



Dear Community,

I hope your summer has been enjoyable, and that you have been able to spend quality time with family and friends enjoying this beautiful Michigan weather. We anxiously look forward to greeting our students, staff, and families in and around our schools as we embark on the 2018-2019 school year!

I would like to take this opportunity to tell a little about myself. It certainly has been an exciting summer for my family as I have had the privilege of taking over as superintendent of Hudsonville Public Schools on July 1, 2018. My educational background stems all the way back to my years as a high school student, when I knew in my heart I wanted to become an educator. After graduating from Jenison Public Schools (where my mom was a 6th grade teacher), I attended Grand Valley State University (where my dad was a professor). Education was an integral part of my family growing up, as my father served on the Jenison School Board for 26 years as well.



Upon graduation from GVSU, I had the privilege of teaching secondary mathematics in the Kentwood Public School system for one year and East Grand Rapids for just over 10 years. After I completed my Master's degree from WMU during my teaching years, I transferred to Rockford Public Schools to become their Testing Coordinator and Assistant Principal at their Freshman Building. Ironically, I filled a position vacated by Nick Ceglarek, as he accepted a position in Baldwin. It's exciting that I find myself following Dr. Ceglarek, an impressive leader, once again! During my 16 years in Rockford, I served in several roles including Assistant Principal, Principal of the Freshman Center, and finished the last five years as Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources. During this time, I also completed my Doctor of Philosophy degree from Western Michigan University.

My family has certainly enjoyed our summer as I have transitioned into this new role. My wife, Dorothy, and I met as teachers back in 1992 and have been happily married for the last 23 years. She taught for several years before becoming the principal at Bauer Elementary here in Hudsonville. After an 11-year career in Hudsonville, she took over a leadership position within Kent Intermediate School District as their Director of Teaching and Learning. After retiring from Kent ISD, she now works with districts throughout the state supporting their educational needs. Our son, Dylan, will begin his 8th grade year at Baldwin Middle School, where he enjoys swimming, theater, and electronics (of course!).

Over the summer we have had a few changes in our leadership team. As Dave Feenstra (High School Principal) and John Roh (High School Assistant Principal) celebrate their retirement we welcome Jordan Beel, as principal and Melissa Bernard, as assistant principal to our high school to fill those roles. Jordan's dad, Joe Beel, also served as the principal of Hudsonville High School for many years. Both Karla Akins (Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction) and Scott Smith (Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources) have taken positions outside of Hudsonville, and we wish them well in their new educational endeavors. We are excited to welcome Ami Taylor to lead our curriculum department as our Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction and Anne Armstrong as our Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Assessment. Both leaders are formerly from West Ottawa Public Schools. Finally, Megan Decker will be leaving her Director of Special Services position at the end of the month, and we will be filling that position shortly. I am excited to see what these new leaders will bring to our district.

While I have lived in Hudsonville for the past 13 years, I look forward to experiencing first-hand the amazing community and school system that has been provided for our kids. I know, personally, the commitment our district has with our local businesses and community members and I am eager to see these relationships continue to develop. Thank you all for the warm welcome I have received and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns!

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug Vanderjagt
Superintendent

SCHOOL TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 28, 2018

Daily class sessions are scheduled as follows:

Grades PreK - 5

•8:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.

ECSE (Monday - Thursday)

•8:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m./12:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

Middle Schools

•7:50 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.

Freshman Campus & High School

•7:50 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Early Release Days:

Secondary dismissal at 11:15 a.m.

Elementary dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

September 14

October 12

November 2

December 14

January 11

February 1

March 8

April 12

May 10

DISTRICT POLICY REGARDING VISITORS

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, other adult residents of the community and interested educators. But in order for the educational program to continue undisturbed when visitors are present and to prevent the intrusion of disruptive persons into the schools, it is necessary to establish visitor guidelines.

To read the full policy, please visit hudsonvillepublicschools.org

REGISTERING NEW STUDENTS

Parents of new students to the district who would like to register their children should call the appropriate building or contact 669-1740, ext. #1, for assistance.

Elementary

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| Alward Elementary | 669-6700 |
| Bauer Elementary | 669-6824 |
| Early Childhood Center | 797-0842 |
| Forest Grove Elementary | 896-9429 |
| Georgetown Elementary | 797-9797 |
| Jamestown Lower Elementary | 662-1478 |
| Jamestown Upper Elementary | 896-9375 |
| Park Elementary | 669-1970 |
| South Elementary | 669-9362 |

Secondary

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| Baldwin St. Middle School | 669-7750 |
| Riley St. Middle School | 896-1920 |
| Freshman Campus | 669-1510 |
| High School | 669-1500 |

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

Secondary Buildings

•Freshman Campus/High School August 20 & 21
3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

•Baldwin St. Middle School.....August 16
7:00 p.m. (orientation for 6th graders and new families)

•Riley St. Middle School.....August 21
7:00 p.m. (Back to School Night)

Elementary Buildings

•PreK & K Orientation.....August 21
6:30 p.m.

