

MSD OF BOONE TOWNSHIP - HEBRON SCHOOLS

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Information from the MSD of Boone Township about your tax-supported public schools

AUGUST 2019

HEBRON STUDENTS are known, valued, supported, and part of our community

At Hebron, a *small* school district, we have the opportunity to know our students through smaller class sizes. Our students have more opportunities to be involved in various academic, athletic, artistic and vocational programs.

At Hebron, we value each student's abilities beyond test scores focusing on individual student growth. We value every child's development academically, socially and emotionally.

At Hebron, our students are supported by dedicated, caring staff members. Every child has an adult advocate and student support through our own unique programs.

At Hebron, students are part of a community that actively participates in their education. Community members provide opportunities for our students to be involved and allow for learning outside of the classroom.

This is why we believe

#YouBelongAtHebron

because it is truly a place

WHERE STUDENTS SOAR



From the Superintendent's Office

DR. NATHAN H. KLEEFISCH
Superintendent of Schools



Welcome to the 2019 - 2020 school year at MSD of Boone Township, Where Students Soar. I am excited to begin another school year with such a dedicated team of teachers, administrators and support staff who are truly committed to providing the very best educational opportunities and experiences for all of our students. As your school superintendent, I want you to know that your child's success and the safety for all of our students and staff is at the center of everything that we do.

In addition, I would like to acknowledge that we have the best students and parental support, along with a dedicated School Board to lead the way through another successful school year! The Mission Statement of MSD of Boone Township "to educate and prepare today's students for tomorrow's challenges" sets the tone of providing the very best learning environment for all of our students to reach their highest level.

Our curriculum is challenging, engaging and purposeful in preparing all of our students to meet and overcome the academic and social challenges that they will encounter later in life. The schools in our district have earned a variety of accolades including Hebron Middle School's National Forum for the Acceleration for Middle Grades Awards, a "School to Watch;" our current AdvancED accredited school district (all schools) through the North Central Association (NCA); the College Board's 5th Annual AP Honor Roll for Expanding Opportunity and Improving Performance for Advanced Placement Students; U.S. News & World Report's ranking of Hebron High School as one of the Best High Schools in Indiana and the Indiana Department of Education's fifth place ranking among the top 11 schools in Indiana for meeting state standards in college and career readiness. We are proud of the hard work and the commitment of our school community to provide the very best educational opportunities for all of our students.

In addition to our high quality academic programs, MSD of Boone Township offers a variety of exceptional athletic programs, performing and fine arts, clubs and other student activities to capture the many interests of our diverse student population. Please take some time to visit our district/school websites and get to know your child's teachers, bus drivers, building administrators, support staff and School Board members. They will be happy to meet you!

I am very excited to have another opportunity to serve our students, staff, parents and the Hebron School community! We take great pride in knowing that through the collective efforts of our parents, faculty, staff and administration, our students will be prepared to meet and address the challenges that they will face in their future! Welcome to our school community of MSD of Boone Township and have a fantastic school year!

Sincerely,
Dr. Nathan H. Kleefisch, Superintendent

Visit our UPDATED district website

www.hebronschools.k12.in.us

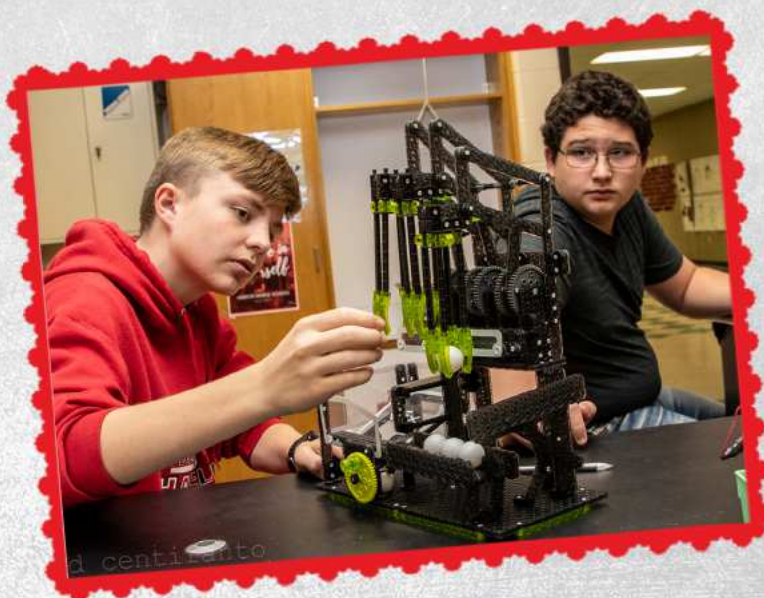
We gave our district and school websites a new look this summer. Our navigation has changed to make the site more user-friendly and to include our social media feeds.

