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Children's Future"*

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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EUROPEAN VACATION

This summer I took a small group of high school students and parents on a trip to Europe. We visited Spain, France and Italy and even made a short trip to Monaco.

Even though it was the smallest group I have ever taken, we had an amazing time and learned so much! The trip began in Madrid, Spain where we visited the Prado Museum and took a boat ride in Retiro Park. Next, we went on to Barcelona. Here the highlights were La Sagrada Familia Basilica, Park Güell, and the historic district. From Spain we went on to southern France where we visited small fairytale-like cities such as Carcassonne and Avignon and even made a short visit to the country of Monaco.

The trip ended in Italy. Our favorite parts of Italy included the leaning tower of Pisa, the town of Assisi, the Duomo in Florence and the Colosseum in Rome. Needless to say this was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me and my students. I saw my students grow so much in their confidence and their abilities with travel & communication. We were able to practice a little bit of Spanish and learn so much about other people and cultures.

I have been leading trips like these every other year for the last 10 years. I love giving our students the opportunity to travel and learn about the world we live in and introduce them to new cultures. Our next trip we will be going to Costa Rica in the summer of 2020.

If you would like more information, please contact me @ carrpost@hpsvikings.org or (269)793-7616 x2101.



From the Superintendent...



Gary Wood

As summer comes to an end, we turn our focus to a new school year at Hopkins Public Schools. The staff has been busy making preparations to educate our children. Students will report for a full day of school on Tuesday, September 4; and we hope that they are ready and eager to learn. A complete calendar for the 2018-2019 school year is contained in this newsletter.

Each summer there are many changes that take place at our schools and this summer is no exception. Some changes will be obvious, such as the construction of the redesigned entry at the high school. This will help us provide better security for our students and staff. Our high school students will also have a new art room and a new science room in order to meet our curricular needs. These improvements were possible due to the sinking fund voters approved in 2016. I would also like to thank the voters for approving our non-homestead millage request on August 7. The maintenance and custodial staff have worked hard this summer to get the facilities ready for the new school year. Please remember to thank them for their hard work.

I am continually impressed with the level of family involvement in our school district. It assures me that you understand the important role that parents have in the education of their children. Please try to get involved in our schools by keeping in contact with your child's teachers. Attend school events such as open houses, concerts, sporting events, award programs, etc. Join parent organizations or other groups that support education. Volunteer to chaperone field trips, dances or to help in the classroom. Check with your child's teacher or principal for ways to become involved.

Finally, I would like to encourage our students to do their absolute best this year – it should be a good one.

Yours in Education,
Gary Wood, Superintendent

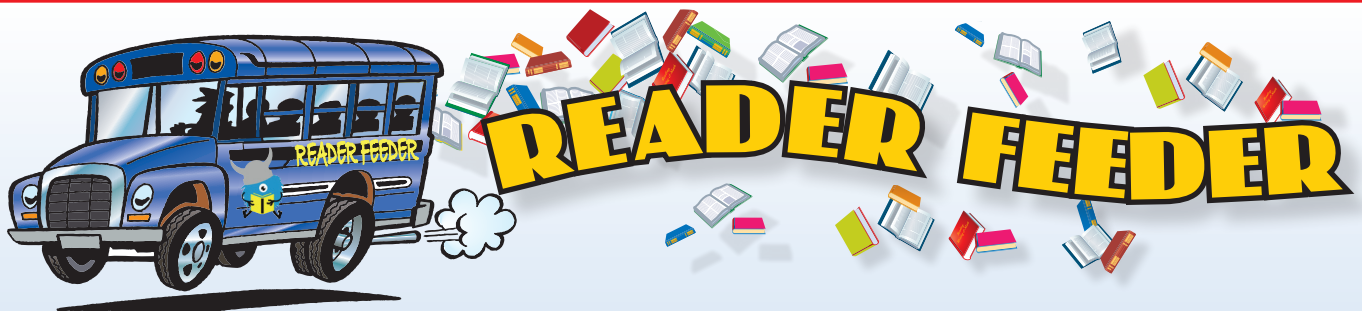
ALUMNI/RETIREES

Congratulations on their Retirement & years of service to Hopkins Public Schools



**Best wishes to
our retirees!
Thank you for
your service!**

- **Mary Hills**
24 years
- **Case Schipper**
16 years
- **Tim Pike**
29 years
(not pictured)



SUMMER SUCCESS FOR THE VIKING READER FEEDER

The Reader Feeder has seen on average about 100 kids during each of its outings this summer. In addition to getting some great books for summer reading, these kids have also had the opportunity to make some fun crafts thanks to the Hopkins Public Library and some great healthy snacks thanks to Hopkins Community Church.



HOPKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HES STEAM CAMP

Hopkins Elementary hosted a camp in June in which 5th grade students explored activities in the areas of science, technology, engineering, art, and math. The STEAM camp was made possible by a generous donation from the family of Jaxon Brower, a former Hopkins Elementary student who enjoyed and excelled in the areas of science and technology. Jaxon passed away in November 2016.

