



# Haslett Public Schools

## Haslett Happenings Around the District

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**NO SCHOOL**  
**February 16-19, 2024**

## Haslett High School: A Unified Mission

Haslett High School is in its 8th year of Unified Sports and Physical Education. A Unified Sports Program is one that joins people with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team/classes.

Haslett High School offers Unified Sports for our students in several athletic areas. Currently, HHS offers bowling, flag football, basketball, bocce ball, and soccer. All of the sports compete in local and state level competitions.

As part of the high school curriculum, Haslett High School offers Unified Physical Education. Unified Physical Education provides a unique opportunity for students with and without disabilities to come together through ongoing educational and physical activities. The Unified course is structured around the National Physical Education Standards and grade-level outcomes, which includes gaining the knowledge and skills necessary to maintain a health-enhancing level of fitness. Additionally, the class supports the development of leadership skills for all students and the empowerment of ALL students to foster an inclusive class and school-wide environment. Unified Physical Education courses can be a gateway for further participation in Special Olympics programs and events.

In 2021, Haslett High School received National Unified Champion School Recognition from Special Olympics. In order to receive this honor, a school must have Inclusive Student Leadership, Unified Sports, and Whole School Engagement. The recognition was a way for HHS to show how students with disabilities are welcomed and meaningfully included in all school activities, opportunities, and functions. In addition to this award, Haslett High School was also named a 2022 ESPN Honor Roll School for its efforts in promoting an inclusive school culture for students with intellectual disabilities. Haslett was the only school to earn this recognition in 2022.

Special Olympics has made much of the progress and success at HHS possible through partnerships and funding. Haslett High School's Unified Program participates in Capitol Day to speak with legislators about continued funding. The discretionary funding is only a part of the money provided each year. Haslett High School hosted a Polar Plunge last March, which helped to raise \$20,000 for Special Olympics of Michigan. This was a fun event that took place in the high school parking lot and was enjoyed by high school and middle school staff and students. Haslett High School was recently asked to participate in Capitol Hill Day in Washington, D.C., to speak with legislators at the federal level. Gabi Lofton, Adam Fisher, Caleb Fisher, and Annika Bullough will be taking part in this exciting opportunity during the first week of February 2024.

### Upcoming Calendar Events

#### January 20

MSVMA Choir Solo & Ensemble (Leslie)

#### January 22

Board of Education Meeting (7 PM)

HS Band Solo & Ensemble Workshop (3 PM)

#### January 24

HS Student of the Month (7:15 AM)

#### January 25

NWEA Testing

#### January 26

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#### January 27

Science Olympiad Tournament

#### January 30

MS Parent Common Council (5 PM)

MS Conferences (3-5 PM and 5:30-7 PM)

#### February 1

MS Conferences (3-5 PM and 5:30-7 PM)

Band Boosters (6 PM - HS Media Center)

#### February 2

MS Student of the Month (7:40 AM)

#### February 3

MSBOA Band District Solo & Ensemble

#### February 5

Ralya Food Bank Cereal Drive Begins

HS Band Festival Clinic (4-8 PM - PAC)



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