



Thank You, Hanover Public School District Board Members!

A Message from Superintendent Dr. John A. Scola

School Board Appreciation Month is a fitting time to take a moment to express our deep gratitude to the dedicated members of the Hanover Public School District Board of Education. Their tireless efforts and unwavering commitment to our schools and community make an invaluable impact.

The work of a school board often goes unseen but is necessary to the success of our district. Board members volunteer their time to shape the vision and direction of our schools, ensuring that all students have access to high-quality education. Their role is both challenging and rewarding as they balance the diverse needs and aspirations of our community in a fiscally responsible manner.

One of the most remarkable achievements of the Hanover Public School District Board of Education has been its ability to maintain high standards for education while being fiscally responsible. Over the past five years, the board has achieved this balance without raising taxes. **The district anticipates a sixth straight year with a 0% increase in taxes.** This is a testament to their strategic planning, innovative problem-solving, and prudent financial stewardship. The board's service to the district is not just about decision-making; it is about building a better future for our children and community.

We extend our thanks to each board

member for their dedication, wisdom, and hard work. Your contributions inspire us to continue striving for the very best for our students and families. Special recognition goes to the following board members:



Pictured - Front row: Cindy Gulden, Maria Shea, vice president; Brian Frederick, president; Sean Huston, treasurer. Back row - Marie Smith, Jill Keeney, Sally Kacar, Katie Walter & Pat Lippy

We invite you to join us in celebrating and recognizing our school board members during this time of appreciation. If you see a board member, take a moment to thank them for their service. Together, we can honor the profound difference they make in shaping the future of our district.

Thank you, Hanover Public School District Board of Education, for your unwavering commitment and outstanding leadership!

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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.

Celebrating Second Grade “Code to the Future”



We are thrilled to spotlight the incredible work of our second-grade students and teachers who have embraced the “Code to the Future” program with enthusiasm and creativity. This innovative initiative has provided our young learners with an opportunity to develop essential coding skills, laying the foundation for future success in technology and problem-solving.

A sincere thank you goes out to Mandy Morgret, Kelcee Keller, Brady McClintock, Jessica Harner, Bryn Feeser, Tiffanie Garman, Sara Cobb, and Brooks Keeney for their outstanding efforts in bringing this program to life. Your passion, dedication, and guidance have inspired our students to think critically, collaborate, and create.

The second graders have truly risen to the challenge, demonstrating remarkable growth in their coding abilities. From creating animations to solving complex puzzles, their achievements are a testament to their hard work and curiosity. These young coders are not only learning new skills but are also showing how technology can be a tool for innovation and expression.

We would also like to extend our appreciation to the students for sharing their coding projects with the Hanover Public School District Board of Education on January 27, 2025. The presentations were engaging, insightful, and a proud moment for our entire school community. Thank you for showcasing your talents and demonstrating the potential of the “Code to the Future” program.

We look forward to seeing the continued growth of our young coders as they explore new horizons in technology. This program



will be expanded to grades 3 and 4 next year, and to grades 5 and 6 the following school year. Thank you to everyone involved for making this program an inspiring success!

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 that 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 that are designed to enhance and extend the public school curriculum. These initiatives are always coupled with the regular education curriculum, yet they provide new avenues for change and experimentation.

Educational Improvement Tax Credits

Act 4 of 201 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, which are included on the list of organizations published by the Department.

**+ For more information
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hanoverpublic.org](mailto:ldubbs@hanoverpublic.org).**

Celebrating the Success of the “AI Innovations in Education” Contest Winners

The Hanover Public School District recently concluded the “AI Innovations in Education” contest, an initiative designed to foster creativity, collaboration, and the practical application of artificial intelligence in our schools. This exciting contest encouraged our professional staff to explore innovative ways to enhance classroom processes and improve student achievement through AI.

Superintendent Dr. John Scola expressed his appreciation to all 23 participants, stating, “On behalf of our entire district, I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your invaluable participation in our AI Innovation Project contest. Your willingness to step forward, unselfishly giving your time and expertise, is a testament to your dedication and passion for our school community. This project was more than just an opportunity to explore the latest educational technology; it was a chance to come together, learn from one another, and innovate to benefit our students and fellow staff members.”

Additionally, Dr. Scola, Dr. Seiple, and Mr. Fry’s AI proposal was selected by AASA, the School Superintendent Association, to present Hanover Public’s AI approach to improving student achievement. Two of the team members will be traveling to the National Convention in New Orleans for the presentation.



Mrs. Wildasin and Miss Maloney shared their artificial intelligence differentiation project with the HPSD board of directors.

Athletic Es



Riley Stigler



Ethan Herndon

We’re Proud of Our Educators!



Pictured (L to R): Doug Harris (Middle School Guidance Counselor), Victoria Pfisterer (High School Math Teacher), and Paul Bradigan (Middle School EL Teacher) Mr. Harris was recognized as Chamber Educator of the Year. Ms. Pfisterer and Mr. Bradigan were recognized as Shippensburg Outstanding Teachers.

