



Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

Michigan winters are kind of like a box of chocolates; you never know what you are going to get. We have had some frigid temperatures, limited snow followed by heavy snow, and some days with little sunshine. I know that as we work our way through February, the days will become longer, and I anticipate the temperatures will begin to increase. I'm also fairly certain we are not done with winter yet, so keep those snow pants handy. During these winter months, we continue to work through some of the challenges caused by Covid-19. We have updated the [FAQ document](#) on our website regarding the latest Ottawa County Department of Public Health order. We greatly appreciate your patience and understanding as we hopefully draw near to the end of this worldwide pandemic. I would like to bring a few items to your attention.

Hudsonville Public Schools has construction taking place all throughout the district. The new 5/6 building is steadily taking shape on the north end of the district, and the high school completion is also coming along nicely. A new choir room has been added to our fine arts suite and students began to utilize this beautiful addition on February 1. The steel for the fieldhouse is slowly being placed, albeit during some difficult weather conditions. We are still on track to open the connector between the high school and freshman campus around this time next year, hopefully, sooner. While these projects are well underway, we will soon begin the final phase of the bond project, as we focus on the remodel of Park Elementary and the additional gym being added to Bauer Elementary. We anticipate these projects will take roughly a year to design, with construction beginning in the fall of 2024. If all planning and construction goes well, we hope to occupy these new structures at Park and Bauer in the fall of 2025.

The administration has been working closely with the high school English department to continue to improve our book review process. The high school book club parental consent forms will be enhanced and going forward will include a book summary to help parents determine if a book is appropriate for their child. There is more information regarding the book review process later in this publication.

The mental health of our students and staff has always been a focus as we continue to navigate this pandemic. I would encourage you to spend time with your child(ren) regarding how they are navigating this challenging time. Melissa Bernard, our Student Services Coordinator, continues to develop material to help support our students. Please take time to visit the HPS website under the "[Family Resources](#)" tab to see the latest version of the SOARce. Be on the lookout for an upcoming podcast series we are working on for parents regarding mental health and technology.

As a district, some of our SOAR IV goals relate to the values of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging. As we enter the month of February, Black History Month, we have the opportunity as a learning community to further increase our students' awareness of impactful men and women of color. Our hope and goal is that every student will expand their awareness of the people and events in black history through intentional teaching opportunities.

Also of great importance is an upcoming vote this spring. On May 3, Hudsonville School parents and community members will have the chance to vote on our annual Non-Homestead Millage renewal. This is an annual renewal request that voters have approved for the past 27 years and would generate approximately 5.9 million dollars in operating revenue for our school district. Please note, this is not a tax on primary residences and is not a new tax. Please vote on May 3.

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Finally, we are officially over halfway through the school year. The challenges certainly have existed, but the highlights far outweigh any difficulties we have faced. Our students continue to shine in the classroom and throughout our community and schools. We are blessed to have some of the best teachers and support staff that any district can provide. Our bus drivers continue to take amazing care of our students on some difficult roads and our administrative team goes above and beyond to make Hudsonville the special place that it is. I know I'm deeply blessed to have such amazing staff all throughout our district, and I hope you feel the same.

Thank you for your continued support of Hudsonville Public Schools.

Kind regards,

Dr. Doug VanderJagt
Superintendent

Hudsonville Education Foundation \$1,000 Scholarships Available

Hey Senior Class! April 13 will be here before we know it, which means the deadline to apply for a chance to receive one of four \$1,000 scholarships is just around the corner. Don't miss this opportunity!

For eligibility information and the application, go to:
hudsedfound.org/scholarships.

APPLY FOR YOUR FUTURE!

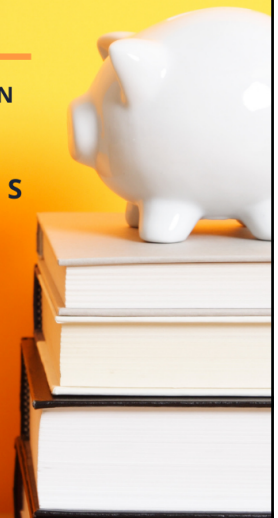
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EAGLES LANDING SPIRIT STORE OPEN

during these
events!



2/5 Wrestling (9-3)

2/8 Boys Basketball F, JV, V (4-9)

2/11 Boys and Girl Basketball V (5:30-9:30)

2/12 Community Ed Basketball (8-1)

2/15 Girls Basketball F, JV, V (4-9)

2/17 Boys and Girls Basketball F, JV (5:30-9)

2/22 Girls Basketball F, JV, V (4-9)

2/25 Boys and Girls Basketball V (5:30-9:30)

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Art Award Winners Announced



"Dragon"

Two HHS senior students have received Scholastic Art Awards in the ceramics and glass categories this year for the West Michigan region. Alexa Beltz received a Gold Key award for her dragon sculpture and a Silver Key award for her pumpkin teapot. Olivia Patsiavos received a Gold Key award for her teapot titled "Charles".

