

Hesperia Community Schools BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**First Day
of School
August 26th**

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



ADDITIONAL SECURITY



Hesperia Community Schools received a sizable grant of approximately \$44,000 from the Michigan State Police to enhance school security with the purchase and installation of video monitoring and buzz in systems for all of the office entrances. This technology along with our boot lockdown system offers additional security for our students and staff.



New Payroll Clerk

Amy Budde was hired as Payroll Clerk in July 2019. Mrs. Budde originally completed an internship with the administration office in 2014. She has since earned a Bachelor's in Human Resources and a Master's in Business Administration. Amy has been involved with local high schools and community colleges as a Career Development Specialist. Her two children attend Hesperia Middle and a stepson attends the High School. Amy replaces Stephanie Price who is in transition replacing retiring Pat Budde as Business Manager effective January 2020.

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 26,
2019

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School Contact Information

Vaughn White Superintendent

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Hesperia, MI 49421
Phone 231 854-6185

Board of Education

Scott Wenberg	President
Ryan Good	Vice President
Michelle Allen	Secretary
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Mary Sturtevant	Trustee
Julie Burrell	Trustee
Al Daniels	Trustee

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

Rocky Thompson	Principal 7-12
High School	854-6385
Middle School	854-6475

Bryan Mey	Principal K-6
Elementary	854-6615

Mona VanBlargan
Technology Coordinator
854-6068

Jeff Knapp
Athletic Director
854-7100

Dan Bailey
Transportation
Coordinator/Mechanic
854-9301

Steve Dean
School Nurse
854-6715

Terri Blake
Food Service Director
854-0509

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

Orton-Gillingham Training

We are excited to have our kindergarten through second grade teachers trained in the Orton-Gillingham approach. These teachers will receive five days of training and then be mentored while they apply their knowledge in the classroom.

Orton-Gillingham is a direct, multisensory, structured, approach to teach literacy when reading, writing, and spelling. The approach introduces the idea of breaking reading and spelling down into smaller skills involving letters and sounds, and then building on these skills over time.

Orton-Gillingham also emphasizes understanding the "how" and "why" behind reading. Students may explore why the letter "s" sounds one way in the word plays, and another way in the word snake. Once they know consistent rules and patterns, they're better able to decode (read) words on their own.

It is very rare to see a school with so many teachers trained in Orton-Gillingham. The support for our children is greatly appreciated.

Free Breakfast and Lunches for all Students

Our school district continues 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.

NEW TECHNOLOGY



Once again, students will be returning to school with additional technology resources for learning. This summer, we replaced three computer labs with Chromeboxes in the elementary, middle and high schools. In addition, we added four mobile Chromebook laptop stations. Fifth grade classrooms each have a mobile work station and an additional mobile lab was added to sixth and seventh grades. Because of aging resources, 14 staff members received new desktop computers. These improvements were prompted to keep technology resources at the peak of educational needs.

Busing Reminders

- Children in Pre-school, 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.

2019 Hesperia FALL SPORTS SCHEDULE



HESPERIA VARSITY FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Friday	8/30/19	North Muskegon	Home	7:00PM
Friday	9/6/19	Ludington	Away	7:00PM
Friday	9/13/19	Holton	Away	7:00PM
Friday	9/20/19	White Cloud *	Home	7:00PM
Friday	9/27/19	Lakeview	Away	7:00PM
Friday	10/4/19	Kent City	Away	7:00PM
Friday	10/11/19	Morley Stanwood	Home	7:00PM
Friday	10/18/19	Orchard View	Home	7:00PM
Friday	10/25/19	Shelby	Away	7:00PM

* denotes homecoming

HESPERIA JV FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Thursday	8/29/19	North Muskegon	Away	6:30PM
Thursday	9/5/19	Ludington	Home	6:30PM
Thursday	9/12/19	Holton	Home	6:30PM
Thursday	9/19/19	White Cloud	Away	6:30PM
Thursday	9/26/19	Lakeview	Home	6:30PM
Thursday	10/3/19	Kent City	Home	6:30PM
Thursday	10/10/19	Morley Stanwood	Away	6:30PM
Thursday	10/17/19	Orchard View	Away	6:30PM

Districts: 11/2 and Nov 8 or Nov 9

Regionals: November 15 or 16

Semis: November 23

Finals: November 29-30

MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Day	Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Tuesday	8/27/19	Chip Hills Red	Away	6:00PM
Wednesday	9/4/19	Fremont Red	Home	6:00PM
Wednesday	9/11/19	Holton	Home	6:00PM
Wednesday	9/18/19	White Cloud	Away	6:00PM
Wednesday	9/25/19	Fremont White	Home	6:00PM
Wednesday	10/2/19	Kent City	Home	6:00PM
Wednesday	10/9/19	Morley Stanwood	Away	6:00PM

