



# Hanover-Horton School District

10000 Moscow Road  
Horton, MI 49246  
517-563-0100

## NEWSLETTER

February 2020

### Special Points of Interest:

#### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

- Feb 27 - K-5 4:00-7:30 pm
- Feb 27 - MS/HS Grades 6-12 3:30-6:30 pm
- Feb 28 - K-5 12:30-3:30 pm

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#### SPRING BREAK

March 27 - April 3

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#### NO SCHOOL DATES

- Feb 14 & 17 No School K-12
- Feb 28 Half Day K-12
- March 9 No School K-12
- March 26 Half Day K-12
- March 27-April 3 No School K-12
- April 10 No School K-12
- May 25 No School K-12
- June 5 Last Day/Half Day K-12

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#### KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION

- April 14 6:00 pm Elementary Informational Meeting for Parents
- April 22, 23 and 24 By appt. only Kindergarten Roundup  
Phone 517-563-0103 for an appt.

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#### SENIOR GRADUATION

May 22nd 7:00 pm  
JC Potter Center

# GO COMETS!

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



As we have quickly rolled into February, it is hard to believe how fast this school year is going. Despite significant challenges and difficult situations to work through, our staff and students are having another great year, and we look forward to what lies ahead for all of us.

Last spring, our Board of Education approved spending over \$120,000 on new curriculum for our district. This fall, many of our secondary-level students began using new textbooks in both math and science classes. A new reading program was purchased for our elementary building, and our staff have started the process of implementing the new curriculum. This fall also saw our boys' cross country team win their second state championship in three years, and so far this winter, our Comets are looking to continue our run of unparalleled athletic success. It is certainly a great time to be either a Comet or a Comet fan!

Also last spring, our community was gracious enough to pass our facilities bond proposal. In order to avoid spending district money before the election, we held off on significant planning until after the community gave us their approval. Progress on the bond projects was slow moving through the summer and fall, as attention and energy was needed elsewhere. In recent weeks, the progress has really been picking up. Once we have our designs finalized and the plans approved, we will send everything out for bid. The bidding process will help us to know exactly how many projects the bond proceeds will be able to cover. Thankfully, we will have the sinking fund money available to help finish off most of our original wish list of projects. While we are not as far along as we had wished to be, we are still hopeful to be able to break ground on the projects when school lets out for the summer.

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).

Go Comets!  
*John*

#### ATTENTION H-H ALUMNI BAND MEMBERS!

Mr. Gary Rouster, long time H-H Music Director, will be retiring this school year, and Sunday, May 3, 2020, will be the last H-H concert he directs. The concert will take place at the Potter Center at 3:00 p.m. All alumni are invited to attend, and if you want to dust off your instrument, you are invited to play the H-H fight song at the conclusion of the concert. There will be a reception afterward, whether you play with the band or not. Please email Diane Anderson at [ntpanderson@gmail.com](mailto:ntpanderson@gmail.com) for more information. See you there!



## ***22nd Annual 7th Grade Mackinac Trip***

The 22nd annual 7th grade trip to Wilderness State Park and Mackinac Island will be May 13-15, 2020. The girls' trip will be May 13 & 14th, and the boys' trip will be May 14 & 15th. This trip will integrate educational objectives in science, social studies, language arts, and more as students study the natural habitats, ecosystems, and water quality of Northern Michigan, as well as Michigan history. Students will also be able to take a carriage tour of Mackinac Island and a tour of Fort Mackinac.

A Butter Braid Bread and Jackson Coffee fundraiser was held to help students offset some of the cost of the trip, so if you purchased these items, thank you!

For more information, please call the middle school at 517-563-0102.



## ***Congratulations, Danni!***

Did you know that girls' wrestling is the fastest growing high school sport in the U.S.? Congratulations to freshman Danni Swihart, who became the first girl at Hanover-Horton to earn All-State recognition in wrestling. The Michigan Wrestling Association held the Michigan Girls High School State Championships at Adrian College on February 2nd.



