

JUNE 2021

VIKING VIEW

A PUBLICATION OF THE HOPKINS BOARD OF EDUCATION

"Cultivating Lifelong Learners Who Contribute To A Global Community"

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



By the time you read this, the 2020-2021 school year will have come to an end. There is no doubt that this has been the most difficult year for students, parents and staff that I have witnessed in my 35 years as an educator. Despite the many challenges that we faced, we persevered.

Many adjustments were made in order to do some of the things we were accustomed to doing. Art shows, musicals, robotics, FFA, athletics and other events were streamed live or digitally recorded for viewing. Some activities were started, forced to stop, start again – well, you get the picture. It was a year of chaos and adaption.

This edition of the Viking View focuses on some of the achievements and successes of our students. It also highlights our seniors. Congratulations to our newest Viking alumni – the members of the Class of 2021. We wish you well as you move on to the next stage of your lives.

Finally, 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. We wish you and your families all the best.

Have a great summer!

Yours in Education,
Gary Wood, Superintendent

Hopkins FFA Alumni Donates Book Barns

Hopkins FFA Alumni was proud and excited to deliver two book barns. One barn was designated to the Hopkins Elementary School library and the other one to the Sycamore Elementary School library. This delivery was made the first week of March – just in time to help celebrate with March being reading month.

The FFA Alumni applied for and received funds from the Board's Student Organization Grant. They used the \$500.00 in grant money to purchase books for both barns. The Alumni partnered with the Allegan County Farm Bureau's Promotion and Education Chairman, Ronda Gilbert. Ronda is a Sycamore Elementary educator and was a perfect fit to accomplish this task.

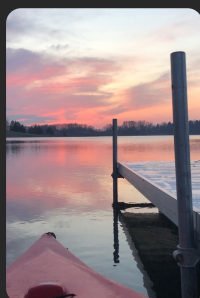
The team worked in cooperation with the Allegan County Farm Bureau who donated the barn structures and an additional \$500.00 in books. These "agricultural accurate books" will focus on teaching elementary students about all aspects of agriculture. Allegan County Farm Bureau will be adding a new book annually, building the agricultural book library through the years. The barn structures themselves had not been utilized in quite some time and were in need of a facelift. Alumni members Harry and Ann Kiraly donated their time and talents by remodeling the barns with shelves to be able to accommodate books of different shapes and sizes. Finally, the barns were finished with paint and vinyl detailing. The barns also contain a storage area inside where extra books can be kept, changed out and refreshed throughout the year.

FFA members will go to the schools and read book(s) as part of their elementary education initiative. The selected story times will be surrounded around other current FFA programs or focused literacy events that already exist. Some of these events are the annual Garden Project for the 2nd and 3rd graders, Ag in the classroom or Project Red, National Ag Week, Ag Literacy week and National Literacy month. During those events a drawing will be held where a winner will be selected and the student can take a book home to keep.

The FFA Alumni, chapter members and the Farm Bureau are excited for the future growth of this agricultural education project. Enjoy your books kids.

Congratulations to the HMS 2021 Photo Contest Winners!

- 1st Place- Maddy Johnson, 6th grade (\$50 prize)
- 2nd Place- Isabella Laskowski, 8th grade (\$30 prize)
- 3rd Place- Chloe Billman, 8th grade (\$20 prize)
- Honorable Mention- Sutton Collier, 6th grade (\$10 prize)



Left to right. Harry Kiraly Hopkins FFA Alumni member, Dawn Punches Hopkins FFA Alumni Vice President, Scott VanBonn Hopkins Elementary School Principal.

