

Hillsdale Community Schools DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Hillsdale Schools Are Committed and Compassionate

Many Thanks To Staff And Students

By Amy Goldsmith, HHS Principal

It's hard to believe we are fast approaching the end of this school year! I can't thank everyone enough on our staff who, as usual, went above and beyond the call of duty to provide whatever was necessary to add to our students' already rich school experience. We were able to provide many exciting opportunities both in the classroom and outside of school. We had multiple great events such as freshmen pumpkin painting, a Scholar-Athlete banquet, and homecoming; with the traditional parade and with court presentations streaming live for the best of both virtual and in-person worlds! Decision Day was inspirational and fun as well. So many moments to cherish and celebrate despite our challenges. Go Hornets! A final word for our seniors: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your Principal; you make me proud to be a Hillsdale Hornet! You keep me laughing and young at heart. I am grateful for your joy, astute insights and amazing talents. We are looking forward to Class Night and graduation to celebrate your success.



The Horizon Alternative School graduation will take place in the Davis Middle School auditorium June 5 at 10:30 a.m.

The Graduation Ceremony for Hillsdale High School Class of 2021 will be held June 6 at 2 p.m. Live stream of the ceremony can be seen on Facebook Live. The event will also be broadcasted on 92.1 WCSR.

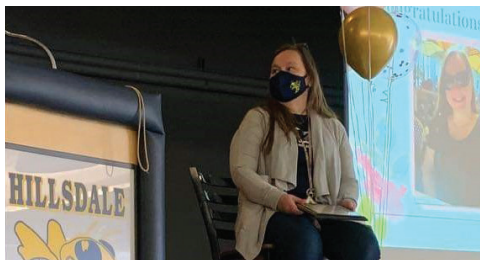
Congratulations Class of 2021!

Horizon High School Class of 2021

Elizabeth Coleman	Bronx Goss	Hamyli Miller
Anthony Cook	Lacy Halliwill	Kaylin Payne
Hason Davis	Austin Hoath	Alex Peek
Malaki Dukes	Deven Jones	Ian Vega
Lain Franco	Tyger Krueger	Braxton Wagner
	Alexxis Middleton	

Hillsdale High School Class of 2021

Brett Adams	Abigail Gilbert	Spencer Parker
Cody Adams	Hunter Gingerich	Edward Patterson
Gabriel Alley	Lainey Good	Brittany Phillips
Kyler Bautista	Hailey Granata	Kryss Piedraverde
Brenden Bayer	Jada Hackworth	Robert Pitzen
Alexis Beach	Martin Hall	Ryan Price
Corbyn Beach	Jazmine Hampton	Grace Ricketts
Zy'aire Benard	Kylee Hassenzahl	Ashley Rushing
Lydia Bonjerno	Riley Herr	Samuel Sallows
Lauren Bowles	Ayden Hudson	Blake Schaffner
Brylee Boyd	Charles Johnson	Madison Semmler
Megan Bradley	Juliana Keiser	Nichol Senior
Kaelyn Breuklander	Garett Kempa	Grace Shreffler
Zoe Broesamle	Cyrus Kope	Joel Sizemore
Parker Brown	Sarah Korn	Clayton Smith
Christopher Butters	Luke Kornak	Emily Sober
Jeryk Calvin	Cody Lonczkowski	Gabriella Springer
Kylee Cardinale	Thomas Lorenz	Cody Sprunger
Max Center	Ashlyn Luke	Jenna Strech
Andrew Champion	Jasmine Lutz	Shelby Stuchell
Jaqueline Chavarria	John Maier	Drake Swafford
Benjamin Cleveland	Karissa Manifold	Christopher Tackett
Jenna Cole	Kelcie McCarty	Leilani Tanner
Karis Dice	Cole McCavit	Elizabeth Turner
Makaiha Donahue	Blaize Miller	Corbin VanCamp
Damiayn Duke	Jordan Miller	Deisha Vega-Rivera
Keona Elliott	Logan Miller	Grace Vondra
Adam Felix	Nathaniel Miller	Logan Wagler
Michael Fletcher	Kaleb Moon	Blake Wainscott
Ashton Forant	Samuel Murdock	Sydney White
Melanie Foust	Ronald Neitling	Brock Woodard
Blake Frank	Samantha Nichols	Tyra Wortham
Jordan Frank	Jayde O'Bryant	Charles Young
Rebecca Galloway	Kaitlyn Paradine	



