

Dike-New Hartford Community Schools

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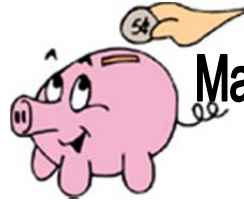
2012-2013

School Calendar Dates

The dates for recesses and teacher in-service days are as follows:

- **Thanksgiving Recess** – November 21-23
- **Christmas Recess** – Dec. 22 – Jan. 2
- **Spring Recess** – March 18-22
- **No School Days for Teacher In-Service Days** – Oct 15, Oct 26, Jan 2, Mar 29, and Apr 1

Early Dismissals for Teacher In-Service Days are 1:30 pm. The days are: Sep 5, Sep 19, Oct 3, Oct 17, Nov 7, Dec 5, Dec 19, Jan 16, Feb 6, Feb 20, Mar 6, Apr 3, Apr 17, May 1 and May 15



Make School Payments On-Line

Access our online payment processing system, **PaySchools**, from our school's Web site at www.dnhcsd.org. In designated areas you can make purchases by clicking the “buy now button.”

The first time you access the system, you will need to create a username and password. After you login, simply select the item(s) you wish to purchase then choose to pay by e-check or credit card. To pay by e-check (directly debiting your bank account), you will enter your bank's ABA routing number and personal bank account number. To make your purchase by credit card, enter the account number and expiration date for your credit card. After you complete your purchase, an e-mail confirmation and receipt will be sent immediately to you. PaySchools uses Secure Sockets Layer (SSL) software, requires passwords throughout the program and does not store personal bank or credit card information to ensure privacy and security for users.



2012-2013 Athletic Activity Pass

The DNH 2012-13 Athletic Activity Pass allows entry to home events for ALL athletic programs throughout the school year. Cost is \$85/students and \$110/adults. Senior Citizens from the Dike-New Hartford community over age 65 are FREE (show ID & pick up pass). Passes may be purchased in the high school principal's office.

Season Passes Only are available for football and volleyball home events.

Football - \$18/Adults/Students
Volleyball - \$18/Adults & Students

We are currently accepting online payments for the following items:

- School Lunch Account
- School Registration Fees
- Kdgn-4th Gr. Annual Classroom Milk Fee
- Pre-School Monthly Tuition Fees
- Athletic Activity Ticket
- Driver Education Fees
- Music Dept. Fees
- Lanesboro
- Graduation Fees
- Yearbook

WEEKLY NOTIFICATION OF LOW LUNCH BALANCES

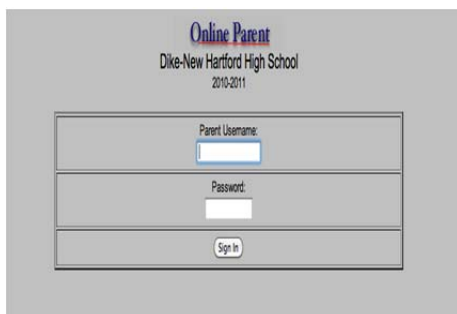
The Dike-New Hartford School uses an automated system through JMC for breakfast and lunch programs. An account is established for each family into which payments are made for school nutrition purchases.

A low balance notice is emailed weekly (on Thursday) as a reminder to add money to their account. Notices are mailed weekly to those families who do not have email addresses or have not informed the school of their address. If you have not supplied the school with your email address or have an email address update, please notify the appropriate principal's office.

Dike-New Hartford CSD JMC Web Portal – Parent Instructions

The Dike-New Hartford CSD uses an electronic student information system, currently known as JMC, to manage day-to-day student data. This includes, but not limited to, lunch, attendance, assignment scores\progress reports, report cards, and contact information. These instructions will help guide you with accessing the JMC Web Portal.

1. Go to www.dnhscsd.org
2. Click on JMC Links (right hand side)
3. Click on the appropriate building under PARENT ACCESS
4. Login with Username = Last Name (e.g. Lehr) and Password = Family Lunch ID (e.g. 123)



Online Parent
Dike-New Hartford High School
2010-2011

Parent Username

Password

5. Click on the appropriate area (Attendance Report, Report Cards, Progress Reports, Parent Information, or Lunch).
6. Use the back buttons to return to previous screens.
7. Sign Out when finished.

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate building office.

--Jeremiah Lehr, Technology Coordinator

PTSO Fundraiser

Currently, New Hartford Elementary students are having a Club's Choice fundraiser. The sale begins August 17 and ends September 5. Students will pick up and deliver items they have sold on September 24 from 4 p.m. – 6.p.m. Please consider purchasing one of these quality products to support the New Hartford PTSO.