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Jarrett Fein-
Valedictorian



Ella Moomey-
Salutatorian



McKenna Battjes



Brianna Miller



Lindsey Bulich



McKenna Moorefield



Lauren Brown



Jeremy Schultz



Natalie McDonald



Bailey Couch

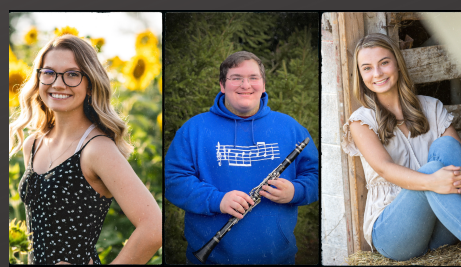
Honor Graduates



McKenna Battjes

Ashtyn Bennett

Rachel Black



Madison Bockheim

Tyler Bolenbaugh

Lauren Brown



Lindsey Bulich

Seth Burchardt

Jacqueline Clark



Bailey Couch

Piper-Rae Davis

Morgan Dykstra



Grace Fein

Jarrett Fein

Skyler Fleser



Kennedy Gill

Sara Gonzalez-Romero

Leah Helder



Rebekah Hendriksma

Camryn Iser

Dylan Keenan



Brianna Kensington

Liza Klingenberg

Skylar Laube

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Honor Graduates



Owen Lincoln
Matthew Maule
Natalie McDonald



Brianna Miller
Jillissa Miner
Jenna Mohr



Morgan Mohr
Ella Moomey
McKenna Moorefield



Austin Pickett
Dylan Roberts
Jacob Rodanhisler



Alayna Ryan
Cody Salmon
Jeremy Schultz



Emilee Schumacher
Olivia Sebright
Alayna Smith



Trevor Smith
Ashton Todd
Joshua Tripp



Hailey Tuinstra
Sofia VanSingel
Mallory Visser



Bridget Weller
Darci Williams
Alexis Zalis

CONGRATULATIONS

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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Annual Education Reports

The 2020-2021 district and school Annual Education Reports (AERs) are now available.

They can be accessed on our school website at www.hpsvikings.org. Paper copies are available at each school.

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Local Scholarships

Don Jobe Memorial Scholarship- Jarrett Fein

Switek Memorial Volleyball Scholarship- Lindsey Bulich, Natalie McDonald, Brianna Miller

Gary and Bonnie Funk Memorial Scholarship- Trevor Smith, Lindsey Bulich, Olivia Sebright

Hopkins High School Alumni Scholarships- Bailey Couch, Alayna Ryan

Scholarship for Excellence in Language Arts- Lauren Brown

Scholarship for Excellence in Social Studies- Jarrett Fein

Scholarship for Excellence in Science- Skyler Fleser

Scholarship for Excellence in Math- Jarrett Fein

United Bank of Michigan Citizenship Scholarships- Trevor Smith, Natalie McDonald

Dorr Business Association Scholarship- Olivia Sebright

Hopkins Area FireFighters Community Service Scholarship- Lindsey Bulich

Hopkins Area Business and Recreation Committee Scholarship- McKenna Battjes

Vocal Music Boosters Scholarships- McKenna Battjes, Alayna Ryan

Band Boosters Scholarships- Kara Noble, Jeremy Schultz, Jacqueline Clark

HOPE Scholarships: Rachel Black and Morgan Dykstra

Hopkins Lions Club Scholarship- Alexis Zalis

Breanna's Ride Scholarship- Jillissa Miner, Skylar Laube, Bailey Couch



*Celebrating
Retirement*



Sue Rigotti-Craig
37 Years



Jennifer Johnston
32 Years



Elisa Reed
26 Years



Karen Stein
22 Years

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

2021 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

We are honored to announce the newly selected National Honor Society members of the Odin Chapter of the Hopkins High School National Honor Society. Through the rigorous NHS Selection process teachers and staff of the Hopkins Public School district have determined that the following students are of exemplary Character, Service, and Leadership. We know that this group of students will continue to help others all while maintaining high academic standards.

