



WINTER 2013

FEBRUARY, 2013

IMPORTANT DATES

Family Literacy Night
February 12

Bullying Prevention
and Awareness for
Parents
February 12

Mid-Winter Break
February 18

Parent Teacher
Conferences
March 26 - 27

Spring Break
March 29 - April 5

DELAYED START DATES

February 6,20,27

March 13,20,27

April 10,17,24

May 1,8,15,22,29



On January 10, 2013 Hesperia Community Schools was announced as an Academic State Champion by Bridge Magazine. Hesperia Community Schools received a top 10 recognition in the 8th grade scores category.

Bridge Magazine adopted a new, value-added ranking system this year which measures a school's test scores adjusted for family income. Family income is often a predictor of a student's academic achievement and essentially, the Academic State Champions are being recognized by Bridge Magazine for over-achievement,

rather than achievement. Jeff Haase, Superintendent of Hesperia Community Schools, stated "We are extremely proud of our entire staff, students and parents. To achieve at such a high level requires a commitment by the entire school community."

"This year's Bridge Academic State Champions should all be immensely proud of this accomplishment," said John Bebow, President of The Center for Michigan, which publishes Bridge Magazine. "These schools - whether they are large or small, urban or rural, rich or poor - are leading the way to a better future in our state."



Michigan Department of Education

Congratulations to the Hesperia High School and Middle School for being recognized by the Michigan Department of Education as REWARD SCHOOLS for 2012-2013. This recognition was attained by closing the achievement gap.

Family Literacy Night and Girls Varsity Basketball

Mark your calendars and plan to join us on Tuesday, February 12th from 5:00-7:00 PM for our first Family Literacy Night of the year. This event is for students and families in Grades K-8 and will take place in both the elementary and middle school. Everyone is welcome to attend. The theme is Reading Genres, with each grade level having a different activity, game or craft geared toward their particular genre.

Everyone who attends and participates in at least three grade levels will receive a ticket for a free hot dog and pop at the high school concession stand. Additionally, they will receive a ticket to the girls varsity basketball game at 7:00 PM against Lakeview. Please plan to join us for this fun community event.

ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

854-6185 Phone
854-1586 Fax

Hesperia



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Superintendent's Message

It is hard to believe that we are half-way through the 2012-2013 school year! Although the months have passed quickly, much has been accomplished and Hesperia Community Schools was the recipient of several awards for outstanding academic achievement.

In the fall, both Hesperia Middle School and High School were designated as Reward Schools by the Michigan Department of Education. This designation is given to schools that are closing achievement gaps in subgroups and making great progress in student achievement. Additionally, Hesperia Community Schools was named as an All State Academic Champion for 2012, one of only 50 districts in the state to receive this award. Bridge Magazine used an added-value scoring system when comparing standardized test scores for 4th, 8th and 11th grades with family income, as that is one indicator of student achievement.

These exceptional achievements would not be possible without the dedication and hard work of our students, families and the entire staff of Hesperia Community Schools. In addition, we are fortunate to be in a community that supports our schools.

Sincerely,
 Jeffery Haase
 Superintendent

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IMPORTANT SCHOOL PHONE NUMBERS

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2013 Board of Education Meeting Schedule - All Meetings Begin at 7:00 PM

January 28, 2013	February 25, 2013	March 25, 2013	April 29, 2013
May 20, 2013	June 24, 2013	July 22, 2013	August 26, 2013
September 30, 2013	October 28, 2013	November 25, 2013	December 16, 2013

Check Student Grades Anytime...



Hesperia Community Schools provides students and parents the opportunity to monitor academic progress at anytime. The "Family Access" site is a secure website containing such information as upcoming

and missing assignments, current grades, student schedules and more.

FOR PARENTS:

<http://skyward.ncresa.org/parent>

FOR STUDENTS:

<http://skyward.ncresa.org/student>

School Safety

Please note that the elementary school day starts at 8:00 AM and supervision will not be

provided until 7:45 AM, when bus students will be dropped off. Students will be supervised outside (weather permitting) until 7:55 AM, when they will be allowed into the school where Universal Breakfast will be served in each classroom. It is essential for teachers and staff to have time in the morning to prepare and serve breakfast.

Elementary students are released at 3:15 PM. Please plan to be at school and waiting for your child outside or in the front entrance. If your child needs to be picked-up prior to 3:15 PM, please sign them out in the office and they will be called down from their classroom. If your child plans to go home in a different way than normal, please be sure to send a note in advance. This will allow for a smooth transition for everyone.



School Lunch Information

Hesperia Community Schools participates in the Universal Breakfast Program, which provides breakfast for all students at no cost. For a link to your child's account hot lunch account, please visit our website at www.hesp.net or www.lunchdeposit.com. You can apply for free and reduced lunch, review your child's account history and make payments using a credit card.

