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Mr. Matthew White, Superintendent

As we close the chapter on another successful school year, I want to extend my sincere congratulations to the Hopewell-Loudon Class of 2026. This exceptional group of graduates has certainly etched its place in school history through its accomplishments, leadership, school spirit, and commitment to excellence. We are proud of each graduate and look forward to seeing the impact they will make in their future endeavors.

We have had a very busy start to the summer with personnel changes and the hiring process. We would like to recognize and thank several dedicated staff members who have retired from Hopewell-Loudon Schools this school year: Jen Puffenburger, 2nd Grade Teacher; Sue Bodart, Librarian; Mary Mora, Paraprofessional; Ken Burns, Custodian; Kerry Brickner, Maintenance; and Rick Renz, 7-12 Principal. Each of these individuals has made meaningful contributions to our students, staff, and school community. We are grateful for their years of service and wish them nothing but success, happiness, and fulfillment in their future endeavors. As we move forward, we are working diligently to fill these important positions with outstanding individuals who will continue the tradition of excellence at Hopewell-Loudon.

While students and staff enjoy a well-deserved summer break, our work continues across the district. Several important maintenance and improvement projects are underway to ensure our facilities remain safe, welcoming, and conducive to learning. One of the most exciting developments is the groundbreaking of our new athletic building at the track facility. This project represents a significant investment in our student-athletes and our community, and we look forward to sharing progress updates throughout the summer. In addition, painting and maintenance projects will be taking place throughout our buildings as we prepare for the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

I am also excited to announce that on August 14, Hopewell-Loudon Schools will host the Hopewell-Loudon Alumni Banquet in our auditorium. Following the banquet, we will officially kick off a capital campaign to raise additional funds for the next phase of our facilities improvement plan, which includes relocating the current football field to the track complex. This project is an important component of our five-year strategic facilities plan and represents a significant investment in the future of our students and community. We invite all alumni, families, community members, and supporters of Hopewell-Loudon Schools to join us at 7:00 p.m. at the current track and future athletic complex to learn more about the project and the vision for the future of our district.

As always, I want to thank our students, staff, families, Board of Education, and community members for their continued support of Hopewell-Loudon Schools. The success of our district is a direct result of the strong partnerships we share and the collective belief that Excellence is the Standard in all that we do.

I hope each of you enjoys a safe, relaxing, and outstanding summer. We look forward to welcoming our students back in September for another great school year.



JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL



[Hopewell-Loudon JR/SRHigh](#)

Mr. Rick Renz, JR/SR High Principal



As we wrap up another successful school year at Hopewell-Loudon, I would like to thank our students, staff, parents, and community for their continued support throughout the year. It has been a year filled with accomplishments, memorable experiences, and opportunities for growth.

Upcoming Dates

- Monday, August 24, 2026 – Back to School Night for incoming students in grades 7-12, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, September 2, 2026 – First Day of Classes for the 26-27 School Year
- Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27, 2026 – Thanksgiving Break
- Wednesday, December 23, 2026 – Monday, January 4, 2027 – Christmas Break
- Friday, March 26 – Monday, March 29, 2027 – Spring Break
- Friday, May 21, 2027 – Graduation Practice
- Sunday, May 23, 2027 – Graduation Day

We held our Graduation Ceremony on Sunday, May 17, honoring the Class of 2026. This year's valedictorians were Emily Arbogast, Anna Bloom, Jack Colatruglio, and Caitlyn Faber. The ceremony was a wonderful celebration of our graduates' accomplishments and featured outstanding performances by the Hopewell-Loudon Band. Congratulations to all of our graduates, and best wishes as they begin the next chapter of their lives!

The morning after graduation, our 8th grade students departed on a four-day educational trip to Washington, D.C. During the trip, students had the opportunity to visit many historic and meaningful locations including the Capitol Building, Mount Vernon, the Flight 93 Memorial in Shanksville, Pennsylvania, Ford's Theatre, the Holocaust Museum, and Arlington National Cemetery for the Changing of the Guard ceremony. It was an outstanding experience for our students, and we received numerous compliments from tour guides, drivers, and security staff regarding the behavior and character of our students. We are very proud of the way they represented Hopewell-Loudon.

