

Hesperia Community Schools

BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**First Day
of School
August 27**

***Mission:** Hesperia Community Schools exists to provide all students with educational opportunities to become effective and successful citizens.*

***Vision:** Hesperia Community Schools will provide inspiration for learning and prepare each student for success.*



PANTHER PRIDE

Superintendent's Corner

Vaughn White

Technology as a Tool for Learning

Teachers have been endlessly learning and developing their teaching techniques with a focus on formative assessment, standards/scale development and learning targets, as well as Kagan Cooperative Learning training this summer. These are time tested, data supported, best practices that will have a profound educational impact on your children.

To move one step further promoting academic excellence, our district purchased over 300 Chromebook, ipads, and computers to enhance the educational experience for your children. This is in addition to our many computer labs currently used in the district. What was once a process of moving a whole class down to a computer lab is now keeping students in the comfort of their classroom to learn using these tools. Elementary students will no longer have to trounce down to a middle school computer lab to take the MSTEP in desks and chairs that are too big for them!

In addition to the student computers, the district purchased new computers for all teachers so they have the most up to date resources to plan their instruction and provide learning supports for students. The district also used the sale of its old buses to upgrade our aging phone system to a Voice Over Internet Protocol (V.O.I.P.) digital system. This will allow additional options and flexibility with our phone services within the district and out to our families.

We are excited for these supports for learning and have high hopes on their impact with your kids.

Late Start MONDAYS

We have moved our late start days from Wednesdays to Mondays next school year. This was done in an effort to make late starts more manageable for parents. We have condensed our late start schedule into two blocks (before winter break and after). These blocks will not be interrupted by "normal" starts. Feedback on this change has been very positive.

**Hours of
Operation**

**Elementary K-4
7:50 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

**Middle / High School
5-12
8:05 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.**

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Monday, August 27,
2018**

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School Contact Information

Vaughn White Superintendent

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Hesperia, MI 49421
Phone 231 854-6185

Board of Education

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The board of education meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the high school library at 7:00 p.m. Dates are subject to change.

Principals, Directors, Coordinators

David LaPrairie
High School Principal 854-6385
Middle School 6-8 854-6475

Bryan Mey
Elementary Principal K-5
854-6615

Mona VanBlargan
Technology Coordinator
854-6068

TBD
Athletic Director
854-7100

Dan Bailey
Transportation
Coordinator/Mechanic
854-9301

Steve Dean
School Nurse
854-6715

Deb Muckey
Head Cook
854-0509

<https://www.hesp.net/>

Kindergarten Kick Start / Promise Zone – Free Savings Accounts and College Tuition at Hesperia

To make things easier on our graduates, our friends at the Fremont Area Community Foundation will open a savings account with a \$50 deposit for each Kindergarten student enrolled at Hesperia Community Schools who live in the district or adjacent townships. Students will be able to earn an additional \$50 each year from the Community Foundation and families can make additional deposits at any time. After high school graduation, students can use this money to pay for education and career related expenses such as tuition, books, tools and/or training. Accounts will be held at ChoiceOne Bank.

Couple Kick Start with free community college tuition provided by the Promise Zone and you have an excellent combination of supports for your children at Hesperia Community Schools to move on with their education after high school. There are not many other schools in the state that have such a unique combination of supports for their students as they enter the adult world.

Free Breakfast and Lunches for all Students

Our school district has chosen to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision Program, which allows every student of Hesperia Community Schools to have access to a healthy, nutritious breakfast and lunch each and every day, regardless of income. ***The only thing we need from you is to fill out a confidential Household Information Form.*** This is necessary for us to continue to receive “At-Risk” and “Title” dollars. These funds support additional educational services for students who are challenged with reading and/or math. K-4 accounts with balances will be refunded and 5-12 accounts with balances may be utilized for ala-carte items, and can be refunded upon request. Students will not be allowed to charge for ala-carte items.

