



HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

10400 Moscow Road
Horton, MI 49246

NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2014

Special Points of Interest:

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Feb 27 - K-5 4:00-7:30 pm
Feb 28 - K-5 1:00-4:00 pm
March 6 - MS/HS Grades 6-12
4:00-7:00 pm

SPRING BREAK

Week of March 31

NO SCHOOL DATES

February 17 No School K-12
February 28 Half Day K-5
March 27 Half Day K-12
March 28 No School K-12
March 31 -
April 4 No School K-12
April 18 No School K-12
May 26 No School K-12
June 5 Last Day/Half Day K-12

KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION

April 29 6:30 pm Elementary
Informational Meeting
for Parents
May 14 -16 By Appointment
Kindergarten Roundup

SENIOR GRADUATION

May 23 7:00 pm
JCC Potter Center

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DENNEY...

It is hard for me to believe that a full year has passed since I was given the opportunity to become the superintendent of Hanover-Horton Schools. I have truly enjoyed having the chance to meet so many members of our community and am grateful for the support given both to the district and to me. As a district, we have been working hard to improve our programs and facilities in order to offer our students the best education possible. I would like to take this opportunity to pass along some updates dealing with our district's academics, facilities, athletic programs, and communication.

ACADEMICS: Academically, we have been able to position ourselves as one of the top districts in Jackson County. Our teachers have been researching methods and techniques in order to deliver a high level of instruction to their students. The new Common Core curriculum is being integrated into their planning; this change will result in more project-based learning. Students will be asked to take a larger role in their discovery of new concepts, and the teachers will help to guide their students. In order to compete for jobs, our graduates will need to be able to take in new information, process it, and then successfully apply it. Teachers are changing the way that they approach teaching. Changes like this do not come overnight and will take time. Thankfully, our teachers are taking this new challenge head on.

FACILITIES: With the help of our community-approved sinking fund, we have been able not only to maintain our facilities, but to make significant improvements in recent years. This past summer we were able to make our building much more secure with our office remodels. This fall, we added nearly twenty parking spaces at our elementary school in an effort to ease congestion. Our next major project will begin this summer as we break ground on a 3,800sf addition to our high school building. This addition will include just under 2,800sf dedicated to a brand new weight room; the remaining space will be utilized for a new trainer's room, a restroom, and additional storage.

Our district has been working on this concept for over a year and recently made the commitment to proceed with the project. The decision to build this addition came about due to several reasons. One major reason dealt with the safety of our students – our needs have outgrown our space. The current weight room does not have enough space to meet current demand. With the additional space, more students will be able to have access to the benefits of lifting weights and working out.

While there was hope that this would be open as a community facility, we do not feel that we can make that commitment at this time. I have spoken to several districts that are currently operating a community fitness center and was informed that in many of these districts the facility is dependent on district funds to stay open. In our current economic times, it is difficult to commit general funds to operating a fitness center. If, in the future, we are able to create a situation which would allow us to open the room to our community, we will.

ATHLETICS: For many of our students, athletic competition is a major part of their high school experience. Typically, 60% of our high school students will participate in at least one sport. I personally believe that many important life lessons are learned through the experiences gained in athletics. This fall, our athletic programs were honored to receive the Cascades Conference Burdette Andrews All-Sports Award. The award is intended to recognize the member school with the best overall program. Points are awarded based on each team's finish in the conference standings, and those points are averaged to determine the most successful program. With four conference championships last year, our Comets set the standard for overall excellence. Our coaches and student-athletes should be very proud of this accomplishment; I know that they are working hard to build upon the successes of last year.

COMMUNICATION: An important goal that I

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have is to effectively communicate with our students, families, and community. Through this newsletter and our website, we are able to highlight some of the major events happening. However, if you have an interest in what is happening on a more regular basis, follow us on Facebook. Simply type in "Hanover-Horton Schools" in the search area, and after you go to our page, just click "like." You will automatically receive our updates in your newsfeed. Our Facebook page is the best source for up-to-date information. If you need any help, please feel free to contact me.

As we continue our efforts to make Hanover-Horton Schools the best district in the area, we ask for your continued support. The support our district feels is apparent in so many ways. We have had overwhelming support from the voters when we have asked for various bond packages. The revenues generated from our sinking fund enable us to maintain our facilities without draining our general fund money; this allows us to continue offering the great programs we have in place. The financial support for our various programs has been instrumental in our ability to continue to offer so many opportunities for our students; our music and athletic boosters donate so much of their time in order to offer a great deal of support. In short, we have an awesome community!