As we close another school year, we would also like to express our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to Mrs. Sue Bodart for her many years of dedicated service to Hopewell-Loudon. Her commitment to students and staff has made a lasting impact on our school community. We wish her a happy and well-deserved retirement.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the Hopewell-Loudon community for allowing me the opportunity to serve as JR/SR High School Principal over the past three years. It has truly been a privilege to work with such outstanding students, staff, and families. As I retire and move on to my next chapter, I wish everyone continued success in the future. Thank you for the memories, support, and friendships that I will always cherish.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

HONOR ROLL- 4th QUARTER

4.0 Honor Roll:

7th Grade: Kelsey Brickner, Sierra Gomez, Beckham Hall, Emery Hoover, London Hosman, Alivia Huber, Ellie Matthews, Adriana Perkins, Oscar Schlenker, Charlotte Tanner, Mason Wertz

8th Grade: Cameron Bodart, Noah Bowman, Bryler Brickman, Sarah Fitzpatrick, Avery May, Timber Neller, Mia Smith, Brendan Vogel

9th Grade: Elijah Beidelschies, Ellie Bloom, Ian Bloom, Kenzie Caldwell, Gage Fruth, Nolan Hampton, Sarah Jordan, Drake Stacy, Demi Wilt

10th Grade: Rion Biddle, Lily Brickner, Berlynn Goeller, Collin Link, Hudson Schmidutz, Hunter Schroth, Avery Sendelbach, Dexter Stacy, Aubrie Tiell

11th Grade: Erin Daniel, Roman Esnard, Gabriel Faber, Hailey Hunt

12th Grade: Mylie Alt, Emily Arbogast, Oliver Beidelschies, Anna Bloom, Emma Boes, Hollie Bozo, Jack Colatruglio, Laura Cook, Caitlin Faber, Alexander Fitzpatrick, Madison Holcomb, Chase Huber, Noah Kelbley, Logan Lust, Sofia Paradiso, Izabella Tiell, Kara Wyman

3.5-3.9 Honor Roll:

7th Grade: Tenley Bolduan, Brynn Brickner, Clara Brickner, Grayson Brickner, Brady Dewald, Genesis Dull, Peyton Flemings, Joseph Foster, Allison Hartman, Olivia Hayes, Braxtyn Hossler, Emylia Morgan, Lydia Morgan, Emma Phebus, Jaxson Phounsavath, Uriah Risner, Molly Schalk, Gavin Spires

8th Grade: Hudson Alt, Kourynn Beebe, Lillian Betzold, Alexandria Biddle, Madisyn Brown, William Colatruglio, Cara Cook, Brady Coppus, Sydney Esnard, Paeton Everly, Sidnee Ewald, Matilyn Flemings, Airianna Frederick, Adalyn Haugh, Parker Hintze, Quinn Kleba, Cipriana Kuebler, Carson Lee, Amelia Martin, Sidney Morgan, Clara Nelson, Corbon Nye, Elizabeth Richardson, Michael Schumm, Kyla Snyder, Kaison Tippin

9th Grade: Braelyn Althaus, Michael Barrick, Keagan Beebe, Elsie Cox, Ceillia Crow, Adalyn Crow, Molly Daniel, Mia Dorsey, Matthew Faber, Maveric Flory, Ava Foos, Kian Hammer, Isabelle Holguin, Lexxie Hosman, Adrienne Lucius, Madisyn Lust, Trey Martin, Cristopher Muhammad, Zoey Perkins, Gavin Phounsavath, Jaclyn Rowe, Emery Siebenaller, Adalynn Smith

10th Grade: Karmella Aldrich, Reese Alt, Madelyn Bozo, Hayden Bridinger, Noah Brown, Kenedy Clark, Brooke Clouse, Kinley Combs, Emma Foster, Claire Hall, Pierson Hoy, Samuel Humphrey, Chasity Keckler, Brayson Leiter, Chloe Magers, Persilla Ragle, Braylon Ramirez, Emily Roberts, Collin Roop, Wyatt Schindorff, Aubrey Schumm, Asher Smith, Madeline Smith, Riot Smith, Gracelyn Spires