For further information, please contact Deb Muckey at 854-0509.



2012-2013 HOT LUNCH PRICES

- ELEMENTARY - \$1.50**
- MIDDLE SCHOOL - \$1.75**
- HIGH SCHOOL - \$1.75**

High School and Middle School News

As we approach the end of the 1st semester and reflect back over the 1st half of our school year there are several moments that stand out. Our students, teachers and staff have been hard at work creating lessons, doing experiments, being part of extracurricular activities, doing service projects, and the list goes on and on. At Hesperia High Community Schools our students are getting a well rounded education.

Our Fall was exciting and busy with Homecoming events, the MEAP testing, our 1st Purple Out and guest speaker Josh Shipp. The beginning of Winter followed with some colder weather, students raising awareness for local families through food drives and Toys for Tots. Celebrating the holidays and then returning to prepare for the end of the semester exams.

As we look forward to the 2nd semester we know it will also bring with it lots of activities, learning, hard work and fun. We have our 1st Middle School Spelling Bee Competition coming up, MS & HS plays to be performed, Science Olympiad at both MS & HS, College Visits, ACTs and so much more. The staff has been busy preparing and we will continue to provide the quality education that Hesperia Community Schools is known for.

I am pleased to announce that both Hesperia Middle School and Hesperia High School have been identified as two of the 344 Reward Schools of the 4,247 in Michigan for 2012-13. Both Schools were identified as High Progress Reward Schools, which are schools that are showing significant improvement and sustaining this growth over several years. We are very proud of this accomplishment.

Thank you for your continued role and support of the education that takes place here at HCS.

Best Wishes for a great 2013!

Jennifer Kleiner
MS/HS Principal



Holiday Food Baskets

Nine families with high school age children received a food basket or gift certificate this year. Hesperia High School has been handing out food baskets for the last three years and this year the staff raised \$440. The food baskets were purchased through Ed's Orchard Market and there was enough money left to purchase two gift certificates. The recipients were very grateful and the staff and administrators would like to thank the staff and administrators who have children attending Hesperia Community Schools.

Financial Aid Night

There will be a presentation by Bryan West on the possible opportunities that await students after high school graduation and solutions for how to pay for them. Parents, guardians and Juniors and Seniors are encouraged to attend! Bryan will provide information on the FAFSA, Scholarships, Grants, Loans and Work Study. This will be held on February 6th from 7:00-9:00 PM in the high school cafeteria. Pizza and juice will be provided at 6:30 PM. Please bring financial aid questions and expect to learn about a scholarship worth \$100,000. Students can earn one of the 6 required points if parents/guardians sign-in. We hope to see you there!

High School and Middle School News



As part of the Astronomy Unit, students in 8th grade science studied meteor impacts, learned about velocity of objects in space and the



results of meteorites hitting the earth or the moon. Students had the opportunity to view sunspots through the telescope using a solar filter, protecting their eyes from the intense rays of the sun.

Students in Mr. Grimard's Social Studies Exploratory Class have studied the legal system and conducted a simulated trial of The Big Bad Wolf.



On November 29th the sixth grade class enjoyed the opportunity to visit both the Grand Rapids Art Museum and the Grand Rapids Public Museum. Our tours included Artprize displays and the



Shipwrecks of the Great Lakes Exhibit. This field trip provided a great educational experience for these middle school students and was made possible through a grant from Michigan Youth Arts, Comcast and Ovation Television.

Patricia St. Clair Elementary News

The first half of the year has been a very successful one at Patricia St. Clair Elementary. Our students and staff have been hard at work with numerous lessons, projects, and field trips along with tons of learning and fun.

Some highlights from our first semester have been the Dome Theater visit, the 4th grade visiting the Capital in Lansing, our Halloween Parade, the Fire Safety Trailer and so many more. Every day is full of adventures from learning about measurement to George Washington to the process of photosynthesis. Our students are active learners and are engaged while taking on new challenges every day.

Our Accelerated Reader Program is again very successful this year. Students, in grades 1st -4th read books and then take comprehension tests, on the computer, over the book. They gain points, earn prizes and race around the track, as this year our theme is "Race into Reading". We already have had a few students make it all the way to the highest level. We have several who are close behind. Keep Reading!!!

We have two new online computer programs this year. Our students have additional support, remediation and challenges in both math and writing this year. Our new IXL math program is very successful. Our students can log on, earn points and have fun while practicing their math facts at school and home. We also have a new online writing program, Write Source. This program is designed for students to set up an avatar and progress through the writing process while learning about grammar and writing structures. Both of these programs are used with students at school in the classrooms and computer labs as well as being accessible from home.



