



Egg My Yard a Success!

On Easter Sunday those who supported the sophomores at Hillsdale High School woke up to an Easter egg hunt. The sophomore class will host prom 2023 so they planned ahead with an Egg My Yard fundraiser. Students snuck in, hid candy filled plastic eggs and left before little ones suspected anything. Thank you for all the local support in making this fundraiser a complete success. Photo courtesy of Hillsdale Daily News.



Esports Have Success

Esports programs are growing exponentially among middle and high schools across the United States. Not only does it consist of online competitive gaming, but players are exposed to all the different aspects of the competitive gaming atmosphere, such as broadcasting, design, production, and coding. While these real-world experiences offer hands-on learning and potential college scholarships, there are other aspects that players cultivate, like teamwork, thorough communication, strategy planning, and peer-to-peer coaching. This was year three of Esports at Hillsdale High School, and over two seasons, the HHS Esports teams competed in three titles with other teams from schools across Michigan through the Michigan High School Esports Federation (MIHSEF): Rocket League, Overwatch, and Super Smash Bros. Ultimate. The teams demonstrated great teamwork within their titles, but also with the support they gave others. The HHS Esports program works mainly out of the high school

in a PC lab, but this year, the Smash teams were hosted by the Hillsdale City Church. All players compete at least once a week and practice twice a week. Plans for next year are in the works, and they are looking forward to the Fall/Winter 22 season. For more information about the HHS Esports program, contact Advisor Sarah Sutliff at sarah.sutliff@hillsdaleschools.org

Artrageous Fine Arts Festival 2022

Artrageous is a collaborative event that celebrates success in the visual and performing arts. Students are encouraged to display their artistic personalities through making art projects, participating in the play or performing with the band and choir. Artrageous is supposed to display all of the success that happens through Hillsdale High School's arts programs. The Artrageous Soup Bowl fundraiser was a huge success! The students sold over 90 bowls and raised close to \$450 dollars that was donated to HHS McKinny Vento students.



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*Congratulations
Class of 2022!*

From the Principal's Desk

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 this year. There are many moments to cherish and celebrate. Go Hornets!

Many of you are aware that I will retire on June 30 of this school year. I have served as the principal of Hillsdale High School for the past five years and have enjoyed my time here in that capacity. I have spent the past 32 years working in education in various roles and I am looking forward to new adventures in the future. During my time here, I have worked with the most amazing staff and students. Some of these students are now part of the staff here at the high school, which gives me great satisfaction. The families I have known over the past 32 years have become a big part of my life and I appreciate all the kindness I have been shown. I have watched your children grow and become wonderful adults. There has been no greater professional gratification than to see this happen over the years. A final word to our seniors: Thank you for all your hard work throughout the school year. I am so honored to be your Principal; you make me continually proud to be a Hillsdale Hornet. I am grateful for your joy, astute insights and amazing talents. We are all looking forward to Class Night and graduation to celebrate your success!

**Amy Goldsmith,
Hillsdale High School Principal**



MAY 26 Hillsdale High School Senior Class Night will be held Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 p.m. at the Hillsdale High School gymnasium.

MAY 28 Horizon Alternative School graduation will take place in the Davis Middle School auditorium on May 28th at 10:30 a.m.

MAY 29 The 2022 graduation ceremony for Hillsdale High School will be held May 29th at 2 p.m. at the Hillsdale High School gymnasium.

