



Family Newsletter

October 10, 2025

HELLO HPJH FAMILIES!

I hope everyone had a GREAT week! Below are this week's announcements.

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, OCTOBER 13

Please plan on no school on Monday! The next upcoming half day is October 31.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY - OCTOBER 14

Picture retake day is October 14. Any student not present on the original picture day needs to have their picture taken. If you want your child's pictures retaken, students will need to have their original pictures with them on picture retake day. Photographers will not be printing lost IDs. Students that need their picture taken can get the packet form from their teachers.

ID BADGES

Please help your students remember to wear their ID badges every day! If they were not here on picture day, they will get a badge on picture retake day, October 14.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to volunteer or be part of a parent group for the middle school, please reach out to me, Sheila O'Kane, at sheila.okane@myhpsd.org.

LITTLE CAESARS FUNDRAISER EXTENDED!

This fundraiser has been extended to October 12. If you would like to order online, you can go to the [Little Caesars Fundraiser website for Hazel Park Junior High School](#). Here are the codes:

- Fundraiser Code: 43786
- Group Code: 36388

WASHINGTON DC DATE EXTENSION

The date to sign up for this amazing trip has been extended to October 17. Please see the flyer following this newsletter for more information.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Please see the flyer below regarding the Trunk or Treat at Scout Park on October 25.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Just a friendly reminder that students are not allowed to cross the driveway or go into the parking lot to meet their ride. Please get in the line that flows through the driveway. When you reach the sidewalk, your child(ren) can enter your vehicle then. It is very helpful to pull up as far as you can so we can get more cars along the sidewalk. This keeps the line moving. You are welcome to park, cross the driveway and get your child(ren) from the sidewalk so you can walk them across the driveway. Please make sure that anyone that picks up for you understands this rule. Please do not ask your child to break this rule and meet you in the parking lot.

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STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL

Parents and guardians, please make sure your students know that they need to walk directly home when school is dismissed. They may not hang out at the school, Scout Park or Taco Bell.

CURRENT AND UPCOMING AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- **JUNIOR VIKING WRESTLING**
 - See the flyer below! Registration is open now! Wrestling is Monday through Thursday, 6:00-8:00.
- **HOMEWORK CLUB**
 - Homework club starts Tuesday, October 14! Students will meet in Room 105 from 3:00-4:00. Two teachers will be there to help students with their work.
- **LIBRARY CLUB**
 - This club meets every other Tuesday. They meet in the cafeteria after school and walk over to the Hazel Park Library. Parents pick up at the library at 4:15. For more information, your child can seek out Ms. London, in Pod A. The dates are listed in the flyer below.
- **MICHIGAN STAGE**
 - This drama club meets every Thursday. Please see the flyer at the end of this email for more information.

- **CROSS COUNTRY**
 - students can still join cross country! Interested students can seek out Ms. Breshgold in Pod B.
- **CULINARY CLUB**
 - - will start October 15. Students will learn about healthy eating, portion size, and reading labels. A flyer with information is below. Students can also pick them up in the office. Use the QR code to register. There are only 18 slots for this club!
- **BASKETBALL**
 - - please watch for information regarding our 7th and 8th grade basketball teams!

DATES TO REMEMBER!

Here are some important dates to get on your calendar!

10-13-25		NO SCHOOL
10-14-25		Picture Retake Day
10-22 thru 10-29		Boo Grams - Student Council
10-30-25	3:00-4:30	Halloween Dance
10-31-25	7:55-11:05	HALF DAY - records in afternoon
11-4-25		NO SCHOOL - Institute Day
11-12-25	6:00-7:30	STEM Night
11-13-25	Until 7:00	Half Day for Students, Conferences
11-26-25		NO SCHOOL
11-27 thru 11-30		Thanksgiving Break
12-15 thru 12-18		Spirit Week
12-19-25	7:55-11:05	Half Day
12-20 thru 1-4		Holiday Break
1-5-26		School Resumes

Sincerely,
 Dr. Julie Kaminski, Sheila O'Kane, Ed.S., Bobby Kiger

HELPFUL LINKS

[Hazel Park Junior High School Calendar, 2025/2026](#)

[Hazel Park Junior High School website](#)

[Hazel Park Schools Student Handbook, 2025/2026](#)

[Hazel Park Vikings Gear](#)

[Hazel Park Junior High School Gear](#)



Hazel Park

Junior Vikings

Wrestling

Registration
fee **\$100**

Registration
dates:
October 2nd
October 16th
6PM-8PM

REGISTRATION COVERS:
SINGLET RENTAL, WARM-UP
RENTAL AND MYWAY MEMBERSHIP

Practices:
Monday-Thursday
6PM-8PM

Registration location:
Hazel Park Rec Department
620 W. Woodward Heights Blvd.
Hazel Park, MI 48030

Hazel Park Junior High Culinary Club

Wednesday's
Oct. 15th – Apr. 29th

Let's get
cooking

Our goal is to teach students about nutritional education and character building in the kitchen to empower their future! By picking healthier foods and discovering their culinary creativity, they learn how to make healthy decisions for their mind, and body!

