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Our Mission

The Hanover Public School District is committed to excellence in education by nurturing, challenging, and inspiring all students to achieve their full potential and to become productive citizens in a global community.

“Your Most Important Work Is Always Ahead of You”

A Message From Superintendent Dr. John A. Scola

This quote authored by Stephen R. Covey and Cynthia Covey Heller portrays the district’s philosophy as we continuously strive to think forward. The Hanover Public School District is committed to excellence and we are in a continuous improvement mode in all facets of the educational process – academics, activities, athletics, and facilities.

In the spectrum of facilities, there are numerous summer projects that will continue an annual enhancement and renovation of the district’s facilities. Renovations include a completely refurbished Middle School Family and Consumer Science room, a Middle School faculty room renovation, new stage curtain and valances in the High School auditorium, new carpeting and a



total redesign including new furniture in the High School Integration Learning Center (ILC), new shades to replace the original blinds at Clearview Elementary, new fiber lines between Hanover Street Elementary and Clearview for more reliable connectivity, and an energy-efficient and a technologically advanced HVAC system at the High School. Additionally, there are other small projects that are planned for summer completion prior to the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

I’m positive that you will enjoy reading about the accomplishments and accolades afforded to the students and staff district-wide contained in this newsletter. As always, thank you for your continued support of the district’s pursuit of excellence.

Nighthawks March In Philadelphia!

On March 12th, the Hanover Marching Nighthawks took the stage in Philadelphia, PA at the Philadelphia Saint Patrick’s Day Parade! The Irish in Philadelphia first celebrated St. Patrick’s Day in 1771, five years before the Declaration of Independence was signed. The first documented Saint Patrick’s Day Celebration



Parade in Philadelphia was held in 1771, marking 250 continuous years of celebrations. This parade is the 2nd oldest parade in American History, only behind the New York City Saint Patrick’s Day Parade! The Hanover Marching Nighthawks are proud to have represented Hanover on the national stage of this historical parade!

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VIP² at The Middle School

In March, we focused on the importance of college and career readiness as Hanover Middle School seventh grade students participated in their initial VIP² interviews. The Visionary Individualized Planning Process or VIP² is a goal-setting program that begins each year in seventh grade. The program was designed to respond to the need to better prepare students for career and college readiness and is aimed at assisting students in setting and monitoring both short-term and long-term goals for their future.

The first step in this process is that each seventh grader completes an interest survey. This is done in the fall as part of the seventh grade STEAM class. The results of this survey are then used during an individual interview with each student to explore possible career paths and future goals. Each seventh grade student meets with a school counselor or district administrator for a 30-minute interview. During the interview, the student and supporting adult discuss the results of the student interest survey. Results of a parent input survey are also used to guide discussions. Parents are encouraged to attend the stu-



Middle school seventh grade students recently visited the campus of Penn State York as part of the VIP² program.

dent interviews as well. During the interview, students set a long-term goal reflecting their interests post-graduation, and short-term goals to help students be successful throughout the school year. Short-term goals are focused on attendance, grades, and involvement in school activities and are set for the upcoming school

year. After the initial planning meeting, students will meet four times a year with a mentor teacher to check on progress toward meeting each goal. As students transition to high school, the VIP² plan is more focused on course selection.

The VIP² program was designed to make students more aware of the possibilities and opportunities available upon graduation from high school. As part of this focus, all seventh grade students had the opportunity to visit Penn State York back in November 2022. This experience allowed students to tour a local college campus and hear from a panel of college students.

Students also keep an online VIP² portfolio to document each meeting and experience that occurs with this process. These portfolios are accessible to both students and parents in our Firefly student management system.

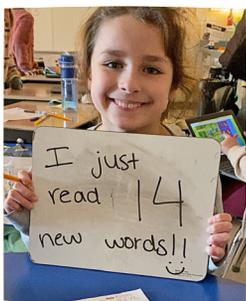
It is our hope through the VIP² program that we are able to help our students make stronger connections to school through the exploration of their personal interests and goals. It's never too early to start planning for the future!

