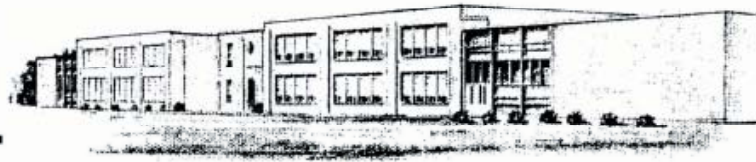


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From the Desk of Geoff Palmer, Superintendent

Greetings!

While summer vacation typically means relaxation and downtime, there have been many exciting things going on at the school.

Over the past couple of weeks the wheat has been harvested and straw has been baled, clearing the way for the site work to begin for the new school building. ACI (Alvada Construction) was awarded the contract for the site work, which will have started by the time you read this. It is also important to note that the ACI bids came in well under our projected budget for this portion of the project. The Board of Education promised during the bond campaign that every effort would be made to involve local contractors in this project and we were all very excited the bids came in the way they did.

The site work will involve construction of the building pad and footers along with parking areas, driveways and necessary utility work. The project schedule has this work being completed in October.

We are also putting finishing touches on the building design so the necessary construction documents can be completed to allow us to begin advertising for bids in late August with bid opening scheduled for mid- to late-September. I would like to thank the many community members who have been involved in the various committees contributing to the design process. Our architects have commented many times that they have not seen this level of community involvement in any of their other projects.

We are also making plans for another Community Forum this fall during which the school plans will be shared. Please be looking for more information on this in the coming weeks.

Finally, special congratulations to all of our students, parents and staff for the hard work this past school year. The data we received from the Ohio Department of Education shows we met 25/26 TESTING INDICATORS for the 2010-11 school year. CONGRATULATIONS ON A JOB WELL DONE!

Enjoy the final days of summer vacation! As we take on the many, exciting challenges of a new school year, we will continue to do our part to live up to the motto:

An Excellent School Striving to Become Better!

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

From the Desk of Bill Dobbins, HS/MS Principal



As the 2011-12 school year approaches, I would like to take a moment to share some exciting information with students and parents.

State Report Card - The Ohio Department of Education has released state report card data for the 2010-11 school year. Hopewell-Loudon High School will once again be rated as Excellent. Congratulations students and staff. This is truly an honor and testament to the efforts that everyone has put forth. The Excellent rating consists of many factors. Most notably are the scores students received from the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT) and the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) From that information Hopewell-Loudon received proficient ratings or above in sixteen of seventeen indicators which has resulted in the Excellent rating.

Kick Off the New Year - As the new year approaches the following information will be beneficial for students and parents:

Driving To School - Students who choose to drive to school must have the Student/Parent Request for Driving to School form completed and returned to the office within the first week of school. This form will be distributed to students who will be able to drive during the first day of school. Students must park in designated student parking areas only and park only in approved spaces.

Student Departure - At the end of the school day students not involved in after school activities are requested to exit the building no later than 3:15 pm. Please make sure transportation arrangements are made if students are not riding the bus. We ask for parent and student cooperation so we as a school community can ensure the safety of our students before and after school.

Student Lockers - One of the many things that make Hopewell-Loudon a special school is the amount of parent and community support for our students. As we begin the fall season, I would like to remind our students and parents that locker decorations are encouraged. If you choose to decorate a student locker, please use the following guidelines when doing so.

- Use only masking tape on the locker. The office has masking tape and will be happy to supply it for locker decorations.
- Do not wrap decorations around the door to the inside of the locker. This causes locker jams which leads damage to the locking mechanism and to students being late to class.
- Use the decorations to show support for our students. Locker decorations should not be used for derogatory remarks towards others.

Cellular Phones - Students who find it necessary to have a cellular phone must use the following guidelines when they are in the school building or on school grounds. Students are not permitted to carry a cellular phone with them during the school day. As students arrive to school in the morning, they must turn their phones off as they enter the building and placed in their assigned locker or left in their vehicle in the student parking lot. At the end of the day, students must wait until they exit the building before using their phones to make a phone call or send a text message. I ask for parent support and guidance when their son or daughter has a cellular phone. Please discuss this with your son or daughter to ensure everyone is aware of the cellular phone guidelines. Students who do not follow these procedures are subject to disciplinary action.

Academic Booster Group - During the 2009-10 school year there was a group of parents who approached the district and have been given approval to establish an Academic Booster Group to benefit the students of Hopewell-Loudon. If any parent or community member would be interested in participating as a supporter of student academics, please contact the high school office.

Parent Advisory Committee - Over the past few years I have been fortunate to work with many parents who have been involved in the Parent Advisory Committee for High School and Junior High school parents. I would encourage any parent who would like to join this committee to do so. The purpose of the Parent Advisory Committee is to provide a means of communication and input into the education and activities of our students. Meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm in the Distance Learning Lab. If there are parents interested in joining us to contact the high school office or e-mail me bdobbins@hlschool.org to get further information.

