

# VOLUME 15, ISSUE 1

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

*1st Marking Period Ends*      **Oct. 14**

*No School*      **Nov. 2**

*Fall Play*      **Nov. 4,  
5,6**

*Parent Teacher Confer-  
ences (4-7 p.m.)*      **Nov. 10**

*Parent Teacher Confer-  
ences (All Day)*      **Nov. 11**

*Swing Dance (7-10:30)*      **Nov. 11**

*Talent Show (7:00)*      **Nov. 17**

*Thanksgiving Break*      **Nov. 23-  
25**

*2nd Marking Period  
Ends*      **Dec. 2**

Welcome back to another wonderful school year at Hartland High School. As the year progresses there will be a need to communicate upcoming events and important information to parents in a timely fashion. HHS would like to ask that you, the parents, take a few minutes to visit [www.hartlandhighschool.us](http://www.hartlandhighschool.us) and click on the ListServ link to sign up to receive e-mail messages that may help facilitate this process. New for the 2011-12 school year is an automated messaging system in which the building administrators can communicate attendance issues and other important information via E-mail and phone calls. In the future we will be able to add text messaging to this process. In order to ensure that you receive this information from the automated system it is imperative that your contact information is correct. This is done by having completed and up-dated the Emergency Information Sheet at registration or by contacting the school at 810-626-2200. The effort to set up communication networks that provide information in a timely manner comes directly from feedback parents have provided on the Parent Teacher Conference Surveys done last year. Please know that you can also visit Parent Connect (with the proper password) and our daily announcements. Links for Parent Connect and daily announcements can be found at [www.hartlandhighschool.us](http://www.hartlandhighschool.us).

### Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

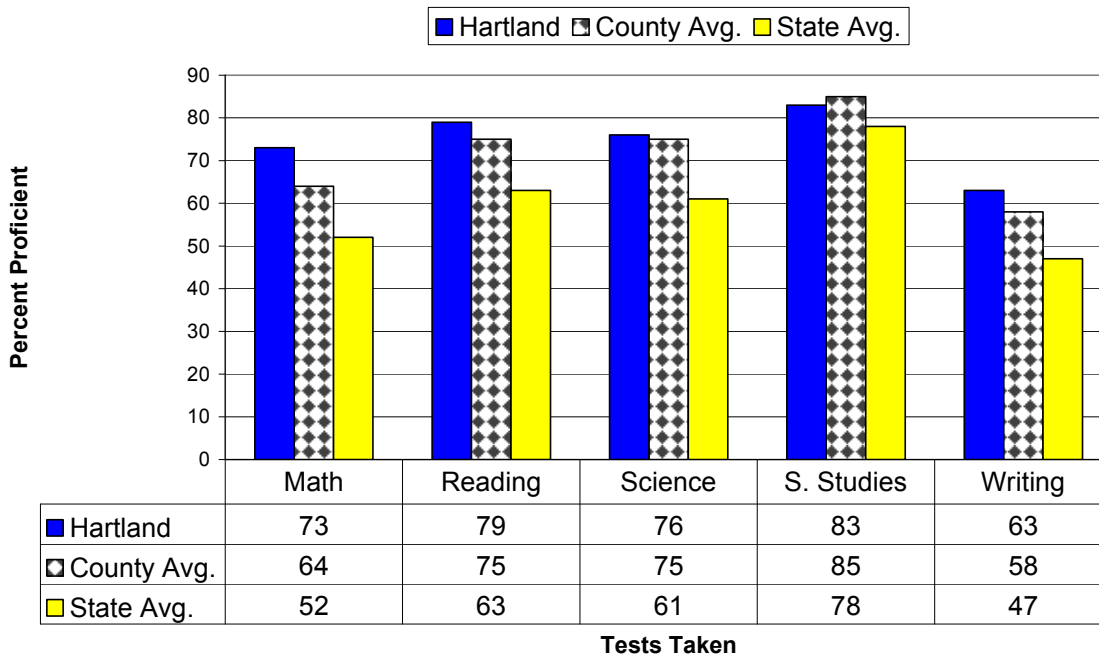
The PAC invites all parents to attend PAC meetings which will take place on the first Tuesday of each month starting October 4, 2011. Meetings will be held at 7:30 AM in the main office conference room. Each month we will include a topic of discussion. In October the topic will be High School Curriculum and what parents can do to ensure student success in high school? If you have a topic that is of interest to you, in regard to the high school, please contact Chuck Hughes at [chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us](mailto:chuckhughes@hartlandschools.us) so that the topic may be added to a future agenda. Thank you for you support in donating to the PAC for the 2011-12 school year. The PAC will have a table set up at the September 9, 2011 Varsity Football game to enroll new members and share information on purchasing a HHS Student Directory.