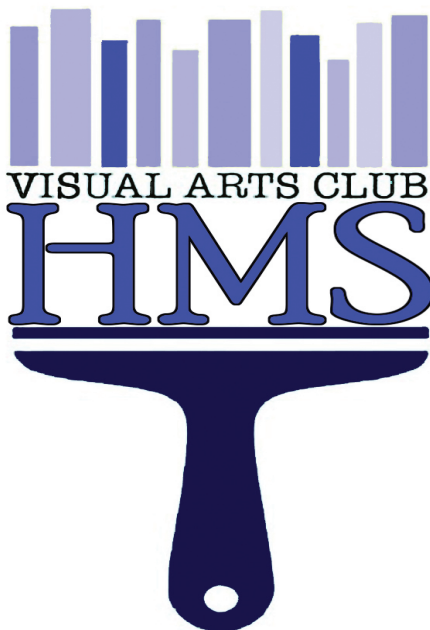


SYCAMORE MUSIC SUMMER CAMP

Sycamore Elementary welcomed 107 campers, and 13 staff this summer for Summer Music Camp! For three days, 3rd-7th grade students participated in singing, dancing, games, music technology, instruments, choreography, musical theater and so much more! This year the theme was "Genres". Students learned about many genres, and performed songs from different Genres for their final concert at the end of the week!



SUMMER SCHOOL 2018



ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS:

Hopkins Middle School Art Club
begins Sept. 20th.

Where: HMS room #3105

When: Thursdays from 3-4pm
for the entire 2018-19 school year.

No fees or registration.

Students are free to attend
whenever they are available.

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!

HOPKINS 7TH & 8TH GRADE CHOIR MEMBERS ARE HEADED TO CHICAGO, ILLINIOS IN THE SPRING OF 2019!

Trip Basics

Location: Chicago, IL

When: March 1st (we leave early Friday morning
and return super late - 20 hours later)

Length of Trip: ONE FULL (jam packed) DAY

Open to: All 2018-2019 7th & 8th Grade Choir members (+ chaperones)

Number of Spots Available: 54 (estimating 45 students, + 9 chaperones)

**Multiple Fundraising opportunities will be made available throughout the year!*

****Further Details: Will be discussed at the September 18th Kick-off Meeting*

**Parent & Student Informational/Registration
Meeting is Tuesday, SEPT. 18th, 2018 from
6-7pm in the M.S. Cafeteria**



HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL

VIKING BAND UPDATE

On Friday August 3rd the viking band finished a two week period of band camps preparing for this marching season and their show "The Phantom of the Opera."

We are excited to display our show at all home football games and also at three away marching events this year: Hastings Invitational 10/6, East Kentwood District Festival 10/9, and the Grandville Invitational Oct. 13. Our show features many outstanding soloists, stunning costuming and choreography, and beautiful melodies from the musical Phantom of the Opera! Please be sure to come out and see us this season!



Hopkins FFA Creates a New School Garden for Teaching Purposes

This spring, the Hopkins FFA Chapter planted a new school garden next to the animal barn behind the high school. Valerie Nagengast, Haylie Kiraly, MaKenna Davies, Lexie Wilson and Ethan Gilder formed a committee to oversee the garden and created lesson plans to teach younger students how food is grown. They built four 4 ft x 8 ft raised beds and landscaped the area with donated fencing, rocks and plants. A grant from the Hopkins School Board provided materials for building the beds. Another grant was received from Tractor Supply Company in conjunction with the National FFA Organization through a program called Grants for Growing. Donations of seeds were received from Johnny's Selected Seeds and Atlee Burpee Company. Soil was donated by Weick Bros Excavating and rocks were donated by Bull Rock Excavating. Waanders Concrete donated Quik-Crete as well.

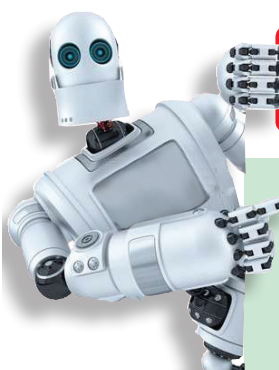
In early May, the FFA garden team invited the Hopkins Elementary 2nd graders over to the FFA agriculture barn for their first lesson. Hopkins FFA planted the garden to teach kids about where their food comes from and how to grow a garden themselves at home. The first lesson consisted of introducing the second grade classes to the parts of a plant, a plant's life cycle, what a plant needs to grow, and how to plant a seed. Furthermore, each second grade classroom was provided with a journal to record questions and observations about plants and gardening. Students were also given cabbage plants to take home and grow for the Great Cabbage Challenge sponsored by Bonnie Plants.



At the end of May, the garden team visited the 2nd grade classrooms to talk about different types of herbs and their uses, what a pollinator is and how pollinators help plants grow, and why you should eat a rainbow of vegetables every day. The FFA garden team also brought trays of fruit and vegetable samples to represent a food rainbow. The rainbow was used to demonstrate the various necessary nutrients found in fruits and vegetables as well as to encourage students to try new foods. Second grade teachers reported that their classes really enjoyed trying new veggies like colorful bell peppers and raw green beans.

This fall, the FFA garden team is planning on teaching a lesson to the now-third graders on how to harvest tomatoes, peppers, and onions from the school garden to make salsa. Potatoes will be dug to show that roots are sometimes eaten too. In addition, the FFA students planted a Three Sisters Garden of popcorn, pole beans, and butternut squash to demonstrate this principle used by Native Americans in Michigan 400 years ago, which ties into the 3rd graders' Michigan History lessons. They hope to provide these foods to the 3rd graders for their annual Thanksgiving Feast this coming November.