School Web Site Information - For those families who have internet access, I encourage you to visit our school website, www.hlschool.org for up to date school information. Just a few things to be found on our site are the daily announcements, daily activity calendar, student of the month, scholarship information, and many other links to what our students are doing at Hopewell-Loudon.

Good luck to our staff and students for a successful and safe 2011-2012 school year.

Hopewell-Loudon Hall of Fame

Announcing....

The Hopewell-Loudon Board of Education is proud to announce the

2011 Hall of Fame Inductees:

Mr. Jim Burns and Mr. Ed Frankart

The public is invited to join us in recognizing these gentlemen at the:

Hopewell-Loudon Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Friday, September 2, 2011, 6:30 p.m.

Chieftain Stadium

The Hopewell-Loudon vs. Elmwood varsity football game will follow immediately after the Hall of Fame ceremony.

Congratulations Mr. Burns and Mr. Frankart!



High School/ Junior High School Reminders

HS/JR High Upcoming Events

- Aug 22 First Day of School
- Sept 5 Labor Day/No School
- Oct 10 Staff In-Service Day/
No School
- Oct 21 End of First Nine
Week Grading Period

HS/JR HIGH ARRIVAL TIME AND BREAKFAST

The arrival time for students is 7:40 am. Breakfast will be served until 7:55 am. If parents drop off their son or daughter at school, please drop them off in the designated areas in front of the building or use the drop off area in the student parking lot. Our buses are entering the parking lot and we want to avoid any accidents that may occur.

HS/JR HIGH ABSENCES

If your son or daughter is absent from school please use the following procedure to notify the school. On the day of the absence, please call the office to report the absence. The number to call is 419-937-2216. When your son or daughter returns to school, please provide a written excuse for them to give to our secretary. This will help to ensure proper reporting of excused absences for the student.

HS/JR HIGH BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

August 16, 2011 has been scheduled for students pick up schedules and provide parents the opportunity to pay fees. The evening's schedule will be as follows:

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Students' Last name Beginning A-L | 4:30 pm-6:00 pm |
| New Student & 7th Grade Orientation | 6:00 pm-6:30 pm |
| Students' Last name Beginning M-Z | 6:30 pm-8:00 pm |

Students who choose not to participate on the August 16 will be able to pick up schedules on August 19 in the guidance office.



From the Desk of Jennifer Losey, Elementary Principal

As you read this quarter's newsletter my hope would be that you enjoyed some excellent family time this summer and made some lasting memories. Some of my fondest memories from childhood came from summer vacations which involved fairs, sporting events, day trips, or family gatherings. As you try to squeeze in a few more memories before the end of summer vacation be sure to use this time to also prepare your child for the start of a new school year.

Many families may have a tradition of back to school shopping for supplies and clothes but please do not forget the most important aspect of preparing for back to school, establishing a routine. It is very important that your child be prepared for returning to school by being well rested and mentally ready to complete their daily classroom work or homework. What a perfect time to start having your child go to bed a little earlier, get up a little earlier, and of course having them cut back on television or video game time and replacing it with reading books or magazines. These simple adjustments now are an excellent way to make life easier for you and your child as you prepare to start a new school year.

In closing I see this as an excellent time to congratulate our staff and students for their hard work this last year. The Ohio Department of Education has compiled our data from 2009-2010 and following their guidelines we once again meet the criteria for being an excellent school! While our staff did an EXCELLENT job of developing more growth from our students than previous years we will strive to do even better this year. With your support and encouragement I am certain the tradition of excellence will continue!

Elementary Events to Note:

- August 8: 6:30 PTO Planning Meeting for Back to School Family Tailgate Night
- August 12: 3:00 p.m. class lists for 2011-2012 will be posted
- August 18: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Back to School Open House Night for Families & Students
- August 22: First day of school for students (Including our Wednesday/Friday Kindergarten students)
- August 23: First day of school for our Tuesday/Thursday Kindergarten students
- September 5: No School, Labor Day



School Delays and Cancellations

Parents will be notified of all school delays and cancellations by the Leader Alert System. The primary contact number provided to school offices will be used. If you would like additional means of contact, including secondary phone numbers, or text or email messages, please sign up at www.leaderalert.com/hlschool, or use the Leader Alert link located on the Hopewell-Loudon webpage.

You can also find delay and cancellation information on:

Radio Stations: 100.5 FM WKXA, 1130 AM WFIN

Internet Radio: www.senecacountyradio.com

Television stations: 11, 13, 24



Attention families who no longer have children in school:

If you created an account on Leader Alert, but your last child has graduated, please delete your account so that you won't be included on any alert that is sent out this school year. You can access the Leader Alert website through the Hopewell-Loudon website.

