



Hanover-Horton School District

10000 Moscow Road
Horton, MI 49246
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NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2025

Special Points of Interest:

ELEMENTARY ABC NIGHT

Monday, August 18th, 5:00-6:30 pm

FRESHMAN / NEW STUDENT HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Monday, August 18th, 7:30-8:30 pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL ORIENTATION

Monday, August 18th

6th Grade - 6:00 pm

7th Grade Open House - 7:00 pm

8th Grade Open House - 7:30 pm

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Oct. 23 - MS/HS 4:00-7:30 pm

Oct. 23 - K-5 4:00-7:30 pm

Oct. 24 - K-5 12:30-3:30 pm

CHRISTMAS BREAK

December 22 - January 2

NO SCHOOL DATES

Aug 29&Sep 1 No School K-12

Oct. 20 No School K-12

Oct. 24 Half Day K-12

Nov 26-28 No School K-12

Dec 19 Half Day K-12

Dec 22 - Jan 2 No School K-12

Jan 19 No School K-12

Feb 6 Half Day K-12

Feb 13&16 No School K-12

March 26 Half Day K-12

Mar 27-Apr 3 No School K-12

May 25 No School K-12

June 4 Half Day (Last Day)

SCHOOL STARTS
AUGUST 20th
HALF DAY ALL
STUDENTS
Elem. - 8:45-12:15
MS/HS - 7:40 - 11:05

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT DENISE BERGSTROM...

Greetings Comet Families and Friends,

It's hard to believe how quickly summer has flown by once the warm weather finally arrived! I hope the past few weeks have been filled with memorable moments, time to relax, and plenty of fun with family and friends.

Summer gives us time to reflect on the accomplishments of the past school year—and I couldn't be more proud of what our staff and students achieved. Our educators worked tirelessly to provide the best possible learning experience for all students. Their efforts paid off: our graduating seniors were offered more than **\$1.5 million in scholarships** to colleges, universities, and trade schools.

In addition, our middle and high school bands and choirs performed at various events, excelling in competitions and ultimately earning the chance to compete at the state level. Our athletic programs also had an exceptional year—bringing home conference, district, regional, and even a state championship title!

Together with our school board, staff, and community members, we continue to make meaningful progress on our strategic plan goals to strengthen and improve our district. None of this would be possible without the dedication of our many volunteers and local supporters, and we are sincerely grateful for every individual and business that invests in our Comet students.

As we prepare for the upcoming school year, we are faced with the challenge of waiting for information from the state regarding the school aid budget. At this time, the per-pupil funding amount remains unknown, making the budgeting process especially difficult. In response, we have made careful reductions in expenditures, focusing on minimizing any impact on student programs and learning opportunities.

Looking ahead, please note that there will be a proposal to renew the sinking fund on the ballot this November. These funds can be used for maintaining our buildings and grounds. We'll be sharing more information about this proposal in the coming months.

The sights and sounds of "back to school" are already taking shape around our buildings, and I'm filled with excitement knowing that our students will soon return to fill our halls with energy, laughter, and learning. It continues to be an honor to serve as the leader of a district filled with dedicated educators, fantastic students, involved families, and a deeply supportive community.

I look forward to seeing all of you very soon. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions—now or at any point during the school year.

Sincerely,
Denise Bergstrom

Go Comets!



BUS ROUTES WILL BE E-MAILED TO DISTRICT FAMILIES AND ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH POWERSCHOOL

DATES TO KNOW

AUGUST:

- 11 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 18 5:00-6:30 pm Elementary ABC Night
6:00-7:00 pm 6th Grade Orientation
7:00 7th Grade Open House
7:30 8th Grade Open House
7:30 pm Freshmen/New HS Student Orientation
- 18 Middle School Sports Practices Begin
- 20 Students' First Day, Half Day
- 29 No School, Labor Day Weekend



SEPTEMBER:

- 1 No School, Labor Day Weekend
- 8 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 16 8:00 am K-2 PTA Donuts with Grownups
- 17 8:00 am 3-5 PTA Donuts with Grownups
- 22 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elem
- 26 5:00 pm Homecoming Parade in Hanover
Homecoming Game, Crowning of Queen & King
- 27 Homecoming Dance
- 30 School Picture Day

OCTOBER:

- 1 Pupil Count Day, please be present if possible
- 13 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 10-17 PTA Book Fair
- 17 HS End of 1st Nine Weeks
- 20 No School
- 23 4:00-7:30 pm Middle/High Parent/Teacher Conf.
4:00-7:30 pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 24 Half Day All Students K-12
12:30-3:30 pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 27 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elem
- 30 5:00 pm Elementary Fall Festival