We had several students enter the Newaygo County Lion Heart Production coloring contest as a promotion for their recent production of *The Wizard of Oz*. They gave away 2 tickets to each winner, to see the show. Patricia St. Clair had three winners this year, from 3rd Grade Aria Thomas, 2nd Grade Jack Heminger and 1st Grade Sydney Hasted. Congratulations to all our artists!

Our Kindergarten Classes hosted a Kindergarten Thanksgiving Food Drive during the month of November in conjunction with Christ the King Church in Hesperia. Students from the 4 kindergarten classes brought in food items throughout the month. The day before Thanksgiving they had a walking field trip to Christ the King Church to deliver the items and help stock the food pantry shelves. Not only did the food drive help support families in the community, it also helped students with math concepts as they counted, weighed, and graphed all that they had collected! What a caring and giving group of Kindergarteners we have.

We are looking forward to the second half of the school year and know it will be as rewarding as the first half. We would like to thank the parents and community for all of their support and for valuing the education of all of our students. Have an enjoyable winter.

Bryan Mey
Elementary Principal

At Patricia St. Clair Elementary... We are in this together, learning and growing.

Hesperia Community Education Classes

All classes offered through Hesperia Community Education are provided through volunteer instructors or by class fees and grant funds. If you would like to suggest a class, please contact Cathy Herin at 854-1044. We will be happy to coordinate a program of interest for the entire community.

CPR and First Aid Training

If you are interested in being certified, re-certified or would like more information, call 231-854-1044.

Instructors Wanted

Many Leisure Enrichment Activities are taught by individuals who have experience and special skills in a specific area. However, certification is not always required. If you have a special skill or talent that you would like to share with others, please contact Cathy at 854-1044. All instructors are required to register through PCMI Services and pass a background check.

Driver's Education Classes

All Driver's Education Classes are held at Hesperia High School. If you would like to register or need additional information please contact:

Mr. Blue
Hesperia High School
231-854-6385

**STUDENT
DRIVER**

HCS Winter Athletic Schedule

WRESTLING

Wednesday	January 23rd	Home Tri	Home
Saturday	January 26th	Whitehall Invite	Away
Saturday	January 26th	Grand Haven Invite (JV)	Away
Wednesday	January 30th	Pine River Quad	Away
Saturday	February 2nd	League Meet at Holton	Away
Thursday	February 7th	Team Districts	Home
Saturday	February 9th	Individual Districts	Manton
Wednesday	February 13th	Team Regionals	Leroy Pine River
Saturday	February 16th	Individual Regionals	Rogers City
Fri-Sat	February 22nd-23rd	Team State Finals	Battle Creek
Thurs-Sat	February 28th—March 2nd	Individual State Finals	Auburn Hills

BOYS BASKETBALL

Monday	January 21st	Central Montcalm	Home
Thursday	January 24th	White Cloud	Home
Monday	January 28th	Big Rapids	Away
Thursday	January 31st	Morley Stanwood	Home
Monday	February 4th	Holton	Away
Wednesday	February 6th	Newaygo	Home
Monday	February 11th	Lakeview	Away
Tuesday	February 12th	Providence Christian	Away
Thursday	February 14th	Reed City	Home
Monday	February 18th	Chippewa Hills	Home
Thursday	February 21st	Central Montcalm	Away
Thursday	February 28th	West Michigan Lutheran (JV) Districts	Away Holton

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Tuesday	January 22nd	Central Montcalm	Away
Friday	January 25th	White Cloud	Away
Tuesday	January 29th	Big Rapids	Home
Friday	February 1st	Morley Stanwood	Away
Tuesday	February 5th	Holton	Home
Friday	February 8th	Newaygo	Away
Tuesday	February 12th	Lakeview	Home
Friday	February 15th	Reed City	Away
Tuesday	February 19th	Chippewa Hills	Away
Friday	February 22nd	Central Montcalm	Home
Wednesday	February 27th	Districts	Montague
Friday	March 1st	District Finals	Montague

MS BOYS BASKETBALL

Saturday	January 12th	Hesperia Meet	Home
Saturday	January 19th	Chippewa Hills Meet	Away
Saturday	January 26th	Morley Meet	Away
Saturday	February 2nd	Holton Meet	Away
Saturday	February 9th	Hesperia Meet	Home

