



HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 10400 Moscow Road  
 Horton, MI 49246  
 NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2012

*Special Points of*

*Interest:*

**PARENT/TEACHER  
 CONFERENCES**

Jan. 26 - MS/HS Grades 6-12  
 4:00-7:00 pm

March 1 - K-5 4:00-7:30 pm  
 2 - K-5 1:00-4:00 pm

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**SPRING BREAK**

*Week of April 2*

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**NO SCHOOL DATES**

January 16 No School K-12  
 February 17 Half Day K-12  
 February 20 No School K-12  
 March 2 Half Day K-12  
 March 30 Half Day K-12  
 April 2-6 No School K-12  
 May 28 No School K-12  
 June 7 Last Day/Half Day K-12

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**KINDERGARTEN  
 ROUNDUP INFORMATION**

April 11 6:30 pm Elementary  
 Informational Meeting  
 for Parents

April 25 & 26 By Appointment  
 Kindergarten Roundup

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**SENIOR GRADUATION**

May 26 2:00 pm  
 JCC Potter Center

**FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT**

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**LINDA BRIAN...**

It's hard to believe that we are almost at the halfway mark of our school year. Things are going well at all three buildings. We are so fortunate to have a combination of outstanding staff, supportive parents and awesome students. I firmly believe that we have the best students in the county and feel very blessed that you share them with us every day. Ensuring that your child receives a quality educational program is the reason that we do what we do every day.

We are well into our winter sports season and the competition that we see in our extracurricular activities is always something to look forward to in the winter months. Our student section at basketball games evokes the enthusiasm, excitement and pride that they feel at being a Comet. If you haven't been to an event recently, please join us. We've included an events calendar in this newsletter.

Our students are very active in our community. We got lots of positive phone calls about how much people enjoyed the caroling that our elementary students did in Horton. Our students stuffed a school bus full of canned goods and raised additional funds for the Hanover-Horton Food Pantry in the fall and have completed additional activities to support this organization since that time. Just this month our high school service club completed their

2<sup>nd</sup> blood drive of the year, contributing over 66 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross.

PHOTO

Next month our talented band students head off to perform at the Magic Castle in Disney World. This is the third time that they have been invited to perform! They come back tired, but excited about the experiences that they have had.

Finally, parents and community members always want to know what they can do to support our school district. One way you can show your support is to vote on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> to **renew** our Building and Maintenance Sinking Fund. This fund provides money that may **only** be used for building and maintenance projects. It makes it possible to keep our buildings safe, lower our energy costs and maintain our schools so they may be of service to the Hanover Horton community.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about this very important election.

Thank you once again for being a part of this great community. Hanover Horton continues to be the best place for our kids to learn and grow.

Go Comets!

***Gift Idea for All Occasions***

Looking for a unique gift idea? Why not make a donation to the Hanover-Horton Middle/High School Library in honor of a friend or family member? As with many organizations, we too, are experiencing financial difficulties when it comes to purchasing new materials for our library. Donations are now being accepted to purchase new books and Accelerated Reader tests. A donation of \$3 can purchase a new AR test, and a donation of \$10 can buy a new paperback book. If you would like to donate, or if you would like more information, stop by the library or email Mrs. Olszewski at [gayle.olszewski@hanoverhorton.org](mailto:gayle.olszewski@hanoverhorton.org).

## ATHLETIC'S FALL RECAP

The Hanover-Horton High School had a very successful fall season. We had numerous Academic All-Conference student-athletes and an outstanding participation. We added a new sport with boys soccer and saw great success from the middle school to the high school. The girls cross country team won the conference and regional title while finishing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the state meet. The girls golf team also won the conference title and finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the state tournament. The boys cross country team finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the conference while the varsity football team tied for 3<sup>rd</sup> in the conference. The varsity volleyball team finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the conference and reached the district final game. Our participation in athletics this fall was approximately 1 out of 3 students in the high school which is phenomenal. Seventeen senior athletes achieved Academic All-Conference accolades. The girls cross country team and girls golf team were both recognized with Academic All-State honors.