Danni had an opening round bye followed by two wins via pin, on her way into the semi-finals. She then lost on a Technical Fall to the eventual state champion. Danni battled back hard in the 3rd place match for a 3-1 victory. Great job, Danni!



## ***Jackson County Early College***

### ***Informational Meeting for Parents of 8th, 9th & 10th Graders***

Learn how your child could earn a certificate, an Associate's degree, or up to 60 transferable college credits at little-to-no cost to families.

There will be a Jackson County Early College informational meeting on Wednesday, March 18, 2020 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Bert Walker Hall at Jackson College.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this unique educational opportunity and have questions prior to the parent meeting, you may call or email Jacqueline Davis-Green, high school counselor (phone 517-563-0101 or email [jacqueline.davisgreen@hanoverhorton.org](mailto:jacqueline.davisgreen@hanoverhorton.org)); or Jean Logan, JCEC Administrator (phone 517-581-2003 or email [info@jxncec.org](mailto:info@jxncec.org)). More information is available on the JCEC website: [www.jxncec.org](http://www.jxncec.org)





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

The elementary will be holding a parent meeting for all incoming kindergartners on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 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.



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**Kindergarten Round-Up  
April 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> (9:00-2:30),  
April 24<sup>th</sup> (9:00-11:30)**

All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2020 are eligible to attend. Children who will turn 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2020 may apply for a waiver to attend for the 2020-21 school year. Please make an appointment for your child at the parent meeting, which will be held on April 14, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the elementary office will take reservations starting April 15th 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!***

### **First Grade Spirit of Giving**



The first graders continued the spirit of giving by donating \$400 to the Hanover-Horton Food Pantry. The first grade teachers wrote and received an Academic Service Learning Grant to purchase the supplies to make brownie jars. The students then measured out the ingredients to layer in a quart size gift jar. The jars were sold for \$5. The jars are so popular that all 80 sold out in one week! Ms. Marjorie Barden operates the food pantry, and she spoke to each of the classrooms about what the food pantry is, where it is located, and how the money will help the program. The first grade also continued the tradition of giving by collecting toys for the Toys for Tots program.

## DATES TO KNOW

### February:

- 10 PTA Meeting Elem 6:00 pm
- 14 & 17 No School
- 17 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 27 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 4:00-7:30 pm
- 6-12 Parent/Teacher Conf. 3:30-6:30 pm
- 28 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 12:30-3:30
- K-12 Students - Half Day
- Middle School Trimester Ends
- 29 Family Skate at Optimist Ice Arena 5:00 pm

### March:

- 7 Athletic Boosters Draw Down @ Gene Davis  
Banquet Room - Doors open 4:30 pm
- 8 PTA Kalahari Weekend
- 9 No School
- PTA Meeting Elem 6:00 pm
- 13 Elem & HS End of 3rd Marking Period
- 21 PTA Mother/Son Dodgeball HS Cafe 3-5:00 pm
- 16 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 26 K-12 Students Half Day of School
- 27 No School - Spring Break Begins

### April:

- Mar. 30-Apr. 3 Spring Break
- 6 School Resumes
- 13 PTA Meeting Elem 6 pm
- April 13-May 8 8th Grade M-Step Testing Window
- 14 11th Grade SAT
- 9th & 10th Grade - PSAT
- 11th Grade Work Keys
- 13 11th Grade M-Step
- 14 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
- 18 Jazz Bash - HS gym 7:00 pm
- 20 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22-24 Kindergarten Roundup (By Appointment)
- 25 Jr./Sr. Prom at Commonwealth Conf. Center
- April 27-May 22 6th & 7th Grade M-Step Testing Window



Prom

### May:

- 3 Band/Choir Concert, HS Gym 7:00 pm  
(Mr. Rouster's final H-H concert. Alumni invited to participate)
- 18 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 & 14 Mackinac Trip - 7th Grade Girls
- 14 & 15 Mackinac Trip - 7th Grade Boys
- 21 Senior Honors Night 6:30 pm
- 22 Senior Graduation @ Potter Center 7:00 pm
- 25 K-12 No School, Memorial Day
- 28 Honors Assembly Grades 9-11 8:00 am
- 29 8th Grade Dance 7:00-9:00 pm



### June:

- 3-5 High School Exams
- 5 Last Day of School, Half Day All Students
- Middle School Honors Assembly 9:00 am
- 15 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 p.m.

