



Dear Hudsonville Community,

We have officially entered the midway point of the first trimester for our high school students and are well on our way into the first semester for all others. With fall upon us, the leaves are beginning to change, and the cool nights are certainly settling in. It is only a matter of time before we get the shovels out and prepare for winter. As fall temperatures begin to drop, we want to make you aware of some highlights to begin the 21-22 school year.

As most of you have noticed, we have major construction projects taking place throughout the district. The 5/6 building is making progress and is expected to open in the fall of 2023; located just north of the Baldwin Middle School/Georgetown campus. The high school campus will be gaining eight additional classrooms, a new entrance, and a fieldhouse that will also open in the fall of 2023. The fieldhouse will be particularly useful as our current facilities do not include a space that can hold all of our students. The new choir room, located near the fine arts area of our Freshman Campus, is moving along nicely and is expected to open around the first of the year, 2022. As these construction projects are well underway, we now begin the process of designing the updates and expansion of Bauer Elementary, Park Elementary, and the cafeteria at the high school.

Thanks to the support of our community, these projects will positively impact our facilities and learning environments for years to come. One project that will be completed soon is the installation of our new monument signs at six of our locations. Jamestown Lower, Jamestown Upper/Riley Middle, Forest Grove, Georgetown/Baldwin, Bauer, and our Early Childhood Center. With these informational signs up and running in early October, we will once again be able to keep our community informed regarding all the wonderful events taking place around our district. The high school campus, the new 5/6 building, and Park Elementary are also slated to get new monument signs once construction concludes at their locations.

We are happy to report that the district is now completely a 1-to-1 district, where every student has access to a device. This may not mean that every student has access to the internet each and every night, but we continue to work with families to provide remote learning options when connectivity may be an issue. This undertaking usually takes two to three years to implement, so I want to thank our operational technology department and our instructional technology team for their efforts to support student learning throughout our district. This year we created a series of grade-level guides to help elementary teachers integrate technology into their instruction. We also established building technology leaders to support their colleagues and digital citizenship activities to guide students in safe and appropriate use. We will continue to develop the use of technology in our classrooms and provide support to staff as they enhance their learning environments.

We still have many challenges moving forward, but also have so much to celebrate. Our kids are back in the classrooms, our student-athletes are competing, and our learning environments are closer to pre-pandemic life. We came across this recent report regarding [Niche.com rankings](https://niche.com/rankings) – featuring Hudsonville Public Schools in the Top 25 in Michigan and Top 3 in Ottawa County. I know there are all types of rankings, so it's difficult to decide which ones to celebrate, but Niche.com has a long-standing of recognizing successful schools. So, congratulations to our entire community on the high ranking. Our incredible staff, hard-working students, and supportive community are what drives our district to this amazing recognition.

Parents with children in our school district will receive a school climate survey at the end of this week. Please take a few minutes to read the communication and fill out the short survey. Students and staff will also be asked to provide input regarding their perceptions of our school climate. This will be the first step in gathering input from our parents, staff, and students to continue to provide a quality education that meets the needs of all of our students.

With your support, we will continue to provide the best educational opportunities for our kids. I believe we will persevere and be stronger when this pandemic subsides. Please take care of yourself and those around you.

Sincerely,

Dr. VanderJagt
Superintendent



What Better Way To Celebrate the Arrival of Fall Than With Apple Day?

On our first early release day, first graders at Georgetown Elementary celebrated fall with Apple Day! Students were engaged with various apple activities and observations. They taste-tested red, green, and yellow apples, then voted on which apple they liked best. They also participated in an apple investigation where they compared and contrasted attributes and predicted if apples would sink or float.



Students talked about writing a small moment seed story while looking at apple seeds and created a cute craft to illustrate this. We ended the day with a delicious fall snack of donuts and apple juice! This was an excellent way for our students to kick off the fall season and connect the curriculum to a fun theme.

Thank You Bus Drivers!