We also had one student-athlete achieve tremendous accomplishments. Senior Lindsey Burdette was a 4-time Cascade Conference Champion in cross country, 4-time Division 3 Regional Champion, Mid-East Meet of Champions qualifier, Footlocker National Cross Country qualifier, and eventual Footlocker National All-American by placing 14<sup>th</sup> in the nation. Lindsey has had an amazing cross country career here at Hanover-Horton and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.



Lindsey Burdette



## FIRST GRADE NEWS

The first graders were very busy during the month of December. We received a Service Learning Grant to make brownie mix gift jars to sell in the Hanover-Horton area. All proceeds went to the Hanover-Horton Food Pantry to help our neighbors feed their families. Each classroom made eleven jars and sold them for \$5.00 each. The students had to measure and layer the ingredients, write out the directions, measure the yarn, trace and cut the decorative cover. We were able to give the Hanover-Horton Food Pantry \$277 before Christmas.

We also collected Toys for Tots and went Christmas caroling. This year we caroled at the Middle School and High School, Horton businesses, and the Arbor Manor Senior Citizens Center. At the Senior Center we personally handed out our Christmas cards and spread Christmas cheer throughout the center as we caroled up and down the aisles and in the dining room during lunch.

## KIDS CLUB



If you need a safe, fun place to leave your child before school starts or after school gets out, consider our Latchkey program located within the Elementary building. Pay only for days you attend, and use this program as you need. We offer help with homework, easy transition to and from class and snacks. Open mornings at 6:30 a.m. and closed evenings at 6:00 p.m. All staff is certified CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens and have received a criminal background check.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL 563-0107

## CHILD CARE



## Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting

The elementary will be holding a parent meeting for all incoming kindergartners on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 6:30 pm in the elementary gymnasium. This is a very important meeting which will discuss:

- \*what to bring with you and expect at Kindergarten Round-Up;
- \*how to fill out the forms required for registration;
- \*the different skills we'd like each child to have before entering Kindergarten;
- \*what they will learn throughout the school year;
- \*transportation information;
- \*our food service program; and
- \*the Kids Club program.

At this meeting parents will also be able to sign up for a Round-Up time. We look forward to seeing you!

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### FOOD SERVICE NEWS

The Food Service Department would like to welcome you and your students to a new school year that is well under way. As always, we will be serving fresh fruits and vegetables, homemade entrees and healthy snack choices. This year we will continue to offer online deposits and account access as well as online free/reduced meal application approval. For further information please visit the website or contact Alan Breneman, Food Service Director, (517) 990-3603.

#### FREE & REDUCED LUNCH INFORMATION

Children need healthy meals to learn. Hanover Horton Schools offers healthy meals every school day. Students may buy lunch for \$2.00 – \$2.25 and breakfast for \$1.25.

Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced price meals. We sell reduced price lunches for \$0.40 and breakfasts for \$0.30.

Free and reduced lunch information and forms were mailed early in August to parents of currently enrolled students. If you did not receive a form and would like one, or need another copy, you may obtain one by calling the building office or by visiting [www.LunchApp.com](http://www.LunchApp.com).

Please note...even if your child received free or reduced lunch last year, a new form must be completed each year.

Thank you,

Alan Breneman  
Food Service Director  
Hanover Horton Schools



## Kindergarten Round-Up April 25 & 26

All children who will be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2012 are eligible to attend. Please make an appointment for your child at the parent meeting, which will be held on April 11, 2012. 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 kindergartner
- ☀ immunization record
- ☀ original birth certificate
- ☀ paperwork from the parent meeting

*We look forward to seeing you!*

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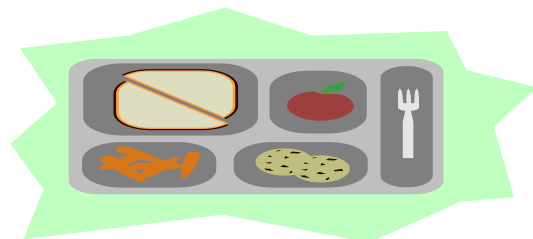
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## ***A BUSINESS PLAN FOR CHANGE***

It's that time again, time for change. Mrs. Gregory's Business Management students have created a "Business Plan for Change." Through this project, students have chosen an item to produce and a worthy cause to support. This year they have decided to donate all proceeds from their product to FAST, a foundation dedicated to finding a cure for Angelman Syndrome. Angelman Syndrome is a neurogenetic disorder characterized by life-threatening seizures, intellectual and developmental delay, sleep disturbance, jerky movements, frequent laughter or smiling, and usually a happy demeanor. The "Angels" are precious and deserve a chance at a normal life.

