



# HUDSON EXPLORERS CONNECT

News and Updates from the Hudson City School District

WINTER 2024

## BOE Members Sworn Into Office

The three Hudson Board of Education members who were elected into office in November 2023 were sworn into office at the organizational meeting on January 8th. **Tom Tobin** and **Laura Jones** were each elected to four-year terms, while **Mark Dzurec** was elected to complete the remainder of the term left vacant by Dave Zuro, which expires at the end of 2025.

Steve DiMauro will continue to serve as BOE President, with Alisa Wright in the Vice President role. The complete list of Board meetings for 2024 can be found on the district's website at [hudson.k12.oh.us.com](http://hudson.k12.oh.us.com)

**Hudson Treasurer Phillip Butto leads the swearing-in ceremony for the three elected BOE members.**



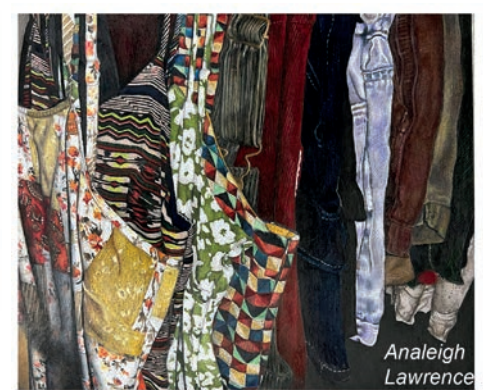
## Hudson High School Students Earn Art Awards

Congratulations to 11 Hudson High School students who recently received a total of 16 Gold and Silver Key Awards in the 2024 Scholastic Art Competition for the Northeast Ohio Central Art Region. The award-winning works of art were on display at the Kent State University Stark Campus for several weeks.

will now have their work judged nationally. The winners from the national competition will be announced in the spring. The Scholastic Art Awards are the longest-running recognition program for creative teenagers across the United States.

The students who received awards are: **Ruveyda Baysal**, **Rowan Cahalane**, **Evian Czirok**, **Eila Friel**, **Madelyn Hamm**, **Alison Knauf**, **Analeigh Lawrence**, **Audra Lozina**, **Elli Serafimov**, **Kaylei Smith** and **Lily Zhang**.

Those who received Gold Keys in the regional competitions



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## Hudson City Schools Foundation's "Day of Giving"

The Hudson City Schools Foundation is hosting its inaugural Giving Day on March 1, 2024.

The Foundation supports the school district by enhancing the student experience in the areas of Academics, the Arts, and Athletics. Donors will have the opportunity to designate which area their monetary gift will be used for in the future.



**GIVING DAY**

Friday, March 1, 2024



## Calling the Class of 2037

**Kindergarten registration is underway for children ready to be part of the Class of 2037!**

In order to register for kindergarten for the 2024-25 school year, the student must be five-years-old by September 30, 2024. Hudson City Schools offers both half-day and full-day kindergarten.

In order to register, please complete the necessary information, which can be found on the district website home page at [www.hudson.k12.oh.us](http://www.hudson.k12.oh.us). Those who have registered will receive an email after March 8th with information about kindergarten screenings. Kindergarten Parent Orientation is scheduled for April 17, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at Hudson Middle School.



**SCAN TO REGISTER ONLINE**

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## Treasurer's Office

Property Tax Bills have been mailed by the Summit County Fiscal Office. Although you won't see it on the face of the bill, the new 5.5 mill operating levy is included. To see the detailed breakdown, including the new levy, please **scan code below** or **visit** <https://fiscaloffice.summitoh.net>.

Once you find your property, click on Tax Distribution. You will notice the new 5.5 mill operating levy has actually been immediately reduced to 4.36 mills, due to the increase in property values for 2023.

As expressed during the levy campaign, the district cannot collect additional taxes on voted levies due to inflationary increases in property values.



**Scan to access Summit County Property Tax and Appraisals**

## East Woods Intermediate Students Celebrate 1,000 Days of School

Fifth-grade students at East Woods Intermediate celebrated their 1,000th day of school since beginning kindergarten.

There were several activities to mark the special event on January 31st, including a photo background to take pictures and a 1,000 link paper chain in the hallway. On each link, students wrote something they had learned during their time at school.

Students also wrote a letter to their future selves for 1,000 days from now, when they are juniors in high school.



A group of 5th grade students pose with Superintendent Dana Addis on their 1,000th day of school.



## Hudson Middle School Students Compete in Annual Spelling Bee

Hudson Middle School 7th grade student **Rithi Hegde** emerged the winner of the annual school Spelling Bee earlier this month, while **Emma Liu** was the runner-up.

Rithi correctly spelled “subsumed” in Round 13, followed by “peculiar” in Round 14, to earn the Champion title. She will compete in an online competition at the end of February in an attempt to earn a spot at the Regional Spelling Bee in Akron, which takes place in March.

We wish Rithi the best of luck!



## Hudson High School Students Assist First-Graders with Critical Thinking

First-grade students at Ellsworth Hill Elementary spent part of their Portrait of an Explorer “Critical Thinking” Day in January with high school students.

A group of HHS leaders, who are part of Hudson Community First, worked with first graders on challenging activities, such as STEM block designs. Hudson City Schools has six days each year to work on the characteristics of the Portrait of an Explorer. They are: engaged collaborator, ethical citizen, empathetic contributor, lifelong learner, adaptive problem solver, and critical thinker.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 2, 2024

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The 67th annual PTO Pancake Breakfast is the first Saturday in March from 8 a.m. to noon. Join us for great food, entertainment, children’s games, artwork and raffle prizes!



This is the PTO’s biggest fundraiser of the year.

Tickets on sale now: [hudsonpto.org](http://hudsonpto.org)



March 16, 2024

### NIGHT AT THE RACES

The Hudson Athletic Booster Club 2024 Night at the Races will take place at the Lake Forest Country Club, beginning at 6 p.m.

The evening includes dinner, drinks, virtual horse racing, silent auction, and more! The money raised is used for the annual uniform fund, annual scholarships, and the grant fund.

Tickets on sale now: [hudsonboosterclub.org](http://hudsonboosterclub.org)

## KEEPING UP with HUDSON ALUMNI



Are you a former Hudson Explorer looking to stay in touch with the HCSD?

Please take a few minutes to complete the new alumni contact form, which can be found on the homepage of the district website or by scanning the QR code below. There are just a few easy questions, and you can let us know if you would like to attend alumni events or serve as a mentor for students. We look forward to connecting!



Scan for access to the new Hudson Alumni Contact Form

330.653.1495 [www.hudson.k12.oh.us](http://www.hudson.k12.oh.us)

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