FFA garden committee members are gaining skills in lesson planning, presenting, leadership, and agriculture through this experience, as well. Haylie Kiraly is also growing herbs in the school garden for experimenting with new tea blends. Future plans include a garden sign, plant markers, and introducing vermicomposting in the 3rd grade classrooms to improve the garden soil for next spring. The committee encourages anyone who is interested to take a peek at the garden behind the high school.



ROBOTICS TEAM :

SUMMER UPDATE

WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL! The robotics teams have been very busy this summer. You may have noticed the construction that has taken place in the east wing of the high school. The robotics meeting rooms are now an art classroom. The robotics team will now use the old conference room by the stairwell for the design computers. The robotics build room is still located in the east wing and is fully functional.

The high school team has been busy this summer working on the design of a new bridge for the Wise Farm Educational Preserve. We also held our annual "ROBO CAMP". This is a fun weekend for the Hopkins, Wayland, Kalamazoo, Holland and Wyoming teams to campout together. We played games, swam, ate too much, got to know each other and just had a lot of fun. The middle school robotics program starts in September with the kickoff of the 2018/2019 season. This will be very exciting and we look forward to another great year. If you are interested in joining please contact Angie Flickinger at ftctechvikes@gmail.com.

ATHLETICS

Hopkins 2018 Spring All-Conference

SPORT	PLAYER	AC/HM
Golf	Mikee Schumacher	HM
Golf	Jason Battjes	HM
Golf	Ford Levack	HM
Soccer	Piper Davis	HM
Soccer	Abigail Boeve	HM
Soccer	Samantha Sebright	HM
Soccer	Brianna Miller	AC
Soccer	Arika Hoffman	AC
Soccer	Keelan Kilbane	AC
Soccer	Hailey Shank	AC
Baseball	Ezran Tehennepe	HM
Baseball	James Wubben	AC
Baseball	Tyler Zomerlei	AC
Baseball	Brenden Gossman	AC
Softball	Logan Brummel	HM
Softball	Madison Wyngarden	HM
Softball	Hannah Wubben	HM
Softball	Madeline Schans	AC
Softball	Caitlin Rodanhisler	AC
Softball	Haleigh Miller	AC
Softball	Kiersten White	AC
Track	Trey Collins	AC
Track	Todd Henley	AC
Track	Emma Helder	AC
Track	Jasmine Fisher	AC
Track	Meghan Schulz	AC
Track	Shannon Henshaw	AC
Track	Laura Velderman	AC
Track	Britney Houseman	AC
Track	Savannah Emaus	AC



Punch Passes

Punch pass cards are available for home athletic events. Passes cost \$30 for adults and \$20 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.



Hi there!

For the 2018-19 school year athletics is modifying a few of our processes. To become more efficient, we are implementing an “**obligation card**” that your student will get signed by the athletic department prior to the first day of any tryout.

Once your child has his/her completed sports physical form (with **ALL** required signatures), their participation fee payment and transportation form, they present these items to the athletic office and they will get a “card” signed by either Athletic Director, Adam Valk or athletic secretary, Kelly Smith. Your athlete will then take the “obligation card” and give it to their coaches. This will clear the athlete of their pre-season obligations so that they can try-out. For those students that unfortunately don’t make the team, the athletic office will keep their participation fee payment in the office and they can stop by and get it refunded at any time.

We will also be utilizing the “**sign up genius**” program for our parents to volunteer for events. This website is a quick, easy and user-friendly way for our parents to get involved and volunteer for different positions/events. A few weeks before the start of each season, the athletic department will create an on line platform for events needing volunteers. We will then communicate with parents via facebook, email, and newsletters letting parents know when they can sign-up. The nice thing about sign up genius is that you can see what events need volunteers, who is already signed up and it also send you a friendly reminder 2 days before the event you signed up for. All you need is an email; it’s so convenient!

These processes will be effective at the beginning of the fall 2018-19 season. For your convenience, there will be someone in the office throughout the summer that can collect sports physicals, money and transportation slips (please see upcoming newsletters for the specific hours the office will be staffed). In August, before the seasons begin, we will have someone in athletics here to complete the obligation cards of those kids that have handed in their required documents throughout the summer. The kids can stop by the office to collect their card to take to the coach before tryouts and practice. Each part of the obligation card must be completed prior to an athlete participating in any practices.

We look forward to implementing these new processes to make things smoother for everyone involved!

You will find the obligation card, transportation form, the MHSAA sports physical form, Hopkins participation fee details and a link to the online transportation form on our website, www.hpsvikings.org. Click the Athletics tab and then the “**Files & Links**” tab to access the forms. If you are not able to access this information via this website the forms will also be available in the HS and MS offices.



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 School activities.

Stop by the administration office located at the north end of Hopkins Elementary to get yours today.

