HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Fall 2017 Mewsletter
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Fall 2017 School News

SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE:

District Lock Down and "The Boot"

On Wednesday, November 1st, Hesperia Community Schools chose to lockdown because of a bomb threat made by a middle school student while in the middle/high school cafeteria. During



this time we worked collaboratively with law enforcement to make sure the district was safe and free of explosive devices. Although this disrupts many things, our children's safety is paramount!

Parents asked after the lockdown why we did not evacuate the buildings? This is an excellent inquiry as protocols of the past would have definitely pushed students to go home. Contrary to that practice, is new research indicating that having students stay in their classrooms is by far safer practice. Parents should also be aware that once Law Enforcement has entered our buildings, they are in control of making the decision for evacuation. In the world of social media, people expect play by play information; however, our first and foremost action is securing the safety of children.

In August, our School Safety team met with Abby Watkins, Newaygo Emergency Services Director to review safety protocols and procedures. This meeting supported the process of developing new emergency guidelines for the district. This team will meet again at the first of the year to further develop procedures when the new Boot/lighting system is fully operational.

When classrooms went into lockdown mode, they utilized the boot system. This metal two pronged plate was placed into every door. When hooked up to the lighting system, any person moving the boot into position will cause red blinking lights to move through the district telling others to lockdown as well. This allows for a lockdown protocol without having to announce it over the P.A. In addition, law enforcement is contacted through the lockdown system and know instantly the location of where the first boot was pulled. Once this system is fully hooked up, we will have an open house to explain this state of the art safety system to parents. Hesperia is proud to be the very first public school to receive this type of safety system.

Vaughn White Superintendent

West Michigan Student Showcase 2018 T-Shirt Design Contest

Last year was the 5th annual Showcase Logo Design Contest, and Showcase organizers received a total of 32 entries. The competition is now open for the 2018 Showcase event, and the designer who creates the 2018 design chosen as the winner will receive:

- 1. \$100
- 2. Two Tickets to Showcase
- 3. Two Showcase T-Shirts
- 4. Five Copies of the Showcase Program
- 5. Recognition in the Showcase Program

All high school students are eligible to compete, and we encourage all HHS students with creative and/or artistic talents to create a design and submit it for consideration. Lets bump the number of entries up with lots of HHS student entries! Students are to submit their design through the Showcase website at: www.westmishowcase.org/logo and the deadline for entries is Friday, December 1st. For further information see Mrs. Smith or Mrs. Karrip in the high school computer lab or art room.

Hesperia High School Student Council

Our Student council has been involved in a variety of events to start the school year and has plans for many upcoming events as well. Here is a look at what they have been up to.

2017 Homecoming: Student Council picked the theme of "Fast Food" this year. Each class chose a fast food restaurant that they based their float and other competitive events around. Student council also hosted a variety of competitions throughout the week including the traditional dress up competition, powderpuff football game and a NEW tradition: Cornhole Tournament. The homecoming assembly featured many entertaining games as well as an outstanding display of school spirit by all of our students and staff! All events were highly participated in and school pride was evident in all areas of the school. The Senior Class was the overall spirit winners this year and our Homecoming King and Queen were Kevin Schooley and Delaney Hussey.



<u>Supporting Local Families:</u> The week before Halloween, our student council initiated a fundraiser to earn money for a couple of our local families battling cancer as part of cancer awareness month. Students and staff placed dollars and change in boxes in order to vote for a staff member to get pumpkin guts dumped on them during our Halloween Assembly. Mr Paine was the receiver of the pumpkin guts and our staff and students were able to donate over \$400 to be split between the Lavin and Frendo families.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, November 10th, we will be hosting our 1st Annual Veterans
 Day Assembly and we are inviting all local Veterans to come join us in
 honoring them and our country.
- Canned Food Drive will take place between November 27th and December 8th. All cans will be collected and donated to a local food pantry.

National Mole Day

High school students, staff and administrators celebrated National Mole Day on Monday, October 23rd by meeting at 6:02AM at Daniel's Restaurant. Organizer and high school teacher, Mrs. Sherburn reported that the annual breakfast has been happening for over 10 years. Although students complain about getting up extra early for the event, Mrs. Sherburn said, "I hear from former



graduates that Mole Day Breakfast was such a fun memory." When asked, why Mole Day is on October 23rd, high school sophomore Jocsan Topete said, "Mole Day is on October 23 at 6:02AM because the formula is 6.02 times 10 to the 23rd power. Foreign exchange student, Aitan Rustomova, from the country of Georgia, said "I took [a] picture of [Mrs. Sherburn giving the] toast and shared with my friend back home and [l] explained what we were doing. They were surprised!"