HCS Spring Athletic Schedule

BASEBALL SCHEDULE

April 9th	North Muskegon	Home
April 12th	White Cloud	Home
April 13th	OCM	Away
April 16th	Big Rapids	Away
April 19th	Morley Stanwood	Home
April 20th	Ludington	Away
April 23rd	Holton	Away
April 25th	Oakridge	Away
April 26th	Newaygo	Home
April 30th	Lakeview	Away
May 2nd	Ewart (JV)	Away
May 4th	K. Smith Tournament	Home
	Kent City, White Cloud, WM Lutheran	
May 7th	Orchard View	Home
	Wyoming West	
May 9th	Michigan Lutheran	Home
May 10th	Chippewa Hills	Home
May 14th	Central Montcalm	Away
May 16th	Shelby	Away
	Davenport	
May 18th	White Cloud	University
May 21st	Reed City	Home
May 23rd	Kent City	Home

GOLF SCHEDULE

April 12th	Providence Christian Tri	Village Green Golf Course
April 13th	Lowell Invitational	Deer Run Golf Course
April 18th	Mason County Central Tri	Lakeside Links
April 23rd	Reed City Jamboree	Away
April 27th	Lakeview Invitational	Brookside Golf Course
April 30th	Big Rapids Jamboree	Katke Golf Course
May 1st	Oceana County Championship	Colonial Golf Course
May 3rd	Fremont Invitational	Briar Hill Golf Course
May 7th	Central Montcalm Jamboree	Links of Bowen Lake
May 9th	Mason County Central Tri	Lakeside Links
May 10th-11th	Lawton Invitational	Lake Cora Hills Golf Course
May 14th	Chippewa Hills Jamboree	Canadian Lakes the Royal
May 16th	Providence Christian	Ramshorn Golf Course
May 21st	League Championship	Newaygo
May 30th-31st	Districts	

TRACK SCHEDULE

April 10th	Hesperia Tri	Home
April 17th	Chippewa Hills Tri	Chippewa Hills HS
April 19th	Newaygo Invitational	Newaygo HS
April 24th	Central Montcalm Tri	Central Montcalm HS
April 25th	Ewart Tri	Away
May 1st	Lakeview Quad	Lakeview HS
May 8th	Hesperia Quad	Home
May 11th	Alma College Scottie Classic	Alma College
May 14th	Conference Meet	Morley Stanwood

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

April 12th	White Cloud	Home
April 13th	OCM	Away
April 16th	Big Rapids	Away
April 19th	Morley Stanwood	Home
April 20th	Ludington	Away
April 23rd	Holton	Away
April 25th	Oakridge	Away
April 26th	Newaygo	Home
April 30th	Lakeview	Away
May 4th	K. Smith Tournament	Home
	Kent City, White Cloud, Ewart	
May 7th	Orchard View	Home
	Muskegon Catholic	
May 9th	Central	Away
May 10th	Chippewa Hills	Home
May 14th	Central Montcalm	Away
May 16th	Shelby	Away
	North Muskegon	
May 18th	Invitational	Away
May 21st	Reed City	Home
May 23rd	Kent City	Home
May 28th	Pre-Districts	Home
May 31st	Districts	Home
June 1st	Districts	Home

HESPERIA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR FOR 2012-13

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| <p> PD – Common Core (Curriculum Mapping)</p> <p> FLEX DAYS – Aug 27-30;
Jan 21 records Day; Feb 18 – Mid Winter</p> <p> HOLIDAYS/BREAKS – Sept 3; Nov 22/23;
Dec 24-31; Jan 1-4; March 29, April 1-5; May 27</p> | <p> NO SCHOOL – Aug 31, Nov 15-16</p> <p> FIRST DAY/LAST DAY – Sept 4, June 7</p> <p> MME TEST WINDOW – March 5-7 (H.S.)</p> <p> MEAP Testing Window- October 9-26 (grades 3-8)</p> |
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Teacher Days 179 and Student Days 176, Full Days 174 and Half Days 2 (June 6, 7), Delayed Starts = 32
 Parent Teacher Conferences – November 12&13 (5-8PM), November 14 (4-7PM) and March 26-27 (5-8PM)
 1st Nine Weeks – Sept 4 – Nov 2; 2nd Nine Weeks – Nov 5 – Jan 18; 1st Semester Ends – Jan 18
 3rd Nine Weeks – Jan 22 – March 22; 4th Nine Weeks – March 25 – June 7; 2nd Semester Ends – June 7



HESPERIA PANTHERS



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The mission of Hesperia Community Schools is to provide quality educational opportunities that empower all students to become responsible, enlightened and productive citizens today and in the future.

WE BELIEVE

Education is a lifelong process necessary for achievement of each individual's potential.

Everyone can learn.

In personal and civic responsibility, accountability and mutual respect.

A safe and structured environment is essential to learning.

All students are entitled to quality education that acknowledges individual differences.

VISION

Building to be the best by honoring the past, embracing the present and reaching for the future.

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