



Hanover-Horton School District

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NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Special Points of Interest:

SPRING BREAK

March 23 - Half Day
March 24 - March 31

NO SCHOOL DATES

March 24-31 No School K-12
April 7 No School K-12
May 29 No School K-12
June 9 Last Day/Half Day K-12

YOUNG 5's/KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION

April 11 - Elementary Informational Meeting for Y5/Kindergarten Parents

April 24, 25 and 26 - *By appt. only*
Y5/Kindergarten Roundup
Phone 517-563-0103 for an appt.

SENIOR HONORS NIGHT

May 25th 6:30 pm

SENIOR GRADUATION

May 26th 7:00 pm

GO COMETS!

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DENNEY...



Where does the time go? It does not seem possible that we are already in the final stretch of another school year. As we move closer to the graduation of our Class of 2023, we are also working to prepare ourselves for the addition of our newest Comets, our incoming kindergartners will be the Class of 2036.

Voters living within our district and in Jackson County will have two ballot proposals to consider on May 2, 2023 that deal directly with our school district. One of the proposals is from our district and the other is from the Jackson County Intermediate School District.

Hanover-Horton School District Operating Millage Proposal: Every school district in Michigan is responsible for passing an operating millage that is levied on all non-homestead properties (*not primary homes/residences, which are exempt from this millage*) within their district's boundaries. By law, Hanover-Horton and most other school districts are able to levy a maximum of 18 mills for operating purposes. State of Michigan per-pupil funding for most school districts, including Hanover-Horton, assumes that the district levies 18 mills for operating purposes. If a school district doesn't levy 18 mills, the State does not make up the difference, and the school district will not receive its full funding from the State. However, due to the complex nature of school funding and property taxes, not every district is able to levy the full 18 mills. The Headlee Amendment reduces the rate a district is able to levy based on a series of calculations using the increase in property values, inflation rates, and a few other variables. In August of 2015, Hanover-Horton's voters approved an operating millage with a rate of 18.5912 mills. Since then, Hanover-Horton's operating millage levy rate has been reduced a few times over the last few years due to Headlee. For the 2022 tax collection, our operating millage was limited to a levy of only 17.2144 mills, which resulted in a loss of almost \$60,000 in State funding for the 2022-2023 school year. Unless Hanover-Horton voters approve an operating millage proposal that restores the school district's ability to levy 18 mills, the school district will continue to lose this amount of State funding each year. A renewal of our current millage would not allow us to get back to the 18 mills; therefore, we have to ask for a new millage in order to restore our full funding. *It is important to understand that this new millage would replace the current millage.*

While several ballot language options were presented to the Board of Education, it was determined that the best course of action was to pursue a new operating millage with a rate of 20 mills. The hope is that, if Headlee rollbacks hit again, the district will have enough "cushion" to continue to levy 18 mills and receive our full per pupil funding from the State without additional ballot proposals in the next few years. If the operating millage proposal is approved by the voters, Hanover-Horton would again be able to levy 18 mills on non-homestead property, and, as a result, would also receive its full per pupil-funding from the State. Here is the ballot language:

HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its full revenue per pupil foundation allowance.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Hanover-Horton School District, Jackson and Hillsdale Counties, Michigan, be increased by 20 mills (\$20.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 6 years, 2023 to 2028, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18mills are levied in 2023 is approximately \$1,392,190?

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JCISD Special Education: The Jackson County Intermediate School District will have a question on the ballot regarding its Special Education Millage Renewal. In the Jackson County ISD service area, which includes our school district, voters will decide whether to renew the 1.5408 mills property tax millage that voters last approved in 2017. No new taxes are being proposed.

This proposal would sustain the current millage and funding through 2028. This renewal would cost homeowners with a market value of \$100,000, or a taxable value of \$50,000, \$77.04 per year or \$6.42 per month. If approved by the voters, this renewal would generate approximately \$8,880,000 for the 2023-24 school year, allowing the Jackson County ISD to reimburse public school districts and local public school academies for their unreimbursed, but mandated, special education costs.

During the 2022-23 school year, this millage brought \$306,093 to Hanover-Horton Schools. Without this reimbursement, our district would be tasked with generating that funding individually, which would in turn reduce the funding available for our current programs and resources. Here is the ballot language for the JCISD proposal:

JACKSON COUNTY INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL EDUCATION MILLAGE RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the intermediate school district to levy special education millage previously approved by the electors. Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Jackson County Intermediate School District, Michigan, be renewed by 1.5408 mills (\$1.5408 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 5 years, 2024 to 2028, inclusive, to provide funds for the education of students with a disability; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2024 is approximately \$8,880,000 from local property taxes authorized herein (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2023 tax levy)?