11th Grade: Miranda Audritsh, Olivia Audritsh, Brayden Bernal, Kylee Betzold, Taylor Bohlen, Kelsey Brendle, Brody Brickman, Aubrey Cline, Emily Cooper, Abigail Cox, Alexis Fedele, Kellen Frankart, Grace Hintze, Brody Kidd, Ashton Miller, Tabitha Neller, Isaac Nelson, Sincer Oates, Colton Randall, Chase Rogier, Mallory Rowe, Calvin Scherf, Cheyenne Schmitz, Karsyn Snyder, Araceli Velasquez, Katherine Wagner, Maizey Walter

12th Grade: Hannah Bolduan, Urban Elchert, Aiden Ewald, Emily Flores, Vincent Fruth, Patrick Heckler, Isaiah Hook, Brock Huber, Joshua Huffman, Ethan Link, Elijah Lucius, Matthew Mawhirter, Emily Reinhart, Wyatt Reinhart, Judah Risner, Brennan Schmidutz, Emma Sheets, Zander Singrey, Arianna Smith, Keagan Sutter

3.0-3.49 Honor Roll:

7th Grade: Sylas Birch, Anastasia Borer, Aubrey Heil, Levi Holman, Cole Oakleaf, Kennedy Smith, Isabella Snyder, Alyvia Stahl, Brooklyn Stump, Corbyn Thomas

8th Grade: Bella Berryman, Gavin Butturff, Alice Coble, Carson Fuhrer, Landon Grine, Michael Huffman, Weston Kerschner, McKella Kimmet, Evan Moomey, Kaiden Picciuto, Natalie Wildhart, Noah Workley

9th Grade: William Berg, Chace Carrel, Abigail Counts, Lyla Dull, Brandon Fitzpatrick, Jasmin Flores, Arianna Fredritz, Makenna Holcomb, Misael Olvera, Mackenzie Rano, Colton Reinhart, Colton Stevenson

10th Grade: Alyssa Clinger, Rayah Dewees, Alayna Fetro, Layne Flemings, Andrew Fox, Reece Heckler, Nehemiah Hill, Liam Hodge, Seth Hoover, Avary Elizabeth Hoyer, Lexi Johnson, Weston Nye, Fernando Olvera, Shawn Pierce, Parker Reinhart, Aubrey Schreiner, Abigail Tiell, Peyton Wildhart, Zane Wilson

11th Grade: Megan Boes, Jacoby Ellis, Joseph Ewald, Tristan Flory, Haedyn Garcia, Lauren McCartney, Adrian Ponn, Braelynn Root-Sumi, Katelynn Schneiderman, Aubrey Showman, Maxwell Steinhauer, Cailee Urban

12th Grade: Taven Aldred, Jaysin Cramer, Scarlett Dell, Alanna England, Savanah Ley, Luca SanGregory, Ayden Smith, Havic Smith, Avalyn Stout, Scott Turco, Faith Whitaker

ELEMENTARY

 [Hopewell-Loudon Elementary](#)

Mrs. Kendra Nelson, Elementary Principal



Happy summer from the Elementary! We wrapped up an exciting end of the school year with many celebrations. We celebrated our achievement of earning Lighthouse Status through Leader in Me. Lighthouse Certification is a highly regarded standard that is attainable by every Leader in Me School. It is a global standard of excellence and quality for implementation of Leader in Me and recognizes outstanding achievement in the areas of leadership, culture and academics. These schools have developed a strong leadership system and serve as great examples to their community. They have experienced significant measurable results, aligned to their goals, through implementation of the principles and practices in Leader in Me. Thank you to all staff, students, and families for all of their help with this great achievement. We celebrated this great accomplishment with a building-wide bounce house celebration

We celebrated our Pre-K students with a graduation ceremony. Our Prek-3 students celebrated the end of the year with a track and field day set up by Mr. Ream. The 4th-6th graders celebrated the end of the year with the Paul Jones Memorial annual Track Meet hosted by Mr. Ream and Mr. Rohrer. Classes also enjoyed trips to the park, fire station, and I.C. Treats for year-end celebrations.