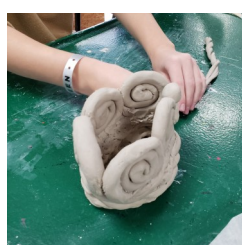
HAPPY  
SUMMER



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

### Middle School Art

Students in Mr. Marvin's middle school art classes were able to experience working with clay, thanks to a generous donation from the Albion College Art Department. Students learned basic hand-building techniques — pinch, coil, and slab, to create their vessels.

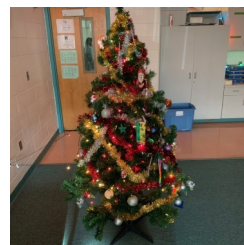
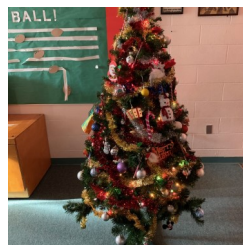
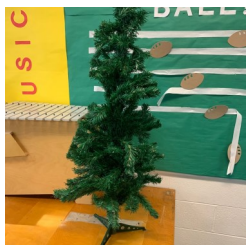


### *4th & 5th Graders Learn Leadership Traits*

During the school year, our 4th and 5th graders are challenged to become better leaders, and we teach and talk about leadership with them. A number of teachers have joined in teaching leadership for our students, setting examples, getting them engaged in taking on responsibilities, creating teamwork, helping one another, and looking at the bigger picture to make everyone around them better. One unexpected example happened in our music class, and it showed how much our students were gaining from the examples from the older students, as well as their teachers and parents.

From Mr. Cates: "Here's something I thought was neat. Last Monday (Dec 9th), I brought in a tiny, empty Christmas tree and told the students that it was theirs to fill, and I would not be adding any ornaments or decorations to it, myself. The students took the ball and ran with it. They filled the small tree within a week, and this Monday (Dec 16th), the Chicas family even donated a larger tree to fit the numerous decorations that had flooded in. Here are some pictures."

We have some AMAZING kids, parents, and teachers!



### *Jazz Bash!*

Our annual Jazz Bash and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday evening, April 18th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium. It will feature our own Comet Jazz Band, as well as our guest artists Chet Jenkins, Michael DiCuirci, and the Cedarville University Jazz Band. It promises to be a great evening of desserts, a silent auction, and some awesome Jazz!! Tickets are for sale in the high school office and are \$10.00 each for general seating, and \$15.00 for reserved seating. We would love to see you there!



### *Junior Achievement ("JA") in Fifth Grade*

During the months of January and February, the fifth grade will be actively participating in Junior Achievement with the collaboration of CP Federal Credit Union and Lorrie Dettloff. JA teaches the students, through a five-week program, about the free market system and its connection with businesses and careers, entrepreneurial thinking, career clusters, occupational skills, and how our nation is connected to the global economy. JA also includes STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) into their program. This always proves to be an exciting time of learning.





# ATHLETIC INFORMATION

*A message from.....*

*Athletic Director Perry Deliyanne*

Winter sports at Hanover-Horton are off to a great start! As of this writing, the boys' basketball team is 12-1 on the season and 8-0 in conference play. The team is ranked #2 in the AP Poll. The JV team is currently 7-4.

Wrestling is 21-8 on the season and finished 2nd in the Cascades Conference. The team has produced the first three wrestlers to get their 100th career victories in Randy Frailey, Trent Hoctor, and Chris Sorrow. Also, Danni Swihart became the first girl at Hanover-Horton to earn All-State recognition in wrestling (see page 2).

