsay Mitchell

## Varsity Cheerleading

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
SA 12/3	Plainwell	A	10:00am
SA 12/10	Otsego	A	1:00pm
WE 12/14	Wayland	A	6:00pm
WE 1/4	Lee	A	6:00pm
SA 1/7	Delton Kellogg	A	9:30am
WE 1/11	Kelloggsville	A	6:00pm
SA 1/14	Allendale	A	10:00am
FR 1/20	Comstock	A	6:00pm
WE 1/25	Hopkins	H	6:00pm
SA 1/28	Otsego	A	9:00am
WE 2/1	Belding	A	6:00pm
WE 2/8	NorthPointe	A	6:00pm
SA 2/18	Districts	TBA	

Coach: Autumn Kraima

## Varsity Wrestling

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
WE 12/7	Wayland Quad	A	6:00pm
SA 12/10	Big Rapids	A	TBA
WE 12/14	Allendale Quad	A	6:00pm
SA 12/17	Maple Valley	A	TBA
WE 12/21	Hopkins Quad*	H	6:00pm
FR 12/23	Martin	A	9:00am
WE 1/4	NorthPointe Chr	A	6:00pm
	Catholic Central		
WE 1/18	Quad	A	6:00pm
SA 1/21	Viking Invite	H	9:30am
	Comstock Park		
WE 1/25	Quad	A	6:00pm
FR 12/27	Comstock Ind	A	4:00pm
WE 2/1	Allendale Quad	A	6:00pm
FR 2/3	Godwin Heights	A	TBA
TH 2/9	Districts	TBA	
SA 2/11	Individual Districts	TBA	
WE 2/15	Team Regionals	TBA	
SA 2/25	Team Finals	TBA	
March 2-4	Individual Finals	TBA	

Coach: Joel Eding

\* Parents Night

## Boys Freshman Basketball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
TH 12/8	Hamilton	H	5:00pm
TU 12/13	Comstock Park	H	4:00pm
FR 12/16	Allendale	H	4:15pm
TU 1/3	West Catholic	A	4:15pm
TH 1/5	NorthPointe Chr	A	5:45pm
TU 1/17	Godwin Heights	A	4:15pm
TH 1/19	Calvin Christian	A	5:30pm
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TU 2/7	Delton Kellogg	A	4:15pm
TU 2/14	Godwin Heights	H	4:15pm
TH 2/16	Calvin Christian	H	4:15pm
TU 2/21	Kelloggsville	A	4:15pm
TU 2/28	Delton Kellogg	H	4:15pm
TH 3/2	Comstock	A	4:30pm

Coach: Eric Fogg





# HOPKINS PINK-OUT VOLLEY FOR A CURE

The Hopkins Volleyball Program recently hosted a Pink-Out Volley for a Cure match against Kelloggsville. This is the second year that the program has been hosting the event. Even though the highlight of the evening is the volleyball matches, the Hopkins Volleyball Program uses the event to raise awareness for Breast Cancer.

All proceeds from the event are donated to the Wings of Hope Hospice in Allegan.

The event drew a large crowd that was predominantly dressed in pink. The Hopkins volleyball players (both Junior Varsity and Varsity) wore pink jerseys to symbolize the fight against breast cancer. The support from the community was tremendous and really makes the evening special for the players, parents, student body, coaching staff and administration.

The Junior Varsity team started the evening by defeating the visiting Kelloggsville Rockets by a score of 2-1 (25-14, 20-25 and 15-8). The Varsity team completed the evening by defeating the visiting Rockets by a score of 3-0 (25-7, 25-10, 25-17). The Lady Vikings were led on offense by Lexi Merren (15 kills and 3 aces), Hannah Van de Roovaart (29 assists, 4 kills and 3 aces), Macy Arndt (6 kills), Meghan Schulz (5 kills), Logan Brummel (3 kills), Hailey Shank (3 aces) and Mikayla Bulich (2 kills and 2 aces). The defense was led by Lexi Merren (14 digs and 1 block), Hannah Van de Roovaart (5 digs), Hailey Shank (4 digs), Meghan Schulz (1 block) and Caitlin Rodanhisler (1 block). The team played well and focused on the match during an exciting evening.

