



Hanover Horton School District

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Horton, MI 49246
517-563-0100

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2016

Special Dates of Interest:

ELEMENTARY ABC NIGHT
Aug. 22 5:00- 6:30 pm

FRESHMAN / NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION
Aug. 22 7:30 - 8:30 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION
Aug. 22 6thGrade - 6:30-7:15 pm
7th & 8th Grade Open House
7:15 - 8pm

HOMECOMING - October 14

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Oct. 27 - MS/HS 3:30-7:30 pm
Nov. 3 - K-5 4:00-7:30 pm
Nov. 4 - K-5 12:30-3:30 pm

CHRISTMAS BREAK
December 26 - January 6

NO SCHOOL DATES
Sept. 2&5 - No School K-12
Oct. 24 - No School K-12
Nov. 4 - Half Day K-5
Nov. 23 - Half Day K-12
Nov. 24&25 - No School K-12
Dec. 23 - Half Day K-12
Dec. 26- Jan. 6 No School K-12
Jan. 16 - No School K-12

SCHOOL STARTS
AUGUST 24
HALF DAY ALL STUDENTS

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DENNEY...

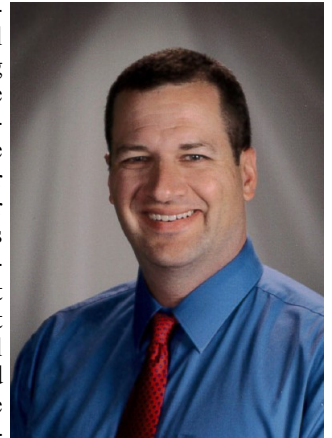
There are so many times that I catch myself telling families that have an interest in our district that we are a part of a wonderful community. This summer provided yet another example of the amazing support our district receives from our families, our community, and our local businesses - our community-built playground. Over the course of three days in July, over 100 volunteers endured long hours, debilitating heat, and physically demanding work to give our students a truly remarkable playground that should last for twenty years. Our students are so lucky to be a part of such a great community!

As we prepare for our upcoming school year, I'd like to take this opportunity to provide you with updates regarding our school calendar, our facilities, and our academics. Our school calendar brings about perhaps the most significant change in recent years.

Calendar: In an effort to boost tourism in the state several years ago, laws were enacted that kept traditional public schools from starting school prior to Labor Day. When the changes were put into effect, most schools were still able to end their year around the 10th of June. However, in recent years legislation has been passed which requires school districts to add additional days to their calendars. Districts used to be able to count up to five of their required Professional Development Days as student days; this was recently changed. For the upcoming school year, the state is also requiring a minimum of 180 student days; this is an increase of five days for our district. If we maintained the status quo, our students would have been in classes until at least June 20th for this upcoming school year. We did not feel that this would be good for anybody. As a county, we came together and looked for a common solution; we applied for a waiver from the Michigan Department of Education.

Our waiver was approved this spring, and plans were set in motion to have every traditional public school in the county on the same calendar. There

are other organizational and logistical benefits to having all of us on the same schedule beyond having the longer school year end shortly after Memorial Day. As a result of the waiver and subsequent changes, our first day of school will be August 24th and our last day will be June 8th. A complete listing of our vacation dates for the next three years is available on our website.



Facilities: Our community-approved Sinking Fund has been a tremendous asset for our district in our efforts to provide a high-quality environment for our students. In recent years, our projects have included the new weight room, a new elementary roof and entryway, school office remodeling, safer entry points, new carpeting, climate control and electrical upgrades, and so many more projects. This summer, we were able to use our Sinking Fund to provide an amazing playground for our elementary students. By taking advantage of a 100% matching grant from the manufacturer and by providing much of the labor force for the installation, we were able to save at least \$170,000 on this project. The total finished cost for our playground without the grant or community build would have been over \$300,000. Thank you to all who donated time or donated food/water/materials to help us make this playground a reality!

