



# Hanover-Horton School District

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## NEWSLETTER

March 2022

### *Special Points of Interest:*

#### **SPRING BREAK**

March 26 - April 2

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#### **NO SCHOOL DATES**

March 14 No School K-12  
March 24 Half Day K-12  
March 25-April 1 No School K-12  
April 15 No School K-12  
May 30 No School K-12  
June 10 Last Day/Half Day K-12

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#### **KINDERGARTEN ROUNDUP INFORMATION**

March 16 6:00 pm Elementary  
Informational Meeting  
for Kindergarten Parents  
  
April 11, 12 and 13 By appt. only  
Kindergarten Roundup  
Phone 517-563-0103 for an appt.

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#### **SENIOR HONORS NIGHT**

May 26th 6:30 pm

#### **SENIOR GRADUATION**

May 27th 7:00 pm

**GO COMETS!**

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



While it may not seem like it with the up and down weather lately, spring is on its way. Before we know it, the flowers will be in bloom and the birds will be singing. That also means that it is already time for us to start winding down this school year and begin to look forward to the 2022-2023 school year. We have been able to make great strides this year in so many areas and look forward to more great things to come in our district.

On March 16th, our elementary school will hold their Informational Parent Meeting for our new Young 5/Kindergarten students. For those unable to attend the meeting, an informational presentation is available on our website ([www.hanoverhorton.org](http://www.hanoverhorton.org)). There is also a link that will allow you to register your student for our Round-up on April 11th, 12th, and 13th. Feel free to contact our elementary school at 517-563-0103 if you have any questions about either Young 5's or Kindergarten. I cannot wait to see our newest Comets!

Despite several delays, we were able to take full occupancy of the auxiliary gym at the high school in January. Once the weather warms up, we will need to take care of some landscaping at the secondary complex to complete that phase of our ongoing bond projects. This summer, we will continue with the air conditioning project in order to install it in the gyms and cafeterias; this will also include additional electrical updates for the high school. We are also hoping to resurface the track and address our parking lots as well. While our goal is to address all of these items this summer, market pricing may lead us to wait for a year for some of the items in order to accomplish more with the money available to us. We will know more in the coming weeks and months regarding our final summer project list.

Our teachers and entire staff have worked so hard over the last two years to keep our students on track academically and help them deal with the social and emotional struggles brought on by the pandemic. As the superintendent, I am very proud of all that they have done for our students. As a parent, I am incredibly grateful for all that they have done and continue to do. There is no doubt that the students of our district are being taken care of by some of the best in the business!

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas, please feel free to reach out to me. Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we keep working to make our district the best that it can be.

Go Comets!  
*John*

### *Congratulations, Mrs. Duffrin*



Congratulations to Mrs. Melissa Duffrin on her new position as the Elementary Assistant Principal. She started the new position in January and is transitioning from the RTI Director position that she held for seven years. She is very excited to take on her new role. Mrs. Duffrin has been with the district since 2007, and we look forward to her continued success as the new Elementary Assistant Principal!



### **Exploring the World One Treat at a Time!**

Sixth grade students in Miss Kuhrt's social studies class get to learn about a lot of different countries and their cultures throughout the year. One fun way to learn about culture is to be able to sample some of the food from different countries. Our kids love snacks, and wouldn't it be great to see what other kids around the world love to munch on? Miss Kuhrt's students had the opportunity to do just that! Through her subscription to Universal Yums, Miss Kuhrt was able to bring in candies from eight different countries: Sweden, England, the Netherlands, Greece, Pakistan, Poland, Italy, and the Ukraine. Students were given two different candies from their top two favorite countries to try. It was great to see the reactions on the students' faces! Should chocolate pop when you eat it? It does in Italy! Should fruit gummies make your eyes water? Some of the spicy fruit candy from Pakistan does! Students loved talking to others about their choices and their opinions. It was a great way to bring a real world experience to learning about culture.



