



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Dear HCS Community:

**Dress Like a Teacher Day:** Which one is Mr. Hawker?



## **High School Highlights, Teacher Mr. Frank Shinkonis:**

Thank you for your years of service to our students Mr. Shinkonis. We wish you well in all your future endeavors.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-C-T74lusXI>

**Middle School Highlight:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bf1xqZVG3LU>

## **High School Cadet Teachers:**

On March 13, 2024 Mr. Aldred and Mrs. Wozny took 38 students to Wayne State University for Michigan's first ever EdRising Conference for future teachers. Governor Whitmer was the opening speaker. The students and staff felt it was inspiring to hear her plans about the future for teachers. The students enjoyed a day touring the campus and attending breakout sessions of their choice, including; Artificial Intelligence (AI): the new teacher's pet, power/privilege/identity, Michigan teacher certification grade bands, and how to connect to your students through music. Some of our students participated in a public speaking competition. Below are some group photos of the cadet teachers with people who inspired them.





### **Hartland High School Science Olympiad Succeeds:**

HHS Science Olympiad students competed in a competition in East Lansing. Carter Derby and Joe Wisniewski finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Chemistry Lab competition. Also earning medals were Ashlynn Mulka and Mailia Klumpp in Astronomy, Ashlynn Mulka and Holly McCracken in Disease Detectives, Connor McCracken in Flight, and Ashlynn Mulka and Mara Laibly in Microbe Mission. Congratulations!



### **Parents, Mark Your Calendars for State Assessments:**

The state assessments are essential checkpoints for our district. Please help us by ensuring that your children get a good night's sleep before each testing day. Each building will provide their specific testing dates within the MSTEP window. The other dates are set and cannot be changed.

MSTEP 3-11<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 8<sup>th</sup> through May 17<sup>th</sup>

PSAT 8: April 17<sup>th</sup>

PSAT 10<sup>th</sup> Grade and PSAT 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 9<sup>th</sup>

SAT 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 9<sup>th</sup>

Work Keys 11<sup>th</sup> Grade: April 11<sup>th</sup>



### **FIS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp:**

The students finished up their 5<sup>th</sup> grade Camp experience this past week. I heard how much fun everyone had. Thank you to all the staff and chaperones who made this all happen.



### **Optimist Club Youth Appreciation Awards:**

On Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 77 HCS students were recognized by the Hartland Optimist Club for outstanding positive characteristics. Congratulations!



Farms student, Katherine Quist listens to why she was nominated for a Youth Appreciation Award. Board of Education President and HCS Optimist Club member Meghan Glabach prepares to present her award.

### **Hartland Unified Basketball:**

Hartland played Berkley HS Unified at Little Caesars Arena on March 17, 2024 following the Pistons game. It was a late night, but everyone did a super job.



**Pesticide and Herbicide Applications:** You may recall that last year the district was made aware of an issue with herbicide application at Creekside Elementary done by a non-Hartland Schools organization contracted company. The State of Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) completed an investigation based on four parent complaints. They found that “HCS staff appear to be in compliance with commercial applicator certification requirements.” They found that on May 5, 2023, application performed by the outside contractor was not “made in compliance with regulations” that restrict applying products within 100 feet of occupied classrooms. They found the contractor to be “responsible for this violation.”

The MDARD found that HCS was in violation of posting notices that used “district-wide” instead of using specific location language. They also noted that the district needed to include “product concentration mixture, amount of end use dilution applied, and rate of application” on the advanced notices. This will be corrected going forward. The district determined that we would discontinue the practice of allowing organizations to contract for application on playing fields. The district will contract for all applications. It is important to note that costs may increase for those wishing to have application for weed control and fertilizer on fields they use.

Below, I have shared a calendar of herbicide application for the purpose of weed control for sidewalks, parking lot cracks and fence lines; as well as, weed control (ex. dandelions), mole control and fertilizer. Our maintenance staff will ensure notifications are timely, location specific, and applications are only done where no one is present, wind conditions are appropriate, and when all liquids have adequate time to dry. Regarding pesticides (wasps, ants, etc.), this will only be done as a last resort by a contracted licensed application company with expectations in place to comply with all MDARD requirements.

#### **District Certified Personnel Application**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>BUILDING</b>	<b>AREA'S TREATED</b>
		<b>Applications will not be occurring everyday posted. The dates are given due to factors such as wind, rain, and site usage ,which will affect the exact location, date and time of the application. Lawn signs will be posted where applicatioin occurs.</b>
<b>May 4 &amp; 18</b>	Farms, Lakes, Ore Creek, Creekside, HESSC	Sidewalk cracks, parking lot cracks, fencelines
<b>May 11 &amp; 25</b>	High Scool,Athletics, Round, Village, 51	Sidewalk cracks, parking lot cracks, fencelines
<b>June 1, 15 &amp; 29</b>	Farms, Lakes, Ore Creek, Creekside, HESSC	Sidewalk cracks, parking lot cracks, fencelines
<b>June 8 and 22</b>	High Scool, Athletics, Round, Village, 51	Sidewalk cracks, parking lot cracks, fencelines
<b>July 6 &amp; 20</b>	Farms, Lakes, Ore Creek, Creekside, HESSC	Sidewalk cracks, parking lot cracks, fencelines
<b>July 13 &amp; 27</b>	High Scool, Athletics, Round, Village, 51	Sidewalk cracks, parking lot cracks, fencelines
<b>August 3,17 &amp;31</b>	Farms, Lakes, Ore Creek, Creekside, HESSC	Sidewalk cracks, parking lot cracks, fencelines
<b>August 10 &amp; 24</b>	High Scool,Athletics, Round, Village, 51	Sidewalk cracks, parking lot cracks, fencelines