Academics: Ultimately, the goal of our district is to provide the opportunity for all of our students to leave us prepared for their next step in life. Last year I was able to share that our district had the highest ACT scores in the county; those
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DATES TO KNOW



AUGUST:

- 1-5 Band Camp Week
- 15 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
Senior Schedule Changes by Appt.
- 16 Junior Schedule Changes by Appt.
- 17 Sophomore & Freshman Schedule Changes by Appt.
- 22 5:00-6:30 pm ABC Night Elementary
6:30-7:15 pm 6th Grade Orientation
7:15-8:00 pm 7th & 8th Grade Open House
7:30-8:30 pm Freshmen/Parent Meeting
- 24 Students 1st Day, Half Day

SEPTEMBER:

- 2&5 No School, Labor Day Weekend
- 13 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elementary
- 19 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 27 Picture Day for all students



OCTOBER:

- 5 Pupil Count Day, please be present
- 11 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elementary
- 14 Homecoming Parade
Homecoming Game, Crowning of Queen & King
Homecoming Dance
- 17 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 21 Elementary & High School, End of 1st Marking Period
- 24 No School, Staff Professional Development
- 27 3:30-7:30 pm Middle/High Parent/Teacher Conferences
Elementary Fall Festival (Tentative)

NOVEMBER:

- 3 4:00-7:30 pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 4 Half Day of School for Elementary K-5
Full Day for Grades 6-12
12:30-3:30 pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 7 Picture Retakes
- 8 Election Day
6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elementary
- 18 Middle School - End 1st Trimester
- 21 6:30 PM Board of Education Meeting
- 23 1/2 Day School All Students
- 24&25 No School—Thanksgiving



DECEMBER:

- 12 7:00 pm Band/Choir Concert HS Gym

- 19 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 19-23 High School Exams
- 23 End of 1st Semester High School & Elementary
Half Day School All Students K-12
- 26-Jan 6 No School — Christmas Break

JANUARY:

- 9 School Resumes
- 10 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elementary
- 16 No School, Staff Professional Development
6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting



FEBRUARY:

- 8 Pupil Count Day, please be present
- 13 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 14 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elementary
- 17&20 No School K-12

MARCH:

- 2 4:00-7:30 pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3 Half Day of School for Elementary K-5
Full Day for Grades 6-12
12:30-3:30 pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Middle School End of 2nd Trimester
- 9 4:00-7:00 pm Middle/High Parent/Teacher Conf.
- 13 No School Students - Staff Professional Development
- 14 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elementary
- 17 Elementary & High School End of 3rd Marking Period
- 20 6:30 pm board of Education Meeting
- 31 No School - Spring Break Begins

APRIL:

- 3-7 Spring Break
- 10 School Resumes
- 11 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elementary
- 14 No School - Good Friday
- 17 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 21 PTA Carnival



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scores were earned by the students who just graduated. Another number that I would like to share with you regarding the Class of 2016 is \$2,149,314. Our graduates earned that amount of money in the scholarships and grants they were offered and/or qualified for as of our Senior Honors Night in May. The final number is higher, as some received offers after they left us. For a small class of just over 70 graduates, this is a tremendous amount of money. We are so proud of the Class of 2016.

We have also found a new partner to oversee our preschool programs. Starting this year, Early Impressions Preschool and Childcare Center will offer two grant-funded GSRP classrooms for 4 year olds and a tuition program for 3 and 4 year olds. They will also take over operation of our Kids Club care program which runs before and after school for our elementary students. Their contact information is located later in this newsletter.

As we move into another school year, I would like to again take the opportunity to thank you for the incredible amount of support you continue to give to the students and staff of our district! We would not be able to do all that we do without you! As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.
Go Comets! John

ABC NIGHT

ABC Night for the elementary is scheduled for Monday, August 22nd from 5:00 to 6:30. This is a great time for children to meet their teacher, see their classroom, meet their bus driver, and stop by the cafeteria and gymnasium to check out the other opportunities that will be available to them during the year such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, cheerleading, Bible Club, and CP Federal Credit Union to name a few. The PTA will also be providing platters of cookies for everyone to enjoy. You won't want to miss this exciting evening.



VALEDICTORIANS

**CLASS
OF
2016**

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Dana Bigham



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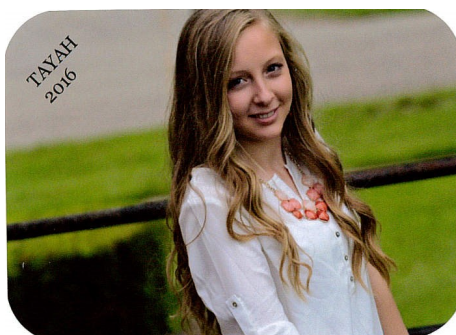
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Class of 2016
 Congratulations to the
 Class of 2016
 for being offered
 \$2,149,314.00
 in scholarships
 and grants!
 Absolutely amazing!

