



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 2021-2022 school year! As we enter the month of August, it is hard to believe, but another school year is just around the corner.

Over the next few weeks, Hudsonville Public Schools will be finalizing plans for the 2021-22 school year. I would like to thank our administrative team, parent advisory council, booster leaders, and various other stakeholders from across the Hudsonville community for their input on these plans. Their contributions have been instrumental in ensuring our students have access to the support they need to continue to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. With the support of our community and partners, we've accomplished a lot this summer. Here are a few key updates:

As many of you have witnessed firsthand, plenty of work is being done on our campuses, and most recently, we held a groundbreaking ceremony at Hudsonville High School at the site of our new fieldhouse. This is exciting for our community as we will now have a high school venue to hold our entire student population, increase space for athletic programs, and expand building use for additional co-curricular programs in the future. Thanks to the support from all of you in the community and the passing of the recent bond referendum, this is but one of the many exciting improvements taking place across our district. Additional areas of improvement include:

- ★ The new 5/6 building on the north end of the district continues to move forward on schedule, with the first group of students entering the building in the fall of 2023.
- ★ The connection between the Freshman Campus and high school should be ready for occupancy in early 2023.
- ★ The new high school choir room is nearing completion and should be open sometime this year, and the tennis entrance is coming along with restrooms and storage to add.
- ★ The monument information signs at Bauer, Georgetown, Baldwin, and Forest Grove are under construction and on pace to be completed this fall.

Each of these exciting improvements will have a long-lasting impact not only on the current and future students of HPS but our entire community. We continue to be so very grateful for the community's continued commitment to the students we are privileged to serve.

On the academic front, this is the first year that the 3rd grade retention legislation was activated, and I'm thrilled to report that we have zero students that were affected by this legislation. This is a credit to the amazing staff that works so hard with every student to ensure they are receiving a top-notch education. We are fortunate to have a tremendous team of educators across the district, and I am pleased to announce that we have added 13 new teachers to our faculty for this coming school year.

Because of the work of our teachers and the commitment of our students to their education, we continue to see an increase in students successfully passing Advanced Placement (AP) courses and the number of students receiving academic recognition through the National Honor Society and Scholarship awards. We are blessed to have rigorous and well-rounded academic programming alongside phenomenal teachers and supportive parents.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who provided feedback throughout the summer in regards to diversity and equity professional learning plans, as well as Covid-19 preparedness plans. As always, your dedication to HPS is much appreciated – the community's continued engagement is essential as we work to ensure our students are provided with the best possible education experience. HPS remains committed to offering a welcoming and engaging learning environment for all students.

Thank you again for your continued support of the district and the students we serve at Hudsonville Public Schools. We're eager to welcome students back on Monday, August 23rd, and look forward to celebrating their accomplishments as Hudsonville Eagles throughout the year.

Dr. Vanderjagt  
Superintendent



# First day of school - August 23, 2021

## 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 23, 24, 25, 26

September 17

October 22

November 12

January 28

February 25

March 18

May 6

June 8

## Open House Dates 2021-2022 School Year

Early Childhood Center	PK, ECSE	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Alward	PK/K	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	5:30p.m. - 6:30p.m.
Alward	1st - 5th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Bauer	PK - 5th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Forest Grove	K - 5th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Georgetown	K - 5th	Wednesday, August 18, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Jamestown Lower	PK - 2nd	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.
Jamestown Upper	3rd - 5th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Park	K - 5th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
South	K	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
South	1st - 5th	Wednesday, August 18, 2021	6:30p.m. - 7:30p.m.
Baldwin	6th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:00p.m. - 7:00p.m.
Baldwin	7th - 8th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	7:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.
Riley	6th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	7:00p.m.
Riley	7th - 8th	Tuesday, August 17, 2021	6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.
Freshman Campus	9th	Thursday, August 19, 2021	8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
High School	10th - 12th	Monday, August 16, 2021	1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
High School	10th - 12th	Wednesday, August 18, 2021	3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

## 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



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**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 2021-2022 school year are scheduled as follows:

- August 12, 2021
- September 9, 2021
- October 14, 2021
- November 11, 2021
- December 9, 2021
- January 13, 2022
- February 10, 2022
- March 10, 2022
- April 14, 2022
- May 12, 2022
- June 9, 2022
- July 14, 2022



## LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION ~ LOOK FOR EMAIL LATE 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, [www.jenhudfood.org](http://www.jenhudfood.org), for links to the Free & Reduced Meal Application, our NEW digital menus with Nutrislice, and additional information about food service.

**Meals will be free for the 2021-22 school year. However, we STILL need families to fill out a new Free & Reduced Meal Application.** Our school district gets additional funding to support student achievement. Families can save money on sports and testing fees. You can apply online at [www.lunchapp.com](http://www.lunchapp.com) (fastest and easiest way), via mail, or bring a completed paper application to our office. You can mail an application to our office: Food Service, 2140 Bauer Rd., Jenison, MI 49428, or stop in. The Food Service office will be open starting Wednesday, August 11, 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.

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. Menus are available on our website. You can check meal account balances by setting up a free online account at [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.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 11.



## 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.



**Hudsonville Office  
3100 Port Sheldon  
669-0040**



### Hudsonville Public Schools

## Want to be a part of our team?

### NOW HIRING BUS DRIVERS

**All training is provided. Starting pay is \$17.51 per hour**  
•State pension plan •Various contract incentives

*A Commercial Driver License (CDL) is required and training will be provided to qualified individuals for this part-time position.*



If you love working with children, have an excellent driving record, a good sense of direction, and the ability to follow maps, we would love to talk to you!

For more information or to apply, please visit our district website. [hudsonvillepublicschools.org](http://hudsonvillepublicschools.org) or call 616-669-7757



### 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.

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