

HILLSDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

Craft Show

53rd Annual Craft Bazaar
December 2nd ~ 9 am - 3 pm
Hillsdale High School

Upcoming Important Dates

Collage Concert
December 11th

Winter Break
December 25th-29th - January 1st-5th

School Resumes
January 8th

Winter Homecoming
January 19th

Athletic Booster Club Raffle
February 3rd

Artrageous
March 16th/17th

Join Pride in the Hive Alumni

\$50 Donation

Receive an Alumni sweatshirt, your name on the Alumni donation listing on the Hillsdale District Website, and get some Hornet Swag! Email: prideinthehive@hillsdaleschools.org

Accepting - Preschool Registration



We have openings in our GSRP Preschool Program at Bailey Early Childhood Center. To Enroll go to greatstarhillsdale.com. Please contact the director, Allison Wirick at 437-7369 with any questions.

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HCS Receives Multiple Grants and Donations!

The Hillsdale County Community Foundation Youth recently met and chose the recipients for the distribution of the Summer 2023 Capacity Grant for the following projects:

- **\$1400** band uniforms
- **\$1400** drama equipment
- **\$200** for feminine hygiene products

On behalf of the Board of Education and Superintendent, Shawn Vondra, we would also like to thank Hillsdale County Community Foundation for the following donations to our district:

- **\$2850** Vaping Detectors
- **\$997.61** Gier Playground Equipment
- **\$500** Professional Development
- **\$2,482.66** for band instruments

Donations:

- **\$500** Vested Risk Strategies for 2023 Artrageous Festival
- **\$1,000** Southern Michigan Bank and Trust for the HHS drama department
- **\$1,000** Hillsdale Hospital for DMS Business Professional of America Club
- **\$1,353** Michigan Arts & Culture Council to our Davis Middle School art program

Thank you!

Your generous donations make a huge impact to our students at Hillsdale Community Schools.



Hillsdale Community Schools Board of Education



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Hillsdale High School 30 S. Norwood Ave. 517.439.4320	Horizon Alternative School 30 S. Norwood Ave. 517.439.4320	Davis Middle School 30 N. West Street 517.439.4326	Gier Elementary School 175 Spring Street 517.437.7347	Bailey Early Childhood Center 59 S. Manning Street 517.437.7369	District Office (Inside HHS) 30 S. Norwood Ave. 517.437.4401
Josh Perrin Principal	Josh Perrin Principal	Marsha Webster Principal	Becky LaFollette Principal	Allison Wirick Director	Shawn Vondra Superintendent
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Welcome New Staff



Mrs. Becky LaFollette took over the reins as Gier Elementary principal after the retirement of Laurie VanOrman. Having served in various educational roles over the years, Mrs. LaFollette brings a wealth of experience, enthusiasm, and dedication to this position. Becky is a firm believer in the power of collaboration and open communication between students, parents, teachers, and staff. As principal, she wants to create a supportive and engaging educational experience for our students, preparing them for a successful future. Mrs. LaFollette is committed to high standards of academic excellence and ensuring the well-being of each and every student. A strong partnership between home and school is crucial for a child's success and Mrs. LaFollette is looking forward to working with families to have a remarkable year filled with growth, achievements, and memorable moments.

Mrs. Marsha Webster comes to Hillsdale as an experienced school administrator from Indiana. Working with middle level students is a passion of Marsha's and is where she has spent her entire school career. Her most recent experience prior to becoming a Hillsdale Hornet was serving as the principal of Danville Community Middle School which is also a 5-8 middle school in Danville, Indiana. Marsha looks forward to meeting all students and families to develop strong, supportive relationships to help our students become the best they can be. Go Hornets!

Kyle has been working in law enforcement for six years, the last two with the City of Hillsdale. Prior to working for the city, he worked for the County of Hillsdale. Kyle has spent his entire career working the road and taking calls for service. While the school resource officer position is new to him, he has always enjoyed working with and speaking with kids to try and make a difference. Kyle also serves in the Michigan Army National Guard and hopes to bring some of that experience to help with school safety. He looks forward to the school year and helping the school district and the students with whatever it is they may need.

Welcome New Staff!

- **Dennis Baker** – HHS CTE Business Education Teacher
- **Barbara Wheeler** – HHS Special Education Teacher
- **Mickala Signor** – KDG Teacher
- **Megan Titus** – 3rd Grade Teacher
- **Julie Huraczy** – Gier EA
- **Laura Abogilal** – HHS EA
- **Madeline Stump** – DMS Behavior Interventionist
- **Chris Hobson** – 3rd Grade Teacher
- **Darrell Sowle** – Bus Driver
- **Kim Bianco** – DMS Instructional Coach / Interventionist
- **Victoria Kepplinger** – GSRP Teacher
- **Quinn Cornell** – GRSP Teacher Asst.
- **Audrey Phillips** – DMS EA
- **Suzanne Shepherd** – DMS School Success Worker
- **Caitlin Haylett** – HHS Café
- **Melissa Zaharias** – HHS Café
- **Cassandra Willoughby** – HHS School Success Worker
- **Nick Bauerly** – Bus Driver
- **Dawn Carr** – Bus EA
- **Eva Sowle** – Bus EA
- **Clinton Teller** – HHS Math Teacher
- **Greta Wrobbel** – Gier EA



Congratulations!

Congratulations to our Fall 2023 Homecoming King, Jack Bowles and Homecoming Queen, Amelia Dietz!

Homecoming 2023!

Hillsdale Community School halls were buzzing with excitement and school pride to kick off Homecoming 2023! Prior to Friday's game and introductions of the court, the students and staff participated in dress up days, various activities, annual homecoming parade through downtown Hillsdale and capped the week off with their homecoming dance. The community enjoyed hot dogs, chips, and a cookie provided by Hillsdale Community Schools Board of Education after the parade.

Fun at the Fair!

Educational Exhibit

Mrs. Dickinson and students from Bailey Early Childhood Center (DK), Gier Elementary (K-4th) and the High School made our educational exhibit at the Hillsdale County Fair just stunning! With a "harvest the memories" theme, Mrs. Dickinson had students share their favorite Hillsdale County Fair memories connected to their 5 senses; smell, taste, touch, sight and sound. Exhibit highlights include 3D apple trees, farm animals made out of paper plates and pumpkins, an interactive tractor, paintings, drawings, and student recipes. A special thanks to our volunteers for helping put this exhibit together!

Annual Field Trip

The 6th grade went to the fair for their annual field trip. They learned about the history of the fair.

Volunteering

National Honor Society spent the first two days of the fair volunteering at the Donut Hut! They had a "hole" bunch of fun!



Thank You!

Thank you Little Hornet Cheerleaders for a great night under the lights!



Mrs. Crall's 4th grade class was excited to come look at the book fair!



Members of HHS Esports playing Rocket League after school, pictured Kiara Cook.

Work Study Placement

Alyssa Reiniche works at Hillsdale Hospital each afternoon for a Work Study placement.



Scientific Knowledge at Bailey



Ms. Cyndi's class at Bailey, made yogurt fruit dip. The children were developing their scientific knowledge of prediction, observation and conclusion. They measured the yogurt and syrup then mixed it together. They also used mathematical measurement terms such as 1 cup and 1 tablespoon to measure each ingredient. The children began to develop their emergent reading skills by looking at the pictures and words on the board that had the recipe they followed, as well as fine motor skills, problem solving and building relationships. Afterwards they were able to taste variations of the yogurt dip they made.

Band Tour



The high school band conducted a Hillsdale Band Tour. Performances were at Bailey, Gier and Davis schools, Hillsdale County Medical Care Center, Drew's Place and Spratts!