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HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT **Viking View**

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Congratulations Grads!!

HOPKINS VIKINGS



CLASS OF 2016

From the Superintendent...



Gary Wood

By the time you read this, the 2015-2016 school year will have come to an end. As this issue of the Viking View demonstrates, it has been another great year for Hopkins Public Schools. Our high school was awarded the Silver Medal for academic excellence by U.S. News & World Report. Individuals, teams and clubs also had great success during the year. Many of those have been highlighted in the newsletter. There have been numerous fundraising efforts throughout the school year showing that our students, staff and community have big hearts and a desire to help those in need.

Instructionally, our district continues to focus on RtI (Response to Intervention). If you have a child that still talks to you about what is happening at school, you may have heard about this. This is a multi-tier approach to the early identification and support of students with learning and behavior needs.

As is the case with most school districts in Michigan, adequate funding continues to be a challenge. Thank you for supporting our sinking fund proposal in May. These funds will allow us to make significant improvements to our facilities over the next five years. We also have an 18 mill non-homestead renewal on the August ballot. These locally generated funds are essential for our district to operate.

I would like to take the opportunity to say good luck to our staff members who are retiring and will not be returning to our schools in the fall. I wish you and your families the best going forward.

Finally, congratulations to all of our new Viking alumni. The Class of 2016 will be missed, and we wish them the best as they move on to the next stage of their lives. We are looking forward to our incoming kindergarten and young 5 students who will be joining our student body this fall.

Have a great summer!

Last year we had an unfortunate incident where a derogatory term was written on the side of the car belonging to one of our minority students. This incident was well publicized in the news and in social media. Since that incident, the district has formed a diversity committee "to create a physically and emotionally safe and inclusive environment for all students, staff, and parents which promotes diversity, dignity, understanding, respect and caring for all." This committee has been meeting throughout the year. I encourage you to take a look at our diversity flyer to learn more about what the district has been doing to meet this goal. The flyer can be found on our website under the "District" link. If you have any questions, please contact the administrative office.

Coin War



Pictured from left to right: Fifth grade student council officers Gracie Langlois, Faith Phillips & Corrie Wissner.

At the end of April, the Hopkins Elementary Student Council held a coin war. All classes in the building participated, earning a building total of \$1,115.48. The money collected is being split to help the families of Dawson Babiak and Tobin Crook in their brave fight against childhood cancer. The top earning class was Mrs. DuChene's fifth grade who earned a pizza party! Great job to the kids and staff at Hopkins Elementary for their hard work!

Scotty's Firehouse



The Hopkins Fire Department once again hosted the Scotty Firehouse for children in Young 5's through 2nd grade. The firefighters did a great job teaching all the kids about fire safety. Mr. Collier posed for a quick picture with his daughter and Mrs. Modreske's first grade class.

Hopkins Elementary
Open House
Wednesday, August 31st
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Welcome "Elle" the Asian Elephant

Elephant artist Lori Hough has done a number of full size sculptures that she created and then donated to the John Ball Zoo. One of which was a ¼ view of a full size Asian elephant. Unfortunately, no place was ever found large enough to display the elephant and the piece was warehoused in a storage barn, never being appreciated by the public and therefore decided to be donated by Director Brenda Stringer to Hopkins Elementary School.



Young 5's Explore the Life Cycle of a Chicken

The young fives have been busy learning about the chicken life cycle in class and waited for 21 days while they incubated 12 chicken eggs. On May 2nd, five chickens hatched! Over the next 24 hours two more arrived. They kept them in their room for about a week and a half before they went to the farm.



Art Show

The Hopkins Elementary Spring Art Show and cupcake fundraiser was held on Thursday, May 12. The walls of the school were filled with a variety of art projects for everyone to enjoy along with the cupcakes. It was a huge success!



Mrs. Merren's Flat People Travel to Texas



Abby Dimock displaying the picture of her flat person riding a stuffed bull.



Blake Schwartz's flat person was able to watch a ferris wheel.



Miley Runkel's flat person helped feed a hog and Bree Ann Long's flat person took care of baby chicks.



Titus Baier showing off the picture of his flat person at the ocean.

Mrs. Merren's students read the book Flat Stanley this year and made their very own flat people. At the same time, a preschool in Corpus Christi, Texas was reading the same book. The preschoolers sent us their flat people to put outside during the winter and then they took pictures of our flat people hanging out in Texas. We wrote letters to each other telling the other group what we eat and do for fun in our state.



