

HAMILTONIAN

Hamilton High School
March 2011

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Whew! It's time for a deep breath. Over the last two weeks, we have completed our Michigan Merit Exam for juniors, ACT Plan for sophomores, ACT Explore for freshmen, and winter trimester finals for all students. I think it's fair to say that we are "tested out" for the time being.

Over the last several Hamiltonians, I've written to you some brief examples of how we have tried to change the thinking culture of Hamilton High School. Teachers are learning different ways to assess student learning. I've written to you about our focus on the journey of learning rather than the results of grades. Here's another example.

I was walking past a class during a review time for winter finals. Students were asking the teacher, what grade do I have to get on the final to get an A for the class. I was quite pleased when the teacher responded, "Why would I tell you that? We haven't focused on grades all trimester. Let's just focus on you giving your best effort and we'll see where you end up." This is just another example of how we want students not only to focus on their learning, but to take ownership of it as well.

The next time your child comes home after a test try asking them what they learned rather than what grade they got on the test.

Mr. Braschler, Principal

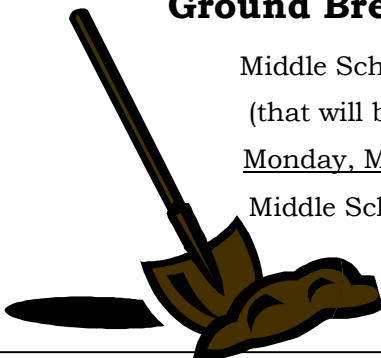


Ground Breaking Ceremony

Middle School remodel project
(that will begin this summer)

Monday, March 28, 5:30 p.m.

Middle School, pool sidewalk



Calendar of Events

04/01 - 04/10 Spring Break
04/11 School resumes
04/26 Parent Teacher Conf.
5:30-8:30
04/27 Parent Teacher Conf.
5:30-8:30
04/29 No School
04/30 Prom
05/26 Graduation
05/30 No School - Memorial Day
06/07 3rd Trimester Exams
06/08 3rd Trimester Exams
06/09 3rd Trimester Exams
- Last day of school

Hamilton High School Mission Statement

We believe that all
students will learn;
our mission is to guide,
nurture, and encourage.

