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The Hudsonville Public Schools Board of Education Newsletter

May/June 2021

What a great month of May we have had regarding the weather. It has felt more like July with our 80+ degree temperatures and plenty of sunshine. The flowers are in full bloom, and the smell of freshly cut grass is in the air. All the signs of a normal summer are here. As the year winds down, we want to celebrate the wonderful school year we had, albeit somewhat challenging.

On May 27, we will celebrate the graduation of over 460 high school seniors and the impact they leave on our school system. They have performed in the classroom, on the stage, in the field of play, and throughout our community. I want to congratulate all our seniors for how they have represented Hudsonville Public Schools. Thank you for allowing our staff to be a part of your educational career, and we wish you all the best life has to offer in your future. These students have been resilient throughout all the challenges that have been thrown their way. Each and every one of these young adults will make our world a better place.

We are anticipating a normal school year next year, one in which masks and social distancing are suggested but not required. Additional guidance will be relayed throughout the summer and we will be sure to pass this information on to our parents in a timely manner. We have learned a great deal during this pandemic, and some of the hygiene habits will forever be etched into our minds. Our staff has worked so hard the past 18 months to provide a safe and exceptional learning environment. I am so thankful for the passion our staff has for our kids.

This summer will be once again occupied with filling open positions, deep cleaning our buildings, and seeing our construction projects continue. The additions at the high school will continue to evolve, and the new 5/6 building will start to take shape. The new choir room at the high school will be completed this coming winter, with the high school addition and 5/6 building set for completion in the summer of 2023. We still have major construction plans for Park Elementary and Bauer Elementary, and a gym added onto Forest Grove Elementary (set to begin construction about a year from now).

As you start to make your summer plans, we are excited to welcome the students back with our first day of school on Monday, August 23. The school calendar for next year is posted on our website (www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org).

I hope you all enjoy the last weeks of the school year and enjoy your summer. Thank you for making Hudsonville an amazing place to live and grow.

Have a great summer!

-Dr. VanderJagt Superintendent



Positive Behavior Intervention and Support

During the 2020/2021 school year, all HPS elementary buildings worked hard to establish a solid foundational PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention and Support) framework. Research and experience tell us that we need to explicitly teach and actively support prosocial behaviors and social-emotional skills for students to actively engage in academic learning. Across the district, you will see the acronym SOAR (Be Safe, Own It, Act Responsibly, Be Respectful) displayed on building and classroom signage, on our bus fleet, and on acknowledgment tickets and tokens. All of our elementary buildings have unique acknowledgment systems in



place to notice students who are demonstrating SOAR behaviors. We are so excited to see our buildings engage in PBIS, and we love seeing our HPS students SOAR!





HHS Teacher, Chris Bolhuis Named 2021 Outstanding Earth Science Teacher

The National Association of Geoscience Teachers (NAGT) is pleased to announce that the 2021 Outstanding Earth Science Teacher (OEST) Central Section Winner is Christopher Bolhuis, high school science teacher at Hudsonville High School. The annual award is for "exceptional contributions to the stimulation of interest in the Earth Sciences at the pre-college level."

The Central Section Committee of the National Association of Geoscience Teachers was particularly impressed by Mr. Bolhuis' achievement of exposing students to

fieldwork, both during local field trips and during the geology and ecology Summer Science Institute field course in the Rockies; his development of new geology courses and curriculum and partnership with Grand Valley State University and other institutions to offer college credit to high schoolers is innovative. In addition, Mr. Bolhuis is now sharing his experience, expertise, and passion with listeners through his PlanetGeo podcast. Multiple detailed examples of how Mr. Bolhuis engages students in inquiry-based geoscience learning gave the committee a clear picture of his passion for earth science teaching and his dedication to Hudsonville High students and the profession.

NAGT was established in 1938 with the goal to improve geoscience education, emphasize the relevance and cultural significance of the earth sciences, and to disseminate knowledge to educators and the general public. The competitive Outstanding Earth Science Teaching Award program was established in 1971 to identify, recognize and reward excellence in teaching. The NAGT commends Christopher Bolhuis for his dedication to his students.



