

SPRING 2024

Hempfield School District

ROUNDTABLE







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Class of 2024

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- **3** National Merit Finalists
- **9** National Merit Commended

516 Advanced Placement Enrollments

73.9% Post Secondary Education

2.5% Military (Full Active Duty)



Dear Hempfield School District Community,

As we bid farewell to the 2023-24 school year, I want to extend my heartfelt appreciation for your support and dedication. This year has been a testament to our commitment to excellence, service, and achievement.

Our students have excelled across various domains, from academics to athletics, music, the arts, and beyond. I am immensely proud of their accomplishments and the passion they've demonstrated in pursuing their interests.

In this issue of the Spring Roundtable, you'll find inspiring stories of academic excellence and service, highlighting the outstanding achievements of our National Merit Scholarship Finalists, a

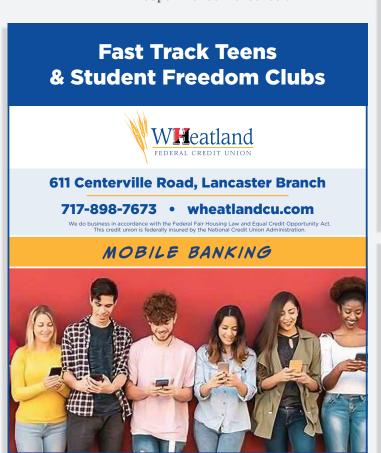
published student author, our impactful community partnerships, and our retirees.

Looking ahead, the district is in the process of developing a strategic, long-term facilities and financial plan as we recognize the importance of providing optimal learning environments for our students. Collaborating closely with architects, the school board and administrators are beginning to lay the groundwork for future improvements, renovations, and potential construction projects. Be on the lookout for information regarding community forums, which will provide an opportunity for you to give valuable input as we shape the future of our facilities.

As we begin the summer months, our focus will shift toward planning for a promising 2024-25 school year, filled with new opportunities for growth, learning, and achievement. Have a safe and wonderful summer break!



Michael J. Bromirski, M.Ed., M.B.A. Superintendent of Schools



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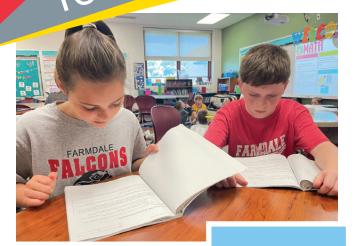
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MENT School Year!



Elementary ELA Program

After a thoughtful and thorough two-year pilot process, the board approved the adoption of **Wit & Wisdom as the District's new Elementary English Language Arts program (K-6)**, beginning with the 2024-25 school year. Administrators sought extensive feedback from teachers, staff, students, and families and analyzed data to make a recommendation to the board.

Wit & Wisdom is an engaging, knowledge-building program that is solidly aligned with the most recent research on the science of reading. All aspects of English Language Arts (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) are seamlessly integrated into the program as students interact with a wide variety of texts.

PIAA Officiating Class





Juniors and seniors can take a new half-credit Sports Officiating course. This comprehensive course is designed for high school students who aspire to become certified sports officials and actively contribute to the excitement and integrity of school sporting events. Through a combination of classroom instruction, practical training, and hands-on experience, participants will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to officiate a variety of sports. The course will also teach about the pathways to becoming certified and assist with the shortage of athletic officials for youth events.

Transportation Tracker

Not new for next school year but perhaps new to you! Did you know you can track your child's bus, receive



push notifications with important transportation updates, and access two-way communication with our transportation office? By downloading the free Stopfinder app and following the instructions on the invitation link, you can know where your child's bus is and when it arrives at school — in real-time! Contact transportation@hempfieldsd.org with questions.

HHS Step Up Day



Ninth-grade students

are expected to attend school one day early next year, on **Wednesday, Aug. 21**, for HHS Step Up Day.

This day will allow these students to familiarize themselves

with their new surroundings, connect with classmates, learn how to navigate the cafeteria, meet staff, and see their classrooms before the rest of the student body returns. Look for more information later this summer.



HEMPFIELD FOUNDATION

Celebrating 30 Years and more than \$1 million in grants to Hempfield School District teachers and staff!

Founded in 1993, the Hempfield Foundation is an independent not-for-profit organization that supports the educational mission of the Hempfield School District through grants and scholarships.

