



# Hanover Horton School District

10000 Moscow Road  
Horton, MI 49246  
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## NEWSLETTER

February 2019

### Special Points of Interest:

#### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Feb 28 - K-5 4:00-7:30 pm  
Feb 28 - MS/HS Grades 6-12 3:30-6:30 pm  
March 1 - K-5 12:30-3:30 pm

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#### SPRING BREAK

March 29 - April 7

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#### NO SCHOOL DATES

Feb 15 & 18 No School K-12  
March 1 Half Day K-12  
March 11 No School K-12  
March 28 Half Day K-12  
March 29-April 7 No School K-12  
April 19 No School K-12  
May 27 No School K-12  
June 7 Last Day/Half Day K-12

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#### KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION

April 16 6:00 pm Elementary Informational Meeting for Parents  
April 24, 25 and 26 By appt. only Kindergarten Roundup  
Phone 517-563-0103 for an appt.

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#### SENIOR GRADUATION

May 24th 7:00 pm  
JC Potter Center

**GO COMETS!**

### FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT JOHN DENNEY...



We have passed the halfway point of this school year, and it has been a great one so far! After passing along so many changes in personnel to start the year, we have one more to share. After fifteen years serving on our school board, Christine Vincent decided that it is time to focus her energies on other areas. As a district, we would like to thank her for all the time she dedicated to help make our district all that it is. Joining the board in her place is Kristin Flick; we are so excited to have her join us.

Over Christmas break, a group of parents organized a remodeling of both lobby bathrooms at our elementary school. They saw a need and asked what they could do to help. The result is that we now have new sinks, new mirrors, new ceiling tiles, fresh paint, and very clean surfaces throughout. We would like to thank the following people and businesses for their help with this project:

- Jade Collins of Collins Design/Build – organization and contractor labor
- Jason Flick of Flick’s Plumbing – donation of plumbing labor
- Brian McClain of McClain’s Hardware – donation of paint supplies and cleaning supplies
- Brandon and Kelly Sloan of BK Sloan & Co. – new vinyl signs and cleaning labor
- Chad Berkeypile of Berkeypile Mechanical – new lay-in diffusers and heating work
- Josh Johnson of Jackson Glass – donation and installation of new mirror
- Becca Bradley – cleaning labor

We are so thankful for the generosity of everyone’s time, talents, and donations that made this project possible for such a low cost to the district. Our students and visitors will be able to enjoy the benefits of their hard work for years to come. Our community support is amazing!

As you may have already heard, our district will have a bond proposal on the May ballot. The district will be asking voters to consider a \$4,890,000 bond in order to enhance and upgrade our facilities. In order to pay off this bond, the district would need to levy 1 mill for 24 years. Passing this bond request will not increase the tax levy rate that the district is currently levying, which is 2 mills. We would be able to do this because the 1997 bond will be paid off prior to any payments coming due on a new bond.

Just to be clear, this bond request will not result in a higher tax levy for our property owners. Our district would continue to have the lowest tax levy in Jackson County.

Several items would be addressed with the proceeds from this bond; some are much more noticeable than others. All three of our school buildings and our athletic complex would receive significant upgrades. The following items would be completed throughout our district: parking lot resurfacing/expansion, HVAC controller replacement and upgrades, plumbing upgrades and equipment replacement, and the purchase of instructional technology equipment.

Perhaps the most noticeable item that we would add to all of our schools is air conditioning; we feel that having better control of the climate would help keep our students focused on learning. Both of our kitchens would receive some new equipment, and all three cafeterias would replace their tables.

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Our high school and middle school complex would receive additional improvements as well. The windows throughout the complex would be replaced for energy efficiency, as many of the current closing mechanisms are difficult to use and require consistent maintenance. We would also look to replace sections of the curbs and sidewalks.

The largest project being considered is the addition of an auxiliary gym at the middle school. Currently, since neither of our full-sized gyms can accommodate two full basketball courts at once, each gym is rarely able to hold practice for more than one team at a time. Our cheerleading and wrestling teams are holding their practices in the cafeterias many days in order to have space. The youth basketball and volleyball teams are lucky to get one practice time per week.