Coming soon...

Our website will have an APP to make mobile viewing a better experience!



Thank you to David Centifanto for volunteering his time and talents!
Many of the photos on our website, our social media, and other publications are his outstanding work.



Through the generosity of the Hebron Education Foundation, our schools have been able to begin building robotics programs. Pictured above are 2 of our middle school students working on a VEX robot. Students will build and customize the VEX robots and are planning to compete with them for the first time during the 2019-2020 school year. Students have the opportunity to begin learning robotics as early as 1st grade with Code-A-Pillars preparing them to move closer toward more advanced systems like Lego Mindstorms, Spheros and VEX.



Hebron Elementary News



*Today a reader
Tomorrow a leader*



JIM MARTIN
Elementary Principal

At the end of the 2018-2019 school year, I shared with my Elementary Teaching Staff that our new “motto” for the 2019-2020 school year would be: “Work Hard, Play Fair, and Take Care of Each Other.” This will not only be the message for our students to follow but our staff as well. Simple words, but a strong message. “Work Hard” translates to doing our best at school and at home. “Play Fair” translates to playing by the rules at school and at home. “Take Care of Each Other” is showing each other love and compassion for all mankind no matter our race, religion or beliefs. Students and adults can sometimes be mean and inconsiderate to each other and our goal will be to show love, compassion and acceptance to ALL.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate 4th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Patricia Marshall on her retirement from Hebron. Mrs. Marshall should be commended for her 38 years of dedicated service to our school and community. Mrs. Marshall has touched the lives of so many students, families and co-workers. She will be enjoying her time with her husband, three children and eight grandchildren.

New staff members for the 2019-2020 school year are: Mrs. Mary Nemeth (Teacher). Mrs. Nemeth has filled in for two separate maternity leaves at Hebron prior to this position. Mr. Jerry Foust (Choral & Music Teacher). Mr. Foust has previous teaching experience as well as artistic experience in music, theater and dance. Miss Tiffany Thordarson (RTI Instructor). Miss Thordarson had her student teaching experience in first grade at Hebron last year. Mrs. Nicki Truby (Elementary Secretary/Treasurer). Mrs. Truby has previous office experience and is replacing Mrs. Cavinder who is now holding the same position in the Middle School.

Online registration will be available to parents beginning the week of July 29th. Parents will need to log into Harmony to submit all required forms prior to the start of school. (Book Rental will be payable at a later date). For parents not able to register online, we will have one day (August 5th) for on-site registration. Computer labs will be available for parents to complete the required forms on this day. Due to the number of families who no longer come into the building for registration, we will hold our Elementary Open House before school begins.

The Elementary Open House will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12th. This will allow students and parents time before the first student day to find their classrooms and meet their teacher. (Many parents also appreciate being able to bring in school supplies prior to the first day of school).

The first student day is scheduled for Wednesday, August 14th. See you soon!

Jim Martin, Principal



SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST
*Scan this QR code with
your smartphone*

*Complete listing available on our district website
www.hebronschools.k12.in.us*

WELCOME NEW STAFF

Mrs. Mary Nemeth **Elementary Teacher**

Mrs. Nemeth has worked at Hebron Elementary the last two years covering 2nd grade and Kindergarten maternity leaves. She has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois with a reading endorsement. She enjoys sports, being outdoors, camping, crafting, taking pictures, reading, and spending time with her husband and three children.