If you would like any additional information regarding the two proposals or anything else going on with our district, please contact Superintendent John Denney at 517-563-0100 or john.denney@hanoverhorton.org.

Go Comets!
John



Young 5's/Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Informational Meeting

The elementary will be holding a parent informational meeting for all incoming Young 5's and Kindergarten students on Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m. in the elementary gymnasium. This is a very important meeting, where the following topics will be discussed:

- * What to bring with you and expect at Y5's/Kindergarten Round-Up;
- * Registration forms;
- * The different skills we'd like each child to have before entering Young 5's/Kindergarten;
- * What a day at Hanover-Horton looks like;
- * Transportation information; and
- * Our food service program.

We are asking parents to bring their incoming Young 5/Kindergartner to the meeting. While parents are attending the informational session, their children will go with our teachers for a story and activity. After the presentation, parents will have the opportunity to sign up for a time to bring their child to Young 5's/Kindergarten Round-up. We look forward to seeing you!



Young 5's/Kindergarten Round-Up April 24th and 25th (9:00-2:30), April 26th (9:00-11:30)

All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2023 are eligible to attend. Children who will turn 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2023 may apply for a waiver to attend for the 2023-24 school year. Please make an appointment for your child at the parent meeting, which will be held at Hanover-Horton Elementary on April 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the elementary office will take reservations starting April 12th up until the first day of Round-Up.

Please bring:

- ☀ Your Young 5/Kindergartner
- ☀ Immunization record
- ☀ Original birth certificate
- ☀ Paperwork from the parent meeting

See you then!

Hanover-Horton Elementary



STORY WALK

We installed a new Story Walk at the elementary track with help from the Jackson District Library and some local businesses. We are one of three locations in Jackson County. Stories will be changed bimonthly. Families can walk around the track after school hours or on the weekend.

VETERAN'S DAY

We honored local veterans by hosting a breakfast at Heritage Park and a parade at the elementary. The hallways were decorated with beautiful artwork made by the students.



JOHNNY APPLESEED

Students in Mrs. Twichell's 2nd grade classroom read about Johnny Appleseed. They learned his real name was John Chapman and about his acts of service in planting apple trees, selling trees, and giving away trees to families that needed them. And of course there might have been some apple, applesauce, apple muffins, and apple crisp tasting!

BALLOON POWERED CARS

In Story/STEM, students have been reading about inventors. All grades are exploring simple machines. In fifth grade, students are using recycled materials and the engineering process to design, redesign, collaborate, and then race their cars. Fourth grade will start the process, and soon we will have a grand champion. Bottle caps for this project are always being collected if you'd like to send them to school.



"QU" WEDDING

The letters "Q" and "U" ALWAYS go together in words. So to help our Young 5's students to remember that whenever they see the letters "Q" and "U," they had a "QU Wedding," complete with a wedding reception!

DATES TO KNOW

March:
23 Half Day K-12 - Spring Break Begins



April:
Mar. 24- 31 Spring Break
3 School Resumes
7 No School
10 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
April 10-May 26 M-Step Testing Window
11 Incoming Young 5's/Kindergarten Informational Meeting 6:00 pm
12-18 9th & 10th Grade - PSAT
13 11th Grade Work Keys
24-26 Kindergarten Roundup (By Appointment)
April 10-May 19 6th & 7th Grade M-Step Testing Window

May:
8 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
13 Jr/Sr Prom at Irish Hills Wedding Barn
25 Senior Honors Night 6:30 pm
26 Senior Graduation
29 K-12 No School, Memorial Day



June:
7-9 High School Exams
9 Last Day of School, Half Day All Students
Middle School Honors Assembly 9:00 am
12 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m.



Middle School NEWS



The 8th grade class was invited to go on a ski trip to Caberfae Peaks in Cadillac, MI. Forty-three students, ten parent chaperones, along with Mrs. Herwat and Mrs. Bergstrom, headed north for fun on the slopes! Parent and fellow educator Eric Swihart, helped organize the trip for the 8th graders and hopefully helped start a new tradition at HHMS. Most students had never skied before and had a blast tackling this new challenge together! Many thanks to the parents and staff who devoted their time to this fun day for the students.