If you are interested in the PAC Minutes of Meetings please visit the PAC Newsletter at [www.hartlandhighschool.us](http://www.hartlandhighschool.us).

## Michigan Merit Exam Results Look Good

The MME results indicate continued improvement in Math, Reading, and Writing which is consistent with Hartland High School's school improvement efforts in critical thinking / problem solving and literacy. We are encouraged that the combined efforts of students, staff, and the school district are supported by this set of data. In the spring HHS was awarded the highest level of accreditation from Advanced Ed. (an outside curriculum auditing organization) for this effort. We would like to thank our parents and community for continuing to entrust the education of our future leaders with the Hartland Consolidated School District.

### MME Comparison Data Spring 2012



## Student Directory Fundraiser

Help support the parent organization with a \$12 donation or more and receive a Student Directory. It is a great reference to stay informed with a list of student names, addresses and telephone numbers. If you did not order your student directory at registration, you can do so now by sending your check payable to Hartland High School PAC, P.O. Box 345, Hartland, MI 48353. Directories will be available for pick up during parent teacher conferences.

## **School Rule Reminders**

**Passes to Leave the Building:** Gold passes to get out of the building. Notes need to be dropped off on Mrs. Mundt's desk (in the Main Office) BEFORE 1<sup>st</sup> hour. She will write all the passes during 1<sup>st</sup> hr and then you can pick them up after that. You need to show your teacher the gold pass when it's time for you to leave. Go to the front office to sign out of the green clip-board before leaving the building.

**Guest Passes for Dances:** We make an announcement when they are ready to be picked up in the front office. You need to give them to your guest to be filled out by them, their parents and their school. Their school needs to then FAX them to our school. After they have been approved, the front office will let you know that the passes for the dance are ready to pickup.

### **ELECTRONIC DEVICE/CELL PHONE POLICY**

Cell phones, pagers, or other related electronic devices may only be used before school, during passing time, and during a student's lunch period. These items may not be used at any point during instructional/class time. Electronic devices must be turned off **before** entering a classroom, and cannot be used until a student enters the hallway for passing time.

Any cell phone causing a disruption during instructional/class time will be confiscated and sent to the main office. Disruption can include phone ringing, beeping, vibrating, texting, etc.

### **EARLY DISMISSAL**

Students need to drop off notes in the front office **before** school starts, if they need a pass to leave school early. Passes are written during first hour and students may pick them up anytime after first hour. They must then sign out in the front office when leaving the building and sign back in on their return.

### **ATTENDANCE**

All absences must be verified by a telephone call or a note from a parent within 48 hours of the absence. The attendance phone line (810-626-2205) operates 24 hours a day.

### **STUDENT APPEARANCE**

A student's appearance must be neat, clean, decent, and appropriate. Dress or grooming which could constitute a health or safety hazard or which could be considered unkempt, unclean, indecent, or inappropriate will not be allowed. Building principals or their designees are authorized to establish rules and regulations governing student appearance in their buildings and to make judgments of student appearance relative to these rules and regulations.

Appropriate dress for secondary students prevents the wearing of hats, bandannas, any objects or clothing with spikes, cut-offs, mini-apparel, see-through clothing, tube tops, halter tops, half T-shirts or tank tops, and bare midriffs. Mini-apparel shall be understood to be anything that is deemed inappropriate by school administration. Pants or shorts should appropriately cover undergarments to avoid the appearance of "sagging". Any clothing or personal possessions, which have designs, which advocate and/or advertise the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco or violence of any type, are not permitted in the schools. Students who are in violation of these rules and regulations will be sent to the school office to correct their appearance before returning to class. This policy applies to all school related functions.

## **Link Orientation**

On August 30<sup>th</sup>, 88 junior and senior student Link Leaders meet with the incoming freshman students to lead them through a series of activities to help them to be ready for the first day of school. The freshman participated in large and small group activities, and a school tour, designed to help them feel comfortable throughout their first year of high school. Link leaders will continue to meet with their freshman groups throughout the school year to discuss topics such as making good choices, available school resources, scheduling, social events, etc. The next Link meeting will be to talk about the homecoming activities and will include a fashion show. The next big event is Cocoa and Cram in January to help freshman prepare for final exams.

## **Big Red Barrel**

Teens are inundated by messages everyday, some positive while others are not. Please remember that you are the most important influence on your child's life. If you have prescription medication in your house, lock them up and keep an eye on the contents. If you no longer have need for them, but don't know where to dispose of them safely, the Livingston County Community Alliance would like you to know that there are two sites where you can drop your unused prescription medication. Look for the big red barrels at the Michigan State Police Post on Old US-23 in Brighton (Monday through Friday from 8 AM-4 PM), or the Livingston County Jail ( 24 hours a day, 7 days a week) on South Highlander Way in Howell. The service is free, and the medication is disposed of in a proper fashion.