The end of the year has brought a lot of changes throughout the elementary. We are wishing Mrs. Bodart and Mrs. Puffenberger well in their new adventures of retirement. We are saying goodbye to Mrs. White as she moves on to new adventures with her daughter in coaching volleyball. We are saying goodbye to Mrs. Frankart as our elementary secretary. She is moving to the high school side of the building as the new athletic trainer. We are welcoming Mrs. Eva Kapelka as our new elementary secretary. She comes to us from the world of HR. We are welcoming Mrs. Janelle Hall to 2nd grade from being an intervention specialist. We are welcoming Ms. Bridget Piotter as our Student Services Director. She is coming to us from NCOESC. She has worked with us over the years as our school psychologist. We are welcoming Mrs. Leanne Keckler to our K-3 Cross-Categorical Unit intervention specialist. She is coming to us from the School of Opportunity. We are welcoming Mr. Kade Nelson as our 4-6 Cross-Categorical Unit intervention specialist. He is coming to us from Heidelberg University. We are welcoming Ms. Zoe Kent as a new intervention specialist. We are welcoming Mrs. Kaitlyn Hoyer as our new library paraprofessional. She is coming to us from the 7-12 study hall position. We are welcoming several new paraprofessionals to the elementary. They are Rene Nesselhauf, Nicole Schreiner, and Hannah Schreiner. We are also saying good bye to Mrs. Kelcey Willman. She was an intervention specialist. We are currently searching for a teacher to fill her position.

I would like to close this elementary section of the newsletter with my gratitude for the last nine years. I have absolutely loved working with all the staff, students, and families while in the Elementary Principal role. I have accepted the JH/HS Principal position. Working at H-L is so unique, I don't have to say goodbye. I'll be able to support and cheer for the elementary from the other side of the building. I'm looking forward to working with the students, staff and families on the JH/HS side of the building.

The JH/HS side of the building is seeing some changes as well. We are wishing Mr. Renz well in all of his new adventures in retirement. We are saying goodbye to Ms. Rajner, 7-12 ELA, we wish her well in her new adventures. We are welcoming Mr. Josh Miller to the ELA position. Prior to graduating from college, Mr. Miller served our country in the military. We are welcoming Mrs. Sarah Depinet to the study hall monitor position. She is coming to us from the VA.

There has been a lot to celebrate in the high school this spring. Our High School Concert Band earned a Superior (I) rating at OMEA State Competition. This is the first time in at least 25 years. If anyone knows any other times the concert band received a superior rating, please let Mr. Nelson know. We'd like to share our excitement for our students who competed in the Skills USA Competition they were: Havic Smith, Calvin Scherf, Berlynn Goeller, Alanee Huber, Eli Lucius, and Cheyenne Schmitz. Eli Lucius placed 3rd in Skills USA for carpentry. We also sent 3 Chieftains to the OHSA State Track Meet. Ellie Bloom competed in the High Jump, Lily Brickner competed in long jump, and Aiden Ewald earned a 2nd place finish in discuss and a 3rd place finish in the shotput. We are so proud of the accomplishments of all of our students. Finally, we wish our 71 High School Graduates all the best in their future endeavors.

Please mark your calendar for our Back to School events. Our 7-12 Back to School event will be Monday 8/24, from 4-6 pm. The Elementary Back to School Event will be on Monday 8/31, time TBD. The new elementary principal will determine the times. Please watch the Elementary Facebook page and the Jr/Sr High Facebook pages for updates about the upcoming school year. Have a fun and safe summer!