Your support of the Hempfield Foundation directly contributes to our mission and enhances our ability to provide funding to teachers and students across the district.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

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Twenty-nine Hempfield School District team members were recognized by their peers with Black Knight Awards for their outstanding attributes and performance. The awards process begins with a peer nomination period in which every employee in the district is eligible to be nominated based on the identified attributes. Final selections are made based on a narrative that describes how the nominee demonstrates and lives out the attributes. There are teaching, non-teaching, and substitute categories for each of the district's buildings.

The Black Knight Award Recipient Attributes:

- Has the respect and admiration of their colleagues
- Makes connections between their daily work and student/ staff success
- Demonstrates expertise in their field and guides students/ staff of all backgrounds and abilities in achieving success
- Sets a positive example for students and colleagues
- · Exemplifies the Black Knight qualities of pride and humility

Congratulations 2023-24 Black Knight Award Recipients!

Centerville Elementary School

- Laura Parke Elementary Secretary
- **Elizabeth Burns** Art Teacher/Art Department Coordinator

East Petersburg Elementary School

- Jessica Kautz Special Education Paraprofessional
- Macy Bui Art Teacher

Farmdale Elementary School

- Marion Schultz Food Service Manager
- **Greg Bernhardt** Physical Education Teacher

Landisville Primary Center

- Nancy Pletcher Math Aide/After School Library Aide
- Terrie Brooks English Language Development Teacher

Landisville Intermediate Center

- **Kelley Tonkay** Special Education Paraprofessional
- Kate Kasabo School Counselor

Mountville Elementary School

- Amy Osborne Special Education Paraprofessional
- Brittany Bertoli Grade 1 Teacher

Rohrerstown Elementary School

- **Jill O'Hearn** Math Aide
- Heather Hagopian Physical Education Teacher

Centerville Middle School

- Jacqueline Weber Special Education Paraprofessional
- Lori Huber Middle School ELA Interventionist

Landisville Middle School

- Benjamin McIntyre Building Supervisor
- Andrea Rutledge Middle School ELA Interventionist

Hempfield High School

- Mike Greer Media Coordinator
- Ann Jurgensen Special Education Paraprofessional
- Wanda McLean Secretary
- Zacary Stroup Special Education Paraprofessional
- Nela Breitkreutz Science Teacher
- Stephanie Henrich World Language Teacher
- **Joshua Tawney** Physical Education Teacher

Landisville Education Center

• Julie Sergovic — Psychologist

District Substitutes

- Judith DiObilda Substitute Teacher
- **Jennifer Pipkin** Substitute Teacher

Admin/Tech/Maintenance

• Angelo Lountzis — Accountant/Purchasing Specialist

CELEBRATING OUR RETIREES





Congratulations to our 2023-24 retirees who have collectively contributed 613 years of service to Hempfield School District. From educators to custodial staff, aides, secretaries, food service workers, administrators, and district office employees, each retiree has played a crucial role in shaping our school community. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to these retirees for their years of service and wish them a retirement filled with joy and good health. Thank you for your unwavering contributions to our students and schools.

Centerville Elementary School

• Sherry Lowe — Special Education Paraprofessional

East Petersburg Elementary School

- Peggy Dalbey Custodian
- **Dale Eaby** Custodian
- Michele Neff Food Service Manager

Farmdale Elementary School

• Connie Treadway — Custodian

Landisville Intermediate Center

- **Mong Nguyen** Food Service Worker
- Candace Ord Music Teacher
- **Curt Rogers** Grade 5 Teacher
- Sally Sourbeer Building Aide

Landisville Primary Center

• Emily Smucker-Beidler — Art Teacher

Rohrerstown Elementary School

• Judith Noonan - Grade 4 Teacher

Centerville Middle School

- **Dr. Stacey Marten** Math Teacher

Landisville Middle School

- **Jean Harrison** Noontime Aide
- Terry Nau Food Service Worker

Hempfield High School

- Frank Barton Social Studies Teacher
- Sherri Groh Spanish World Language Teacher
- Elizabeth Hershey Social Studies Teacher
- Marilyn Hollinger Food Service Worker
- Wanda McLean Secretary
- **Darin Wagner** Instructional Technology Specialist
- Debra Walburn Secretary