2018 FALL SPORTS

VARSITY FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
TH 8/23	Ravenna	H	7:00
TH 8/30	Olivet	A	7:00
FR 9/7	Belding	H	7:00
FR 9/14	Godwin	A	7:00
FR 9/21	NorthPointe Christian *	H	7:00
FR 9/28	Buchanan	H	7:00
FR 10/5	Calvin Christian	A	7:00
FR 10/12	Lee	A	7:00
FR 10/19	Kelloggsville**	H	7:00

*HOMECOMING

**SENIOR PARENT NIGHT

JV FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
WE 8/22	Ravenna	A	6:00
WE 8/29	Olivet	H	6:00
TH 9/6	Belding	A	6:00
TH 9/13	Godwin	H	6:00
TH 9/20	NorthPointe Christian *	A	6:00
TH 9/27	Buchanan	A	6:30
TH 10/4	Calvin Christian	H	6:00
TH 10/11	Lee	H	6:00
TH 10/18	Kelloggsville**	A	6:00

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
TH 8/23	Rocket Invite @ South Christian	A	4:30
WE 8/29	Wayland Invite	A	4:15
MO 9/10	Coach B Invite	A	4:00
TH 9/13	DK Invite @ Gilmore Car Museum	A	4:30
FR 9/14	Spartan Invite @ MSU	A	TBA
WE 9/19	NPC Jamboree@South Christian	A	4:45
WE 9/26	Kelloggsville Jamboree@ S Christian	A	4:45
SA 10/6	Portage Invite	A	9:30am
WE 10/10	Belding @Lightening Bend Park	A	4:45
TU 10/17	OK Silver Meet@ Ironwood GC	A	4:45
FR 10/19	Allegan County Meet@Martin Speedway	A	4:15

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
TH 9/13	DK Invite@Gilmore Car Museum	A	4:30
SA 9/15	Dux Dash@Helder Park	A	8:30am
WE 9/19	NPC Jamboree@Riverside Park	A	5:15
WE 9/26	Kelloggsville Jamboree@S Christian	A	5:15
TH 10/4	Wayland Invite	A	4:15
SA 10/6	Portage Invite	A	12:00
WE 10/10	Belding @Lightening Bend Park	A	5:15

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
TU 9/11	Lee	H	6:00
TU 9/18	TBA	A	6:00
TU 9/25	Calvin Christian	A	6:00
TU 10/2	Kelloggsville	H	6:00
TU 10/9	NorthPointe Christian	H	6:00
TU 10/16	TBA	A	6:00

VARSITY SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FR 8/17	Kenowa Hills	H	4:30
WE 8/22	Allegan	H	4:30
TU 8/28	NorthPointe Christian	H	4:30
WE 8/29	Wayland	A	6:45
TU 9/4	Calvin Christian	A	6:00
TH 9/6	Lee	A	6:00
TU 9/11	Kelloggsville	H	4:30
TH 9/13	Belding	H	4:30
MO 9/17	Parchment	H	5:00
TU 9/18	Godwin	A	6:00
TH 9/20	NorthPointe Christian	A	6:00
MO 9/24	Comstock	A	5:00
TH 9/27	Calvin Christian	H	4:30
TU 10/2	Lee	H	4:30
TH 10/4	Kelloggsville	A	4:30
MO 10/8	Black River*	H	4:30
TU 10/9	Belding	A	6:00
TH 10/11	Godwin	H	4:30

*PARENT NIGHT

JV SOCCER

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FR 8/17	Kenowa Hills	H	6:00
WE 8/22	Allegan	H	6:00
TU 8/28	NorthPointe Christian	H	6:00
WE 8/29	Wayland	A	5:00
TU 9/4	Calvin Christian	A	4:30
TH 9/6	Lee	A	4:30
WE 9/12	East Grand Rapids	H	4:30
TH 9/13	Belding	H	6:00
TU 9/18	Godwin	A	4:30
TH 9/20	NorthPointe Christian	A	4:30
TH 9/27	Calvin Christian	H	6:00
TU 10/2	Lee	H	6:00
MO 10/8	Black River*	H	6:00
TU 10/9	Belding	A	4:30
TH 10/11	Godwin	H	6:00

MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCCER

WE 9/5	NorthPointe Christian	A	4:30
MO 9/10	Lee	A	4:30
WE 9/12	Allendale	A	5:15
MO 9/17	Kelloggsville	A	4:30
WE 9/19	Newhall	A	4:30
MO 9/24	Allendale	A	4:30
WE 9/26	Newhall	H	4:30
MO 10/1	Newhall	A	4:30
WE 10/3	Allendale	H	4:30
MO 10/8	Lee	A	4:30
WE 10/10	Kent City	H	4:30
FR 10/12	Godwin	H	4:30

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

MO 9/10	Lee	A	4:15
WE 9/12	Kelloggsville	H	4:15
MO 9/17	Godwin	A	4:15
WE 9/19	NorthPointe Christian	H	4:15
MO 9/24	Belding	A	4:15
WE 9/26	Lee	H	4:15
MO 10/1	Kelloggsville	A	4:15
WE 10/3	Godwin	H	4:15
MO 10/8	NorthPointe Christian	A	4:15
WE 10/10	Belding	H	4:15

VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FR 8/17	WMVOA Invite@MVP Sports Complex	A	TBA
SA 8/18	Lawton Invite	A	8:30am
WE 8/22	Delfon Invite	A	8:30am
SA 8/25	Cereal City Invite	A	8:00am
TU 8/28	Sparta	A	5:00
WE 8/29	Holland	A	5:00
TH 9/06	NorthPointe	H	7:00
TH 9/20	Calvin Christian	A	7:00
TU 9/25	Alliance Crossover Quad	H	5:00
TH 9/27	Lee	A	7:00
TU 10/2	Varsity Six Pack @ Otsego	A	5:00
TH 10/4	Kelloggsville	H	7:00
SA 10/6	Switek Memorial Invite	H	8:00am
TU 10/09	Hopkins Quad	H	5:00
TU 10/11	Belding *	H	7:00
TH 10/18	Godwin	A	7:00
SA 10/20	Conference Tourney @ Godwin	A	9:00am
TU 10/23	Allegan (Pink Out Game)	H	7:00

* PARENT NIGHT

JV VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FR 8/17	Wyoming Invite	A	9:00am
TU 8/21	Delfon Invite	A	8:30am
TU 8/28	Sparta Invite	A	5:00
WE 8/29	Holland	A	5:00
TH 9/06	NorthPointe Christian	H	6:00
SA 9/08	Lakewood Invite	A	8:30am
SA 9/15	Covenant Christian	A	8:30am
TH 9/20	Calvin Christian	A	6:00
SA 9/22	Allegan County Classic	H	8:00am
TU 9/25	Alliance Crossover Quad	A	5:00
TH 9/27	Lee	A	6:00
SA 9/29	Saranac Invite	A	TBA
TH 10/4	Kelloggsville	H	6:00
TH 10/11	Belding	H	6:00
SA 10/13	Conference Tourney	H	8:30am
TH 10/18	Godwin	A	6:00
SA 10/20	Lowell Invite	A	9:00am
TU 10/23	Allegan (Pink Out Game)	H	6:00

FRESHMAN VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SA 8/18	Sparta	A	9:00am
MO 8/20	Delfon Invite	A	8:30am
WE 8/22	Cedar Springs	A	4:00
SA 8/25	Northview Invite	A	9:00am
TU 8/28	Sparta	A	5:00
WE 8/29	Zeeland East	A	5:00
TH 9/6	NorthPointe Christian	H	5:00
TU 9/18	Freshman Six Pack @ Otsego	A	5:00
TH 9/20	Calvin Christian	A	5:00
WE 9/26	Godwin	A	5:00
TH 9/27	Tri-Unity	A	4:30
SA 9/29	Fruitport Invite	A	9:00am
TH 10/4	Kelloggsville	H	5:00
SA 10/13	Conference Tourney @ Calvin Christian	A	TBA
TH 10/18	Godwin	A	5:00
TU 10/23	Allegan (Pink Out Game)	H	5:00



NOTICE OF MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION 2017

September 17, 2018	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
October 15, 2018	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
November 5, 2018	Work Session @ 5:30pm
November 19, 2018	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm @ Sycamore Elementary
December 17, 2018	Regular Meeting @ 7:00pm
January 21, 2019	Regular/Organizational Meeting @ 7:00pm

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

Upon request to the Superintendent, the District shall make reasonable accommodation for a disabled person to be able to participate in this activity. Any individual with a handicap or disability that requires special accommodations for attendance at the meeting is requested to notify the Secretary of the Board or the Superintendent of Schools, ten days prior to the meeting, so reasonable accommodations can be made.

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 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. daily

Summer Office Hours: 7 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monday – Thursday • **CLOSED** Friday

The 2018 annual **Outstanding People for Education Awards** were presented at the Allegan County School Board Association meeting and dinner in Plainwell on June 20th. The awards are given to those who exemplify exceptional performance serving students. Hopkins Public Schools winners were (left to right) **Jacob Oaster**, **Lisa Birtles**, and **Phillip Moerdyke** with Superintendent **Gary Wood**.



12 LEGAL NOTICES

School Opening

Important Information
First Student Day for the 2017-2018
School year will be September 5

School Hours

Grades 6-12

Full Day: 7:45 AM – 2:43 PM

Half Day: 7:45 AM – 11:00 AM

Grades K-5

Full Day: 7:45 AM – 2:55 PM

Half Day: 7:45 AM – 11:10 AM

If you are calling to enroll a new student, register by calling to arrange a conference with your building principals:

Hopkins Elementary -

Scott VanBonn 269-793-7286

Sycamore Elementary -

Amy Mielke 616-681-9189

Hopkins Middle School -

Scott Stockwell 269-793-7407

Hopkins High School -

Ken Szczepanski 269-793-7616

SEVERE WEATHER

When severe weather or other emergencies make it necessary to suspend school, TV stations WZZM TV-13, WOTV-8, WWMT-3, and most radio stations will report the fact. We also began using a school messenger system that contacts families by phone message. Parents and students should not call school officials to see if there will be school since their phones must be kept open for emergency calls.

In the event of severe weather, the plan outlined below will be followed:

- 1. TORNADO WATCH** – if a tornado “watch” is announced prior to or during the regular dismissal time, students will normally be dismissed at the regular dismissal time for all schools..
- 2. TORNADO WARNING** – If an official tornado “warning” is announced or if a tornado appears, children will be retained in school in predetermined shelter areas until the warning is lifted.
- 3. AFTER HOURS AND SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES** – If a severe weather “warning” is announced during afternoon school hours, all after school activities will be CANCELLED.
- 4. Make sure that students understand and follow these procedures.** Arrange for an alternate shelter-home where students can go if you will not be home. For safety's sake, review your family's plan with your children on a regular basis.

