



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Education Community:

Congratulations

These two middle school students did an outstanding job representing HCS during the District Optimist Oratorical Contest. Antoni Spiewak placed 1st and Ben Clay placed 3rd. Antoni is moving on to the State Oratorical Contest in May. Ben is an alternate for the competition. We are proud of your performance and passion.



Antoni Spiewak and Ben Clay

High School Robotics Team

FIRST Robotics Competition team #3536, the Electro Eagles, had a fantastic season in 2022. The competition this year was intense, with multiple tournaments in April, but the hard work from the team paid off with advancement to the FIRST World Championships in Houston TX. Additional accomplishments include:

- **District Engineering Inspiration Award Winner and Event Finalist** at the FIM District Lansing Event.
- **District Chairman's Award Winner** at the FIM District Jackson Event.
- **Entrepreneurship Award Winner and District Championship Finalist (Aptiv Division)** at the FIM Michigan State Championship.
- **9th seeded team, and 7th Seed Alliance Captain (Carver Division)** at the FIRST World Championship in Houston TX.



US News and World Report Ranking for Hartland High School

I have had a number of people ask me about why the US News and World Report Annual ranking list puts Hartland High School at #121 out of 692 Michigan High Schools listed in the rankings. This ranking is in large part based on students taking at least one Advanced Placement exam. Unfortunately, HHS used to be ranked higher in this process until we began offering the Early College and University of Michigan programs where students can earn either an associate degree from a local community college or college credit from the University of Michigan Flint. The unintended consequence of trying to provide more rigorous experiences is that students and parents in Hartland have realized that while AP courses can earn college credit if the student scores a 3 or better on the AP exam, there are additional opportunities to obtain college credentials or college credits at little to no out of pocket cost to families. These alternative opportunities are not based on a one test result. These programs have resulted in a drop in the number of students taking an AP class and ultimately less students taking an AP exam (only 32% of students taking at least one AP test this past year). I thought it important to explain why HHS is not ranked as high as we once were in this ranking process. If interested, you can look up additional schools at <https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/michigan>. This is why the district looks at multiple ranking sources to assess student achievement as each ranking organization looks at different criteria.

Senior Survey Class of 2022

Hartland High School Seniors were asked two questions prior to graduating. Of the 454 seniors, 338 responded.

1. Would you recommend HHS to family and friends? **89.1% Responded - Yes**
2. Did you have a positive experience while at HHS? **89.1% Responded - Yes**

Weekly COVID Update

Since my last update on April 27, 2022, the data shows:

Livingston County Average Percentage of Positive Results for all Tested: 15.2%

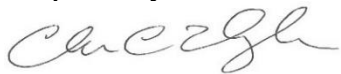
Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Day: 52.2

Livingston County Average Number of Positive Cases Per Week: 366

The district has been notified of positive or probable COVID cases at Creekside Elementary (2).

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

Respectfully,



Chuck Hughes
Superintendent