NOVEMBER:

- 4 School Picture Retake Day
- 8 6:00 pm PTA Mother/Son Glow Party
- 10 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 14 Elem & Middle School - End of 1st Trimester
- 24 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elem
- 26-28 No School - Thanksgiving Break

DECEMBER:

- 8-12 PTA Santa Shop
- 8 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 17-19 High School Exams
- 19 End of 1st Semester High School
- 19 Half Day School All Students K-12
- 22-Jan 2 No School - Christmas Break



JANUARY:

- 5 School Resumes
- 12 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 19 No School, Staff Professional Development
- 26 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elem

FEBRUARY:

- 5 3:00-6:00 pm Middle/High Parent/Teacher Conf.
4:00-7:30 pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 6 12:30-3:30 pm K-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Half Day All Students K-12
- 9 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 11 Pupil Count Day, please be present if possible
- 13 & 16 No School All Students
- 21 6:00 pm PTA Daddy/Daughter Dance
- 23 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elem
- 27 Elem & Middle School—End of 2nd Trimester

MARCH:

- 9 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 13 High School End of 3rd Nine Weeks
- 26 Half Day All Students
- 27-Apr 3 No School - Spring Break



APRIL:

- 6 School Resumes
- 13 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 15-23 PTA Book Spring Book Fair
- 27 No School
- 27 6:00 pm PTA Meeting at Elem

MAY:

- 11 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 22 Class of 2025 Graduation
- 25 No School

JUNE:

- 4 Last Day of School - Half Day
- 15 6:00 pm Board of Education Meeting

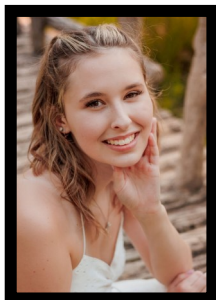


H-H CLASS OF 2025 TOP TEN

Delainey Cottrell



Morgan Kuhl



Zoey Myers



Layne Saari



Sophie Schuette



Luke Soper



Annika Van Fleet



John Wallbaum



Logan Wolff



Jayce White

H-H GRADUATING CLASS OF 2025

Haley Michelle Applegate
 Wyatt Robert Ashworth +
 Dylan Matthew Bailey
 Abbygail Joleen Barba ++
 Gavin Lee Berkeypile
 Andrew Stephen Berry, Jr. ++
 Grace Marie Bialczyk ++ *
 Landen Jason Boulis ++ *
 James Thomas Randall Bradley
 Ella Lynn Bulgrien ++ *
 Liam Grae Bunker
 Kelly Tea Caroen ++
 Braden Parker Cogan
 Reyna Jade Collins +
 Delainey Elisabeth Cottrell ++ ~ *
 Grant Thomas Cure +
 Noah David DeKamp +
 Nathan Andrew Denig
 Alexyn Sophia DuBois ++ *
 Morgan Elizabeth Floros
 Brock Alexander Gilbert
 Madison Ashley Gillett
 Bryant Scott Hamisfar +
 Breeann Morgan Johnson ++ *
 Jaxon Lee Johnson
 Trinity Lee Jones +
 Bailey Ann King +

Morgan Joan Kuhl ++ ~ *
 Austin Horton Leonard +
 Jeremiah Ethan Linabury
 Hunter Michael Miller
 Trenten Michael Mosley
 Zoey Elizabeth Myers ++ ~
 Alayna Lee North +
 Kiely Kay Peek ++
 Bryce Timothy Riddle
 Talan Mykel Riley
 Chelsea Marie Russ ++ *
 Layne Michael Saari ++ ~ *
 Madeline Grace Sauber ++ *
 Ava Marie Schnell ++ *
 Sophie Lee Schuette ++ ~ *
 Cole Daniel Shackelford +
 Luke Warner Soper ++ ~ *
 Jenna Aileen Strait ++
 Drew Elizabeth Swihart + *
 Halle Jane Swihart
 Brady Andrew Tamblyn ++ *
 Colin Alton Taylor
 Arianna Summer Uhl +
 Annika Eve VanFleet ++ ~
 Alexis Marie VanGelder + *
 Jozlynn Marie Vian
 Alexandria Cristabel Viger-Inman

Ariana Joy Lynn Wagar
 John Leo Wallbaum ++ ~ *
 Alex Jeffrey Weir +
 Bryce Allen Whisman
 Jayce Cameron White ++ ~
 Logan Michael Wolff ++ ~
 Jack Brian Wooster +
 Hoyt Mathew Wrona +
 Rhianon Veralynn Wykoff