Landisville Education Center

- Brendan Cregan Principal
- **Erin Hartnett** Secretary

District Administration / Maintenance

- Joan Hess Human Resources Specialist
- Kris Krodel District Courier
- Kate Myers Assistant Business Manager
- **Sharon Rambler** Administrative Assistant
- Jacquelyn Strybos Executive Assistant
- Lynn Watson Human Resources Generalist

District Substitute

• Aaron Rowe, Jr. — Custodian Substitute



HEMPFIELD HIGHLIGHTS



Hempfield Seniors Named National Merit Scholarship Finalists

Congratulations to **HHS recent graduates Zeke Stephens, Jude Giordano, and Sanya Dedhia** for being recognized as 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalists! Finalists represent a very small percentage of the students across the country who enter the program.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is an annual academic competition for recognition and college undergraduate scholarships, based on students' SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test scores.

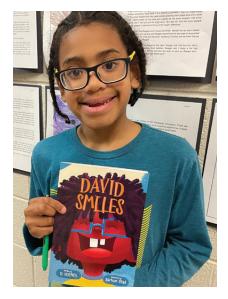
Choral Celebration

The **HHS Chamber Choir** was selected to participate at the PMEA Annual In-Service Conference in Erie, PA this spring. Led by Director Alejandro Ramos, the choir performed multiple songs for music educators across the state.



Eclipse Excitement

Hempfield students gathered to witness the awe-inspiring solar eclipse on April 8. The clouds cleared for moments and students and staff could enjoy this incredible spectacle. Thank you to the **Hempfield Foundation** for supplying the eclipse glasses so everyone could safely watch this memorable experience.





Pages of Promise

One of our talented Mountville Elementary students is now an official author. **Fourth-grade student D. Holmes** recently published his book, *David Smiles*. A story of friendship and self-discovery, *David Smiles* teaches us that a simple act of kindness can make someone's world much brighter. Join us in celebrating his incredible achievement and be sure to grab a copy of his book on Amazon.



HHS Spring Sha-Bing

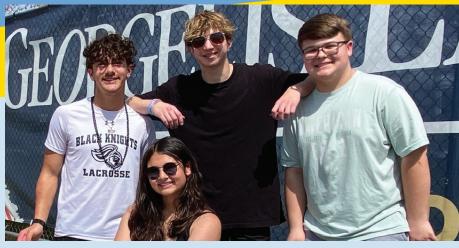
The **HHS Renaissance Club** organized the Spring Sha-Bing, designed to highlight upcoming events, foster school unity, and build culture and community spirit. Students enjoyed various stations, activities, booths, and a treat by the Student Council on a beautiful spring day.



In its seventh year at Hempfield High School, **Unified Track and Field** continues to flourish, embodying the spirit of inclusivity and camaraderie. This innovative program brings together students of all abilities, providing a supportive environment where everyone can thrive. The coaches emphasize teamwork, friendship, and mutual respect.

This year's team was comprised of 35 athletes participating in three meets against other local districts. Special thanks to the coaches and many volunteers who are committed to the success of this program.







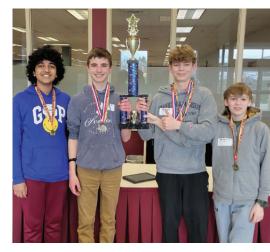
Nourishing Our Community

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, our schools collected a whopping 6,370 pounds of food for our annual **Hempfield Food Drive**, in partnership with **JK Mechanical and Market Street Sports Group**. This remarkable achievement surpasses last year's collection by over 100 pounds!

Contributions were delivered to the Hempfield Area Food Pantry, which will directly benefit individuals and families facing food insecurity. Thank you to everyone who contributed and supported this important cause.

Checkmate Champions

The combined chess team from Centerville Middle School and Landisville Middle School emerged victorious at the annual IU13 Middle School Chess Tournament. Declan Gaffney and Dylan Debord-Coyne from Centerville, along with Navaneeth Chandra and Atticus Rabern from Landisville, each had an exceptional performance and showed great sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Atticus and Declan were undefeated, leading the team to victory.





Winter Season





HHS boys swim team (above) won the league title and had three relays — 200 Medley, 200 Freestyle, and 400 Freestyle — qualify for the state meet at Bucknell. The state team included Tobin Marco, Jackson Root, Kiran George, Ryan Taylor, Ivan Vitko, Andrew Gates, and Jackson Shirey.



