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The Hudsonville Public Schools Board of Education Newsletter

August/September 2019

Dear Hudsonville Community,

I hope your summer has been enjoyable and 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 2019-2020 school year! I have been blessed to serve as the Superintendent of Hudsonville Public Schools, and look forward to continuing the excellence of our district has demonstrated within the state.



The upcoming school year will undoubtedly come with many success stories and events we all will celebrate. As we prepare for another amazing year, we have several new faces and positions throughout the district. Based on the passage of the county enhancement millage last fall, we are instituting additional staff to support the emotional needs of our students. We welcome Melissa Bernard to lead our student services department in this endeavor. She will be working with all buildings, at all levels, as we seek to support the social, emotional, and mental needs of our students. We also welcome two new administrators to our leadership team, as Joe Szymanski and Tracy Horodyski will be bringing their talents and experience to Hudsonville. After spending nine years teaching in our system, Mr. Szymanski most recently spent his time in the Rockford system as a secondary administrator and now will be gracing the halls of the high school, as he replaces Melissa Bernard. Mrs. Horodyski spent most of her 19-year career in Kenowa Hills and was recognized as Michigan Teacher of the Year in 2016. She will be serving as Assistant Principal at Baldwin Street Middle School, and we look forward to seeing her shine in that role.

Hudsonville also welcomes several new teaching and support staff throughout the district. As our student population continues to grow, we have amazing administrators that work diligently over the summer filling vacancies. This year alone we welcome several new educators throughout the district. We certainly are excited to see these professionals dedicate their time, energy, and talents into teaching our children.

This year we have several initiatives as we look to build on continuous improvement. First, we will be asking our community to consider a bond issue in the fall that is intended to address the growth of our district. Please look for detailed information throughout the fall on this important issue. We will be conducting several community meetings, and provide detailed documentation on our website. Please do your best to be well informed on this plan prior to the November 5th election day.

Finally, we look forward to spending the school year evaluating all our processes and setting a course of action for the future of Hudsonville Public Schools. This year we will embark on our next strategic plan which will define the next three years of work within our system. In early winter we will seek input from our community, as we form focus groups to gather information. We will also gain additional data from our entire community, staff, and students with multiple surveys. As we look to shape the future of our district, our short term, long term, and ongoing goals will drive the future of our district.

While it is hard to believe that the class of 2020 will be graduating at the conclusion of this school year, we will certainly celebrate the accomplishments of our staff and students throughout the year. 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 for your continued support and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Doug Vanderjagt,  
Superintendent

# SCHOOL WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 26, 2019

## 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./12:45 p.m. - 3:45 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 20

October 18

November 15

December 13

January 31

February 21

March 6

April 24

May 8

## 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](http://hudsonvillepublicschools.org)

## REGISTERING NEW STUDENTS

Parents of new students to the district who would like to enroll their children should register online at [hudsonvillepublicschools.org](http://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

## SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

### **Secondary Buildings**

•*Freshman Campus*.....August 22

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

•*High School* ..... August 19

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

•*High School* ..... August 20

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

•*Baldwin St. Middle School*..... August 15

7:00 p.m. (orientation for 6th graders and new families)

•*Baldwin St. Middle School*.....August 20

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (open house w/ pictures)

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. (Meet the Staff)

•*Riley St. Middle School*.....August 20

7:00 p.m. (Back to School Night)

### **Elementary Buildings**

•*PreK & K Orientation*.....August 20

6:30 p.m.

•*Grades 1-5* .....August 21

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. (Jamestown Lower 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ken Hall .....President	Jordan Beel .....669-1500 High School Principal	Melanie McClure .....669-6700 Alward Elementary Principal
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## ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Doug Vanderjagt .....669-1740 Superintendent	Raeanne Hart 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 Secor .....662-1478 Jamestown Upper El. Principal
Ami Taylor .....669-1740 Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction	Joel Olson .....669-7750 Baldwin St. Middle School Principal	Dawn Heerema .....669-1970 Park Elementary Principal
Anne Armstrong .....669-1740 Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources/Assessment	Tracy Horodyski .....669-7750 Baldwin St. Middle School Assistant Principal	Mark Heagle .....669-9362 South Elementary Principal
Mandy Thomas .....669-1740 Director of Special Services	Bill Ross .....896-1920 Riley St. Middle School Principal	Rebecca VanSomeran... 797-0842 Early Childhood Center Director
Melissa Bernard .....669-1740 Student Services Coordinator	George Murphy .....896-1920 Riley St. Middle School Asst. Principal/MS Athletic Director	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 2019-2020 school year are scheduled as follows:

- August 8, 2019
- September 12, 2019
- October 10, 2019
- November 14, 2019
- December 12, 2019
- January 9, 2020
- February 13, 2020
- March 12, 2020
- April 16, 2020
- May 14, 2020
- June 11, 2020
- July 16, 2020



## LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION ~ LOOK FOR EMAIL IN AUGUST!

The Jenison/Hudsonville 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](http://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, or information packets are available at your school building.



