

# HAMILTONIAN

Hamilton High School  
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Dear Parents,

December is in full force! As I write to you, I am looking out at the mountain of snow falling. As the winter season begins, I am always concerned with students and winter driving. I would like to remind all students to slow down and be safe and remember that doughnuts in the parking lot should be eaten, not spun!! Our first trimester was very successful in regards to student performance. 94.2% of the student body received all passing marks. 98.3% of all grades achieved by students were passing grades. 70% of the students who failed a class had three or more absences. I know that it is a difficult balance of when a student should or should not come to school. Please make every effort to get your child to school this winter. It is hard to duplicate what goes on in the classroom.

Teachers work very hard at having all students be successful. We have many levels of support for students that struggle. We are also learning and working with different types of assessments. Our biggest study right now as a staff centers on formative assessments. These assessments are done throughout the hour and while the learning process is occurring. Teachers are working on ways to support students and redesign lessons based on what students learn during the hour. These assessments are not graded, since we are not yet ready to ask if they completely understand. A well balanced classroom between formative assessments and quality summative assessments (formal tests and quizzes) has been proven by research to be the best! Just because we don't take a grade on every assignment, don't think they are not important. The learning journey is usually more valuable than the grade at the end of the journey.

During our Holiday Break, the office will be closed on December 23 - 27 and December 31. Office hours during vacation will be from 7:00 am until 3:00 pm. on the days we are open. I know several of you like to use the track for walking, please know that the building will be completely locked on December 23, 24, 30, and 31 as well as the weekends.

When we get back in January, please remember that parent teacher conferences will be on January 17 and 19 (Monday and Wednesday). Conferences will begin at 5:30 pm and run until 8:30 pm. There is no school for students and staff on January 21.

In closing, I wish each and every Hamilton family a warm holiday season and prosperous new year.

Sincerely,

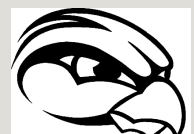
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### Calendar of Events

12/20 - 01/02 Christmas Break  
01/03 School resumes  
01/17 Parent Teacher Conf.  
5:30-8:30  
01/19 Parent Teacher Conf.  
5:30-8:30  
01/21 No School  
02/11 No School - Winter Break  
02/14 No School  
- Staff In-Service Day  
03/01-03 MME for Juniors  
03/08 2nd Trimester Exams  
03/09 2nd Trimester Exams  
03/10 2nd Trimester Exams  
03/11 No School  
- Staff Records Day  
03/14 No School  
- Staff In-Service Day  
03/15 3rd Trimester Begins  
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  
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.



# Dean of Students

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Finding new ways for struggling students to succeed, keeping up on attendance issues, making sure kids understand school is a priority, and finally making sure our school is safe and orderly would best describe the role of a Dean of Students. Because of strong parental support and very driven students, the transition from teacher to administrator has been relatively easy in my eyes. My goal for the rest of the school year is to continue to provide all students with a safe learning environment and to provide added support to teachers in finding solutions for struggling students. If a student related issue arises, please contact me at **269-751-5185 ext 621**. I hope you each have a great holiday season, and I look forward to serving you better in the New Year.

## Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following students who achieved perfect attendance for the first trimester. Evidence shows that students who show up to school on a regular basis have higher academic achievement than those who do not. This trimester, 98% of the 211 students with perfect attendance earned passing grades. Congratulations and keep up the good work.