From the Desk of Veronica Reinhart, Treasurer

On Line Payment System

The most convenient way for parents to make payments is by using the on-line payment system, www.myschoolaccount.com. There are several ways to deposit money into your child's pre-paid account, which can be used to purchase items at school. You can either send a check into school with your child, but it must indicate your child's name and pin number so we know where to deposit the money. (this includes amounts just for lunches). However, you may also register your family at www.myschoolaccount.com. You will need your child's pin number and an email address to register. At this site, you will be able to deposit money electronically into your child(ren)'s school account, transfer money between family members, view what your child(ren) are spending their money on, and even set a reminder email to yourself when their account falls to a low balance. One reminder about the online activities is that anything that happens updates at 2:00 AM the following morning. Therefore, if you deposit money in your child's account at 3:00 PM on Monday, it will not be reflected on our system until Tuesday morning. It is a great tool to monitor and manage your family's spending activities at school.

Any payments to school for any item can be purchased through the student's pre-paid account. You need to indicate this on any order form, enrollment form, etc. that you receive. Examples of payments to the school would be fees, t-shirts, yearbook, field trips, class trips, etc. Many families will deposit money in their children's accounts, and draw from it through the year for items they need, then add more money when they receive a low balance account email. It is a very convenient way to purchase items at school without having to write multiple checks and/or send in money every other day!

Student Meal Prices

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|------------------|------------------------------|
| Breakfast | K-12 students: \$1.25 |
| Lunch | K-6 students: \$1.50 |
| | 7-12 students: \$1.75 |



HELP WANTED!

Substitutes are needed in the cafeteria. Please contact Jane Oler, Food Service Supervisor at 419-937-2316.

School Fees

Elementary fees will be payable at Back to School Night, Aug. 18

Kg \$25.00
Grades 1-6: \$30.00



Grades 7-12: As per fee statements that will be mailed home prior to fee payment/schedule pick up night on Aug. 16.

Thank you!

The Bascom Firefighters would like to thank all who supported and/or worked at the Firefighters Festival on July 9. Thank you!

2011 Fiscal Year Financial Statements are available for public viewing during regular business hours in the Board office.

From the Tech Desk
Steve Acton, Technology Coordinator

I cannot believe it is already August and school is around the corner. Band camp and two a days are all the indicators I need. This year will be exciting as the new school starts to take shape, and with our plans of the technology for the new building.

Let's talk about smart phones. There are many varieties out there and often it is hard to choose what best suits your needs. Pretty much all do the same thing and not knowing how to maintain applications (apps) creates the most havoc. Go online or better yet to your carriers store to get the feel of the phone and have the salesman give you tips on its use. Keep in mind the salesman is going to get a commission for pushing certain phones at different times of the year (so be wary). Once you pick a couple of phones that pique your interest, go online or ask friends who already have smart phones and do your homework. The site I used was www.phonescoop.com. Information is available by carrier or manufacturer. The most popular smart phone currently is the android phone because of price. The higher end ones usually cost more and tend to have better battery life. Every phone will drain the battery if you have a lot of apps open that push notifications down to your phone. These are usually apps like Facebook, news, weather and map tracking. Applications such as these that constantly update, never let the processor get any rest. Once you get your phone, take the time to learn how to close those apps and use your carriers service as opposed to wireless as much as possible. This will dramatically help conserve your battery life. It is my experience that the cheaper phones will not go all day without needing a charge at some point.

In the end after I did my homework, I also relied on my student tech helpers and my son's advice about smart phones, since the technology is built for them. To answer your question, yes, I went for the more expensive one and I do not need to worry about throwing it on a charger at night to be operational the next day. Good luck, and if you have questions, email me at sacton@hlschool.org.

In closing, I again humbly thank you again for all of your support to this great school. It is a pleasure to come to work everyday.

CHECK IT OUT!



Keep an eye on the new school construction by logging into the H-L website: www.hlschool.org and check out the construction pictures.

The Hopewell-Loudon website also contains a wealth of information including the school calendar. All school events, including music, athletic and academic events are located on the calendar, as well as lunch menus. You may also sign up to "track" events, so you are kept informed of any changes or cancellations to your child's school events, via email or text message.



SkillsUSA Competition



Congratulations to Chance Brickner and Jessica Livesay, Hopewell-Loudon Seniors who represented Sentinel Career Center at the SkillsUSA contest in Kansas City in June.

Chance once again placed *first in the nation* in the collision repair contest and brought home a gold medal. This two-time gold medal winner will be attending Univeral Technical Institute in Houston, Texas.



Jessica Livesay placed *fourth in the nation* as part of the health knowledge bowl team, representing the medical technology program at Sentinel. Jessica plans to pursue a nursing degree at Kent State University.