Elementary Academic Success!

Hanover Public School District strives to provide our students with the tools they need to succeed in career, college, and community. A robust elementary academic program in reading, math, and science builds a strong foundation for future success.

In Pennsylvania, each school earns an Act 13 Building Level Rating that provides a quantitative academic score based upon a 100-point scale to represent the overall academic performance of each school in Pennsylvania. The Building Level Score is based on academic achievement and growth in the areas of reading, math, and science, plus school attendance rates.

Hanover Public School District's elementary schools earned top ratings, out-scoring 85% of the elementary schools in York, Adams, and Franklin



counties in the Lincoln Intermediate Unit footprint! Our Elementary Schools scored in the top 15% of schools in the Tri-County Area. We wish to commend Clearview Elementary School for scoring 2nd out of all of the schools in the counties!

Congratulations to our students for their success! Hanover Public School District wishes to thank our families, faculty, support staff, and administrators who put our students first by working tirelessly to provide our young scholars with excellence in education.

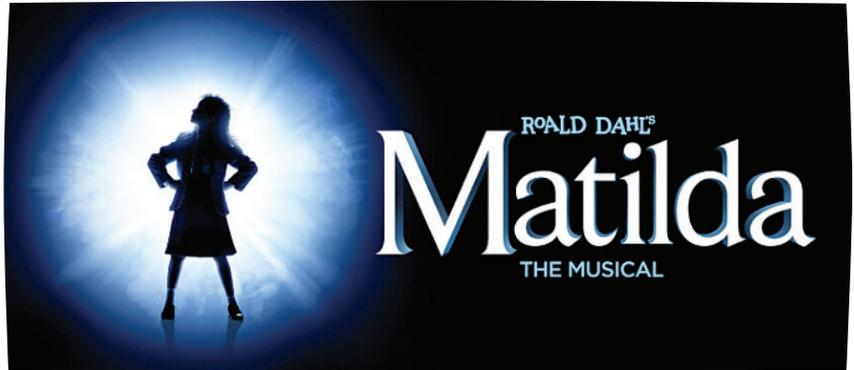
Presenting: Matilda The Musical!

The award-winning *Matilda the Musical* will be presented by the HHS Drama Program in the Hanover High School auditorium on **April 21, 22 & 23**. Friday and Saturday shows will start at 7PM. The Sunday matinee will start at 2PM. The show will feature district-wide students from elementary, middle, and high school to fulfill the roles of young and old students as well as the main characters.

Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, the Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl's *Matilda The Musical* is the captivating masterpiece that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination, and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. *Matilda* has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world.

Matilda loves to read. She is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence, and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly lovable Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives, as Miss Honey begins not only to recognize but also appreciate Matilda's extraordinary personality. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace! Audiences will enjoy musical numbers such as NAUGHTY, THE SCHOOL SONG, the high-energy REVOLTING CHILDREN, and more!

British children's author Roald Dahl, who had also written *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, wrote the original novel *Matilda* in



1988. The novel was adapted into a 1996 American film directed by Danny DeVito. The musical opened on Broadway in 2013 and ran for 1,555 performances. *Matilda the Musical* was most recently made into a Netflix Movie this past December.

The award-winning Hanover High School Drama program hopes you can join us as we take you into the mind of Matilda through the magic of LIVE theatre. Tickets will go on sale on **March 21** in the high school office as well as online. Go to the district website on March 21 for online instructions.

Online Payments

Hanover Public School District now offers a convenient way to make online payments! This service is available for purchasing musical tickets. Use the search in the upper right-hand corner of the district web page and enter Rev Trak to gain access.



Meet HPSD's Eight Stellar Drone Pilots

HPSD is pleased to announce eight new remote pilots: Alan Martinez-Sanchez, Elijah Bobbitt, Jared Solorzano, Aidan Chen, Tamas Peli, Lincoln Hobson, Andrew Nawn, and Radhika Chaudhary!