Reminder for Grades 5-8

Midterm conferences for students in grades 5-8 will be held September 25 from noon - 7:40 p.m. Parents/guardians will be assigned to meet with one teacher. Two weeks before conferences (Sept. 17) a sign-up sheet will be sent home with 5th-8th grade students. From this sheet parent/guardians should indicate a time preference for conference. Once the information is returned and compiled, a follow-up note will be sent home with the students confirming the parents' conference time. Parents/guardians - **please** be sure to return the sign-up sheet and look for the follow-up confirmation note. To save money communication will not be sent through the postal service.

There will be **no school for grades 5-8** on that day. All other grades will have school.



Substitute Bus Driver

We are looking for substitute bus drivers for the New Hartford Site. If interested please call Merl Menken at 319-989-9334.

Volunteers Needed in the Dike High School Kitchen

If you are available from 11 am – 1 pm, we would love to have your help serve lunch to our students. Please contact Angie Dieken at 989-2485.

Prom Fundraiser

Junior Parents and Students: The Junior class is selling Red Wheel food products again this year! Juniors received fundraising packets on Tuesday, August 21st and have until Thursday, September 6th to sell items.

We are asking each student to sell a goal of 20-25 items!

Products must be picked up Wednesday, September 19th after 1:10 pm.

If you would like to purchase products, but have not been contacted by a junior class member please call Shelley Viet or Katie Slack at the high school (989-2485) to place an order! Your support is appreciated.

DNH SCOREBOARD

We would like to thank the following individuals and sponsors who helped with the purchase of the new scoreboard at the high school track/football field. Their generous support will continue to offer our student athletes quality facilities and opportunities.

Donors:

Kevin and Deb Hemmen
Dennis and Holly Kruger

Sponsors:

People Savings Bank
State Bank and Trust
Ubben Building Supply
The Den/Agape Therapy
Konken Electric
Beninga Sanitation

In addition, we would like to thank Jeff Reinicke and Ryan Mitchell for volunteering their time to help with this project as well as Eric Parker and for his donation of restoring the old scoreboard that will now be located at the Junior High in New Hartford.

OPEN ENROLLMENT DEADLINES

The deadline for open enrollment applications was March 1 for the 2012-2013 school year. Applications must be sent to both the resident and receiving districts. Forms are available at the central administration office.

Low income families may qualify for transportation assistance. High school students lose 90 days of athletic eligibility if they open enroll.

Applications for students in kindergarten are exempt from the open enrollment March 1 deadline and will file in the same manner by September 1. Applications for "good cause" as defined by law for failing to meet the March 1 deadline may be submitted by September 1.



Free Back Pack Program

Dike-New Hartford is partnering with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank to provide the Back Pack Program to K-8 students during the 2012-2013 school year. The program is scheduled to begin in September and will continue throughout the school year.

The Back Pack Program is a free program that provides kid-friendly, non-perishable food for students most in-need, for the weekends and breaks when school meals are not available and there may be little or no food to eat in the home. **Please carefully consider your family's economic status and determine if this program is something needed for your child(ren).**

If the Back Pack Program is something your family could utilize, please complete and return a registration form, which is available at either school site. It is also available on Ms. Timmerman's website. Please contact **Ms. Timmerman if you have any questions, she is in Dike (Tues & Thur and every other Friday at 319-989-2487 or at New Hartford (Mon & Wed and every other Friday at 319-983-2206.**



**On The
DNH Website**
www.dnhcsd.org

Internet access allows families of the district to access the monthly newsletter (*Communique*), lunch menu, activity calendar, monthly board agendas, board minutes, and much more.

Request for Mailing....If you are unable to access the internet, please contact the high school principal's office (989-2485) to request the *Communique* be sent to your home.

The updated 2012-13 Dike-New Hartford Parent-Teacher Handbook is also posted on the webpage for your reference. If you prefer a printed copy, please contact your principal's office (989-2485).

Keep the DNH website at your fingertips for various school related announcements posted throughout the school year. You will find our webpage very beneficial!



Attention Seniors

Seniors need to submit 2 vertical pictures (no hats, please) and a baby picture to Mrs. Harms by December 21, 2012 for the yearbook.

Driver Education Registration Is Underway

Daimien Bennett, Instructor

If you are interested in your son or daughter taking driver education they may register. Registration forms and additional information can be found on-line through Mr. Bennett's website (Driver Education Link) or forms can be found in the high school and middle school offices. You may register your student for a future class if you know what session you would like them to be enrolled in. The cost is currently \$280.00 and changes prior to each summer session. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Bennett.