The Scholastic Art Awards is the longest-running, most prestigious art recognition program for teens in the nation. The Gold Key award-winning pieces will automatically be entered into the National Scholastic Art Awards Competition to compete for national awards medals and scholarships.

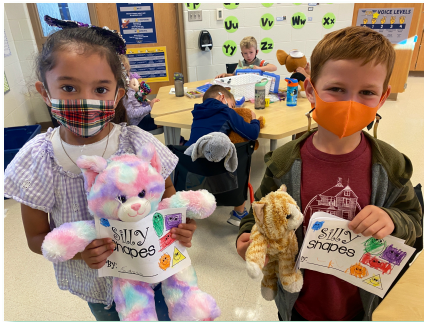
For the West Michigan Region, award-winning student work will be part of a virtual art show held on February 11 and there will be an award recognition ceremony held virtually through Kendall College of Art and Design on March 5 at 3:00 pm. Congratulations Alexa and Olivia!



"Pumpkin Teapot"



"Charles"



Creative Theme Days Are the Perfect Incentive for the Kindergarten Class at Georgetown Elementary

This winter the Kindergarteners at Georgetown Elementary have done an AWESOME job **SOARING!** They have worked hard to be **Safe**, take

Ownership, strive to **A**chieve and **R**espect one another in many areas of our school day. From the cafeteria to the playground and the classroom to our specials classes, the Kinders have the opportunity to earn mini individual Outstandings or whole class Outstandings.

Each Kindergarten class has a goal of Outstandings that they work towards. For every goal they reach they earn a special theme day. Some special days that our Georgetown Kinders have had are Fort day, Stuffed animal day, P.J./Comfy day and Fidget day. We are so proud to see our Kindergarten Eagles **SOARING!**





Cookie Fundraiser

Students at Hudsonville High School in the foods program joined forces with the marketing class to raise money in memory of Wes Leonard. He tragically passed away at the age of 16 while playing basketball at Fennville High School. It was determined that Wes might still be with us today had an AED been immediately available. Shortly after Wes's passing, the Wes Leonard Heart Team was created to bring awareness to the importance of student-athlete heart checks and the need for on-site AED's.

The goal of this event and The Never Forgotten Basketball game hosted at HHS is to help provide AED's in all West Michigan high schools. Our students baked and sold over 600 cookies in just one day and were honored to help be part of such a beneficial fundraiser.



Now Accepting 2022 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame Nominations



Nominate a Hudsonville Public Schools Graduate for the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame

hudsedfound.org/applications/alumni-hof



Hudsonville Public Schools and the Hudsonville Education Foundation are looking for graduates who have made exceptional achievements in their field, selflessly served Hudsonville Public Schools, or uniquely contributed to their communities locally, nationally, or globally.

If you have someone in mind, nominate them for the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. New inductees are selected and honored each year at the annual Eagles of Excellence Gala in the fall.

For more information and to nominate a Hudsonville Public Schools alumnus, visit hudsedfound.org or pick up a nomination form at the HPS Administration Office.

The deadline for nominations is Wednesday, April 13, 2022, so don't delay!



Music Students Achieve Highest Honors!

The Hudsonville music program continues to have students that excel at their craft! Orchestra students Lily Zielinski and Levi Davis were recently invited to perform in the Michigan All-State Orchestras (above) at Devos Hall on January 29, 2022. This is the highest honor achievable for middle and high school music students in Michigan, and we were proud to have them represent Hudsonville Public Schools!

Anna Bush, Levi Davis, Olivia Fleck, and Maria Hindelah were also accepted to the MSBOA District Ten Middle School Honors Orchestra. The orchestra is comprised of students from 24 different schools from West Michigan and performed on January 8. Additionally, Kaitlyn Addis, Annie Akers, Anna Bush, and Olivia Fleck performed on January 15 with the St. Cecilia Music Center Youth Orchestras.