Even though the volleyball matches were fun to watch, the main focus for the evening was

to raise awareness for breast cancer. The volleyball program and community joined together for fundraisers including a silent auction, basket raffles, bake sale and decorated pumpkin sale.

The participation and support for the event was tremendous, and we are pleased to announce that we raised \$3,575.00 for the cause. During the inaugural event in 2015, a total of \$1615.00 was raised and donated to the Wings of Hope Hospice in Allegan.

It is humbling to see the support that was provided for this event. The entire Hopkins Volleyball Program is thrilled by the outcome and look forward to hosting and expanding the event in 2017.

**Thanks for all the support!**



# Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame



On October 22, 2016, the inaugural class of nominees was inducted into the Hopkins Athletic Hall of Fame. Inductees and/or their families were informally recognized at half time of the home Friday night football game, and formally inducted Saturday evening in the high school gymnasium. In front of nearly 125 people, the following individuals (or their family members) accepted a plaque honoring their contributions to Hopkins Athletics: Joe Roxbury, James Hazen, Gerry Herp, Jim Newell, Karen (Caywood) Schwartz, Kris Knobloch, Timothy Kisner, Sabrina (Bird) Mertes, Albert Deal, and Carol Guy.

Nominations for next year's induction class will be accepted until June 2017. Forms are available in the high school office and on the school's website. Anyone interested in making a charitable donation to the Hall of Fame can make checks payable to Hopkins Athletic Department and send to Adam Valk at 333 S. Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328.

## GOLDENAGE LIFETIME PASS

If you are 60 years of age or older & a resident of Hopkins Public Schools you are eligible for a Hopkins Public Schools Goldenage Pass.

This is good for admission to all "Home" Hopkins Schoolactivities. Stop by the administration office (located at the north end of Hopkins Elementary) to get yours today.



### Fall All Conference Athletes:

FOOTBALL	Ryan Haveman	AC
FOOTBALL	Jacob Cleypool	AC
FOOTBALL	Terry Thomas	AC
FOOTBALL	Levi Miller	AC
FOOTBALL	Mason Schaendorf	HM
FOOTBALL	Caleb Ryan	HM
SOCCER	Austin Black	AC
SOCCER	Connor Kukulies	AC
SOCCER	Brad Lowery	AC
SOCCER	Joseph Bala	HM
VOLLEYBALL	Lexi Merren	AC
VOLLEYBALL	Hannah Van de Roovart	AC
VOLLEYBALL	Meghan Schulz	HM
VOLLEYBALL	Hailey Shank	HM
CROSS COUNRTY	Laura Velderman	AC
CROSS COUNRTY	Jasmine Fisher	AC
CROSS COUNRTY	Emma Helder	AC
CROSS COUNRTY	Madison Snoeyink	AC
CROSS COUNRTY	Todd Henley	AC
CROSS COUNRTY	Ethan Nagel	AC
CROSS COUNRTY	Dan Rausch	AC

AC = All Conference

HM = Honorable Mention



# Punch Passes



Punch pass cards are available  
for home athletic events.

Passes cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for students for 10 home games.  
The cards will not expire at the end of the year  
so if you have any punches left,  
you can use them next year.

Please remember that, as with  
season passes, punch passes may not be used for tournament play.

## COMMUNITY

Hopkins Public Schools



# 2017 VARIETY SHOW

## PERFORMANCES

**Friday, January 13 - 7 p.m.**  
**Saturday, January 14 - 3 p.m.**

**Location: Hopkins Middle School**

Two identical shows  
Tickets: \$5

Available at Hopkins school offices and sold at the door  
Family packages available

### WHAT IT IS

A variety show displaying our talented community  
members and students of all ages that sing, act,  
dance, play an instrument, perform skits,  
... almost anything.