•Grades 1-5August 22
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Jamestown Lower 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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| Dr. Doug Vanderjagt.....669-1740 Superintendent | Ryan Crete.....669-1510 Freshman Campus Assistant Principal | Mackenzie Stefanich.....896-9375 Jamestown Lower El. Principal |
| Patrick Briggs.....669-1740 Assistant Superintendent of Business and Finance | Kevin Wolma.....669-1500 Athletic Director | Andy Secor662-1478 Jamestown Upper El. Principal |
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| Anne Armstrong.....669-1740 Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Assessment | George Murphy.....896-1920 Riley St. Middle School Asst. Principal/MS Athletic Director | Mark Heagle.....669-9362 South Elementary Principal |
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| | Jennifer Haberling.....669-7750 Baldwin St. Middle School Assistant Principal | Jane Bykerk.....669-7757 Transportation Supervisor |

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

The regular Board of Education meetings of Hudsonville Public Schools are held at the Administration Offices located at 3886 Van Buren Street, at 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting dates for the 2018-2019 school year are scheduled as follows:

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| •August 9, 2018 | •December 13, 2018 | •April 11, 2019 |
| •September 13, 2018 | •January 10, 2019 | •May 9, 2019 |
| •October 11, 2018 | •February 7, 2019 | •June 13, 2019 |
| •November 8, 2018 | •March 14, 2019 | •July 11, 2019 |

LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION LOOK FOR EMAIL IN AUGUST!

The Jenison/Hudsonville School Food Service Department will send an email in August with information about the school meals program to all families with a current email address on file with the district. You can also visit our website jenhudfood.org for links to the free/reduced lunch application, the September menu, and additional information about the lunch program. Information for new families is on our website, or you can pick up an information packet at your local school office or the administration building. We encourage parents to apply early for free/reduced meal benefits. You can apply online at lunchapp.com (fastest and easiest way), via mail, or bring a completed application to our office. A new application must be filled out every school year. After the school year begins, there is a 5-day processing period. You can mail the application to: Food Service, 2140 Bauer Rd., Jenison, MI 49428, or stop in our office. The food service office will be open starting Monday, August 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Our regular school year hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



The lunch price for elementary students is \$2.50, and the secondary lunch price is \$3.00. Milk only price is \$.50 per day. Adult lunches are \$3.50 at the elementary level and \$4.00 at the secondary level. Breakfast service starts on August 28 for Hudsonville and Jenison. Breakfast prices are \$1.25 for elementary and \$1.50 for secondary students. Menus and information about lunch are available on our website jenhudfood.org. You can check meal account balances by setting up a free online account at sendmoneytoschool.com. Please contact the food service department at foodservice@hpseagles.net or call 457-2400 after August 14 if you need your student's ID number. You can make deposits online at sendmoneytoschool.com. There is no fee to deposit money between June 1 and September 30. On October 1, the fee per deposit is \$2.00.

KINDERGARTEN VISION/HEARING SCREENING

Vision/hearing screenings are required prior to Pre-K/ Kindergarten entrance by the Michigan Public Health Code. Proof of these tests must be provided to the building your child will be attending.

This service is provided free of charge by the Ottawa County Health Department. Services will be provided by appointment only.

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Hudsonville Office
3100 Port Sheldon
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SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE

The School Code of the State of Michigan requires that local public school districts provide services to nonpublic school children. The services offered to those students qualifying for special education services must be comparable to those services offered to public school children within the district.

These services may include:

- Multi-disciplinary evaluations for children suspected of having a disability
- Teacher consultant services
- Speech-Language pathology services
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy

If you know of a child, birth - age 26, who you suspect has a school related disability and not receiving public education, please contact our Special Services Department, at 669-1740, ext. #5.

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT PLAN AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW

The Hudsonville Public School District has conducted an extensive asbestos survey of all its buildings. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan has been drafted. This plan details the response actions that the district will be taking regarding asbestos-containing materials found in its buildings.

This plan is available for inspection at the Administration Office without cost or restriction during normal business hours. If you desire to have a personal copy, please notify the main Administration Office and it will be supplied to you within five working days at a cost of 30¢ per page.

SEVERE WEATHER POLICY

During severe weather, the following school policy is in effect:

Tornado Watch

Students normally will not be dismissed early. They will dismiss at their regular time. Weather conditions will be closely monitored. After-school activities will be canceled during a tornado watch.