MS District Honors Orchestra

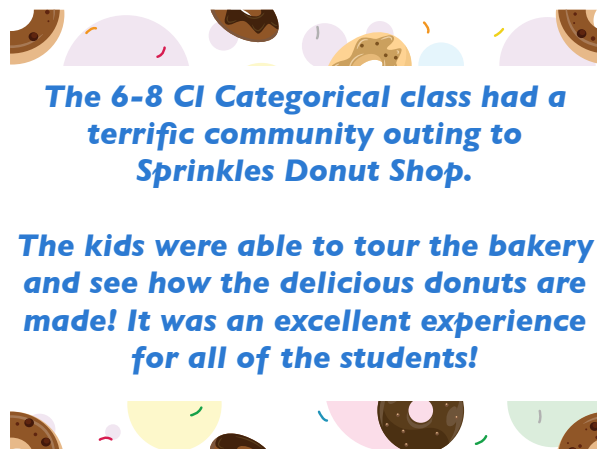


St. Cecilia Youth Orchestra

Hudsonville also sent 17 students (the most in the entire state) to attend the Musical Theater Festival at GVSU this past November. The Hudsonville Choir students earned a Division I "Excellent" rating, and six students earned perfect scores. These students include Evan Andre, Kayla Bolhuis, Ellie Ferreira, Isabel Flores, Maddie Flore, Isabel Fuzi, Ben Jarvis, Gabe Karel, Austin King, Erika Marvin, Jada Mitchell, Mackenzie Mol, Amaya Morren, Alyssa Rork, Emilee Smith, Sarah Sparks, and Dylan VanderJagt. Congratulations to all of our music students for these incredible accomplishments!



HS Musical Theater Festival





Congratulations to the Hudsonville Education Foundation 2021 Teacher Grant Recipients!

HEF grant awards totaling \$19,187 were directly invested into HPS classrooms in 2021, thanks to financial donations from generous supporters like you!

Early Childhood Center

Ms. Kelsey Becksfort - Beginner Books
Ms. Jessica Sterling - Puppet Theater
Ms. Joan VanFossen & Ms. Shauna Kerel - Inclusive Communication

Alward Elementary

Ms. Stacy Burmeister - Fairy Tale Problem Solving
Ms. Heather LaLonde - Feeding our Love of Reading Book Vending Machine
Ms. Nicole Terpstra - Classroom Library

Bauer Elementary

Ms. Tammy Tans - Sensory Paths

Georgetown Elementary

Ms. Nicole Ball - Classroom Book-A-Day
Ms. Victoria Coole - Flexible Seating
Ms. Allix Hutchison - Headphones for Readers

Jamestown Lower Elementary

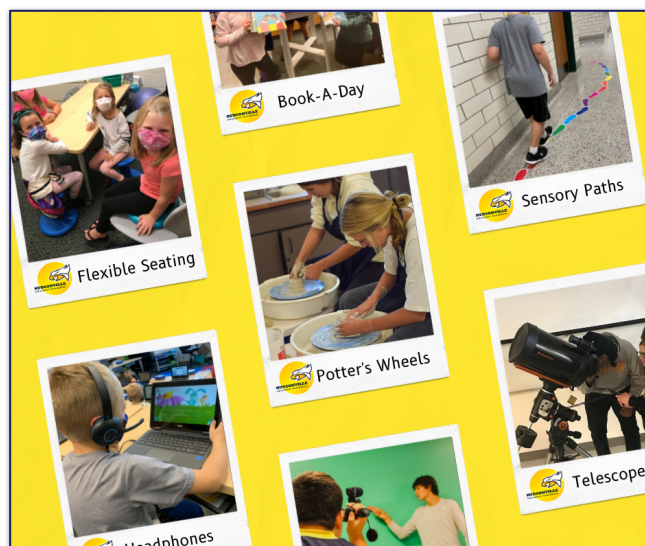
Ms. Aubrey Anderson - Decodable Books Phonemic Practice
Ms. Amber Lundvick - Happy Numbers Math Intervention

Park Elementary

Ms. Jodi Durham - Morning Soft Start Bins
Ms. Angela Faraci - Nearpod Tech Extension

South Elementary

Ms. Rebecca Conner - Decodable Books Reading Intervention



High School

Mr. Chris Bolhuis - Astronomy Telescope
Mr. Jesse VanderBand - Potter's Wheels
Mr. Tom VanNortwick - Telecommunications Audio & Visual Quality Improvements

Special Education

Ms. Sandy Roelofs - Adapted Seating

Congratulations to these outstanding educators!

To learn more about how your donation to the HEF, combined with others, can make a lasting impact on the education of HPS students district-wide, visit www.hudsedfound.org.

Give the HEF a "like" and follow along to see these teacher grants in action at www.facebook.com/HudsEdFound.

HPS Concerned Parent Book Review Process

There have been some concerns regarding the content in some of the books that have been selected in our high school book clubs. Hudsonville Public Schools values the importance of parental involvement in their child's education and believes each parent needs to decide what books are appropriate for their child based on their maturity level, life experiences, values, and interests. Therefore, we have committed to providing a book summary to the parental consent form for high school book clubs so that parents can make informed decisions regarding what their child is reading. Please visit our webpage that has detailed information regarding the [Concerned Parent Book Review Process](#) to learn more about the process which outlines how a parent can initiate a review on a book their child is reading.

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