PARENT NOTIFICATION LETTER

Dear Parent:

We have been notified by the Federal government that the District is subject to regulations from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV) in the workplace. These regulations are designed to protect employees of the District who are, or could be, exposed to blood or other contaminated bodily fluids while performing their job duties. Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment.

Part of the Federally-mandated procedures include a requirement that the District request the person who was bleeding to consent to be tested for HBV and HIV. This information would then be provided both to the exposed employee and the treating physician to determine proper medical treatment.

The law does not require parents or guardians to grant permission for the examination of their child's blood, but it does require the District to request that consent. Although we expect that incidents of exposure will be few, we wanted to notify parents of these requirements ahead of time. That way, if the situation does develop you will understand the reason for our request and will have had an opportunity to consider it in advance. These are serious diseases, and we sincerely hope that through proper nt them from spreading.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Gary Wood, Superintendent at 269-793-7261.

Asbestos Awareness Update

On August 23, 2016, DeLisle Associates LTD completed a regularly scheduled inspection of all remaining asbestos-containing materials in district facilities. This inspection and routine six month inspections performed by district personnel are part of our Management Plan. Asbestos materials were confirmed in all Hopkins Public Schools Buildings. They were found to be in good condition and present no danger to students, staff, or visitors. If and when any changes occur, employees and parents will be promptly notified. Parents who wish to review the district's Management Plan may do so by contacting the Business Manager's office at 269-793-7261.

Information for School-Age Youth

If you live in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter

- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

You may qualify for certain rights & protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible.
- If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. Adam Valk is the local liaison for Hopkins Public Schools and can be reached at 269-793-7616.

If you need further assistance with your educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:

1-800-308-2145 • homeless@serve.org
www.serve.org/nche

PEST MANAGEMENT

Hopkins Public School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pest from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Katie Jager at 269-793-7261 or katijage@hpsvikings.org

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance

notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified please contact Katie Jager, Business Manager at 269-793-7261 or katijage@hpsvikings.org.

Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

In compliance with Federal regulations, Hopkins Public Schools has established the following guidelines concerning student records.

1. Katie Jager is the Records Control Officer for the District and is responsible for the processing and maintenance of all student records. Her office is located at 400 Clark Street, Hopkins MI 49328, or can be reached by calling 269-793-7261.
2. Each student's records will be kept in a confidential file located at Hopkins Public Schools. The information in a student's record file will be available for review only by the parents or legal guardian of a student, an adult student (18 years of age or older), and those designated by Federal law or District regulations.
3. If not satisfied with the accuracy of the records or with the District's compliance with the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act, a parent, guardian, or adult student has the right to request a change or

addition to a student's records, and to:

- A. Obtain a hearing with District officials, or
- B. File a complaint with the U.S. Office of Education.

4. The District has established the following information about each student as **directory information** and will make it available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student notifies the Records Control Office in writing within 10 days from the date of this notification that they will not permit distribution of any or all information:
 - a. Name
 - b. address
 - c. Participation in officially recognized activities and sports;
 - d. Height and weight, if a member of an athletic team;
 - e. Honor Rolls
 - f. Scholarships
 - g. Telephone numbers only for inclusion in school or PTO directories
 - h. Any other information the District considers would not be harmful or an invasion of privacy, if disclosed.

A copy of the Board of Education's policy and the accompanying District regulations are available at Hopkins Public Schools. There will also be a person available to answer any questions concerning the policy or regulations.

Parents who do not want to allow their child's name, likeness, or work to be published as part of District publication activities, must sign the attached permission slip and return to the Superintendent's office. The permission slip is shown below.

HOPKINS PUBLIC SCHOOLS PERMISSION TO PUBLISH/ DISTRIBUTE STUDENT'S IMAGES AND/OR WORK

1. Students who attend Hopkins Public Schools may occasionally be asked to participate in school and/or District publications and/or public relations activities. These activities may include videotaping, recording and/or photographs which may be published, displayed, distributed, or broadcast outside by the District or third parties with District consent. Publications also may include use of the student's name, photograph, art, written work, voice, verbal statements or portrait (video or still) in school publicity, District publications, videos, digital or electronic media or on the District website. For example, pictures and articles about school activities may appear in local newspapers or

District publications.

2. If you do **not** want to allow your child's name, likeness or work to be published as part of District publication activities, please check (no) in the box below, sign the form, and return it to the District. We ask that you complete a separate form for each student you have in the District.

NO ☐

3. The District will assume your consent to your child's participation in District publications unless assigned non-participation affidavit is returned to the Superintendent's office.

4. The District does not anticipate commercial use or sale of your student names, picture, art, written work, voice, verbal statements, portraits (video or still). However, to the extent works described in this form result in any profits, by signing this form you and your student agree to waive any and all rights to any copyright interest in such works and any royalties that may be paid. Any profits generated by the works described in this form will be used to benefit the Hopkins Public Schools and its programs.

5. By signing this form, you agree:
 - No monies or other compensation will be or become due to you, your student or your heirs, agents or assigns at any time because of participation in publication activities.
 - Consent for your student's participation in district publication activities may be rescinded at any time by written notice to the school principal.

