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NHMS Nighthawk



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.

Thank You, Hanover Foundation

A Message From Superintendent Dr. John A. Scola

The Hanover Foundation has been instrumental in pioneering and backing innovative educational programs that have significantly contributed to the enrichment of our learning environment. From cutting-edge STEAM initiatives to one-to-one initiatives, and Junior Achievement activities, the generosity of our community business partners has opened doors to new worlds of discovery and learning for countless students. These programs not only equip our young learners with the skills necessary for the future but also ignite in them a passion for lifelong learning.

Such monumental achievements would not have been possible without the magnanimous contributions from our community partners. It is through your kindness, vision, and belief in the power of education that the Hanover Foundation has been able to make such a profound impact. Your contributions serve as a testament to the strength and unity of our community, reflecting a shared commitment to fostering an environment where education is valued



and prioritized.

I am also pleased to remind our esteemed Pennsylvania businesses that their donations are not just acts of altruism but also smart financial decisions. Contributions to the Hanover Foundation are tax-deductible, providing a beneficial return on investment

for our community-minded businesses. Furthermore, Pennsylvania businesses have the unique opportunity to apply for Educational Improvement Tax Credits (EITC), offering additional savings while investing in the quality of our children's education. This symbiotic relationship between our businesses and educational initiatives strengthens our community's foundation, paving the way for a brighter, more prosperous future for all.

In closing, I extend my deepest thanks to the Hanover Foundation, our community partners, and all who have contributed to making our educational programs a resounding success. Your dedication, generosity, and vision are truly making a difference, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

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Middle School & Washington Elementary Collab

Hanover Middle School students recently had the opportunity to visit first grade classes at Washington Elementary School! This collaboration began as 7th and 8th grade students were exploring their interests with Mrs. Myers, Gifted Instructor at HMS. Several students expressed a desire to be a teacher. As a result, Mrs. Myers and students decided they would like to collaborate with elementary students to help them in some way. As this project got underway, students were given the option to write a children's book or create a math game that would later be shared with the first graders.

Mrs. Myers reached out to Mrs. Sherry Knox and Miss Jessica Schlecter, two first grade teachers at Washington Elementary School. Together, the teachers and students worked on identifying appropriate skills and concepts to include in their projects. Stu-



dents who chose to write children's books used Canva, a graphic design tool, to write and illustrate their books. Students creating math games took advantage of our 3D printers to design and print game pieces.

This collaboration was an extremely valuable experience for our students. Students learned to create clear objectives and directions for a much younger audience. These projects also provided students the opportunity to practice communication and collaboration skills with each other and with the first graders. Overall, this was a wonderful event for our middle school and elementary students alike!

An Array of Advanced Placement Offerings



Hanover High School offers a robust selection of 19 Advanced Placement (AP) courses for our students. These courses offer our students the opportunity to take college-level classes and potentially receive college credit after taking their AP exams in May. Courses are offered in the disciplines of Art, Computer Science, English, Math, Music, Social Studies, and World Languages. Last year we had 124 students take AP courses at Hanover High School!

Meet Hanover High School's Newest Drone Pilots



Congratulations to Hanover High School's newest pilots: Nolan Chronister, Caleb Haddix, Brian Corona Montes De Oca, and Miguel Proa Blanco! These students passed their Aeronautical Knowledge Exam and are now Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certified Remote Pilots. They studied for this test, flew a few different types of drones, and learned about aerial photography and videography in the High School course Drone Flying and FAA Certification. Congratulations to all of you; we are so proud!

Presenting: The Wizard of Oz!

This year, in 2024, the world celebrates 85 years of watching the beloved 1939 movie, *The Wizard of Oz*. The artistry and technicolor spectacle of how this L. Frank Baum classic of the literary world was presented on the silver screen is why the movie is STILL so popular with generations of movie fans - OVER 8 DECADES LATER!

On April 12th, 13th, and 14th at Hanover High School, you can SEE all of your favorite characters, HEAR all of your favorite songs, and EXPERIENCE the classic story of The Wizard of Oz LIVE on stage, as performed by a cast of over 60 HPSD students from all grade levels! We'll also have a furry canine actor playing the role of TOTO!

You won't want to miss this spectacular show, filled with stunning and creative visual and special effects, breathtaking costumes and sets, and a truly immersive audience experience! The EPIC nature of the tale of Dorothy and her 3 friends, the Scarecrow, Tinman, and Lion, will both thrill you and warm your heart as they make their way to the Emerald City to see the one and only Wizard of Oz, who helps Dorothy to realize that the most important things to her are home and family.

Join us SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW on **April 12th at 7 PM, April 13th at 2 PM & 7 PM, and April 14th at 2 PM** for the Hanover High School spring musical... the WONDERFUL *Wizard of Oz*! Tickets will go on sale the week of **March 18th** in the HHS office during normal office hours and on the HPSD website. Go to hpsd.k12.pa.us for ticket updates and to purchase tickets online on or after March 18th.



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 Revtrak to gain access.



Students Soar at Clearview Elementary

At Clearview Elementary, SOAR isn't just a motto; it's how we operate. Throughout this year, Clearview has implemented a Positive Behavior Support Program, **SOAR - Safety, Ownership, Acceptance, and Respect!** We believe in fostering a positive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued and supported. One of the most exciting aspects of our SOAR program is the SOAR Store, where students can spend their digitally earned points by demonstrating expected behaviors. This innovative approach reinforces positive conduct and teaches valuable lessons in responsibility and decision-making.

