



HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2013

Special Points of Interest:

August 12 -16

- Band Camp

August 19 - 23

- HS Schedule changes by Appointment

August 26

- 6th Grade Orientation 6:00 p.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade Open House 7—8:30 p.m.

August 27

- ABC Night Elementary 5:00—7:00 p.m.
- Freshman/Parent Orientation, HS Cafe 7:30—8:30 p.m.

September 3

- First Day of School Half Day Students

September 20

- Picture Day, K-12

October 2

- Student Count Day
- Tentative Fall Festival

October 8 - 16

- MEAP Testing (Grades Vary Daily)

October 11

- Homecoming

October 16

- PSAT Testing

October 24

- Picture Retakes

BUS
SCHEDULES
ENCLOSED

FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DENNEY



With summer in full swing, the schools are filled with a different type of activity. While the students are away, the maintenance and custodial staff are working hard to prepare the buildings for the upcoming school year. While every summer is a busy time for cleaning the buildings, this year each building underwent significant improvements.

In an effort to increase the safety and security of each building, we reconfigured each school office and entryway. As visitors enter the schools during the day, they will need to be buzzed into the office before entering the hallways. Doors and windows have been added in order to increase visibility out of the offices. Not only are these offices now more secure, they also look phenomenal! Each office received new counters and workstations that were built by Mark Hubbard, Maintenance Director, and his assistant, Steve Brodock. We are very fortunate to have such talent as a part of our district.

Along with the offices, the buildings all received fresh paint in the halls and offices. The elementary received new carpet for some of their hallways and a few classrooms. Visitors will notice the biggest difference in the high school. The lockers were due for refurbishing and painting. We chose to change the yellow and teal colors throughout the building. When the work is finished, the building will look like a different place. Most of this work has been completed by our great custodial staff! Their commitment to making our buildings the best looking in the county is

easy to see.

Technology took a major leap forward for us this summer as well. One hundred new desktop computers were installed over the summer; each building received a new set of computers for an existing lab. Our Project Lead the Way engineering program was also able to purchase new computers to handle the workload of their advanced software. Our biggest upgrade is the addition of Wi-Fi access throughout our district. As the demand for technology continues to increase, we have positioned ourselves to meet those needs.

I am sure that many of you are wondering how we can afford all of these things while our budget has been shrinking each year. Most of the money for our technology purchases came from three sources: a state grant, additional reimbursement money from the ISD and a large donation from the Hanover-Horton PTA. The majority of the other work this summer was made possible due to our sinking fund. Thanks to the community's support of our Sinking Fund Millage, we are able to keep our facilities in fantastic condition. Each year, we collect roughly \$225,000 that enables us to not only maintain what we have, but to make it better. The state has a strict set of guidelines that limits what we are able to spend the money on. Over the years, the sinking fund has allowed us to keep our facilities in great shape. Our roofs are solid, our heating systems are efficient and in great condition, our buildings

are more secure; simply put, our facilities are among the best in the area. While districts around us are pursuing large bond measures to make up for years of neglect, we are able to avoid that need. Thank you for your continued support of our sinking fund!

Another area that I would like to point out is the great academic success of our students during the 2012-2013 school year. Each year, the state uses two tests to measure the achievement of students throughout the state, the MEAP and the MME. The MEAP tests are given to students in grades 3-9. This fall our students showed the largest gains in the county! In the spring, our juniors took the MME. Our students outscored every high school in the county this year! They also beat the state average in four of the five subjects tested. Our great teaching staff has been working so hard to ensure that our students are offered the best education around.

It is clear why so many families have chosen to make us their district of choice. We are proud of where we have been and are excited about where we are going. Thank you for your continued support of our district! If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

GO COMETS!!

SCHOOL STARTS SEPTEMBER 3

KIDS CLUB
GRADES K-5

**BEFORE AND AFTER
SCHOOL CHILD CARE**

**6:30 A.M.—8:45 A.M.
3:45 P.M.—6:00 P.M.**

**FOLLOWS SCHOOL
CALENDAR**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CALL 563-0107**

CHILD CARE



7th GRADE ANNUAL MACKINAW TRIP



Your support over the years has made it possible for us to provide eyeglasses and hearing aids, as well as contribute to a multitude of community needs such as the Food Pantry, school projects, scouting, scholarships, and so on.

