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Hillsdale Community Schools

# DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Fall 2022

The Hillsdale High School halls were buzzing with excitement and school pride after being decorated to the theme of "Decades" (the '50s, '60s, '70s, .etc) to kick off Homecoming 2022! Before Friday's game and introductions of the court, the students and staff participated in dress-up days, various activities, and the annual homecoming parade through downtown Hillsdale. They capped the week off with their homecoming dance.



Sophomores Angie Dotson and Alex Lorenz hit the different aspects of the 1970s for Thursday's Decades Day dress-up at Hillsdale High School.

Kindergarten students Jorydn June and Addilynn Holbrook participating in spirit week!

These little hornets came ready for Maize and Blue Day! #mrsyorksloopdloos

Dress like a Teacher day: The students that dressed like Mr. Faler knew they needed a plaid shirt!

After the parade, the community enjoyed hot dogs, chips, and cookies provided by Hillsdale Community Schools Board of Education.



## MEET OUR NEW HORNET STAFF!

Allison Wirick has accepted the role of Director of Early Childhood Education for Hillsdale Community Schools at Bailey Early Childhood Center. She will take on the role of facilitating development of early childhood programs and daily administration responsibilities at Bailey. Bailey Early Childhood Center provides multiple programs including GSRP, Developmental Kindergarten and Early Childhood Special Education. A little about Allison, she was born and raised in Jackson Michigan and attended Western Schools. She attended Central Michigan University where she received her degree in Elementary Education with a Major in Child Development.

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## A BIG THANK YOU!



Third graders got to code using #spheroidis with #jcisd. Thank you, Mrs. DeLosSantos, for the amazing learning experience.

Thank you, to the Middle School Cheerleaders, for making our spirit rock look game-day-ready. Time to Level Up!

The middle and high school cheerleaders want to thank the little hornet cheerleaders and their parents! Our fundraiser wouldn't have been possible without each and everyone of you!

## UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES

- Collage Concert:** December 12, 2022
- Winter Homecoming:** February 10, 2023
- Athletic Booster Club Raffle:** February 11, 2023
- Winter Break:** December 19, 2022-January 2, 2023
- School Resumes:** January 3, 2023

<b>Hillsdale High School</b> 30 S. Norwood Ave. 517.439.4320 <hr/> JOSH PERRIN <i>Principal</i> <hr/> DAVID PRATT <i>Athletic Director Dean of Students</i>	<b>Horizon Alternative School</b> 30 S. Norwood Ave. 517.439.4320 <hr/> JOSH PERRIN <i>Principal</i>	<b>Davis Middle School</b> 30 N. West Street 517.439.4326 <hr/> BARBARA WHEELER <i>Principal</i>	<b>Gier Elementary School</b> 175 Spring Street 517.437.7347 <hr/> LAURIE VANORMAN <i>Principal</i>	<b>Bailey Early Childhood Center</b> 59 S. Manning Street 517.437.7369 <hr/> ALLISON WIRICK <i>Director</i>	<b>District Office (Inside HHS)</b> 30 S. Norwood Ave. 517.437.4401 <hr/> SHAWN VONDRA <i>Superintendent</i>
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Allison lived in North Carolina for two years where she worked as a Kindergarten Prep teacher. Allison moved back to Michigan and worked at Napoleon Community Schools for four years as a Kindergarten and Third-grade teacher. Her most recent position before coming to HCS was with the Community Action Agency as a Children's Program Manager. Shortly after moving back to Michigan, Allison met her husband, Dave. They live in Somerset with their dog Wiggles and 15-month-old son, Liam. Allison looks forward to working with the staff and students in helping the Early Childhood Program grow and flourish here at Hillsdale Community Schools.