The students chose to make royal blue and white wristbands that read, "Let us fly" on one side and "Comets" on the other. The interior has embossed, "Angelman Syndrome." The students were required to produce a detailed business plan, covering everything from the design of the product to the financial breakdown. The wristbands will be sold for \$2.00 each and will be available through the Comet Corner in the high school. If you are interested in helping to support FAST, please contact [Jackie.Gregory@hanoverhorton.org](mailto:Jackie.Gregory@hanoverhorton.org) to purchase a wristband.

Like "Comets for Angels" on Facebook, too!



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## ***HANOVER-HORTON YEARBOOK BLOW-OUT SALE***

Attention Alumni! Have you misplaced your old high school yearbooks? Did you miss your opportunity to purchase one back in the day? The current yearbook staff is having a yearbook clearance sale just for you. All of our extra yearbooks dating back to 1990\* are marked down to only \$10.00 per book. If you are interested in purchasing one, please contact Jackie Gregory at [Jackie.gregory@hanoverhorton.org](mailto:Jackie.gregory@hanoverhorton.org). Go Comets!



The Bible Club, National Honor Society, Service Club and Student Council adopted a family this Christmas season. A few of the students went shopping for gifts for the children. The items and a food basket were dropped off to the Salvation Army for distribution. The Salvation Army was very impressed.



## ***JOURNALISM STUDENTS WIN IN ESSAY CONTEST***

Congratulations to Hannah Stemen (junior) and Brooke Schuster (senior) the essays they wrote in Mrs. Shelley Job's Journalism class won top writing awards. Their essays won the Jackson County Democratic Committee Essay Contest. They were invited to the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Franklin Delano Roosevelt Dinner on Sept. 24, 2011 along with their parents and Journalism teacher, Mrs. Job. Hannah's essay won second place and was awarded a \$175 cash prize. Brooke placed third and she earned \$75 dollars for her essay. The dinner was an honor to attend and included many community leaders and dignitaries. Hannah wrote about President Roosevelt's leadership in office and Brooke wrote about a fellow Hanover-Horton student who is involved in community service. Congratulations for your outstanding writing.





# DATES TO KNOW

January:

- 16 No School for Students  
Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 GBB Home w/Springport 5:30 pm  
BVW @ Napoleon 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary  
GBB @ Vandercook Lake 5:30 pm
- 20 BBB @ East Jackson 5:30 pm
- 21 BBB @ Leslie 5:30 pm
- 24 BBB @ Manchester 5:30 pm  
GBB Home w/Lumen Christi 5:30 pm  
BVW @ Grass Lake 6:00 pm
- 26 MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00-7:00 pm  
GV Cheer @ Vandercook Lake 6 pm  
GBB @ East Jackson 5:30 pm
- 27 BBB @ Michigan Center 5:30 pm  
K-5 End of 2nd 9 Weeks
- 31 BBB Home w/Addison 5:30 pm  
GBB @ Jonesville 5:30 pm



February:

- 2 GBB Home w/Michigan Center 5:30 pm
- 3 BBB Home w/Grass Lake (Snowfest) 5:30 pm  
BVW Conference @ East Jackson 6:00 pm
- 4 GBB Home w/Hudson 5:30 pm  
GV Cheer @ Western Inv. 9:00 am
- 7 BBB @ Napoleon 5:30 pm  
Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 8 GV Cheer @ Napoleon 6:00 pm  
State Pupil Accounting Day  
BVW Team Districts TBA
- 9 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm  
GBB @ Manchester 5:30 pm
- 10 BBB @ Vandercook Lake 5:30 pm
- 11 GV Cheer @ Jonesville Inv 10:00 am  
BVW Individual Districts TBA
- 13 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13—17 HS Band Goes to Disney
- 14 Happy Valentines Day  
BBB Home w/ East Jackson 5:30 pm
- 15 GV Cheer Conference @ Napoleon TBA  
BVW Team Regionals TBA
- 16 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 17 Grades K-12 Half Day of School  
GV Cheer Districts TBA  
BBB Home w/Manchester 5:30 pm
- 18 BVW Individual Regionals TBA
- 20 No School  
GBB Home w/Napoleon 5:30 pm
- 21 BBB Home w/Homer 5:30 pm
- 23 GBB @ Addison 5:30 pm
- 24 BBB Home w/Michigan Center 5:30 pm  
BVW Team State Finals
- 25 GV Cheer Regionals @ TBA
- 27 GBB Districts @ Hanover-Horton 5:30 pm
- 28 BBB @ Detroit Midtown Academy 5:30 pm
- 29 GBB Districts @ Hanover-Horton 5:30 pm

