

HARTLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

AT ORE CREEK

December 15, 2011 Newsletter

School office telephone number: (810) 626-2400

Absence line: (810) 626-2405

HMSOC PAC NEWS

Our next Parent Advisory Council (PAC) meeting is Wednesday, December 14 in the HMSOC media center. All interested HMSOC parents are invited and encouraged to attend.

AFTER SCHOOL DANCE/ACTIVITY

The next after school dance/activity is Friday, December 16 from 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. This activity is for seventh and eighth grade students and will include music, open gym time, refreshments, foosball, ping-pong, and more. Admission is five dollars (\$5) or \$4 with a new unwrapped toy to donate for Toys for Tots. Please contact Ms. Paulson or Mr. Jellison, our Student Council sponsors, through the Middle School office if you are interested as volunteering as a chaperone.

Please remember to pick up your child between 4:30 and 4:45 for after school activities and promptly at 9:00 p.m. for evening activities. If you need to pick up your child earlier, you must come in to the building. Please remember that these activities are for HMSOC students only, not siblings or other visitors.

YEARBOOKS

Please note that Jostens (our school yearbook publisher) still sends informational notifications to students even if they've already ordered a Yearbook. Thanks for your order!

PLEASE SEND A NOTE

If your child is leaving early, please have him/her bring a note to the office first thing in the morning. We will give him/her a pass to report to the office to be signed out by you at the designated time. This procedure will minimize disrupting phone calls to class to dismiss students.

ATHLETICS

Wrestling and Girls Basketball practice/tryouts start in January. Students must have a current physical on file (dated after April 15, 2011) in order to participate in sports, including tryouts. There is also a one-time \$95 fee that covers all school clubs and sports.

COUNSELING OFFICE

If your child is experiencing difficulty with a family divorce or having trouble coping with the loss of a loved one or with family, school, or peer issues, contact Erica McLennan, HMS Counselor, through the school office for information on our peer support groups.

NO SCHOOL

There is no school for students Friday, December 23 through Friday, December 30 due to the Christmas/holiday break. School resumes Tuesday, January 3.

HARTLAND COALITION



The Hartland Coalition

"Parents and Community working together to provide a drug free environment for our youth"

"Parents are the most potent and under used tool in the prevention of substance abuse."

Joseph Callfano, Chairman & Founder CASA National Center for Addiction and Substance Abuse

The Hartland Coalition is a group of parents, educators and community leaders who are committed to the health and safety of children, to protect them from underage alcohol use and other illegal substances. The coalition believes that it is the responsibility of parents and the Hartland Community to make the environment safe for its young people and that young people need the community's support to make healthy decisions.

Please join us on January 26, 2012

6:30-8:00pm in Room 47

Hartland Educational Support Service Center
9525 Highland Road, Howell, Michigan 48843

Goals of the Hartland Coalition

- Engage parents in Livingston County in prevention activities.
- Increase parental disapproval of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use (ATOD).
- Increase proportion of youth who perceive parental disapproval of ATOD.

For more information call Key Development Center, Inc.
2060 Grand River Annex, Suite 600 810-220-8192 email:akh@keycenters.org

This program is provided through the Livingston Community Prevention Project (LCPP) and funded by The Washtenaw Community Health Organization and the Michigan Department of Community Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse & Addiction Services

LIVINGSTON CTY COMMUNITY PREVENTION PROJECT

The Family Resource Center is sponsoring a FREE eight-week program designed to support parents raising teens. Meetings will be Wednesday evenings January 18 through February 29. Visit www.familyresourceliv.org for more information. Contact the Family Resource Center at 517-548-2200.

ATTENDANCE LINE

Please note that we have an attendance line. Call (810) 626-2405 to report a student absence.

ATTENDANCE CALLERS

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with attendance calling. Contact Karen Nemecek through the school office if you can volunteer Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Fridays for approximately one hour per week.

HONOR POINTS

Each year, eighth grade students are awarded ten honor points. Students must have at least one honor point remaining in order to participate in the annual eighth grade trip to Cedar Point in June. Honor points are deducted for disciplinary infractions.

PARENT CONNECT

Parent Connect allows parents with Internet access to monitor their children's grades. If you had a password assigned last year, it remains the same. Contact Karen Wilson at pc@hartlandschools.us for assistance.

We have added a new feature to Parent Connect called "Transport Info". This will allow parents to see their children's bus number and schedule when logged in.

Also, as a reminder, parents can keep their e-mail and work numbers up to date under the Updates tab. This convenience allows you the ability to keep some basic information up to date without having to call the schools.

Newsletters will not be mailed home or sent home with students. Updated newsletters will be available approximately every two weeks (every other Thursday) via the school website (www.hartlandschools.us). If you do not have internet access, you or your child may pick up a hard copy of the newsletter in the school office.