Our plans would add a 130 foot by 130 foot gym adjacent to the east wall of the middle school gym. With the construction of the gym going over much of the existing middle school parking lot, a new lot would be created where the outdoor basketball and volleyball courts are currently located. This new lot would be a benefit for not only middle school events but also all of our youth sporting activities, such as T-ball, soccer and football. The gym would be large enough to have two full basketball courts with ten feet between the courts and the walls. We would also have two volleyball courts; two batting cages for baseball, softball and golf to use; running lanes; and storage space. Some bleachers would be added in order to accommodate seating for tournaments.

This new gym would afford us the ability to run four basketball games or six volleyball games at the same time, and it would expand our options for training and practices – and not just for winter sports, as fall and spring teams would be able to use the facility when the weather makes it impossible to practice outside. This new gym would likely benefit every student participating in athletics throughout the district in one way or another.

Two other areas covered in the scope of this project are the athletic complex and our transportation department. We have been told that our track will need to be replaced within 2-3 years; tracks tend to last 15-20 years before they are worn down from weather and use. Therefore, we would look to use the bond money to replace the track within two years to be on the safe side. Athletic facility projects would also include adding and/or replacing fencing, press box repairs, and sound system improvements.

Our district owns four school buses and leases eight; we have eight routes at this time. We have found a good balance with the mixed fleet; however, the buses we own are starting to show their age and will need to be replaced soon. If we do not use bond proceeds, we would need to use our general fund for the purchases at an approximate cost of \$85,000 per bus. This new bond would allow us to keep the general fund dollars focused on teaching and learning.

Between now and Election Day, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the district will be sharing more information regarding our bond proposal. Information will be shared on our website and our Facebook page. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me either by phone, 517-563-0100, or by emailing me at [john.denney@hanoverhorton.org](mailto:john.denney@hanoverhorton.org).

### *Good Luck, Mrs. Vincent*



Mrs. Christine Vincent, Vice President of the Hanover-Horton Board of Education, decided to resign her position with the board as of December 31st, 2018, after fifteen years of service, in order to spend more time with family, especially her new grandchild! Chris was appointed to the board in December of 2003 and has also served as Secretary and President of the board. The Hanover-Horton School District administration, staff, students, and community would like to thank Chris for the many years of caring and dedication she has shown and would like to wish her well in the days to come. She will truly be missed!

Go Comets!  
*John*

### *Welcome, Mrs. Flick*

Mrs. Kristin Flick was elected to the Hanover-Horton Board of Education last November to replace Christine Vincent. A lifetime resident of the area, her six-year term of office began on January 1st, 2019. Kristin and her husband, Jason, have one child in the district. The members of the school board, administration, staff, and students would like to welcome her and look forward to working with her in the future!

THANK YOU





## ***Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Informational Meeting***

The elementary will be holding a parent meeting for all incoming kindergartners on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6:00 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;
- \*registration forms;
- \*the different skills we'd like each child to have before entering Kindergarten;
- \*what a day at Hanover-Horton looks like;
- \*transportation information; and
- \*our food service program.

We are asking parents to bring their incoming kindergartner to the meeting. While parents are attending the informational session, their children will go with our kindergarten teachers for a story and activity. After the presentation, parents will have the opportunity to sign up for a time to bring their child to Kindergarten Round-up. We look forward to seeing you!



***Kindergarten Round-Up  
April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> (9:00-2:30), April 26<sup>th</sup> (9:00-11:30)***

All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2019 are eligible to attend. Children who will turn 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2019 may apply for a waiver to attend for the 2019-20 school year. Please make an appointment for your child at the parent meeting, which will be held on April 16, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the elementary office will take reservations starting April 17th 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!***



## **Family Reading and Game Night**

Come and join us on Tuesday, March 5th for our annual Family Reading and Game Night. Doors will open at 5:30, and the fun will run until 7:00. This night will be a night to go along with our March is Reading Month. There will be lots of reading activities, along with games and crafts for all the family members to enjoy. Looking forward to seeing all of our families and the great pleasure they have for reading.

## **First Grade Projects**

The first graders made Christmas a little brighter for others in the community. They continued the tradition of making brownie mix gift jars to sell. The supplies were obtained by a Service Learning grant. The jars were sold for \$5 each, and the first grade was able to donate \$415 to the Hanover-Horton Food Pantry from all their hard work. The other project was to collect Toys for Tots in lieu of exchanging gifts for each other. They wound up with five giant gift bags of toys to share with others. Thank you, community!



