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HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL | 4911 136TH AVE | (269) 751-5185



# GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR

BY: MITCH BOSCH, PRINCIPAL

Hello Hamilton High School Families,

Thank you for a great start to the school year! We have continued to see nearly 800 students in our building learning, smiling, and making this a great place to be. One of the great things about our school is that we continue to have an incredible student group who cares about each other and an amazing staff that invests in knowing our students. Those two things together continue to help us build a safe and welcoming school community where we know people are looking out for one another.

This is especially important when it comes to our students' and schools' safety. The connections that students and staff have with each other continue to be one of our best methods to make sure the safety and needs of our school community are looked after. Students noticing when something "seems off" about their friend or teachers noticing different body language as a student enters the door, continues to allow us to check-in, check-up, and just talk with students who may have something changing in their lives.

Parents, thank you for continuing to grow this kind of communication and awareness in your students and thank you for being part of that communication chain. Please continue to encourage your students to show our four pillars of Empathy, Respect, Pride, and Grit as they look out for each other and continue to grow our student culture. If there are any needs, questions, or concerns you may have please do not hesitate to reach out to myself or Mr. Sheppard to get the information or supports you and your students need.

Thank you again for a great start to the school year and GO HAWKEYES!



## VICTORY DAY

Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, September 30 at 3:00 PM. Victory Day is a day for students with physical and cognitive impairments to have a full gameday experience!



## HIGH SCHOOL CONTACTS

[Click here for staff listing](#)

### Mitch Bosch, Principal

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### Attendance Line

(269) 751-7219

## JUNIORS TESTING OCT 19th

During the 2023-24 school year current Juniors will be taking both of the PSAT and SAT. The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) will be taken on Oct 19th, 2023 and is generally viewed as a practice for the SAT, but it is also used to identify National Merit

Scholars. Like the SAT, it measures the knowledge and skills in reading, writing, and math students learn in the classroom—the same knowledge and skills your child needs to succeed in college and career. Student PSAT results could provide them with scholarships, lowered or free tuition along with other recognitions.

Juniors will be testing with their Summit Teachers while the rest of the students will have classes as normal. Testing should be completed by 11:00am.

## MILITARY MAILING LIST OPT-OUT

We are required by No Child Left Behind legislation to provide demographic information of our juniors and seniors to military recruiters. You have the option of having your child removed from the list if you wish.

Please contact Tina Foidl in writing or by e-mail [tfoidl@hamiltonschools.us](mailto:tfoidl@hamiltonschools.us) if this is your request.

We will submit our list to the recruiters by November 1st.



# HIGH SCHOOL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

[Click here for full calendar](#)

## SEPTEMBER

- 9/15 No School
- 9/19 School picture retakes
- 9/22 Hometown Tailgate 5-7pm
- 9/30 Victory Day 3pm Football Stadium

## OCTOBER

- 10/4 Fall Count Day
- 10/6 Homecoming 2023
- 10/6 Homecoming Dance 9-11pm
- 10/13 1/2 day of School (Staff PD 1/2 day)
- 10/16 Fall Parent Teacher Conf 5:30-8:30pm
- 10/17 Fall HS Choir Concert 7pm
- 10/19 PSAT Test for 11th graders
- 10/21 Hamilton's Got Talent
- 10/23 Fall Parent Teacher Conf 5:30-8:30pm
- 10/26 No School - Fall Break
- 10/27 No School - Fall Break

## NOVEMBER

- 11/9,10 HS Theatre presents One Acts 7pm
- 11/10 1/2 day of School (Staff PD 1/2 day)
- 11/11 HS Theatre presents One Acts 2pm & 7pm
- 11/21 Last day of first trimester
- 11/22 No School - Records Day
- 11/23 & 24 No School - Thanksgiving Break
- 11/27 First day of second trimester
- 11/30 HS Theatre presents Mousetrap 7pm

## DECEMBER

- 12/1 HS Theatre presents Mousetrap 2pm & 7pm
- 12/14 HS Christmas Coffee Choir Concert 7pm
- 12/25 - 1/5 No School - Holiday Break

## JANUARY

- 1/08 First day back to school
- 1/12 Academic Awards Night
- 1/25 & 1/26 Winter Break - No School

# HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL

## 2023-24 BEST HIGH SCHOOLS by U.S. News & World Report

Hamilton High School received some outstanding news again this week when the U.S. News & World Report named HHS one of the top high schools in the state and country in their 2023-24 Best High School rankings.

Overall, HHS ranked 5,490th in the country of the 18,000 schools recognized. This ranking comes from objective data, including state assessments, advanced placement, reading proficiency, college readiness, and graduation rate.

