



Dear Parents,

As I reflect on the last several months and dream about the next, I can only describe our current reality as a blur. I close my eyes and think about kids running around the playgrounds, students moving throughout the hallways, our marching band preparing their fall performance, and our athletes beginning their takeover of our facilities as they start to bring our high school campus alive. I catch myself dreaming about what this looked like and what it will look like. I open my eyes only to feel the emotion get the best of me. I have to be honest, my eyes well up once in a while. It's not easy for anyone. We long for the day when we know this pandemic is behind us but wonder if it will ever be behind us. What will be the long-lasting effects on our community, on our economy, and, most importantly, on our children? Where are the learning gaps? What will the social and emotional toll be on our children? Our youth did not ask for this. We did not ask for this, but we can define the narrative. We can comfort our children and give them the peace that they so deserve. We can support them, walk alongside them, prepare them for what is upon us all. There are so many ways to tell your children what could go wrong, what is going wrong, and what will go wrong, but there is only one way to comfort them. Love them. Each and every day. Tell them that this will be okay and that we are all there to provide the best for them. As a parent, I know the natural feeling of always wanting to protect my child. I want to make sure that he will never be harmed, will never get hurt, will never fall ill, and will always have what he needs. To emotionally and physically protect him. I can't always make that reality, but I can provide a sense of calm. My real job, not my day job, is to put his stress on my plate and give him a sense of calm that every child deserves. Whether he is wearing a mask all day or not, whether he is in school or learning remotely, whether he is able to play sports this fall or not, I can always be there to support him each and every day.



We all know that the 2020 school year will begin with several unknowns. We have prepared all summer for learning, and we understand that even perfect plans need to be fluid. Each and every parent is walking alongside us through this unknown. We can't thank you enough for your support, encouragement, and patience as we do our best to educate your children. Our priority is to keep your kids safe and educate them to the best of our ability. Whether your child will begin the year online or in-person, please know we are there to support them. Every child deserves the best we have to offer, and our staff is committed to supporting each and every one of them throughout this journey. We thank you for your confidence in our district.

While our conversations have been primarily regarding our return to school plans, we are still preparing for the future of Hudsonville Public Schools. This year we will conclude our SOAR IV strategic planning process and finalize our next three-year plan for the district. Our administrative team has been busy deciphering over 3000 survey responses regarding curriculum, human resources, finance, special education, and co-curricular activities. We thank you again for your input on this important planning process as we prepare for Hudsonville's future.

I'm so proud to be a Hudsonville Eagle, especially in turbulent times. We thank you again for your trust in our district and your commitment to the education of our students. I wish you all the best, and please stay safe.

Dr. Doug Vanderjagt,
Superintendent

SCHOOL WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 24, 2020

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. - 11:40 a.m./12:45 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.

August 27

September 3

September 18

October 23

November 13

January 15

February 5

March 5

April 23

May 21

DISTRICT POLICY REGARDING VISITORS

No parents, guests, volunteers, visitors, etc. are allowed past the office while in Phase 4. Anyone that does enter the building will be required to wear face coverings pursuant to [EO 2020.153](#). Signage will be posted on the doors when entering the building.

All offices will be equipped with plexiglass at the front desk. Furniture in the main office will be arranged so that six feet of social distancing is maintained. Floor marks will indicate proper spacing for anyone in the office.

If a visitor must enter the building beyond the main office, he/she will be screened for symptoms, wear facial covering, and wash/sanitize hands prior to entering. Strict records, including date and time, will be kept of non-school employees or other visitors entering and exiting the building.

REGISTERING NEW STUDENTS

Parents of new students to the district who would like to enroll their children should register online at hudsonvillepublicschools.org or call the appropriate building for assistance.

Elementary

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

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

Open Houses

We will not have traditional open houses this school year.

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 Transportation Supervisor

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 Community Education Director

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 School Safety/Security Director

Jeff Smucker.....669-4877
 Technology Director

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 2020-2021 school year are scheduled as follows:

- August 13, 2020
- September 10, 2020
- October 8, 2020
- November 12, 2020
- December 10, 2020
- January 14, 2021
- February 11, 2021
- March 11, 2021
- April 15, 2021
- May 13, 2021
- June 10, 2021
- July 8, 2021

LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION ~ LOOK FOR EMAIL LATE AUGUST!

The Jenison/Hudsonville Food Service Department will send an email before school starts 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 Meal Application, the August/September Menu, and additional information about the lunch program. Information for new families is also on our website.



A new Free & Reduced Meal Application must be filled out every school year. We encourage parents to apply early for meal benefits. You can apply online at lunchapp.com (fastest and easiest way), via mail, or bring a completed paper application to our office. Applications will be processed starting August 10, and there may be up to a 5-day processing period. You can mail an application to our office: Jenison/Hudsonville Food Service, 2140 Bauer Rd., Jenison, MI 49428. The Food Service office will be staffed beginning Monday, August 10, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Our regular school year hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The lunch price for elementary students is \$2.50 per day, and secondary student lunch price is \$3.00 per day. Milk only is 50¢ per carton. Adult lunches are \$3.50 at the elementary level and \$4.00 at the secondary level. Breakfast service starts on the first day of school and prices are \$1.25 for elementary and \$1.50 for secondary students. Menus and other information are available on our website. You can check meal account balances by setting up a free online account at sendmoneytoschool.com. If you need your student's ID number, please call 457-2400 or email us at foodservice@hpseagles.net after August 10. (Newly enrolled students take 24 hours to appear in our system.) You can make deposits online at sendmoneytoschool.com. The fee is waived to deposit money between June 1 and

KINDERGARTEN VISION/ HEARING SCREENING

Vision/hearing screenings are required prior to 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
669-0040

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

During this time of change and new decisions, there are many factors all families will consider as they prepare for fall. In some ways, there are additional and unique factors at play for families of children with special needs. We hope to be a support to you during this time.

For families of students receiving special education programs and services, if you have not already done so, please consider reviewing [my communication](#) (dated 7.29.20) regarding special education services and the return to school options. As we prepare for students in the classroom and online, please know that our special education department continues to be excited to see and support your children this fall and are honored to be a part of their educational journey.



Mandy Thomas, Ed.S.
Director of Special Services

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.

Stay Connected!



Become a fan of Hudsonville Public Schools on Facebook and Twitter to keep up with the latest news and updates.

Sign up to receive texts from HPS ~ Opt-in (Text "YES" to 68453) from a phone or digital device

Looking for Rockstars! ~ Come join our team!

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

All training is provided. Starting pay is \$17.51 per hour
Year-end bonus



If interested, please fill out an application at hudsonvillepublicschools.org or call 669-7757 to learn more information.

ATHLETIC PARTICIPATION FEES

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

Go Eagles!



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 must be made online. Credit/debit 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