If you have any questions about any of these items or anything else, please feel free to ask me; I'm always glad to help. Again, thank you for all of your continued support!

GO COMETS!

**National Honor Society
Christmas Project**

The National Honor Society sponsored the AWARE shelter as a Christmas project. Many students spent a Saturday afternoon making blankets to be donated and delivered, along with personal hygiene items, in care packages the week before holiday break. Nicole Bodell wrote a grant to acquire the funds for this project and braved the crowds on Black Friday to purchase the fleece.

Cancer Awareness

Cancer Awareness Week will be the week of February 10th and the Student Athletic Council has many events/activities planned for the week. Some of the events include: appearing on the Bart Hawley Show, selling shirts for donations towards the Thought 1 Scholarship, and providing all the opposing teams with a warm up shirt. Last year we raised \$1,500 towards the scholarship and we are looking to surpass that mark this year.

Dan Draper, Principal
Hanover-Horton High School




**HH
Community
Service Club**

On December 19th the H-H Community Service Club headed to Ridgecrest Nursing facility to spread warmth and holiday cheer! The service club members worked very hard to

make 100 warm, colorful fleece lap blankets for the residents there. Everyone was thrilled to receive them and very thankful for the time and effort our students devoted to this yearly project and for the time we spent visiting with them!



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 Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 6:30 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 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.

We are asking parents to bring their incoming kindergartner to the meeting. After teachers cover the expectations for the year, they will take the students to their room for a story and activity. During this time, parents will hear information regarding transportation, food service and Kids Club. Once the presentation is over, we will have a tour of the building and an opportunity to sign up for a time at Kindergarten Round-up. We look forward to seeing you!



Kindergarten Round-Up May 14th (12-4), 15th (8-4) & 16th (8-4)

All children who will be 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2014 are eligible to attend. Children who will turn 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2014 may apply for a waiver to attend for the 2014-15 school year. This waiver must be submitted by June 1, 2014. Please make an appointment for your child at the parent meeting, which will be held on April 29, 2014. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the elementary office will take reservations starting April 30th 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!

Volunteer Reading Program

Reading with children engages them in storytelling, opens their mind, and unlocks their imagination. It is a great way for volunteers to support literacy development. As a child grows, reading



becomes increasingly important for understanding the world. Hanover Horton Elementary started a Volunteer Reading program in the fall. Volunteers read with students in grades Kindergarten thru Fifth grades for a half an hour every Friday afternoon. If you are interested in participating or donating books, please contact Melissa Duffrin at 517-563-0103 ext 229.



Most Teens Don't - Group Events

The Most Teens Don't group will be hosting three events between now and March as part of the S4SD grant they received. They just held their first event before winter break which entailed having two police officers speak to the student body about the risk involved with speeding and driving too fast for conditions this time of year. The next event will be with the freshman class and will include presentations by judges, emergency crew members, and first responders. The final event will be having driving simulators that students can experience how speeding and distractions increase your chances of accidents. The Most Teens Don't group received \$2,000 for these three events and at the conclusion of the events, they will be entered into the statewide competition for the best school.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION



Athletic Physicals

2014 - 2015 Sports Seasons

April 22, 2014

8:00 a.m.

\$25

Physical forms in the
high school office

An athlete must have a physical on file with the athletic office before trying out, practicing and/or competing in any sport. Physicals must be dated after April 15th of the previous school year to participate in athletics in the upcoming sports season.

ATHLETIC PASSES

	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Winter</u>	<u>Spring</u>
Family	\$150	\$100	\$50
Individual	\$75	\$50	\$40
Student	\$40	\$30	\$30

CONCUSSION PROTOCOL

All athletes must have a concussion form signed and on file with their school. If an athlete is concussed, they must have written permission from a physician to be released back to physical activities.

LIMITED TEAM MEMBERSHIP

Once practicing with a high school team, a student may not participate in competition not sponsored by his/her school in the same sport/same season, i.e. 3-on-3 basketball during basketball season, etc.