March:

- 1 BVW Individual State Finals TBA  
BBB @ Addison 5:30 pm  
K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00 - 7:30 pm
- 2 End of 2nd HS Trimester  
K-12 Students - Half Day  
K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
GV Cheer @ State Finals TBA  
GBB District Final @ Hanover-Horton 7:00 pm
- 5 BBB Districts @ Michigan Center 7:00 pm
- 6 GBB Regionals @ TBA  
Testing Day for High School Students
- 7 BBB Districts @ Michigan Center 7:00 pm
- 8 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
- 9 BBB District Final @ Mich Center 7:00 pm
- 12 BBB Regionals @ TBA
- 13 GBB Quarter Finals TBA  
Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 15 GBB Semi Finals TBA  
Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 17 GBB State Finals TBA
- 19 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 BBB Quarter Finals TBA
- 22 BBB Semi Finals TBA  
High School Play (HS Café) 7:00 pm
- 23 High School Play (HS Café) 7:00 pm
- 24 BBB State Finals TBA
- 27 Winter Sports Banquet (HS Café) 6:30 pm
- 30 K-12 Students Half Day of School  
K-5 End of 3rd 9 Weeks



April:

- 2—6 Spring Break
- 9 Class Resume
- 11 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12 PTA Meeting 6:30 pm
- 16 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 19 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 21 Jazz Bash 6:30 pm
- 25 & 26 Kindergarten Roundup (By Appointment)



May:

- 8 Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 12 Junior/Senior Prom at MIS
- 16 Band/Choir Concert @ Potter Center 7:00 pm
- 17 Market Day & Scrip Pickup at Elementary
- 21 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 26 Senior Graduation @ Potter Center 2:00 pm
- 28 K-12 No School, Memorial Day
- 31 Elementary Carnival

June:

- 7 Last Day of School, Half Day All Students
- 18 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.

BBB - Boy's Basketball  
 GBB - Girl's Basketball  
 BVW - Boy's Varsity Wrestling  
 GV Cheer - Girl's Varsity Competitive Cheer



**2011-2012 FALL ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS**

**COMET ATHLETIC REPORT**

**Academic All-Conference -**

Boy's Cross-Country	Nathan Sanford
Girl's Cross-Country	Lindsey Burdette, Lindsey Chinavare, Lauren Howe, Alyssa Keiser, Sierra Melling
Football	Tyler Bradley, Corey Clark, Tyler Faling, Alexander Halstead, Justin Koch, Kenneth Landos, Andrew Parkinson, Chris Rogotzke, Matthew Thornburg, Clark Vinton
Volleyball	Kaitlyn St. John

**Academic All-State -**

Boy's Cross-Country	Bryce Stroede
Girl's Cross Country	Shannon Richardson

**Academic All-State Teams:**

Girls' Cross Country Team -	3.865 GPA
Girl's Golf Team -	3.989 GPA

**SPECIAL AWARD:**

*Foot Locker's National Cross-Country All-American  
Lindsey Burdette, 14th Place*



**A Friendly Reminder**

For the safety of Hanover-Horton children, parental supervision is required at basketball games, as well as all other athletic events. Children should not be dropped off and left unsupervised. We encourage students to be seated in the stands and have reserved a special student section for this purpose. Unruly student behavior will not be allowed.

**We appreciate your cooperation to maintain a safe and orderly environment for our athletic events.**



**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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