## **Hartland High School PAC Meeting Minutes - August 2, 2011**

**Present:** Sue Aberasturi, Tim Dilworth, Doni Dilworth, Jamie Nicholson, Chuck Hughes

**Minutes:** March and May PAC minutes were approved.

**PAC Board Positions 2011-2012:** Jamie Nicholson was nominated and approved as VP.

PRESIDENT – TIM DILWORTH  
SECRETARY – DEB ALBERT  
TREASURER – SUE ABERASTURI

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** BUDGET FOR 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR WAS REVIEWED. THE 2011-2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE OCT 3<sup>RD</sup> MEETING. TIM WILL MEET WITH SUE TO REVIEW FINANCIALS.

**SPECIAL MEETING TOPIC SUGGESTIONS:** OCT. 4<sup>TH</sup> – PARENT AND STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES/CURRICULUM.

Interactive Whiteboard, What is the future for music and art, Grades and testing, Counseling

**Recruit Parent Volunteers:**

**Registration** – PAC Table–Volunteer sign-up sheet, Topic Suggestions, Meijer Reward Forms, Bullet Points of Accomplishment, Board Position Descriptions, Collect emails

Freshmen: August 23, 2011 (A-L 8:00 to 11:00 AM and M-Z 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM)

Seniors: August 24, 2011 (A-L 8:00 to 11:00 AM and M-Z 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM)

Juniors: August 25, 2011 (A-L 8:00 to 11:00 AM and M-Z 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM)

Sophomores: August 26, 2011 (A-L 8:00 to 11:00 AM and M-Z 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM)

**Link Parent Orientation** – August 30<sup>th</sup> @ 8 am - Auditorium

**Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> Home Football Game** – PAC Table

**List Serv** – Send out monthly meeting notice

**PAC News** – Recruit parent volunteer

**Spring Incoming Parent Freshman Meeting** – Create PAC awareness

**Communications to Parents:** Utilize the Class List Serv - Jamie will put together schedule of topics for the upcoming months.

**District Parent Advisory Committee:** First meeting of the school year has not yet been determined. Forward email to Jamie when it arrives.

**Meijer Rewards:** Recruit members at registration and football game. Check into flyers and online applications.

**Administrative Report:** Social Studies will be a focus for improving MME score. Always looking for ways to improve proficiency. Hiring four teachers this school year. Deb Petish will be Asst. Principal at Farms. Lawrence Pumford will be Asst. Principal at the high school. Some class sizes will be 35 students. Registration is going green. Parents will receive letter in the mail, visit website and download forms to fill out for registration. Culture committee has designed “Tips to Make the Grade at Hartland High School.” Identifies what students can do to make the grade.

Submitted by,  
Sue Aberasturi

# Hartland High School PAC

## Meeting Minutes – October 4, 2011

Tim Dilworth, President (timdilworth@yahoo.com)  
Jamie Nicholson, V.P. (ejaknicholson@comcast.net)  
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**Introductions:** Introductions were held and members were asked what means of communication brought their awareness to attend the meeting. Stay informed using ListServ.

**Minutes:** August meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Tim Dilworth, motion passed.

**Special Topic:** Parent and Student Responsibilities for a Successful School Year/Curriculum  
Mr. Hughes discussed the responsibility of a successful student and what the high school has done to address curriculum expectations.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: BUDGET FOR 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR WAS REVIEWED AND DISCUSSED. CHRISTINA MONSON MOTIONED TO APPROVE THE 2011/2012 BUDGET REPORT, MOTION PASSED.**

### **Upcoming PAC Activities:**

- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> (Friday) 6:50-7:30 am - Sweetest Day Choc. Kisses distributed to students as they enter the building. Sue Aberasturi will chair coordinating volunteers and purchasing kisses for the event. Parent volunteers; bring a basket from home to distribute.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday) 3:30-5:00 pm - Student Directory coping in the high school main office work room. Sue Aberasturi will purchase paper and coordinate volunteers to help.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-4:00 pm – Teacher Conference Dinner will be held in the media center. Johanna Breece would Co-chair. Deb Albert will be contacted for Co-chair interest.
- November 10<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 7 pm, November 11<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 2:30 pm – Student Directory Distribution. Located near the main entrance.

### **New Business:**

Announce to parents about purchasing a student directory – Mail check to P.O. Box and ask to include a donation of \$12 or the \$5 directory fee.

November 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting Topic – Students Grades and Testing – Determining the value of a GPA and what forms of testing are used at HHS. Presented by Mr. Hughes and the Counseling Dept.  
Implementing Kroger Reward Program was suggested to earn additional funds.

**District Parent Advisory Committee (DPAC):** Tim Dilworth will attend the meeting today.

Submitted by,  
Sue Aberasturi