Tornado Warning

Students will not be dismissed during a tornado warning. All students will go to areas designated by the building principal and take cover. If the warning is lifted during school hours, all students will be dismissed at their normal time and bus students will be transported home. All athletic practices and events are canceled until the warning is lifted. Athletic practices and events in progress when a warning is issued will be stopped and all athletes will be moved to designated cover areas.

- Feel free to pick up your child(ren) at any time during severe weather. Report to the office to do so.
- Please do not call the school unless an emergency exists to keep the phone lines open.



ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS - PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Hudsonville Public Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management program. Inherent with this are the District's efforts to reduce pesticide use as much as possible. While it may occasionally be necessary to apply a pesticide, this program does not rely on routine pesticide applications to resolve problems. We use various techniques such as habitat alteration, sanitation, mechanical means, exclusion, etc. to prevent pests from becoming a problem.

As required by Michigan law, you will receive advanced notice of non-emergency application of a pesticide (insecticide, fungicide, or herbicide), other than bait or gel formulation, which is made to the school, school grounds, or buildings. This advance notice of a pesticide application will be given 48 hours before the application by the following two methods:

- 1) Posting at the primary entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the main entrance and those that have a sidewalk that leads directly to a parking lot.
- 2) Posting in the common area located by the main office of the school.

Please note that notification is not given for use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without prior notice to prevent injury to students, but you will be promptly notified following any such application, via the two posting methods identified (above).

You may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request by contacting Amy Alward, Administrative Assistant, by phone 662-1477, or email: aalward@hpseagles.net.

Parents or guardians of children attending the school are also entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application, if they so request. If you would like to be notified by mail please contact Amy Alward, Administrative Assistant, by phone 662-1477, or email: aalward@hpseagles.net.

Please give the department person or administrative assistant, your name, mailing address, and school(s) your child or children attend. They will put your name on the advance notification by US Mail list.



30 SECOND TIMEOUT HAVE WE BECOME “THAT” COMMUNITY?

-By Kevin Wolma, Athletic Director

You know, the community/school everyone talks about in regard to its embarrassing and disparaging remarks to officials, coaches, and even student athletes from the stands? That school is often talked about at the water coolers before work and during dinner table conversations at home. We all know who these schools are because every time we compete against them the expectation of obnoxious behavior supersedes the actual sporting event itself. The perception of being “that” school is often tough to break. So I ask the question again: Have we become that school and community? Having been a part of this district for over twenty years as a teacher, coach, and administrator, our community support has been positive and our fans have been classy. Unfortunately, in the last couple of years, our actions may very well place us in the category of “that” school. Verbal attacks on officials and negative comments toward our student athletes and coaches have all become more common in our stands. There have definitely been more and more instances of this type of behavior in our crowd, even while most of our parents and community support our teams and the game itself in a positive way.

We need to ask ourselves these two questions:

- *Why is this happening?*
- *What are we going to do to stop it?*

The “why” centers around winning and success. Very few of these instances occur when the team is winning or has won the game. But when our team is losing or has lost, we often adopt what can be called the “victim” mentality. We become the victim when things don’t go our way, whether it is a call by an official, a mistake by a player, or a decision by the coach. Being a “victim” makes for an easy excuse when success is not the end product. After a game this past year, I had a parent approach me and question why the calls always go against us. Yes, we had lost the game, but the opposing team had twice as many calls against them than us. Sometimes we need to acknowledge the other team is just better. One of the biggest mistakes we make as spectators is trying to control the things that are beyond our control. We cannot control what the official is going to call, what the student athlete is going to do, or

what the coach is going to decide. Quite simply, yelling at the officials, student athletes, and coaches will never change the outcome of a game ~ ever. Most of the time the people we are yelling at don’t even hear us. A better use of that energy would be to cheer on our teams through success and failure in a way that is positive and best represents our community.

How are we going to stop this behavior? First, by recognizing the things we can and cannot control as spectators in the crowd. This goes back to letting officials officiate, players play, and coaches coach. By understanding this, it makes the experience much more enjoyable for everyone involved.

What else can we do, regarding how we act in the stands, to create a more positive culture within our respective programs?