Hats off to these students for such noteworthy accomplishments!

Bus Information

Transportation personnel will be available to answer questions and provide information at the Junior High School/High School Fee Payment/Schedule Pickup Night on August 16, and Elementary Back to School Night on August 18.

There will be some route changes. If you have any questions, please email Paul Kline, Transportation Coordinator, at pkline@hlschool.org



If your child will not be picked up or dropped off at your residence, please complete and return the bus pass below as soon as possible to either the school office or via email at pkline@hlschool.org

HOPEWELL-LOUDON LOCAL BUS PASS

Student(s) Name _____ Grade(s) _____

Student Address _____ Current Bus # _____

Destination _____
(Name) (Address)

Day or Days of Bus Change _____ Requested Bus # _____

_____ A.M. Only _____ P.M. Only _____ Both A.M. and P.M.

Effective from: _____ to _____
(Date) (Date)

Parent Signature _____

Your signature signifies your approval of a change in the board assigned route.

Principal's Approval _____

THIS FORM IS TO BE USED ONLY FOR REGULARLY SCHEDULED BUS CHANGES.
 PASS MUST BE SHOWN TO THE BUS DRIVER UPON ENTERING THE BUS.

Football Fan Tips

This year in an effort to promote family time and team spirit we are making the following adjustments for the students. Students in grades K-4 are to sit with their families and enjoy the game. Students in grades 5-12 will have seating in the end zone nearest the concession stand where they can sit and cheer with their friends. Students who sit in the recommended areas will have opportunities to win prizes or incentives. Students who do not follow the guidelines may be subject to one of the following actions:

1. Verbal warning by staff member/administrator
2. Escort by staff to parent or call if parent is unable to be located
3. Loss of attendance privileges to future games or other consequences as assigned

ATHLETIC BOOSTER NEWS

FALL SPORTS PASSES

Season passes for the fall sports season will be on sale in the Board Office beginning Aug. 15.

GIRLS' SPORTS

Adult Pass \$20.00

Student Pass \$15.00

BOYS' SPORTS

Adult Pass \$15.00

Student Pass \$10.00

ALL SPORTS

Adult Pass \$35.00

Student Pass \$25.00

Family Pass \$120.00

Persons age 60-64 living in the district - Student price

65 & older living in the district – Free pass

Replacement cost is \$5.00

"As simple as it sounds, we all must try to be the best person we can: by making the best choices, by making the most of the talents we've been given."

Door-to-Door Membership Drive ~ Was held Aug. 3 & 4. H-L athletes sold Athletic Boosters memberships to local households. Membership cost is \$5.00 for an individual, \$10.00 for a family, or \$25.00 for a Super Booster. All members will be listed in the Winter Sports Program (if paid by the deadline).

Chieftain Discount Cards ~ Athletic Boosters is excited to introduce a new fundraiser this year. Athletes, grade 7-12 will be selling credit card sized cards that list discounts for 21 local businesses. We will be selling these at the varsity home football games or through any athlete or Athletic Boosters officer (phone numbers below). This is a great way to support our area businesses and save money throughout the year! The cards are \$10 each.

H-L Back to School ~ Athletic Boosters officers are looking forward to seeing you at the Hopewell-Loudon Jr High-High School Fee Payment/Schedule Pick-up Night on August 16 from 4:30 to 8:00 pm in the main entrance area, and in the gym lobby during the Elementary Back to School Open House night on August 18 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. We'll have membership sign up sheets, volunteer sign up sheets, decals, and pocket schedules. Old H-L sport uniforms will be available for sale at \$1.00 per item.

2010 – 2011 Donations ~ Athletic Boosters have supplied our student athletes and coaches with approximately \$42,500 worth of equipment, uniforms, and supplies. We are very thankful for all the wonderful coaches, athletes, parents, community and businesses that have supported the Athletic Boosters through donations, advertising and volunteering which has made this possible. Please continue your support to provide all of the tools that our athletes need to build and develop their skills and provide us with exciting athletic events to enjoy.

Mark your calendar ~ Athletic Booster Meetings and Events

Aug. 17 - AB Meeting

Nov. 21 - Set-up for Holiday Raffle

April 25 - Set-up for Reverse Raffle

Sept. 21 - AB Meeting

Nov. 23 - Holiday Raffle (Casino Night)

April 28 - Reverse Raffle

Nov. 16 - AB Meeting

Dec. 21 - AB Meeting

Athletic Boosters meet the third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 pm in the Distance Learning Lab at Hopewell-Loudon School. We'd love to see you there!

President: Ron White

419-937-1122 Secretary: Shelly Steinmetz 419-937-0851

V President: Dawn Bour

419-448-8970 Treasurer: Craig Lang 419-937-2689

Good Luck to all Hopewell-Loudon student athletes for a successful year!