## **Learning Patriotism**

This year, fifth graders are responsible for raising and lowering the flags outside the elementary building. Every fifth grader is trained on the proper procedures of raising, lowering, and raising to half-staff both the American and state flags. It is a wonderful thing to see our young people taking responsibility and respect to another level. Our fifth graders and our youth in general display terrific pride and citizenship!



# DATES TO KNOW

**February:**

- 15 & 18 No School
- 18 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 Muffins With Mom 8:00 am
- 28 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00-7:30 pm
- 6-12 Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:30-6:30 pm



**March:**

- 1 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 12:30-3:30 pm
- K-12 Students - Half Day
- Middle School Trimester Ends
- 2 Athletic Boosters Cash Bash @ Gene Davis Banquet Room
- 5 PTA Family Reading & Game Night 5:30 -7 pm
- 11 No School
- PTA Meeting Elem 6:00 pm
- 15 Elem & HS End of 3rd Marking Period
- 18 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 28 K-12 Students Half Day of School
- 29 No School - Spring Break Begins

**April:**

- 1-5 Spring Break
- 8 School Resumes
- PTA Meeting Elem 6 pm
- April 8-May 3 8th Grade M-Step Testing Window
- 9 11th Grade SAT
- 9th & 10th Grade - PSAT
- 10 11th Grade Work Keys
- 11 11th Grade M-Step
- 15 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 16 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
- 22-26 PTA Elementary Book Fair
- 26 PTA Elementary Carnival 5-8:00 pm
- 24-26 Kindergarten Roundup (By Appointment)
- 20 Jazz Bash - HS gym 7:00 pm
- April 29-May 24 6th & 7th Grade M-Step Testing Window



- 4 Jr./Sr. Prom at Art 634
- 6 Band/Choir Concert, HS Gym 7:00 pm
- 20 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15 & 16 Mackinac Trip - 7th Grade Girls
- 16 & 17 Mackinac Trip - 7th Grade Boys
- 23 Senior Honors Night 6:30 pm
- 24 Senior Graduation @ Potter Center 7:00 pm
- 27 K-12 No School, Memorial Day
- 30 Honors Assembly Grades 9-11 8:00 am



**June:**

- Dance 1 8th Grade 7:00-9:00 pm
- School Exams 4-6 High
- 6 Last Day of School, Half Day All Students
- 11 Middle School Honors Assembly 9:00 am
- Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.



Deposit funds into student accounts online, [www.SendMoneytoSchool.com](http://www.SendMoneytoSchool.com).

## NHS Cookie Sale

The Hanover-Horton National Honor Society sold Christmas cookies as a fundraiser for their group. Over 220 dozen colorful sugar cookies were baked, glazed, and packaged by NHS members. A huge thank you goes to Meckley's Flavor Fruit Farms for the generous use of their facility to bake and glaze the delicious cookies. Over \$900 was raised and will be donated to the American Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation, the Red Cross, and to local food banks. Great job, NHS members!



### 3rd & 4th Graders Take Us to the Hawaiian and Caribbean Islands



What better way to imagine being on a tropical island than to listen to island-themed music? Our 3rd and 4th grade students presented a concert that did just that! The third graders sang “Three Little Birds” by Bob Marley, “The Banana Boat Song” by Harry Belafonte, and “How Far I’ll Go” from Moana. The fourth graders also joined in with “Don’t Worry, Be Happy” by Bobby McFarren, “Yellow Bird” (a Haitian song), and “You’re Welcome” from Moana. Both groups performed a hula dance to the song “Little Brown Gal,” and the teachers and principal were called up to dance along. It was a very fun evening!



### HHEF Mini Grant

Students in Mr. Marvin’s high school and middle school art classes have had the opportunity to work with clay due to a generous grant from the Hanover-Horton Educational Foundation. Students learned the basic hand building skills like pinch, coil, and slab building.



Submit a Free/Reduced Meal Application online, [www.LunchApp.com](http://www.LunchApp.com).  
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### H-H Community Service Club

Members of the Hanover-Horton Community Service Club made and delivered lap blankets to residents of Arbor Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Spring Arbor. This is an annual project for the Service



Club. Members choose the material to make the blankets, which is paid for by donations. They then have a “blanket-making party” in the high school library and deliver the blankets to the care home a few days later. Our student and residents of the care home both find this project very enjoyable and meaningful!