### **Do You Want to Build a Snowman?**

Also taking place in Miss Kuhrt's sixth grade theatre class, students got into the holiday spirit this year! Taking an idea from a former student who is now a teacher, Miss Kuhrt had her theatre students make human snowmen! Each table group was given a roll of toilet paper, a piece of orange construction paper, a piece of black construction paper, a pair of scissors, and a roll of scotch tape. With no further directions besides "turn one of your group members into a snowman", students were given 15 minutes to complete their task. Of course, if they sang a Christmas carol to Miss Kuhrt, they had an additional 5 minutes! A great time was had by all, as students put their theatre skills of teamwork and creativity to the task! Of course, to make it even more interesting, a prize was awarded to the group whose snowman was voted the best by staff and the public. While it was a very close competition, Austyn Hocter, the snowman created by Wyatt Hassenzahl, Eli Serafin, and Evan Kuhl took home first place!





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

The elementary will be holding a parent meeting for all incoming kindergartners on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 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.

Scan for more information



***Kindergarten Round-Up  
April 11th and 12th (9:00-2:30),  
April 13th (9:00-11:30)***

All children who will be 5 years of age on or before September 1, 2022 are eligible to attend. Children who will turn 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2022 may apply for a waiver to attend for the 2022-23 school year. Please make an appointment for your child at the parent meeting, which will be held at Hanover-Horton Elementary on March 16, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the elementary office will take reservations starting March 17th up until the first day of Round-Up.

Please bring:

- ☀ your kindergartner
- ☀ immunization record
- ☀ original birth certificate
- ☀ paperwork from the parent meeting

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Students in Mrs. Laura Twichell's second grade classroom demonstrated their skills in writing "how to" instructions to build a snowman on paper and then followed their own instructions.





## DATES TO KNOW

### March:

- 4 Elem & MS End of 2nd Trimester
- 11 High School End of 9 Weeks
- 14 No School
- 14 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
- 16 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting 6:00 pm
- 24 Half Day K-12 - Spring Break Begins



### April:

- Mar. 25-Apr. 1 Spring Break
- 4 School Resumes
- 11 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
- April 11-May 20 M-Step Testing Window
- 13 11th Grade SAT
- 14 9th & 10th Grade - PSAT
- 14 11th Grade Work Keys
- 11-13 Kindergarten Roundup (By Appointment)
- April 11-May 6 6th & 7th Grade M-Step Testing Window
- 16 Jazz Bash, H-H Gymnasium, 7:00 pm

### May:

- 9 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
- 10 Band/Choir Concert, HS Gym 7:00 pm
- 14 Jr/Sr Prom at Jackson County Tower Bldg.
- 26 Senior Honors Night 6:30 pm
- 27 Senior Graduation
- 30 K-12 No School, Memorial Day



### June:

- 8-10 High School Exams
- 10 Last Day of School, Half Day All Students
- Middle School Honors Assembly 9:00 am
- 13 Board of Education Meeting 6:00 p.m.



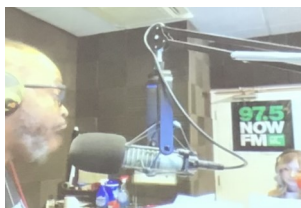
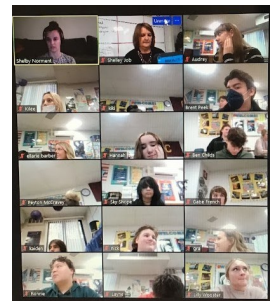
## 21st Century Field Trip, Via Zoom

The students in Mrs. Job's 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communications class zoomed with two former Hanover-Horton graduates who went on to major in the Communications field in college. They are currently working in the communication industry and gave us some insight on their professional career choice.

Shelby Norment (2006 H-H grad) attended Eastern Michigan University and majored in Communications and Technical Writing. She now works for GM online from Arizona. She also has developed her own startup company. Shelby's advice to the seniors was it doesn't matter what college you attend as long as you work hard, get involved, and procure good internships. She does a lot of business with people in India and Pakistan, so zooming at 7:30 AM was fine with her! She trains as a jujitsu and MMA fighter, which the students thought was very interesting.