### INFORMATION

Jacob Oaster (Director)  
269.793.7407 - [JacoOast@hpsvikings.org](mailto:JacoOast@hpsvikings.org)

# TRYOUTS

**Thursday,  
December 8  
3:30pm - 6pm**

**Tuesday,  
December 13  
3:30pm - 6pm**

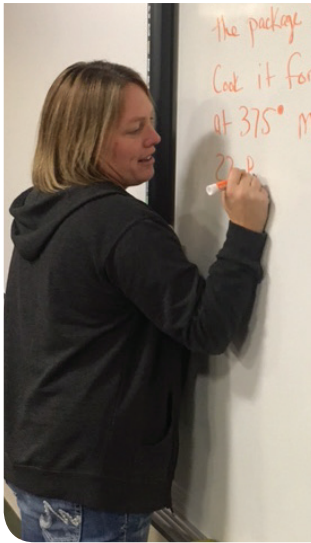
**Middle School Stage  
Tryouts open to Hopkins  
area families, students,  
and community members.  
Ten minute tryout times**







# Viking Volunteers



We love our volunteer Mrs. Katie Burch! Every two weeks she is one of our “popcorn moms” and comes in to pop popcorn for our entire school. Sometimes she comes in after working all night! She always has a smile and something nice to say to the students. Mrs. Cribley’s fourth grade class loves her for her special math problem she gives them on popcorn days.

It all started many years ago when Mrs. Burch’s daughter, Amber was in Mrs. Cribley’s fourth grade class. When Mrs. Burch was helping Amber do her homework, Amber told her mom that she was doing it wrong! Mrs. Burch wanted to find out the “new” way to do the math and came and sat in on some math lessons. When she shared with the kids things that she does in her nursing job with math, the kids loved it and were intrigued to try to figure out her real world math problems. Since then, Mrs. Burch has been popping into Mrs. Cribley’s fourth grade and challenging the kids to a problem and provides treats for students who get the right answers. Thank you Mrs. Burch for showing the kids how important math is and making it fun!

**YOU ARE AWESOME!**

## Substitute Positions



### Hopkins Public Schools

#### New Pay Rate and Incentive for Substitute Teachers

Hopkins Public Schools is announcing that they are increasing the pay rate for substitute teachers and offering new incentives to address the current sub shortage in the district.

The daily rate for day-to-day substitute teachers will increase from \$75 to \$80 for a full day. The half day rate for substitute teachers will increase from \$37.50 to \$45.

There will also be a bonus incentive added for the number of days a teacher subs in a month. Those subbing 10-14 days in a month will earn a \$100 bonus. Those subbing 15+ days in a month will earn a \$224 bonus. The number of days worked in a month does not need to be consecutive. This incentive does not apply to long-term subs.

Currently, the subs can eat free lunch in the school’s cafeteria on the day they are teaching or they may choose an entrée from the adult lunch menu. In addition, the subs are entered into gift card drawings each day they sub in a building. There is a monthly drawing for one \$25 gift card per building.

In order to apply as a substitute teacher for the district, you must have an official transcript with 90+ semester credit hours and a minimum 2.0 GPA from a four-year accredited college or university. If you are interested in subbing, please go to [www.EDUStaff.org](http://www.EDUStaff.org) and click “Start Application”. For more complete details on the EDUStaff Employment Requirements, please go to [www.EDUStaff.org](http://www.EDUStaff.org) and click on “Requirements.”



**ZUMBA**  
FITNESS

**ZUMBA IN  
HOPKINS**

### Come Zumba in Hopkins!

Anne Galligan will keep you moving! Join her for an hour of aerobic exercise on Thursdays. Classes are held from 3:15-4:15pm in the Hopkins Elementary cafeteria.

### Class fees are \$5.

Punch cards are available.

Your first class is free!

A dollar from each participant per class will go to benefit HOPE.

Students 12 and under are free  
and students 13 and over are \$2.



## HOPKINS COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

322 N Maple St. • Hopkins, MI 49328  
All Hopkins School District Residents  
Are Welcome

### HOURS:

Wed. 10-1 & Thurs. 5-7 or by Appointment  
**269-793-7323**





Hopkins Public Schools proudly presents

### Disney's The Little Mermaid

Auditions are to be held January 16 and 17 with a call back/makeup date on January 19.

