

# The Appleseed

Dear Hudsonville Community,

This past May we celebrated our seniors' journey through Hudsonville Schools during our commencement ceremony at the DeVos Fieldhouse at Hope College. This year's seniors acquired an amazing \$3,466,721 in scholarship awards where 89% will be attending a two or four year college or university. Many other students will be entering master trades apprenticeships or enlisting in the armed services to protect and defend our country. We are very proud of the hard work, dedication, and talents of the class of 2013. While we wish the 384 seniors Godspeed, we will be welcoming over 450 new Eagle kindergarten students for the 2013-14 school year.

In preparation for the district's growing student population, projects and planning are taking center stage over the summer months. Significant progress is being made on the fulfillment of the facilities plan approved by the voters in May of 2011. The largest bond campaign ever passed in the history of Ottawa County, the \$82 million project allows our district to construct facilities to support the growth.

We are on schedule to welcome South Elementary students into their new school facility in the fall. We invite and welcome all community members to a dedication ceremony at 2522 Greenly Street at 6:00 p.m. on August 29th. We also invite our community to track the construction progress by reading our [Bond Update newsletters](#) found on our website under the facilities planning section.

For the past three years, we have been diligently working toward the accomplishment of our district long-range strategic plan. As Eagles, we aspire to S.O.A.R. (Strategic Objectives to Achieve Results) and focus our efforts in three specific goal areas: Teaching and Learning, Human Services, and Operations. Reporting at the June Board of Education meeting, we were pleased to report that 13 out of the 18 short and long-term goals have been accomplished with significant progress and the other goal areas are underway. For more information please review the summary found on our website in our strategic planning section which can be found under our district information.

During the 2013-14 school year, we will again be seeking the input of parents, students, and community members as we gather data to support S.O.A.R. II. We would love to surpass our total of over 2,500 parents, students, staff and residents who provided us data for our S.O.A.R. I plan. As evidenced by the goals outlined in S.O.A.R. I, the data from our stakeholders guide our long-range strategic plan. Please consider being a part of a focus group or participating in our needs assessment survey which will take place in January of 2014.

Finally, it is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to a beloved member of our Hudsonville team. Arthur J. Bolt, Assistant Superintendent of Business, has announced his retirement as of August 31. Art has given 42 years of service in education with the last 28 years in Hudsonville. His financial stewardship and heart for students will be greatly missed. We wish Art well in retirement.

Respectfully,



Nick Ceglarek

# SCHOOL TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2013

*Daily class sessions are scheduled as follows:*

**\*All Day /Alternate Day Pre-K**

•8:45 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

**Grades \*K - 5**

•8:45 a.m. - 3:40 p.m.

**ECSE (Monday - Thursday)**

•8:45 a.m. - 11:50 a.m./12:40 p.m. - 3:40 p.m.

**Middle Schools**

•7:50 a.m. - 2:39 p.m.

**Freshman Campus (9th)**

•7:50 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.

**High School (10th - 12th)**

•7:50 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.

**Late Start Days - Secondary schools only**

\*The dates for late start days are: September 25, 2013, December 11, 2013, March 19, 2014, April 16, 2014, & May 14, 2014.

**Middle Schools**

•9:50 a.m. - 2:39 p.m.

**Freshman Campus (9th)**

•9:50 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.

**High School (10th - 12th)**

•9:50 a.m. - 2:44 p.m.

\*Parents should bring their Pre-K and Kindergarten children to school for the first day only, along with birth certificates and health appraisal form (if not already submitted). Transportation for bus riding students will be provided for their return home.

## REGISTERING NEW STUDENTS

Parents of new students to the district who would like to register their children should call the appropriate building or contact 669-1740, ext. #1, for assistance.