ELEMENTARY

HONOR ROLL- 4th QUARTER

All A's Honor Roll

4th Grade: Hattie Brickner, Makenna Brickner, Emersyn Brown, Beau Daniel, Emery Frankart, Eastyn Hossler, Landyn Joseph, Kelcey Kessler, Ryker Kleba, Grace Lepper, Luke Mass, Thorton Nye, Harper Price, Samantha Ragle, Adalynn Somers, Maia Spridgeon, Lane Stacy, Liam Steward, Sophia Tiell, Shania Vogel, Waylon Zirke

5th Grade: Miranda Arbogast, Adeline Brickner, Carly Brickner, Dagny Carpenter, Seth Carpenter, Jett Combs, Allison McCartney, Brantley Ranieri

6th Grade: Abigail Arnold, William Arnold, Kendall Bodart, Jacob Borer, Corbin Bowen, Lilah Bowman, Brynn Brickman, Wyatt Brickner, Dalton Coppus, Cael Frederick, Cassandra Fruth, Dax Livoti, Andie Ray, Madison Rogier, Brinlee Smith, Delsin Smith, Jacob Smith, Jackson Swain

All A's and B's Honor Roll

4th Grade: Hunter Adams, Zaden Agaba, Kelsey Arnold, Irish Baugher, Asher Berridge, Logan Brickner, Hannah Clark, Jay Cooper, Jonathan Heckler, Lincoln Holman, Lacey Hosman, Keayrie Jackson, Braxton Lang, Parker Lang, Kapree Leiter, Andrew Lucius, Brentley Nye, Payton Parrott, Audra Posey, Sawyer Price, Emerson Robbins, Lucy Romig, Lane Tiell, Elise Weaver

5th Grade: Bexley Alt, Aaralyn Baxter, Hadley Bower, Roman Brickner, Vance Darr, Colton Dull, Sadie Dunlap, Tanner Husk, Michael Jones, Alayah Leiter, Aubrey Liebisch, Jaxon Martinez, Anneliese McKelvey, Charlee Pace, Levi Popenberg, Sloan Posey, Maggie Ray, Layla Reinhart, Jael Risner, Lilly Schalk, Amos Schreiner, Brayson Snavely, Kinley Vanover, Destiny Wilcox

6th Grade: Brinlee Banks, Calum Baxter, Ellie Bomer, Gentry Brickner, Reese Bryant, Addison Campbell, Owyn Darr, Rilyn Duncan, Avah Everly, Natalie Flores, Mikayla Fredritz, Lydia Heckler, Alivia Huber, Annelise Lucius, Makenna May, Dana Portentoso, Easton Posey, Nealie Ranieri, Aubrey Rennels, Dylan Schumm, Bailey Seery, Lucas Simmons, Brody Snyder, Zendaya Stanfield, Aria Stuttler, Magdalyn Waldon, Harper Wilt

ATHLETICS

Spring Recap

As the Athletic year winds down we would like to thank all of our fans for all of their support of our athletes and coaches this past year. Spring sports have wrapped up for the year. The baseball team finished 20-7, winning at least 20 games for the third year in a row and finishing 2nd in the SBC River. Our Softball team finished 13-14 and ended as the District Runner-Up. Our Boys and Girls Track teams both advanced several athletes to the Regional meet. Lily Brickner qualified for State in the long jump and Ellie Bloom placed 12th in the high jump. Aiden Ewald was the Regional champion in the Shot Put and finished 3rd in the State meet. This result will put Aiden up on our Wall of Fame for the 2nd time. He also advanced to the State meet in the Discus and finished 2nd in the State for the 2nd year in a row. We would also like to thank all of our seniors for the time they committed to our school the past 4 years and wish them luck as they graduate from Hopewell-Loudon.

End of Year Athletic Awards

HL Outstanding Scholastic Senior Athletes

A Scholar Athlete Award in competitive sports is awarded to the senior boy and senior girl who participated and lettered in two (2) or more different sports during their senior year and who has achieved the highest academic average over his and her four year high school career. This year's winners were Emily Arbogast and Jack Colatruglio.

HL Outstanding Senior Athletes

The Outstanding Senior Athlete Award will be given to the senior boy and senior girl who have been nominated by their Coach and voted on by all head coaches. This year's winners of the HL Outstanding Senior Athlete Award were Kara Wyman and Jack Colatruglio.

OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award

The OHSAA Scholar Athlete Award is awarded to a senior male and female student at every high school in the state of Ohio. The award is presented to the student with the highest scholastic average who has also received a minimum of 4 varsity letters in all sports combined. The winners of the OHSAA Scholar Athlete Awards were Emily Arbogast and Jack Colatruglio.

Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Awards

The Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award is awarded to one male and one female who has displayed exemplary sportsmanship throughout their athletic careers. Athletes are nominated by their head coaches and then voted on by all head coaches. The winners of the Archie Griffin Sportsmanship Award were Madison Holcomb and Mason Reinhart.

NFHS Award of Excellence

The NFHS Award of Excellence is presented to students who have exhibited qualities that embody good citizenship, good moral character and good sporting behavior. Again these recipients were nominated by their head coaches and voted upon by all head coaches. The winners of the NFHS Award of excellence were Emily Arbogast, Judah Risner and Collin Smith.

Paul Dewald Award- Outstanding Male Athlete

Any male athlete in grades 9-12 may be nominated. Only head coaches of male athletes will nominate and vote. This award is given to the male athlete who the head coaches feel is the best male athlete. He must compete in two sports. The 2025-2026 winner of the Paul Dewald Award as the best male athlete is Aiden Ewald.

OHSAA Courageous Athlete Award-

The OHSAA Courageous Athlete award goes to an athlete that has overcome a physical disability, adverse situation or family issue. This year's winner is Oliver Beidelschies. Oliver has been a part of the HL basketball teams and softball teams, keeping stats, for all of his high school career.

Triple Threat Club- Seniors-

3 seniors played 3 sports all four years in High School: Madison Holcomb, Laura Cook and Kara Wyman

ATHLETICS

BOYS BASKETBALL

In the post-season this spring, HL boys' basketball held early morning shooting sessions and after school drills as well as open gyms. In addition, there are a variety of events scheduled over the summer including camps, weights, workouts, shoot-outs and competitive open gyms. Youth camp was held June 8, 9 and 10 at the school with a large number of participants and JH/HS players helping as community service. There is a high school group headed to Eastern Ohio Team Camp in mid-June.



Coach Roger Jury pictured with Oliver Beidelschies, Alanee Huber and Collin Smith (left to right).

Thanks to the players, coaches, parents, cheerleaders, fans, administration and school personnel for all the support this year and always! Congrats and good luck to our graduating seniors - Collin Smith, 25-26 team captain; Oliver Beidelschies, team statistician for four years; and Alanee Huber, team scorebook keeper for six years.

GROUPS

SADD

The HL SADD Group joined efforts with student council to promote spring and prom safety themes this spring. Just before prom, SADD asked Officer Brian Ruckstuhl, the HL School Resource Officer, to speak to the high school students in an afternoon assembly about distracted driving. Whether students are drivers or passengers in cars coming and going to school, activities, work, etc., all students need to understand the impact of distracted driving. Officer Brian spoke for almost an hour to a very attentive audience on his personal experiences in his

years of police service as well as a few videos and

other documents to get the points across. SADD officers introduced Officer Brian and thanked him at the end of his talk. On another selected day, both SADD and student council members met with Officer Brian in the student parking lot before school to greet students as they arrived at school. They were looking for safe drivers and the use of seatbelts by all. It was a very pleasant surprise to find that 100% of our student drivers and passengers were wearing their seatbelts! Go Chieftains! We wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!