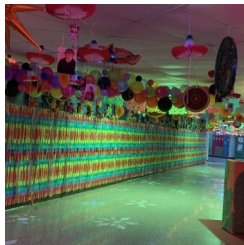
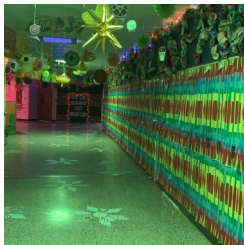
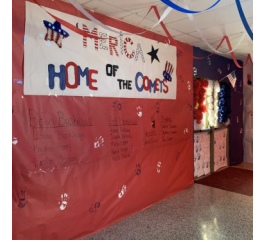
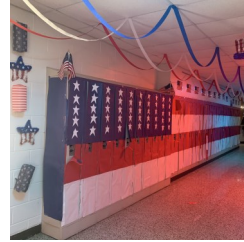
Welcome, Mrs. VanderVeen!

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Nicole VanderVeen, BSN, RN, our district's new school nurse. Mrs. VanderVeen has worked in the medical field as a Registered Nurse for several years and is passionate about children's health and expanding her knowledge and experience in the school setting. She is currently in the district Monday-Friday each week and may be reached by calling any school office.



Snowfest

This year's theme for Snowfest was "Countries." High School classes compete for spirit points by decorating their section of the hallway. The Senior class chose France, Junior had the United States, Sophomores selected Mexico, and Freshmen picked Italy. The decorating was outstanding this year!



What's for Lunch?



FOOD SERVICE HIGHLIGHT

The food service team was excited to try out the new smoker/steamer ovens that were installed over Christmas break. The new ovens are able to slow cook and smoke items throughout the night. Students and staff were treated for the first time to our very own smoked BBQ pulled pork sandwiches! This pork was smoked for 14+ hours. We are still receiving positive comments about the taste and restaurant quality of the BBQ pork! These ovens are just another way that we are striving to improve the standards of meals at Hanover-Horton Schools. Be sure and have your students try the smoked turkey with mashed potatoes and gravy this month!

SMOKED
BBQ
PORK



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES 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
- Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.*

Your eligible children 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 your preference.
 - * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Local Liaison

State Coordinator



ATHLETIC INFORMATION

A message from.....

Athletic Director Perry Deliyanne

www.hhcomets.com

JTV Athletes of the Week:

KATIE WARREN

DAVID FIELDER

Congratulations!

MHSAA Scholar-Athlete Award Finalist

DANNI SWIHART

Football: 3-6 on the season; 2-4 Cascades Conference (5th place)

Boys Cross Country: Cascades Conference Champions; Regional Champions

Girls Cross Country: Cascades Conference Champions; Regionals 5th Place

Girls Golf: Cascades Conference 3rd Place

Volleyball: District Champions; Cascades Conference 6th Place

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YOUTH SPORTS

HANOVER-HORTON HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

<u>VARSITY BASEBALL</u>			
		Time	Bus
4/4	@ Quincy	3:45	2:15
4/6	Columbia DH	4:00	
4/8	@ Coldwater Invitational	TBA	
4/12	@ Vandercook Lake DH	4:00	3:00
4/15	Chris Brian Invitational	9:30	
4/17	@ Addison DH	4:00	2:45
4/19	Jonesville DH	4:00	
4/21	Grass Lake DH	4:00	
4/22	Western DH	4:00	
4/26	East Jackson DH	4:00	
4/28	@ Clinton DH	4:00	2:20
5/1	Manchester DH	4:00	
5/5	@ Napoleon DH	4:00	2:30
5/8	Lumen Christi @ JC	7:30	
5/10	Michigan Center DH	4:00	
5/12	Leslie DH	4:00	
5/15-17-19	Conference Tournament	TBA	
5/25	@ Hudson DH	4:00	
6/3	Districts	10:00	
6/7	Regional Semi	4:00	

<u>JV BASEBALL</u>			
		Time	Bus
4/4	Quincy DH	3:45	
4/6	@ Columbia	4:00	2:45
4/12	Vandercook Lake DH	4:00	
4/18	Addison DH	4:00	
4/24	@ Grass Lake DH	4:00	2:20
4/27	@ East Jackson DH	4:00	2:30
4/28	Clinton DH	4:00	
5/1	Manchester	4:00	2:20
5/5	Napoleon DH	4:00	
5/6	@ Hillsdale DH	10:00	
5/12	@ Michigan Center DH	4:00	2:30
5/15	@ Jonesville DH		