In fact, "A drop of water the size of the period at the end of this sentence would contain 10 trillion water molecules."

Over 50 students and several teachers participated in the breakfast this



year. Mrs. Sherburn said, "Students bring their stuffed mole (fabric) project to breakfast. Plus, getting to start the day with a Belgian waffle, a ham and cheese omelet or French toast isn't too bad either." Later in class, chemistry students will participate in a Mole Day Scavenger Hunt and enjoy other goodies such as "molasses" cookies or ice cream with "caramole."

♬ Hesperia music notes ♬

Hesperia High School Panther Marching Band began their preparation for the year with an intensive week-long band camp this summer. In addition to band camp, the band marched in the Grand Haven Coast Guard Festival Grand Parade.

This fall, the band performed at four home football games including participation in the fabulous Glow Show performance at Montague for an audience of over a 1000 people. The marching band also attended Central Michigan University on Friday, November 3, watching the CMU Prism Concert featuring the Chippewa Marching Band and Concert Bands.

Thirteen students from the seventh and eighth grade(s) participated in the Solo and Ensemble Festival on Saturday, November 11 at Morley Stanwood. Participating soloists were Katelyn Lotz-flute, Ciarra Ransomflute, Timmy Jordan-clarinet, Joseph Orona-bassoon, Caleb Jordan-trumpet, Billy Jordan-French horn, Michael Romero-tuba, and Will Blount-percussion. Students receiving superior ratings will move on to a middle school honors band scheduled at Shelby High School on Tuesday, December 12.

Seven Hesperia students were nominated and accepted to the prestigious Calvin College Honors Band. They attended an all-day clinic on Tuesday, October 24 with instrumental clinics with Calvin College professors and an evening performance. Students accepted were Kaylee Vereeke-clarinet, Kirsten Clark-clarinet, Natalie McGahan-alto saxophone, Logan Robertson-trumpet, Madi Frost-trumpet, Heather Schafereuphonium, and Margaret Anderson-euphonium.

Fifteen students have been accepted to the Central State Activities Association Honors Band held on Monday, November 13 at Lakeview High School. Students from Hesperia are Kelsee Blount-flute, Methzy Castro-flute, Kaylee Vereeke-clarinet, Kirsten Clark-clarinet, Tesa Bradfield-clarinet, Natalie McGahan-alto saxophone, Caleb David-tenor saxophone, Logan Robertson-trumpet, Madi Frost-trumpet, McKenna LaCount-trumpet, Gabriel Brasser-French horn, Heather Schafer-euphonium, Margaret Anderson-euphonium, Cameron Dunbar-trombone, and Tanner Grell-tuba.

The Annual Christmas Concert and Craft Fair will be held on Thursday, December 7, from 5:00-8:30 p.m. in the high school cafetorium. Vendors are asked to contact Stephanie Purvis at 231-854-6385 ext. 8673 or email her at purviss@hesp.net. Booth space is \$20 and limited to a first come first served basis. The concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. with the fifth grade band; 6:30 p.m. with the sixth-grade band; 7:00 p.m. with the seventh and eighth grade band and 7:30 p.m. with the high school jazz and concert bands. Admission is free and there will be a 50-50 raffle to raise funds for the program.

The annual WESCO popcorn bucket sale is going on now. Refillable now through the end of 2018, buckets are \$12. Please see a band member to get your buckets.

Patricia St. Clair Elementary will present its Annual Christmas Program on December 18th

The music will be past favorites of Mrs. Baker and the students.

The 1st and 2nd grades will sing at 6PM in the middle school gym. The 3rd and 4th grades will sing at 7PM, also in the middle school gym. More specific information will be given to students closer to the big day.



Students use technology for many varied uses throughout the district. Recently, the High School Language Arts class received a cart of Chromebooks. These laptops take students to the Internet to write research papers in MLA format using Google Docs, research topics, use Google Classroom to work on assignments and hand in papers, and to communicate with staff.

Baker College Rep., Grant Meyers, Presenting in the High School Computer Lab.

On Friday, September 29th, Baker College representative, Grant Meyers, visited Mrs. Smith's high school business and computer classes to discuss college and career readiness with the students. Earning potential, job demand, educational requirements, college fit, job vs. career, and choosing a career you will actually enjoy, were just a few of the areas explored throughout the presentation. Mr. Meyers also talked about four career areas in high demand, those being business, health sciences, education & human services, and technology, explaining that those four area combined currently make up about 88% of the job market. The presentation was closed with information pertaining specifically to Baker College. Grant explained that Baker College offers many degrees in specialized fields with hands-on type training, which is followed up by internships for all students, as well as help in securing employment after graduation.