#### **Outside Certified Application Contractor, EnviroSAFE**



## ENVIROSAFE

DATE	BUILDING	AREA'S TREATED
April	CES,LES,RES,VES,FIS,OC,HS, HESSC	Building Fronts - weed control
April	HS Athletic Fields	Mole control and Fertilizer
May	CES,LES,RES,VES,FIS,OC,HS, HESSC	Building Fronts - Fertilizer
May	HS Athletic Fields	Mole Control
June	Softball/Baseball and OC softball	Fertilizer
July	Athletic Fields	Mole/Grub Control
August	CES,LES,RES,VES,FIS,OC,HS, HESSC	Building fronts - Fertilizer/Weed Control
August	Athletic Fields	Fertilize/Mole Control
September	Athletic Fields	Weed Control

**HHS DECA Success:** Hartland High School students competed in the 76th Michigan DECA State Career Development Conference. Preparing emerging leaders to be college and career ready, the DECA SCDC was held on March 14-16, 2024 with over 4,200 members and advisors in attendance. Congratulations to all our competitors! HHS students focused on improving their leadership and professional skills competing to earn DECA glass (trophy) and qualify to represent Michigan at the 2024 International Career Development Conference (ICDC) in April.

### **Hartland High School Results of 2024 MI DECA SCDC**

State Office Vice President of Career Development = Emily Jacobs

ICDC Competitive Event Qualifiers

Business Services Marketing = Jaxon DeLabarre

International Business Plan = Evan Ringle, Joey Rodriguez, Jack Losert

Franchise Business Plan = Ally Brucato, Mackenzie Jordan, Jayna Kennel, Menka Stojcevski, Morgan Wehner, Abby Russell, Ashley Terrell

Business Services Operations Research = Paityn DeWolf, Lilly Davidson

Buying and Merchandising Operations Research = Lenny Brucato, Ben Clay, Emily Jacobs

Hospitality and Tourism Operations Research = Jaxon Fredette, Evan Green

School Based Enterprise = Andrew Cooke, Hayden Millen

Professional Selling = Calum McEwan


State Finalists = Will Darish, Nick Gentile, Kyle McDaniel, Kate McIntyre, Brock Morris, Nathan Paquette, Eddie Sieczkowski

Congratulations to our EAGLES!



The HCS DECA Participants

## Stress and Anxiety:



# STRESSED OUT!

### Is it stress or anxiety?


Stress	Both Stress and Anxiety	Anxiety
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally is a response to an <i>external</i> cause, such as taking a big test or arguing with a friend.</li> <li>• Goes away once the situation is resolved.</li> <li>• Can be positive or negative. For example, it may inspire you to meet a deadline, or it may cause you to lose sleep.</li> </ul>	<p>Both stress and anxiety can affect your mind and body. You may experience symptoms such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excessive worry</li> <li>• Uneasiness</li> <li>• Tension</li> <li>• Headaches or body pain</li> <li>• High blood pressure</li> <li>• Loss of sleep</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally is <i>internal</i>, meaning it's your reaction to stress.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Usually involves a persistent feeling of apprehension or dread that doesn't go away, and that interferes with how you live your life.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is constant, even if there is no immediate threat.</li> </ul>

#### Ways to Cope

- Keep a journal.
- Download an app with relaxation exercises.
- Exercise and eat healthy.
- Get regular sleep.
- Avoid excess caffeine.
- Identify and challenge your negative thoughts.
- Reach out to your friends or family.

#### Find Help

If you are struggling to cope, or the symptoms of your stress or anxiety begin to interfere with your everyday life, it may be time to talk to a professional. Find more information about getting help on the National Institute of Mental Health website at [www.nimh.nih.gov/findhelp](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/findhelp).



**NIH** National Institute of Mental Health

[nimh.nih.gov/stressandanxiety](http://nimh.nih.gov/stressandanxiety)

Job Hunting? Look below:

Looking for a job?

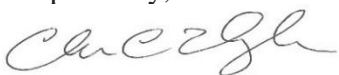
# We're Hiring

Work Experience Opportunities for Students

**Community Resources:**

- ✓ **Livingston Youth Employment Fair:**
  - April 24, 2024, 5:30-7:30pm
  - Ages 16 and up
  - More information coming soon
- ✓ **Livingston County Jobs List:**
  - Searchable database
  - <https://www.mitalent.org/>
- ✓ **Volunteering Opportunities:**
  - <https://volunteerlivingston.galaxydigital.com>
  - <https://www.volunteermatch.org/>
- ✓ **Free Employability Skills Training & Job Placement:**  
**Michigan Works! Southeast: Livingston County**
  - <https://www.mwse.org/>
  - 517-552-2101

Respectfully,



Chuck Hughes

*"If you want to know someone's mind, listen to their words.  
If you want to know their heart, watch their actions."*

-Unknown



# 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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