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Girls on the Run

Hopkins El. 3rd - 5th grade Girls on the Run team collected over 100 boxes of cereal for the county wide cereal drive for their community project!



HOPKINS FFA



Hopkins FFA Alumni:

This picture represents a small portion of our alumni present at this year's State FFA Convention. Our chapter could not survive without our alumni's support in numerous areas including, but not limited to, chaperoning, coaching, shopping, cooking, organizing, fundraising, and much more. They are a hardworking and dedicated group whose work often goes unnoticed behind the scenes. They deserve a huge thank you for all they do to help grow the agriculture industry and tomorrow's leaders!

Hopkins FFA Chapter Receives High Honors at State Convention

East Lansing, MI - At the 88th Michigan FFA State Convention held at Michigan State University March 9-11, the Hopkins FFA Chapter was named top 10 in the state of MI through the National Chapter Award Program. In addition, 12 members received state recognition in leadership contests and/or state level awards.



Several members were recognized with a state level award based on their academics and FFA involvement. Megan Heft, Alex Ludlam, Lexie Wilson, and Ashley Rodanhisler received an Academic Excellence award based on their GPA and participation in agriscience courses. Megan Heft and Alex Ludlam received their Outstanding Junior award based on their Supervised Agricultural Experience project, FFA involvement, and academics. Madeline Henrickson and Ashley Rodanhisler received their State FFA Degrees. This is the highest degree bestowed upon an FFA member at the state level based on income earned from their Supervised Agricultural Experience project outside of class, FFA involvement above the chapter level, and academics.

Alex Ludlam and Madeline Henrickson received state honors for their respective Supervised Agricultural Experience programs. Ludlam was named the state winner in Sheep Production based on her work on her family's sheep farm. She currently owns 28 ewes herself and assists her family with raising a flock of sheep that carries a specific trait called GM1 Gangliosidosis which is

being used in research to treat Huntington's disease. Madeline Henrickson was the state winner in Agriscience Research Plant Systems through her work on her family's crop farm. With the support of her father, Henrickson has organized and conducted three years of soybean research on her family farm in Allegan.

Hopkins qualified in six state leadership contests by placing either first or second at the district and

regional level in February. Out of 29 students competing at the district level, 19 advanced to regionals, and 10 qualified for state. Three state competitors received silver medals - Mariah Marvin in Creed Speaking, Vanessa Veld in Junior High Speaking, and Samantha Modreske in Greenhand Speaking. Bailey Couch received a 4th place gold medal in Junior High Speaking. Megan Heft, Rachel Velderman, and Ashley Rodanhisler were named the state alternate team in Agricultural Issues with their presentation on Urban Chickens. Lexie Wilson, MaKenna Davies, and Laura Velderman, earned the honor of being named the state winning demonstration team with their demonstration titled, "Liquid Gold: Bee Keeping at its Best."

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth, and career success through agricultural education. The Michigan FFA Association operates as a state affiliate under the federally chartered National FFA Organization.



State Proficiency Winners - Alex Ludlam and Madeline Henrickson



State broiler winner and state alternate - Nolan Schricker and Kaelyn Pepperm



State Vice President, Samantha Ludlam, introducing her parents, Mike and Heather Ludlam, receiving their Honorary FFA Degree

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8th Graders visit CareerQuest 2016



Hopkins eighth grade students traveled to DeVos Place in Grand Rapids on May 10th for CareerQuest 2016. This is a highly engaging hands-on career fair highlighting jobs in the fast-growing sectors of information technology, manufacturing, construction trades, and healthcare. Students were able to experiment with tools and machinery, see demonstrations of actual job tasks, and talk to experts in each field about how to be prepared for career success. This event, in addition to our visit to Western Michigan University later in May, caps off a number of college and career awareness activities that 8th graders have completed to prepare for their transition to high school.



Salmon in the Classroom at HMS

On Friday, May 13th the HMS 7th graders took part in releasing 155 salmon at the Wise Preserve. It was the culmination of a six month classroom program called Salmon in the Classroom where local schools work with the Michigan DNR and Trout Unlimited Chapters. The salmon were raised in Mr Reszka's room starting out with 200 eggs in November. The fish in May are about 3-4 inches long and are ready to smolt. Many of the Hopkins 7th graders are hoping to come back in the Fall in three years when these chinook salmon should return as adults to begin their spawning ritual.