Mrs. Nicki Truby **Elementary Secretary**

Mrs. Truby is coming to us from Boone Grove schools. She is very excited to join us at Hebron Elementary and cannot wait to meet all the students this year! She grew up in Lansing, IL and moved to Crown Point, IN as a teen and graduated from Crown Point HS (1994) and Davenport University (1998) with a degree in Business Administration. Mrs. Truby has been married to her husband Ted for 21 years and they have 3 sons. In her spare time, Mrs. Truby volunteers at Boone Grove Middle School. She loves watching her sons play sports (especially baseball), spending time with her family, doing Pinterest crafts (especially at Christmas time), and making cornhole bags.



Ms. Tiffany Thordarson **Elementary RTI Instructor**

Ms. Thordarson graduated from Purdue University Northwest with her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She enjoys music, learning, and spending time with family and her dog. After completing student teaching in one of the first grade classrooms at Hebron, Ms. Thordarson is excited for the opportunity to begin her teaching journey at Hebron Elementary!





Hebron Middle School News

JEFF BROOKS
Middle School Principal



Hebron Middle School has so much to be proud of as we reflect on the past school year. Through our commitment to service learning, we were able to give back to many local organizations such as the "Pets n Vets" program at the Dunes Dog Training Club and the Halos and Hooves Riding Center. The Science Olympiad Team qualified for the State Championship in Bloomington for the fifth year in a row. We also had great success in our athletic programs with our Middle School Boys Cross Country Team winning the PCC Championship! We are very proud of all of the accomplishments by our students during the 2018-19 school year.

The 2019-20 school year will see a couple of changes at Hebron Middle School. After 24 years of being the secretary of the elementary, Mrs. Cavinder will be moving to the middle school office to fill the same role. Mrs. Cavinder replaced Mrs. Kovacik (or Mrs. K as many call her) who has moved into a position that will allow her more time with family. We all wish Mrs. K. well and will miss her tremendously!

With Mrs. Beehn moving into more of an elementary teaching role, that left our Choir position available. We are excited to welcome Mr. Foust to Hebron Middle School and the MSD of Boone Township! He comes to us with a wealth of knowledge in music. He will be directing the middle school and high school choirs along with teaching a few elementary music classes.

We are looking forward to many exciting opportunities during the upcoming school year. This all starts with the **Hebron Middle School Open House on Monday, August 12th. The open house will start in the gymnasium at 6:30 pm.** Parents and students will then have an opportunity to meet their grade level team teachers, walk the halls, open their locker and see their classrooms.

Please be looking for an email regarding online registration opening at the middle school starting July 29th. You will have an opportunity to sign forms, change demographics and get your student's schedule for the year. A link will arrive to your inbox on or around July 29th.

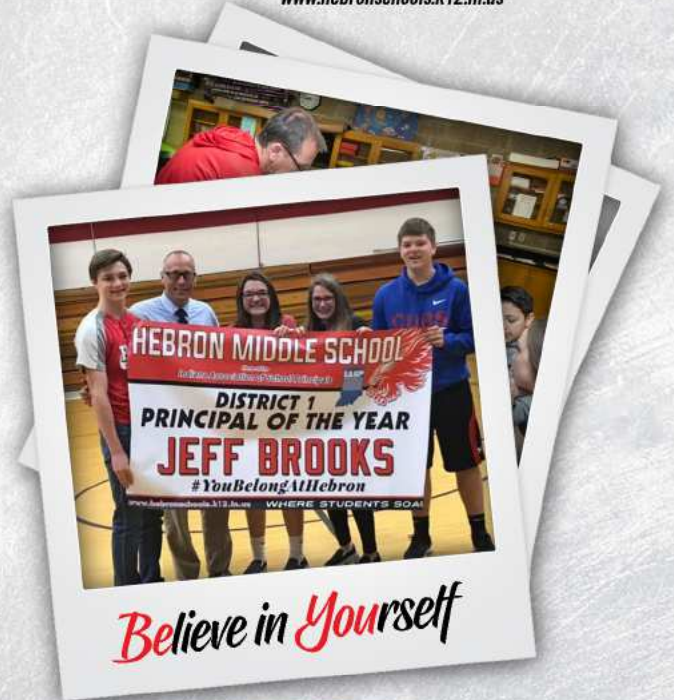
I hope that everyone takes advantage of the last few weeks of summer and I hope to see everyone here for the Hebron Middle School Open House on August 12th starting at 6:30 pm!