It begins with each program having a group of parents willing to lay out expectations for behavior at games. This article can create awareness, but actual change will only occur when parents of these programs establish a climate and have the ability to hold one another accountable. Parents lay out these expectations at their preseason meetings where the other parents are visible and engaged in the conversation. Email blasts can be sent out a couple of times during the season reminding the parents of the expectations discussed at the preseason meeting. Sometimes the most powerful voice is that of someone experiencing the same circumstances as our own. I have witnessed firsthand the power of one parent’s voice through an email sent after a series of negative events at games. This parent’s emphatically written words made an immediate impact on the culture in the stands. Our teams and student athletes love it when we are loud at games in the form of cheering on their efforts in a positive manner. If we want to make a seismic shift from a corrosive to a championship culture, it all starts in the stands. Be the difference. Make the change.



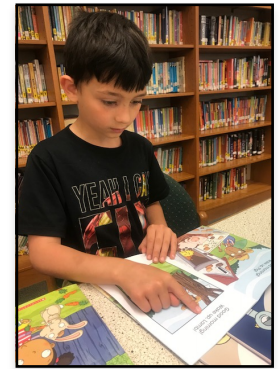
English Learner Library Nights

On May 14, 17, and 21, elementary English Learner (EL) students from all schools met with their EL teachers at the Patmos, Georgetown, or Gary Byker Memorial Libraries for an EL Library Night. At each event, students and their families received a tour of the library, signed up for their own library cards, participated in a fun scavenger hunt, and learned about the library's upcoming summer reading program and other exciting activities and events. For more information about the EL program, [visit their blog](#).



Bauer Summer Book Club

The "summer slide" is not something you find at the water park! Summer slide is a term given to the well documented fact that if students do not engage in reading during the summer months, they regress in their literacy skills. In an effort to minimize losing the tremendous gains students made in a school year, the Bauer staff decided to offer a book club to specific students that did, indeed, make significant progress. Two days a week, for an hour each day, the Bauer faculty is volunteering to read to, and with, students. The students choose books that they are interested in and may read alone, with a friend, or to an adult. Students also have the opportunity to listen to both a fiction and nonfiction story. Students leave with a book after each visit and a smile on their faces!



Forest Grove Elementary WGVU Young Inventor

Rachael King's invention was selected by a panel of judges as a 2nd place finisher for the WGVU Young Inventors' Contest. The invention was featured on WGVU-TV and displayed at reception honoring other area students.



Rachael took the information she learned during STEAM regarding the Engineering Design Process and invented a prototype called the "Off-Road Adventure Crawler." She realized that many people in wheelchairs can't go over sand or forest terrain. Her invention would make it easier to go on longer outdoor adventures and see things that have never been seen. It is a safer way to travel outdoors for all people because of the cage around the chair for protection and three large wheels for a balanced structure. There is a swivel seat for easy access if a person has a disability.

Science, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, and **M**ath skills are important to our future world and Rachael did an excellent job of asking questions, exploring solutions, generating a model, evaluating her mistakes along the way, and explaining her design to others!

AQUATIC PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

Lap Swim Hours - Begin September 5

Monday/Wednesday/Friday from 5:30 a.m. - 7 a.m.

Evening hours begin October 23

Tuesday and Thursday from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Lap Swim Cost: \$2.50 per person or \$40 for 20 visit pass

Saturday Lap & Open Swim Hours

Begin October 20

Lap Swim ~ Saturdays

7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

11 a.m. - 1 p.m. (a couple of lanes will be available)

Lap Swim Cost: \$2.50 per person or \$40 for 20 visit pass

Open Swim ~ Saturdays

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Open Swim Cost: \$2.50 for drop in fee per person
Seniors 60+ free

Passes may be purchased at the pool

Single pass - \$40 for 20 visits

Family pass - \$50 for 10 visits for immediate family only

Lap/open swim/water aerobics take place in the instructional pool at the high school, 5037 - 32nd Ave.

Adult Water Aerobics - Starting September 5

Monday/Wednesday/Friday -

8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday

7:10 p.m. - 8:10 p.m.

First class is free!

\$2 for participants age 60+ (10 visit pass for \$15)

\$4 for participants age 59 and under (10 visit pass for \$30)

USA Travel HEAT begins October 1

Registration: \$185 for returning 2018 Participants \$265 for new USA Swimming members and \$185 for returning swimmers w/10 volunteer hours (includes 2018 registration)

USA swimming will begin on Monday, October 1, for those who choose to register for our Fall Season. USA swimmers will practice on weekdays. The schedule will be determined for the remainder of the fall season depending on pool availability. We will have at least four practices a week. Initial practice times will be 5-7 p.m. during the weekdays. USA swimming is an opportunity to challenge swimmers and to develop strong fundamentals in training as well as meets.

If you have questions or to register for swim lessons, visit hudsonvilleaquatics.com

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES

Go Eagles!



Fees must be paid prior to the first contest.

