



HUDSON EXPLORERS CONNECT

News and Updates from the Hudson City School District

FALL 2022

Portrait of an Explorer Days

A new districtwide initiative is underway for the 2022-23 school year called Portrait of an Explorer Days.

In 2019, a group of stakeholders involving staff, students, parents, and community members developed a vision of competencies our students should possess in order to be competent, contributing members of our ever-changing world. The six pillars on the Portrait of an Explorer are: Adaptive Problem Solver, Critical Thinker, Ethical Citizen, Lifelong Learner, Engaged Collaborator, and Empathetic Contributor.

Throughout this school year, six days have been earmarked to focus on one of each of the six characteristics. On October 7th, students took part in various exercises that demonstrated what it means to be an Adaptive Problem Solver. East Woods Intermediate had a school wide assembly, led by Superintendent Dana Addis. The activities for students will be dependent on their teachers and grade levels. All students and staff are encouraged to wear their Portrait of An Explorer shirts during these special days this school year.



Class of 2023 Boasts 22 National Merit Scholars

Congratulations to the 22 Hudson High School seniors who received this prestigious honor!

Five received the National Merit Semifinalist status. They are: Vivien Wang, Anthony Yuhos, Angela Wang, Easton Rowell and Elise Taylor. Students recognized as Semifinalists are among the top one-percent in the nation, based on their PSAT scores. These five academically talented students will now compete to be Finalists. If recognized as a Finalist, they may receive one of the 7,500 scholarships available through the National Merit Scholarship program.

The other 17 seniors honored have been recognized as Commended Scholars, and rank among the top three to four percent of students in the country based on their PSAT scores. The students are: Akito Gogusoglu, Grace Baldwin, Lindsey Tima, Caroline Bird, Shilpa Gopal, Alice Xu, Graham Stec, Megan Petrik, Jeremy Lavoie, Matthew Morgan, Grant Putnam, Brendan Ashurst, Erin McKeon, Ben Backlin, Alex Chen and Luke Kremser. (Missing from photo is Evan Imes.)



Welcome to the first edition of our district newsletter!

You will receive a copy each fall, winter, and spring highlighting happenings within Hudson City Schools.

New State Report Cards Released

In September, the Ohio Department of Education released the 2022 Local Report Cards. For the past two years, ODE has been working to revise the state report card, with districts now receiving stars versus letter grades. When ranked by Performance Index, Hudson City Schools ranked 25th out of 607 public school districts in the state.

"We are incredibly proud of our students and staff members," said Hudson Superintendent Dana Addis. "Even through the pandemic, our school community worked hard, which is evident by the results of the state report card. Although we are pleased by the recent results, we also take great pride in all the other ways we assist our students to grow and excel."



For more information on the results, visit <https://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Data/Report-Card-Resources>.

McDowell Early Learning Earns Tree Campus Distinction



The Arbor Day Foundation has awarded McDowell Early Learning with the Tree Campus K-12 Distinction. The program honors schools that demonstrate an outstanding commitment to nature-based education.

McDowell, which is the Pre K and K building, was one of 70 schools across 31 states to receive the recognition. The Tree Campus K-12 program launched last year to encourage educators to create meaningful opportunities for students to interact with nature, which is shown to improve mental and physical health.

CAMPUS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY

This fall, we premiered our district video, showcasing what makes the HCSD one of the top schools in the state.



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Celebrating Charlotte's Web Day at Ellsworth Hill Elementary



Six Alumni Join Distinguished Hall of Fame

Six new alumni were welcomed into the district’s Distinguished Hall of Fame in September. The six individuals were selected by the Hudson Schools Foundation committee for their outstanding professional achievement. They are:

Betty Banks-Burke,
Served Hudson Schools
1973-2016, Business Teacher

Emily Mugler, Class of 2002
Neuroengineer–Brain Interface
Computer Researcher

David Russell, Class of 1973
Tour Manager, Major Rock-n-
Roll Groups (posthumously)

Harvey Shumaker,
Served Hudson Schools
1960-1984
Teacher (posthumously)

Joseph P. Siegferth Jr.,
Served Hudson Schools
1974-2004, Superintendent

Barb Breedon VanBlarcum,
Class of 1977,
HCTV Program Manager



The new inductees were honored with a luncheon at Hudson High School on September 9th, followed by an on-field appearance at the Friday night football game. The following morning, inductees and their families enjoyed breakfast at HHS, followed by the official induction ceremony in the media center.

Congratulations to all on this terrific achievement!

Youth Motivational Speaker Visits HMS

Youth motivational speaker **David Flood** visited Hudson Middle School in October and spoke with students about kindness and empathy. Flood has traveled the country speaking to thousands of students, inspiring them to look at people through a different lens. Throughout his talks, he shared experiences about his son who has autism to address how communities can be more inclusive.

Flood’s visit to Hudson was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. We are grateful to the Kiwanis and their support of our students’ well-being.

Hudson Alumni Enjoy Tailgate

After a two-year hiatus, the Alumni Tailgate event was back in full swing on October 7th at Malson Athletic Center. Alumni were invited to enjoy an evening of complementary food with a chance to win a basket of Hudson swag, and to reminisce about their time in Hudson City Schools. The event coincided with the football game for Homecoming Weekend.

An estimated 200 people attended the three-hour event, with many from the classes of ‘82 and ‘92 who were in town for their class reunions. We extend a big thank you to the local restaurants and vendors who donated food and other items to make our alumni event a success!



Athletics Has Stellar Fall Season



Hudson’s fall sports teams have had a very successful season! The Girls Tennis Team won the Suburban League Championship at the end of September, followed a few days later by our Boys Golf Team capturing its own Suburban League Title. In mid-October, our Boys Soccer Team and the Girls Cross Country Team both earned Suburban League titles back-to-back. Congratulations to our athletes and coaches on these incredible accomplishments!

At the time of this printing, our Boys Varsity Football Team had just captured the Suburban League Title with an undefeated 10-0 season. We wish the team the best of luck as they head into the playoffs!

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