Highest Honor Graduates for the Class of 2021



Ali Wisam Al Anbaky

Parents: Wisam and Zina Al Anbaky

GPA: 4.073

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Pre-Medicine



Hannah Applebee

Parents: Richard and Margaret Applebee

GPA: 4.237

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Psychology



Genevieve Balivet

Parents: Wendy Balivet

GPA: 4.098

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Writing and Statistics



Luke Balstad

Parents: Kimberly and Chris Van Antwerp

GPA: 4.400

College: Harvard University

Major: Biomedical Engineering



Autumn Bertram

Parents: Martin and Klaire Bertram

GPA: 4.265

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Computer Science



Madeline Albrecht

Parents: David and Sara Albrecht

GPA: 4.131

College: Hope College Major: Pre-Medicine



Ethan Atkins

Parents: Ryan and Lois Atkins

GPA: 4.002

College: Davenport University

Major: Business



Erin Ball

Parents: Scott and Julie Ball

GPA: 4.051

College: Grand Canyon University

Major: Nursing



Joshua Bergstrom

Parents: Jeff and Amy Bergstrom

GPA: 4.200

College: Michigan Technological University

Major: Mechanical Engineering



Sofia Biriouk

Parents: Gennadi and Stephanie Biriouk

GPA: 4.247

College: Michigan State University Honors

College

Major: Astrophysics





Madlyn Borton

Parents: Daniel and Sarena Borton

GPA: 4.119

College: Michigan State University

Major: Biology



Luke Bouma

Parents: Jeff and Lisa Bouma

GPA: 4.020

College: Cornerstone University

Major: Finance



Jorja Brouwer

Parents: David and Michelle Brouwer

GPA: 4.069

College: Douglas J Aveda Institute

Major: Cosmetology



Madelyn Burrell

Parents: Patrick and Karin Burrell

GPA: 4.220

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Engineering



Logan Campbell

Parents: Luke and Cara Campbell

GPA: 4.088

College: Grand Canyon University
Major: Computer Programming



Emmalynn Costen

Parents: Rick and Traci Costen

GPA: 4.039

College: Cornerstone University

Major: Nursing



Anneka Bos

Parents: Matthew and Julie Bos

GPA: 4.200

College: Calvin University

Major: Financial Planning



Alyssa Braam

Parents: Matt and Dawn Braam

GPA: 4.066

College: Cornerstone University
Major: Business Management



Payten Brower

Parents: Kurtis and Keli Brower

GPA: 4.059

College: Purdue University
Major: Agribusiness



Lauren Campbell

Parents: Chris and Kristen Campbell

GPA: 4.020

College: Grand Canyon University

Major: Marketing



Jack Chycinski

Parents: Mike and Jodi Chycinski

GPA: 4.292

College: University of Michigan Major: Computer Science



Baron Davis

Parents: Matt and Brenda Davis

GPA: 4.125

College: Kent State University

Major: Finance





Keegan DeGoede

Parents: Brian and Michelle DeGoed

GPA: 4.111

College: Michigan State University

Major: Engineering



Jacob DeLeeuw

Parents: Jack and Kellie DeLeeuw

GPA: 4.032

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Business Administration



Seanna DeWitt

Parents: Mark and Dawn DeWitt

GPA: 4.040

College: Hope College

Major: Dance



Kaleb DeYoung

Parents: Robert and Jennifer DeYoung

GPA: 4.026

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Mechanical Engineering



Jada Doerr

Parents: Stephen and Phuong Doerr

GPA: 4.173

College: University of Michigan Ross Business Schools

Major: Finance



Gabriel Ecenbarger

Parents: Scott and Staci Ecenbarger

GPA: 4.136

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Biomedical Science



Kersten Dekker

Parents: Doug and Jamie Dekker

GPA: 4.096

College: Hope College

Major: Psychology



Ellen Derrer

Parents: Ron and Meg Derrer

GPA: 4.204

College: Point Loma Nazarene University

Major: Biology/Chemistry



Lauren Dey

Parents: Jeff and Dawn Dey

GPA: 4.212