Increased Building Security and Staff Crisis Training

Last summer we completed the first phase of security improvements by installing The Boot™ and LED lighting system throughout our district. This summer we will be linking the system together through chip technology. This will allow The Boot™ to communicate with the LED bulbs. The system signals lights throughout the district to turn red upon the deployment of The Boot™ indicating a need for lockdown. This creates a significant system of safety for our students and staff. In addition, the Newaygo County Sheriff’s office will be providing a half day training for all staff on the most current emergency procedures in case of a district crisis. These procedures will be common throughout the NCRESA school districts and aligned to the most current safety procedural knowledge available to date.

Busing Reminders and Information

- Children in Kindergarten, first, and second grades will not be dropped off at their bus stop without an older sibling or acknowledgement that a parent or guardian is home.
- There will be some bus driver route changes, so we ask that you please be patient the first few weeks of school while these new drivers become acquainted with their new routes and your children.
- Safety is our priority. All students should arrive at the assigned bus stop five minutes prior to their scheduled pickup time. Buses will not wait for late students because they need to keep their schedule for all other stops.

Back to School Open House

August 23rd
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Stop in with your child to meet their teachers, tour buildings and enjoy a hotdog. If you are unable to attend the open house, please contact the appropriate building for enrollment information.

2018-19 Household Information Form

We are fortunate this year to supply a *free lunch and breakfast to all students*. In order to provide this, we must have each family fill out the **CONFIDENTIAL** Household Information Form. With this free food opportunity, we are now reliant on getting information with this form as a way to identify our At-Risk and Title students. At-Risk and Title funds provide additional needed financial support to our district's students. Even though you may not think your children qualify, filling out this form is important.

Please contact Deb Muckey at 854-0509 or email her at muckeyde@hesp.net should you have any questions.

Early Release Days

We have selected August 30th, September 10th, and November 14th as early release days. On August 30th all staff will receive training on the improved lockdown system and other important safety training protocols. The September 10th and November 14th in-service days will focus on teacher instructional practice.

7th Grade Students Immunization Rules

7th Grade students must have the following immunizations to begin the school year.
3 doses of Hepatitis B 1 dose MenACWY at 11 years of age 2 doses of MMR Complete Series of Td with one dose of Tdap at 11 years of age or older
2 doses of varicella or history of Chicken Pox 3- 4 doses of Polio depending on initiation
Parents may contact the Health Department for more information or to seek a waiver.

Notice of Pest Management

As a part of our pest management program, pesticides are occasionally applied. You have the right to be informed prior to any pesticide application made to the school grounds and buildings. In certain emergencies, pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application. If you need prior notification, please submit a letter to Vaughn White, Superintendent, Hesperia Community Schools, P.O. Box 338, Hesperia, MI, 49421.

Non-Discrimination Policy

Hesperia Community Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, age, color, national origin, religion, disability, or any other protected characteristics in its educational programs, activities, administrations or employment policies, as required in Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, Executive Order 11246, as amended, Section 799A and 845 of the Public Health Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and the Equal Pat Act. Inquiries concerning the application of, or grievances for, any of the regulations should be addressed to Vaughn White, Hesperia Community Schools, P.O. Box 338, Hesperia MI 49421.



Drug-Free Schools

In accordance with federal and state law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or in school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic, beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by state statute or substance that could be considered a "look-alike" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State law, the district will also notify law enforcement officials.

Complaint/Problem Solving Process: 1) Please speak with the teacher/coach/bus driver first. 2) If the problem is not resolved, please speak with the principal/supervisor. 3) If the principal/supervisor cannot help, contact the superintendent. 4) If the superintendent cannot help, contact the Board of Education.

Section 504/ADA Compliance Officer: Vaughn White, Superintendent – 854-6185

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Contact: Vaughn White

Blood Borne Pathogens: All district staff receive training each school year. The law does not require parents to grant permission for examination of their child's blood, but it does require the district to request that consent.

