



# HARTLAND CONSOLIDATED SCHOOLS

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## Gold Out

The gold out football game will be October 3, 2025. Below is information if you are interested in supporting this great cause. To order Gold Out gear you can go to [www.stores.inksoft.com/goldout2025](http://www.stores.inksoft.com/goldout2025). All profits go to Mott Children's Hospital to support children. Many other activities will take place prior to the game.

**HARTLAND**  
**GOLD OUT**  
*Community Courage Cure*

**Pick up of all orders will be at the front of the High School  
on September 24th between 4 and 6pm**

**STORE WILL BE OPEN UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15th TO COLLECT ALL ORDERS**

**[stores.inksoft.com/goldout2025](http://stores.inksoft.com/goldout2025)**

## Hartland Soccer Youth Night Announced

On September 4, 2025, students who attend the home game against Novi at 7:15 p.m. and wear their youth soccer gear can get into the game free and can shoot goals on the varsity field during half time.

## Hartland Schools State MSTEP Assessment County Rankings

The district has been notified that HCS ranked 1<sup>st</sup> on 10 of the 16 state assessments taken in the spring, and 2<sup>nd</sup> on 6 of them. I will share grade and subject rankings next week. Congratulations students and staff.

## Chronic Absenteeism

Parents, the research is clear, students missing more than 10% of the school year see their achievement negatively affected. Often when having conversations with parents about the high number of absences, parents are shocked because they did not perceive that their child had missed so many days. As a school district, we are obligated by law to address chronic absenteeism. If your child begins to establish a pattern of poor attendance, you will hear from the school, building administration and eventually our Dean of Students, Mrs. Mary Jo Ferris. If absences continue, the district will submit truancy documents to the county truancy officer, Deputy Thompson. Please make school a priority for the 178 days that we are in session.

## The Unintended Consequences of Missing School

- Students must engage in make-up work
- Students miss new learning and never get to experience the lesson used to present this material
- Coming to school late or leaving school early creates a disruption for students and teachers
- Students miss additional learning opportunities such as field trips, assemblies, etc.

## Helpful Hints For Keeping Students in School

- Schedule doctor and other appointments outside of the school day
- If you must, schedule appointments early in the morning or late in the day so that only a half day is missed
- Keep track of absences in Parent Connection / Parent Portal. Stay current in the number of days missed.
- Keep the perspective that school is in session only 178 out of 365 days in the year. This leaves 187 days to take care of other things like appointments, vacation, etc.
- If your child is healthy, just “say no” when they ask to stay home
- If you find yourself in need of help getting your child to school, just ask your child’s principal.



## 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 in the community. Nominations are open until 12:00 p.m. on September 2 and the form is located here: [bit.ly/VOYnominations2025](https://bit.ly/VOYnominations2025)

Respectfully,

Chuck Hughes

“The most underrated skill in life: The ability to show up,  
even when you don’t feel like it.”

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