The fourth-grade students at Park Elementary wanted to express their appreciation for the incredible job the bus drivers do each and every day. After a class discussion, the students quickly recognized that driving a bus can be a challenging, stressful, and demanding job. They desired to show each of the Park Elementary bus drivers their sincere appreciation. Students spent some time reflecting, and then they created some heartfelt cards with personal notes of gratitude. The cards were then delivered to each driver, along with some cookies. We hope this small act of kindness shows each of the bus drivers how much we cherish them. Thanks for keeping us safe, HPS Transportation!



Howard Perrin was presented with an honorary diploma from the Board and HEF during the July board meeting. Howard has a long history with HPS. He started the athletic boosters in 1970, anonymously purchased the first Eagle mascot costume in 1977, and served on the school board for 9 years. Congratulations!

Eagle's Landing Spirit Store Hours

Monday through Thursday
7:20 AM - 2:45 PM

Friday
7:20 AM - 4:00 PM

Shop in person or online. In-store pick-up available for orders placed online

[Click here to visit the online store](#)

#FireUpGoEagles



You are Cordially Invited to the 4th Annual Eagles of Excellence Gala

Join fellow educators, students, parents, alumni, business and community leaders for an extraordinary evening to recognize and celebrate past and present HPS students during a formal awards program and dinner at the 4th annual Eagles of Excellence Gala on November 8, 2021.

Show your Eagle pride as Distinguished Alumni are inducted into the Hall of Fame for their career achievements and community contributions. In addition, your presence will support our youth as select HPS Middle and High School students will be honored for demonstrating the qualities of an "Eagle of Excellence."

2020-2021 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Inductees

Mr. Henry Scholten, Class of 1938 - Service to HPS/Community (*In Memoriam*)

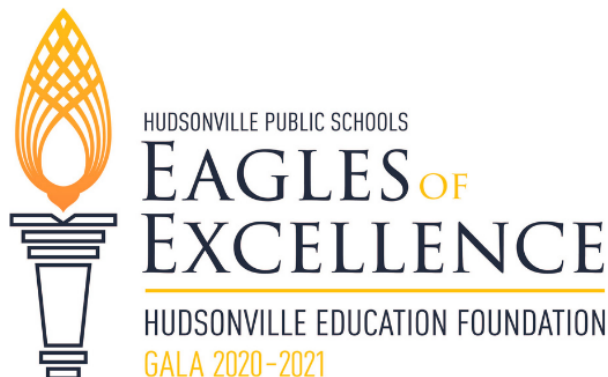
Mr. Elmer Vrugink, Class of 1945 - Service to HPS/Community

Mr. Ken Goff, Class of 1979 - Career Achievements

Chief Kimberly Koster, Class of 1986 - Career Achievements

Dr. Samuel Maluil, Class of 2003 - Careers Achievements

[Tickets are \\$25 per person and are available for purchase online.](#)



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

5:30PM DOORS OPEN

6:00PM - 7:30PM DINNER & PROGRAM

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY

HHS JAZZ BAND, ORCHESTRA & VARSITY VOICES

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HUDSONVILLE, MI 49426

\$25/TICKET

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Hudsonville Education Foundation Welcomes First Executive Director



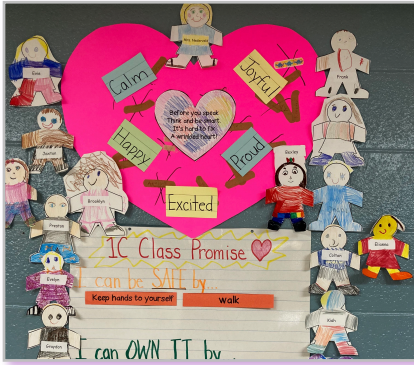
The Hudsonville Education Foundation Board of Directors is pleased to announce the hire of Janessa Smit as the organization's first Executive Director. Smit has 20 years of combined experience in nonprofit organization management, program development, community leadership and fundraising. She holds a B.S. in Political Science from Grand Valley State University.