MIDDLE SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Day	Date	Name	Location	Time
Saturday	9/7/19	Fremont Hill and Bale	Away	8:30AM
Tuesday	9/10/19	CSAA Invite	Home	4:30PM
Tuesday	9/17/19	CSAA Invite	Away	4:30PM
Tuesday	9/24/19	CSAA Invite	Away	4:30PM
Tuesday	10/1/19	CSAA Invite	Away	4:30PM

VARSITY CROSS COUNTRY

Day	Date	Name	Location	Time
Wednesday	8/21/19	Baker Woods Invite	Home	4:00PM
Saturday	8/24/19	Benzie Pete Moss Invite	Away	8:30AM
Tuesday	9/3/19	CSAA Invite	Away	4:30 PM
Saturday	9/7/19	Fremont Hill and Bale	Away	8:30 AM
Tuesday	9/17/19	CSAA Invite	Away	4:30 PM
Thursday	9/19/19	MSU Invite	Away	
Saturday	9/21/19	Evert Invite	Away	8:30 AM
Saturday	9/28/19	Allendale INvite	Away	8:30 AM
Tuesday	10/1/19	CSAA Invite	Away	4:30 PM
Saturday	10/5/19	Portage Invite	Away	8:30 AM
Thursday	10/10/19	Oceana County Meet	Away	
Friday	10/11/19	Montabella Mustang Invite		
Tuesday	10/15/19	CSAA Invite	Away	4:30 PM
Saturday	10/19/19	Chip Hills Warrior	Away	8:30 AM

HESPERIA VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

Date	Opponent	Level	Time	Location
8/24/19	Holton	JV	9:00 AM	Away
8/24/19	West MI Christian	V	9:00AM	Away
8/29/19	Cadillac	Var	5:30PM	Away
9/4/19	White Cloud	JV/V	5:30PM	Away
9/7/19	Montabella Invite	V	9:00AM	Away
9/7/19	Muskegon Catholic Invite	JV	9:00AM	Away
9/11/19	Lakeview	JV/V	5:30PM	Home
9/14/19	Traverse City Central	V	9:00AM	Away
9/14/19	Crossroads	JV	9:00AM	Away
9/18/19	Kent City	JV/V	5:30PM	Away
9/25/19	Morley Stanwood	JV/V	5:30PM	Away
9/28/19	Montague	v		
9/28/19	Hesperia JV Invite	JV	9:00AM	Home
10/2/19	Holton	JV/V	5:30PM	Away
10/5/19	Brethren Tourney	JV		
10/5/19	Shelby Invite	V	9:00AM	Away
10/8/19	White Cloud	JV/V	5:30PM	Home
10/12/19	JV Big Rapids	JV	9:00AM	Away
10/12/19	Jenison Invite	V	9:00PM	Away
10/16/19	Lakeview	JV/V	5:30PM	Away
10/19/19	JV VAV at Newaygo	JV	9:00AM	Away
10/23/19	Kent City	JV/V	5:30PM	Home
10/26/19	Volley Against Violence	V	9:00AM	Home
10/30/19	Morley Stanwood	JV/Var	5:30PM	Home
11/4-9	MHSAA Districts			
11/12 & 14	MHSAA Regionals			

MIDDLE SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Day	Date	Name	Location	Time
Saturday	9/21/19	GM1 Grant, GM 3 Morley	Home	9:00AM
Saturday	9/28/19	GM2 CM, GM3 Lakeview	Away	9:00AM
Saturday	10/5/19	GM 1 Newaygo GM2 Reed	Away	9:00AM
Tuesday	10/8/19	White Cloud	Home	4:00PM
Saturday	10/12/19	GM 1 Kent GM 3 BR	Home	9:00AM
Saturday	10/19/19	GM 1 TC GM 2Chip Hills	Away	9:00AM

Hesperia Community Schools Household Information Form

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.

SCHOOL USE ONLY	
Approved for:	
1 _____	2 _____

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.

<p>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.</p> <p>Name: _____ Case Number: _____</p>
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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
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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.

<p>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.</p> <p>Sign Here: X _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____</p> <p>Last Four (4) Digits of Adult Social Security Number: XXX-XX- _____ <input type="checkbox"/> I do not have a Social Security Number</p>		
Address	City	Zip Code
Home Phone	Work Phone	Email Address (by providing your email, you may be contacted via email by the district.)

Hesperia Community Schools 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.

Back to School Open House

August 21st
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.

2019-20 Household Information Form

We are fortunate 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 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 Terri Blake at 854-0509 or email her at blaket@hesp.net should you have any questions.



New Hesperia High/Middle School Principal

Raymond (Rocky) Thompson has accepted the position of High School/Middle School Principal due to the recent retirement of David LaPrairie. Rocky is a former graduate and teacher in our school system and has vast knowledge of our community. Rocky was the principal at Allendale Middle School for the last 19 years. We welcome him as he begins his new career here.

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.

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 Community Schools

2019 - 2020 School Calendar

August '19						
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-  School Closed/ Holidays
-  Teacher In-Service Day
-  End Mark Period
-  Half Day
-  First and Last Day of School
-  Conferences
-  Snow Day Make-up
-  Late Start

POSTAL PATRON

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