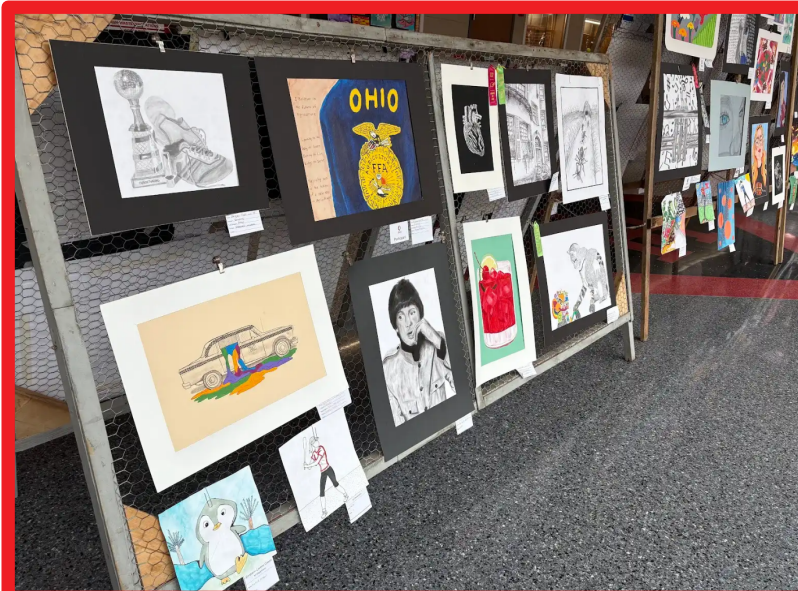


STUDENT COUNCIL

The JH/HS student council meets every month to keep planning events for the year. To finish up the year, we completed several activities. With the help of the National Honor Society, we were able to provide two - \$500 scholarships to HL graduates for the success of our two blood drives; the scholarships went to Alanee Huber and Chase Huber for their work over the years as volunteers in our blood drives and as active members of both HL Student Council and NHS! We also organized the annual HL Dodgeball Tournament which was in conjunction with the NHS Olympics this year. With the monies raised from the dodgeball team entrance fees and additional donations, we were able to collect \$400. This money will be used to buy some toys and supplies for our HL elementary student, Connor, who has cancer. We also held a Prom Spirit Week. We hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer - see you in the fall!

ART DEPT.

Art Highlights from Spring: Held Pop Up Art show week of May 5-11 in correlation with JH/ High School band/ choir performances. Advance Art student took a field trip to Ohio Youth Governor's Art Show & Otherworld: Immersive Art Experience in Columbus. The students are inspired & ready to create.



LIBRARY

Read All About It!

Another school year has come to a close. This one is bittersweet. As much as I have enjoyed working with the students and staff at H-L it is time to let someone else take the wheel and I am retiring.

The last few months have been very enjoyable. April was poetry month. Our K-6 students were given the opportunity to listen to and write a variety of poetry. K-1 listened to various poems, grade 2 wrote acrostics and made bookmarks, grade 3 wrote haikus and shared them with classmates, making pockets to store them in. Grade 4 wrote poetry and decorated their work. Grade 5 made kite images and wrote diamante poetry which they wrote on the kite. Grade 6 enjoyed making blackout poetry with pages of old books that had been damaged and were going to be discarded.

If you are unfamiliar with blackout poetry you may want to do a google search! Many types of books have been read to our students: wordless picture books, fairy tales, picture books, chapter books, historical fiction, non-fiction etc. There is so much available for our students. I believe that all students have the opportunity to find a book that will interest them and help in making them lifelong learners and readers. Our library has been a place where students not only read, but they create and use their imaginations with crafting supplies, brain games, play dough, building supplies, etc.

Some students have even written short stories that they illustrate and place on the shelves for other students to enjoy.

Hopewell-Loudon has been very good to the library. We have been given the finances to keep our materials up to date for all students K-12. Although access to the library has changed over the years, all of our students have had the opportunity to borrow books at their reading and interest level. With the many technological changes taking place around the world, science is noticing the great importance that actual books play in the lives of our students...not just elementary students but high school as well. During the first semester of the 2025-26 school year, 600 titles were checked out of the library by our 7-12 students. Due to the fact that K-6 has scheduled times in the library we see exponentially more titles checked out by these students. I appreciate the fact that our administration sees this value and continues to provide for our K-12 students.

Wishing you all a fabulous summer!

Happy reading!

Mrs. Suzann Bodart

Library Teacher



CAFETERIA

2026-2027 MEAL PRICES

Meal prices for the 26-27 school year:

Breakfast: K-12 \$2.00

Lunch: K-6 \$2.75, 7-12 \$3.00

MANAGING MEAL ACCOUNTS

We utilize PaySchools Central for online meal account management. If you haven't already, please visit www.payschoolscentral.com to create an account and add your students. **You will need the 9-digit student identification number found on final forms to be able to add your students** (new students and incoming Kindergarteners may not have a student identification number until August). From here, you will be able to view account activity and make payments. Note: Your students will have a 4-digit pin number they will use when they go through the line to purchase a meal or a la carte items. This pin number is the last 4-digits of their 9-digit student identification number.