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Stigler & Herndon Reach 1,000 Point Milestones for Hanover Basketball

The Hanover High School Athletic Department is thrilled to celebrate two outstanding athletes who have etched their names in school history. Riley Stigler and Ethan Herndon have both surpassed 1,000 career points, marking an incredible achievement for the Nighthawks basketball program.

Riley, a sharpshooting senior, finished her career with 1,137 points and an astonishing 232 career three-pointers. This season, she set a new YAIAA record with 86 three-pointers. On the boys' side, Ethan Herndon reached the 1,000 point milestone, showcasing his scoring ability and leadership throughout his career.

Both players plan to play basketball at the collegiate level. Congratulations to Riley and Ethan on these historic accomplishments!

Nighthawks Unified Bocce Team Wraps Up Inaugural Season



The High School proudly introduced its first-ever Unified Bocce team this winter, finishing the season with a 4-4 record. The addition of Unified Bocce marks an exciting step toward inclusivity in athletics, giving students of all abilities the opportunity to compete together.

Unified Sports, an initiative of the Special Olympics, brings together athletes with and without intellectual disabilities on the same team. The goal is to promote inclusion, teamwork, and sportsmanship while fostering friendships and community spirit.

Bocce, a sport with roots in ancient Italy, is a precision game where players roll balls toward a smaller target ball, called the pallina. Teams earn points based on how close their bocce balls land to the pallina, requiring both strategy and skill.

Hanover's Unified Bocce team demonstrated impressive growth and teamwork throughout the season, thanks in large part to the leadership of seniors Gage Winter, Sam Rager, and Madi Ridgely. Their dedication helped lay the foundation for what promises to be a strong program in the years to come.

Congratulations to all the players for making history in Hanover athletics!



Pictured (L to R): Seniors Mason Kress, Riley Stigler, Yrayra Kasili

Hanover Seniors Commit to Collegiate Athletics

Hanover High School is proud to celebrate three outstanding senior athletes who have committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. These student-athletes have demonstrated dedication, leadership, and perseverance throughout their high school careers, and their hard work has earned them the opportunity to compete at the next level.

Congratulations to Mason, Riley, and Yrayra on their incredible achievements!

- **Mason Kress will take his talents to Bowdoin College, where he will continue his football career.**
- **Riley Stigler is set to play basketball at McDaniel College.**
- **Yrayra Kasili will be heading to Mansfield University to continue playing football.**

Coming Soon... Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat

Join us at Hanover High School for another AMAZING HHS musical in April 2025. On **April 4, 5, & 6**, we will be performing the high-energy and visually vibrant musical, **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**, composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber with lyrics by Tim Rice. This show tells the story of Joseph, the favored son of Jacob and Joseph's 11 brothers, entirely through song, using a colorful blend of well-known musical styles such as rock/pop, 50's do-wop, country-western, calypso, 70's go-go dance, and powerful musical theatre ballads. The storytelling is also loaded with humor and heart, making it an appropriate and enjoyable show for audiences of all ages.

Featuring students from grades 3-12 in the cast, we proudly present this magical show that is performed each year by hundreds of schools and community groups the world over. Its universally-known story, and the way it is told through songs in so many different styles of music, makes the show a yearly favorite of many generations.

Friday (April 4th) and Saturday (April 5th) shows start at 7 PM. The Sunday matinee (April 6th) starts at 2 PM. The HHS Drama Program cordially invites you to attend this spectacular LIVE



theatrical event. Tickets will go on sale March 7th in the high school office as well as online. Look for information on the district website prior to March 7th for online ticket purchase instructions. As always, we hope to see many AMAZING friends and theatre patrons in the audience!

+ Ticket pricing is as follows:

- **Students in advance (online or in person): \$7**
- **Adults in advance (online or in person): \$8**
- **Students at-the-door: \$9**
- **Adults at-the-door: \$10**



Online Payments Hanover Public School District now offers a convenient way to make online payments! This service is available for purchasing musical tickets. Please visit <https://hanover.revtrak.net/> to purchase tickets.

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.



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.

Currently, 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.



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DATES TO REMEMBER

March 31
Report Cards

April 4-6
Spring Musical,
JOSEPH AND THE
AMAZING TECHNICOLOR
DREAMCOAT

April 7, 6PM
School Board Meeting

April 17
No School for Students &
Teachers

April 18
District Closed

April 19
No School for Students &
Teachers

April 29
Mid Marking Period - 4th
Semester

May 2, 6PM
High School Prom

May 26
District Closed

May 28, 29
Early Dismissal

May 29, 6:30PM
High School Campus Night

May 29, 7PM
High School Graduation
(Sheppard & Myers
Stadium)

FREE Student Admission to Athletic Events Continues for the 2025-2026 School Year

In an effort to foster school spirit and community engagement, the district has continued its initiative of granting free admission to all home athletic events for its students. Building upon the success from previous school years, the program will be extended for the upcoming 2025-2026 academic year.

This student-centric policy aims to encourage participation and support for the district's sports teams, and to provide 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 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.



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**.