The Communications class also zoomed live with 97.5 FM radio station show, "Maitlynn and Large." Maitlynn Mosolle (2014 H-H grad) attended Grand Valley State University and majored in Journalism, where she studied print, broadcasting and radio communications. She ended up loving radio. The students watched Maitlynn while live on the air and asked questions during commercial breaks. It was a lot harder than it looks. Maitlynn explained how you have to prepare before each show, usually the day before. She also writes articles for their web page. Her advice was to just make sure you do something you love doing. She was such a natural, and she made it look easy.

The live zoom interviews can't replace field trips, but students learned a lot about the field of Communications from two different perspectives, thanks to two successful Hanover-Horton grads!



## ***News from the H-H Music Department***

***Mr. Bryan Akers, Director***



On January 22nd Freshmen Alexandria Viger-Inman performed at Leslie High School in the MSVMA District 8 Solo and Ensemble. She performed two selections from memory for the adjudicator and received a score of 24/30, qualifying her for State Solo and Ensemble held in Mid-March. We're so proud of Alexandria and her hard work in choir!

Three High School Band students applied and earned a spot in the Jackson County Honors Band! Jack Kos-Garcia, Sophia Donders, and Sarah Madery will be performing on March 22nd in Grass Lake with other top band students from all over Jackson County. They will rehearse under the direction of Dr. Ken Thompson from Bowling Green University that day and will perform that evening at 7 pm.



Adrian College Associate Teacher Joshua Spindelman works with the Middle School Band as they prepare two selections to perform at MSBOA District 8 Band Festival on March 11th, held at Parma Western High School. Mr. Spindelman taught with Mr. Akers through the end of February before he switched to Onsted Elementary School in March to finish up his education degree requirements.

On March 4, 2022 the High School Band traveled to Jackson High School to participate in the MSBOA District Band Festival. The band did an awesome job and received straight I ratings from the judges. Afterward, they participated in an informative clinic with Mr. Joe LaJoye and received many valuable pieces of feedback. Go Band!



## ***5th Grade Celebrates Valentine's Day in a Unique Way***

In Fifth Grade, we usually celebrate Valentine's Day in a big way...and this year is no exception. We began the morning with STEM/STEAM rotations. Our rotations included: Cupid's Arrow game (Valentine's) that allowed our students to think critically and use problem solving skills to complete a task; Moon Phase Morsels (in celebration of the Snow Moon or Storm Moon that happened on February 16th) that allowed our students to explore the phases of the Moon while enjoying a scrumptious treat at the end; and lastly Paper Football Frenzy (SuperBowl LVI) that allowed our students to use engineering to maneuver their football to the target for the most points as a House Challenge. We then enjoyed fellowship and friendship while eating pizza and breadsticks and all kinds of donated individually-wrapped goodies with our classmates. We then donned masks and intermingled with our other grade level friends for an hour of Board Games for National Day of Play. All in all it was a day full of learning and fun! Another successful Fifth Grade celebration.





## ATHLETIC INFORMATION

*A message from.....*

*Athletic Director Perry Deliyanne*

**[www.hhcomets.com](http://www.hhcomets.com)**

Boys Basketball: After a slow start to the season, the boys' basketball team has finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Cascades Conference. The Comets are led by first year coach Andy Birch.



Girls Basketball: The girls' basketball team showed great improvement throughout the season. The Comets finished with a 5-16 record including falling in the last minute in the district game to Concord. The Comets are led by first year coach Joe Lusk.