HMS Junior Equestrian



Congratulations to the Hopkins Junior Equestrian Team for winning the B Division District Championship!

The Hopkins Junior Equestrian team, comprised of 10 Middle School Students from Hopkins, St Stans, Innocademy (Zeeland) and Moline Christian, competed with 12 other schools from West Michigan at the MIHA District 19 Junior Equestrian Team Meet. The competition was held at the Barry County Expo Center near Hastings on May 14. They battled rain, wind and snow while they dominated the competition with many 1st place winners in many events including Western Equitation, Hunt Seat Equitation, Jumping, Reining, Trail, Cloverleaf Race, Flag Race, Stakes Race, Two Person Relay and Saddle Seat pattern.



7th Annual 5k

May 20, 2016 marked the seventh running of the Hopkins Middle School 5K. This year 341 students participated, as well as many of the Middle School staff. Students practiced for this race for two months during Phys. Ed. Some topics discussed during this unit were goal setting, pushing yourself, leaving your comfort zone, and not giving up, as well as running strategies such as pace, stride, and breathing.

Congratulations to Mary Wells, who broke the school record for 6th grade girls with a time of 24:19. Michael Barry (21:09) was the 6th grade boys winner. First place in the seventh grade went to Nate Rillema (21:23) and Paris Cornielle (26:09), both repeat winners. 8th grade winners were Grace Beckwith (24:27), her 3rd victory, and Todd Henley (19:36). Special recognition goes to those students who were able to improve their time from last year. Unfortunately, there are too many of these students to list.

One particular student was able to knock off 20 minutes from their 6th grade time to their 8th grade time!

Students were also asked to find friends or family to sponsor their 5K participation. Our students raised nearly \$800, all of which goes to the Annetta Jansen Food Pantry in Dor, which serves nearly 600 local families every month. Top fundraisers were Tyler Weber, Gage Pepper, Trevor Kamphuis, and Ethan Howe. A big thank you goes to all students who helped raise this money and those in the community who sponsored a runner.

Another big thank you goes to the volunteers who helped make this year's event go so smoothly, Julie Schans, Colleen Robbe, Becky Bliet, Laura Schultz, Julie Stallard, and Kelly Smith.

All of these factors are what makes Hopkins a special school and community. The amount of giving done in this community never ceases to amaze!

HMS Students Go Into the Wild



Holding the fruits of their labor are (from left to right) Mackenzie Bowen, Danny Rooks, Devon DeGroot, Dylan Harris, Logan Underwood, Donovan Veld, Jack Fleeman (hiding), and Tony Whipple.

Mrs. Garret's (Mrs. Thornell) E.I. Class ventured forth into the wilds on an immersion field trip to complete their reading project based on the book "Hatchet" by Gary Paulson.

Students, using the simplest of fishing tackle had to acquire their own food from nature.

4th and 5th Choir Club Program



This year, Mr. Oaster (our district's M.S. and H.S. Choir Director), continued for the 2nd year in a row an after school 4th and 5th elementary level choir club at BOTH Sycamore Elementary and Hopkins Elementary. Over seventy 4th and 5th grade students attended after school rehearsals from January through May. This year's students got the chance to perform their two pieces at the annual M.S. and H.S. Spring Choir/Art Concerts on May 17th, 2016. Mr. Oaster and the Vocal Music Boosters look forward to continuing this after school program for our 4th and 5th grade students in future years. Come join in the fun next year!

1st grade research projects

Sycamore's first graders were partnered together to research an animal and create a project that they shared with their classmates. They gathered many facts and organized their research paper into such areas as habitat, characteristics, and feeding needs. Times were set up for other grade levels to visit and hear students give their reports and parents were invited in as well.



Field day



The entire Sycamore student body and staff had a great day at Salem Park for our annual field day. Students participated in fun events like an obstacle course, a soccer relay, the long jump, the softball throw, and different running events.

Mackinac Island



Sycamore's 5th graders and parents had a great educational trip to the island again this year. There were many fabulous stops on the tour - Fort Michilimackinac, Fort Mackinac, a tour and buffet lunch at the Grand Hotel, a carriage ride, and a bike ride around the island.