SCHOOL YEAR: 2018-2019

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

STUDENT'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

STUDENT SIGNATURE

14 LEGAL NOTICES

LIST OF POTENTIAL DISCLOSURES OF DIRECTORY INFORMATION & OPT-OUT FORM

The Board may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless the parent or adult student advises the Board to the contrary by filling out, signing and returning this form to the District.

The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Board to include this type of information in certain school publications. The following is a list of uses for which the District commonly would disclose a student's directory information:

Summary/Description of the Common Use - Consent or Opt-Out
(MARK WITH AN "X" IF OPTING OUT)

Athletic Programs ☐
Music Programs ☐
Awards ☐
Other: ☐

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent's or adult student's prior written consent. In addition, two (2) Federal laws require the District to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three (3) directory information categories, names, addresses, and telephone listings unless parents or adult students have advised the District that they do not want their student's information disclosed without their prior written consent.

The District has designated the following information about each student as "directory information":

Each year the District will provide public notice to students and their parents of its intent to make available, upon request, certain information known as "directory information". The Board designates as student "directory information" a student's name; address; participation in officially-recognized activities and sports; height and weight, if a member of an athletic team; honor rolls; scholarships.

The Board will make the above information available upon a legitimate request unless a parent, guardian, or adult student has opted-out of provision of this information in some or all circumstances by filling out, signing and returning the Opt-Out Form (8330 F17) or notifies the School in writing within fourteen (14) days from the date of this notification that s/he will not permit distribution of any or all such information. Directory information will not be provided to any organization for any profit-making purposes.

If you elect to opt-out of any of the above, please mark the appropriate box, sign below, and return to the building principal's office. If you do not wish to opt-out of any of the above common uses, you do not need to return this form or take any other action.

Print name of Student

Print name of person signing & state relationship to student
Or state if student is an adult and signing on his/her own behalf

Signature of parent/guardian/adult student

Date: _____

Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act

Hopkins Public Schools recognizes and abides by the standards of the Safe and Drug Free Schools and Communities Act and the Drug Free Workplace Act.

These standards prohibit the unlawful manufacture, possession, use, sale, distribution, or concealment of illegal drugs and alcohol in school programs, school vehicles, school premises, and at school sponsored activities on and off school property. Drugs include all controlled substances as defined by law, as well as "look-alike" drugs, steroids, and alcohol.

These standards apply to all Hopkins Public Schools students and staff.

The use / abuse of drugs and alcohol poses serious health and safety risks to Hopkins Public Schools students. We urge students, parents, guardians, and care providers to work hand-in-hand with our district to ensure that these important standards are upheld.

SECTION 504 PROTECTS CHILDREN FROM DISCRIMINATION

The Rehabilitation Act at Section 504 prohibits discrimination against persons with a disability in any program receiving Federal financial assistance, including public schools. The Act defines a person with a disability as anyone who:

1. has a mental or physical impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities (major life activities include activities such as caring for one's self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning, reading and working);
2. has a record of such an impairment; or
3. is regarded as having such an impairment.

In order to fulfill its obligation under Section 504, the Hopkins Public Schools recognizes a responsibility to avoid discrimination in policies and practices regarding its personnel and students. No discrimination against any person with a disability will knowingly be permitted in any of the programs and

practices in the school system.

The school District has specific responsibilities under the Act which includes the responsibility to identify, evaluate, and if the child is determined to be eligible under Section 504, to afford access to appropriate educational services. If the parent or guardian disagrees with the determination made by the professional staff of the School District, he/she has a right to a hearing with an impartial hearing officer.

For more information about your rights under Section 504 contact:
Gary Wood, Superintendent of Hopkins Public Schools or the Special Ed Director at the AAESA

Annual Notice of the Right to Request a Personal Curriculum Modifying Michigan Merit Curriculum Requirements for Graduation

What is a personal curriculum?

The personal curriculum (PC) is a process to modify specific Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) high school credit requirements and/or content

expectations based on a student's unique learning needs and post-secondary goals. It is designed to serve students who want to accelerate or go beyond the MMC requirements and students who need to individualize MMC requirements to earn a high school diploma.

Who may request a personal curriculum?

A personal curriculum may be requested by

- The parent or guardian of a student for whom a personal curriculum is sought, or
- the student if the student is of the age of majority,
- or an emancipated minor may request a personal curriculum,
- a teacher who is currently teaching the student (who currently teaches in, or whose expertise is in, a subject area proposed to be modified by the PC, or who is determined by the principal to have qualifications otherwise relevant to developing a PC), or
- a school counselor or school employee qualified to act in a counseling role.

If the request for a PC is made by the student's parent or legal guardian or, if the student is at least age 18 or is an emancipated minor, by the student, the school district shall develop a PC for the student pursuant to the parameters outlined in 380.1278b(5).

When may a personal curriculum be requested?

If the student has an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be submitted prior to 9th grade. (Note: Any resulting PC may not be implemented until the student begins/enters 9th grade.) If the student does not have an Individualized Education Program (IEP), the personal curriculum request may be requested after the student has completed 9th grade.

