



HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2011

Special Points of Interest:

August 29

- ABC Night
Elementary
5:00—7:00 p.m.
- Freshman/Parent
Orientation, HS Cafe
7:30—8:30 p.m.

August 30

- 6th Grade Orientation
6:00 p.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade
Open House
7—8:30 p.m.

September 6

- First Day of School
Half Day Students

September 22

- Picture Day, K-12

September 30

- Book Fair,
Sept. 30 - October 7

October 5

- Elementary Fall
Festival/Class
Connections 6-8 p.m.
- Student Count Day

October 7

- Homecoming

October 11—18

- MEAP Testing
Grades 3-8

October 19

- MEAP Testing
Grades 3-9

October 27

- Picture Retakes

BUS
SCHEDULES
ENCLOSED

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT LINDA BRIAN...

This past June we celebrated the commencement of 86 seniors in the Class of 2011. It was one of our smaller classes, but these students were as academically and athletically focused as any group we have seen walk across the stage. This class qualified for over \$1.4 million in scholarships. *No other high school in the area has the number of fully endowed scholarships that we are able to offer our students because of the type of community support that we have received over the years.* Twenty-five of our students wore the blue sash that signified that they are part of the National Honor Society. That meant that they met the requirements for knowledge, scholarship, service and leadership. Thirty-four of our graduates wore gold honor cords signifying that they had a grade point average (GPA) of 3.5 or better and

17 additional students wore silver cords indicating that they had earned a GPA of 3.0-3.49. We had one salutatorian and 6 valedictorians share with us their special thoughts and memories of their 13 years with us during their graduation speeches. Another unique aspect of this class is the athletic talent that these young men and women had with over 15% of our Class of 2011 signing letters of intent to play athletics at the collegiate level. That really says a lot about the dedication and work ethic that our students have shown. Thanks to all of our teachers, coaches and parents for your hard work in getting this group of students ready for life beyond high school.

And now another sum-

mer is almost gone as the Back to School signs take over the store displays. We are eagerly awaiting the return of our teachers and students. Our buildings have been prepped and cleaned in anticipation of the start of another school year. We know that this is going to be another great school year. I couldn't be prouder of the success that we see on the part of our students. It shows what a community culture of academic and athletic achievement can mean to everyone involved in our district. Thank you to all for your help in our continued success. Go Comets!

**SCHOOL STARTS
SEPTEMBER 6**

Letter from Kathie Michel

School Board President

We are fortunate to live in a community that values education. But these are challenging times for school districts across Michigan and the nation. For several years now, we have made serious budget cuts in order to balance our budget. These cuts have been across every department and impacted every area of our school district. We have reduced administrative staff, teachers, aides, counselors, secretaries, bus drivers and custodians. We have been learning how to do more with less. We have instituted energy reduction plans, cut back on supplies and equipment, trimmed back our athletic offerings and delayed textbook adoptions. We also have been active in county-wide collaborations and consolidations of services to save the district money.



From the superintendent down, we have all shared in the impact of the state budget cuts. Our superintendent has refused salary increases since 2008. All of our administrative staff have changed their insurance from MESSA to a less costly, high deductible plan and now pay significant premium contributions. We have received concessions from our support staff. And our teachers have also chosen to forgo salary increases and will be paying premium contributions in both the form of increased deductibles and more out of pocket expenditures.

These sacrifices are well known and greatly appreciated by our school board, but less widely known by our community members. Please join with our school board in letting all of the individuals in our district know that you recognize and appreciate not only what they have done to help our district be financially stable, but what they do day in and day out to help our children become successful adults. I am fortunate to have three successful graduates from Hanover-Horton and all three have graduated from college. One is gainfully employed in her career area, one accepted to med school and one in a doctoral program for physical therapy. Our school district did a great job in preparing them for life beyond high school and I am so proud to be the Board of Education president in a district that values our children. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of something that makes a difference in our students lives.

HANOVER-HORTON PTA NOW HAS A WEBSITE— <http://www.hanoverhortonpta.com/>

FINAL REGISTRATION FOR YOUTH LEAGUE SOCCER



The Hanover-Horton Youth Soccer League will be taking registrations on August 29, 2011 at ABC Night for its fall season. Youth League Soccer is open to any boy or girl who is 4 years old up through 5th grade. Please bring a check for \$35 per child to register on ABC Night!

Volunteers are always needed. Come enjoy and be a part of Hanover-Horton's ever-growing Youth Soccer League!

Any questions, please contact: Joe Childs (517)740-7377 or Danna Woolsey (517)414-3944.

SOCCER SWAP

September 8, 2011
Elementary Cafeteria

Strictly Donations of Soccer Attire and Equipment

Drop Off Items 4-6 p.m.
Purchase Items 6-8 p.m.

Soccer Swap donations will be accepted on ABC Night.

Step One Soccer Too will be at the Soccer Swap for your shopping pleasure.



Federal
CREDIT UNION
(517) 784-7101
cpfederal.com

C P Federal Credit Union will be opening your Student Branch in mid-October. We are open every Tuesday in the High School and on Fridays in the Middle and Elementary Schools.

