



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Weekly Update

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US News & World Report School Rankings

The 2026 State of Michigan rankings were just released for elementary and middle schools. Below is each school's state ranking compared to the 2025 rankings. Congratulations on the continued success and high performance each school strives for. Your evidence of effort is noted and appreciated!

Creekside Elementary =	Ranked #65 (2025 - #22)
Lakes Elementary =	Ranked #101 (2025 - #108)
Round Elementary =	Ranked #157 (2025 - #261)
Village Elementary =	Ranked #269 (2025 - #619)
Farms Intermediate =	Ranked #162 (2025 - #162) Considered a Middle School
Hartland Middle School =	Ranked #75 (2025 - #66)

The 2026 rankings are based on a combination of 2023-24 and 2024-25 data. I have attached the link if you wish to learn more about the methodology for this ranking system:

[See the US News & World Report School Rankings](#)

Based on the use of previous years data the district can anticipate continued successful rankings in 2027. Go Eagles!

Home HHS Football games

Please be reminded that all ***middle school age students and younger students need to be accompanied by an adult*** at our HHS football games. In addition, students in 8th grade or younger should be sitting with parents. We have too many students running around the football complex without parent supervision which has caused student conflicts and disruptions. Please watch your children at our home games so everyone can enjoy cheering on our Eagles.

High School Highlights

[Unified Soccer v. Northville](#)

[College Week Video](#)

Bus Drivers Needed

Please contact 810-626-2175 if you or someone you know is interested in "the best job ever"!



State of Community Address

The Hartland Township, Cromaine Library, Hartland Chamber and Hartland Schools State of the Community and Volunteer of the Year will be held Tonight, October 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. at the Music Hall.

Parent Teacher Conferences

We hold parent-teacher conferences **as requested**, rather than on a single designated night because it better serves families and students. Here's why:

- **Flexible for families:** Work shifts, childcare, and extracurriculars don't always line up with one evening. On-demand scheduling lets you choose a time (before/after school, during a prep block, or early evening) that truly works for you if you would like to meet.
- **Student-centered timing:** If something important comes up—new data, a concern, or a celebration—we can meet right away instead of waiting weeks for a set date.
- **More time, less rush:** Spreading conferences out means shorter wait times, fewer hallway interruptions, and space for a focused conversation tailored to your child.
- **Multiple formats:** We can meet in person, by phone, or via video—whatever helps you participate most comfortably.
- **Better support options:** When needed, we can arrange an interpreter, invite support staff, or pull specific work samples—logistics that are hard to guarantee on one busy night.

In our district parent handbook, parent-teacher conferences are welcomed by the school staff as a valuable way to share information about your child. Conferences are by appointment and may be initiated by either a teacher or a parent. Please make appointments with teachers for any conference in advance by calling the school, emailing the teacher, or writing a note to the teacher. The principal may be called upon at any time to assist parents with problems, but the teachers should be contacted first.

The HMS Holiday Card Collection Reveal Is Almost Here!

28 HMS students submitted 35 original works of art for the HMS PAC Holiday Card Collection, and 12 designs have been selected to appear in two special boxed collections: *Christmas Cheer* and *Winter Wishes*! The winning designs will be revealed when preorders open **Friday, October 23**. Each box will feature 12 professionally printed cards showcasing our talented student artists. **Be among the first to see the winning designs!** Join our [HMS PAC email list](#), and we'll send you the collection reveal and preorder link when the shop opens Friday. Choose Holiday Card Collection updates only, or sign up for all HMS PAC news!



REMINDER Be Prepared with a Plan B:

There are two situations that I want to encourage parents to have a Plan B for:

1. **Severe Weather Closure:** As winter arrives, parents need to be prepared for school closures. The district will always try to make the closure information available ahead of time, unfortunately this is not always possible. There will be early morning decisions made that parents must be prepared for when they occur.
2. **Transportation Pauses:** Currently, our transportation department is struggling to run routes. We need drivers which I believe you are aware of. Several of our regular drivers are not able to drive due to various situations. Regular drivers, substitute drivers, maintenance staff, mechanics, and available dispatchers are driving daily, which is not sustainable long-term. The driving staff is being stretched extremely thin as we try to hold off decisions about whether to pause routes. Why pause routes? Last year, we surveyed parents regarding options to use if this were to occur. Parents spoke out and indicated that the best option would be to pause routes as the fairest way to handle such a situation. Please know that the transportation team is dedicated to doing everything they can to get students to and from school each day. At this time, we are barely able to do this, and may have to make the decision to pause routes soon. Please develop a Plan B in the event you are notified that transportation will not be available for any period. Thank you for your patience with this situation.



Our resident Mr. Turkey art piece in the Halloween Spirit!

Where Eagles Soar,

Chuck Hughes

“Some days, nothing goes the way you hoped.
But then you notice the little things, a peaceful moment,
someone who still cares, a reason to smile.
Maybe life isn’t perfect. Maybe it doesn’t have to be.
There is still something to be grateful for.”

Anonymous

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