Brock Gilbert ^
 Trenton Mosely ^
 Hannah Ostrander ^
 Gracey Ostrander ^
 Ariana Wagar ^

++ Gold Honor Cord
 + Silver Honor Cord
 * National Honor Society
 # Military Cord
 ~ Top Ten Graduate
 ^ H-H Virtual Graduate





ATHLETIC INFORMATION

A message from.....

www.hhcomets.net

Athletic Director **Chris VanEpps**

The 2024-25 school year was a great year to be part of Comet Athletics! With the success of our fall athletic teams, our winter athletic teams had a lot to live up to—and boy did they! Our boys bowling team continued to improve each week throughout the season and represented our school very well, with seniors **Noah DeKamp, Grant Cure, James Bradley and Dylan Bailey** leading the charge.



Our girls bowling team saved their best for last by taking second place in the MHSAA Regional Tournament earning them a chance to compete at the MHSAA State Championships! Two of our Lady Comet Bowlers, seniors **Abbi Barba** and **Ari Uhl**, qualified for the individual MHSAA State Championship Tournament as well!



The girls basketball team ended up placing second in the Cascades Conference West Division, and fourth overall in Cascades Conference play, with senior **Morgan Kuhl** being named 1st Team All Conference for the 4th straight season!



Our boys basketball team also placed second in the Cascades Conference West Division, but finished third overall in Cascades Conference play. Senior **Luke Soper** finished the season as the Cascades Conference Player of the Year as well as Hanover-Horton's all-time leading scorer and rebounder for his outstanding four-year career!



The Comet wrestling team also had a strong showing in Cascades Conference competition. Small but mighty in numbers, the wrestlers gave all they had to give each and every competition. Three of our wrestlers ended the season at Ford Field where they competed in the MHSAA State Finals, with junior **A.J. Fielder** placing 5th and freshman **Austyn Hocter** placing 4th respectively.

Rounding out the season is the newly crowned **state champion Hanover-Horton Competitive Cheer Team!** Throughout the entire competitive cheerleading season, the team smashed every school cheer record on their way to becoming the Cascades Conference champions. The girls rode that momentum by winning the MHSAA District Title, placing second at the MHSAA Regionals, and ultimately placing first at the MHSAA State Championships, earning the Lady Comets their first competitive cheer state title in school history!

GO COMETS!



FALL SPORTS SCHEDULES

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Varsity Football

08/20	@ Clinton/Whiteford	4:00
08/28	Monroe Jefferson	7:00
09/05	@ Napoleon	7:00
09/12	Michigan Center	7:00
09/19	@ Columbia Central	7:00
09/26	Jonesville -Homecoming	7:00
10/03	@ Homer	7:00
10/10	@ Vandercook Lake	7:00
10/17	Addison	7:00
10/24-25	Cascades X-Over	7:00

JV Football

08/20	@ Clinton/Whiteford	4:00
08/27	@ Monroe Jefferson	6:00
09/08	Napoleon	6:00
09/15	@ Michigan Center	6:00
09/22	Columbia Central	6:00
09/29	@ Jonesville	6:00
10/06	Homer	6:00
10/13	Vandercook Lake	6:00
10/20	@ Addison	6:00
10/27	Cascades X-Over	6:00

Cross Country

08/21	@ Meckley's H-H Inv	4:30
08/27	@ Hillsdale Inv	5:00
09/02	@ Harper Creek Inv	5:50
09/06	@ Bath Inv	8:30
09/12	@ MSU Spartan Inv	10:40
09/16	@ Cascades West Jamb	5:00

Cross Country (Cont'd)

09/19	@ Jackson MS/HS Inv	5:30
09/20	@ Jackson Inv	9:00
09/27	@ Shepherd Inv	9:00
09/30	@ Cascades West Jam	5:00
10/04	@ Portage Inv	9:00
10/11	@ Sturgis Inv	TBA
10/15	@ Cascades Conf Meet	5:00
10/24	@ Regionals-Sharp Pk	TBA
10/27	@ Jensen Inv	4:00
11/1	@ State Finals @ MIS	TBA

Varsity Volleyball

08/23	@ Chelsea Inv	TBA
08/26	Concord/Lumen Ch	5:00
09/04	Michigan Center	6:30
09/09	@ Grass Lk Quad	5:00
09/16	Manchester	6:30
09/20	@ Spring Arbor Inv	8:00
09/23	@ Michigan Ctr Quad	5:00
09/27	@ Lenawee Chr Quad	TBA
09/30	Columbia Central	6:30
10/07	Homer/EJ Quad	5:00
10/09	@ Union City Tri	5:00
10/11	Karen Abbott Inv	9:00
10/14	@ Jonesville	6:30
10/16	Olivet/Mich Ctr Tri	5:00
10/18	@ Coldwater Quad	TBA
10/21	@ Leslie	6:30
10/25	@ Mich Ctr—Casc Chmp	9:00
11/01	@ Bedford Inv	8:00