**Elementary**

Alward Elementary	669-6700
Bauer Elementary	669-6824
Forest Grove Elementary	896-9429
Georgetown Elementary	797-9797
Jamestown 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**

- High School. . . . .September 16  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Freshman Campus. . . . . September 17  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Baldwin St. Middle School. . . . . August 27  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
- Riley St. Middle School. . . . . August 27  
7:00 p.m. (Back to School Night)

**Elementary Buildings**

- PreK Orientation. . . . . August 26  
6:30 p.m. (Alward, Bauer, Forest Grove Only)
- Kindergarten Orientation. . . . . August 27  
6:30 p.m.
- Grades 1-5 Open House. . . . . August 28  
6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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Nick Ceglarek .....669-1740 Superintendent	Kevin Wolma.....669-1500 Athletic Director	Jack DeLeeuw .....896-9375 Jamestown Elementary Principal
Art Bolt.....669-1740 Ass't. Superintendent, Business	Bill Ross .....896-1920 Riley St. Middle School Principal	Brian Field .....669-1970 Park Elementary Principal
Karla Akins.....669-1740 Director of Curriculum & Instruction	Matt Baer.....896-1920 Riley St. Middle School Dean of Students	Mark Heagle.....669-9362 South Elementary Principal
Scott Smith.....669-1740 Director of Human Resources/ Assessment	Dave Powers.....669-7750 Baldwin St. Middle School Principal	Jane Bykerk .....669-7757 Transportation Supervisor
Megan Decker.....669-1740 Director of Special Education	George Murphy .....669-7750 Baldwin St. Middle School Ass't. Principal/Middle School Athletic Director	

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES**

The regular Board meetings of Hudsonville Public Schools are held at the Administration Offices located at 3886 Van Buren St., at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting dates for the 2013-2014 school year are scheduled as follows:

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| •August 8, 2013     | •December 12, 2013 | •April 17, 2014 |
| •September 12, 2013 | •January 9, 2014   | •May 8, 2014    |
| •October 10, 2013   | •February 13, 2014 | •June 19, 2014  |
| •November 14, 2013  | •March 13, 2014    | •July 10, 2014  |

**LUNCH PROGRAM INFORMATION CARD  
TO BE MAILED THE FIRST PART OF AUGUST**



The Jenison/Hudsonville School Food Service Department will once again be mailing an information card directing you to our webpage for the 2013/2014 school year. Our webpage has links to the free/reduced lunch application, the September menu, and additional information about the lunch program. Postcards will be mailed to all families that were enrolled in the Hudsonville school district in the 2012/2013 school year. New families to the districts can go directly to the webpage or pick up an information packet in their local school office or the administration building after August 19. **If you have not received a card, please feel free to go to our webpage at [www.jenhudfood.org](http://www.jenhudfood.org) to get the information.** We encourage parents to file online, mail, or bring their free/reduced lunch application to be processed before school begins so that they know their status early. **A new application needs to be filled out every school year.** After the school year begins, applications will have a 5 day processing period. You can mail the application to: Food Service, 2140 Bauer Rd., Jenison, MI 49428 or stop in our office. **The food service office will be open starting Monday, August 19, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.** Our regular school year hours are Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Lunch prices for elementary students will be \$2.00 per day and \$2.25/\$2.50/\$2.75 for secondary students. Milk only prices are \$.50 per day. Adult lunches are \$2.50. Breakfast will be offered in all of the Hudsonville buildings starting on September 3. Breakfast prices are \$1.25 for elementary and \$1.50 for secondary students. A menu and letter that describes the menu options and price structure at the secondary buildings are available on our website. A reminder that you can check student lunch account balances by setting up a free online account at [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com). Please call the food service office at 457-2400 after August 19 if you need your student's ID number. You can make deposits online using the [www.sendmoneytoschool.com](http://www.sendmoneytoschool.com) website. There is a \$2.00 flat fee for using this service but the fee will be waived for deposits made from August 5 through September 8.

**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.*



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

**SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

The School Code of the State of Michigan requires that local public school districts provide services to nonpublic school children. The services offered to those students qualifying for special education services must be comparable to those services offered to public school children within the district.