District & State Solo & Ensemble Festival

The Hopkins High School Chamber Choir students traveled to Grand Valley State University on Saturday, February 6th, 2016 to take part in **District Solo & Ensemble Festival**. Together, they performed two choral pieces in front of an adjudicator/judge. The Chamber Choir received a variety of comments which highlighted both areas of needed improvement, as well as their strengths within their pieces. Choirs that perform that day also receive a rating/score for their performance. In addition to the positive educational experience of that day, the Hopkins Chamber Choir also received a high enough score to qualify for **State Solo & Ensemble Festival** which took place on Saturday, April 16th at Portage Central High School. The Hopkins Chamber Choir has consistently received "Excellent" ratings at the District and State festivals over the past decade. This, in large, is due to the high level of dedication, commitment, and overwhelming perseverance of the students and families within the Vocal Music Department.

2016 SWMVF Honors Choir Students:

On March 24th both High School Choirs (the Hopkins Concert Choir and Chamber Choir) traveled to Miller Auditorium at Western Michigan University to participate in the South Western Michigan Vocal Festival (SWMVF). SWMVF is a mass choir participation based festival that specializes in creating the unique experience of rehearsing and performing with over 800 other local students a variety of choral repertoire throughout one festival day. In addition to the mass choral experience, one Hopkins student auditioned for, and was also accepted into, the 2016 SWMVF Honors Choir. Honors choir students perform three additional pieces during the concert. Congratulations to the following Hopkins SWMVF Honors Choir student: Hosley Werner - Bass.

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL - HONOR GRADS



Thomas
Arbanas



Bailey
Ballard



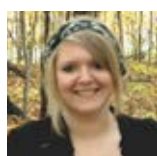
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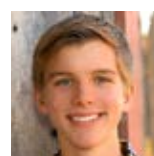
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Emma
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Josie
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Madeleine
Gaca



Ashlie
Gilchrist



Caleb
Harms



Brianna
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Madeline
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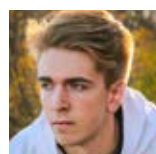
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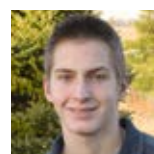
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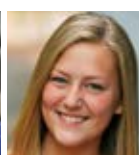
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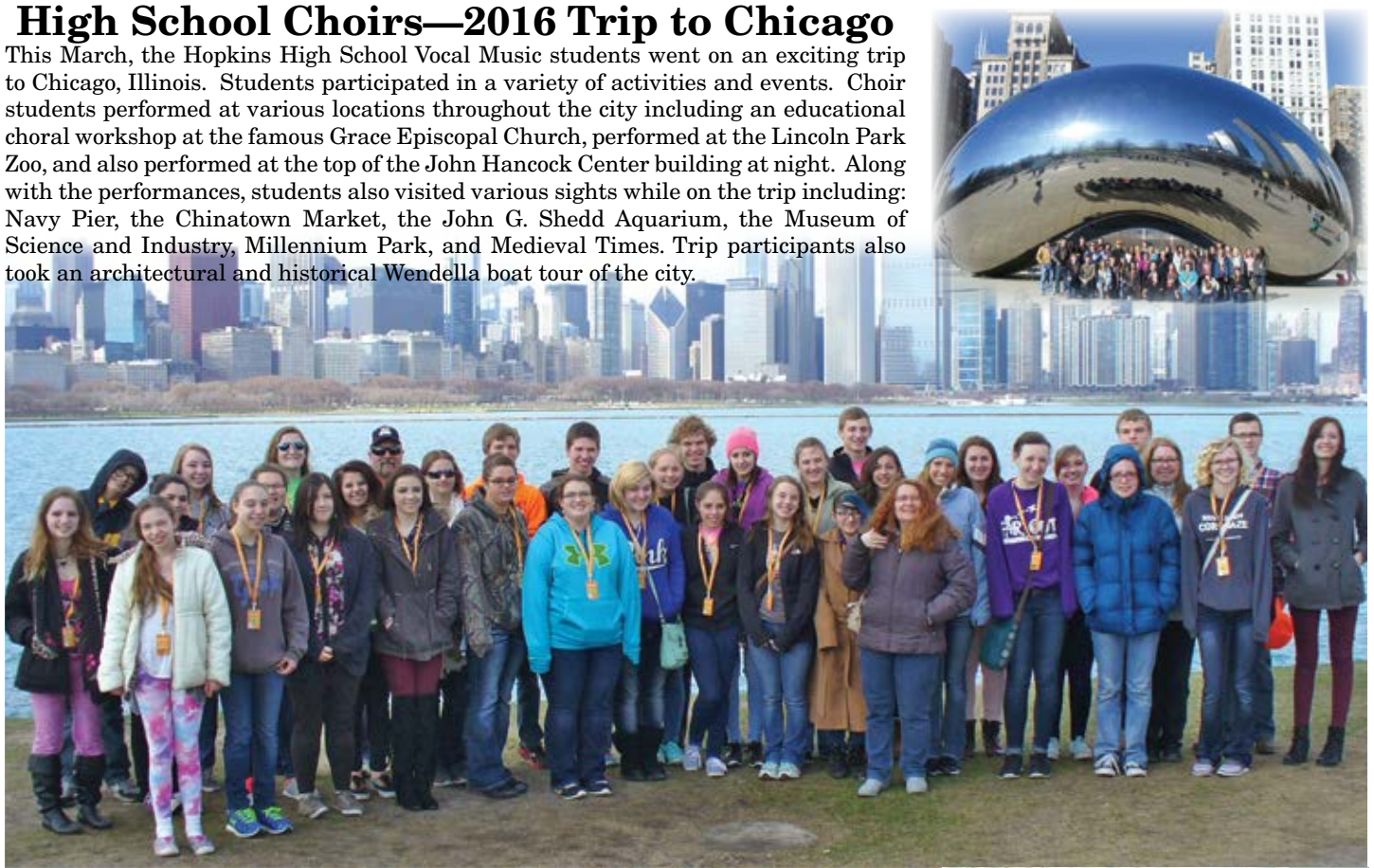
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High School Choirs—2016 Trip to Chicago