Megan Alderink	Benjamin Egel	Devin Klein	Heather Price	Cory Swartz
Angelina Amatangelo	Katie Eiswald	Madelyn Klenk	Raelyn Prikasky	Brent Taratuta
Levi Andringa	Seth Eiswald	Hope Klinkers	Chelsi Proos	Tyler Taratuta
Devin Avery	Christian Elliott	Samantha Klokert	Joseph Reaume	Paige TerHorst
Benjamin Baker	Juliette Elton	Janna Kollen	Shelby Reaume	Richelle Terpstra
Sarah Baker	Katlin Eshenaur	Ashley Koning	Luciano Rodriguez	Matthew Thompson
Tyler Baker	Michelle Essink	Kathleen Kooiker	Matthew Rouwhorst	Sean Thompson
Jessica Bell	Hailey Fairchild	Alexander Kragt	Joshua Rubley	Rachael Tolsma
Jordan Bell	Alyssia Fershee	Katelyn Krause	Zachary Ruff	Ronald VandeBerg
Megan Bierhalter	Jared Fogerty	Justin Lameris	Amelia Ruiz	Abigail VandenBerg
Joslyn Blood	Kailee Fogerty	Michael Lameris	Josh Russcher	Megan VandenBerg
Evan Boerman	Taylor Forrest	Jordan Lemon	Tyler Sanford	Elizabeth Vandenbil
Justin Boerman	Mitchell Gage	Hannah Lepird	Joshua Sankey	Monica Vandenbil
Heather Boeve	Parker Gage	Travis Lind	Chad Schierbeek	Zachariah Vanderkooi
Rebecca Bosch	Brandon George	Claire Lohman	Courtney Schierbeek	Josie VanderVeen
Will Braschler	Sarah Geurink	Megan Lohman	Denise Schierbeek	Elizabeth VandeWege
Joshua Brigham	Emily Grady	Thomas Long	Jaclyn Schierbeek	Tyler VanDyck
Jenna Brunger	Sidney Grady	Alysha Looman	Candice Schippa	Simeon VanHeest
Joel Buhner	Corey Gras	Selena Lundy	Nathan Schlipp	Savonna VanOort
Paul Buhner	Dylan Guillozet	Austin Main	Nicholas Scholl	Nicole VanZee
Tyler Burke	Christopher Hall	Raymond McCrary	Christopher Scholten	Dustin Veldheer
Joshua Burley	Amy Hamm	Brogan McMahon	Deban Scholten	Carlye Voorhorst
Calvin Burton	Alyssa Harbottle	Connor McMahon	Christian Scott	Elijah Walker
Skyler Canfield	Ross Harris	Jacqueline McNulty	Madalyn Sharar	Tommy Walters
Cole Carlson	Landyn Haskin	Heidi Mihm	Brian Sheridan	Christopher Walto
Joshua Carlson	Lloyd Haskin	Alexander Modrzynski	Sarah Sheridan	Jeffery Walto
Hailey Carter	Brandon Haverdink	Austin Mokma	Kevin Shouse	Matthew Weber
Cassie Coltrin	Elijah Hays	Dominic Morlan	Karl Shumate	Ethan Webster
Shelby Compton	Jamie Hellenthal	Elliot Mulder	Heather Sikkema	Zachary Welch
Taylor Compton	Jessica Henrickson	Jeremy OKane	Jessica Slagh	Broderick Wentzel
Matthew Cooper	Robert Heuer	Brandon Olson	Andrew Smit	Tori Wentzel
Megan Counterman	Kerri Hoffman	Cassandra Olson	Samantha Smith	Casey Wesseldyke
Ambre Couturier	Rachel Hoffman	Ashleigh Overbeek	Kelsey Spaman	Jaclyn Westrate
Christopher Currier	Jonathan Hollis	Elizabeth Overbeek	Anna Spotts	Cambria Whitcomb
Jacob Daley	Jessica Holst	Zachary Parker	Naomi Stafford	Alexandra Wilkins
Austin Dams	Mandi Hulst	Megan Pepper	Frances Steele	Jared Wilkosz
Nicole DeNeef	Lucas Hutek	Alyssa Peters	Gavin Steenwyk	Marissa Williams
Katherine Dent	Malcolm Jeffries	Courtney Peters	Andrew Stehle	Travis Williams
Jackie Devereaux	Tyler Johnson	Keith Phillips	Morgan Stillson	Kaylee Wilson
Ashleigh DeWeerd	Heather Kempker	Lydia Phillips	Kaitlyn Stinson	Joshua Winfrey
Taylor Diekema	Elizabeth Kimber	Sanders Poel	Cameron Stoel	Kayla Wisniewski
Bradley Dykstra	Danielle Klein	Brianna Price	William Styf	Alyssa Wolfram
				Jodie Zhu

# Counseling Office

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## FINANCIAL AID

### HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL FINANCIAL AID NIGHT

Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011

HHS Auditorium - 7:00 pm  
(during Parent Teacher Conferences)

### COLLEGE GOAL SUNDAY-FAFSA

Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011

2:00 □ 4:00 pm

Davenport University, Holland, MI

Have an expert help you fill out the FAFSA □  
free!!

### FAFSA - PIN NUMBER

If you plan on attending college, and will be filing the FAFSA (financial aid) form you need to create a PIN number. You must do that first. Every student and one parent must create a PIN number. That can be done now. [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

### FAFSA - Free Application for Federal Student Aid

The FAFSA is the principal application document. There is no charge for using this form to apply for federal student financial assistance. The information the student provides on this form serves as the basis for determining their eligibility for the federal student aid programs. This form should be submitted online any time between January 1 and March 1. **If it is submitted prior to January 1, it will not be processed.** The March 1 deadline is for financial aid opportunities in the state of Michigan. Financial Aid information will be available in the Counseling Office. Their website is [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### THE PROFILE

If you are planning to attend college and apply for financial aid, you may need to file the Profile form. The Profile is used by private colleges to gather additional financial information to help them determine financial aid packages. The following schools in Michigan require the Profile: Adrian, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, Kuyper, MaryGrove, Olivet, Siena Heights, and Univ. of Michigan. Check with your counselor if you plan to attend college out of state.