Jeff Brooks, Principal



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new staff



Mr. Jerry R. Foust
MS/HS Choir, Elementary Music, & Drama Director

Mr. Foust is excited to join the Hebron family this year. A NW Indiana native, Mr. Foust has spent the last 10 years directing professional and educational theatre, music, and dance programs in Chicago and California. He has conducted semi-professional choral groups in Northern and Southern California. He has been a general music, choir and band teacher in several districts in Indiana and California. In 2018, Mr. Foust and his family moved to Hebron, and his two boys will attend HES in the fall. Jerry holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from Butler University, and a Masters from San Diego State University. He is excited to be a teaching partner at HHS with Mr. Robb Thiel, who inspired him to go to music school 30 years ago this year!



Ms. Lauren Gladstone
High School Art

Ms. Gladstone worked in La Porte as a middle school art teacher for two years. She graduated from Purdue University Lafayette with a Bachelor's in Fine Arts Education. She is looking forward to teaching and learning from high school students.



Hebron High School News



AARON OWNEY
High School Principal



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2018-19 was a great school year for HHS. I challenged the high school students and staff at the beginning of the year to be "All In." The challenge was accepted! The year was packed full of students and staff achieving great things and earning recognition at the local, state, and even national level; Hebron High School earned an A rating from the Indiana Department of Education. Mr. Mike Bogan was awarded a Lilly grant and Mrs. Stephanie Crook qualified to compete in both the Chicago and Boston marathons.

Empty Bowls celebrated its 10th anniversary and, along with the community's help, has donated over \$30,000 to the Hebron Food Pantry. Meghan Bateman traveled across the globe to France where she competed with the US Figure Skating team and Ewan Donovan made Hebron history by becoming the first Hawk wrestler to compete at the IHSAA state championship.

But one of the most spectacular achievements of the year came on May 30, when the Hebron High School graduating class of 2019 became the largest graduating class in Hebron history with 99 seniors, all of whom graduated - 100%! Thank you to the students, staff, and community of Hebron High School for stepping up to the challenge and being ALL IN! Here's looking forward to another outstanding school year in 2019-20!

Aaron Owey, Principal

Hebron Retirees



Congratulations to our retirees (L to R): Karen Jania (HS Art), Pat Marshall (4th Grade), LouAnne Reinboldt (Technology and State Reporting), Sue Spurr (Athletic Secretary), Gary DeSmet (HS Math - not pictured) and Cheryl Porter (Transportation - not pictured). Combined these 6 individuals served Hebron Schools for over 163 years!



Mr. Wayne Straka
High School Social Studies

Mr. Straka is a 2008 Hebron High School graduate! He attended Indiana University-Northwest and graduated in 2013 with a degree in Secondary Education. He is licensed to teach US History, World History, Geography, Government, and Sociology. Mr. Straka is a huge sports fan that follows IU Basketball, IU Football, Cubs, and the Packers. He enjoys hanging out with friends on the weekends and watching UFC fights, watching Dirt Track Racing, especially when his brother races, playing softball in the summer with friends, watching history documentaries and reading books on history. Mr. Straka will be getting married this September!





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Hebron Hawks News

The Hebron Athletic Department would like to thank the community and businesses for their tremendous support of our athletes and coaches. Please visit our website: <http://gohebronathletics.com/> where you will find updated scores, alerts, and announcements daily. We encourage you to sign up for alerts.