These services may include:

- Multi-disciplinary evaluations for children suspected of having a disability
- Teacher Consultant Services
- Teacher of Speech and Language Services
- Services to the Homebound and Hospitalized
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy

If you know of a child, birth - age 26, who you suspect has a school related disability and not receiving public education, please contact our Special Education Director, Megan Decker, at 669-1740, ext. #5.

### ADVISORY TO ALL PARENTS

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, these will only be used as a last resort. 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.

You will receive advance notice of the application of a pesticide, other than bait or gel formulations at your child's school. This advance notice of the application will be given 48 hours before the application. The law requires us to do this notification by using two methods. The first method required by law is the posting at entrances to your child's school. The entrances that will be posted are the primary entrances to the building from the parking lot(s). The second method we are going to use is the posting in a common area located by the main office of the school. Parents are also entitled to receive this notice by first-class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the application. If you would like to be notified by mail please complete the following form below:

\*In an emergency (for example, bees nest), pesticides may be applied without prior notice, but you will be provided notice following any such application.

You may review our IPM program or pesticide application records for your child's school by calling or emailing Lee Arntz, Director of Buildings and Grounds, at 662-1477 or larntz@hpseagles.net. This number or email may also be used when school is not in regular session.

Please fill out the following and return it to: Hudsonville Shipping & Receiving, Attn: Amy Alward, 5040 - 40th Ave., Hudsonville, MI 49426: (please print)

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PESTICIDE PRIOR NOTIFICATION REQUEST

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the appropriate response:

Yes, I/we only want to be notified whenever any scheduled major pesticide application is made such as turf, aerosol spray.

Yes, I/we want to be notified even when an ant trap, small bait application or other least-toxic application is made.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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.

Additional Information:

- 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.

SCHOOLS-OF-CHOICE

Hudsonville Public Schools is accepting Schools-of-Choice applications for residents of Ottawa County and under Section 105c (residents outside Ottawa County) for Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade for the 2013-2014 school year. **Acceptance will be determined by space available at the building and grade level requested. Some requests may be denied due to overall building capacity.**

**Parents can apply by:**

Completing and returning the application to Hudsonville Public Schools Administration Office between August 1-31. If applying for grades PK-8th, be sure to indicate an alternate building choice in case there is not room available at their first building choice. Parents will be notified if their child is accepted into the district no later than September 6, 2013.

Important considerations for parents & students applying for Schools-of-Choice:

- Transportation is not provided for schools-of-choice enrollees; parents must provide their own transportation to and from school for children accepted for enrollment.
- According to the rules of the Michigan High School Athletic Association there is a 90 school day ineligible period for athletic participation for Schools-of-Choice enrollees in grades 10-12.

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 Offices 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.



**4TH ANNUAL**

# **HEF FUN FEST FUNDRAISER**

- HOME FOOTBALL GAME VS. GRAND HAVEN
- OCTOBER 11, 2013
- AT THE FOOTBALL STADIUM
- 4:30 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.



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## 30 SECOND TIMEOUT “PERSPECTIVE”

-By Kevin Wolma, Athletic Director

Bases are loaded and there are two outs in the last inning. If we score one more run, our team advances to the championship game. My son is up to bat. Having played a great game up to that point, the stage was set for him to get a walk-off base-hit and having the team mob him after crossing first base. Two quick strikes puts him in a hole. After battling back, the count is full. The next pitch however finds him swinging weakly at a high pitch popping it up to the second baseman. Game over. As he walked back to the dugout you could see the disappointment in his face because, in his mind, that at-bat cost his team a chance to play for the championship. As a parent, it is difficult to see our children go through adversity and at that moment you wish for a “do-over” so the outcome could be different.