### ALSO WELCOME TO THE HIVE!

- Linda McDowell** – Administrative Assistant (Finance)
- Theresa Wilson** – 6th-grade Math/Science Teacher
- Mary Evers** – Choir Teacher
- Victoria Spalding** – Food Service
- Jodi Boire** – Bus Driver
- Luclita Dooley** – Bus Driver
- Heather Grigsby** – Behavior Interventionist (Horizon)
- Kayla Center** – 5th-grade Teacher
- Susan VanCamp** – HHS Cook
- Marcelle Al-Zoughbi** – Special Education Teacher
- Kenda McLain** – GSRP Assoc. Teacher
- Julie Dickey** – Transportation Aide
- Matthew Price** – HHS Custodian
- Amanda Koers** – DMS Secretary
- Megan Miller** – GSRP Teacher
- Emily Sober** – GSRP Child Care Aide
- Jill Brockmann** – Bailey ECC Secretary

## INTRODUCING OUR FALL HOMECOMING COURT!



**Front row (From left to right):** Brynn Adams, Eva Edinger, Haisley Bible, Victoria Brown, Brynn Bigelow, Erica Lemerand, Kiera Young, Shae Arnold, Alyssa Reiniche, Kate Nolan, Sydney Hartzler  
**Back row (From left to right):** Mar'Shay Harris, Logan Bayer, Aiden Monroe, Chaysan Storm, Trevor Wagler, Derek Siddharth, Soren Gambill, Jacob Davis, Joseph Miller, Grant Good, Kelton Philipp

*Congratulations to  
Queen & King*

**Erica Lemerand and Derek Siddharth**



## CONGRATULATIONS ON RETIREMENT!

After years of dedicated service, Chuck Sigler will officially retire from Hillsdale Community Schools on December 30th as the Director of Transportation. Mr. Sigler has driven thousands of students since 2000 from all different backgrounds during his 22-plus years with the district. Mr. Sigler is a leader in school bus transportation systems. He created the current service model that combined the Hillsdale ISD and Hillsdale Community Schools busing services into collaborative and centralized busing for children with special needs throughout the county. He has also been a leader in training new bus drivers throughout Hillsdale County and beyond. On behalf of the students, parents, and entire community, we thank Mr. Chuck Sigler and wish him a long and happy retirement!

Sid Halley has been promoted to Director of Transportation. Mr. Halley has been a bus driver in the district since 2014. Mr. Halley and Mr. Sigler have implemented a transition and training plan throughout the first semester. The advance planning has helped the department roll along smoothly.



## ALUMNI EVENTS

Alumni were able to take part in various homecoming events; the parade, a tailgate event where past and present hornets were able to buy old yearbooks and alumni spirit wear. Please email suggestions for future alumni activities/events you would like to see to [prideinthehive@hillsdaleschools.org](mailto:prideinthehive@hillsdaleschools.org). Hornet Alumni shirts and crewneck sweatshirts! Walworth Class of 2008 – Waidely Class of 2005

## HILLSDALE COUNTY FAIR EVENTS



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



Class of 2023 NHS Members spent their weekend volunteering at the Donut Hut on Sunday and Monday, helping to fund the Hillsdale County Fair. They made all the donuts from scratch and frosted/glazed/powdered each one by hand!



Our collaborative flag in the Hillsdale County Fair booth is six feet tall and 10 feet long. It is made out of 5 1/2 inch squares by students in 1st-4th grade. Students cut and glued geometric shapes of construction paper, tin foil, wrapping paper, and vinyl sheets into their collages. We used tangrams as our inspiration to form patterns with geometric shapes. We hope you got a chance to see it in person at the Hillsdale County Fair this week!

## WALK THROUGH THE HHS DECADES

Newly elected Student Council President, Hannah Baker, is capturing the homecoming spirit at Hillsdale High School. She worked with Student Council Treasurer Ben Brock to comb through Hillsdale High School yearbooks to create a "Walk Through the HHS Decades" collage. Hannah and Ben selected several pictures from Hillsdale High School yearbooks from the various decades (the '50s, '60s, '70s, etc) to showcase aspects of the school culture. A special thank you to Alivia Turner for helping with the project.

*Excellent work, Student Council Representatives!*