We say goodbye to Mrs. Susan Spurr as she retires after 19 years of service as the Hebron Athletic Department Secretary. She went above and beyond in working for our schools, our athletes, and our community. We wish her well in retirement and hope to see her in the future.

While we are looking forward to a great 2019-20 school year, here are some of the accomplishments from '18-'19 High School Athletics

FALL

- Girls Cross Country team Regional Qualifiers
- Girls Soccer PCC Round Robin Champions
- Girls Soccer IHSAA Sectional Champions

WINTER

- Dance team 1st place PCC Dance Competition

SPRING

- Cheer team 1st place co-ed division at the Battle of Champions

PCC All Conference Athletes & Individual State tournament achievements

Girls Soccer Katlyn Cherry, Allison Hano, Zoe Parsons, Madi Maas, Alexis Rippe, Kylee Babiak, Rylee McCullough, Eve Farler, Heather Loser, Rebekah Hays

Boys Soccer Noah Dattilo, Hunter Nikoloski, Zach Molnar, Matt Adamczyk

Boys Volleyball Matt Kubiak

Girls Cross Country Ellena Wagoner, Madison Elijah, Nicole Schmidt, Skyla Smolen

Boys Cross Country Connor Nuest, Jacob Stewart, Noah Weaver

Girls Basketball Katlyn Cherry, Allison Hano

Boys Basketball Jake Friel

Wrestling Ewan Donovan, Matthew Adamczyk

Dance Claire Wiltfang, Bella Vaupel, Tashanay Turner McBee

Cheer Alexis Rhoades, Zoe Parsons

Boys Track Connor Nuest, Taylor Wiegman, Nick Christ, Jacob Stewart

Girls Track Zoe Parsons

Softball Katlyn Cherry

Baseball Jacob Wheeler, Michael Briggs

FALL SPORTS

Practices Begin

July 29

MS Softball - 6-7:30 pm
High School Softball Field

August 5

HS Cross Country - 7-8:30 am
High School Back Entrance
MS Cross Country - 8:30-10 am
Middle School Door D

HS Girls Soccer - 9 am - 12 pm
High School Soccer Field

MS Baseball - 4-6 pm
7th and 8th grade ONLY
High School Baseball Field

HS Boys Volleyball - 4-6 pm
High School Gym

HS Girls Volleyball - 5-7 pm
High School Gym

HS Boys Soccer - 5-7 pm
High School Soccer Field

August 6

MS Baseball - 4-6 pm
6th grade ONLY
High School Baseball Field

August 19

MS Girls Volleyball - 4:30-6:30 pm
Middle School Gym



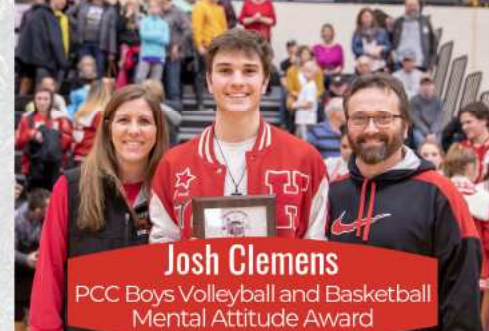
Allison Hano

PCC Girls Basketball
Mental Attitude Award



Connor Nuest

PCC Boys Cross Country
Mental Attitude Award



Josh Clemens

PCC Boys Volleyball and Basketball
Mental Attitude Award



Dance Team

1st place PCC
Dance Competition

BEFORE YOUR FIRST PRACTICE

MSD of Boone Township has partnered with FINAL FORMS, an online form & data management service. All students participating in sports for the 2019/20 school year are required to complete FINAL FORMS prior to their first practice.