JV Volleyball

08/23	@ Marshall JV Invite	TBA
08/26	Concord/Lumen Ch	5:00
09/04	Michigan Center	5:00
09/06	@ Quincy Inv	TBA
09/11	@ Vandercook Lk Quad	5:00
09/13	@ Stockbridge Inv	TBA
09/16	Manchester	5:00
09/20	@ Spring Arbor Inv	8:00
09/25	@ Addison Quad	5:00
09/30	Columbia Central	5:00
10/02	Leslie/Adrian Mad Tri	5:00
10/04	HH JV Invitational	9:00
10/09	@ Homer Quad	5:00
10/14	@ Jonesville	5:00
10/16	Olivet/Michigan Ctr	5:00
10/21	@ Leslie	5:00

Girls Golf

08/15	@ E Jackson Scramble	9:00
08/25	@ Napoleon Jamboree	1:00
08/27	@ Columbia Ctrl Jamb	1:00
09/02	H-H Jamboree	1:00
09/09	Vandercook Jamb	1:00
09/10	@ East Jackson Inv	9:00
09/16	@ Jackson Area Inv	TBA
09/17	@ Addison Jamb	1:00
09/23	@ Michigan Ctr Jamb	1:00
09/25	@ Grass Lake Inv	1:00
09/30	@ Grass Lake Jamb	9:00
10/02	@ Cascades Conf	9:00
10/07	@ Regionals at Cascades	10:00

ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE!

SPORTS PHYSICALS

Students MUST have a sports physical on file with the athletic office, dated on or after April 15, 2025 BEFORE participating in any practice or competition. Physical forms may be downloaded from the MHSAA website at www.mhsaa.com/schools/forms-resources.



Homecoming Parade in Hanover - Friday, Sept. 26th, 5:00 p.m.

Homecoming Game - Friday, Sept. 26th, 7:00 p.m.

Crowning of the King and Queen at Halftime

High School Homecoming Dance, Saturday, Sept. 27th

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Hanover-Horton Elementary



“Dress for your Future Job Day” was a huge hit with elementary students! We had a lot of participants dressing for their future job, and plenty of firemen, police officers, soccer, football, hockey, and baseball players, as well as teachers, assistant principals, and principals. “Dress Like Your Favorite Adult/Student Day” was also a huge success!



“E” is for Exercise!

For ACES Day (All Children Exercise Simultaneously), we had our whole elementary school outside on the track while Mr. Gatz and Mr. Ayers lead exercises for 10 minutes. Then all classes could walk or run a lap around the track for cool down. Mrs. Solomon’s class cooled down with yoga!



The middle school had their 2nd annual Scholastic Quiz Bowl in which 181 students participated. On February 21st, 44 teams were narrowed down to four teams. On February 28th, the semi-finals and finals were broadcasted to all the middle school classrooms so students were able to watch.

Congratulations to Blake Jones, Everett Marshall, Logan Cole, and Karson Petrakovitz, Quiz Bowl champions, whose names will be added to the plaque outside the middle school office. Great job, students!

ABC NIGHT AND OPEN HOUSES

ABC Night for the elementary is almost here! It will take place on Monday, August 18th from 5:00-6:30 pm. For those who are new, ABC (Ask Before Coming) Night gives you the opportunity to come into the school, find out who your child's teacher is, and meet them prior to the school year. Teachers will have the opportunity to share any last-minute details, verify emails, phone numbers, communication procedures, and classroom rules and policies.

We'll have bus drivers available to share your child's specific route. Also available will be office and support staff, PTA, local community services, and youth athletics.

Rounding out the same evening will be open houses/orientations at the middle school and high school levels. Sixth grade orientation will begin at 6:00 pm, seventh grade open house will begin at 7:00 pm, and eighth grade open house will begin at 7:30 pm.

In the high school, freshman/new student orientation will take place starting at 7:30 pm. Middle and high school orientations will take place in their respective gyms.

Administration will be on hand to go over student rules and expectations and to answer any questions that parents or students may have as students transition to the next grade level. Don't forget to mark your calendars for this important evening!