**Hanover-Horton
 School District**

- Zachary Cougar Abbee
- Ryann Mae Allison ++ * #
- Breana Leigh Ballard
- Alexis Jaycee Barlow +
- Michael John Becker
- Kelsie Anne Beckwith
- Sebastien Hugues Luc Bierlaire
- Dana Clarice Bigham ++ * #
- Alexis Kathryn Brockie +
- Brennan Troy Burk ++
- Kayla Aleice Burmis ++ *
- Elizabeth Marie Chance
- Kennedy Elaine Curl
- Emma Dianne Davis ++ *
- Morgan Ann Dean
- Gabriel Stephen Deck +
- Malia Margaret Deliyanne ++
- Alivia Jae Demeuse +
- Hailey Jean Dielman
- Courtney Marie DiFrancesco ++ * #
- Makenzie Breann DuBois ++ * #
- Tyler Joseph Duffrin + *
- Duncan Rollo Farrant ++ *
- Paige Marie Ferris ++ *
- Payton Allan Ferris ++ *
- Meghan Kimberly Gill ++
- Joseph Allen Francis Gray
- Jamie Lynn Grow +
- Katerina Paige Hammond + *
- Aaron Robert Heath ++ *

- Julia Morgan Hicks ++ *
- Andrew Randall Howe
- Brianne Corinne Hunter
- Caleb Daniel Jones
- Cassandra Marie Jones +
- Jorden Ryan Jones
- Austin Jay Kruger
- Jared Robert Kughn ++ *
- Jacob Evan Kurfess ++ *
- Preston Henry Laketa
- Damien Bradley Lazarus +
- Dustin Allen Lazarus
- Brandon Scott Lytle ++ * #
- JaJuan Joshua McMiller
- Rachael Denice McVay ++ * #
- Lindsay Ann Meckley ++ *
- Charlie Johanna Maria Penn ++ *
- Cairah Tiara Perrine +
- Jennifer Nicole Phillips +
- Indira Jose Policastro
- Emma Lauren Rainey
- Avery Michael Rich
- Logan Robert Rod +
- Annaka Elizabeth Saari ++ *
- Sidney Jo Saumier
- Tayah Elaine Schuette ++ *
- Abigail Ruth Sharp
- Austin James Shepherd ++ *
- Gunnar Austin Paul Snyder + *
- Kyle Jacob Spink +

- MaKayla Christine Summers ++ * #
- Gabrielle Hope DeLeon Thelen ++ *
- Scott James Vacek
- Seth Garrett Vincent ++ *
- Cameron Gregory Vinton + *
- Jasmine Kiana White
- Kyle Joseph White +
- Alexzander William Wilcox
- Breanna Lynn Wilkes
- Alyson Lee Wood ++ *
- Brock Theodore Wright

**HANOVER-HORTON VIRTUAL
SCHOOL**

- Dustie Ryan Bills
- Michael Phillip Klintworth
- Ashton Nicole Wheatley

- ++ Gold Cord Honor
- + Silver Cord Honor
- * National Honor Society Member
- # National Technical Honor Society Member



ATHLETIC INFORMATION

ATHLETIC PASSES

	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
Family	\$150	\$100	\$50
Individual	\$75	\$50	\$40
Student	\$40	\$30	\$20

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

All athletes must have a concussion form signed and on file with their school. If an athlete is concussed, they must have written permission from a physician to be released back to physical activities.

LIMITED TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Once practicing with a high school team, a student may not participate in competition not sponsored by his/her school in the same sport/same season, i.e. 3-on-3 basketball during basketball season, etc.

CONTACT INFORMATION

BOYS AND GIRL'S SOCCER

Mindy Bialczyk Phone - (517) 937-2222
 Tammy Pickering Phone - (517) 936-8199

FOOTBALL

Andy Winter
 Phone: (517) 740-9688
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BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Rob Davis
 Phone: (517) 688-5364
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Andy Birch
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BOYS BASKETBALL

Chad Mortimer
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 Email: chad.mortimer@hanoverhorton.org



WELCOME TO OUR NEW
 ATHLETIC DIRECTOR
 PERRY DELIYANNE



YOUTH SPORTS

Hours

Monday –
 Friday
 6am – 6pm

Early Impressions Preschool



Now offering
 GSRP Pre-school, Private Tuition Preschool for 3 and 4 yr.

olds, and Before and After School Care for preschool and school-aged children!

Rates

Registration Fee for non-GSRP Programs: \$20 per child
 Full Time Weekly: \$130
 Full Day: \$28
 Before and After School Weekly: \$40

The Great Start Readiness Program offers grant funded preschool to children who are 4 years old by September 1st, 2016 and meet certain criteria developed by the State of Michigan, for example, a family of 4 must have an income at or below \$60,750 to qualify. All families are encouraged to complete the interest form at www.greatstartjackson.org. This program will operate from 8:30 to 3:30 and transportation will be available. Before and after school and Friday care is available at the regular rates.