ACT

2010-2011

Test Dates

*June 11

Registration Deadline

May 6

*at Hamilton

2011-2012

Test Dates

Sept. 10

Oct. 22

Dec. 10

Feb. 11

April 14

June 9

Registration Deadline

Aug. 12

Sept. 16

Nov. 4

Jan. 13

March 9

May 4

Register online at www.actstudent.org

Hamilton school code: 231-832

Dean of Students

Mr. Mathew Rehkopf

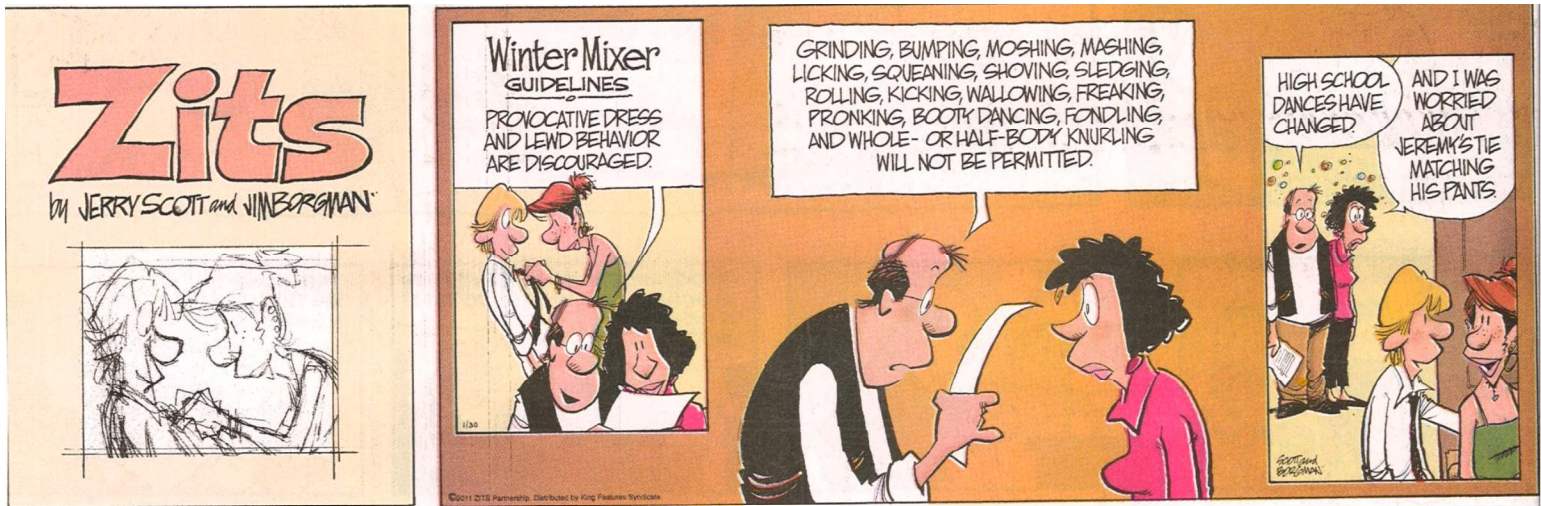
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Attendance Line (269)751-7219

With prom right around the corner, I think it is necessary to have a serious discussion with our kids. The topic of the discussion I am referring to is dance etiquette. We recently enforced some new guidelines for Hamilton High School dances. The guidelines included the elimination of grinding or freak dancing. Several students made their voices heard that they didn't feel as if they could go to a dance without grinding. When asked why they simply replied, "We don't know any other way to dance." We recently had our winter dance in which not a single student was caught grinding. What does this tell me? It can be done. When this topic comes up in your household I hope the question is asked, "Would you dance with a boy/girl that way in front of your grandmother?"

The no grinding policy will be enforced at prom this spring. Please understand we enforced this policy for the safety and wellbeing of all students in attendance at our dances. Our students can still have fun dancing in an appropriate way. It is my hope and intention that our students have a safe and fun prom experience this April 30th!



Counseling Office

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Scholarships

18 scholarships are listed in announcements
(13 of those scholarships are local!!)

Also listed are many college
and summer opportunities.

www.hamiltonschools.us

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>highlights box, announcements
or stop in the Counseling Office

The **West Michigan National College Fair** will be held at the DeVos Place Center in downtown Grand Rapids on Tues. March 29 from 8:30 am □ 11:30 pm and 6:00 □ 8:00 pm.

Students and parents can get information on admissions requirements, financial aid, testing, and college majors. Over 100 colleges will be represented.

Workshops include: College 101 for Parents, College Admission Basics, Financial Aid Information & Scholarships, and Scholarship Searches and Application Tips.

This is a great opportunity to begin your college search.

Information is available in the Counseling Office or go to www.nacacnet.org/nfstudent - watch a video for a complete fair overview and learn about different types of schools.

Register at www.gotomyNCF.com

Athletic Department

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HAWKEYE "COURT OF HONOR"

Show your support for Hamilton Community Schools and become part of the Hawkeye history forever!

For a \$75 donation, you can purchase a personalized 4 x 8 brick paver! These brick pavers will be permanently displayed in the new entrance to the football stadium.

Proudly display your personalized brick paver next to the ones from your neighbors, friends, classmates and community businesses and other organizations! You can also donate a brick paver in honor of or in memory of someone special.

In addition to your name, you can also have up to 2 logos or insignias added to your brick for an additional \$25 per logo. (Check out the order form for details on available designs).

Brick pavers without symbols can hold up to 3 lines of engraving - 14 characters per line. Each symbol option takes up the equivalent of one line of text.

ORDER FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE HIGH SCHOOL AND MIDDLE SCHOOL OFFICES