These students enrolled in Hanover High School's Drone Flying and FAA Certification program. This course is designed to prepare students for careers in the rapidly growing field of unmanned aerial systems (UAS) technology and is currently in its fourth year at HPSD. This program provides students with hands-on experience flying multiple types of UAS. Also, it offers an in-depth understanding of the regulations, operating requirements, impacts of weather, airspace classifications, safety procedures, and career opportunities when operating a drone in the commercial world. With



a combination of classroom instruction and real-world flight experience, Hanover's students are ready to succeed in this growing field.

The course culminates in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Aeronautical Knowledge Exam. When the students pass this test they

are FAA-certified remote pilots, who can fly UAS commercially. This course also provides the students with flight experience gathering a digital portfolio of aerial photography and videography that students can use in the professional world. The Drone Flying and FAA Certification program is an excellent opportunity for students who are interested in UAS to explore this career path. The drone industry is rapidly growing and Hanover's program provides students with the skills, credentials, and portfolio to succeed in this career field.

“That’s An Invitation” to The Magical Mysteries Music Fest



Hanover Public School District’s 3rd Annual Music Fest will take place on **May 12th & 13th, 2023!** Music Fest is a time to celebrate all of the music that is happening not only at HPSD, but also around the Hanover community. This year, the theme of Music Fest is “Magical Mysteries Music Fest.” We will be diving into some of the great Rock & Roll hits from throughout the decades! Friday’s festivities will include local food trucks (beginning at 5:30PM), booths from local/HPSD organizations, as well as chamber music! The night will conclude with our chamber music concert at 7PM in our BRAND NEW outdoor amphitheater space! Bring a lawn chair and enjoy some great food and even greater music! Saturday we will be having the Middle School and High School spring concerts. These concerts will take place in the auditorium at HHS. The Middle School concert will begin at 2PM and the High School ensembles will take the stage at 7PM. We can’t wait to ROCK with you at our 2023 “Magical Mysteries Music Fest!”

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We’re *Nighthawk* Proud



Pictured (L to R): Darlene Klenk (Kindergarten Teacher at Clearview), Ana Paul (6th Grade Teacher at Middle School), and David Harnish (Transition Coordinator/Gifted Instructor at High School). Mr. Harnish was recognized as Chamber Educator of the Year. Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Klenk were recognized as Shippensburg Outstanding Teachers.



Congratulations to our seniors who recently signed to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level! Pictured (L to R): Chase Roberts (Susquehanna University), Reagan Wildasin (Stevenson University), and Justus Feeser (Eastern Mennonite University).

Congratulations to Annie Smith on being named a National Merit Finalist!

Hanover High School is beyond proud of Annie for receiving this prestigious accolade and recognition! Initiated in 1955, the National Merit Scholarship Program is conducted by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. In each annual National Merit Scholarship Program, about 50,000 academically talented high school students are honored throughout the United States of America, but only some 16,000 of them are named Semifinalists. Semifinalists are the highest scorers in each of the 50 states and represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors. Students who qualify as Semifinalists based on their performance on the Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) are the only program participants who have an opportunity to advance to the Finalist level and compete for National Merit Scholarships. About 7,250 of the outstanding Finalists will be chosen as Merit Scholarship winners in the 2023 competition.



It is a true testament to Annie, her educational talents as a student, and her devotion and dedication to her studies. Throughout her 4 years at Hanover High School, Annie has taken on an extremely rigorous course load including 10 Advanced Placement courses as well as numerous honors classes. Despite taking the highest levels of courses she has been able to maintain a remarkable 5.18 weighted grade point average. Mrs. Collins said the following about Annie, "Although Annie's wit and academic achievements in the classroom are most impressive, her attitude and disposition make her into the unique individual that anyone would be proud to have in their classroom atmosphere. I enjoyed having Annie in my classroom because her temperament gels with every kind of personality. Pairing her with her peers was no difficult task because everyone enjoys her presence. Combining her brilliant mind with her relaxed, witty personality makes her a desirable student to have in any classroom."

We are so proud to call Annie a student at HHS and we look forward to watching her grow as she takes her talents to Brown University in the fall!