## TECH CENTER SIGN-UPS

A representative from the Tech Center will be at our school on Thurs. Jan. 6 to speak with interested 10th & 11th grade students regarding opportunities at the Tech Center for next year (students must sign up in the Counseling Office for this meeting). Tech Center courses are an option for 11th and 12th graders who are interested in taking business or technical courses, such as:

Printing/Graphic Arts	Auto Mechanics
Engineering Design	Plumbing
PC/Network Technologies	PharmacyTech
Culinary/Pastry Arts	Welding
Natural Resources/Environmental Sciences	

Applications for the Tech Center will be available in the Counseling Office beginning Thurs. Jan. 6. Completed applications will be accepted from Jan. 7 to Jan. 28. Completed applications turned in after Jan. 28 will be accepted, but marked □late□

### HHS Daily Announcements

Would you like to receive HHS Daily Announcements via email??

Contact [thaverdi@hamiltonschools.us](mailto:thaverdi@hamiltonschools.us)

# PowerSchool

If you need your username and password to check your students grades on PowerSchool, please contact the Counseling Office. We will send you the information by email or US mail. To maintain security, we will not be able to provide the information over the phone.



# Athletic Department

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## FALL ATHLETIC AWARDS 2010

### Cross Country

**Girls Team Awards:** MHSAA Division II State Runner-up, OK Green Conference Champions, Regional champions. Academic All State (Highest GPA in state)

**Girls Individual Awards:**

Emily Oren: All State, All Conference, All Area, All County, Academic All State

Jacquelynn Overbeek: All State, All Conference, All Area, All County, Academic All State

Molly Oren: All State, All Conference, All Area, All County, set new school record, Academic All State

Cathy Coryell: All State, All Conference, All Area, All County, Academic All State

**Boys Individual Awards:**

Taylor Compton: All State, All Conference, All Area, All County, set new school record, Academic All State

Elliott Mulder: All Conference, All County

### Football

**Team Awards:** Academic All State

**Individual Awards:**

Cody Buresh: All Conference

Dylan Raymond: HM All Conference

### Volleyball

**Team Awards:** Academic All State

**Individual Awards:**

Alyssa Wolfram: All Conference, All Area

Kelly Ptacek: All Conference

Jackie Devereaux: HM All Conference

### Tennis

**Team Awards:** Team state qualifier, Academic All State

**Individual Awards:**

Ryan Overhiser: All Conference, All County

Ben Baker: All Conference, All Area, All County

Brandon Hulst: All Conference, All Area, All County

Matt Lynema: All County

Justin Overhiser: All County

Sean Thompson: All County

Matt Thompson: All County

Brendin DeVisser: All County

### Soccer

**Team Awards:** Academic All State

**Individual Awards:**

Zach Beyer: All Conference, Academic All State

Adam Schreur: All Conference

Cam Perkins: Academic All State

RJ Flowers: HM All Conference, Academic All State

Matt Scholten: Academic All State

Caleb Cassiday: Academic All State

### Golf

**Individual Awards:**

Sam Klokkert: All Conference, All County

Jessica Bell: All Conference, All County

Katie Bosch: HM All Conference, All County

### Swim & Dive

**Team Awards:** Academic All State

**Individual Awards:**

Madelyn Klenk: All State, All Conference

Hailey Fathman: All State, All Conference

Madalynn Kempfers: All State, All Conference, school record in 200 free, 500 free and 400 free relay

Elizabeth VandeWege: All State, All Conference, school record in 200 IM and 400 relay

Cortni Ritter: All State, All Conference, school record in 400 free relay

Erica Ruffner: All State, All Conference

Emily Bussis: All State, All Conference, school record in 400 free relay

Richelle Terpstra: All State

Katharine Aalderink: Academic All State

**NOTE:** Several of the All County teams were not chosen at the time of this publication

*Congratulations!*



## 1st Term Transcripts

Your student was given their high school transcript this week. This transcript includes all courses taken by your student through the 1st Trimester of the 2010-11 school year. Any course where an E has been earned means that no credit has been granted. If these E's are required courses, they must be made up before graduating from Hamilton High School. A summary of required courses is listed below.

The graduation requirements for Hamilton High School students are:  
27.5 credits and 12 terms of attendance

Total Credits Earned and Cumulative GPA are listed in the middle of the left hand column of your student's transcript.

Please review your student's transcript. If you have any questions regarding this information and/or you would like a copy mailed or emailed to you, please contact the Guidance Office at (269)751-5185.

### Required Courses :

#### English

English 9  
English 10  
English 11  
English 12

#### Social Studies

Economics  
Current Events  
U.S. History and Geography  
World History and Geography  
U.S. Government

#### Science

Physical Science  
Intro. To Chemistry  
Biology  
Chemistry or Physics

#### Math

Algebra 1  
Geometry  
Algebra 2  
Senior Math

#### Computers

Computers 1

#### ACT Preparation

#### PE

#### Health

#### VPAA



## Library Media Center

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## Now available!



The Library Media Centers in the district have been upgraded with a new circulation system. We're very pleased to announce that all of our building's library catalogs are available to search from home or on campus.

Here are the web sites:

- When on campus, use [<http://destiny/>] This will take you to our homepage and then you can click on the building you want to search.
- When you're at home or off campus, use [<http://destiny.hamiltonschools.us>]

We will be announcing more updates to our libraries in future Hamiltonians.