



Family Newsletter

December 5, 2025

HELLO HPJH FAMILIES!

I hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving break! It's a short two more weeks until the holiday break! December 19 is a half day with dismissal at 11:05, and then we return to school on January 5.

iREADY PROGRESS MONITORING

On December 9-17, students will be taking their iReady progress monitoring testing. Please encourage them to do their personal best, set reasonable goals for improvement and get the rest they need! This data is very important and helps teachers provide instruction that best suits your child! Thank you for supporting this!

CARNATIONS SALE at CHOIR and BAND HOLIDAY CONCERTS

We will be selling carnations at the band and choir concerts to raise money for school activities! They are \$2 each. Thank you for your support! Listed here are the details for both concerts. ENJOY!

- **BAND CONCERT**

- December 16 at the Junior High
 - 6th grade band is at 6:00 - students should dress nicely.
 - 7th and 8th grade band is at 7:00 - students should wear a white band shirt, black pants and black shoes and socks.

- **CHOIR CONCERT**

- December 17 at the High School
 - Students should wear their concert attire to school. The attire for the day is dressed in all black; a black dress, jeans or leggings, or a nice black shirt or blouse. They will bus over to the high school for a practice in the morning
 - Choir students need to be in the high school choir room by 6:00
 - Concert starts at 6:30

iCHAT FORM

Should the opportunity arise to chaperone a field trip or volunteer at the school, you must have a cleared background check. To do that, please stop by our office! We will be happy to give you the form. We will then need to copy your license and send the form and the copy for approval. This process takes up to two weeks so plan ahead! Please understand you have to do this in person and have a valid ID. THANK YOU!!!

STUFFING PLEASE!!!

We are still collecting stuffing for the holiday baskets. We could really use some more donations. If you can please send them in with your student!

8TH GRADE WASHINGTON DC TRIP

It's not too late to sign up for the Washington DC trip! The closing date is in February. The flyer is below for more information!

JARDON HOLIDAY SALE!

See the flyer below for information regarding the Jardon Holiday Sale.

HAZEL PARK HAPPENINGS

Please see the flyer below regarding some fun things going on in Hazel Park!

CURRENT AND UPCOMING AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

- JOURNALISM CLUB
 - Meets every Monday from 3:00-5:00
- DRONE CLUB
 - Begins Thursday, December 11, 3:00-5:00
- CHEER LEADING TRYOUTS
 - November 14, 17, 18, 21 - you will need a physical!
- GIRLS BASKETBALL TRYOUTS
 - Will be in February
- WRESTLING TRYOUTS
 - Will be in February
- ASL CLUB
 - 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 3:00-4:00, Room 214
- CULINARY CLUB
 - Meets every Wednesday October 15 through April 29.
- HOMEWORK CLUB
 - Homework club meets Monday through Thursday 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!

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	Dance
	6:00-7:30	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"> ● 8:45-10:15 - Hoover and Webb ● 1:00-2:30 - United Oaks ● 6:00-7:00 - Parent Information Night
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](#)

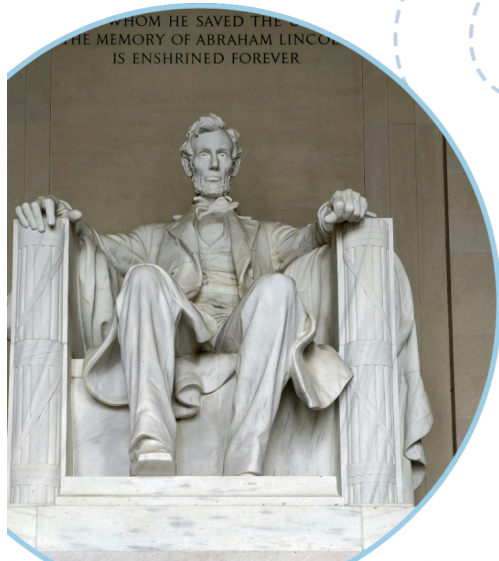
[Hazel Park Vikings Gear](#)

[Hazel Park Junior High School Gear](#)

AFFORDABLE PAYMENT PLANS

- Only a small deposit required to sign up
- Remaining balance spread out into
- smaller monthly installments
- Payments can be auto-deducted from
- your account

Advantage payment plan also available! Sign up by October 31st 2025 and pay \$199 a month until trip balance is paid in full! A minimum deposit of \$115 is required, and you must call Customer Service to enroll.



Hazel Park Junior High

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WJTH US

CONTACT US

- ☎ (800) 468- 5899
- 🌐 worldstrides.com/register
- ✉ vinette.cephas@myhpsd.org



MAY 5 - MAY 8, 2026

OUR TRIP DETAILS

Trip Dates: May 5th- 8th, 2026

Price: Students:\$1,255.
Adults in a double room: \$1,443

Deposit: \$115.00 required to secure your spot!