The girls' varsity basketball team has dealt with some injuries, but is still battling at 5-10 on the season, while the JV team is at 8-7.

The Competitive Cheer team is working hard under new coach Leslie Armstrong, and the Western/H-H gymnastics team is also doing very well.

The girls' bowling team sits at 9-5 on the season, while the boys team is now 7-9. The JV bowling team is 8-7-2. Be sure to catch a competition and cheer on the Comets!



Boys Varsity Basketball



Wrestling



Girls Varsity Basketball



Competitive Cheer



Boys Bowling



Girls Bowling

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# HANOVER-HORTON HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

<b><u>VARSITY BASEBALL</u></b>			<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
3/24	@ Jackson		6:00	
3/25	@ Grass Lake DH		4:00	2:40
4/07	<b>Vandercook Lake</b>		4:30	
4/08	@ Vandercook Lake		4:30	3:15
4/13	@ Addison		4:30	3:10
4/15	<b>Addison</b>		4:30	
4/18	<b>Chris Brian Inv</b>		9:30	
4/20	@ Manchester		4:30	2:50
4/22	<b>Manchester</b>		4:30	
4/23	@ Jonesville DH		4:00	
4/27	<b>Lumen Christi</b>		5:00	
4/29	@ East Jackson DH		4:00	2:45
5/1	@ Hudson DH		4:00	2:40
5/6	<b>Napoleon DH</b>		4:00	
5/9	@ Dansville Inv		TBA	
5/11	@ Grass Lake DH		4:00	2:40
5/15	@ Northwest DH			
5/16	<b>Concord DH</b>		10:00	
5/20	<b>Michigan Center DH</b>		4:00	

<b><u>JV BASEBALL</u></b>			<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
3/24	@ Jackson		4:00	
3/25	<b>Homer</b>		4:00	
4/7	@ Vandercook Lake		4:30	3:15
4/8	<b>Vandercook Lake</b>		4:30	
4/13	<b>Addison</b>		4:30	
4/14	@ Hillsdale DH		4:00	
4/15	@ Addison		4:30	3:10
4/20	<b>Manchester</b>		4:30	
4/22	@ Manchester		4:30	2:50
4/23	<b>Jonesville DH</b>		4:00	
5/27	@ Lumen Christi		5:00	
4/29	<b>East Jackson DH</b>		4:00	
5/2	<b>JV Invite</b>		9:30	
5/6	@ Napoleon DH		4:00	2:40
5/11	<b>Grass Lake DH</b>		4:00	
5/15	@ Northwest DH w/Varsity		4:00	
5/16	@ Concord DH		10:00	
5/20	@ Michigan Center DH		4:00	2:45

<b><u>VARSITY SOFTBALL</u></b>			<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
3/25	@ Homer		4:00	2:40
4/7	<b>Vandercook Lake</b>		4:30	
4/8	@ Vandercook Lake		4:30	3:15
4/13	@ Addison		4:30	3:10
4/15	<b>Addison</b>		4:30	
4/18	<b>Chris Brian Inv</b>		9:30	
4/20	@ Manchester		4:30	2:50
4/22	<b>Manchester</b>		4:30	
4/23	@ Jonesville DH		4:00	
4/24	@ Whitmore Lake		4:00	2:15
4/29	@ East Jackson DH		4:00	2:45
5/01	@ Hudson DH		4:00	2:40
5/4	<b>Sand Creek DH</b>		4:00	
5/6	<b>Napoleon DH</b>		4:00	
5/9	@ Dansville Inv		TBA	
5/11	@ Grass Lake DH		4:00	2:40
5/13	@ Jonesville DH		4:00	
5/14	<b>Homer DH</b>		4:00	
5/16	<b>Concord DH</b>		10:00	
5/20	<b>Michigan Center DH</b>		4:00	

