



YOUNG VIKINGS

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WELCOME BACK!!

OFFICE CONTACTS:

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Please help us welcome to our
Sycamore Staff Family:

*Mrs. Lisa Gauthier—Our New Principal

*Miss Jordyn Rioux—4th Grade Teacher

*Mr. Jeff Brethauer—5th Grade Teacher

WELCOME IN YOUR NEW ROLES!!!!!!

School Breakfast & Lunch...

FREE!

FOOD SERVICE: Become a substitute in the Food Service
Department.

Shifts are four hours.

Contact Rhonda Sapp: rhonsapp@hpsvikings.org

Phone Ins:

Please call or email **the office** to notify the school if your child is going to be **absent**. Also, if notes need to be sent to classrooms for **pick-up arrangements**, please have your calls made by 2 pm. The office gets busy at the end of the day and planning ahead helps us out tremendously!

616-681-9189 or kelltals@hpsvikings.org

Please remember that your students new teacher does not know what the “norm” was last year!

Attendance and transportation changes are the responsibility of the office, not the teacher. Their time is spent in the classroom teaching and they do not always have the chance to see these things. The office then shares this info with the teacher. **Thanks for your help! :)**

REMINDER: School begins at 7:45 and is dismissed at 2:55.

Student drop off is nothing before 7:25.

If your child is eating breakfast here, they should arrive right at 7:25.

Pick up: Y5/Kdg in the loop.

1st-5th grades pick up from the parking lot.



FINAL FORMS

Final Forms should be updated every year! Remember it has your contact information in it and we know things can change over the course of the summer.

COME UNLOAD YOUR SCRAP
Sycamore H.O.P.E.'s
SCRAP METAL DRIVE
September 11th-September 13th

Items to be Collected ☒ Old Appliances ☒ Old Silverware/ Pots / Pans ☒ Old Lawn Mowers or Grills ☒ Metal Plumbing Fixtures ☒ Cords/ Wires ☒ Old Bicycles ☒ Pop Cans ☒ Anything Metal	Dumpster will be located in the front parking lot of Sycamore Elementary. 2163 142nd Ave Dumpster will be available for drop off 4:00pm Friday afternoon - Sunday evening. 
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Email us at SycamoreHOPE@gmail.com with any questions.
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School pictures will be Tues., Sept. 8

All orders are online before & after picture day. Order
BEFORE picture day for free shipping.

**Don't forget to order the
yearbook as well!**

Order online at
Inter-State.com/order & use order code: 0657GVT

SCHOOL MESSENGER:

You must opt in to receive non emergency school messenger alerts.

This can be anything from notifications from the Board of Education to this newsletter. View this link:

<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#learn>

Our half days for the 2026-27
school year are:

- *Friday, September 18
- *Friday, October 30
- *Thursday, November 12
- *Friday, November 13
- *Monday, January 18
- *Friday, February 12
- *Thursday, March 4
- *Friday, March 5
- *Friday, March 19
- *Wednesday, June 2
- *Thursday, June 3

Half Days...

These are 11:10 dismissals.

**MAKE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR YOUR CHILD(REN)
THESE DAYS!!!**

Medications...

If your child needs medications at school, be certain to go to Final Forms to fill out the necessary form.

For prescription medication, a doctor signature is required.

Please bring medications into the office (not with students), in their original package.

DON'T SCRAP THE APP!

We strongly encourage all parents/guardians to return their Education and Nutrition Benefits application with the Michigan School Meals Program. Completing this application takes less than 10 minutes and can help students receive important resources.

EVERY APPLICATION COUNTS!

Every application that is not submitted means lost educational programs and resources for our students.

Filling out the application may help provide:



Health & Wellness Services



Before and After School Academic & Enrichment Programs



Guidance & College Counselors



Fee Waivers for College Applications & Admissions Tests



Resources for Classrooms, Teachers & Children

Fill the application electronically at:
<https://hopkins.familyportal.cloud/>

NO SCHOOL:

Take time out for the long
Labor Day weekend.

No school on Friday,
September 4 or Monday,
September 7.



Our H.O.P.E. Board:

Ali Mays

Bobbi Edwards

Megan Burmania

Kayla Robitaille

Ashley Johnson

Amanda Sterk

These ladies do a lot for
our students!!!

Your help is

ALWAYS welcome.

Check it out at Sycamore
H.O.P.E. on Facebook or
email

sycamorehope@gmail.com

Proper Clothing Rules:

60 degrees or more...short sleeves

50-59 degrees....long sleeves

Less than 50 degrees....coat



BACKGROUND CHECKS are required for all who will help in the classroom, attend a field trip, go to Field Day....be ahead of the curve & fill them out now! They must be done every year.

Hpsvikings.org Under "Family Resources"

News from H.O.P.E.

Upcoming Dates:

*H.O.P.E. Mtg. Thurs., September 10 7:45 a.m.

Smencil Sales Fri., September 25

And much more to come soon!!

Positive Message Day....break out those shirts with all your positive messages! Happy thoughts, smiley faces, any positive thought to bring positivity to our school!
First positive message day: Wed., Sept. 16, 2026.



Thanks to all who kept the papergator filled this summer!
Remember it's available year round.

Proceeds go to our

"March is Reading Month" festivities.

Next Board of Education Mtg: Mon., Sept. 21 6: @
Hopkins Elementary Bldg.