



District is Filled with Both Teacher and Academic All-Stars

At the start of the 2010-11 academic year, each school's staff and administration began nominating students and teachers for the Ohio Lottery's Academic All-Star program. Since October, students and teachers from Hamilton Local Schools have earned the recognition of being chosen as the monthly regional all-star. All-stars receive a prize pack from the Ohio Lottery and public recognition at local events that are in season. Each award winner has received tickets from the Columbus Blue Jackets and has been taken onto the ice during intermission for a public introduction as the Academic and Teacher All-Star for the month.

Month:	Student:	Teacher:
Oct. 2010	Cameron Issac (HIS)	Karen Schutte (HES)
Nov. 2010	Emilee Garren (HES)	Krysten Case (HES)
Dec. 2010	Alainna Mills (HES)	Susan Griffiths (HES)
Jan. 2011	Demya Welch (HMS)	Robert Lanthorn (HTHS)

*Pictured Right - Emilee Garren & Krysten Case
Pictured Below - Alainna Mills*



Photo courtesy of the Columbus Blue Jackets



Jankowski Takes Reins as Board of Education President

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Dates to Remember:

MARCH:

- 3-5 "Little Shop of Horrors" (HTHS)
- 4 Registration Deadline for April ACT (HTHS)
- 9 2 Hour Late Arrival (District)
- 9 EXPLORE & Student Readiness Inventory (8th Grade)
- 14-18..... OGT (10th-12th Grade)
- 23 Spring Pictures (HES & HIS)
- 28-April 1 Stanford 10/Otis Lennon Tests (1st & 2nd Grade)
- 31 Parent Teacher Conferences (HES & HIS)

APRIL:

- 9 ACT Exam Day (HTHS)
- 11-14... Celebrating Success Week (HES)
- 18-22... Spring Break (District)
- 28 No School (District)
- 28 Preschool Registration For 2011-12 School Year

MAY:

- 2-6 OAA (3rd - 8th Grades)
- 7 Jr./Sr. Prom (HTHS)
- 4-10 AP Exams (HTHS)
- 5 Kindergarten Open House (HES)
- 6 Registration Deadline for June ACT (HTHS)
- 13 Butterfly Ball (HIS)
- 17-20... Washington DC Trip (HMS)
- 18 2 Hour Late Arrival (District)
- 18 Band Concert (HIS)
- 18 Preschool Graduation at HTHS
- 23 New 4th Grade Student Orientation (HIS)
- 30 No School (District)
- 31 Class of 2011 Graduation (HTHS)

JUNE:

- 2 Last Day of School (2 hour Early Release)

HTHS Teachers Earn OSBA Regional Honors

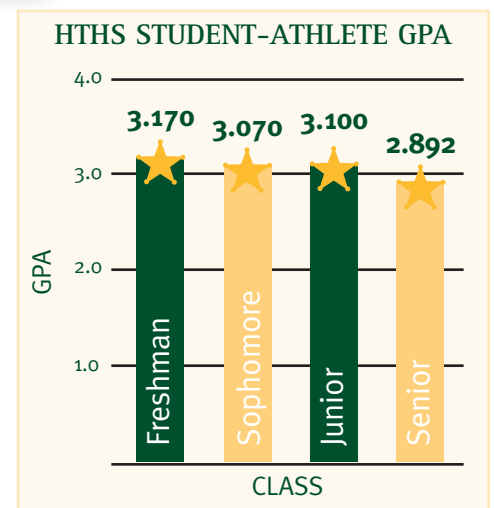
Each year, the Central Region of the Ohio School Boards Association recognizes teachers from our region who were nominees for their “Teacher of the Year” award. Out of the tens of thousands of teachers in our 17-county region, only 14 teachers qualified for the recognition this year. HTHS Math Chair, Carole Morbitzer and Science Chair, Phil Borkow earned a place in the Top 14 teachers of the Central Region.

Morbitzer and Borkow will be recognized for their hard work and success during the OSBA Spring Conference that will take place in Columbus on March 16.



Triple “A” Program Pays Off as More than 50% Make Honor Roll

Athlete Academic Assistance is seeing rewards as more than half of the athletes who are being monitored have earned honor roll recognition. Our “AAA” program has verified the grade point averages of 275 student-athletes to find 55.2% of them earned honor roll GPAs, 19 of our student-athletes earned a 4.0 or higher, and the average 2nd nine weeks GPA for all 275 student-athletes was 3.089. The graph to the right shows a break down of average 2nd nine weeks GPAs for all student-athletes at Hamilton Township High School.