Seniors

Hailey Tuinstra
Jacqueline Clark

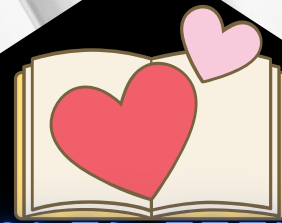
Juniors

Adam Ball
Sarah Ball
Grace Brenner
Tyler Brenner
Amber Burch
Sidney Caulder
Skyler Collier
Maddie Davis
Emily Dimock
Ryley Dykstra
Taylor Elenbaas
Alex Jackson
Maya Kerber
Logan Klinge
Bryce Kuhn

Brynn Landrigan
Kenton Landrigan

Max Landrigan
Riley Landrigan
Rian Langlois
Zoey Lovorn
Tanner Newman
Colby Robbe
Avery Roxbury
Alaina Schans
Trevor Shealy
Aaron Simmons
Zachary Stallard
Jay Steffes
Ashley Taylor
Eli TeHennepe
Caleb Tucker
Lia VanderVeen
Emily Veld

Sara Velderman
Cody Veldhouse
Mary Wells
Zach Wisser
Maali Wycof



READER FEEDER SUMMER SCHEDULE

Dates and times for the Reader Feeder are to be determined.

Check the HPS website and Facebook page for updates.

www.hpsvikings.org

Hopkins Food Service will be able to offer free meals to all students throughout the 21-22 School year as the USDA has passed a waiver to allow this to happen. Breakfast and lunch will be available for all students who attend the summer school programs this summer.



HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED YOU!

EDUStaff is an educational staffing company who specializes in training and providing quality substitute teachers (or guest teachers), substitute paraprofessionals, and other employee types to our partnering school districts. Founded in 2010, EDUStaff has quickly become known in the educational community for providing outstanding customer service to our partnering school districts, our external employees and our guest teachers!

BENEFITS OF BEING A GUEST TEACHER

Becoming a guest teacher provides great opportunity for every stage of life. Here are just a few:

- ✓ Flexible schedule to accept assignments when you want.
- ✓ Work in your child or grandchild's school.
- ✓ Make a positive difference in your community.
- ✓ Get a foot in the door at a school district as your potential future employer.
- ✓ If you like variety, EDUStaff offers a range of opportunities, which are customizable to your comfort level and experience.

GUEST TEACHER REQUIREMENTS

Per State of Michigan law, applicants must have one of the following to become a guest teacher:

- ✓ Current Michigan Teaching Certificate.
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- ✓ 60+ credit hours from an accredited community college, or an accredited college or university with no less than a 2.0 GPA verified with official transcripts (acceptance of this minimum is at the discretion of each individual school district).
- Note: Requires a \$45.00 substitute teaching permit applied for by EDUStaff
- ✓ Out of State Teaching Certificate with transcripts showing 60+ credit hours from an accredited community college, or an accredited college or university with no less than a 2.0 GPA.
- ✓ Anyone working in a K-12 setting must be fingerprinted and pass a criminal history background check.

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For more information contact our customer service department.



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INFORMATION. 269-793-7121



SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Administration Office
OPEN Monday – Thursday 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
CLOSED Fridays
Hopkins Elementary Office
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
CLOSED June 21-August 16
OPEN Most Wednesdays through June & July
Sycamore Elementary School
Office Hours: 7:30-3:30
OPEN July 13, 15, 26, 27, 29
OPEN August 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 19
OPEN Full time beginning August 23
Hopkins Middle School
Office hours: 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
OPEN Wednesdays and by appointment
Hopkins High School
Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Open Full Time until June 17th
Wednesdays starting July 14th
Full Time August 16th
Transportation Office
Office hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
OPEN Wednesdays



HES Virtual Math Night

Friday, March 12, all HES families were given a game night bag. The bag had over 11 printed games with directions, a deck of cards, dice, counters, and other materials needed for the games. The bags also had a bag of microwave popcorn for each family to enjoy. Along with the bag, all families got a Google Slide document with directions and videos on how to play the games. We encouraged our families to post pictures on our HES Facebook page showing their family playing a game together. The games were a fun way to spend time together and reinforce math skills!



2021 Hopkins High School Alumni News

Because of the continued threat of the Coronavirus the HHS Alumni officers have once again decided to postpone the annual HHS Alumni potluck luncheon. It was scheduled for noon on June 19, 2021 but it will be postponed until June 18, 2022. At that time we will be honoring three classes, the class of 1970, 1971 and 1972 for reaching 50 years since their graduations from Hopkins High School.