Wrestling: The Comets won the team district title, defeating Lumen Christi in a close match. H-H finished in 4<sup>th</sup> place in the Cascades conference. Gavin Teller finished in 4<sup>th</sup>. Gavin Berkeypile and Wyatt Dick finished in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Josh Frailey and Danni Swihart took 2<sup>nd</sup> place. David Fielder was the conference champion. Fielder, Swihart, and Frailey all qualified for the individual state finals, which took place on March 4-5 at Ford Field. All three placed in the top 8 in the state. Josh brought home a 7<sup>th</sup> place finish, David brought home a 4<sup>th</sup> place finish, and Danni is your first-ever MHSAA Girls Division Wrestling State Champion!



Bowling: The boys' bowling team finished the season going 11-6. They fell just short of advancing to the team finals. Ben Childs became the regional champion and qualified for the individual meet in Battle Creek on March 5, where he finished in 11<sup>th</sup> place, earning him 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All-State honors. The girls' team also just missed out in qualifying for the state meet. The girls' finished the season at 12-5.



Cheerleading: The Lady Comets went to regionals for the first time in school history by placing third at districts. The Lady Comets also placed third in conference meets.



### CONTACT INFORMATION

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# HANOVER-HORTON HIGH SCHOOL SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULE

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<b><u>VARSITY BASEBALL</u></b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
4/7	@ Homer	4:00	2:30
4/11	<b>Bath DH</b>		
4/13	@ Vandercook Lake	4:00	3:10
4/16	<b>Chris Brian Invitational</b>	<b>9:30</b>	
4/18	@ Addison	4:00	3:00
4/22	<b>Grass Lake</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
4/23	@ Western DH	10:00	
4/27	<b>East Jackson</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/2	<b>Manchester</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/4	@ Jonesville DH	4:00	3:00
5/6	@ Napoleon	4:00	2:45
5/11	<b>Michigan Center</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/13	@ Concord DH	4:00	3:10
5/16	Conference Tournament	TBA	
5/19	Conference Tournament	TBA	
5/21	<b>Hillsdale DH</b>	<b>10:00</b>	
5/23	Conference Tournament	TBA	
5/26	@ Quincy DH	4:00	
6/1-5	@ Districts	TBA	

<b><u>JV BASEBALL</u></b>			
4/13	@ Vandercook Lake	6:00	3:10
4/18	@ Addison	6:00	3:10
4/22	<b>Grass Lake</b>	<b>6:00</b>	
4/27	<b>East Jackson</b>	<b>4:30</b>	
5/2	<b>Manchester</b>	<b>6:00</b>	
5/4	<b>Jonesville DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/6	@ Napoleon	6:00	2:45
5/11	<b>Michigan Center</b>	<b>6:00</b>	
5/26	<b>Quincy DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	

<b><u>VARSITY SOFTBALL</u></b>			
4/1	@ Homer	4:00	2:30
4/13	<b>Vandercook Lake DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
4/16	<b>Chris Brian Invitational</b>	<b>9:30</b>	
4/18	<b>Addison DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
4/22	@ Grass Lake DH	4:00	2:40
4/23	@ Western DH	4:00	
4/27	@ East Jackson DH	4:00	2:45
4/29	@ Tecumseh DH	4:00	2:30
5/2	@ Manchester DH	4:00	
5/4	@ Jonesville DH	4:00	3:00
5/6	<b>Napoleon DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/7	Grass Lake Invitational		
5/9	@ Clinton DH	4:00	2:30
5/11	@ Michigan Center	4:00	2:45
5/13	@ Concord DH	4:00	3:10
5/18	<b>Charlotte DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/21	<b>Hillsdale DH</b>	<b>10:00</b>	
5/26	@ Quincy DH	4:00	2:30
6/1-5	@ Districts	TBA	

<b><u>JV SOFTBALL</u></b>			
4/13	@ Vandercook Lake	4:00	3:10
4/18	@ Addison DH	4:00	3:10
4/22	<b>Grass Lake DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
4/23	<b>Western DH</b>	<b>10:00</b>	
4/27	<b>East Jackson DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/2	<b>Manchester DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/4	<b>Jonesville DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/6	@ Napoleon DH	4:00	2:45
5/9	@ Clinton DH	4:00	2:30
5/11	<b>Michigan Center DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	
5/18	@ Charlotte	4:00	2:30
5/10	<b>Quincy DH</b>	<b>4:00</b>	

