



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Important Start of School Dates

- August 7, 2025** = Farms Intermediate building walk-throughs (8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. see website)
High School Registration 10th-12th (see website for specifics)
LESA Backpack Distribution HESSC Parking Lot 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- August 11, 2025** = Kindergarten Screening (VES)
- August 12, 2025** = High School LINK Orientation for 9th Grade
Middle School Registration: see website
- August 13, 2025** = Middle School Registration: see website
- August 14, 2025** = Elementary Open Houses @ 4:30 p.m.
- August 18, 2025** = First Day of School for Students (Half Day JK-6, Full Day 7-12)
- August 29-September 1, 2025** = Labor Day Weekend NO SCHOOL

High School Student Athletic Passes Reduced in Price

During the District Strategic Planning process, student participation at events was discussed. To increase participation we have reduced the high school student season pass from \$50.00 to \$25.00 for high school students if purchased before September 8, 2025. Student Athletic Passes are currently available to be purchased through the high school online registration link at: <https://www.hartlandhighschool.us/Parents--Students/Registration/index.html>

Will You Be Using HCS Busing for 2025-26?

If you are not planning on using bus transportation in the morning, afternoon, or both please contact transportation at 810-626-2175 to let them know by August 1, 2025. It is helpful to know what to plan for, especially with the shortage of drivers we are experiencing.

School Meal Update for 2025-26, What's Changed?

As of today, UNTIL 9/30/25, school meals will be free for all students. Whether they remain free for all students AFTER 9/30/25 is still unclear since the Michigan School Aid Budget hasn't been finalized yet.

What does this mean? There is a chance that school meals may no longer be free for all students. If the Michigan School Meals program doesn't continue, students will begin paying regular price for meals as of 10/1/25. Only students with an approved application will receive free or reduced-priced meals after 10/1/25.

What to do? To ensure that your student will receive free or reduced priced meals for the entire school year, please complete a Child Nutrition and Education Benefit application. This can be completed online at <https://sisweb.resa.net/MISTAR/Hartland/>. If you have received a notification this month that your student is approved for free or reduced-priced meals for this school year, you do not need to re-apply.

What if I have more questions regarding school meals? Please call our office at 810-626-2868.

Reason, Respect, Responsibility Skills Program

Hartland Consolidated Schools prides itself in teaching the important tenets of “Reason, Respect, and Responsibility” as part of our student educational experience. These tenets, and the skills needed to show them, are the backbone of what being a Hartland student is all about. During the Strategic Planning process, the district committed to making sure that parents can be involved in their child’s education. We are committed to providing you with information necessary for you to better understand what is offered as part of your child’s educational experience.

The 3R’s program encompasses monthly lessons at the K-6 grade levels directed at focusing students on the important skills needed to incorporate reasonable, respectful, and responsible behaviors in their daily lives. Parents are encouraged to view the content of the lesson slides that will be presented in your child’s classroom by visiting the link below:

<https://www.hartlandschools.us/Superintendent-Updates/>

We look forward to working with parents and families in ensuring that our children come away with the skills needed to become reasonable, respectful and responsible people. Go Eagles!

Cromaine Library Offers Free Library Cards



Welcome to the new school year at Hartland Schools! There are so many exciting opportunities awaiting your student in the Hartland area, including eligibility for a Cromaine Library card, your student’s key to connection, learning, and discovery! Access thousands of books, research and test prep materials, graphic novels, manga, e-books, audiobooks, music, movies, and more with a Cromaine Library card. Plus, borrow items from our Library of Things, including board games, graphing calculators, yard games, sleds, snowshoes, football gear, soccer equipment, and more! Your student can also access study spaces, computers, and printing in the building. Plus, borrow mobile WiFi hotspots for use outside the library.

The library also offers engaging programs for patrons of all ages and interests. Your student can enjoy early literacy events, craft programs, social hours, book clubs, and more! See our online calendar at www.cromaine.org/events for more details and to sign up. To become a part of the Cromaine Library community, fill out the library card application at www.cromaine.org/form/get-a-library-card-students. A Cromaine staff member will reach out to you with the next steps to finalize your student’s library card. We hope to see you at the library soon! Have a wonderful school year.