Two weeks later on the morning of July 2, my wife and I wake up and decide to go for a walk while on vacation in Saginaw Bay. No more than a 100 meters into the walk my left calf begins to cramp up. Immediately, I knew the blood clots were back. Over the past 18 years, I have had 3 bypass surgeries and 2 other procedures to get rid of blood clots in the same calf. “How can this happen again?” As we drove back to Grand Rapids to see my vascular surgeon, there were a lot of “why me thoughts” that crossed my mind, but there was also the comfort of knowing that I have dealt with this adversity before. As much of a nuisance these blood clots have become, I knew I would be OK. While at the hospital I was able to leave my floor on July 4 to spend time with the two of the most inspirational people I know. Spencer Meyer is a seven year old who has been battling leukemia for years, and Thomas Sikkema is a high school senior, who was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor. I am in continual amazement on how these families fight through the most adverse conditions with such tremendous positivity. My blood clots are gone, but these young men are continuing to battle cancer and the effects of treatment. All of us can use these families as a source of strength when it comes to dealing with our own personal problems that occur. They help us keep things in perspective.

Looking back, I am glad my son popped out to end the game. He will be able to draw on that experience as there will be other setbacks that will come his way throughout life. There will also be those moments in life where he gets the “big hit.” As we begin a new school year please make sure we keep in perspective what high school sports is all about. Our mission at Hudsonville is to use sports as a mechanism to transform lives so our student athletes leave Hudsonville High School as better people based on the experiences, good or bad, they engage in during their athletic career. Please remember the Hudsonville Athletic Creed for parents as we strive to provide the best experience for our student athletes:

### 1. **Parents will understand their role.**

Parents parent, players play, officials officiate, and coaches coach. If you want your child to play at their highest level then make sure they listen to their coach. Mixed messages from you will only cause confusion and a decrease in performance level.

### 2. **Parents will support and encourage their child, teammates, and coaches no matter the outcome.** If you want to build a solid relationship with your son/daughter then tell them after the game, win or lose, that you are proud of them and to keep listening to their coach.

### 3. **Parents will act with the highest class possible in all situations.** This means no yelling at officials, players, or coaches. You may not realize this but it embarrasses your kid. Every athletic event should be a positive experience for the parents, players, coaches, and officials.

### 4. **Parents will allow their children to face adversity.** Athletic seasons are long and unpredictable. There will be good days and there will be bad days. Your son/daughter will never play enough nor will they be happy every second. Support them but do not solve their problems. Let them face adversity. Perseverance is one of the greatest attributes sports can teach athletes.



On May 10, current and former South staff joined together with students to celebrate the move to the new South Elementary on Greenly Street. Many former staff members joined for this unique celebration of South's history and anticipated future. We are thankful for those staff, students, families, and community members who have built a strong foundation from which we can continue "Marching On!"



### HUDSONVILLE COMMUNITY EDUCATION TO GO PAPERLESS

As you may have already noticed, Hudsonville Community Education has gone virtually paperless. We are trying to do our part to be earth friendly and fiscally responsible. We will do our best not to overload your inbox with excessive emails. However, we want to be sure your kids don't miss out on any of the exciting opportunities we plan to offer throughout the school year! To get the very latest information on what we have to offer, please visit [www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org](http://www.hudsonvillepublicschools.org) and click on the Community Ed. link.



Enjoy the rest of your summer and we look forward to a great 2013-14 school year.

### PARTICIPATION FEE

Each year students involved in middle school or high school athletics and/or high school marching band will be charged a one-time participation fee.

**The Fees:** - (All fees are nonrefundable)

- One time annual fee (no fee for second and/or subsequent seasons)
- High School fee \$75 •Middle School fee \$50
- Family Cap \$200 per year

**Deadlines:**

- Fall - due on August 30, 2013 or prior to the first game.
- Winter - due on Nov. 29, 2013 or prior to the first game.
- Spring - due on March 28, 2014 or prior to the first game.

**Details:**

- Students qualifying & applying for free lunch will not be charged.
- Students qualifying & applying for reduced lunch will be charged half of the fee.
- Students that exclusively participate in the Ice Hockey Program will not be charged.
- Fees must be paid in order to receive team uniform/equipment or prior to playing in any athletic contest.
- Does not apply to club sports.
- Payments can be made in the school offices. Cash and personal checks accepted.

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:

Human Resource Director, Hudsonville Public Schools, 3886 Van Buren, Hudsonville, MI 49426, (616) 669-1740