College: Central Michigan University

Major: Environmental Biology



Cassandra Dieleman

Parents: Andrew and Karla Dieleman

GPA: 4.010

College: Davenport University

Major: Nursing



Jaron Dykstra

Parents: Jason Dykstra, Anne, and Matt Braginton

GPA: 4.006

College: Cornerstone University

Major: Accounting



Grace Elling

Parents: Eric and Jennifer Elling

GPA: 4.127

College: Michigan State University

Major: Human Biology





Patrick Estefan

Parents: David and Giovanna Estefan

GPA: 4.083

College: Michigan State University

Major: Lyman Briggs



Trenten Feyen

Parents: Tim and Kate Feyen

GPA: 4.078

College: Hope College
Major: Social Work



Ella Fridsma

Parents: Chad and Deb Fridsma

GPA: 4.118

College: Davenport University

Major: Nursing



Madelyn Gortsema

Parents: Tim and Suzanne Gortsema

GPA: 4.189

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Pre-Veterinary



Alexis Halsted

Parents: Monty and Cathy Halsted

GPA: 4.027
College: Undecided
Major: Undecided



Haley Holland

Parents: Robert and Emily Holland

GPA: 4.083

College: Northern Michigan University

Major: Environmental Science



Isabella Fabbro

Parent: Arthur Fabbro

GPA: 4.065

College: Loyola University
Major: Bio Chemistry



Kaelyn Foltz

Parent: Rugg and Jane Foltz

GPA: 4.206

College: Central Michigan University

Major: Undecided



Analise Gillette

Parents: John and Sara Gillette

GPA: 4.106

College: Grace College Major: Undecided



Harmon Hall

Parents: Doug and Joy Hall

GPA: 4.087

College: Grand Rapids Community College

Major: Engineering



Skylar Hill

Parents: Todd and Michelle Hill

GPA: 4.066

College: Michigan State University

Major: Nursing with a minor in Spanish



Benjamin Kallemeyn

Parents: Christopher and Lindsey Kallemeyn,

Jeff and Kerrie Buit

GPA: 4.072

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Mechanical Engineering





Jasmine Kapenga

Parents: Tom and Tricia Kapenga

GPA: 4.163

College: Saginaw Valley State University

Major: Exercise Science



Andrew Knobloch

Parents: Adam and Julie Knobloch

GPA: 4.023 College: Undecided Major: Undecided



Olivia Kwiatkowski

Parents: Matt and Lesli Kwiatkowski

GPA: 4.037

College: Cornerstone University

Major: History



Rachel Maki

Parents: Marty and Becky Maki

GPA: 4.175

College: Hope College
Major: Pre-Med



Colin Marvin

Parents: Kevin and Dawn Marvin

GPA: 4.214 College: Undecided Major: Computer Science



Trevor McEachern

Parents: Brian and Teddi McEachern

GPA: 4.107

College: Grand Rapids Community College Major: Computer Information Systems



Madelyne Klunder

Parents: Jim and Kati Klunder

GPA: 4.108

College: Hope College

Major: Pre-Occupational Therapy



Liam Kuiper

Parents: John and Renita Kuiper

GPA: 4.056

College: Olivet Nazarene University

Major: Physical Therapy



Emma Lewis

Parents: Richard and Tracy Lewis

GPA: 4.074

College: The University of Alabama Major: Aerospace Engineering



Jacki Marshall

Parents: Steve and Kim Marshall

GPA: 4.000

College: Lawrence Technological University

Major: Architecture



Colin McDowell

Parents: Clint and Julie McDowell

GPA: 4.055

College: Augustana College

Major: Engineering



Allia Meines

Parents: Brian and Karen Meines

GPA: 4.013

College: Western Michigan University

Major: Nursing





Lauren Nippa

Parents: Carl and Hollie Nippa

GPA: 4.016

College: Southern Illinois University

Major: Zoology



Holly Ornelas

Parents: John and Tammy Ornelas

GPA: 4.140

College: Ferris State University

Major: Pharmacology



Greydan Overweg

Parents: Mark and Kristen Overweg

GPA: 4.146

College: Liberty University

Major: Undecided



Ashley Patterson

Parents: Jeff and Jennifer Patterson

GPA: 4.223

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: International Relations/Languages