"Come Celebrate Twenty Years of the DNH Wolverines"

It's hard to believe, but 20 years have passed since the **first** edition of the Wolverine Football team took the field! Many outstanding seasons and countless memories have occurred in that span. It is now time to recognize and remember those who have worn Wolverine Blue!!

All former Wolverine Football players are invited back to Homecoming, Sept 14 for a special recognition of 20 years of Wolverine Football. Players will gather on the field and be recognized at halftime of the contest vs. Eagle Grove. Plans are being finalized for a get-together after the game. Please help spread the word so we can get all of our former players back ON THE FIELD for our halftime recognition!!!

Football TV Raffle



Raffle tickets are now available for the Wolverine Football TV raffle. The Wolverine Football team is raffling off a 55" LCD HDTV. The drawing will be held at halftime of the Homecoming game vs Eagle Grove on September 14. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 for \$25.00 and are available from any Wolverine Football player.



Medical Alerts

Students with Food Allergies

All students with food allergies must have a signed statement from their physician listing allergies to foods and food ingredients. This will be kept on file in the food service office of the building they attend. Please provide the school nurse or head cook with this information at the appropriate attendance site as soon as possible.

Medication Administration Procedure

Please make sure **all medication**, both prescription and non-prescription, is sent to school in the **original container**. Include a note from the parent with time, dose to be given, and why. No medication will be given without parent permission. Thank you for your cooperation.

NOTICE

A \$15.00 insufficient fund fee will be assessed for offsetting costs incurred by the Dike-New Hartford School District for processing an insufficient fund check Or on-line payment. Reoccurrence of insufficient fund problems may well result in the district not accepting personal checks.

GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Trisha Ames, High School Counselor

JUNIORS & SENIORS...Colleges and Military Representatives come to DNH to inform students and answer questions about their organizations. Please stop in and see Mrs. Ames to sign up if you are interested.

JUNIORS AND THE PSAT/NMSQT TESTS

On **Wednesday, October 17th** all juniors have the opportunity to take the PSAT/NMSQT test. This will be done onsite starting at 8:25-11:30. This is generally intended for students who are in the top 15% of their class. This test assesses your critical reading, mathematical reasoning, and writing skills, and is an excellent warm-up for the ACT. In addition, it allows the student to participate in the Student Search Service by having their names sent to colleges and government sponsored scholarship programs that are looking for students. It qualifies the student for scholarship recognition that use the PSAT/NMSQT results. **The fee is \$14.00 per student payable to DNHHS.** Students should stop in the guidance office ASAP and see Mrs. Ames about signing up and picking up pre-test materials. **September 21st is the last day to sign up for the PSAT with Mrs. Ames. Deadline for turning in your money is October 12th.**

Reminder to those still needing to take the ACT:

Seniors if you haven't done so yet this would be the ACT test date to pick. The next scheduled test is October 27th and the registration deadline is September 21st. Please visit www.actstudent.org to register online.

ABDUCTION PREVENTION

The Iowa Missing Person Information Clearinghouse has available online the following brochures to provide information regarding abduction prevention:

- Key Abduction Prevention Information for Parents/Guardians
- Key Safety Tips – Abduction Prevention Information for Children

You can find these brochures on the web site at www.state.ia.us/missing or contact the clearinghouse at 1-800-346-5507 for further information. Clearinghouse staff is also available for presentations regarding abduction prevention.



In America, Homeless Children Are Never School-less Children

All school-age children are entitled to a free, appropriate public education and all necessary support services and assistance including but not limited to –

- Compensatory education
- Special education
- English as a second language
- Vocational courses or programs
- Programs for gifted and talented students
- Health services
- Food and nutrition programs
- School transportation

These services and assistance are provided to homeless pupils on the same basis as services provided to resident pupils.

The Dike-New Hartford Board of Education shall make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children and youth of school age within the district, encourage their enrollment and eliminate existing barriers to their receiving education which may exist in district policies or practices. A homeless child may be identified accordingly:

- **ON THE STREET:** living on the streets, without nominal housing.
- **QUASI-HOMELESS:** living in make-shift shelter such as cars, tents, abandoned buildings, etc.
- **SHELTERS:** living in temporary residence facility for individuals or families (e.g. youth-runaway, family, or abuse shelters, or other shelter facility).
- **DOUBLING-UP:** children and immediate family have moved in with other relatives or friends; without such arrangement they would be without home or shelter.
- **NEAR-HOMELESS:** without entitlements (e.g. fuel or rent assistance) these families would be homeless.