Your CP representative, Lorrie Sultini, will be visiting the classrooms to discuss the importance of saving and setting goals. It is not too late to encourage your student to start a savings account if they do not have one. If your student currently has an account with us, now is a good time to continue to save for the future.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lorrie at 784-7101 Ext. 4335. We look forward to working with the students of Hanover-Horton.

MESSAGE FROM THE FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The food service department would like to welcome everyone to the new school year!! We would like to inform everyone of recent changes that have been made to the school lunch program.

- Hanover-Horton School District now participates in the wellness program which offers a greater variety of fruits and vegetables to the students.
- To help parents/guardians, we will have applications for the free/reduced lunch program available through our office, all district offices, ABC Night, Middle School and Freshman Orientations. We encourage this form to be filled out and turned in as soon as possible at any of the school district's offices. Please note that only one form needs to be turned in per family.
- Our school district participates in the SendMoneyToSchool.com program which allows parents/guardians to view and/or make payments on their child's lunch account. Parents are asked to use this system or to contact the food service department at 517-563-0105 for questions in regards to their child's account. We would also like to inform parents/guardians that the school district has a no charging policy in place (see the student handbook for details).



KIDS CLUB

GRADES K-5

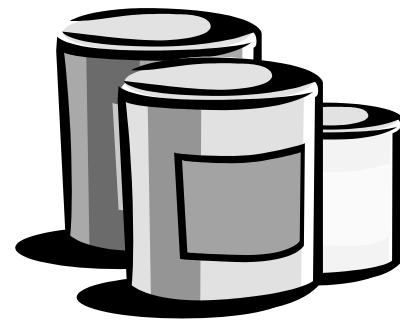
**BEFORE AND AFTER
SCHOOL CHILD CARE**

**6:30 A.M.—8:45 A.M.
3:45 P.M.—6:00 P.M.**

**FOLLOWS SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL 563-0107**

CHILD CARE



A THANK YOU TO THE COMMUNITY

The Hanover Community Food Pantry wishes to extend a huge thank-you to our generous community for their loyal support in these difficult times. If you are in need of assistance or would like to donate items to the pantry, please call 563-2835 Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. until noon.

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2011**VALEDICTORIANS**

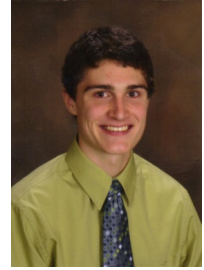
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Allison Clark



Hunter Johnson



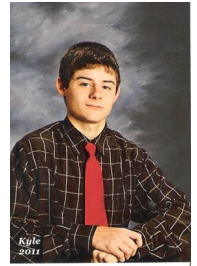
Matthew Konieczki



Benjamin Tallman



Emily Wrozek

**SALUTATORIAN**

Kyle Stringham

Jasmin Faith Bachelder ++ *
 Tyler Paul Bapst ++ *
 Lindsey Morgan Benedict
 Danielle Kaylynn Blair +
 Brittany Ann Bloss
 Lindsay Anne Braman
 Jason Scott Brown ++ *
 Jessica Lynn Burtka +
 Abberley Ann Butler ++ * #
 Asia Marie Butler ++ * #
 Samantha Suzanne Childs
 Allison Marie Clark ++ *
 Jonathan Mark William Clore ++ *
 Madison Gabrielle Cox
 Austin Williams Currier +
 Luke Alexander Davis +
 Myria Merlene Davis-Green
 Elyssa Marie Dean
 Tyler James Dean
 Curinne Renee Demeuse +
 Alyssa Kay Easton
 Nicholas Adam Everley
 Katelynn Lee Gibbs
 Jessica Lynn Glassel ++
 Taylor Marie Gray
 Toby Austin Grow
 AnnaLee Joy Guenther +
 Adam William Harris
 Danielle Renee Hazard ++
 Joseph Carl Hodges
 Erik James Howe

Natalie Ann Huntoon ++
 Nikki Lee Huntoon +
 Tyler Leland Johns ++
 Hunter McKinsey Johnson ++
 Tonya Angela Kendra ++ *
 Derek Ryan Kinney ++ *
 Matthew James Konieczki ++ *
 Dwayne Lincoln Lewis
 Taylor Anne Luce
 Philip Lukowicz +
 Samantha Ann McAllister + #
 Amanda Joann McConeghy
 Spencer Joyce McKenna ++
 Cameron Andrew Meininger ++ *
 Sarah Elizabeth Merrill ++ * #
 Alana Nadeen Miles ++ *
 Jackson Douglas Miller
 Jake Edward Minard
 Kelly Amber Morgan ++ *
 Sharon Lynn Morgan ++ *
 Alexander William Morris
 Madeline Elizabeth Mortimer + #
 Chase Ryan Perry +
 Emma Gaelle Podlewski + *
 Tara Shea Rappleye ++ *
 Taylor Ray Reid
 Ashley Marie Richards
 Taylor Katherine Rowley
 Reis Christopher Schittenhelm
 Rachael Lynn Schneider ++ * #
 Jade Victoria Schoening