Private Tuition Preschool

This year we are excited to be offering a tuition based split classroom. This classroom will offer high quality Preschool to both 3 and 4 year olds. This is a full day program running Monday through Friday and will include any before and after school care.

Before and After School Care

We will be offering Before and After School Care to all of our preschool classrooms and school-aged children. Drop off will begin at 6 am and all children must be picked up by 6 pm.



*These materials were developed under a grant awarded by the Michigan Department of Education.

Call now!

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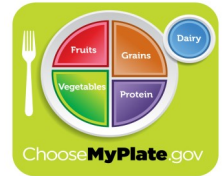
Healthy Changes in Our School Cafeterias

Dear Families,

Hanover-Horton School cafeterias are meeting tough new federal nutrition standards for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy and well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school. Now is a great time to encourage your kids to choose school lunch!

School meals offer students milk, fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, and they must meet strict limits on saturated fat and portion size. School lunches will meet additional standards requiring:

- Age-appropriate calorie limits
- Larger servings of vegetables and fruits (students must take at least one serving of produce)
- A wider variety of vegetables, including dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes
- Fat-free or 1% milk (flavored milk must be fat-free)
- More whole grains
- And less sodium



We're always working to offer Hanover-Horton School students healthier and tastier choices. We are focusing on serving healthy homemade entrees, locally grown foods and increased offerings of whole grains.

School meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy families too! Below are the meal prices.

SendMoneyToSchool.com is a great tool to monitor your student's meal account activity, deposit funds online and view the account balance. If you

	Elementary School	Middle School	High School	Milk
Breakfast	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$1.70	\$0.55
Lunch	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$2.75	\$0.55

would like to receive emails alerts when your student's account falls below the minimum balance, contact the Food Service Office to have this service set-up.

Meal applications can be submitted prior to the beginning of school by stopping by any of the building offices or by submitting an application online at www.LunchApp.com. Applications can take up to 10 days for processing. For fastest approval utilize our online portal at www.LunchApp.com.

We look forward to welcoming your children to the cafeteria this fall. To find out more about Hanover-Horton School's healthy school meals, contact Alan Breneman, Director of Food Services, at 517.990.3603.

Thank you!

Alan Breneman
Hanover-Horton School District
Director of Food Services
(517) 990-3603



Submit a Free/Reduced Meal Application online, www.SendMoneytoSchool.com.
Easier, faster and confidential. Apply Today!



Deposit funds into student accounts online, www.SendMoneytoSchool.com.

Thank you!

Thank you to the following businesses for donating food and supplies for the Elementary Playground Build Days!

Frosty King	Country Market
Little Caesars	Biggy Coffee
Target	Hanover-Horton PTA
Weir Farms	H-H Athletic Boosters
Thrivent Financial	K Tel and Sons Excavating
Sam's Club	Mark Sauber Excavating
Meckley's	Kutcha's Party Rental
Hillside United Methodist	Lowe's
Dawn Foods	Hanover-Horton Lion's Club



2015-2016 SPRING ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS

COMET ATHLETIC REPORT

Academic All-Conference -

Track

Boy's: Brennan Burk, Duncan Farrant, Austin Shepherd
Girl's: Annaka Saari

Softball: Dana Bigham, Emma Davis, Alexis Brockie

Baseball: Gunnar Snyder

Academic All-State -

Softball: Dana Bigham, Emma Davis

Academic All-State Teams:

Softball Team - 3.51 GPA



COACHES AWARD

**Softball District
Coach of the Year Award**

JOHN FENSTERMAKER

www.hhcomets.com



NEW SCHOOL HOURS:

Elementary	8:40 am - 3:29 pm
High School & Middle School	7:45 am - 2:23 pm



DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

Administration.....	517-563-0100
High School.....	517-563-0101
Athletics.....	517-563-0143
Middle School.....	517-563-0102
Elementary.....	517-563-0103 or 563-0104
Transportation.....	517-563-0106
Preschool	517-888-5155
Child Care	517-888-5155

NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

The Board of Education does not discriminate on the basis of the Protected Classes of race, color, national origin, sex, (including sexual orientation and transgender identity), disability, age (except as authorized by law), religion, military status, ancestry or genetic information (collectively, "Protected Classes") in its educational programs or activities.

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