PLEASE REPORT BY OCTOBER 30 ANY SUCH PERSONS TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF DIKE-NEW HARTFORD SCHOOLS. Information provided will be in confidence to state and federal authorities.



It's hard to believe summer is over and we have been in school for just over two weeks at the time the communiqué will be released. We made a lot of changes to the buildings and other facilities over the summer with many of them being done in our "high traffic areas".

- The main gym at the high school got new bleachers; which basically completes the gym renovation projects. The new design/layout will allow for fans to move in and out of the bleachers without walking in front of the players and coaches. We were also able to sell the old bleachers to the Cattle Congress in Waterloo for use in their indoor and outdoor facilities.
- The high school cafeteria got repainted with our school colors and this has created a very nice area for our students and fans.
- The offices in the buildings at Dike got new carpet and furniture which has made for more inviting and welcoming areas for students, parents, and community members.
- The football field/track got a new video scoreboard; which was very impressive at the first home football game of the season. The old scoreboard is being refurbished and repainted. When it is completed it will replace the scoreboard on the football field/track at the junior high school. The majority of this board was paid for through private donations from our community members and Mr. Barry Cuvelier did most of the work to make this project a reality.
- A new garage, which includes storage areas for DNH football and the city recreation league along with a restroom, was built next to the community field behind the high school. Paul Koch and his crew dug and poured the foundation and other volunteers did the rough-in plumbing and built the shell of the structure. The industrial technology construction class will be finishing this project as part of a class project.
- The overgrown brush to the north and west of the New Hartford football field/track was bulldozed and new grass has been planted. We are in the process of planting some new trees in specific locations to beautify that area.
- We replaced carpeting and tile in six classrooms which has really improved the atmosphere and appearance of these rooms.

Much of this work was completed with revenues from the State Secure and Advanced Vision for Education (SAVE funds; formally known as the One Cent Sales Tax) that was approved a few years ago for the improvement of school infrastructures. This is a valuable revenue source for school districts across the State and without it many of these types of improvements could not and would not be made to schools. Please note that these funds are categorical and can only be used for improvements to buildings and grounds. This is the reason you may see things being done to improve our facilities when we may not have revenue for other things.

We also need to recognize that several members of our school community donated their own time, money, and equipment to make these projects happen. We had 25 – 30 volunteers remove the old bleachers from the gym in six hours on a Saturday, and about another 15 volunteers build the garage in about seven hours on another Saturday. Others have donated their equipment for our use and/or charged us a minimal amount that most likely didn't even cover their expenses. Without this type of community support there is no way we would be able to accomplish many of these projects.

We would like to express a HUGE THANK YOU to anyone who had anything to do with these and any other projects we have recently completed. This is a GREAT school community.

I wish the best of luck to our students, teachers and coaches as they progress through the year!!!
Larry Hunt



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2011-2012**

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 Waterloo Warehousing & Service, Inc.
 Woolverton Printing

PARENTS/GUARDIANS NOTIFICATION

“No Child Left Behind”

Parents/Guardians in the Dike-New Hartford Community School District have the right to learn about the following qualifications of their child’s teacher: state licensure requirements for the grade level and content areas taught, the current licensing status of your child’s teacher, and baccalaureate/graduate certification/degree. Parents/Guardians may request this information from the Office of the Superintendent by calling Mr. Larry Hunt, Superintendent, or sending a letter of request to the Office of the Superintendent, Dike-New Hartford Community Schools, P.O. Box D, Dike, IA 50624

English Second Language/English Language Learners Plan (ESL/ELL)

At Dike-New Hartford Community School district, we welcome all learners. In order to meet the needs of all students we ask that families notify the office by September 10 if the primary language spoken in the home is something other than English. This will initiate the process to help in using our district ESL/ELL Plan. Questions or notification can be made by calling the superintendent at 989-2552.

FEDERAL LAW

There is a Federal Law that bans students from bringing a weapon onto school property. Any student who brings a weapon onto school property may be expelled for a period of one calendar year. Dike-New Hartford School’s handbook states: “Dangerous weapons will be taken from students and others who bring them onto school property. Confiscation of weapons or dangerous objects shall be reported to law enforcement officials and the student will be subject to disciplinary action including suspension and/or expulsion. Students bringing a firearm to school shall be expelled for not less than 12 months and will be referred to law enforcement authorities.”

This announcement is very important during the hunting season. This policy includes the school parking lot. A student could be in violation of the above regulation without even knowing it. Students bringing a shotgun, rifle or archery equipment to school to go hunting before or after school are in violation. Please be very careful not to bring hunting weapons to school.