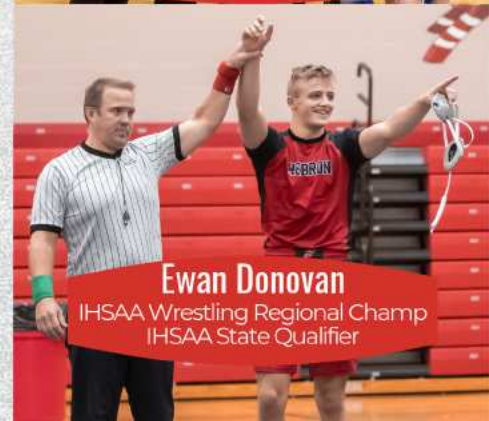
FINAL FORMS (<https://hebron-in.finalforms.com>) The online fee is \$5 plus tax, or you may pay a flat fee of \$5 in the Athletic Office.

new staff



Mrs. Jackie Hilton Athletic Secretary

Mrs. Hilton moved to Hebron 6 years ago after her husband retired from the Navy. She has been involved with Hebron Schools and Athletics as a parent and as a coach. Mrs. Hilton has volunteered with the PTG and was one of our middle school track coaches. She also volunteers her time with the local Girl Scouts.



Ewan Donovan

IHSAA Wrestling Regional Champ
IHSAA State Qualifier



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ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE FOR LOWER-INCOME FAMILIES

Parents and students can obtain an application for free or reduced price meals at registration or on the schools website. You can check the income and household size chart below to see if you are eligible and if so, you are encouraged to apply.

Federal Income Eligibility Chart School Year 2019-2020

Household Size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$ 23,107.00	\$ 1,926.00	\$ 445.00
2	\$ 31,284.00	\$ 2,607.00	\$ 602.00
3	\$ 39,461.00	\$ 3,289.00	\$ 759.00
4	\$ 47,638.00	\$ 3,970.00	\$ 917.00
5	\$ 55,815.00	\$ 4,652.00	\$ 1,074.00
6	\$ 63,992.00	\$ 5,333.00	\$ 1,231.00
7	\$ 72,169.00	\$ 6,015.00	\$ 1,388.00
8	\$ 80,346.00	\$ 6,696.00	\$ 1,546.00
Each Additional Person:	\$ 8,177.00	\$ 682.00	\$ 158.00

Who can get free or reduced price meals?

All children in households receiving benefits from SNAP (Food Stamps) or TANF, are eligible for free meals. Foster children that are under the legal responsibility of a foster care agency or court are eligible for free meals. Children participating in their school's Head Start program are eligible for free meals. Children who meet the definition of homeless, runaway, or migrant are eligible for free meals. Children may receive free or reduced price meals if your household's income is within the limits on the Federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Your children may qualify for free or reduced price meals if your household income falls at or below the limits on this chart.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND NOTICE TO PARENTS

As a parent/guardian of a student in the MSD of Boone Township, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers, and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

Whether the Indiana Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.

Whether the Indiana Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.

The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.

Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications.

If you would like to request any of this information, please contact the superintendent's office at 219-996-4771.

MARKEL STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Student accident insurance for the 2019-2020 school year is available for a fee to parents of students enrolled at MSD of Boone Township. Markel offers a broad range of accident products for K-12 schools.

Markel's contact information:

Phone: 1-877-444-5014

Email: Markel.info@sevencorners.com

Visit the Markel website for more information and to apply on-line.

Website: <http://markel.sevencorners.com>

Registration

July 29
Online

Check your email for a link to register online

August 5
In-Person

If you are unable to register online or need assistance, computers will be available.

August 6
New Student

Call to make an appointment
(219) 996-4771
Elem. - Ext. 103
MS - Ext. 101
HS - Ext. 119

Indiana 2019-2020 Required School Immunizations

K-5TH GRADE

3 Hepatitis B - 2 Varicella - 2 MMR - 4 Polio - 5 DTP - 2 Hepatitis A

6TH-7TH GRADE

3 Hepatitis B - 2 Hepatitis A - 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal) - 4 Polio
1 Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) - 2 Varicella - 5 DTP - 2 MMR

8TH-11TH GRADE

3 Hepatitis B - 1 MCV4 (Meningococcal) - 2 MMR
1 Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) - 5 DTP - 4 Polio - 2 Varicella

12TH GRADE

3 Hepatitis B - 2 Hepatitis A - 2 MCV4 (Meningococcal) - 4 Polio
1 Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria & Pertussis) - 2 Varicella - 5 DTP - 2 MMR

Children's Immunization Program

Porter County Health Dept. Information

This program provides childhood vaccines to children 0-18 years of age. We continue to offer vaccines to all children regardless of their insurance status.