HESPERIA ATHLETIC FALL SCHEDULE 2018

Day	Date	Sport / Opponent	Location	Time	Day	Date	Sport/Opponent	Location	Time
		Varsity Football					Hesperia Volleyball		
Fri	8/24/2018	North Muskegon	Away	7:00 PM	Sat	8/18/2018	Holton Invite	Holton	9:00 AM
Thurs	8/30/2018	Pine River	Away	7:00 PM	Tues	8/21/2018	Mason County Central Invite	Scottville	9:00 AM
Fri	9/7/2018	Holton	Home	7:00 PM	Wed	8/22/2018	Holton	Holton	5:30 PM
Fri	9/14/2018	White Cloud	Away	7:00 PM	Friday	8/24/2018	White Cloud Invite	White Cloud	9:00 AM
Fri	9/21/2018	Lakeview	Home	7:00 PM	Wed	8/29/2018	White Cloud	Hesperia	5:30 PM
Fri	9/28/2018	Kent City	Home	7:00 PM	Wed	9/5/2018	Lakeview	Lakeview	5:30 PM
Fri	10/5/2018	Morley Stanwood	Away	7:00 PM	Sat	9/8/2018	Montabella Invite	Montabella	9:00 AM
Fri	10/12/2018	Beal City	Home	7:00 PM	Sat	9/8/2018	Muskegon Catholic Invite	MCC	9:00 AM
Fri	10/19/2018	Shelby	Home	7:00 PM	Wed	9/12/2018	Kent City	Hesperia	5:30 PM
		JV Football			Sat	9/15/2018	Newaygo Tournament	Newaygo	9:00 AM
Thurs	8/23/2018	North Muskegon	Home	6:30 PM	Sat	9/15/2018	Godwin Heights Tournament	Godwin Heights	9:00 AM
Wed	8/29/2018	Pine River	Home	6:30 PM	Wed	9/19/2018	Morley Standwood	Hesperia	5:30 PM
Thurs	9/6/2018	Holton	Away	6:30 PM	Sat	9/22/2018	Mona Shores Invite	Mona Shores	8:30 AM
Thurs	9/13/2018	White Cloud	Home	6:30 PM	Wed	9/26/2018	Holton	Hesperia	5:30 PM
Thurs	9/20/2018	Lakeview	Away	6:30 PM	Sat	9/29/2018	Montague Quad	Montague	9:00 AM
Thurs	9/27/2018	Kent City	Away	6:30 PM	Sat	9/29/2018	Hesperia JV Invite	Hesperia	9:00 AM
Thurs	10/4/2018	Morley Stanwood	Home	6:30 PM	Wed	10/3/2018	White Cloud	White Cloud	5:30 PM
Thurs	10/11/2018	Beal City	Away	6:30 PM	Sat	10/6/2018	Ludington	Ludington	9:00 AM
Thurs	10/18/2018	Shelby	Away	6:30 PM	Sat	10/6/18	Shelby Invite	Shelby	9:00 AM

Hesperia Community Schools Household Information Form

SCHOOL USE ONLY
 Approved for:
 1 __ 2 __

To determine eligibility for various additional state and federal program benefits that your child(ren) may qualify for, please complete, sign and return this application to Deb Muckey, Food Services Coordinator.

These sections must be completed by the head of household or designee. Instructions are located on the back of this form.

PART A. SIZE OF FAMILY – Enter the total number of individuals living in your household, including all adults and children ➡

PART B. CURRENT BENEFITS – complete the box below if applicable.

If any member of your household receives Food Assistance Program (FAP), Family Independence Program (FIP), or FDPIR, provide the name and case number for the person who receives benefits. Bridge Card Numbers and Medicaid Numbers are NOT ACCEPTABLE case numbers.

Name: _____ Case Number: _____

PART C. STUDENT INFORMATION: Complete for each student Pre-K through 12th Grade

Last Name	First Name	Birth Date XX.XX.XXXX	School	Identify H if Homeless M if Migrant R if Runaway F if Foster
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				
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8.				