This March, the Hopkins High School Vocal Music students went on an exciting trip to Chicago, Illinois. Students participated in a variety of activities and events. Choir students performed at various locations throughout the city including an educational choral workshop at the famous Grace Episcopal Church, performed at the Lincoln Park Zoo, and also performed at the top of the John Hancock Center building at night. Along with the performances, students also visited various sights while on the trip including: Navy Pier, the Chinatown Market, the John G. Shedd Aquarium, the Museum of Science and Industry, Millennium Park, and Medieval Times. Trip participants also took an architectural and historical Wendella boat tour of the city.



FIRST Robotics Wrap up for 2015/2016

The robotics teams from Hopkins Public schools had a very productive year. The season started in the fall with the high school team competing at Kettering and Zeeland. The team missed winning a three peat of the West Michigan Robotics Invitational by finishing in second place.

The middle school teams met from September through December and created a robot that could climb a mountain, rescue climbers and hang on a bar for extra points. The teams competed at Allendale and East Kentwood. One of the two teams finished in First and the other finished in second place at both events. The winning team finished in 4th place in the Michigan State Championship and earned a spot in the "Super Regional" in Iowa. They finished in 4th place out of the top 72 teams from 12 states in the Super Regional. Great Job Tech Vikes.

The High School team met from January through April and created a very competitive robot. The robot could drive over many obstacles such as moats, drawbridges, rock walls and go under a low bar to score balls into an enemy castle. The robot needed to pick up the balls from the carpeted floor and shoot them into the tower opening 7 feet above the playing surface while fending off opposing robots trying to block there progress.



The team competed at GVSU and Kentwood High school. They finish in 2nd place at GVSU and 3rd place at Kentwood. They finish in 8 place out of 411 teams in the State of Michigan at the State Championship. The team also competed for the 6th straight year at the World Championship in St. Louis. The team finish the season in the top 4% of the over 4,000 teams from 38 countries from around the world.

It is now the "off Season" and the team is busy with Community Service projects. They have helped with the Team Dawson Lego Drive, demonstrated their robots to Governor Synder, helped at a Hospice charity event and entertained residents at Byron Manor. The summer will be filled with fun events like "Robo Camp", parade floats, sponsor visits and training for next year.