Hillsdale High School Class of 2022

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| Alexis Abbate | Shayne Graves | Alexus McVey |
| James Adams | Isaac Gray | Quade Mesarosh |
| Cadin Austin | Grace Guggenheim | Aniston Monroe |
| Hailey Barnes | Austin Hall | Ashlynn Moore |
| Caitlin Besser | Cynthia Hall | Serena Mosby |
| Leyla Bible | Maya Hall | Macy Mueller |
| Nicole Brock | Damian Happ | Cory Olmstead |
| Evan Brouse | Erik Hecklinger | MaryEllen Petersen |
| Micah Bryant | Joseph Hendrix II | Kreyzon Philipp |
| Dominic Bumpus | Alandra Hess | Savanna Puthoff |
| Anastasia Burger | Boston Hite | Kenzie Randolph |
| Trinity Burlew | Blaize Hodge | Charles Reamsnyder |
| Jeryde Calvin | Andrew Hollister | Leah Reiniche |
| Chase Chesney | Logan Horn | Jonah Richards |
| Ayvree Cimbale | Braxton Houtz | Dylan Risk |
| Zachary Clark | Cassidy Huber | Dorian Roberts |
| Benjamin Coakley | Sierra Huepenbecker | Gabriel Rocha |
| Brenden Cole | Kelly Hulbert | Sarah Shafer |
| Carson Cooley | Gavin Hurst | Grace Sheffer |
| Quinn Cornell | Gaige Janes | Bryce Spahr |
| Adeline Coulter | Lauren Jenkins | Garrett Spahr |
| Cierra Curtis | Braydon Jones | Brodie Spratt |
| Rylie Dietz | Kaylee Krueger | Hannah Stiekas |
| LilleyMae Easterday | Brock Ladd | Emily Tavernier |
| Payton Ellsworth | Morgan Langhann | Tiffany Tavernier |
| Sierra Fickle | Tiffany LaRoe | Benjamin Taylor |
| Aidan Flannery | Carson Loader | Hayden Taylor |
| Marlayah Forant | Cameron Lockwood | Julia Tomasello |
| Kyler Fowler | Carson LoPresto | Jonathan Torres |
| Kierstyn Francis | Alaina Luke | Morgan Unkle |
| Colin Frank | Jada Marshall | Rainee VanHeerde |
| Allison Gates | Shane Martinez | Hannah Wells |
| Olivia Gendron | Jordan Mauldin | Samuel Willes |
| Ryan Gibbs | Estelle McCourry | Shea Woodard |
| Chase Gilbert | Adam McGowan | Emmett Woodcox |

Exchange Students

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| Bhumrapee Chattakarn | Phanthita Chomphudang |
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Horizon High School Class of 2022

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| Destiny Carl | Russell Goodale | Madison Porter |
| Angelina Downey | Jasmine Jackson | Damian Ritter |
| Kaden Fox | Gage Loveless | Shaleigh Town |
| Avri Glover | Alfred Oglesbee Jr. | |

REGISTRATION STILL OPEN FOR KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL

Hillsdale Community Schools is still accepting new registrations for Kindergarten and Preschool. Any child who will turn four by December 1, 2022 is eligible for our high quality, kindergarten readiness preschool program at the Bailey Early Childhood Center. Interested families can call Bailey at 517-437-7369 for more information. Any child who will turn five by December 1, 2022 is eligible for the kindergarten program. There are two different kindergarten options available to families; the district supports traditional kindergarten as well as developmental kindergarten classrooms. Families interested in gathering more information or in enrolling their student in one of the kindergarten classes can contact Gier at 517-437-7347.

Virtual Program Available for Students

Hillsdale Community Schools is continuing to offer a virtual option for students. Students enrolled in the virtual program have access to all systems of support and extracurricular activities offered within the district. Anyone who is interested in gathering more information on the virtual program can reach out to Josh Perrin at 517-437-7369.

Thank You for Generously Supporting HCS

HCS recently received generous donations to the district including \$10,000 to update the HHS Library from an Anonymous Donor, \$1,000 to the HHS Robotics Team from Hillsdale Economic Development Corporation and \$500 from Kiwanis of Hillsdale, \$920 for the Scholar Banquet and \$2,975 for a Football Trip from the Hillsdale Athletic Booster Club, \$500 from Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gama, and \$500 for math books and \$500 towards the BPA State Conference from the Hillsdale Community Schools Education Foundation. Thank you for your support!

Giving of one's time, talents or treasures is a meaningful way to connect with the school district. As Hillsdale Community Schools is a public school system, your gift of support will have a widespread impact. It is up to you to determine the type and amount of your charitable gift. The district's business office staff can help guide you through the donation process. Please call 517-437-4401 for additional information or assistance.

If you would like to make a donation, here are the current needs of the district and suggested levels of support:

X-Large (\$5,000 and above)

- Update the Library (Davis Middle School)
- Update the Auditorium Seating (Davis Middle School)
- Enclose the Strength & Conditioning Center (Hillsdale High School)
- Air conditioning for the Strength & Conditioning Center (Hillsdale High School)

Large (\$500-\$4,999)

- Furniture for Classrooms (All Schools)

Medium (\$100-\$400)

- Donations for A Specific Club (All Schools)
- Donations for a Specific Sport (Hillsdale High School & Davis Middle School)

Small (\$1-\$99)

- Books for Classrooms (All Schools)
- Ebook Subscriptions for School Libraries (All Schools)
- Consumable Supplies for Classrooms (All Schools)



Support HCS with Kroger Rewards

The Hillsdale Community Schools Education Foundation is enrolled in the Kroger Company's Community Rewards Program. They will give back five percent of your purchase, up to \$5,000 each year, to our organization. This funding will provide grant money for all teachers in the Hillsdale Community Schools. Your Kroger card can be linked to our organization in a few easy steps.

