



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Community:

The Elf Family at Work: The Hartland Optimist Club stopped for a quick picture while distributing holiday cheer. Thank you Mrs. Claus, Meghan Glabach (Holiday Vibes Sweatshirt), for chairing this program. Thank you to the Hartland Community for all your support and to our elves!



Half Day on Friday, December 22, 2023: Please note that Friday is a half day for students. Please expect students to be dropped off approximately 2 hours and 50 minutes earlier than a traditional early release Friday.

Kindergarten Orientation for Fall 2024: Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 3, 2024. The district will host Kindergarten Orientation at the Hartland Educational Support Service Center on M-59 at 10:00 a.m.

District Closed: The district will be closed from December 23, 2023 through January 7, 2024. Please respect the staff by not trying to communicate with them during this time. Allow them to rest and spend time with their families so that everyone can come back strong for second semester.

Hartland Students Rise to the Occasion: Hartland students came out in force to support the Optimist Adopt-a-Family program. Students participated in at least two hat days at each school where they paid \$1.00 to wear a hat, all day. The high school held a raffle event with the opportunity to get a parking spot close to the student entrance. All together the students donated \$2,354.82 to support students and families needing a little help this year. Thank you to students and staff for this effort as well as the food drives that occurred to support the community.

Hartland Drama Club Students Attend the 2023 Michigan Thespian Festival: Nineteen students from the High School Drama Club traveled to Lansing on December 8 and 9 to participate in the Michigan Thespian Festival. At Thespian Festival, students selected workshops that correspond with their theatrical interests, compete with their acting or behind the scenes skills in individual or group events (Thespies), audition for college scholarships, and network with other high school theatre students and professionals.

While Hartland did not have any students audition for College Scholarships, they participated in 11 events competing in Thespies. Students receive comments and feedback from judges and receive scores: fair, good, excellent, and superior.

This year's events included:

Monologue: Avery Lesnek - Superior

Solo Musical Theatre: Gemma Jaworski – Excellent and Ruby Landacre - Superior

Duet Acting: Sienna Dietze and Preston Dixon – Superior, Ruby Landacre and Laurel Comiskey - Excellent

Duet Musical Theatre: Preston Dixon and Gemma Jaworski - Excellent

Playwriting: Malia Klumpp – Superior and Therin Preiss - Excellent

Scenic Design: Lilly Tormey - Excellent

Theatre Marketing: Josie Archer - Excellent

Costume Construction: Ella Falkenhagen - Superior

There were just under 600 thespies judged. Students, in coordination with Mr. Usher, Director, can submit their Thespy as one to be considered for “Showcase.” Showcase is an event at the end of the festival where 18 Thespies are selected to perform on the large stage in front of all 1,700 participants. Ruby Landacre singing “In My Dreams” from *Anastasia* was selected to perform and brought the house down with her rendition.



Thank You Farms Intermediate: Thank you students and staff for making Farms Intermediate such a welcoming and enjoyable learning environment. Check out this video created by our high school students:
<https://youtu.be/LZVbZCKlk28?si=PsbX8uclMX9dwTFj>

HHS Provides Coco & Cram to Students Preparing for Exams: Link Crew provided freshmen with extra study materials, support and goodies on December 12, 2023.



College and Career Ready: Hartland Consolidated Schools believes, and research supports, that attaining training or education beyond a high school diploma dramatically increases an individual's economic independence. As our economy has changed, it has become clear that post-secondary training resulting in a recognized workforce credential, professional certificate or traditional academic degree, is critical to helping our graduates thrive in a future of their own choosing. Please consider watching the attached 9-minute video. The video presents an updated look at the ever-changing needs of the U.S. workforce.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zs6nQpVl164>

Message from Hartland Robotics: Hartland Robotics Lower Elementary program (Grades K-3) is now accepting applications for the upcoming season which will run from January through March 2024. There will be a more competitive element to this year's program with an honor for one lucky team.

Please see the link below for a recent email blast containing important information. **Note:** the application period runs through the end of the year, with teams forming shortly after the New Year.

<https://mailchi.mp/9c8223cedb02/file-application-13512552>

If you have additional questions, feel free to send an email to hello@hartlandrobotics.org, or visit the web site at www.hartlandrobotics.org

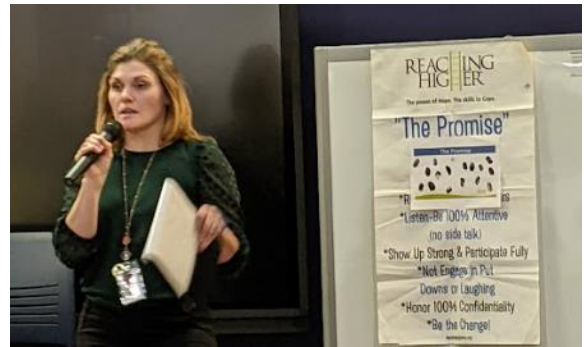


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Hartland Middle School Student Shines: Congratulations to HMS 8th grade student **Jakob Titus** who scored a 94% on the National Geography Bee qualifying exam. Jakob now advances to the National Geography **Michigan Regional Finals**, which will be held on April 20, 2024 in Troy Michigan.



High School Reaching Higher Program Graduates Another Class: We had another fabulous graduation at Hartland High School. The class was led by Lisa Bergkoetter, High School Social Worker, who stepped up to champion this class. The ceremony was moving and inspiring. Judging by the student and parent input, it is obvious that student lives are impacted. **One of the students told a sponsor after graduation (her mother was present) that moving to Hartland High School this year and taking Reaching Higher literally saved her life -- last year she was thinking of suicide!**



Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Chuck Hughes'.

Chuck Hughes

"Tip for Today: Control how you respond to things sent to destroy your peace."

--Carlos Dominquez



2024 Livingston Mobile Distribution Sites



Howell

Howell Recreation, 1661 N. Latson Rd.
1st Thursday of each month
1pm-2pm

Hartland Senior Center, 9525 E. Highland Rd.
3rd Wednesday of each month
10am-11am

HPS Board of Education Building/Highlander Way Middle School, 411 N. Highlander Way
3rd Thursday of each month
4pm-5pm

Fowlerville

Fowlerville High School, 700 N. Grand Ave.
2nd Thursday of each month
4pm-6pm

Pinckney

Pinckney Community High School, 10255 Dexter-Pinckney Rd.
2nd Wednesday of each month
4:30pm-6pm

All dates are subject to change

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