



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Community:

Special Olympic Opportunities: Special Olympics provides opportunities to meet new people, make friends, travel, and enjoy various social events with other athletes and volunteers. Through Special Olympics Michigan (SOM), athletes gain self-esteem, discipline, and courage, which carry over to all other aspects of their lives, including school, home, and the workplace.

Livingston County participates in 16 sports currently

Alpine Skiing - December - February
Basketball - December - June
Bowling - March - June
Golf - June - September
Kayaking - Summer
Powerlifting - Spring
Softball - June - September
Snowshoeing - Winter
Athletics (track and field) - March - June
Poly Hockey - September - November
Bocci ball - March - June
Figure Skating - October - June
Gymnastics - March - June
Snowboarding - December - February
Soccer - June - September
Swimming - March - June

Winter sports start in December. You can find out more information about SOM at <https://www.somi.org/area27>. Athletes must have a physical form filled out to participate. You can find the form here <https://medform.specialolympics.org/instructions?form=0000015f-49d8-d70c-a77f-69dd60ef0000>

Middle School National Junior Honor Society Inducts New Students: Congratulations to our new National Junior Honor Society members. Thank you, Mrs. Cieszkowski, for leading this effort and for recognizing the hard work of so many students.



Parent Education Series: The next topic “School Avoidance-What Can Parents Do to Help” (not going to school, anxiety, not completing school work, skipping class, etc.) will be held on December 14, 2023. Hartland parents can attend in person by arriving at Hartland High School’s Collaboration Center (formerly the Media Center) to which you can request child care for the time at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSECjhyUbga1HH7OBV4UcSggsTUzs01tJe3Gd_4TanyDPH-Q/viewform?usp=sf_link or participating **anonymously** via Zoom by clicking on this link: <https://cookcenter.info/Dec14Livingston>. Last month, we had over 110 participants who learned about how to help children with anxiety. We look forward to your participation.


Livingston County Families
Livingston EDUCATIONAL SERVICE Agency


"Helping parents, help their kids"
BAS BRIGHTON
HOWELL
HAWKINS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

join our next Mental Health Series

**School Avoidance—
What Parents Can
Do to Help**



December 14, 2023
6:00–7:00 PM via Zoom
or check your local district website for an
onsite viewing location





REGISTER HERE:
[https://cookcenter.info/
Dec14Livingston](https://cookcenter.info/Dec14Livingston)

Sponsored by
Livingston Sunrise
Rotary
Club



Hartland Bands Participate in the Linden Parade: About 400 high school and middle school band students participated in the Linden parade. Everyone had a great time.

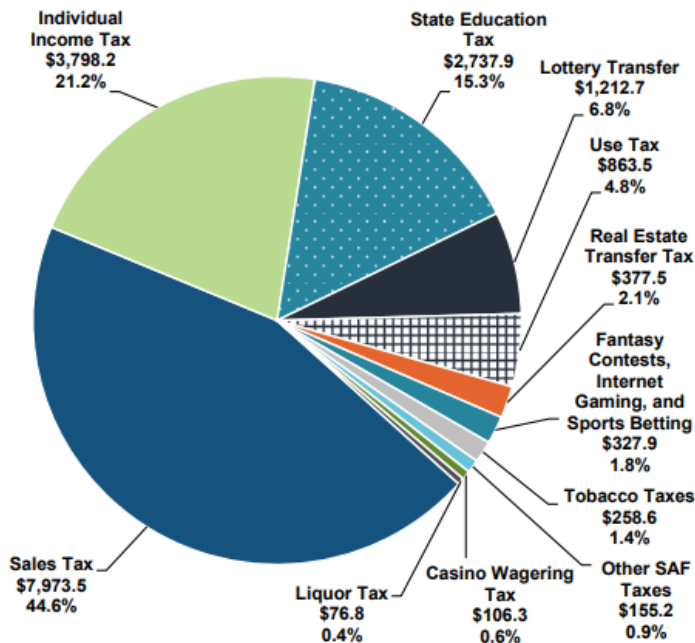


How Schools are Funded: Every year, I try to provide this graphic to our community regarding how public schools are funded in Michigan. I do this because people often make statements such as, with all that lottery money why do schools need anything else? As you can see from this graph, the lottery revenue (after expenses and payouts) only makes up 6.8% of the total annual School Aid Fund. You can see that sales tax makes up the largest portion of this fund, with income tax and the 6 mills or State Education Tax (paid on every property in Michigan) making up the largest components of the School Aid Fund.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
SCHOOL AID FUND TAX AND LOTTERY REVENUE
BY SOURCE
ESTIMATED FY 2023-24

TOTAL RESOURCES: \$17,888.1 MILLION

(Chart dollars in millions)



Reaching Higher Graduation at the MS: Thank you MS staff, Reaching Higher Staff Member Steve Livingway, community volunteers, and Deputy King for participating in Reaching Higher and mentoring students.



Eagles Esport Team Excels in Inaugural Season: Hartland is participating in its inaugural season for the Michigan High School Esports League (MHSEL). The program has had a phenomenal start! Our Hartland Eagles Rocket League Gold team has been soaring through the playoffs, with a commanding win this past Friday night against Divine Child High School.

The HHS Rocket League team defeated Divine Child High School 4 games to 2. Christian Gatien led the team in scoring with 11 goals and 7 assists on the night. Kyle Greig and Lincoln Demand were the stars on defense, combining for a whopping 28 saves! With this win, the Hartland Rocket League team will advance to the in-person semi-finals at Oakland University, where they will face Detroit Catholic Central. The matchup will take place on Saturday at 10:00 am. Tickets to the event will be \$10 at the door. The doors will open at 9:00 am.

If you don't have any plans this Saturday, we would love to see you cheering us on at Oakland University as we take on Detroit Catholic Central!

Hartland vs. Divine Child - Highlight Video:

<https://youtu.be/N-YqfZSTUtg?si=SaLf5q7ci5kv5bmo>



Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes

"Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes courage is the little voice at the end of the day that says I'll try again tomorrow."

Mary Anne Radmacher