

# HAZEL PARK JR. HIGH Patriots

## Family Newsletter

November 7, 2025

### HELLO HPJH FAMILIES!

I hope everyone had a fun Halloween! Below please find information regarding our amazing school!

### CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS VOLLEYBALL TEAMS!

This evening was the volleyball banquet to celebrate an amazing season! Both the 7th and 8th grade teams did very well, the 7th grade being undefeated! Congratulations, Patriots!

### EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FORMS

We have many families that have not completed the Educational Benefits forms. This is a very important document that some of our funding is based on. Please watch for an email or phone call from the Junior High so we can get these done as soon as possible.

### STEAM NIGHT - NOT YOUR GRANDFATHER'S UNIVERSE

We have an AMAZING STEAM Night planned for Wednesday, November 12 from 6:00-7:30. Our keynote speaker is Dr. Michael Foerster, a retired NASA astronomer! We'll have activities and a Mexican style dinner! Please click on the [HPJH STEAM Night](#) link for the flyer to RSVP so we can plan on how much food to make! We will see you there!

### PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES - HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

Just a friendly reminder that parent teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 13. Teacher teams will be together in the main gym from 12:30-3:00 and 4:30-7:00. The connection between home and school is so important! We hope you are able to attend! You can also log into PowerSchool and check the first marking period report cards, attendance and contact information. Thank you!

### DINNER AND DATA

Please see information in a flyer below regarding the Build up the Park Parent Series: Dinner and Data. Learn about your child's math testing data through fun activities! The event is November 20, 5:30-7:00 at United Oaks Elementary School. Free child care! Scan the QR code below to RSVP.

## HOLIDAY BASKET PROGRAM

As we move into November, we're preparing for one of Hazel Park's most meaningful traditions: our Holiday Basket Program. Each year, our schools and community come together to provide holiday meals, gifts, books, hats, and gloves for more than 100 local families. We need your help to make this year another success! Here's what you need to know:

- Holiday Basket applications for families living within the Hazel Park School District will be available in school offices beginning November 3rd and must be returned by December 1st.
- To help streamline donations and make the baskets valuable for families, we are asking for donations of the following from each school from now through December 11:
  - Potatoes - Webb/Jardon
  - Stuffing - HPJH
  - Vegetables - U.O. & HPHS
  - Canned Fruit - Webster & Edison
  - Cereal - Hoover
  - Advantage/Ford - Mac & Cheese/PB & J
  - Library - Cereal

Thank you as we work together to support our families!

## GOT SUPPLIES?

Please check with your child to see if they need any school supplies such as pencils, gluesticks, notebooks or folders. If you would like to donate tissue or disinfecting wipes for classrooms and the office, they would be greatly appreciated.

## CHEERLEADING TRYOUTS

Cheerleading tryouts are November 17, 18 and 21st from 3:00-6:00. Students must have their physical form turned in BEFORE tryouts. Students can pick up that form in the office. The Physical form is below. An immunization record is not needed. A flyer will be available soon!

## BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

Basketball tryouts are November 17-19, from 3:00-5:00. Students must have their physical form turned in BEFORE tryouts. Students can pick up that form in the office. The Physical form is below. An immunization record is not needed. See the Basketball Tryouts flyer below!

## 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

- **CHEER LEADING TRYOUTS**
  - November 17, 18, 21 - you will need a physical!
- **BOYS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS**
  - November 17-19; 3:00-5:00 - you will need a physical!
- **GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS**
  - Will be in February
- **WRESTLING TRYOUTS**
  - Will be in February
- **HOMEWORK CLUB**
  - Homework club meets Monday through Friday in room 105. It runs from 3:00-4:00.
- **LIBRARY CLUB**
  - The schedule for the library club is in the flyer below. 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.

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

Here are some important dates to get on your calendar!

11-12-25	6:00-7:30	STEAM Night
11-13-25	Until 7:00	Half Day for Students, Conferences 12:30-3:00 and 4:30-7:00
Nov, 17, 18, 21		Cheerleading Tryouts - 3:00-6:00
Nov 17, 18, 19		Basketball Tryouts - 3:00-5:00
11-20-25	5:30-7:00	Dinner & Data at United Oaks (flyer below)
11-26-25		NO SCHOOL
11-27 thru 11-30		Thanksgiving Break
12-1-25		Applications for holiday baskets are due
12-11-25		Last day to send in stuffing for the holiday baskets
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
1-19-26		NO SCHOOL - Institute Day
1-23-26	7:55-11:05	HALF DAY - Records Day - End end of Marking Period 2/Semester Staff vs. Students Volleyball Game
2-9 thru 2-13		Valentines and Spirit Week
2-11-26	3:05-4:05 6:00-7:30	Dance Webb Talent Show at HPJH
2-13-26	7:55-11:05	Half Day
2-14 thru 2-22		Mid Winter Break
3-2-26		Talent Show Tryouts
3-4-26	6:00-7:30	Literacy Night
3-12-26	Until 7:00	Half Day for Students, Conferences
3-18-26		Rising 6th Grade Students Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 8:45-10:15 - Hoover and Webb</li> <li>● 1:00-2:30 - United Oaks</li> <li>● 6:00-7:00 - Parent Information Night</li> </ul>
3-27-26	7:55-11:05	HALF DAY - spring break begins
3-28 thru 4-5		Spring Break
4-6-26		NO SCHOOL - Institute Day
4-7-26		Classes Resume

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](#)

# HPJH Presents...

Not Your Grandfather's Universe, November 12, 6-7:30 pm

## Please join us for a fun STEAM night!

Hazel Park Junior High Presents..., "Not Your Grandfather's Universe"

You're invited to a special interactive presentation, "Not Your Grandfather's Universe", in the auditorium and cafeteria area that promises an out-of-this-world experience! This exciting event will feature Dr. Michael Foerster, a distinguished planetary astronomer and NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) retiree whose research was vital to discovering exoplanets and who now supports the Kepler Space Telescope. Drawing on his extensive experience from observatories like Kitt Peak and the VLA, as well as his roles as co-founder of Astronomy.FM and an outreach astronomer for the Cranbrook Institute of Science, Dr. Foerster will share his passion for the cosmos. Join us for an inspiring evening of science and technology education designed to ignite curiosity in all ages.



Dinner will be provided for families. Please use the Google Form below to RSVP by Monday, November 10, 2025, so that we can accurately plan for the number of people to serve.

# JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WINTER TRYOUT INFORMATION

**#GoPatriots**

## BOYS BASKETBALL

NOVEMBER 17-19, 2025  
3 TO 5 PM - MAIN GYM



## GIRLS BASKETBALL

SEASON BEGINS IN FEBRUARY  
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW

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## WRESTLING

SEASON BEGINS IN FEBRUARY  
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW



## SIDELINE CHEER

NOVEMBER 17-18, 21, 2025  
3 TO 6 PM - MAT ROOM

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**PHYSICALS NEED TO BE ON  
FILE PRIOR TO TRYING OUT.**

**BUILD UP THE PARK**  
**A PARENT SERIES**

**DINNER & DATA**

Join us for an evening of good food and great insight!

Enjoy a delicious dinner while participating in an interactive presentation about your child's Math testing data. Learn actionable steps to help your student grow academically at home, and let the kids enjoy fun goodies just for them. Plus, everyone in attendance will be entered into a raffle for a FREE Thanksgiving turkey!

**NOVEMBER 20, 2025 | 5:30 PM TO 7 PM |**  
**@ UNITED OAKS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**SCAN TO RSVP!**

**Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow together!**



**Free  
Childcare  
Provided!**

# 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

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### 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 \_\_\_\_\_