Middle School Students of the Month



OCTOBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

- 5th: Corianna Leone, Ethan O'Neil, Elizabeth Chaney, and Maverick Schmitz
- **6**th: Jozlyn Nichols, Lona Richards, and Ariana Huerta
- **7th:** Hope Bolan, Silver Schmitz, and Isabel Valdes
- 8th: Kaitlyn Bergman, Elli McAree, Daniel McGahan, and Mitchell McGahan



SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



- 5th: Addyson Dunbar, Ryan Rasmussen, Hudson Schmitz, and Jennifer Visger
- 6th: Lauren McKivitz, Beau Montague, Molly Norris, and Eoghan O'Bryan
- 7th: Sydney Hasted, Sky Milner, Michael Romero, and Hunter White
- **8th:** Zach Achterhoff-Failing, Samantha Bieri, Samuel Brasser, and Delaney Swisher

MSU TRIP

"A group of Middle/High School students had the opportunity to attend the "Jostens Renaissance Find Your Grind Tour" at Michigan State University. They we able to hear inspirational speakers, including Mike Smith and Dr. Phillip Campbell, about how they can help change their school culture and climate. The conference was followed by a tour around Michigan State's campus and lunch at one of the dining halls. It was an awesome opportunity for some of our Hesperia students to experience!"



For the Ferris Trip:

"On Monday, October 16th, some of our Juniors and Seniors went on a field trip to Ferris State University, chaperoned by our College Adviser, Mr. Kabbash, and our business/computer teacher, Mrs. Smith. Students learned about Ferris State University's various academic programs, sports and activities, as well as admission and scholarships. Students were able to tour Ferris State's campus and they ended the day with lunch at the Rock Cafe."



SPOOKLEY THE SQUARE PUMPKIN: A BULLYING LESSON

Mrs. Fairchild spent some time in Mrs. Oyler's first grade classroom to help with a lesson on bullying. She read the book Spookley the Square Pumpkin to her class, then led a discussion on how everyone is different and has different talents. We may not all look the same, but we are all special. "You can't judge a book...or a person by its cover." After the story, each student got to make their own Spookley, choosing the shape, color, and face. The pumpkins were all very unique. Mrs. Oyler's first grade class really enjoyed this activity!





We have been creating up a storm in the art room!

Students have been having fun learning about drawing and painting styles, creating pop art and landscapes. We have discussed careers in art and printing is the first of many we will go over. We also did face painting at the home games to earn money for fun supplies to use in the art room.

Parents of students in art should be on the lookout for a fundraiser form to come home. You will be able to order a piece of art your child made in class printed on many different things. (Like a mug or a potholder.)

In October some of the middle schoolers went to Artprize in Grand Rapids. We would like to thank TrueNorth and the friends who helped fund this trip.

Coming up:

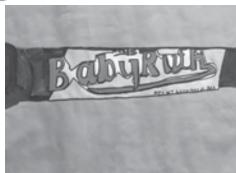
High school students trip to Chicago day trip November 10th

Art shows are just around the corner:

Region 13 Michigan Art Education Association show in February. Plus many more.



Follow us on Facebook at Hesperia art program or @Hesperiaarts







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SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

GIRLS	S' JV/VARSITY BASH	KETBALL	
DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u>	SITE	TIME
DEC. 4	MCE (JV/V)	AWAY	6:00
DEC. 7	MORLEY STANWOOD (IV)	AWAY	5:30
DEC. 8	MORLEY STANWOOD (V)	HOME	5:30
DEC. 14	HOLTON (IV)	HOME	5:30
DEC. 15	HOLTON (V)	AWAY	5:30
DEC. 18	PENTWATER (IV)	AWAY	6:00
DEC. 22-23	HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT (V)	HOME	5:30/5:30
JAN. 2	RAVENNA (JV/V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 4	WHITE CLOUD (IV)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 5	WHITE CLOUD (V)	HOME	5:30
JAN. II	LAKEVIEW (IV)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 12	LAKEVIEW (V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 16	WEST MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN (JV/V)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 18	KENT CITY (IV)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 19	KENT CITY (V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 23	MUSKEGON CATHOLIC (JV/V)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 25	MORLEY STANWOOD (IV)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 26	MORLEY STANWOOD (V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 30	NEWAYGO (V)	AWAY	TBA
	NEWAYGO (IV)	HOME	TBA
FEB. I	HOLTON (JV)	AWAY	5:30
FEB. 2	HOLTON (V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 8	WHITE CLOUD (IV)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 9	WHITE CLOUD (V)	AWAY	5:30
FEB. 15	LAKEVIEW (IV)	AWAY	5:30
FEB. 16	LAKEVIEW (V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 20	WALKERVILLÉ (JV/V)	AWAY	6:00
FEB. 21	SHELBY (IV/V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 22	KENT CITY (jv)	AWAY	5:30
FEB. 23	KENT CITY (V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 26, 28			
MAR. 2	DISTRICT	TBA	TBA
MAR. 6, 8	REGIONAL	TBA	TBA
MAR. 13	QUARTER-FINALS	TBA	TBA