BUS ROUTES WILL BE E-MAILED TO DISTRICT FAMILIES AND ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH POWERSCHOOL

Student Drop-off Reminder

Please help keep the flow of traffic moving when dropping off your student at the middle/high school complex! Remember when entering the parking lot from Folks Rd. (Moscow Rd. is EXIT ONLY), to use the two drop-off lanes on the left of the median (the right two lanes are for buses only). Have your students ready to exit quickly from the passenger side of your vehicle when possible. Stay on the right for drop-off and use the left for passing. Please do not drop off students from the parking area. All traffic must exit onto Moscow Rd. from 7:15-7:45 a.m. Thank you!

Welcome, New Comet Teaching Staff!

Please welcome the following new staff members to our district!

Mrs. Rachel Burlingame will be teaching middle school Social Studies. She is already a familiar face in our elementary school, where she has been an RTI teacher since 2022. She has previous experience teaching Social Studies in Washington D.C.

Ms. Allison Lipovsky will be joining our high school staff as an English teacher. Ms. Lipovsky recently moved to the area. She graduated from Grand Valley State University and taught at Harrison Community Schools.

Mrs. Jena McKnight will be teaching Art in our high school and middle school. She is a graduate of Hanover-Horton High School and Wayne State University. She has experience in communications and marketing and as a photographer and visual artist.

Ms. Courtney Toteff is also a Hanover-Horton alumni who graduated from Spring Arbor University. She is currently a track coach for our middle school. Ms. Toteff will be a special education teacher in the high school.

Mr. Franklin Stepnowski will be teaching Mathematics and Transitions in our middle and high school. He graduated from Western Governor's University and has most recently been teaching at Pansophia Academy in Coldwater, MI.

We're excited to have these teachers join our excellent staff!



2024-25 ATHLETIC AWARDS

Regional and State Recognition

COMET ATHLETIC REPORT

FOOTBALL: *All Region* - Adam Ley, Reed Matthews, Luke Soper, Layne Saari

All State - Adam Ley, Luke Soper

BOYS CROSS COUNTRY: *All State* - Landen Boulis

VOLLEYBALL: *All Region* - Chelsea Russ, Morgan Kuhl, Brynn deGlee, Molly Soper

All State - Morgan Kuhl, Chelsea Russ

Academic All State - Breann Johnson, Morgan Kuhl, Chelsea Russ

Team Academic All State - Mollie Barber, Quinn Knoblauch, Madeline Sauber, Maggie Soper, Chelsea Russ, Halee Krage, Lainey Griffis, Molly Soper, Morgan Kuhl, Bree Johnson, Brynn deGlee, Maddie Jordon

COMPETITIVE CHEER: *All Region* - Alexyn DuBois, Madeline Sauber, Sophie Schuette, Aley Ketcham, Maya Mason, Brynlee Swihart, Reyna Collins, Lexy VanGelder, Delainey Cottrell

All State - Alexyn Dubois, Madeline Sauber, Sophie Schuette, Aley Ketcham, Maya Mason, Brynlee Swihart, Reyna Collins, Lexy VanGelder, Delainey Cottrell, Sydney Waffle, Trinity Jones, Renee Rodriguez

Academic All State - Delainey Cottrell, Aley Ketcham, Sophie Schuette, Renee Rodriguez, Zoey Powell

Team Academic All State and State Champions - Adrianna Adkins, Haven Garrett, Madison Gillett, Jayda Moore, Zoey Powell, Renee Rodriguez, Lola Yeo, Aley Ketcham, Maya Mason, Kiyah Newell, Elaine Roedema, Sophie Schuette, Brynlee Swihart, Daisy Bowman, Delainey Cottrell, Trinity Jones, Madeline Sauber, Lexy VanGelder, Sydney Waffle, Alexyn DuBois, Reyna Collins

BOYS BASKETBALL: *All State* - Luke Soper

WRESTLING: *All State* - Austyn Hocter, A.J. Fielder

Academic All State - A.J. Fielder

GIRLS BOWLING: *State Qualifier* - Abbygail Barba, Ari Uhl

BOYS GOLF: *State Qualifier* - Holt Wrona

BOYS TRACK: *State Qualifier* - Zach Hassenzahl, Landen Boulis, Austyn Hocter, Rudy Lowry, Grant Bulgrien, Jeremy Russ, Brodey Bially, Levi Serafin, Cooper Flick, Chad Tyson, Tyler Harris

All State - Austyn Hocter

GIRLS TRACK: *State Qualifier* - Lila Hamisfar, Maisey Toteff, Brynlee Swihart, Ava Schnell, Chelsea Russ

BASEBALL: *All Region* - Luke Soper

All State - Luke Soper

SOFTBALL: *All Region* - Alexyn DuBois, Amanda Ley, Ava Smith, Tori King

All State - Alexyn DuBois, Ava Smith

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