



HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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Important Start of School Dates

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>

Directory Information

This is a reminder that the district classifies name, address and telephone number as “directory information”. District policy ensures that directory information is not released without a “legitimate education interest” and cannot be released for the purpose of being rented or sold for the use on surveys, marketing, or solicitation. Parents who wish to ensure that their child’s directory information is not released can fill out the form at <https://www.hartlandschools.us/documents/Departments/Student%20Services/FERPA%20Opt-Out%20Form.pdf> and deliver it to the school office.

The HCS Board Tour of District Facility Projects

Below is a picture of Board members Danielle Custodio, Kristin Coleman and Cindy Shaw as I took them on a tour of new building projects. We visited the upgraded Early Childhood Center and the new Team Room at the HHS main stadium.



Lowe's Outfits Classroom with New Appliances

Mrs. Depestel's classroom has been provided new appliances for her classroom at HHS. Thank you Howell, New Hudson, and Westland Lowe's for donating a refrigerator, range, dishwasher, microwave, washer and dryer set to our ERP program. These appliances will be instrumental in the work of teaching students' life skills.



Mrs. Stanaway and Mrs. Depestel showcasing their new appliances.

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.

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.

Hartland Transportation Phone App Available:

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 Living Volunteer of the Year Nominations Open

Nominations are now open for the 2025 Hartland Living Volunteer of the Year! This is the 11th year of recognizing a community member that goes above and beyond to give to Hartland. Nominations are open until 12:00 pm on September 2 and the form is located here: bit.ly/VOYNominations2025

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chuck Hughes'.

Chuck Hughes

“Forgive people in your life, even those who are not sorry for their actions.

Holding on to anger only hurts you, not them.”

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