### CPR In Schools Training Kit

Representatives from the American Heart Association attended a board of education meeting to officially present the board and school district with a CPR In Schools Training Kit. With this kit, students will be able to learn CPR, choking relief, and AED skills. These skills will be a graduation requirement for students in the year 2022, and Mrs. Jacquie Melling, school nurse, will be coordinating the efforts to get the kit in use in the classroom. This kit was graciously donated by Mr. Kirk Mercer, of R.W. Mercer Company, who is also a former H-H board member. His generous donation is very much appreciated.



Mr. Benji Cates, Elementary Music Teacher, was the first to be CPR/AED certified using the CPR In Schools Training Kit.



# ATHLETIC INFORMATION

*A message from.....  
Athletic Director Perry Deliyanne*

After taking first place in the Cascades Conference All-Sports standings in the fall, The Hanover-Horton Comets winter athletic season is off to a blazing start. The boys basketball team is currently 15-1 on the season, with their only loss coming from Toledo St. Francis . The girls basketball team record is 8-4 so far this season. The vastly improved wrestling team won the first wrestling district championship in Hanover-Horton history, after placing fourth in the conference. The competitive cheer team has increased their numbers and have improved greatly as they head into conference play. The boys bowling team is showing improvement but haven't yet broken through in the win department, however the girls team is 10-5

All high school spring sports begin on March 11. 2019 looks to be a great year to be a Comet!



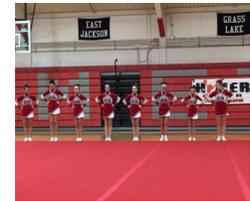
Boys Varsity Basketball



Girls Varsity Basketball



Varsity Wrestling



Competitive Cheer



Boys Bowling



Girls Bowling

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YOUTH SPORTS

# HANOVER-HORTON HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

## Mon 3-25 SPRING PICTURES

### Varsity Boys Baseball (28)

	Time	Bus
4/08 @ Sand Creek (1 game)	4:30	
4/10 @Grass Lake DH	4:00	2:45
4/17 East Jackson DH	4:00	
4/20 Chris Brian Inv	9:30	
4/22 @Concord DH	4:00	3:10
4/24 Addison DH	4:00	
4/29 @Lumen Christi (1 game)	4:00	
5/01 @Michigan Center DH	4:00	2:50
5/03 @Marshall (1 game)	4:00	2:40
5/08 @Manchester DH	4:00	2:30
5/11 Jonesville	10:00	
5/13 Vandercook Lake DH	4:00	
5/15 Rain Date		
5/17 @Northwest	4:00	
5/18 @ Al Glick	TBA	
5/22 @Napoleon DH	4:00	2:45
5/28, 5/31, 6/1 Districts		

### JV Boys Baseball (23)

4/08 Sand Creek (1 game)	4:30	
4/10 Grass Lake DH	4:00	
4/17 @East Jackson DH	4:00	3:00
4/22 Concord DH	4:00	
4/26 @Hillsdale (1 game)	4:30	
4/27 Addison DH	10:00	
4/29 Lumen Christi 1 game	4:30	
5/01 Michigan Center DH	4:00	
5/04 JV Invite	9:30	
5/08 Manchester DH	4:00	
5/11 @Jonesville DH	10:00	
5/15 Rain Date		
5/16 Marshall DH	4:00	
5/22 @Napoleon DH	4:00	2:45

### Varsity Softball (32)

4/08 @ Sand Creek DH	4:30	
4/10 @Grass Lake DH	4:00	2:45
4/13 @Sturgis Inv	TBA	
4/17 East Jackson DH	4:00	
4/20 Chris Brian Inv	9:30	
4/22 @Concord DH	4:00	3:10
4/24 Addison DH	4:00	
4/29 @Lumen	4:30	
5/01 @Michigan Center DH	4:00	2:50
5/03 @Marshall	4:00	2:40
5/08 @Manchester DH	4:00	
5/11 Jonesville DH	10:00	
5/13 Vandercook Lake DH	4:00	
5/15 Rain Date		
5/17-18 Diamond Classic 3-games	TBA	
5/22 @Napoleon DH	4:00	2:45
5/28, 5/31, 6/1 Districts		