The Hudsonville Education Foundation (HEF) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that was created in 2003 to foster educational opportunities for Hudsonville Public Schools students by providing funding for resources that enhance education and encourage innovation in learning.

The endowment fund is held at the Community Foundation Holland/Zeeland and is used to provide teacher grants, fund district projects, and award student every year. In 2020-2021 the Hudsonville Education Foundation awarded \$16,000 in grants to HPS teachers.

"I am humbled and excited by the opportunity to serve an organization that makes such a positive impact in the lives of children. Hudsonville is a generous community that is rooted in philanthropy and prioritizes student education. Together, we can accomplish great things for the benefit of future generations that the school district wouldn't be able to do alone," Smit shared.

To learn more about the HEF or to make an online contribution to the Hudsonville Education Foundation, go to www.hudsedfound.org/donate. Checks can be mailed to the Hudsonville Education Foundation at 3886 VanBuren Street Hudsonville, MI 49426.



Exciting Pilot Program Seeks to Help Students Better Understand Their Emotions

This school year, we will be piloting a curricular tool to support student's development in these areas called the [RULER Approach](#). This curriculum helps students build their emotional vocabulary and teaches the skills to **Recognize, Understand, Label, Express, and Regulate** emotions. Parents and families of PK-5 students will receive periodic updates on what skills students are learning through home-school extension activities. We look forward to seeing the skills and knowledge students will learn this year through the lessons, routines, and activities this tool will provide. This opportunity for us to engage in a consistent social-emotional learning approach will be a wonderful complement to our existing work in positive behavior interventions and supports (think SOAR!) and trauma-informed practices. For an overview of the RULER Approach, check out this [LINK](#). Please contact your child's building principal with any questions you may have regarding the implementation of this pilot.



Hudsonville Education Foundation Fundraiser

The Hudsonville Education Foundation (HEF) has teamed up with Wesco to offer a refillable popcorn bucket to HPS families! With this bucket, you get FREE popcorn refills for all of 2021-2022 at the new Hudsonville Wesco on the Northwest corner of Baldwin Street and 36th Avenue. Wesco will open at the end of October/beginning of November 2021 and the bucket is refillable through December 31, 2022.

The HEF receives a portion of the proceeds from bucket sales so you're getting great popcorn while supporting HEF's work within the school district. It is a win-win!

Return the form with payment to your school office before Friday, October 8, 2021. Buckets will be delivered on or before October 25, 2021. Only 600 buckets are available and are on a first-come, first-served basis so don't delay!

[Download an order form online here](#)



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SOAR During Indoor Recess



Jamestown Lower first grade students spent an afternoon enjoying games with friends. Not only did the students learn how to play games like UNO, Tenzi, Spot It, and more, they also discussed what it looks like to SOAR during indoor recess time. There were conversations around peaceful problem solving, taking turns, playing fair, and quickly cleaning up materials when finished. We are so thankful for volunteers who could help make this fun afternoon happen!



Thank you HHS Green Team for Making Our Beaches Cleaner

On September 18, the Hudsonville High School Great Team joined forces with other local groups to clean up Holland Beach. This was the 30th anniversary of the Adopt-A-Beach Alliance for the Great Lakes.

In three hours, an incredible amount of trash was collected. There were 71 volunteers that collected 141 pounds of waste. Below is a breakdown of the items that were picked up and cataloged.

361 Bottle Caps	23 Fishing Lines	22 Toys
83 Cigar Tips	38 Plastic Bags	24 Lids
792 Cigarette Butts	297 Straws/Stirrers	8 Fishing Nets
645 Food Wrappers	110 Foam Pieces	7 Ropes
21 Fireworks	232 Glass Pieces	11 Syringes/Personal Hygiene
4,441 Plastic Pieces	629 Paper Pieces	58 Beverage Cans/Cups/Plates
53 Clothing Items	31 Balloons	235 Miscellaneous Items



The Green Team!



Green Team leaders, Mrs. Webster and Mr. Randall.



Collecting data to be given to Alliance for the Great Lakes.

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