BOYS	' JV/VARSITY BASK	ETBALL	
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
DEC. 7	MORLEY STANWOOD (JV)	AWAY	5:30
DEC. 8	MORLEY STANWOOD (V)	HOME	5:30
DEC. 12	RAVENNA (JV/V)	HOME	5:30
DEC. 14	HOLTON (JV)	HOME	5:30
DEC. 15	HOLTON (V)	AWAY	5:30
DEC. 18	PENTWATER (JV)	AWAY	7:30
DEC. 22-23	HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT (V)	HOME	5:30/5:30
JAN. 4	WHITE CLOUD (JV)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 5	WHITE CLOUD (V)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 9	OPRCHARD VIEW (V/JV)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. I I	LAKEVIEW (JV)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 12	LAKEVIEW (V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 16	WEST MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN (JV/V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 18	KENT CITY (JV)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 19	KENT CITY (V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 23	MUSKEGON CATHOLIC (JV/V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 25	MORLEY STANWOOD (JV)	HOME	5:30
JAN. 26	MORLEY STANWOOD (V)	AWAY	5:30
JAN. 30	NEWAYGO (V)	AWAY	5:30
	NEWAYGO (JV)	HOME	5:30
FEB. I	HOLTON (IV)	AWAY	5:30
FEB. 2	HOLTON (V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 6	WALKERVILLE (IV/V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 8	WHITE CLOUD (IV)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 9	WHITE CLOUD (V)	AWAY	5:30
FEB. 15	LAKEVIEW (IV)	AWAY	5:30
FEB. 16	LAKEVIEW (V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 20	NORTH MUSKEGON (JV/V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 22	KENT CITY (IV)	AWAY	5:30
FEB. 23	KENT CITY (V)	HOME	5:30
FEB. 27	SHELBY (IV/V)	HOME	5:30
MAR. 5. 7. 9	DISTRICT	TBA	TBA
MAR. 12. 14	REGIONAL	TBA	TBA
MAR 20	OUARTER-FINALS	TBA	TBA

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
IAN. 13	HOLTON GMI/REED CITY GM 4	HOME	9AM
AN. 20	FREMONT GM 3/WHITE CLOUD GM 4	WHITE CLOUD	IIAM
AN. 27	MORLEY GM 3/CHIPPEWA HILLS GM 4	CHIPPEWA HILLS	IIAM
FEB. 3	NEWAYGO GM 2/LAKEVIEW GM 3	GRANT	I DAM
FEB. 10	BIG RAPIDS GM I/GRANT GM 2	BIG RAPIDS	9AM
WRE:	STLING		
DATE	<u>OPPONENT</u>	SITE	TIME
DEC. 6	MEET	HOME	5:30
DEC. 8	MONA SHORES TOURNBAMENT (JV)	AWAY	5:00
DEC. 9	MASON COUNTY CENTRAL	SCOTTVILLE	9AM
DEC. 13	ORCHARD VIEW/MONTAGUE	SCOTTVILLE	5:30
DEC. 15	ROCKFORD INVITATIONAL (JV)	HART	I 0AM
DEC. 16	HART "BOSSE INVITATIONAL"	AWAY	I 0AM
DEC. 20	LAKEVIEW/SPRING LAKE	HOME	5:30
AN. 3	KENT CITY/WHITEHALL	RAVENNA	5:30
AN. 6	ROCKFORD	AWAY	9AM
AN. 10	HART/HOLTON	HOLTON	5:30
AN. 17	SCOTTVILLE/LUDINGTON/	HOME	5:30
AN. 20	MUSKEGON CATHOLIC KENNOWA HILLS	HOME	5:30 9AM
AN. 20 AN. 27	WEST MICHIGAN DUELS	WHITEHALL	9AM
FEB. 3	CSAA INVITATIONAL	KENT CITY	9AM 9AM
FEB. 10	DISTRICTS	TRA	TRA
FEB. 17	REGIONALS	TRA	TBA
MAR. 1-3	FINALS	TBA	TBA
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DATE NOV I	OPPONENT	SITE BIG RAPIDS	TIME 5:00
NOV. I NOV 4	BIG RAPIDS/FREMONT	HOME	9AM
NOV. 4 NOV 8	HESPERIA TOURNAMENT NEWAYGO/CHIPPEWA HILLS	HOME	9AI™ 5:00
NOV 14	HOLTON/KENT CITY	HOLTON	5:00
NOV 21	FREMONT/REED CITY	FREMONT	5:00
DEC 2	ITHACA TOURNAMENT	AWAY	9AM
DEC. 9	CENTRAL MONTCALM	AWAY	9AM
MS V	OLLEYBALL		
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
FEB. 17	GRANT GM 2/BIG RAPIDS GM 3	BIG RAPIDS	IOAM
FEB. 24	REED CITY GM 2/HOLTON GM 3	FREMONT	IOAM
	FREMONT GM I/WHITE CLOUD GM 4	HOME	9AM
MAR. 3		CHIPPEWA HILLS	9AM
	CHIPPEWA HILLS GM I/MORLEY GM 2		
MAR. 3 MAR. 10 MAR. 17	NEWAYGO GM 2/LAKEVIEW GM 3 TOURNAMENT (8TH)	GRANT HOME	IOAM 9AM