The district’s valuable partnership with the Cromaine Library dates to the Hartland Area Project developed in the 1920’s. Click here to view the entire letter: https://d16k74nzx9emoe.cloudfront.net/4a2232fe-a8a2-48d4-a356-537e03f6dbb0/2025-Cromaine-Student-Card-Letter_ada.pdf

HCS Job Opportunities

HCS continues to look for new employees in many areas of our operation. Please visit:

<https://www.hartlandschools.us/Departments/Human-Resources/Job-Openings/index.html> to learn more about available positions. I believe you will find working in the district is rewarding.

The Hartland Community Ed. Website Has Moved!

They are now on the Hartland Schools website. Follow this link to see the many things that Community Ed. has to offer: <https://www.hartlandschools.us/Community/Community-Education/index.html>.

Hartland Transportation Phone App Availalbe:

Transportation has upgraded its routing software and communication tools. As part of this upgrade, families will be able to use a mobile app to access their students' bus stop information and receive real-time push notifications about delays, route changes, and other updates directly from the Transportation Department. Below is the link to instructions on how to download and access the app. Bus stop details will NOT be available until one week prior to the start of school through the Parent Portal and the Transportation Mobile App. Please allow extra time when loading the app for the first time, as many families may be accessing it simultaneously. Link: <https://www.hartlandschools.us/Superintendent-Updates/> View the following documents located in the Resources section (bottom of page). The My Ride K-12 Parent User Guide Flyer and the Parent Connect Examples for configuring My Ride K-12. If you have any questions about loading the app please contact the Transportation Department at 810-626-2175

Hartland Living App: <https://www.hartlandliving.com/news/hartland-living-is-launching-a-new-mobile-app/>

This is where you will find notifications for school closings, road closures, etc. Stay informed, download this app today.

hARTland Art Walk:

Students that finished K-12 in May at Hartland Consolidated Schools are invited to enter artwork in the 2025 hARTland Art Walk competition for the chance to win cash prizes! The deadline for submissions has been extended to August 22. Apply under the "Register" tab at www.hartlandartwalk.com



NEW DEADLINE: 5 pm on August 22!

**Hartland Consolidated Schools
students—enter your artwork
to win cash prizes!**

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Welcome New Families

I want to welcome all our new families to HCS. It is an honor that you choose to entrust the education of your students to our outstanding staff. Every fall, the district provides parents with the opportunity to provide input through a Parent Perception Survey. Last year parents reported the following:

- 94% graded their child's school with an A or B
- 96% felt that the school staff respected their child
- 94% felt that their child's school is inviting and welcoming
- 92% indicated that they believe our schools are a safe place for learning
- 96% indicated that they felt the adults in our schools' care about their children

It is important that parents are involved in their child's education. It is also important that parents follow the "chain of command" when a concern arises. This provides the individuals most likely able to address the concern the opportunity to be helpful. The following steps should be followed when a concern is noted:

Classroom Concern:

1. Teacher
2. Building Administration
3. Assistant Superintendent
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Education

Bus Concern:

1. Driver
2. Transportation Supervisor
3. Director of Transportation
4. Building Administration
5. Assistant Superintendent
6. Superintendent
7. Board of Education

Athletic Concern:

1. Coach
2. Athletic Director
3. Building Administration
4. Assistant Superintendent
5. Superintendent
6. Board of Education

Cocurricular Concern:

1. Coach or Director
2. Building Administration
3. Assistant Superintendent
4. Superintendent
5. Board of Education

Student Nutrition/Allergy Concern:

1. Teacher
2. Director of Student Nutrition
3. Building Administration
4. Assistant Superintendent
5. Superintendent
6. Board of Education

Respectfully,



Chuck Hughes

“A simple rule in life: If you wouldn’t like it done to you,
Don’t do it to others.”

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