FREE AND REDUCED MEAL APPLICATIONS:

All families are able to apply for free or reduced meals for the 2026-2027 school year **after July 1st, 2026**. We encourage you to apply online at www.payschoolscentral.com. Paper applications will also be available in the office, or you can print one off from the cafeteria page on the school website. Applications will not be available until **after July 1st**. Please check our website for more information. Thank you and have a great summer!

SUMMER MEALS

KIDS EAT FREE!

education.ohio.gov/KidsEat • 866-348-6479

• No Registration • Age 18 or Younger



This summer, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce is sponsoring SUN Meals, a summer food program where Kids Eat Free! All children ages 1 through 18 are eligible to receive free meals during the summer months at participating program sites. For more information call **1-866-348-6479**.

OASBO FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our very own, Myranda Dible, on being selected by the Ohio Association of School Board Officials as the 2026 Food Service Director of the Year! Pictured from left to right at the awards ceremony luncheon in April: Mr. Matthew White, Mr. Brian Rothrock, Miss Myranda Dible, and Mr. Nick Bergman.



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Services for 2026-2027 School Year

- **In-District Students:** Transportation is provided to and from your home address if selected in Final Forms. Alternate transportation requests from in-district residences will be considered. Please complete the transportation question on Final Forms: *“Does your child require transportation from an address other than home?”* if requesting alternate transportation. Please note there is an AM and PM question.
- **Open Enrollment Students:** We offer two convenient group stops:
 - Tiffin - Rural King Parking Lot
 - Fostoria - Venue 18 Parking Lot

Please complete the Final Forms question: *“Does your child require transportation from an address other than home?”* Placement on Open Enrollment buses is on a first-come first-serve basis. We will do our best to accommodate everyone. Please note there is an AM and PM question.

To ensure your student is included in bus route planning before the start of the school year, please complete all enrollment steps, submit all required documents, and complete the transportation page on Final Forms by June 30, 2026.

Bus routes are finalized over the summer, so meeting this deadline is essential for transportation arrangements.

We look forward to a great year!

Please email jfahl@hlschool.net with any questions.



TRANSACTION FEES WAIVED

Families are able to pay school fees and manage student lunch accounts online through PaySchools Central. Please go to www.payschoolscentral.com or download the PaySchools Central App and create an account. From here, you can add your students by using their 9-digit student identification number found in Final Forms. **The online payment transaction fees will be waived for school fee and lunch account payments from August 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026.** We highly encourage you to take advantage and make your payments online. School fees will be available to view and pay in August. [Click here](#) for more information.

STAFF MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

May Staff Members of the Month:

Suzann Bodart and Justin Schlenker



H-L ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

The first two **\$1,000 Hopewell-Loudon Alumni Scholarships** were awarded on Tuesday, May 5, to graduating Seniors, Alexander Fitzpatrick and Izabella Tiell. Alexander has been accepted at Wilmington College and plans to major in Agriculture. Izabella will attend the University of Findlay this Fall and plans to major in Animal Science. These recipients have demonstrated outstanding leadership, and their future plans exemplify the excellence expected of Hopewell-Loudon Alumni. The Scholarships will continue to be awarded annually, with the application window opening in January 2027.

Mark your calendar to join us for the fun-filled **Golf Tournament**, Sunday, September 25, the premier **fundraising event** for the Hopewell-Loudon Alumni Scholarship Fund. Additional information will be posted on [Facebook](#).

2026 RETIRING STAFF

We want to congratulate the following staff members on their retirement this school year (pictured left to right): Mrs. Mary Mora, Mr. Kerry Brickner, Mr. Rick Renz, Mrs. Jennifer Puffenberger, and Mrs. Suzann Bodart (not pictured: Mr. Ken Burns).

Throughout your time at Hopewell-Loudon, you have impacted countless students, families, colleagues and community members. We wish you a happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement. Congratulations!