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ALL SCHEDULES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, CONTACT THE SCHOOL FOR UPDATED INFORMATION









MOTTO: Achieving Excellence Together

MISSION: Hesperia Community Schools exits to provide all students with educational opportunities to become effective and successful citizens.

VISION:

Hesperia Community Schools will provide inspiration for learning and prepare each student for success.

BELIEFS: We Believe...

- * In a culture of mutual responsibility, accountability and respect.
- * In modeling and celebrating excellence.
- * Everyone has the potential to be a life-long learner.
- * Staff and students should expect a safe, fair and equitable environment.
- * The community has an obligation to support the growth and development of students.
- * In individual and differentiated education.

Check Student's Grades Anytime

Hesperia Community Schools provides students and parents the opportunity to monitor academic progress at anytime. The "Family Access" site is a secure website containing such information as upcoming and missing assignments, current grades, student schedules and more.

SCHOOL LUNCH INFORMATION

Hesperia Community Schools participates in the Universal Breakfast Program, which provides breakfast for all students at no cost. For a link to your child's hot lunch account, please visit our website at www.hesp.net or www.lunchdeposit.com. You can apply for free and reduced lunch, review your child's account history and make payments using a credit card. For further information, please contact Deb Muckey at 231-854-0509.

HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ACT TO SAVE TAXPAYER MONEY

Hesperia Community Schools once again seized an opportunity to reduce the District's interest expense by \$675,000 for taxpayers. This occurred through lowering debt payments over the next 21 years for bonds issued for the 2009 building renovations. The 2009 bonds maturing in the years 2020 through 2038 having a 4.8% interest rate were replaced with new funding bonds with the same bond term at an interest rate of 2.66%. Additionally, it is estimated that the refunding will reduce the District's dependence on the Michigan School Loan Revolving Fund in the future avoiding the estimated \$370,000 of additional interest expense. This is great news for district tax payers as they are projected to save \$1 million dollars over the life of the bonds.

Hesperia Community Schools SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES 2017

Month	Work Session Date	Regular Meeting
October	2nd	16th
November	6th	20th
December	4th	18th

Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month unless noted above.

Meetings will be held in the High School Media Center at 7:00 p.m. unless posted otherwise.

IMPORTANT SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

Superintendent	854-6185
Administration Office	854-6185
School Nurse	854-6715
Elementary Office	854-6615
Middle School Office	854-6475
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Transportation	854-9301
Lunch Room	854-0509
Athletics	854-7100
Technology Office	854-6068

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A workshop on how to talk to your child about abstinence and sexuality

WHEN

November 20 5:30 – 8pm

WHERE

Hesperia High School Cafeteria 96 S Division St

Talk Early & Talk Often® is a nationally recognized parent education program that helps parents talk with their child about abstinence and sexuality. Parents and supportive adults learn about ways to

- Open the door to conversation about abstinence and sexuality
- Recognize and use teachable moments to communicate important facts and values
- Practice answering difficult questions
- Listen and respond with greater confidence and skill

FREE dinner and childcare provided during workshop

WIN a \$25 or \$50 Ed's gift card (4 winners will be drawn)

LIMITED SEATS

Register online www.bit.ly/
HesperiaTETO or call
231.924.5350









According to state law, If your child has a food allergy you must provide written authorization from your medical provider in order to have special accommodations from the school food service program. Please contact Mrs. Muckey should you have any questions about food allergies and accommodations requested by your doctor.

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