Marley Persch

Parents: Fred and Heather Persch

GPA: 4.299

College: Penn State University
Major: Plastics Engineering



McKenzie Radloff

Parents: Dustin and Joh Radloff

GPA: 4.064

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Computer Science Information Technology



Kaylen Nyhuis

Parents: Doug and Kelly Nyhuis

GPA: 4.118

College: Saint Mary's College **Major**: Statistical and Actuarial

Mathematics



Kathryn Overbeek

Parents: Steve and Holli Overbeek

GPA: 4.023

College: Hope College
Major: Education



Makenna Overweg

Parents: Mark and Kristen Overweg

GPA: 4.223

College: Lipscomb University

Major: Graphic Design



Peyton Perrin

Parents: Mark and Amy Perrin

GPA: 4.043

College: Lansing Community College

Major: Pre-Pharmacology



Julia Pols

Parents: Pete and Kristi Pols

GPA: 4.219

College: University of Michigan

Major: Earth and Environmental Science



Catherine Reiss

Parents: Matt and Carol Reiss

GPA: 4.192

College: DePaul University

Major: Health Sciences





Lauryn Renkema

Parents: Brent and Karen Renkema

GPA: 4.105

College: Calvin University

Major: Speech Language Pathology



Gabriella Scholten

Parents: Tony and Trisha Scholten

GPA: 4.138

College: Davenport University

Major: Business



Alec Schulte

Parents: Rudy and Colleen Schulte

GPA: 4.012

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Geology



Ally Secor

Parents: Andy and Angie Secor

GPA: 4.160

College: Miami University

Major: Finance



Shaylee Smith

Parents: Scott and Michelle Smith

GPA: 4.075

College: Grand Canyon University

Major: Bachelor of Science in Biology with an

emphasis in Pre-Pharmacy



Nathan St John

Parents: Ken and Lisa St John

GPA: 4.088

College: Grand Canyon University

Major: Finance



Jayden Roelofs

Parents: Rob and Carrie Roelofs

GPA: 4.000

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Engineering



Kiara Scholten

Parents: Chris Scholten and Kerri Ploeg

GPA: 4.150

College: Michigan State University

Major: Accounting



Holly Schut

Parents: Wade and Deana Schut

GPA: 4.002

College: Hope College

Major: Business



Katelyn Smith

Parents: Sean and Kris Smith

GPA: 4.124

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Geology



Sarah Spears

Parents: Dan and Sue Spears

GPA: 4.202

College: Undecided Major: Undecided



Ashley Strick

Parents: Lee and Jen Strick

GPA: 4.058

College: Hillsdale College
Major: Exercise Science





Braden TerHaar

Parents: Brad and Heather TerHaar

GPA: 4.215

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Biology



Ryan VanderMarkt

Parents: Brandon VanderMarkt and Bonnie Jackson

GPA: 4.025

College: Michigan State University

Major: Political Science



Avery VanRegenmorter

Parents: Dan and Chris VanRegenmorter

GPA: 4.075

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Supply Chain Management with a

minor in Marketing



Madissen Vermeer

Parents: Matthew and Kristi Vermeer

GPA: 4.159

College: Grand Valley State University
Major: Early Childhood Education



Duane White

Parents: Kirk and Robin White

GPA: 4.188

College: University of Michigan

Major: Cellular and Molecular Biomedical Science



Averi VandeBunte

Parents: Brad and Amy VandeBunte

GPA: 4.115

College: Hope College
Major: Science/Pre-Medicine



David VanDyke

Parents: John and Jacki Van Dyke

GPA: 4.094

College: Taylor University

Major: Politics, Philosophy, and Economics



Jacob Veltman

Parents: Scott and Christy Veltman

GPA: 4.137

College: Grand Valley State University
Major: Computer Engineering



Mya Vredevoogd

Parents: Ross and Lisa Vredevoogd

GPA: 4.012

College: Ferris State University

Major: Diagnostic Medical Sonography



Taylor Zuverink

Parents: Scott and Brenda Zuverink

GPA: 4.216

College: Grand Valley State University

Major: Nursing





Lock-In and Read

Almost 200 students at Jamestown Upper have volunteered to participate in the "Battle of the Books" reading program. The program's purpose is to encourage students to read good books and have fun while competing with peers. The students gain knowledge and enjoyment from reading books of various genres, sharing them with friends, parents, and teachers, plus the fun of competing in the "battle."