Hanover Foundation for Excellence Tax Credit Donations Welcomed

The goal of the Hanover Foundation for Excellence in Education, Inc. is to develop a partnership between local business leaders and the Hanover Public School District to allow our students to participate in innovative learning opportunities that align with and support current and future district initiatives, which may not be able to be implemented through local tax dollar revenue.

"Innovative educational programs" are creative initiatives that are not part of the regular academic curriculum but are designed to enhance and extend the curriculum of the public school. These initiatives are always coupled with the regular education curriculum but provide new avenues for change and experimentation.



Educational Improvement Tax Credits

Act 4 of 2001 amends the Public School Code to provide for the establishment of the Educational Improvement Tax Credit to be administered by the Department of Community and Economic Development. Act 4 authorizes the award of tax credits to businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations or educational improvement organizations included on the list of organizations published by the Department.

For more information please contact Lois Dubbs at  717-637-9000 extension 6025 or email her at  ldubbs@hanoverpublic.org.

School District Independent Financial Audit 2021-2022

The annual required independent financial audit of the Hanover Public School District for the 2021-2022 school year was recently conducted by an independent accounting firm. The audit verified outstanding financial practices and procedures within the District. This



audit concluded with an unqualified opinion, which represents the financial statements are presented fairly with no audit findings indicating no material inadequacy. The report can be found on the website under School Board and Annual Financial Reports.

HPSD Bullying Prevention Program

On February 15, 2023, Mr. Hershner, Bullying Prevention Committee Leader and MS Principal of Student Affairs, hosted the Winter HPSP Bullying Prevention Meeting. Numerous parents, students, administrators, and counselors were in attendance. Thank you to students Leona Dietz, Kennedy Reichart, Paige Long, Ella O'Brien, Tatiana Wacker, and

Neveah Parry who presented to the committee. Counselors shared prevention strategies and events, and students shared how they are helping to prevent bullying. The committee also reviewed the District Bullying Policy, and the Bullying Investigation Process, and shared bullying reporting methods such as online reporting, paper, and in-person reporting.





DATES TO REMEMBER

April 6, 7 & 10
SPRING BREAK

April 13, 6-7PM
Specials Showcase
@ Hanover Street Elementary

April 17, 6PM
School Board Meeting

April 21-23
Spring Musical,
MATILDA The Musical

April 27, 7-9PM
Academic Honors Ceremony

May 8, 6PM
School Board Meeting

May 12, 7-8PM
Music Fest 2023 (Day 1)

May 13, 11AM-2PM
Washington Spring Fling

May 13, 2-3PM, 7-8PM
Music Fest 2023 (Day 2)

May 16, 7PM
Elementary Band/Orchestra Concert
(High School Auditorium)

May 22, 6PM
School Board Meeting

May 29
District Closed

May 31
Early Dismissal

May 31, 7PM
High School Campus Night

June 1
Early Dismissal

June 1, 7PM
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
(Sheppard & Myers)

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Hanover High School Alumni Association



The Alumni Association is comprised of representatives from each graduated Hanover High School and Eichelberger High School class. The primary purpose of the Alumni Association is to provide scholarships to graduating seniors each year.

The Association grants thousands of dollars in scholarships annually to individuals in the Hanover High School graduating class through our endowment, the Golden Scholarship Fund.

To learn about the Golden Scholarship Endowment, and annual and estate contributions, contact Phyllis Egger (EHS Class of 1961) at 📞 717.632.0548. Send contributions to 📬 PO Box 620, Hanover, PA 17331. Checks should be made out to Hanover High School Alumni Association, Golden Scholarship Fund.

District Residents Strike Gold With This Card!



The district offers a Gold Key Club to all district residents aged 60 years and older. This card will allow the Gold Key person free admission to district-sponsored events including sporting events, as well as one free pass to one performance of both the fall and spring musicals. The pass is also honored by the South Western School District. It is a lifetime pass as long as you are a resident of Hanover Borough. Please contact Kathy Poist at 📞 717-637-9000 for more information.

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