Eggleston Named Michigan BPA Advisor of The Year

Congratulations to Mindy Eggleston who was named 2021 Michigan Business Professionals of America Barbara Chambers Advisor of the Year. Mindy was nominated by Junior Leah Reiniche and was surprised with a cupcake reception attended by both high school and middle school BPA members, co-advisors Lauren Cornett, Sarah Sutliff and Laura Wilson, along with key staff members of HHS. Over Mindy's tenure in BPA she has coached 614 high schoolers (137 regional champions, six state champions, and one national champion) and 121 middle school students (36 state champions and one national champion).



Winter 2021 Homecoming King and Queen Announced

Winter homecoming took place during the week of March 15-19. Student Council members voted for the theme of "Board Games." Each class selected a different board game and designed a banner which was displayed in the high school cafeteria throughout the week. Students participated in daily themed dress up days and to end the week, students watched via Zoom as the Winter Homecoming Court was introduced and former King and Queen, Josh Jenkins and Briann Francis, returned to HHS to crown the new King and Queen. Senior Gabriel Alley was crowned King and Senior Hailey Granata was crowned Queen for the 2021 Winter Homecoming Court. Following this event, several pep rally games were played with students watching from their classrooms through Zoom.



Girls Bowling Team named Academic All-State

The Girl's Bowling Team was named Academic All-State for the 2020-2021 season. Karissa Manifold was named Individual Academic All State. All-State Bowlers include: Karissa Manifold, Chloe Manifold and Raine VanHeerde.

Facts About Hornet Nation Transportation

Driving a bus is more than a job, it's an adventure!

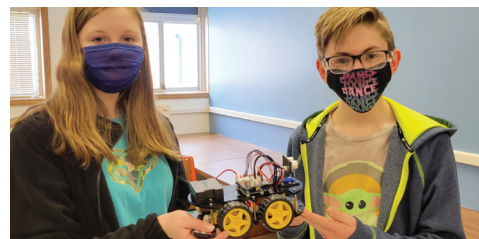
- Our buses cover approximately 200,000 miles per school year! Imagine all the cool things they see along the way!
- Besides transporting preschoolers to seniors, we proudly travel across the State of Michigan with all of our awesome athletes to participate in any of the competitive sports offered here at HCS.
- Every year the state police come and inspect each and every bus in our fleet.
- We employ 30 of the very best highly skilled bus drivers to safely transport our Hornets.
- Our very first bus route leaves at 5:45 a.m.....EEEEK! That's super early! Our end of the day bus pulls in at around 5 p.m. to end our day. This last bus transports our Hornets that attend "The Hive" after school program.
- Do you know why the roof of the bus is white? It is to keep the bus as cool as possible, at least 10 degrees cooler than it would be without the white roof.

Congratulations Davis Middle School BPA Chapter!

What a great day to be a Hornet! Twenty-three middle level Business Professionals of America members competed in the 6th Annual State Leadership Conference and all 23 have qualified for the National Leadership Conference. Ten students earned the title of State Champion and all 23 students qualified with 34 top ten placings.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Eggleston are very proud of these young people who worked so hard in such a strange school year. Congratulations!

Placings at the mid-level BPA 2021 State Leadership Conference include Alexis Panik, Kate Nolan, Kennadi Smith, Madelyn Wilson, Alivia Martin, Bryn Adams, Grace Yager, Melody Gigowski, Landon York, Logan Youngman, Alexis Panik, Noah Widman, Claire Flannery, Emma Hawkins, Jillian Monahan, Susan Petersen, Ava Ruley, Kassidy Hassenzahl, Quinn Ortiz, Brahm Gambill, Grant Good, John Petersen, Logan Bayer, Quinn Ortiz, Kennadi Smith, and Abby Nolan.