Auditions are open to any student in 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Information sheets will be available in any Hopkins School office in December.

\*Sign up for an audition time slot on the Middle School stage door.\*

#### Audition requirements-

- Sing a 30 second song from any Disney show or musical.
- Please bring a headshot for the directors.
- Audition packets will be available in school offices starting in December.

## Hopkins High School & Middle School Community Walkers

All community members who wish to walk the halls during the fall and winter months are welcome.



**Where:** Hopkins High School  
6:15-7:15 a.m.

Hopkins Middle School 3:30-6:00 p.m.  
Please Enter Through The Main Doors

### **Expectations:**

Please honor our walking times.  
Children must be accompanied by parents.  
No walking on days when school is not in session.

If you have any questions call the High School at 793-7616 or the Middle School at 793-7407.



## HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS Playgroup

Children birth through 5

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Hopkins Elementary Cafeteria

- **January 6**
- **February 3**
- **March 3**
- **March 31**



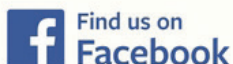
# a future so bright,



## THEY'VE GOT TO WEAR SHADES....

Join us each month for FREE learning opportunities, parent-child interaction, access to community services, networking, parent education, a take home book, a snack and, of course, fun and socialization.

Contact Ashley Swainston at 616-366-2804  
or ashlswai@hpsvikings.org.



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**Hopkins Public Schools District Calendar  
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR**

<b>Dec. 21-30</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
<b>Jan. 2</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
<b>Jan. 18</b>	½ day for Students
<b>Feb. 16</b>	½ day for Students
<b>Feb. 17</b>	Mid Winter Break - No School
<b>Mar. 10</b>	2nd Trimester Ends ½ day for Students
<b>Apr. 3-7</b>	Spring Break
<b>Apr. 14</b>	½ day for Students & Staff
<b>Apr. 28</b>	½ day for Students
<b>May 29</b>	Memorial Day – No School
<b>June 8</b>	½ day for Students & Teachers
<b>June 9</b>	½ day for Students- Last Day

**Meeting Schedule of the Hopkins Public School  
District Board of Education 2016-2017**

<b>Dec. 19</b>	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm.
<b>Jan. 16</b>	Regular/Organizational Meeting @ 7:00pm.
<b>Feb. 20</b>	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm.
<b>Mar. 6</b>	Work Session Meeting @ 5:30.
<b>Mar. 20</b>	Regular/Organizational Meeting @ 7:00pm at Sycamore Elementary.
<b>Apr. 17</b>	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
<b>May 1</b>	Work Session Meeting @ 5:30.
<b>May 15</b>	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
<b>June 5</b>	Work Session Meeting @ 5:30pm.
<b>June 19</b>	<b>Budget Hearing @ 6:45pm</b>
<b>June 19</b>	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm

**MISSING OUT???**

**If you know of someone who is not  
receiving this publication and would like to,  
please call 793-7261 to add their name to our  
mailing list.**

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Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in activities.

**WHO TO CALL**

If you have questions about specific school operations, policies, or activities, please refer to this handy list.

**ADMINISTRATION**

400 Clark Street, Hopkins MI 49328 793-7261  
Superintendent – Gary Wood  
Business Manager – Katie Jager

**HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL**

333 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7616  
Principal – Ken Szczepanski  
Athletic Director – Adam Valk  
Assistant Principal – Jessica Robrahn

**HOPKINS MIDDLE SCHOOL**

215 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7407  
Principal – Scott Stockwell  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dean of Students – Patrick O'Dell

**HOPKINS ELEMENTARY**

400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7286  
Principal – Scott VanBonn

**SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY**

2163 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323 681-9189  
Principal – Amy Mielke

**TRANSPORTATION**

2746 22<sup>ND</sup> Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7121  
Transportation/Operations Supervisor – Jon Tew

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 793-7261  
Special Education Director – Mary Gordon

**HOPKINS BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Members of the Board of Education would like to keep lines of communications open with the community they serve. Please feel free to call with your comments and concerns.

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