After a 6:00 p.m. tour of the Dike Facilities and site, the Dike-New Hartford Board of Education met August 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the school board room for the regular meeting with Lizer presiding and members Dieken, Koop and Nielsen. Absent-Hinde. Also present were administrators Hunt, Laube, Textor and Martinek, technology coordinator Lehr and business manager Merfeld.

Minutes of the July 16, 2012 regular board meeting were approved as written on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

The agenda was adopted as amended on motion of Koop and second Dieken. Vote all aye.

Visitors present at the meeting included Suzanne Perez and Don McCallum.

Written and oral reports from building principals and from the technology coordinator were reviewed.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Koop, board policies 506.3-507.5E2, 507.6-507.8, and 507.9R1-508.16E1 were approved for the first reading. Vote all aye.

Board member Hinde now present at 8:02.

Discussion followed on the proposed 2013-14 school calendar with no action taken. Additional input will be obtained from staff and district patrons before adoption.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, contracts were approved to Rhandi Oelmann, Pam Jones, and Valerie Ballhagen as teacher associates, to Michelle Church as cook assistant at New Hartford, to Ashley Beninga as assistant junior high volleyball coach and to Brian Grooms as assistant junior high football coach. Vote all aye.

On motion of Nielsen and second of Dieken, salary lane changes were approved for Greg Moore from BA+24 to BA+38 and to Lin Smith from BA+24 to BA+38. Vote all aye.

On motion of Dieken and second of Nielsen, it was moved to approve a six week extended maternity leave without pay for Emily Walter. Vote all aye.

On motion of Koop and second of Dieken, it was moved to accept the 2012-13 gasoline bids of Kwik Star and the Curve. Vote all aye.

After reviewing the monthly bills of the general, activity and nutrition funds, they were approved for payment on motion of Koop and second of Dieken. Vote all aye.

The monthly financial reports of the general, activity and nutrition funds were reviewed and approved on motion of Koop and second of Nielsen. Vote all aye.

Plans were reviewed for attendance at the 2012 IASB convention with board president Lizer to attend the Nov. 14 Delegate Assembly.

Hunt reviewed with the board his priorities and goal areas for the 2012-13 year.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:22.

September 2012

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 9a VB @ Vinton-Shell 9a JV VB @ Osage
2	3 LABOR DAY No School	4 5p CC Wav-Shel @ Wartburg 6p VB @ A/P 6p JV FB @ G-R PTSO Fundraiser Ends MAP Testing JH CC @ Wartburg 5p	5 1:10p Early Dismissal 6:30p PTSO Mtg JH Fall Activity Pictures 1:15 - 3:00 Practice 3:45	6 6p VB Wapsie @ Dike 6p Fr. FB G-R @ Dike JH FB Home vs. Hudson 4:15	7 7p FB S.Hamilton @ Dike	8 9a VB @ Osage ACT Testing JH VB @ Janesville 8th only 9:00
9	10 5p JV VB @ Hudson 6p JV FB BCLUW @ Dike JH VB @ Gladbrook 4:15	11 6p VB Unon @ Dike	12	13 3:45p CC @ CF JH CC @ CF 3:45 JH FB Home vs. A-P 4:15	14 HOMECOMING 7p FB Eagle Grove @ Dike	15 9:00a VB @ Dike
16	17 5p JV VB Quad @ Dike 6p JV FB Denver @ Dike 6p 11thgr.College Planning 6p DEPO JH Magazine Sales Kickoff JH VB @ Hudson 4:00	18 Dike-El &NH Picture Day 6p VB @ Jesup 5p CC @ Nashua-Plain	19 1:10p Early Dismissal Prom Fundraiser Delivery	20 5p JV VB @ GR 5p CC @ GC 6p Fr FB AGWSR @ Dike JH VB Home vs. A-P 4:00 JH FB @ Wapsie Valley 4:15	21 7p FB @ Nashua-Plain	22 9a VB @ CF 9a JV VB @ GR First Day of Autumn JH CC @ Indee 9:00
23	24 5p JV VB @ CF 6p JV FB @ Nashua-Plain JH VB @ Wapsie Valley 4:00	25 4:30p CC @ Jesup 7-8 gr. No School JH PTC 12-7:40p 6p JV VB @ Waverly JH CC @ Jesup 4:30	26	27 6p Fr FB Nash-Plain @ Dike JH VB Home vs. Jesup 4:00 JH FB 8th @ Dysart 4:15 JH FB 7th Home vs. Union 4:15	28 7p FB @ Sum-Fred	29 9a VB @ Columbus JH VB 8th @ G-R 9:00 JH VB 7th Tourney Home 8:00
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