DMS Students Learn Robotics

Davis Middle School Students in 8th grade built and are coding robots in EdTech Class.

Boys Basketball Named Academic All-State

Hillsdale Community Schools Boys Basketball team finished Academic All-State once again. With a weighted cumulative GPA of 3.68, the Hornets ranked 11th among Division 2 schools (3.78 was the best).



Drama Department Produces Virtual Musical

This year, Hillsdale High School's Drama Department produced a virtual musical. A Killer Party was presented via online streaming services March 26 and 27. Auditions were held in January and recording began February 26. Normally the rehearsal period runs 10-12 weeks, however this year, the rehearsal period was a short six weeks. Approximately 65 online tickets were sold.

The cast consisted of Benjamin Taylor, Stella McCourry, Xander Sallows, Zoe Ruley, Maya Hamilton, Ashley Rushing, Charles Reamsnyder, Rachel Miller, and Napath (Boom) Tangprapa. The director was Elizabeth McNair and the musical director was Holli Houtz.

Celebrating The "First Three"

The Hillsdale Chapter of Business Professionals of America would like to celebrate three young women, our "first three." Brylee Boyd, Grace Shreffler, and Grace Vondra joined Michigan Middle Level BPA in its inaugural year in 2015. As seventh graders the trio placed first in the Introduction to Video Production Team competition, and as eighth graders they clinched the first place award in the Website Design Team competition. The girls also qualified for Nationals in Graphic Design, Word Processing, and Prepared Speech. When Brylee, Grace, and Grace joined the high school chapter they were already seasoned competitors. Together they hold eight regional championship medals and ten state titles. In January, the three ladies competed virtually due to COVID-19. Boyd and Shreffler were crowned champions in the Administrative Support Team event (for the second year in a row), and Vondra was part of the regional championship Parliamentary Procedure Team (for the third year in a row). In addition, Boyd placed second in Graphic Design, Shreffler placed second in Advanced Word Processing, and Vondra placed third in both Extemporaneous Speech and Parliamentary Procedure Concepts open event.



BPA Succeed At State Competition: 14 Advance to Nationals

Hillsdale High School's BPA Club participated in their first virtual State Leadership Conference March 13-20. After competing virtually for the regional competition in January, students were more confident going into their second round of virtual competitions. Students from Hillsdale's BPA chapter gathered in the high school gymnasium to watch live results for their State Leadership Conference. As students watched the live awards, Hornets were named among top place ranking earning spots in the National Leadership Conference to take place in Orlando, Florida this year, now being hosted virtually the first week of May. Nine top individuals include Sarah Korn, Grace Shreffler, Stella McCourry, Jack Granta, Hannah Baker, Ella Springer, Hailey Granata, Grace Vondra and Makaiha Donahue. Top ranking teams include Team One: Brylee Boyd, Jack Granta, Sarah Korn and Grace Shreffler and Team Two: Austin Hall, Kaigan Keeney, Jonah Richards and Ben Taylor.

All three competed in the 2021 state and national competitions. The Hillsdale BPA chapters would like to recognize the many achievements of these three talented individuals. In addition to the many successes at the RLC, SLC, and NLC, Boyd, Shreffler, and Vondra, have served as club officers, worked hundreds of hours in The Study Cup, and earned various Torch Awards and certifications through their six year participation in Michigan Business Professionals of America. The high school team is coached by Lauren Cornett, Mindy Eggleston, and Sarah Sutliff and the Middle Level BPA team is coached by Laura Wilson and Mindy Eggleston.

Now & Then!



First Graders Paint Eggs

Mrs. York's 1st graders painted eggs - a grand welcome to spring!