Thank you again for all your support.

Louis Wisniewski
(President) 563-2851

Ray Hubbard
(Membership Chairman)
812-2958

HANOVER-HORTON PTA
<http://www.hanoverhortonpta.com/>



**THE
BLOOMING
COMETS
CLUB**

In Mrs. Finegan's 7th grade English class, students had to give a speech about what they would do if they were the new Superintendent of Hanover-Horton School District. One of Katey Anderson's ideas was to start a gardening club to beautify the school grounds. That speech became a project for Katey. She applied for a \$500 grant through the Jackson Community Foundation and won. She received donations of over 30 flats and baskets of flowers from the Jackson Area Career Center Agriscience class and from Raker's Acres in Litchfield. Katey received donations of perennial flowers and more money. On May 24th ten National Junior Honor Society students helped Katey to remove stones from existing gardens and create new and bigger gardens.

On the last day of school Katey was presented the Comet Award by Principal Denise Bergstrom for her hard work on this project which results in making our school grounds look so nice!



Welcome back Students!
Looking forward to working with you this fall. Watch for details on the opening of your student credit union.

**A Financial Education Program of
CP Federal Credit Union**

**2013 JACKSON
COUNTY ART
FAIR PHOTOS**



Operation: Save the Earth

Our first grade students have been researching ways to take care of the Earth. They worked in pairs to create posters that teach others ways that they can make the Earth a better place. The students then created a video to teach our community ways to make the Earth a 'greener' place.

The link to the video has been turned into a QR code that was put on a flier that was stuffed in grocery bags at Polly's Country Market on Ferguson Rd. The rest of the elementary school got involved by decorating the fliers with Earth friendly messages and art work. There was also another QR code that links community members to an online form where individuals can choose a promise from a drop down menu and that lets the first graders know how they plan to take care of the Earth. This data was analyzed and graphed by the first graders so that they were able to see how they impacted the community.

The students were very excited about the Save the Earth project and learned that even though they are young, they can still make a significant difference in our world.

NONDISCRIMINATION AND ACCESS TO EQUAL EDUCATIONAL OPORTUNITY

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REQUEST FORM TO KEEP YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION PRIVATE

The law requires that schools give parents and students the opportunity to request that information, including name, phone number, address, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received and the most recent previous educational agency of institution attended by the student, not be disclosed to anyone outside of the school.

If you don't want your information released to military recruiters and/or request that your information be kept private in other places, as well (such as a yearbook or other school publication) please fill out the form below.

Once a parent or student makes this request, directory information cannot be disclosed without the affirmative consent of the parent (or the student if the student is over 18 years of age). If you do not opt out a school may provide only the student's name, address and listed phone number to military recruiters, upon request. Unlisted phone numbers may not be disclosed.

These requests are separated in the form below so that it is clear what information you wish to be released and to whom it may be released. Once you have signed and returned the form the information may not be released without a parent or guardian's prior written consent.

It is **not** required by law but it is recommended that a parent or guardian and the student both sign this form. It is also recommended that you keep a copy for your records.

Date: _____

Dear administrator of _____
(Name of school)

I hereby request that the name, address and telephone listing of the following student:

(Print name of student)

(Check all that apply)

_____ not be released to military recruiters without prior written parental consent

_____ not be released to anyone in any school publication without prior consent

_____ not be released to anyone in any school publication without prior consent with the exception of the student yearbook. You may publish picture and name in the yearbook.