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](http://lunchapp.com) (fastest and easiest way), via mail, or bring a completed paper application to our office. Applications will be processed starting August 12, 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, or stop in. The Food Service office will be open starting Monday, August 12, 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](http://sendmoneytoschool.com). If you need your student's ID number, please call 457-2400 or email us at [foodservice@hpseagles.net](mailto:foodservice@hpseagles.net) after August 12. You can make deposits online at [sendmoneytoschool.com](http://sendmoneytoschool.com). The fee is waived 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.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

This year the district will host opportunities for parents/guardians of students receiving special education programs and services at HPS to receive information and/or resources on various topics within a small group forum. These events will be called "coffee breaks". If you would like to be included on future communication of these events, please email [sped@hpseagles.net](mailto:sped@hpseagles.net) or call 616-669-1740, extension 5.



The Family Matters outreach initiative from the Michigan Department of Education, the Office of Special Education has continued to develop various resources for families. The outreach includes several "fact sheets" on topics such as [special education\(al\) teams and roles](#) and the [initial evaluation for special education](#) process.

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**3100 Port Sheldon**  
**669-0040**



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## High School History Teacher Receives Award

Hudsonville High School Social Studies teacher, Colin Sullivan, finished in 2nd Place in a national competition for the American History Teacher Award in a recent competition conducted by the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Sullivan was honored for his accomplishment on Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the State S.A.R. meeting in Lansing.

The West Michigan Chapter of the Michigan Society of the S.A.R. nominated Sullivan for the honor, who then represented the Michigan State Society at the national level. The 20 year veteran teacher was bested in the final selection by national winner Renny Taylor of the North Carolina Society.

Sullivan teaches advance placement U.S. Government and Politics, Government, US History, and social Problems at the high school level. He also serves as coach and faculty advisor for the Center for Civic Education's "We the People" competition.

"I have a passion for the vital role that civic education plays in the maintenance of our democratic society," Sullivan said, "I recognize the value and humanity of each of my students and the importance of building positive relationships with them."

Having been paralyzed and wheelchair bound for 19 years, Sullivan credits his recovery and rehabilitation largely to the positive relationships he has had and the encouragement he has received from his students.

The competition involved a personal statement, an essay, and endorsement letters from students, peers and supervisors.

Sullivan is the second West Michigan history teacher to place highly at the national level as East Grand Rapids history teacher, Janice Yates, won the national award outright in 2016.

The goals of the National Sons of the American Revolution are patriotic, historical, and educational; to unite and promote fellowship among the descendants of those who sacrificed to achieve the independence of the American people, to inspire them and the community-at-large with a more profound reverence for the principles of the government founded by our forefathers; to foster true patriotism; and to maintain and extend the institutions of American freedom.



*Hudsonville High School teacher Colin Sullivan receives his state History teacher award from Jim Petres, President, Michigan Society, Sons of the American Revolution*



*Board President, Ken Hall and Superintendent, Dr. Doug Vanderjagt with Colin Sullivan*

## 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 \$16.96 per hour**

If interested, please fill out an application at [hudsonvillepublicschools.org](http://hudsonvillepublicschools.org) or call 669-7757 to learn more information.





## Stay Connected!



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### South Students Read on the Bus

*Thanks to some fantastic bus drivers, some South Elementary School students have enjoyed reading on their rides to and from school. Bus drivers Teresa Rens and Brenda Lodenstein transformed their buses into rolling libraries once a week throughout the school year. Kids were encouraged to bring a book to read or borrow one from book bags located on each bus. Older students partnered with younger students and read to them. Each bus driver recorded the students' progress and celebrated the attainment of multiple reading goals.*



### South Elementary Girls on the Run Program Positively Impacts in Our Community

Girls On The Run (GOTR) aims to inspire girls to recognize their inner strength and celebrate what makes them one of a kind. Over the course of the ten-week program, girls in 3rd-5th grades at South Elementary developed essential skills to help them navigate their worlds and learned about their Star Power and personal potential. The program culminated with girls positively impacting their communities through a service project and they prepared to complete a celebratory 5K. South Elementary GOTR made a significant impact in the lives of animals in their community. Twenty-four girls worked hard developing a plan before executing a Car Wash and Pet Wash. In one hour of washing their hearts out, the girls raised \$600.03 for the Humane Society of West Michigan. Megan and Emily from the Humane Society received the check and brought a resident, Anna-Grace to thank the girls. The large donation will allow 120 animals to easily find their way home with the aid of a microchip! South GOTR were excited to give Anna-Grace an energy cheer and felt proud of the accomplishment.





## AQUATIC PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

### Lap Swim Hours - Begin September 4

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

### Evening hours begin October 15

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 19

#### 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 3

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 September 30

**Registration Fee:** \$200 for returning 2019 participants and \$285 for new USA Swimming members.

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](http://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