If you are interested in joining the fun contact Bill Bauman at 616-681-9673 or techvikes@gmail.com

HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS 11

HOPE Scholarships :
Hopkins Elementary- **Brianna Hendee**
Sycamore Elementary- **Kate Bockheim**
Hopkins Lions Club Scholarship
Bailey Ballard
Hopkins Area Business and Recreation
Committee
Clayton Conner
Hopkins High School Student
Council Scholarship-
Shelby Henshaw
Hopkins High School
Alumni Scholarship –
Lauren Myers
Zach Blank
Hopkins Area Education
Foundation Scholarships
Madeline Henrickson
Shelby Henshaw

Scholarship for Excellence in
Language Arts-
Amber Bliek
Scholarship for Excellence in Social
Studies-
Matt Wila
Principal's Leadership Award -
Shelby Henshaw
Don Jobe Memorial Scholarship -
Amber Bliek
Dorr Business Association-
Emma Fernhout
Perrigo Science Scholarship-
Madeline Henrickson
Perrigo Math Scholarship-
Olivia Smit
United Bank of Michigan Citizenship
Scholarships –
Julia Osterhouse
Caleb Harms

Joan Iciek Weick Women in Education
Scholarship-
Carrie Raaymakers
Bill Weick Young Men in Business
Scholarship-
Brandon Ryan
Hopkins Area Firefighters Scholarship-
Bailey Ballard
Gun Lake Casino Scholarship-
Sydney Dykstra
Kaelee Noble Memorial Community Cares
Scholarships-
Josie Freybler
Olivia Smit
Cleyton Frank
Marine Option NROTC Scholarship-
Jimmy Lipscomb

OUTSTANDING PEOPLE FOR EDUCATION



2016 Nominees

Back Row: Jacob Oaster, Diane Kamps, Shelley Hall, Jason Babiak, Robert Wiersema, Ronda Gilbert, William Spoelhof, Phil Moerdyke, Cody Francis, Zach Miller, Kayla Koert, Lynden Berkimer, Jocelyn Wright-Newman, Jennifer Hitchcock, Darla Lane, Katelyn Marckini, Jessica Couch

Front Row: Jen Belka, Lisa Nagengast, Melissa Garrett, Stephanie Caulder, Casey Schoenborn, Gloria Simpson, Jessica Williams, Amy Cribley, Deb Tew, Jan Lodenstein

Not Pictured: Brian Ballard, Rachel Cimek, Todd Crook, James Kiss, Sue Madalinski, Patrick O'Dell, Vicki Swainston, Tara Winchester



2016 Award Winners:

Superintendent Gary Wood with Vicki Swainston

Not Pictured: Jason Babiak, James Kiss



Hopkins High School
Athletic Hall of Fame Nominee
Information Sheet



NOTE: NOMINEE MUST HAVE GRADUATED 10 YEARS PRIOR TO NOMINATION OR HAVE RETIRED FROM COACHING - COMPLETE AS MUCH OF THE FORM AS POSSIBLE

Name of Nominee: _____
(First, Middle, Last)

Maiden Name (if applicable): _____

Please check appropriate nomination category

Athlete ☐ Coach ☐ Team ☐ Distinguished Service ☐

Please indicate if the nominee is: deceased ☐ living ☐

If deceased, please list close living family member: _____

Nominee's current address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Educational Background

High School: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

College: _____ Date of Graduation: _____

Sport(s): _____

Year(s): _____

Nominator Name: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Do you wish to remain anonymous? Yes ☐ No ☐

High School Athletic Awards (most valuable player, all conference, all state, etc.) _____

High School Career Highlights (most points in a contest, winning streak, school records, etc.) _____

Collegiate Athletic Achievements (awards, special highlights, captain, etc.) _____

Athletic contributions after high school or college (coaching, officiating, etc.) _____

If a non-Hopkins athlete, list all contributions made to Hopkins High School Athletics. _____

Please attach any other documentation you deem necessary for the committee.

Please send this form to
Adam Valk
333 S. Clark St.
Hopkins, MI 49328

College Signing

Best wishes to Bailey Ballard who signed with Aquinas for track, Chloe DeVries who signed with Grace College for basketball, Jake Sapp who signed with Kalamazoo Valley for basketball and Jonah Oman who signed with Hope for hockey. Congratulations!