**Way to go, Hawkeye students, staff and administration!**

# HOME COMING 2023

Friday, October 6, 2023



**Homecoming Parade**  
5:30pm  
Corner of 48th & 136th to HS



**Homecoming Football Game**  
7:00pm  
vs Unity Christian

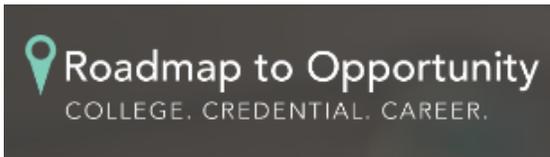


**Homecoming HS Dance**  
9:00-11:00pm  
at HHS

# Post-Graduation Opportunities

Last week during an hour long Summit class, all Hamilton Students worked on their Educational Development Plan (EDP). An EDP is an individualized approach to learning that documents an ongoing process in which a learner identifies both career goals and a plan of action to achieve them. It is a combination of tools and coursework that help students understand and appreciate their strengths and interests. Please ask your student about their EDP.

Please click on the images below to link to helpful websites.



## Parent & Student Resources

Hamilton Community Schools

### Parent Request for Assistance

If you feel that your student is struggling, you can always reach out to your child's school counselor for guidance; however, there may also be other resources and supports available.



Hamilton Community Schools

### Student Request for Assistance

Students now have the ability to report and/or request assistance with social, academic, or emotional concerns.



## ROBOTICS OPEN HOUSE



SEPTEMBER  
21ST, 3-4 P.M.

The Garage  
Behind The  
Middle School

### Do You Like?

Problem-Solving  
Working in a Team  
3-D Printing  
Exploring Creativity with  
Technology  
Bettering your Opportunities

 **FIRST**  
COMPETITION  
WINNER

SNACKS  
PROVIDED

# Attendance Codes Updated 2023-2024



## FALL HOME

# SPORTS SCHEDULE

[Click here for full schedule](#)

### Absent (A)

The initial code recorded by the classroom teacher. If there has been no communication, robocalls will go out to parents/guardians at 8:45am and 1:15pm. By the end of the school day, all Absent (A) codes will be changed to one of the following:

### Excused Absence (EA)

Excused Absences are all absences where medical documentation is not provided, but the parent did communicate the absence with the school attendance office.

- Students with an EA are not allowed to participate in extracurricular events, without prior administrative approval.
  - Work Based Learning opportunities, 4H, College Visits, Excused Medical Absences (Absence with Doctor's Note), are examples of absences that would still allow for student participation in extracurricular activities.
- Academic work missed as a result of an excused absence can be made up. It is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher(s) for make-up work.
- Excused Absences will still count towards the 10% absenteeism letters that are mailed out by the district school every 30, 60, 90, 120, and 150 days of school.

### Unexcused Absence (UA)

Unexcused Absences are absences where the parent/guardian did not communicate with the school attendance office. Unexcused Absences may result in disciplinary action.

- Assessments and class work assigned on the day of an UA is not accepted and receives a score of 0. Students considered unexcused or truant may not have the opportunity to make up work.
- Parents need to call, email, or send a note, by the end of the following school day of the UA to:
  - Have the absence changed from an UA to an EA.
  - Allow their students to have equivalent work time for the EA duration for assessments and work.

### Excused Absence-Medical (EM)

These absences are determined with medical documentation turned into the school attendance office.

- Students with an EM are allowed to participate in extracurricular events

### School Related (SR)

School Related Absences do not count toward Truancy. The classification is used for certain school-related absences.

### Tardy (T)

Students arrive to class 1-10 minutes late.

\*\*\*Excessive tardies may result in disciplinary action.



## HS Attendance

Please report all absences within 24 hours

(269) 751-5185 ext 2107

(269) 751-7219

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### VARSITY FOOTBALL

9/22 Holland Christian HS

10/06 Unity Christian HS

10/20 Spring Lake HS

### VARSITY GIRLS GOLF

10/06 OK Blue Conf @ Clearbrook

### VARSITY BOYS SOCCER

9/13 Unity Christian HS (Stadium Turf)

9/14 Saugautck HS

9/20 Spring Lake HS

9/26 Kelloggsville HS

### VARSITY GIRLS SWIM/DIVE

9/12 Mona Shores HS

9/26 Spring Lake HS

10/10 Zeeland West HS

10/24 Holland HS

### VARSITY BOYS TENNIS

9/13 Holland Christian HS

9/16 Tanis Invitational

9/20 Unity Christian HS

9/26 Whitehall HS

9/27 Spring Lake HS

### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

9/19 Hamiton Tri Fruitport HS / Unity Christian HS

10/03 Holland Christian HS

10/10 Unity Christian HS

10/12 Thornapple-Kellogg HS

10/19 Spring Lake HS

10/24 Allendale HS

10/26 Hamilton Tri



## Fall Parent Teacher Conferences

Monday, October 16 &

Monday, October 23

5:30-8:30pm

HS Cafeteria