Print name of parent or legal guardian

Signature of parent or guardian

Print name of student

Signature of student

GRADUATING CLASS OF 2013**VALEDICTORIANS**

Emily Bristow



Sarah Kurfess



Hailey Morgan

**SALUTATORIANS**

Erin Abraham



Alyssa Fausneucht



Kelsey Tallman

Erin Elizabeth Abraham ++
 Paige Whitney Allen
 Kassidy Michelle Ames
 Brooke Marie Antczak ++ *
 Patrick James Batterson ++ *
 Jonathan Douglas Bettenga ++
 Kayla Jeanette Braman
 Emily Jean Bristow ++ *
 John William Brockie +
 Emily Caroline Bush
 Zachary Ryan Calderone
 Alec Jonathan Carper
 Jacob Ty Cornstubble
 Amanda Lee Crisanti ++ *
 Ashley Nichole Davis
 Hayden Albert Demeuse
 Aleechia Danielle DuBois ++ *
 Brody James Ellison ++
 Alyssa Ann Fausneucht ++ *
 Madison Sue Fisher
 Mercedes Lynn French ++ * #
 Marrisona Sadie Gibson +
 Danielle Larae Gietek
 Kala Ruth Glassel ++ *
 Jesse Logan Gray
 McKenzie Anne Hall ++ #
 Taylor Kaylynn Hamlin
 Shane Adam Harrell
 Jacob Robert Harrison +
 Benjamin Scott Hazard
 Nicholas Dean Heath
 Trevor Michael Heath +
 Olivia Ann Hicks ++ *

Halle Jordan Hobson
 Lorraine Marie Howe +
 Megan Marie Hubbard ++ #
 Alysa Shaynee Huff ++
 John Thomas Hutson III
 Ryan Phillip Inman
 Cheyenne Genee Jackson
 Carrie Nicole Kendra ++ *
 Halee Jo Kirk +
 Whitney Nicole Klein ++
 Zackary Adam Kruger
 Ashley Rose Kubish ++
 Jacob Paul Kughn ++ * #
 Sarah Julianna Kurfess ++ *
 Parker Thomas Laketa +
 Natasha Nichole Lampson + #
 Aaron Robert Lashley
 Matthew Jacob Lauterbach
 Brittany Renee Lucas +
 Rebecca Nicole Luce +
 Breeanna Mae Martone
 Donovan Shayne-Perry Molnar
 Hailey Rose Morgan ++ *
 Elizabeth Victoria Mosurak +
 Ryan Paul O'Dowd +
 Trevor Lee Perkin
 Jessica Lynn Phillips ++ *
 Kayla Grace Poole ++
 Hannah Praise Potter
 Isaac James Pringle ++ *
 Max Gallagher Rappleye +
 Jacob Bradley Reed + * #
 Alec Michael Reynolds

Clay Cameron Rice
 Cadi Lynn Rulison + *
 Alexis Lee Saucedo ++
 Mario Jesus Saucedo Jr.
 Jared Daniel Sexton
 Evan Patrick Sholtis +
 Hannah Elizabeth Stemen + * #
 Kalee Koleene Stringham ++ *
 Bryce Edward Stroede ++ *
 Kelsey Elizabeth Tallman ++ *
 Mark Lee Taylor
 Samantha Ann Trapp
 Megan Anne Utter ++ *
 Cameron Michael Vancalbergh
 Taylor Jean Voris
 Tess Marie Walker +
 Braden Carl Weidner
 Shannon Rhea Wichar ++ *
 Joshua Paul Wilcox
 Kaitlin Marie Winchell ++ *
 Samantha Kate Wrona

**HANOVER-HORTON VIRTUAL
SCHOOL**

Hannah Maria Scheitler

++ Gold Cord Honor
 + Silver Cord Honor
 * National Honor Society
 Member
 # National Technical Honor
 Society Member (Jackson
 Area Career Center)

DATES TO KNOW

AUGUST:

- 19-23 High School Schedule Changes by appt.
- 26 6 pm 6th Grade Orientation
- 7-8:30 pm 7th & 8th Grade Open House
- 27 5-7 pm ABC Night Elementary
- 7:30 pm Freshmen/Parent Meeting



SEPTEMBER:

- 3 1/2 Day School for Students
- 12 PTA Meeting Elementary Library, 7 pm
- 16 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 20 Picture Day for all students
- 23-24 ASVAB at Jackson Area Career Center
- 27 ACT Registration Due for Oct. 26 Test



OCTOBER:

- 2 6-8 pm *Tentative* Elementary Fall Festival
- Pupil Count Day, please be present
- 8-16 MEAP Testing
- 10 7 pm PTA Meeting, Elementary Library
- 11 Homecoming Parade, 5 pm
- Queen & King Crowning @ Halftime
- Homecoming Dance after game
- 14 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 16 PSAT Test Date
- 24 Picture Retakes
- 26 ACT Test Day — Register by Sept. 27



NOVEMBER:

- 1 No School for Students
- 7 High School Talent Show
- 8 ACT Registration Due for Test of Dec. 14
- End of 1st 9 weeks
- 14 MS/HS P-T Conferences 3:30-7:30 pm
- 7 pm PTA Meeting, Elem Library
- 18 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 21 K-5 Conferences 4:00-7:30 pm
- 22 Half Day of School for Elementary K-5/
- Full Day for Grades 6-12
- K-5 Conferences 1:00-4:00 pm
- 27 1/2 Day School All Students
- 28&29 No School—Thanksgiving



DECEMBER:

- 9 6:30 pm Board of Education Meeting
- 14 ACT Test Day—Register by Nov. 8
- 16 7 pm Band/Choir Concert HS Gym
- 23-Jan 3 No School—Christmas Break



School Resumes January 6

*Please check our website for the most current calendar information,
www.hanoverhorton.org*

Healthy Changes in Our School Cafeterias

This fall, Hanover-Horton School District cafeterias are meeting tough new federal nutrition standards for school meals, ensuring that meals are healthy and well-balanced and provide students all the nutrition they need to succeed at school. Now is a great time to encourage your kids to choose school lunch!

School meals offer students milk, fruits and vegetables, proteins and grains, and they must meet strict limits on saturated fat and portion size. Starting in School Year 2013-2014, school lunches will meet additional standards requiring:

- Age-appropriate calorie limits for breakfast and lunch
- Fat-free or 1% milk (flavored milk must be fat-free)
- 0 grams trans fat
- More whole grains
- Reduced sodium levels
- A wider variety of vegetables, including dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes
- Larger servings of vegetables and fruits (students must take at least one serving of fruit or vegetable)



We're always working to offer Hanover-Horton students healthier and tastier choices. We are focusing on serving healthy homemade entrees, locally grown foods and increased offerings of whole grains.

School meals are a great value and a huge convenience for busy families too! Below are the meal prices.

	Elementary School	Middle Schools	High School	Milk
Breakfast	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$1.50	\$0.50
Lunch	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$0.50

SendMoneyToSchool.com is a great tool to monitor your student's meal account activity, deposit funds online and view the account balance. If you would like to receive emails alerts when your student's account falls below the minimum balance contact the Food Service Office, 517.990.3603, to have this service set-up.

Meal applications can be submitted prior to the beginning of school by stopping by any of the building offices or submitting an application online at LunchApp.com. Applications can take up to 10 days for processing. For fastest approval utilize our online portal at www.LunchApp.com.

We look forward to welcoming your children to the cafeteria this fall. To find out more about Hanover Horton School's healthy school meals contact Alan Breneman, Director of Food Services at 517.990.3603. Thank you!

2012-2013 WINTER & SPRING ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS

COMET ATHLETIC REPORT

Academic All-Conference

- Boys' Basketball: Bryce Stroede, Ryan O'Dowd, Jacob Kughn, Johnny Brockie
- Girls' Basketball: Alyssa Fausneucht, Megan Utter, Brooke Antczak
- Boys' Bowling: Jacob Reed
- Girl's Bowling: Mercedes French, Cadi Rulison
- Competitive Cheer: Amanda Crisanti, Kayla Poole, Shannon Wichar, Kaitlin Winchell
- Boys' Golf: Johnny Brockie
- Baseball: Brody Ellison, Ryan O'Dowd
- Softball: Alyssa Fausneucht
- Girls' Track: Megan Hubbard, Kaitlin Winchell
- Boys' Track: Bryce Stroede, Isaac Pringle

Athletics Website:
hhcomets.com

Academic All-State Individual Honors

- Boy's Track: Bryce Stroede, Isaac Pringle, Lucas Crisanti
- Girl's Track: Megan Hubbard
- Girl's Bowling: Mercedes French
- Softball: Alyssa Fausneucht

Academic All-State Team Honors

Girl's Softball Team with a 3.80 GPA



24/7 NO SMOKING POLICY

Please beware that our School Board policy prohibits use of tobacco products 24/7 on all school grounds, buildings, parking lots and athletic complexes.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS

*JACKSON CITIZEN PATRIOT
 RUNNERS OF THE YEAR*

Megan Hubbard
 and
 Bryce Stroede
 with
 Coach Blackledge



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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www.hanoverhorton.org