For more information on the Personal Curriculum (PC), or to make a request for a PC, please contact the building principal or visit the district's website at <http://neola.com/hopkins-mi/search/policies/po5460.htm>

SECURITY AND VIDEO SURVEILLANCE (Board Policy 7440)

Through this policy, the Board of Education provides notice to all students, the public and its employees of the potential use of video surveillance and electronic monitoring in order to protect District property, promote security and protect the health, welfare, and safety of students, staff and visitors.

The Superintendent shall develop and supervise a program for the security of the District's students, staff, visitors, school

buildings, school grounds, and school equipment in compliance with statute and rules of the State. The Superintendent may authorize the use of video/electronic surveillance systems in monitoring activity on school property.

Every effort shall be made to apprehend those who knowingly cause serious physical harm to students, staff, visitors and District property and to require prosecution of those who bring harm to persons and property. The Board will seek repairs to rectify the damage or payment of a fee to cover repairs. A reward may be offered for apprehending such persons.

Appropriate authorities may be contacted in the case of serious offenses.

Video surveillance will not be used in bathrooms or locker rooms, although these areas may be placed under surveillance by individuals of the same sex as the occupants of the bathrooms or locker rooms. The District will post signs at the main entrances to buildings stating that video surveillance cameras are in use to monitor activity within buildings for security purposes.

The Superintendent shall report to the Board each major case of vandalism and the extent of the damage.

WELLNESS (Board Policy 8510)

As required by law, the Board of Education establishes the following wellness policy for the Hopkins Public Schools.

The Board recognizes that good nutrition and regular physical activity affect the health and well-being of the District's students. Furthermore, research concludes that there is a positive correlation between a student's health and well-being and his/her ability to learn. Moreover, schools can play an important role in the developmental process by which students establish their health and nutrition habits by providing nutritious meals and snacks through the schools' meal programs, by supporting the development of good eating habits, and by promoting increased physical activity both in and out of school.

The Board, however, believes this effort to support the students' development of healthy behaviors and habits with regard to eating and exercise cannot be accomplished by the schools alone. It will be necessary for not only the staff, but also parents and the public at large to be involved in a community-wide effort to promote, support, and model

such healthy behaviors and habits.

Handicapped Access (Board Policy 9160)

No qualified person with a disability will, because the District's facilities are inaccessible to or unusable by persons with disabilities, be denied the benefits of, be excluded from participation in, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity to which Section 504/ADA applies.

For facilities constructed or altered after June 3, 1977, the District will comply with applicable accessibility standards. For those existing facilities constructed prior to June 3, 1977, the District is committed to operating its programs and activities so that they are readily accessible to persons with disabilities. This includes, but is not limited to, providing accommodations to parents with disabilities who desire access to their child's educational program or meetings pertinent thereto.

SELECTIVE SERVICE

Under federal law, all young men must register with the selective service within 30 days of their 18th birthday. The fastest way to register is on-line at www.sss.gov.

NOTIFICATION TO PUBLIC REGARDING INSPECTION OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

The Principals of Hopkins Public Schools are responsible for coordinating inspections of instructional materials at the schools. Offices are located at:

Hopkins Elementary School

Scott VanBonn, Principal
400 Clark Street Hopkins, MI 49328
269-793-7286

Sycamore Elementary

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

Hopkins Middle School

Scott Stockwell, Principal
215 Clark Street Hopkins, MI 49328
269-793-7407

Hopkins High School

Ken Szczepanski, Principal
333 Clark Street Hopkins, MI 49328
269-793-7616

Members of the public have the right to inspect instructional materials, including but not limited to print and non-print materials, teacher's manuals, films, tapes and any other supplementary materials, used as part of the educational curriculum.

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Hopkins Public Schools District Calendar 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Sept. 4	First Day of School
Oct. 31	½ Day for Students
Nov. 20	½ Day for Students-1st Trimester Ends
Nov. 21-23	No School-Thanksgiving
Dec. 24-31	Winter Break
Jan. 1-2	Winter Break
Jan. 14	½ Day for Students
Feb. 21	½ Day for Students
Feb. 22	No School - Midwinter Break
March 8	½ Day for Students-2nd Trimester Ends
March 29	No School for Students & Staff
April 1-5	Spring Break
May 3	½ Day for Students
May 27	No School - Memorial Day
June 6	½ Day for Students & Teachers
June 7	½ Day for Students-Last Day

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.

Ben Brenner, President	793-0009
Jay Gibson, Vice President	793-7770
Jeff Gilder, Treasurer	792-1481
John Myers, Secretary	896-7540
Karen Ryan, Trustee	793-9287
Mike Maule, Trustee	681-2528
Traci Rhoades, Trustee	908-0992

WHO TO CALL

If you have questions about specific school operations, policies, or activities, please refer to this 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 • 8th Grade Dean of Students – Patrick O'Dell

HOPKINS ELEMENTARY

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

SYCAMORE ELEMENTARY

2163 142nd Avenue, Dorr, MI 49323 • 681-9189
Principal – Amy Mielke

TRANSPORTATION

2746 22nd Street, Hopkins, MI 49328 • 793-7121
Transportation Supervisor – Jennifer Frank

SPECIAL EDUCATION

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

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.

The Hopkins Public School District Board of Education complies with all federal and state laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, sex, marital status, height, weight, or disability in its programs and activities. 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.

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