- One time annual fee
(no fee for second and/or subsequent seasons)
- High School fee \$100
- Middle School fee \$75
- Family Cap \$250 per year

Middle School Pay to Play - Pay Online

High School Pay to Play - Pay Online

Details:

- Students qualifying & applying for free lunch will not be charged.
- Students qualifying & applying for reduced lunch will be charged half of the fee.
- Marching band members will not be charged.
- Does not apply to club sports.
- All fees are non-refundable.
- Payments can be made online or to the middle school or high school athletic department. Cash and personal checks accepted. Credit cards accepted online.

Hudsonville Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, height, weight, marital status, handicap, disability, or limited English proficiency in any of its programs or activities. The following office has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Hudsonville Public Schools, 3886 Van Buren, Hudsonville, MI 49426, (616) 669-1740



Looking for Rockstars! ~ Come join our team!

HPS is looking for people who love kids and would like a rewarding part-time job driving school bus.

All training is provided.

Drivers start as substitutes with hours from 2 - 25 per week and can develop into permanent part-time positions.

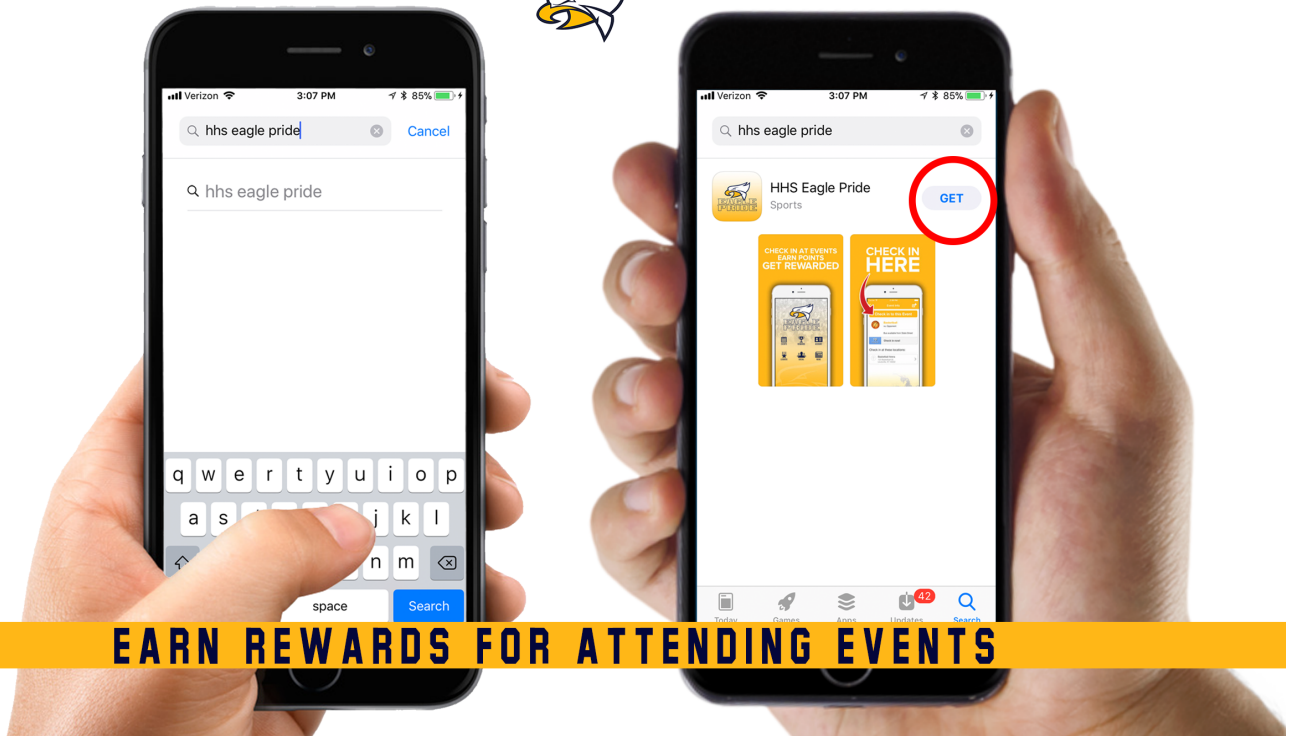
Applicants can fill out an application on our web site at hudsonvillepublicschools.org

Attention All Hudsonville Eagles!

Download the Eagle Pride app on your Android or iPhone to stay tuned on all Hudsonville High School events, from concerts, plays, athletics, and more! This is *the* best place to find out when and where our Eagles will be showing off their talents. Email [Ryan Crete](mailto:Ryan.Crete@hudsonvillepublicschools.org), Assistant Principal at the Freshman Campus with any questions.

Download the school store app!

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