Decision Day | Friday, April 30

The goal of Decision Day is to recognize high school seniors for their postsecondary plans and encourage younger students and families to prepare early for their postsecondary path. Decision Day is held annually on or around May 1 and is designed to coincide with the date that most seniors must inform a college of their plans to enroll. The goals of Decision Day are: (1) To encourage community lead-

ers, schools, celebrities, and nonprofit and advocacy groups to host a "Reach Higher College Signing Day" to support students planning to attend and graduate from college; and (2) To celebrate ALL students and their decisions beyond high school. At Hillsdale High School we encourage seniors to choose one of the three E's—education, employment, or enlistment and we celebrate every decision.

We are extremely proud of our senior class for taking this next big step for their future, especially during an unprecedented time. Jennifer Duff, Michelle Milnes, Mindy Eggleston, and the Future Corps team organized the event which included an assembly, food trucks, prizes, and games.



Hillsdale's LCAA

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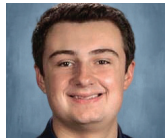
Double Scholar Athletes

Every year Hillsdale Community Schools honor our Lenawee County Athletic Association Senior Athletes who maintain high academic standards and participate in multiple sports. The LCAA Scholar Athlete award is presented to students that maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA, participate on an athletic team three out of four years in high school and participate in two or more sports as a senior. Eighteen Class of 2021 seniors have earned this recognition.

These individuals encompass what Hillsdale Community Schools are striving for - a continued commitment to academics while pursuing activities that are challenging and valuable to student growth. Many of these individuals are also members of All-State Academic Teams further demonstrating the value of academics and athletics in the school setting. Congratulations to all recipients!



Brett Adams
6 Varsity Letters
4 Track
2 Football



Adam Felix
5 Varsity Letters
3 Basketball
2 Golf



Hailey Granata
8 Varsity Letters
2 Volleyball
3 Basketball
3 Track
2019 Academic All-State in Volleyball
2018 And 2019 Academic All-State in Track



Luke Kornak
6 Varsity Letters
3 Football
2 Basketball
1 Baseball



Shelby Stuchell
5 Varsity Letters
2 Volleyball
3 Track
Academic All-State in Track
All-State 4x100 Relay School Record Holder 4x100



Sydney White
9 Varsity Letters
4 Cross Country
4 Track
1 Soccer



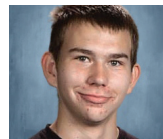
Gabe Alley
8 Varsity Letters
4 Baseball
2 Basketball
2 Target Shooting



Melanie Foust
6 Varsity Letters
4 Golf
2 Tennis
All Conference in Golf
State Qualifier in Golf
Academic All-State in Golf



Martin Hall
2 Varsity Letters
1 Football
1 Track



John Maier
6 Varsity Letters
4 Cross Country
1 Soccer
1 Track



Grace Vondra
11 Varsity Letters
4 Golf
4 Basketball
2 Soccer
1 Tennis
Team Academic All-State



Brock Woodard
11 Varsity Letters
3 Football
4 Baseball
4 Track
2020 All-State Honorable Mention Running Back
2021 1st Team All-State Defensive Back
2x 1st Team All-Conference Outfielder
Track State Qualifier



Brylee Boyd
8 Varsity Letters
4 Competitive Cheer
3 Soccer
1 Volleyball
2 Time 1st Team All-League in Competitive Cheer
2nd Team All-District Cheer
Academic All-State in (1) Volleyball and (3) Cheer



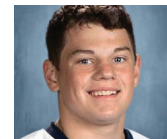
Abigail Gilbert
5 Varsity Letters
3 Softball
2 Volleyball
Academic All-State in Softball (Team And Individual)



Sarah Korn
8 Varsity Letters
2 Volleyball
3 Basketball
3 Soccer
Academic All-State in Soccer
School record holder 3 pointers



Karissa Manifold
9 Varsity Letters
4 Bowling
3 Golf
2 Softball
2 Time All-State Bowler



Logan Wagler
9 Varsity Letters
3 Football
4 Baseball
2 Basketball
Academic All-State in Football
All-League in Baseball
Academic All-State in Basketball



Blake Schaffner
3 Varsity Letters
1 Football
2 Basketball