Christian Nixon Wins 1st Place in Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest

As part of OhioHealth’s Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration, the children and grandchildren of associates submitted creative entries for a system-wide art and essay contest. The contest encouraged the young writers and artists to reflect upon Dr. King’s life and work through their artistic talents. Christian, a fifth grade student at Hamilton Intermediate School, earned first place for the essay that he wrote about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

To view a podcast on Christian reading his winning essay go to the following web address below, or you can visit the Hamilton Intermediate School website and click on the “Teacher Websites” link to get to Mrs. Eckenrode’s teacher website. <http://www.hamilton-local.k12.oh.us/5thGradeWritingandSocialStudies.aspx>



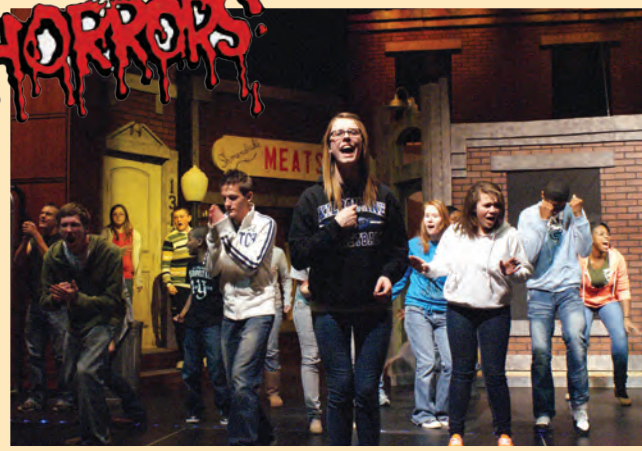
Ben Sipe’s Pen Powers its Way into Regional Championship

Hamilton Middle School students recently competed in the annual Power of the Pen district competition at Gahanna Middle School and an 8th grade student, Ben Sipe, scribed his way through nearly 200 7th and 8th grade students to a Top 10 finish. His achievement allows him to advance to the regional championship being held March 12th at Karrer Middle School in Dublin.





Hamilton Local Drama Presents “Little Shop of Horrors”

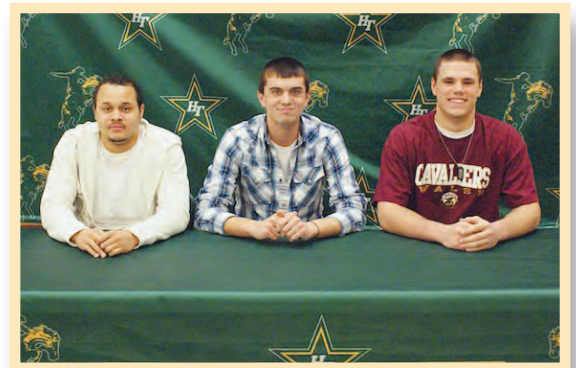


Hamilton Township High School’s auditorium will turn into the Little Shop of Horrors from March 3-5, 2011. Tickets are on sale for the show daily at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium ticket office. They are expected to go fast, so make certain you get yours today.

“This is a wonderfully humorous show that we produced in 2001, and are thrilled to bring it back to the Hamilton Township community,” show director Mark Frazier explained. “It is a production that will remind people of the 1950s and 60s comedic spoof movie craze, and younger audience members will recall the 1986 movie that starred many famously funny actors including Rick Moranis, Steve Martin, and Bill Murray. Everyone who attends our show will definitely have a fun, entertaining evening.”

Several Rangers Sign Scholarships

After displaying their skills in the classroom and on the playing field, several Ranger athletes found that their hard work is paying off by receiving scholarships to continue their education and athletic careers in college. Talented pitcher, Kameron Wright threw his way to a NCAA Division I scholarship with the University of Evansville. Hamilton Township’s record-setting running back Josh Frakes earned a scholarship to Ashland University. Hard-hitting linebacker, Mitch Horlocker worked his way to a scholarship at Walsh University. Their scholarships combine for a value of more than \$400,000 toward their higher education.



Rangers Turn Blue for Inaugural Autism Puzzle Shootout

NBC4 chose to partner with the Hamilton Local Schools community for their inaugural Autism Puzzle Shootout “Blueout” basketball game to raise awareness and funds for autism. Our students, staff and community raised nearly \$3,000 in a little more than six weeks to be split between Autism Speaks and the Autism Society of Ohio.



From the Desk of the Superintendent

Hamilton Local School District had another excellent year in 2010, and we are continuing to use our momentum to push the bar even higher in 2011. I would like to thank our past president, Mr. David Schutte, and past vice president, Mr. Mark Wilson for serving the students and community over the past year on our Board of Education. I would also like to congratulate Mr. Joe Jankowski on being voted by his peers as the new president of the Hamilton Local Schools Board of Education.

Mr. Jankowski brings a strong connection with the community to the president's position, and he shares our commitment to the overall success each of our students. Mr. Schutte was nominated and voted to serve as vice president of our board over the next year as well. I look forward to the continued advancement of our district with these two men leading our Board of Education.

On an academic note, it's only February and our faculty and students have achieved great things ranging from being recognized by the Ohio School Boards Association to those who have earned scholarships to continue their education at the post secondary level. Our teachers constantly utilize technology and innovative methods to teach a standards-based curriculum to each of our students, and our students continue to show positive responses to their teaching strategies.

Seeing all of these achievements occur throughout our district continually reinforces the fact that we have the best students and faculty in Central Ohio.

Sincerely,
Christopher T. Lester



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HTHS Alumni Spring Banquet
Sunday, May 15, 2011 @ 2:30 p.m.
HTHS Commons & Auditorium
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