Since 2003, the HHS Alumni Association has awarded 33 scholarships and will be presenting two more scholarships to seniors from the class of 2021. If you or any other alumni would like to contribute to the scholarship fund please mail a check to Bob Hennip, Treasurer at 3664 18th Street, Wayland, MI 49348. If you wish to honor a classmate please include that information with your donation.

Because of the expense of mailing we ask that any alumni wishing to receive periodic updates to please forward their email address to Randy Zuidema at ajzuidema@outlook.com and also check us out on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/336357133370748>



The Hopkins Public School District Board of Education complies with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including sexual orientation or gender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry, or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its educational programs or activities, including employment opportunities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies: Superintendent of Schools, Hopkins Public Schools, 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 – 269 793-7261

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

ATHLETICS

COLLEGE SIGNINGS



Ashtyn Bennett-Wrestling
Adrian College



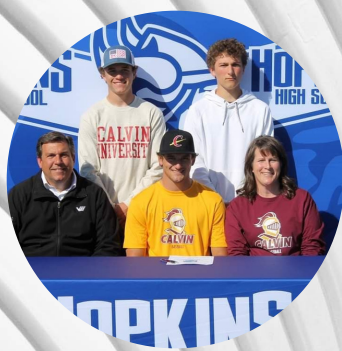
Piper Davis-Soccer
William Penn University



Kennedy Gill-Bowling
Belmont Abbey College



Collin Osborn-Football
College of DuPage



Matt Reynolds-Baseball
Calvin University



Alayna Ryan-Bowling
Cornerstone University



Olivia Sebright-Basketball
Aquinas College



Trevor Smith-Football
Albion College



Colin Weber-Football
UNC Charlotte

Not Pictured:
Luke Tuinstra-Wrestling
Sienna Heights

WINTER ALL CONFERENCE ATHLETES

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Mady Weber, Olivia Sebright (HM)

BOYS BASKETBALL

Trevor Smith, Colin Weber, Tristen Perry (HM)

BOWLING

Leah Helder, Kennedy Gill, Abby Simpson, Alayna Ryan (HM), Josh Tripp (HM)

COMPETITIVE CHEER

Rachel Black, Zoey Marshall, Sierra Smith, Raynee Damber, Faith Stark (HM), Nevaeh Stevens (HM)

WRESTLING

Ashtyn Bennett, Logan Klinge, Colton Kennedy

Sport schedules and summer camp info can be found at:
<https://hopkinsathletics.org/>

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BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Mondays at 6:00pm

June 21, 2021 Budget Hearing @5:45pm

June 21, 2021 Regular Meeting

July 19, 2021 Regular/Organizational Meeting

August 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

September 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

October 4, 2021 Work Session Meeting

October 18, 2021 Regular Meeting

November 1, 2021 Work Session

November 15, 2021 Regular Meeting @ Sycamore Elementary

December 13, 2021 Regular Meeting

January 17, 2022 Regular/Organizational Meeting

Board Finance Committee meets 30 minutes prior to regular meetings on the third Monday of each month.

*Meeting sites unless otherwise noted are at:

Hopkins Elementary School 400 Clark Street Hopkins, Michigan

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Minutes of the Board of Education meetings are on file at the Administration Office, 400 Clark Street, Hopkins, Michigan. To request information, call 269-793-7261 or visit.

REGULAR OFFICE HOURS:
7:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. DAILY

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

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Assistant Principal – Jessica Robrahn

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215 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Principal – Scott Stockwell
8th Grade Dean of Students – Patrick O'Dell

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400 Clark Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Principal – Scott VanBonn

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY 616-681-9189
2163 142nd Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323
Principal – Amy Mielke

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2746 22ND Street, Hopkins, MI 49328
Transportation – Jennifer Frank

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Special Education Director – Mary Gordon

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MEMBERS**

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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