### JV Softball (21)

4/08 Sand Creek (1 game)	4:30	
4/10 Grass Lake DH	4:00	
4/17 @East Jackson DH	4:00	3:00
4/22 Concord DH	4:00	
4/24 @Addison	4:00	2:55

### JV Softball (Cont'd)

	Time	Bus
5/01 Michigan Center DH	4:00	
5/04 JV Invite	9:30	
5/08 Manchester DH	4:00	

5/11 @Jonesville DH	10:00	
5/13 @VCL DH	4:00	3:10
5/15 Rain Date		
5/16 Marshall	4:00	
5/22 @Napoleon DH	4:00	2:45

### Track

3/27 Charger Preview		
4/16 VCL/Addison	4:45	
4/23 @Grass Lake	4:45	3:20
4/26 @Mason Inv	TBA	
4/30 @Napoleon	4:45	3:20
5/03 @Kalamazoo Cent Inv	TBA	
5/07 @East Jackson	4:45	3:20
5/17 Regionals		
5/21 @G.L. conference	TBA	
6/1 State Finals		

### Girls Soccer

4/09 @Quincy	5:30	
4/11 Jonesville	5:30	
4/15 @Jackson Chrstian	5:30	
4/18 Springport	5:30	
4/22 @MC	5:30	
4/25 Hillsdale	5:30	
4/29 @Blissfield	5:30	
5/03 @Jonesville	5:30	
5/06 Jackson Christian	5:30	
5/08 @Springport	5:30	
5/10 Michigan Center	5:30	
5/13 @Hillsdale	5:30	
5/15 Quincy	5:30	
5/18 @Onsted Inv	9:00	
5/20 Rain date		
5/23 X-Over	5:30	
5/27-6/1 Districts		

### Boys Golf

4/16 MC Jam Lakeland Hills	3:00	
4/18 @VCL Inv Sharpe Pk	9:30	
4/22 @JV Jackson Cascades	9:30	
4/23 @Nap Jam Grande	2:00	
4/24 @Addison Jam Lake LeeAnn	3:00	
4/29 @Oakland Hills Inv	8:30	
4/30 @GL Jam Calderone	2:00	
5/2 H-H Jam Arbor Hills	TBA	
5/3 @Western Inv Arbor Hills	9:00	
5/7 @VCL Jam Sharpe Pk	2:00	
5/8 @MC Inv Lakeland Hills	9:30	
5/10 @Jackson area Inv Cascades	9:30	
5/13 @EJ Jam Calderone	2:30	
5/16 @GL Inv Heart O Lakes	9:30	
5/17 @Katke Classic		
5/18 @Katke Classic		
5/20 HH Inv	9:30	
5/23 @Conf Sharpe Park	9:00	
5/31 or 6/1 Regionals		
6/7 and 6/8 State Finals		



**2018-2019 FALL ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS**

All-Conference

Boys Cross Country: Noah Flint, Donovan Kennedy,  
Garrett Melling, Hunter Miller  
Dean Reynolds, Logan Shepherd,  
Andy Swihart

Girls Cross Country: Kathryn Childs, Reagan Fazekas,  
Brinna Melling, Clara Rector,  
Judy Rector, Jennifer Ellis (HM)

Volleyball: Ella Cure, Kenadee Krage

Football: Trent Hocter, Colin Zieman  
Garrett Gumper (HM),  
Brendan Skowronski (HM)

Girls Golf: Kassidy Alexander, Kristen Thompson

Soccer: Evan Gray, Matthew Johnson  
Rhett Laketa (2nd team)  
Nick Medley (2nd team)

Academic All-Conference

Cross Country:  
Boys: Evan Denney, Noah Flint, Hunter Miller  
Girls: Brinna Melling, Judy Rector

Football: Chance Cauthon, Tad Mohr, Joel VanEpps,  
Colin Zieman

Golf: Sophie Causie, Emily Kughn, Kristen  
Thompson

All-Region

Volleyball: Ella Cure, Kenadee Krage

All-State

Golf: Kristen Thompson (HM)



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