We vaccinate:

Uninsured children

Underinsured children

Children insured by a publicly funded program
(*Medicaid, Hoosier Health Wise*)

American Indian and Alaskan Native children

Children insured by private insurance

(*whether it pays some or all of the fees for vaccination*)

To schedule an appointment, please call:

Valparaiso Office: 219-465-3525

Porter County Administration Building

155 Indiana Ave., Suite 104

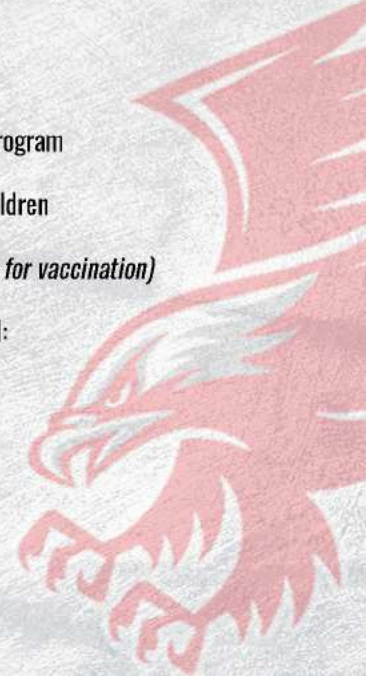
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Portage Office: 219-759-8239

North County Gov't. Complex

3560 Willowcreek Rd.

Portage, IN 46368



SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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Vice President: Gerald S. Michalak
Secretary: Keith P. Buchanan
Member: Thomas J. Fry
Member: John J. Nilsen

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@hebronmshawks
@hebronhshawks

REGULAR SCHOOL DAY TIMES

High School: 7:45 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.
Middle School: 7:50 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
Elementary School: 8:20 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.

LATE-START WEDNESDAY TIMES*

High School: 8:05 a.m. - 2:35 p.m.
Middle School: 8:10 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
Elementary School: 8:30 a.m. - 3:05 p.m.
*First late-start Wednesday is Aug. 21st

QUESTIONS? FEEDBACK?

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2019-2020 IMPORTANT DATES

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AUGUST

14th (Wed.) - First Student Day
21st (Wed.) - First Late-Start Wednesday

SEPTEMBER

2nd (Mon.) - Labor Day - No School
25th (Wed.) - E-learning Day

OCTOBER

21st (Mon.) - Parent/Teacher Conferences*
22nd (Tues.) - Parent/Teacher Conferences*
*Elementary students dismiss at 2:00 p.m. both days
24th (Th.) - 25th (Fri.) Fall Break - No School

NOVEMBER

27th (Wed.) - 29th (Fri.) - Thanksgiving Break - No School

DECEMBER

20th (Fri.) End of 1st Semester
23rd (Mon.) - Christmas Break Begins - No School

JANUARY

6th (Mon.) - School Resumes
20th (Mon.) - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

FEBRUARY

14th (Fri.) - Make-up Day if needed OR No School
17th (Mon.) - President's Day - No School

MARCH

23rd (Mon.) - 27th (Fri.) Spring Break - No School
30th (Mon.) - School Resumes

APRIL

13th (Mon.) - Easter Weekend - No School

MAY

25th (Mon.) - Memorial Day - No School
27th (Wed.) Last Student Day/End of 2nd Semester

JUNE

4th (Thurs.) - Graduation

Do you think you received this newsletter by mistake? Bridges is designed for all taxpayers that reside within the Metropolitan School District of Boone Township. However, on the north and west side of the school corporation there are two locations where the postal routes wander outside of the district. Since bulk mail is the most cost effective way to send this newsletter, and since the entire postal route has to be included, we have chosen to mail to those outlying routes. We hope that you will enjoy Bridges anyway. If not, please pass it on to someone who may enjoy it.