



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

Congratulations

To the High School girl's trio of Marieke Battaglia, Makenna Usher, and Carmen Pushman who received a perfect score at the State Solo & Ensemble and are invited to the State Festival. Best wishes to you.

Cromaine Library Millage Renewal on August 2, 2022

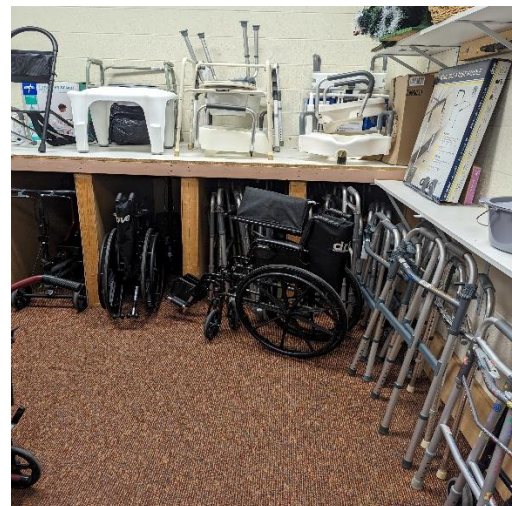
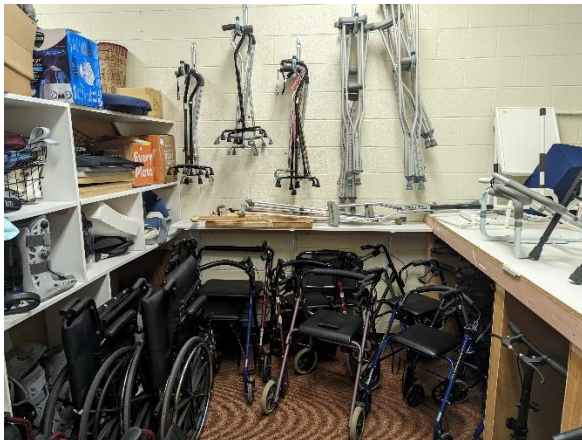
The Cromaine Library's operating millage is up for renewal on August 2, 2022 as the current 10-year operating millage will expire at the end of this calendar year.

The Library board planned to seek renewal in 2020 but postponed amidst pandemic uncertainties. This year's proposal on the August 2nd ballot asks for a 10-year renewal to collect the same amount of tax dollars for library operations: a straightforward renewal with zero impact on the amount taxpayers are currently paying. In fact, due to Headlee, **the renewal request will propose fewer mills than the library requested ten years ago.**

The school district partners with Cromaine on a regular basis to provide programming for our students. I encourage everyone to mark your calendars to vote on August 2, 2022.

Senior Center Ready to Help

The Hartland Senior Activity Center has a well-equipped loan closet for community use. Located in the HESSC, the senior center 'Barn' offers wheelchairs, walkers, bedside commodes, crutches, and more. If you find yourself (or a loved one) in need of equipment, stop by the senior center Monday - Friday 8am-3pm. There is no charge to utilize this equipment.



Welcome Interim HS Dean of Students Melissa Frasier

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xk9926eRjUI>

Freedom of Speech

School leaders across the country are brushing up on their understanding that students do not lose their first amendment rights when they walk through the door. This is due to the debate around whether the “Let’s Go Brandon” slogan is “inappropriate, in poor taste, or disruptive to the educational process,” per language you will find in the HCS Parent/Student Handbook and similar language in most school-based handbooks. As a district, we value student free speech and at times are confronted with situations that require us to step back and be thoughtful and deliberate in addressing.

At this time, the district will fall back on our belief that freedom of speech is valued if the educational process is not disrupted, and if the speech is not so inappropriate to the school setting that it may be regulated under the First Amendment. If students choose to express themselves in a way that causes disruption in the learning environment or otherwise goes beyond constitutional bounds, the district has the authority to regulate speech, which includes verbal, graphic, and other sources of speech.

Social Emotional Learning Foundations

The Hartland School District is dedicated to ensuring that the students in our community have the best opportunities for success. This means that we value academics as well as developmental skills. The following concepts factor greatly into the development of active and productive citizens of the community, county, state, nation, and world. This is the foundation to public education.

Agency:

Educators have a responsibility to help students develop confidence in promoting their ability to build relationships and be responsible decision-makers. Through this, students begin to create a collective agency work to promote a positive community. This sense of empathy leads students to the act of advocating for others and confidence in advocating for self.

Belonging:

Grit and perseverance are skills that educators are charged with helping students acquire in all areas of their education (academic and extracurricular). These skills build self-confidence and help to create a “can do” mindset. All students have a need to feel like they matter; have a voice, bring value, and are wanted. This sense of belonging encourages an engagement in building relationships with others, including adults. Educational research clearly links student engagement with higher levels of achievement.

Source: Michigan Virtual University

You might also be interested in the following resources for a background in this work:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y-XNp3h3h4A>

<https://www.hartlandschools.us/documents/curriculum/Newsletters/2022/April-May-2022-Newsletter.pdf>
HCS Curriculum Newsletter April-May 2022

Happy Assistant Principal Week and Paraprofessional Day

Thank you to our assistant principals and paraprofessionals who work so hard to support our students.

Weekly COVID Update:

Since my last update on March 23, 2022, the data shows:

Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested: 4.1%

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day: 11.4

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week: 80

The district has been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Hartland Middle School (1).

Continue monitoring for symptoms, stay home if symptoms are present, and pursue testing.

Respectfully,



Chuck Hughes
Superintendent

Quote

“Success is believing that what you’re doing is worthwhile and that doing it well is what really matters.”

Bernard H. Zais