<b><u>JV SOFTBALL</u></b>			<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
4/7	@ Vandercook Lake		4:30	3:15
4/8	<b>Vandercook Lake</b>		4:30	
4/20	<b>Manchester</b>		4:30	
4/22	@ Manchester		4:30	2:50
4/23	<b>Jonesville DH</b>		4:00	
4/29	<b>East Jackson DH</b>		4:00	
5/2	<b>JV Invite</b>		9:30	
5/6	@ Napoleon DH		4:00	2:40
5/11	<b>Grass Lake DH</b>		4:00	
5/14	@ Homer DH		4:00	
5/16	@ Concord DH		10:00	
5/20	@ Michigan Center DH		4:00	2:45

<b><u>TRACK</u></b>			<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
4/11	Warrior Invitational		9:00	7:15
4/17	EJ Dome Classic		3:00	1:15
4/21	<b>Grass Lake</b>		4:45	
4/24	@ Mason Inv		TBA	
4/28	@ Manchester (Nap)		4:45	3:00
5/1	@ Stockbridge Inv		3:00	1:15
5/5	<b>East Jackson, Mich Ctr</b>		4:45	
5/8	Invite		TBA	
5/19	<b>Cascades Championship</b>			
5/20	Selby			

<b><u>GIRLS SOCCER</u></b>			<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
4/7	@ Jonesville		5:30	
4/9	<b>Jackson Christian</b>		5:30	
4/14	@ Stockbridge		5:30	
4/16	@ Hillsdale		5:30	
4/20	<b>Springport</b>		5:30	
4/23	<b>Michigan Center</b>		5:30	
4/27	@ Quincy		5:30	
4/28	@ Western—tentative		5:30	
4/30	<b>Jonesville</b>		5:30	
5/2	@ Onsted Inv			
5/4	@ Jackson Christian		5:30	
5/13	@ Hillsdale		5:30	
5/8	<b>Hillsdale</b>		5:30	
5/11	@ Springport		5:30	
5/13	@ Michigan Center		5:30	
5/15	<b>Quincy</b>		5:30	
5/18	<b>X-Over</b>		5:30	

<b><u>BOYS GOLF</u></b>			<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
4/16	@ Grass Lake (Calderone)		2:30	
4/21	@ Mich Ctr (Lakeland)		2:30	
4/23	@ Vandercook Lk (Sharp Pk)		9:30	
4/25	@ Napoleon Inv (Grande)		TBA	
4/28	@ Addison (Devils Lk)		3:00	
4/29	@ E Jackson Inv (Calderone)		9:30	
5/1	@ Western Inv (Arbor Hills)		TBA	
5/7	@ Napoleon (Grande)		2:30	
5/8	@ Jackson Invite (Cascades)		TBA	
5/12	@ Mich Ctr Inv (Lakeland)		9:30	
5/13	<b>HH Jamboree</b>		2:30	
5/14	@ GL Inv (Heart O Lakes)		TBA	
5/18	<b>HH Invitational</b>			
5/19	@ Vandercook Lk (Sharp Pk)		2:00	
5/21	@ Cascades Conf (Sharp Pk)		9:30	



**SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

2019-2020 FALL ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS

COMET ATHLETIC REPORT

Academic All-Conference

Cross Country: Andrew Swihart, Reagan Fazekas, Zenzi Peter

Soccer: Tyler Allison, Jack Brockie, Jacob Eagan, Matt Johnson, Luc Laketa, Rhett Laketa, Bryce Sanders

Volleyball: Ellery Cure, Aubrey Everett, Kenadee Krage

Football: Sean Balfour

Boys Cross Country Team

Cascades Conference Champions  
Regional Champions  
State Champions  
Academic All-State, 8th place

Girls Cross Country Team

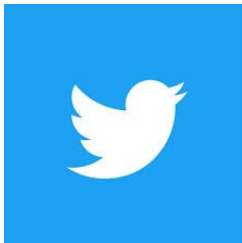
Cascades Conference Champions  
Regional Champions  
Academic All-State, 9th place

Academic All-State

Cross Country: Clara Rector, Logan Shepherd, Andrew Swihart



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