Bailey Ballard



Chloe DeVries

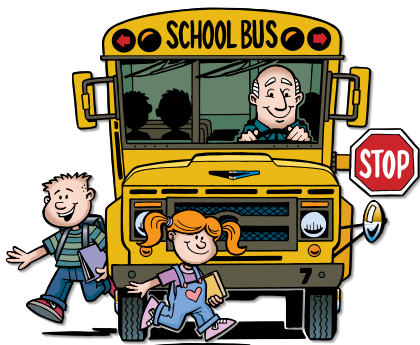


Jake Sapp



Jonah Oman

Bus Drivers Needed



EARN INCOME
– Starting pay
\$16.20 per hour

SCHEDULE THAT WORKS WITH THE SCHOOL SCHEDULE – Summers and breaks free to be with your family. Work as a substitute or pursue more hours as a regular driver.

TRAINING PROVIDED, NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED.

Join Hopkins team of drivers who provide safe, quality transportation to our students. Call Jennifer Frank today to inquire [\(269\) 793-7121](tel:269-793-7121).


Goldenage Lifetime Pass

If you are 60 years of age or older you are eligible for a Hopkins Public Schools Goldenage Pass. This is good for admission to all “home” Hopkins School activities. Stop by the administration office (located at the north end of Hopkins Elementary) to get yours today.


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.

Give Blood



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American Red Cross
#ChooseYourDay

Blood Drive

Hopkins High School

333 Clark Street

Wednesday, July 13, 2016

12:00 – 5:45 PM

Sponsored by the National Honor Society.

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

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HOPKINS COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY
322 N MAPLE STREET HOPKINS, MI 49328
ALL HOPKINS SCHOOL DISTRICT RESIDENTS
ARE WELCOME
HOURS: WED 10-1 & THURS 5-7
OR BY APPOINTMENT
269-793-7323

FOOD SERVICES

Hopkins Public Schools Food Service June 2016



What a way to end the 15-16' school year!!!
Hopkins Elementary & Sycamore Elementary both enjoyed a great show from Jill & DJ Nick.



14 VIKING VOLUNTEERS

Mrs. Pam DeMaagd has been volunteering in Mrs. Secor's fourth-grade classroom at Sycamore Elementary since January of 2015. She has been in the classroom for at least four hours a day, almost every single school day since that time. Mrs. DeMaagd retired from Mary Free Bed Hospital in January 2015. She and her husband Dan live on East Lake in Hopkins. Mrs. DeMaagd immediately began volunteering at Sycamore and has become an asset to us as she helps students one-on-one and in small groups. This year, in particular, we have a large class, and having an extra adult in the room is exactly what we need. The support she gives to me as a teacher is so valuable. Every teacher knows there is always that pile of papers that we just never get to, or even more importantly, that student who needs just a little more of your time. Mrs. DeMaagd has been that "just a little bit more" for me. She is so kind and caring towards our Sycamore students. We love and appreciate her selfless dedication to helping children succeed!

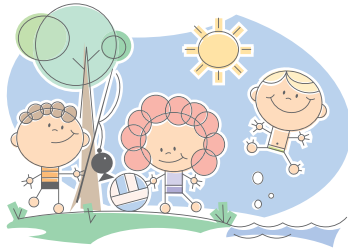


Stephanie Clement

The key to our success relies in people like Stephanie. Her passion to help and support her children, their teachers and the school is commendable. As I (Mrs. Norg) transitioned through my first year at Hopkins I have been blessed by so many amazing parents and Stephanie has been right there along the way to support in every way she can! She has been a key player in making this community a great place to work! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

COMMUNITY

Great Parents, Great Start: Play (&Learn) Group



Children birth through 5 years of age (and their older sibling helpers)

Join us on August 5th, 2016, at the Wise Farm Preserve (15th Street south of 128th Ave) for a nature scavenger hunt at 9:30 a.m. In the event of inclement weather, a library scavenger hunt will be held in the Hopkins District Library at 10:00 a.m. There are no bathrooms on the grounds.

Contact Ashley Swainston, Hopkins Family Coach at www.facebook.com/hpsvikingsplaygroup, ashlswai@hpsvikings.org or 616-366-2804 with questions.

Also, check the HPSVikingsplaygroup Facebook page and future issues of the Viking View for our 2016/2017 Play (&Learn) group Schedule.

VETERANS DAY

If you know someone who would be interested in serving as our guest speaker this year at our Veteran's Day Ceremony please contact Jennifer at the High School Office
(269) 793-7616.