If you need additional lines, attach a second sheet to this survey or attach a copy of this survey clearly marked as a Page 2.

PART D. TOTAL MONTHLY HOUSEHOLD INCOME – Report income for all members of the household excluding Foster Children. If you have reported a case number above, you do not need to fill in this section. Simply sign and date the form.

Type of Income	Income	Circle if No Income
1. Gross Monthly Earnings: Wages, Salary, Commissions	\$	None
2. Monthly Welfare Payments, Child Support, Alimony	\$	None
3. Monthly Payments from Pensions, Retirement, Social Security	\$	None
4. Monthly Dividends or Interest on Savings	\$	None
5. Monthly Worker’s Compensation, Unemployment, Strike Benefits	\$	None
6. Other Monthly Income (SSI, VA, Disability, Farm, other)	\$	None
Total Monthly Household Income (Add lines 1-6)	\$	

PART E. SIGNATURE – If income Section is completed, the adult signing the form must also list the last four (4) digits of his or her Social Security Number or check the “I do not have a Social Security Number” box below.

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the sponsor will get federal/state funds based on the information I give. I understand the sponsor officials may verify (check) the information.

Sign Here: X _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____

Last Four (4) Digits of Adult Social Security Number: XXX-XX- _____ I do not have a Social Security Number

Address	City	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address <small>(by providing your email, you may be contacted via email by the district.)</small>

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Household Information Form Instructions

Household Member Definition: Any child or adult living with you.

IF ANY MEMBER OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD RECEIVES BENEFITS FROM THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP), FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (FIP), OR FDPIR, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part A: Enter the total number of individuals living in your household, including all children in the box provided.

Part B: List the case number for any household member (including adults) receiving FAP, FIP, or FDPIR benefits.

Part C: List the First and Last name, Birth Date, School that the child is attending, and H if homeless, M if Migrant, R if Runaway or F if Foster Child.

Part D: Skip this part

Part E: Sign the form. Print your name and Date. The last four digits of a Social Security Number are not necessary.

IF YOUR HOUSEHOLD DOES NOT RECEIVE BENEFITS FROM THE FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (FAP), FAMILY INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM (FIP), OR FDPIR, PLEASE FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS:

Part A: List the total number of individuals living in your household, including all children.

Part B: Skip this part.

Part C: List the First and Last name, Birth Date, School that the child is attending, and H if homeless, M if migrant, R if Runaway, or F if Foster Child.

Part D: Enter all gross income for each type of income that applies. If you have no income for any 1 or more of the categories, Circle NONE if no income. Add lines 1-6 and enter the Total Monthly Household Income.

Part E: Sign the form. Print your Name and Date. Enter the last four digits of a Social Security Number.

HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS CALENDAR FOR 2018-19

July 2018						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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August 2018						
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September 2018						
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October 2018						
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November 2018						
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December 2018						
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January 2019						
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February 2019						
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March 2019						
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April 2019						
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May 2019						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
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June 2019						
SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FR	SA
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- FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL – August 27
- ALL DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE - August 23
Aug 21, 22 & 23 – Professional Development;
Nov 15 & 16 – Deer Day & Conference Comp Day;
Feb 15-18 – Mid Winter Break
- HALF DAY WITH STUDENTS
Mar 28 & Jun 5;
Jun 6 – 1/2 Day & Last Day of School
- PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES –
Nov 6 & 7; Mar 19 & 20
- EARLY RELEASE for School Safety Train – August 30
EARLY RELEASE for Teacher Training – Sept 10, Nov 14;
Record Day Jan 18
- HOLIDAY BREAKS
Aug 31-Sept 3 – Labor Day; Nov 22-23 – Thanksgiving;
Dec 21-Jan 2 – Winter Break; Mar 29-Apr 5 – Spring
Break; Apr 19 – Good Friday, May 27 – Memorial Day
- LATE START DAYS
Teachers report at 7:45 - 9:15
Meetings begin at 8:00
- Snow Day Make-up if Needed