This year, the program ran for about six weeks, had bi-weekly book club meetings, an after-school lock-in, and a relay-style "battle" during the week before spring break. The goal was to read as many of the ten books on their grade level list. Students of all reading levels could participate.



One of the events students looked forward to the most was the lock-in, which took place on Friday, May 14th. Students set up tents, forts, and comfortable spaces to read on both playgrounds and a few in classrooms. They spread out all over, with many choosing Mr. Secor's office, the teachers' lounge, hallways, classrooms, or the gym. We had over 110 students reading and enjoying some pizza on a Friday night!

The "Battle of the Books" program wrapped up the week of May 24th as students showed off what they've learned during a three-day competition.

Read by Grade 3 Information

In an effort to boost reading achievement, Michigan lawmakers passed Public Act 306 in October 2016. The *Read by Grade 3 Law* requires extra support for K-3 students who are not reading at grade level. The law also states that a child may be retained in 3rd grade if they are one or more grade levels behind in reading at the end of 3rd grade, as measured by the 3rd grade ELA M-STEP test. The law does set a performance standard on the 3rd grade M-STEP. However, local school districts have the authority to modify the retention provision.

While we are happy to report that Hudsonville Public Schools has not had more than three students annually, district-wide, fall below the state proficiency goal in recent years, our systems of support will continue. Our system of instructional supports for all students (MTSS) establishes solid core instruction and provides specific targeted intervention for students who demonstrate need and comply with the high expectations of the law. Our teachers, support staff, and principals have utilized a team approach in measuring student reading progress and providing individualized support for struggling learners for over a

decade. When students continue to struggle after interventions, we work actively with our families to increase every possible support for student learning. We want to assure families that the *Read by Grade 3 Law* will not change our systems of support for students or the partnership we strive for with our families.

Upon completion of testing this spring for our thirdgraders, building principals will contact the parents of any 3rd-grade student, although we expect it to be few, who do not meet the M-Step proficiency expectation set by the state. The building principal will work closely with each family to determine the next steps to ensure each child's specific reading needs are met.

If you have any questions or concerns, please never hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or building principal. As partners in your child's education, we encourage you to communicate regularly with the appropriate school staff about his or her progress. Together we will ensure our students develop critical literacy skills necessary to thrive in our diverse and ever-changing world.



Baldwin Student Utilizes Craftsmanship to Appreciate HPS School Board Member

January was School Board Appreciation Month. BMS 8th grader Macabe Scholtens utilized his skills and love of woodworking to show appreciation for HPS School Board Member Mr. Chad Tuttle and showcase the woodshop at BMS.

Macabe wanted to show a meaningful way to demonstrate his appreciation to both Mr. Tuttle and HPS. He stated, "Woodshop is one of the few electives that not only teaches students how to safely handle everyday tools but allows students to be creative, handle tools correctly and build something they can be proud of." Woodshop is definitely an



essential and favorite elective class that most students look forward to in their day and provides useful and beneficial skills for a lifetime.

His teacher Mr. O'Rourke also shared the following; "The students and I are very grateful to the Board of Education, and the community at large, for all of the support they give to our woodshop classes and, frankly, the entire electives program. Not only do our students learn to safely use industrial quality tools and develop hands-on skills they can utilize for a lifetime, but are also introduced to the various career possibilities available to them in the trades and professions such as architecture and engineering. Given the severe shortage of people pursuing careers in the trades and the STEM fields, I believe our students are much better prepared than students from communities who are not supportive of elective programs. Oh, and don't forget the thousands of awesome cutting boards, jewelry boxes, blanket ladders, and mantle clocks that proudly decorate the homes of our outstanding Hudsonville students!"