Hopkins Area Education Foundation

In 1985, Hopkins Public Schools received a unique gift. This gift, a 55 acre parcel of land now called the L.M. Wise Educational Preserve, is a gift of continuing significant value. The land is historically significant as it was where the areas first settlers put down roots in 1837.



Mr. Leslie Wise

When this generous donation was made by Mr. Wise, the Hopkins Area Education Foundation (H.A.E.F.) was created to carry out his wishes. He wanted to financially support school organizations and to develop and maintain the preserve for educational, historical, and recreational use long into the future.

The H.A.E.F. Mission

The Hopkins Area Education Foundation has been created to enhance the quality of life and education for the students and community members of the Hopkins Public Schools. The foundation will generate and distribute financial and other resources, beyond the normal operating budget of the Hopkins Public Schools and the Wise Educational Preserve to stimulate creative educational opportunities, expand community involvement from individuals, business and civic organizations and facilitate the growth and expansion of facilities and services of the Hopkins Public Schools and Wise Educational Preserve.

The H.A.E.F committee has generated funds for senior scholarships, FFA Washington Leadership conference, numerous teacher mini grants for classroom use, supported the school's play productions, music camp scholarships, the FFA Barn construction project, the football stadium, science awards, community baseball/softball field project, and we have donated to the Allegan County College Access Network.

At the Preserve the completion of removing dead ash trees and planting the last lawn area was completed this spring. Youth groups such as the Robotics team, FFA, various Boy Scouts groups, Eagle Scouts and Girl Scout troops spend numerous hours out at the preserve completing projects for community service credit.

For the past 22 years our main fundraiser has been "Get Away Weekend" and reverse raffle. All proceeds help to support the Wise Preserve and various scholarships/grants. This years event will be October 15, 2016 at the Ramada Inn, Exit 2 (Ohio Turnpike), Bryan-Montpelier, Ohio. Only 300 tickets are sold with varies prize money distributed throughout the raffle. The last ticket drawn is worth \$12,000 or the 10 tickets left have an option to split. This is a great evening of music, food, and much fun for all. If you are interested in joining in on the fun and supporting your community at the same time, please contact any of the board members for more information.

Foundation Board Members

Brent Sebright . . . 269-793-3203	Rick Harmsen . . . 269-793-7252
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Are you looking to spend some of your extra time volunteering? We are in need of a few new members on the H.A.E.F. committee. If interested please let us know.

If you would like to make a donation to the foundation for a particular project or just in general, please send to Hopkins Area Education Foundation, Box 296, Hopkins, MI 49328.

Sometimes to make a difference you have to BE the difference.

Your generosity will make a difference in our community!

The Wise Preserve is open to the public, come on out and enjoy it. Have a picnic under the pavilion, walk the trails and explore.

Substitute Positions

Hopkins Public Schools utilizes EDUStaff to facilitate substitute teaching positions. You must have an account registered with EDUStaff to be considered for a substitute position at Hopkins Public Schools. In order to get an account setup, please follow the directions below:

- Go to www.EDUStaff.org
- Top left hand corner, click on "Start Application"
- Complete the online application (process will take about 30 minutes to two hours depending on employee type)
- Call EDUStaff with any questions or concerns at 877.974.6338
- Monthly \$25/per building gift card drawings.

WHO TO CALL

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

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793-7261

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HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

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Assistant Principal – Jessica Robrahn

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8th Grade Dean of Students – Patrick O'Dell

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Principal – Scott VanBonn

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Principal – Amy Mielke

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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.

Hopkins Public Schools District Calendar 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR

September 6 - First Day of School

Summer Office Hours-2016

Administration Office

OPEN Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED Fridays

We will be closed on June 30 for cleaning

Hopkins Elementary Office

Office Hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

CLOSED June 24-August 19

OPEN Monday, August 22 Full Time

Sycamore Elementary School

Office Hours: 7:15-3:45

OPEN - Full time through June 17

OPEN - July 7, 11, 18, 25, 26

August 1, 2, 4, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, 31

September 1

OPEN - Full time beginning September 6

Hopkins Middle School & High School

Office hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

OPEN - Wednesdays in July after July 4

OPEN - Full time beginning August 22nd

Transportation Office

Office hours: 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

OPEN Every Wednesday Until August 15

OPEN Full time August 15

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