The SOAR Store isn't the only thing that sets our program apart. We also host end-of-semester celebrations that unite the entire



school community to celebrate students' positive behaviors. These events have allowed students to bond and create lasting memories while making homemade slime and participating in a building-wide movie event.

In addition, each week, exceptional students are recognized for their outstanding behavior and achievements. These students are spotlighted during the Friday morning announcements and are invited to take a photo alongside the principal, which is proudly displayed on our building's social media platforms and internal monitors.

By implementing SOAR and these exciting events, we're not just shaping students' behavior; we're nurturing a culture of positivity, respect, and belonging. Join us as we SOAR to new heights together!

STEAM Academy and Esports Arena



Hanover High School is proud to offer a STEAM Academy, an innovative program for talented Hanover High School students with an interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. The STEAM Academy is an inventive and dynamic educational program dedicated to fostering creativity, critical thinking, and interdisciplinary learning. Students enrolled in STEAM Academy courses receive an individualized, project-based learning experience, supported by the intense use of state-of-the-art technology as a learning tool. This culminates in a final course called the STEAM Studio. Upon successful completion, students will earn the right to wear a cord during the commencement ceremonies at Hanover High School. To qualify for the STEAM Academy, students must pass all three required entry courses in the STEAM Academy with a grade of either a B or higher. Students must also obtain two recommendations from STEAM Academy teachers to be admitted into the STEAM Academy. Part of the STEAM Academy will be a beautiful new classroom that has been re-purposed to be our state-of-the-art esports arena for our competitive esports team at the high school!

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We're *Nighthawk* Proud



Pictured (L to R): Kate Landis (Band Teacher), Deb Wildasin (Hanover Street Elementary Learning Support Teacher), and Jess Schlechter (Washington Elementary 1st Grade Teacher). Ms. Landis was recognized as Hanover Chamber Educator of the Year. Ms. Wildasin and Ms. Schlechter were recognized as Shippensburg Outstanding Teachers.

Joey Wilkinson Receives All-State Football Recognition

Selected to the prestigious Pennsylvania Football Writers' 3A All-State Football team, Joey Wilkinson's achievements on the gridiron are nothing short of remarkable. With 59 receptions for 1054 yards, and an impressive 14 touchdowns, Joey's prowess as a wide receiver has left an indelible mark on the Pennsylvania high school football scene.

But Joey's accolades don't stop there. He has earned the distinct honor of being chosen to participate in the PA State Football Coaches' Association East/West All-Star Game, scheduled to take place on May 19 at Cumberland Valley High School. This prestigious event brings together the most exceptional talent from across the state, offering Joey an opportunity to showcase his skills on a grand stage.

Looking toward the future, Joey's journey is poised to continue at East Stroudsburg University, where he has committed to play football at the collegiate level.



Nighthawk Joey Wilkinson

PBIS Monthly Challenges at Hanover Street Elementary



Hanover Street Students show HOPE (High Expectations, Open Mind, Positive Attitude, Excellent Effort) during our monthly PBIS assemblies. Students are challenged to complete tasks using teamwork, creativity, sportsmanship, and a positive attitude. These tasks allow our students to have fun while practicing our school-wide expectations. During February, students competed in a “Wrapped in Love” challenge. Students developed a plan with their class and raced to be the first to wrap their teacher up in red streamers. Congratulations to Mrs. Keller’s 2nd grade class, which boasted the fastest time!



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](tel:717-637-9000) or email her at ldubbs@hanoverpublic.org.

FREE Student Admission to Athletic Events Continues for the 2024-2025 School Year

In an effort to foster school spirit and community engagement, the Hanover Public School District has continued its initiative of granting free admission to all home athletic events for its students. Building upon its success from this school year, the district has announced the extension of this program for the upcoming 2024-2025 academic year.

This student-centric policy aims to encourage participation and support for the district’s sports teams while providing an

opportunity for students to enjoy and be part of the vibrant athletic culture within our schools. By removing financial barriers, the district hopes to ensure that all students have the chance to experience the excitement and camaraderie of live sporting events.

To gain entry, students are required to present their school identification cards at the venue.

Additionally, elementary and middle school students must be accompanied by an adult, ensuring their safety and supervision during the events.





DATES TO REMEMBER

April 8, 6PM
School Board Meeting

April 11, 6PM
Arts Night at Washington Elementary

April 12-14
Spring Musical,
THE WIZARD OF OZ

April 22, 6PM
School Board Meeting

April 29
Mid Marking Period - 4th Semester

May 3, 6PM
High School Prom

May 10, 7-8PM
Music Fest 2024 (Day 1)

May 11, 2-3PM, 7-8PM
Music Fest 2024 (Day 2)

May 13, 6PM
School Board Meeting

May 14, 7-8PM
Elementary Spring Instrumental
Concert
(High School Auditorium)

May 27
District Closed

May 29
Early Dismissal

May 30
Early Dismissal

May 29, 6:30PM
High School Campus Night

May 30, 7PM
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
(Sheppard & Myers Stadium)

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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 Card 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.

The Hanover Public School District prohibits discrimination, including sexual harassment, on the basis of race, color, age, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, ancestry, national origin, marital status, parenting status, pregnancy, or handicap/disability in its activities, programs, or employment practices. For more information regarding the complaint process and complaint forms, please contact Title IX Coordinators Mrs. Kathy Forbes, kforbes@hanoverpublic.org, or Dr. Susan Seiple, sseiple@hanoverpublic.org, or via phone at: 717-637-9000.