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4/4	@ Quincy DH	3:45	2:15
4/6	Columbia DH	4:00	
4/12	@ Vandercook Lake DH	4:00	3:00
4/15	Chris Brian Invitational	9:30	
4/17	@ Addison DH	4:00	2:45
4/19	Jonesville DH	4:00	
4/21	Grass Lake DH	4:00	
4/22	Western DH	10:00	
4/26	East Jackson DH	4:00	
4/27	Clinton DH	4:00	
5/1	Manchester DH	4:00	
5/5	@ Napoleon DH	4:00	2:30
5/10	Michigan Center DH	4:00	
5/12	Leslie DH	4:00	
5/18	@ Coldwater DH	4:00	
5/19	@ Sand Creek Invitational	TBA	
5/25	@ Hudson	4:00	2:30

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		Time	Bus
4/4	Quincy DH	3:45	
4/6	@ Columbia DH	4:00	2:45
4/12	Vandercook Lake DH	4:00	
4/17	Addison DH	4:00	
4/21	@ Grass Lake DH	4:00	2:20
4/22	@ Western DH	10:00	
4/26	@ East Jackson DH	4:00	2:30
5/1	@ Manchester DH	4:00	2:20
5/5	Napoleon DH	4:00	
5/10	@ Michigan Center DH	4:00	2:30
5/15	@ Jonesville DH	4:00	
5/18	Coldwater DH	4:00	

<u>TRACK</u>			
		Time	Bus
4/6	@ Western Quad	4:30	3:30
4/14	@ Napoleon Inv		
4/18	@ Manchester	4:45	2:45
4/21	@ Western	2:30	1:15
4/25	Addison, Michigan Center	4:45	
5/2	East Jackson, Vandercook	4:45	
5/9	@ Grass Lake	4:45	2:45

<u>BOYS GOLF</u>			
		Time	Bus
4/11	@ Michigan Center	2:00	
4/18	@ Grass Lake	2:00	
4/21	@ Grass Lake Invitational	10:00	
4/25	@ Addison	3:00	
4/28	@ East Jackson Inv (Sharp)	9:00	
5/4	@ East Jackson	2:00	
5/5	@ Lumen Christi Invitational	9:30	
5/9	H-H	1:00	
5/10	@ Michigan Center Inv	9:00	
5/12	@ Western Inv	9:00	
5/16	H-H Invite	9:00	
5/17	@ Manchester	2:00	
5/19	@ Katke	11:00	
5/20	@ Katke	9:00	
5/23	@ Vandercook Lake	2:00	
5/25	Conference Sharp Pk	9:00	
5/31	Regionals Lenawee CC	8:00	
6/9 & 10	State Finals Akers West		

<u>GIRLS SOCCER</u>			
		Time	Bus
4/4	@ Northwest		
4/6	Laingsburg	5:30	
4/12	Springport	5:30	
4/17	@ Grass Lake		
4/20	Napoleon	5:30	
4/24	@ Jackson Christian		
4/26	Jonesville		
5/1	@ Lenawee Christian		
5/3	Manchester		
5/8	@ Michigan Center		
5/10	Quincy		
5/15	@ Bronson		
5/22	@ Westerm		



ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE
ADDITIONAL DATES MAY BE ADDED

2022-2023 FALL ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS

COMET ATHLETIC REPORT

Academic All-Conference Individuals

Cross Country: Eden Matthews, Olivianna Watkins, Austin Brown, Rogan Melling, Elijah Rodabaugh, Nick Schuette

Football: Craig Foote, Lucas Cain, Janson Silveus

Volleyball: Lexie Schuette

Girls Golf: Ella Dekker, Danni Swihart

Academic All-State Individuals

Cross Country: Austin Brown
Landen Boulis

Football: Lucas Cain

Volleyball: Lexie Schuette

Girls Golf: Danni Swihart

Academic All-State Teams

Volleyball: Rebecca Uphaus, Hadlie Barber, Halle Swihart, Madeline Sauber, Lexie Schuette, Chelsea Russ, Alexyn DuBois, Natalee Krage, Morgan Kuhl, Breeann Johnson

Football: Kaiden Myers, DaVon Ackley, Craig Foote, Logan Blackledge, Tracy Ackley, Brenden Myers, Graham Gumper, Janson Silveus, Bryant Hamisfar, Lucas Cain, Luke Soper



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