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LCAA Double Scholar Athletes for League 3.5 GPA or Higher



Pictured (L-R) Jonah Richards, Carson Loader, Samuel Willes, Dorian Roberts, Erik Hecklinger, Aidan Flannery, Shea Woodard, Shane Martinez, MaryEllen Petersen, Kreyzon Philipp, Rainee VanHeerde, Jonathan Torres, Macy Mueller, Rylie Dietz. Not Pictured: Sarah Shafer and Emmett Woodcox.

Every year Hillsdale High School honors our Lenawee County Athletic Association Senior Athletes that 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. Sixteen of our class of 2022 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.



Guys with Ties Club!

Gier Elementary's Guys With Ties Club is a group of 4th grade boys who learn to "Look good, feel good, and do good." These 4th grade boys have not only learned how to tie a tie, but they've also learned about being respectful, showing good sportsmanship, and

having good manners. They've learned the importance of community service and had the opportunity to read to Kindergarten students last month. A special thanks to Coach Nate Shreffler and members of the Hillsdale Charger Football team for being such great mentors again this year.



Wrestling Hornets

Hillsdale Wrestling had one All-State wrestler and three MHSAA State Qualifiers - Stephen Petersen, Logan Horn and Quade Mesarosh. Quade Mesarosh placed 8th - 215lbs. at the MHSAA State Wrestling tournament at Ford Field. Great job Hornets!



Davis Robotics Club Competes in Competition

The Davis Middle School Robotics Club traveled to Waterford, Michigan March 19 to compete in their first Underwater ROV challenge. The students designed and built a remote operated vehicle. Four teams represented Davis Middle School and two teams earned trophies. "The Brainiacs" Team made up of Gabe Deck, Wyatt Shaffer, Gabe Handy, Blaise Mayer, and Hayden Wyllys won the Craftmanship award. "Nerd Squad" Team made up of Nate Portteus, Aaron Torres, Bryce Youngman, Kolby Youngman, Elizabeth Sumnar, and JJ Graham won second place for their performance and first place for their presentation. Mrs. Youngman is so proud of the teamwork and sportsmanship of all of the Davis Teams and how much they have grown and learned over their time in robotics! A special thank you to all of the parents but

especially Mike Kelley, Jeff Wyllys, and David Youngman for their volunteer time helping to make the program a success. Congratulations to all the Hornets for their teamwork and sportsmanship! #Robotics #IVD2022



Essay Contest Finalists

Congratulations to Grace Yager, Tyson Duff, and Lacy Hardenbergh for being selected as the top three essays from Davis Middle School in the "America and Me" Essay Contest. The contest, which is run by Farm Bureau Insurance, asks 8th graders across the state to write about, "My Personal Michigan Hero." As the first place winner from our school, Grace's essay will move on to the state level competition, where it will be judged against the winners from the other participating schools in Michigan for a chance to win \$1,000. Her name will also be engraved on the plaque of previous winners from our school. Good luck Grace, and good job to all the students who participated! We are proud of our 8th grade Hornets!



Garden Club Teaches Fourth Graders

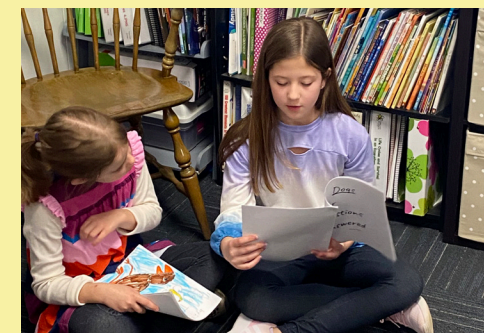
The Hillsdale Garden Club puts on an after school program once a month. In the program, fourth grade students are learning about plants. During the February meeting, the fourth graders made a craft using dried herbs. The students enjoy the snack, lesson, craft and time spent with the Garden Club volunteers, led by former teacher, Connie Erholtz.



St. Patrick's Day fun from Mrs. Sweebe first graders



Senior, Gabe Rocha working hard in the Hornet Power!



Second and fourth graders share their personal expertise with each other.



Mrs. York's second graders make reading fun with a pair of cool shades and shedding light on a good book.



Easter Fun! Mrs. Karen's class enjoyed coloring Easter eggs and had a visit from Chicks!