<b><u>TRACK</u></b>		<b>Time</b>	<b>Bus</b>
4/9	@ Grass Lake Invitational		
4/19	<b>Addison w/Vandercook Lk</b>	<b>4:45</b>	
4/23	@ Whitmore Lake Inv		
4/26	@ Grass Lake	4:45	3:15
5/3	@ Napoleon w/Manchester	4:45	3:15
5/6	@ Stockbridge Inv	TBA	
5/10	<b>Michigan Ctr &amp; E Jackson</b>	<b>4:45</b>	
5/13	@ Dome Inv	TBA	
5/20	@ Hillsdale Regionals	TBA	
5/24	@ Napoleon Cascades Conf	TBA	
6/4	State Finals	TBA	

<b><u>BOYS GOLF</u></b>		
4/14	@ Vandercook Lake	1:00
4/19	@ Michigan Center	2:00
4/26	@ Addison	3:00
4/27	@ East Jackson (Calderone)	9:30
5/3	@ East Jackson	2:00
5/5	@ Napoleon	1:00
5/6	@ Western Inv	9:00
5/10	@ Michigan Center Inv	9:30
5/12	H-H Jamboree	12:30
5/17	H-H Inv	9:30
5/18	@ Grass Lk (Heart of Lakes)	1:00
5/20	@ Grass Lk (Heart of Lakes)	9:00
5/23	@ Lumen Christi	9:00
5/26	Conference	TBA
6/1	Regional at Calderone	9:00
6/10-11	State Meet @ Akers	

<b><u>GIRLS SOCCER</u></b>		
4/7	<b>AA Greenhills</b>	<b>5:30</b>
4/12	@ Springport	5:30
4/21	@ Michigan Center	
4/25	<b>Grass Lake</b>	<b>5:30</b>
4/27	<b>Jackson Christian</b>	<b>5:30</b>
5/2	@ Jonesville	5:30
5/6	<b>Lenawee Christian</b>	<b>5:00</b>
5/9	@ Manchester	5:30
5/11	<b>Michigan Center</b>	<b>5:30</b>
5/16	@ Quincy	5:30
5/25-27	@ Districts	

## Ready for Spring Sports!

Spring sports will be gearing up very soon. The first practices for spring start on March 14th or March 15th for high school. Middle school track will begin on April 4th.

Hanover-Horton has two new coaches at the helm this spring season. Ms. Hailey Jo Sanders will be taking over as our new JV Softball coach, and Ms. Kari Plotnick will be leading girls soccer. Welcome, new coaches, and good luck to all the spring athletes!





**2021-2022 FALL ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS****Academic All-Conference**

**Cross Country:** Ben Childs, Bryce Blackledge,  
Kelly Fielder, Sam Flint,  
Joey Reynolds

**Football:** Drew Fedore, Ty Walker, Gabe French,  
Madden Hall

**Volleyball:** Carly Cure, Ellarie Barber

**Cross Country**

All State: Rogan Melling

All Conference: Rogan Melling, Evan Shepherd,  
Austin Brown, Sophia Reynolds,

HM All Conf: Ben Childs, Julianna Debozy

Regional Champion: Rogan Melling

**Football**

All Conference: Landon Lebel, Wyatt  
Dick, Gabe French,  
Aiden Weir, Gavin  
Gumper

HM All Conf: Wyatt Dick, Max Lowry

**Girls' Golf**

All Conference: Holly Miller

**Volleyball**

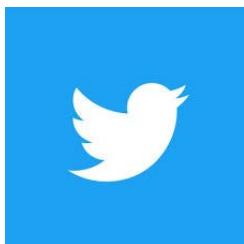
All Conference: Lilly Wooster, Becca  
Uphaus

HM All Conf: Alana Van Epps



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