Jessica Marie Scholl ++ *
 Dylan Lee Schuette
 Samantha Ann Marie Sharp
 Ashley Lenee' Smilowski +
 Andrew Shawn Sorrow ++
 Samuel Roger Spink +
 Kali Marie Stanton ++ * #
 Jonathan Michael Stierle ++ *
 Kyle Kurtz Stringham ++ *
 Matthew Allen Sunderman ++
 Chara Lynn Sykes ++
 Benjamin Scott Tallman ++
 Kaitlyn Jane Thayer ++ *
 Shannon Dawn Torok
 Jacob Michael Vancalbergh + *
 Kate Lynn Wahlund +
 Whitney Lynn Webb
 Steven Douglas Wells II ++
 Quentin James White
 Mellinda Lynn Wilson ++ * #
 Brianne Taylor Wollpert ++ *
 Emily Catherine Wrozek ++ *

++ Gold Cord Honor
 + Silver Cord Honor
 * National Honor Society
 Member
 # National Technical Honor
 Society Member (Jackson
 Area Career Center)

DATES TO KNOW

AUGUST:

- 29 5-7 pm ABC Night Elementary
7:30 pm Freshmen/Parent Meeting
- 30 6 pm 6th Grade Orientation
7-8:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Open House

SEPTEMBER:

- 6 1/2 Day School for Students
- 15 Market Day & Scrip Pickup 5-6 p.m.
- 16 ACT Registration Due for Oct. 22 Test
High School Yearbook Dance, 9-11 p.m.
- 19 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 20 7 p.m. Music Boosters Meeting
In the Band Room
- 22 Picture Day for all students
- 30 Book Fair Sept. 30– Oct 7

OCTOBER:

- 3 Homecoming Week
- 5 6-8 p.m. Elementary Fall Festival/
Class Connections
Powder Puff Football
Pupil Count Day, please be present
- 7 5 p.m. Homecoming Parade
Queen & King Crowning @ Halftime
- 11-18 MEAP—Grades 3-8
- 12 PSAT Test Date
- 13 Market Day & Scrip Pickup 5-6 p.m.
7 p.m. PTA Meeting, Elementary Library
- 17 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 19 MEAP—Grades 3-9
- 22 ACT Test Day — Register by Sept. 16
- 27 Picture Retakes



NOVEMBER:

- 1 No School Students
- 3 MS/HS P-T Conferences 3:30-7:30 p.m.
- 4 ACT Registration Due for Test of Dec. 10
End of 1st 9 weeks Elementary/MS
- 10 7 p.m. PTA Meeting, Elem Library
Market Day & Scrip Pickup 5-6 p.m.
- 12 High School Talent Show
- 17 Full Day of School All Students
K-5 Conferences 4:00-7:30 p.m.
- 18 Half Day of School for Elementary/
Full Day for Grades 6-12
K-5 Conferences 1:00-4:00 p.m.
End of 1st High School Trimester
- 19 Middle School Solo & Ensemble
- 21 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 23 1/2 Day School All Students
- 24&25 No School—Thanksgiving

DECEMBER:

- 8 7 p.m. Band/Choir Concert HS Gym
Market Day & Scrip Pickup 5-6 p.m.
- 10 ACT Test Day—Register by Nov. 4
- 12 6:30 p.m. Board of Education Meeting
- 12/19-
1/2 No School—Christmas Break— School
Resumes January 3

SPORTS FANS

Gary Kalahar, from the Jackson Citizen Patriot, wrote the following and we are sharing it with his permission. It reminds us what is really important about high school sports, we ask that you please support our student athletes.

“Assume the best.

Assume the Athletes out there are trying their best. They really are not trying to make mistakes, so pointing them out and yelling corrections probably isn’t going to help.

Assume the coaches want to win, they want to teach the kids something and that they have reasons for doing things that you don’t know about.

Assume the officials aim to make the right call. They are human, which means they are not perfect and it also means they do not like being hollered at, so they aren’t trying to screw up.

Finally, assume the kids are out there to have fun. And you should, too.”

2010-2011 WINTER & SPRING ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS

Academic All-Conference

- Boys' Basketball: Sam Spink and Jacob Vancalbergh
Girls' Basketball: Danielle Blair, Curinne Demeuse, Brianne Wollpert and Emily Wrozek
Boys' Golf: Sam Spink
Baseball: Hunter Johnson and Derek Kinney
Softball: Natalie Huntoon
Girls' Track: Allison Clark, Kelly Morgan, Sharon Morgan, Chara Sykes, Brianne Wollpert and Emily Wrozek
Boys' Track: Tyler Bapst, Jonathan Clore, Matthew Konieczki, and Benjamin Tallman

Academic All-District

- Baseball: Christian Burns, Hunter Johnson and Derek Kinney

Academic All-State

- Baseball: Hunter Johnson
Girl's Track: Allison Clark, Sharon Morgan and Emily Wrozek
Softball: Natalie Huntoon

Academic All-State Team

- Softball: Team Average 3.45 GPA

District 2011/Team Sportsmanship Award

- Girl's Softball Team



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
Kids Club.....517-563-0107
Lil' Comets.....517-563-0124
SCHOOL CLOSINGS.....517-563-0117

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