Our Registration Deadline is: 9/30/25

Trip ID: 224670

Full Refund Protection Plan: \$185.00

Provides a full refund of all monies paid to WorldStrides (minus the cost of the FRP program and any other non-refundable fees) should you have to cancel for any reason.

8TH GRADERS YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS



OUR TRIP INCLUDES

Rooming Cost per adult or student

- 4 days/3 Nights in DC: \$1,255 for students in a quad room
- Two adults in a double room: \$1,443
- One adult in a single room: \$1,632.00

This price includes:

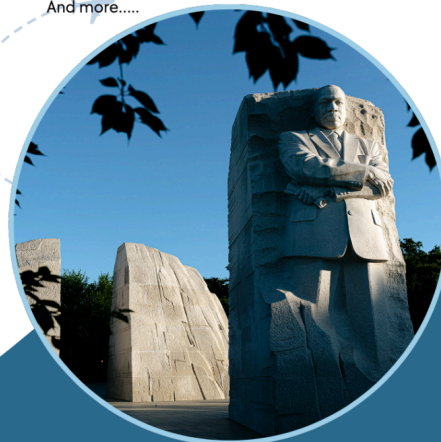
- Round-trip bus transportation to and from DC
- 3 hotel nights
- 3 breakfast meals, 3 lunches and 3 dinners
- A trained educational course leader
- On site hotel coordinator
- Medical advisor in case of an medical emergency, such as sickness.
- Night time security
- Includes tips for the coach driver and course leader

PLACES WE VISIT

What is included in the cost of the trip.

- Natural History Museum
- American History Museum
- Guided Capitol tour
- Arlington National Cemetery
- The People's house – A white house experience.
- September 11th Memorial @ the Pentagon
- Iwo Jima Memorial
- MLK/FRD/Jefferson Memorials
- WWII Memorial
- Lincoln/Korean/Vietnam memorial
- Holocaust Museum
- Ford's Theater and Peterson house
- Mt Vernon

And more.....



Lunch WITH Santa

Let's create unforgettable holiday memories!
Meet Santa and Mrs. Claus
Enjoy a pizza lunch and fun crafts
Have your picture taken by the tree
All children receive a gift from Santa

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 13
1:30PM
\$10 PER CHILD**

RSVP TO HAZEL PARK COMMUNITY CENTER
620 W. WOODWARD HGTS 248-547-5535

Learn Basic Mandarin

- ★ Introductory course for beginners
- ★ Learn to speak and listen
- ★ Learn Pinyin alphabet system
- ★ Real life communication with experienced instructor
- ★ Classes begin Dec. 7, 11:00 am
- ★ Call the Hazel Park Rec Center for more info: 248-547-5535

Minimum class size: 4 students; Classes (1 hour) meet 1x/week for 6 weeks; \$40 per class for a total of \$240 for 6 classes; Textbook extra

Letters to Santa




Boys and Girls, Santa has left a very special mailbox right here in Hazel Park!

Write a letter to Santa and drop it in the mailbox, it leads straight to the North Pole!

The special mailbox will be located at the Hazel Park Recreation Center
620 West Woodward Hgts.
from December 1st thru December 18th
Santa will respond to all letters by Christmas.

Ho Ho Ho!

Now Registering

BASKETBALL

K-6th grade

\$65

December-March
620 W. WOODWARD HGTS
248-547-5535

CITY OF HAZEL PARK 2025 TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25
6PM AT CITY HALL**

SPM Storytime with McGruff
Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus
Enjoy cider and donuts
Have your caricature drawn
Movie, crafts and popcorn at the Library





Jardon General Store & Greenhouse

Holiday Sale

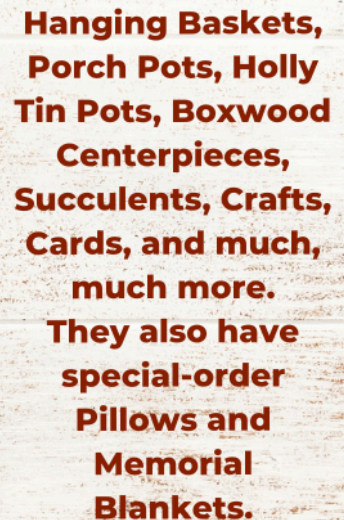
Dec 1, 2025 - 12 to 2:30 pm

Dec. 2-5, 2025 - 8:30 am to 2:30 pm

Dec. 8-17, 2025

8:30 to 10:30 am / 12 to 2:30 pm

Jardon Vocational School
2200 Woodward Heights Blvd.
Ferndale, MI 48220



**Hanging Baskets,
Porch Pots, Holly
Tin Pots, Boxwood
Centerpieces,
Succulents, Crafts,
Cards, and much,
much more.
They also have
special-order
Pillows and
Memorial
Blankets.**



JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WINTER TRYOUT INFORMATION

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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.**

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
 - Crikut 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 _____