Use QR code to register. Space is limited, registration is first come first serve.



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SCHOOLS

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serving up happy & healthy

For questions please contact Brenda Sapp (248) 658-5995



Library Club

Permission Slip

Who

All HPJH Students

What

Visit the library with other HPJH students, chaperoned by Ms. London (6th grade English teacher) to read, study, and more!

When

Every other Tuesday (*some exceptions), 3:00 PM - 4:15 PM
Club leaves from Junior High at 3:05 PM

(Sep 23, Oct 7, Oct 21, Nov 11, Nov 25, *Dec 9, *Dec 16, Jan 6, Jan 20, Feb 3, Feb 24, Mar 10, Mar 24, Apr 7, Apr 21, May 5, May 19, June 2)

Where

Meet in the HPJH cafeteria at 3:00 PM and walk 0.3 miles with Library Club to the Hazel Park District Library (123 E 9 Mile Rd, Hazel Park, MI 48030)

Need a Library Card?

Complete the attached Library Card application. It must be filled out neatly and include a parent/guardian's Driver's License Number. Yes, School of Choice students are eligible for a library card!



- Books, including
 - eBooks
 - Audio books
- Movies and TV Shows
 - DVDs
 - Downloadable content
- Downloadable music and CDs
- Library of Things, including
 - Drones
 - STEAM kits
- Maker's Space, including
 - 3D Printers
 - 3D Scanners
 - Cricut machine
- Podcasting, vlogging, and video production space
- Historical newspapers
- Quiet study-pods
- Computers and internet access

Please detach the following permission slip and return to the Main Office or Ms. London in Room 105

Hazel Park Junior High Library Club Permission Slip

Name _____ Grade _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone Number _____

Following meetings (at 4:15 PM), my student will be

_____ Picked up from the **Hazel Park District Library**, NOT Hazel Park Junior High

_____ Walking to their next location

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

WASHINGTON DC

8th Grade

PARENT INFORMATION MEETING



Wed. Sept. 24, 2025

**Hazel Park Junior High Auditorium
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM**



Come Learn About

Dates of travel, the total cost, financial assistance, what's included in the price, the itinerary, and a memorable hands-on learning experience and history about our Nation's capital.



Trip Registration Info

Tour Company: WorldStrides
ID # 224670



BOOK TODAY



Email vinette.cephas@myhpsd.org



800-468-5899



worldstrides.com/register



**NO BARRIERS.
NO AUDITIONS.
NO MEMORIZATION.
NO PRESSURE.
JUST CREATIVITY.**



**EVERY CHILD BELONGS ON STAGE
—REGARDLESS OF EXPERIENCE,
ABILITY, OR INCOME.**

**MPLAY
LABS**
MICHIGANSTAGE.ORG

EVERY THURSDAY STARTING ON 9/18/25!

After-School Program Opportunity!

We're offering a special program for 6th–8th graders but hurry, there are only 20 spots available on a first come, first serve basis!

Families are encouraged to use the “Pay What You Can” donation option but there is no donation required if it's not possible!

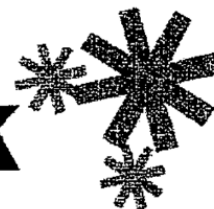
Don't miss out on this chance for your child to join!



SCAN ME!



BUILD UP THE PARK A PARENT SERIES



2025-2026

Join us for Build Up the Park, a district-wide parent series open to all Hazel Park Schools families! Each event includes dinner and free childcare, so you can relax, connect, and participate fully. We're excited to host this year's events, offering support, resources, and connection for families across the district. Two of our featured events—Choose Your Own Adventure and Hometown Huddle—are specially designed for children and parents to enjoy together. We can't wait to see you there!

Aug. 28, 2025, 5 to 6:30 PM @ High School
Hometown Huddle

Sept. 23, 2025, 6 to 7:30 PM @ Junior High
Choose your own Adventure

Oct. 7, 2025, 5:30 to 7 PM @ Webb
Family First: Tools to help Students thrive

Nov. 20, 2025, 5:30-7 PM @ United Oaks
Dinner and Data

Dec. 9, 2025 5:30 to 7 PM @ Hoover
Cocoa & Conversation

Jan. 13, 2026, 5:30 to 7 PM @ Webb
Navigating Tech & Child Wellness

Feb. 7, 2026, 11 am to 2 PM
@ Junior High
Family Resource fair and Chili Cookoff

March 24, 2026, 5:30 to 7 PM
@ United Oaks
Dinner and Data

April 21, 2026, 5:30 to 7 PM @ TBD
From Here to Hired

May 12, 2026, 5:30 to 7 PM @ Hoover
Safe at Home