SUMMER DATES

Life of an Athlete Meetings, Library Media Center
(Please attend only one meeting)

New HH Athletes:	-	July 21, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
	-	July 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
Returning Athletes		
Update Meeting:	-	July 21, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.
	-	July 23, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Summer Dead Period - June 30 - July 6, 2014

FALL SPORTS / 1ST PRACTICE DATE

<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u>		<u>MIDDLE SCHOOL</u> Grades 7 & 8	
Cross Country	8/13/2014	Cross Country	8/25/2014
Football	8/11/2014	Football	8/25/2014
Girls Golf	8/13/2014	Volleyball	8/25/2014
Boys Soccer	8/13/2014		
Volleyball	8/13/2014		

YOUTH SPORTS

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DATES TO KNOW



February:

- 4 District Jazz Festival
- 7 Central Michigan Jazz Festival
- 8 High School Solo & Ensemble
NHS Family Fun Night
- 10 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 11 Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 12 State Pupil Accounting Day
- 13 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- 14 Happy Valentines Day
- 13 - 16 Band - Cedarville University Music Showcase
- 17 No School, Presidents Day
- 22 PTA Mother/Son Dodge Ball 5 pm
- 27 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00 - 7:30 pm
- 28 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 1:00 - 4:00 pm
K-5 Students - Half Day



March:

- 1 Family Bowling Night/Sponsor - Class of 2016
- 3 PTA Reading Night 5 - 7 pm
- 4 - 6 MME Testing
- 18 - 20 MME Testing
- 11 Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 13 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- 12 - 16 Jazz Band in NYC
- 15 Athletic Boosters Draw Down/Gene Davis
Banquet Room
- 17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 20 High School Play (HS Café) 7:00 pm
- 21 High School Play (HS Café) 7:00 pm
- 27 K-12 End of 3rd Marking Period
K-12 Students Half Day of School
- 28 No School
- 31 Spring Break Begins



April:

- 1-4 Spring Break
- 7 School Resumes
- 8 Music Booster Meeting 7:00 pm Band Room
- 10 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- 16 Nursery Rhyme Night 5:30 pm
- 18 No School - Good Friday
- 19 Jazz Bash 6:30 pm
- 21 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Sports Physicals \$25, Grades 6 - 12
- 24 & 25 Kindergarten Roundup (By Appointment)
- 29 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:30 pm

May:

- 8 PTA Meeting 6:00 pm
- 10 Junior/Senior Prom @ JCC
- 12 - 23 JCEA Art Fair @ Jackson Crossing
- 12 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Band/Choir Concert, High School Gym 7:00 pm
- 14 Kindergarten Round Up by Appointment 12-4 pm
- 15 Kindergarten Round Up by Appointment 8 am-4 pm
- 16 Kindergarten Round Up by Appointment 8 am-4 pm
- 16 Elementary Carnival
- 19 Senior Honors Night 6:30 pm
- 23 Senior Graduation @ Potter Center 7:00 pm
- 26 K-12 No School, Memorial Day
- 28 & 29 Mackinac Trip 7th Grade Girls
- 29 & 30 Mackinac Trip 7th Grade Boys



June:

- 3 - 5 High School Exams
- 5 Last Day of School, Half Day All Students
- 16 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.



Summer Vacation



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2013-2014 FALL ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS

COMET ATHLETIC REPORT

Academic All-Conference -

Cross Country:

Boy's - Matthew Childs, Payton Dunning, Kim O'Connell, Nathan Rouster, Tristan Swartout, Michael Zeiler
Girl's - Alexis Dielman, Shannon Richardson, Kayla Piloske, Tara Rule, Keelie Schmidt, Savanna Wright

Football: Joel Dowker, Jordan Rigelman

Volleyball: Madison Curl, Kylee Ackley, Kyndra Irvine, Megan Klintworth

Girl's Golf: Megan Klintworth, Kacie Poole, Maitlynn Mossolle

Academic All-State -

Boy's Cross-Country: Brennan Burk, Lucas Crisanti, Austin Shepherd

Girl's Cross Country: Shannon Richardson, Chaney Manarin, Jessica Stroede

Volleyball: Kylee Ackley, Madison Curl, Megan Klintworth

SPECIAL AWARDS:

Jackson Citizen Patriot Awards

Runner of the Year: Shannon Richardson

Golfer of the Year: Megan Klintworth

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CONGRATULATIONS
Boy's Cross Country Team
1st Time
Regional Champs!

Academic All-State Teams:

Girls' Cross Country Team - 1st Place - 3.989 GPA

Boys' Cross Country Team - 3.749 GPA

Volleyball Team - 3.368 GPA



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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