Life 101, a newer class taught at the high school, hit the pavement last week. Students walked our "used" car lot shopping for a vehicle that fits into their budget. Teachers helped students by providing them with details like the make,

model, and mileage.
Student Kenny
Kamps even gave us
a lesson on how to
check engine fluids
and change a tire.
What an excellent
experience for all!





Bauer 2nd graders recently wrapped up their reading unit titled "Series Book Clubs." They demonstrated their

knowledge and understanding of the series by selecting and completing a final project of their choice with their book club. These projects ranged from board games, video advertisements. writing and acting out plays, puppet shows, and more. Students had to work as a team, and they were very proud of their finished projects!







Careerline Tech Center and Hudsonville High School Student Named State of Michigan Winner in Doodle for Google Contest



Careerline Tech Center Graphic Design program student and Hudsonville High School senior Magdelyn Marchinkewicz beat out over 45,000 entries to win the top spot for the state of Michigan in the Doodle for Google art contest. Marchinkewicz is now one of five artists in the running to become a national winner.

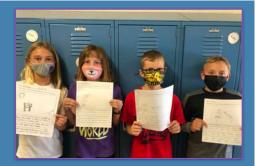
Google surprised Marchinkewicz at home with a balloon arc and a box full of prizes along with the announcement. Votes have been cast and are currently being tallied. The five designs with the most votes will be considered for the top award of a \$30,000 college scholarship and a \$50,000 technology package for their school.

Marchinkewicz said she wanted to show essential workers during the pandemic and represent them in her Doodle for Google. "My doodle demonstrates "I Am Strong" because of how we can all come together as one," Marchinkewicz said. "I showed everyone's differences and how we are all similar in many different ways."

Doodle for Google is an annual art contest open to students in grades K-12. Students are invited to create their own Google doodle for the chance to have it featured on Google.com and win scholarships and tech packages for their schools. Artists this year were asked to submit their artistic interpretations of this year's contest theme, "I am strong because..."



Students at South Elementary have been SOARing all year long! Each month, our PBIS team provided lessons for how to SOAR in school and at home. For our final month together, students took time to reflect on ways they demonstrated SOAR behaviors throughout our school year. Students gave examples such as including others when they are feeling sad, helping others on the playground, using manners, walking with a level 0 voice in the hallway, etc. It was great seeing all their responses!







Congratulations to HPS bus driver
Tim Cribley for being recognized for
his selfless service! Tim Cribley was
selected by CalAmp (Here Comes
the Bus) following the nominations
of nearly 900 school bus drivers from
across North America. Cribley will be
awarded a \$250 gift card, while
CalAmp will be donating \$1,000 on
behalf of his nominator,
Transportation Director Rob
Matthews, to Hand2Hand, a local
food pantry.



Subscribe to our blog to follow along with updates that showcase new additions and renovations to district facilities, including a new 5/6 building, new gymnasiums, additional classrooms to connect the High School and Freshman campuses, and substantial building improvements.

www.hpsbondprojects.com



Ottawa Food Kicks Off "Healthy Eating BINGO"

Are you or your family trying to eat healthier? Do you like a good game of BINGO? Now you can do both at once! Ottawa Food is sponsoring a free, community-wide BINGO game to help people eat healthier and explore our local farmer's markets. The game, which will take place from May 17 to September 17, includes family-friendly activities as well as the chance to win a farmers market gift certificate! Visit ottawafood.org/healthyeatingbingo for more details.



Hudsonville Community Education News

Registration Now Open!



Action Wake Park Field Trip Basketball Diving Golf Lessons Hockey Intro to Competitive Robotics Robotics, Coding, Electronics Softball Tae Kwon Do

Babysitting Class Lego Engineering Fencing Gymnastics Home Alone Class Lap Swim **Robot Building** Stunt Camp Tennis Virtual Reality (VR)

Baseball **Broadway Bootcamp** Football Camps **HEAT Swim team** Lacrosse Learn to Wakeboard Soccer Buddies Swim Lessons Tuesday Camps Volleyball

To register, visit hudsonvillepublicschools.org

Please note that we will follow the COVID protocols that are in place at the time of the class or camp.

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