HHS boys basketball coach Danny Walck surpassed career win number 400, along with Senior Ben Troyer (left) who reached 1,000 career points.





Hempfield crowned two district wrestling champions with Seamus Mack (139 lbs) and Kyle

Deisley (152 lbs), along with JJ Plaza qualifying for the state tournament. Seamus Mack won his third state medal, earning a PIAA bronze medal in his 3rd place finish. In the first-ever girls wrestling state championships, Hempfield qualified three wrestlers Hattie Mack, Clementine O'Brien, and Cleona O'Brien. Hattie (left) earned the first state medal in girls wrestling history at Hempfield with an 8th place PIAA finish.

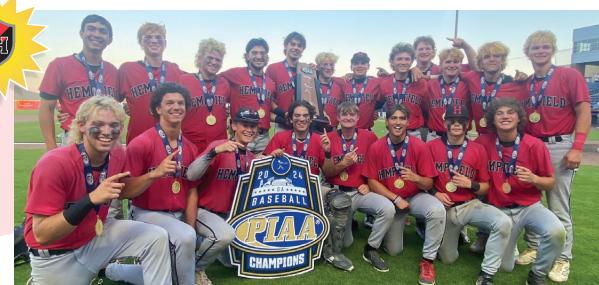


Priest McKenzie qualified for the state bowling tournament.

Spring Season

HHS baseball team

won the section crown, appeared in the league finals, won the District III Championship, and won the PIAA State Championship.



Spring Season continued—





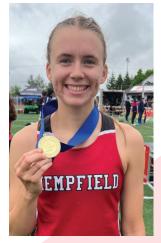


On the track, Ella Wolfe won a league championship in the 1600m and 3200m runs, while Eddie Asadu won the league crown in the long jump.

They both qualified for states, along with the girls 4x100 relay. After qualifying for the indoor state track meet, Brody Weachter earned a district medal in the pole vault this spring.



Leah Brenneman, Izzy Heisey, Mya Thompson, Talia Leber







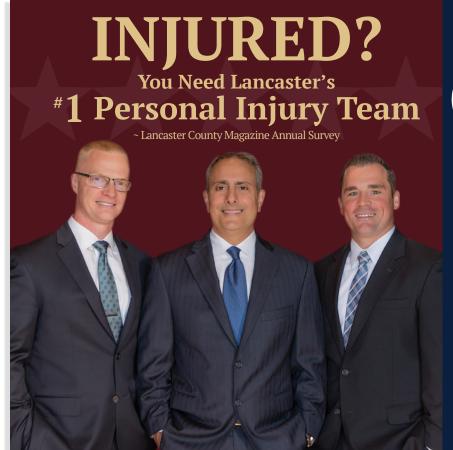








Boys lacrosse qualified for the state tournament.



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2024-25 District Calendar

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12, 14, 15	New Teacher Orientation
16, 19-21	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
22	First Student Day
30	Non-School Day - No School for Students
	SEPTEMBER
2	Non-School Day - No School for Students
27	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
	OCTOBER
14	Non-School Day - No School for Students
23-24	Early Dismissal - Elementary Only Elementary Conferences (5-9 p.m.)
25	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students Elementary Conferences (9-11:40 a.m.)
	NOVEMBER
26	Early Dismissal - All Grades
27-29	Non-School Day - No School for Students
	DECEMBER
2, 23-31	Non-School Day - No School for Students
20	Early Dismissal - All Grades
	JANUARY
1, 20	Non-School Day - No School for Students
17	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
	FEBRUARY
14	Early Dismissal - All Grades
17	Non-School Day - No School for Students
	MARCH
13	Early Dismissal - All Grades
14	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
17	Non-School Day - No School for Students
	APRIL
4	Early Dismissal - All Grades
18, 21	Non-School Day - No School for Students
	MAY
2, 23	Early Dismissal - All Grades
26	Non-School Day - No School for Students JUNE
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4	Last Student Day - Early Dismissal
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Last student day and teacher day are tentative.

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- New Teacher Orientation
- Early Dismissal Elementary Only

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- Teacher In-Service No School for Students
 - Non-School Day No School for Students

Elementary Marking Periods

1st Trimester: 8/22/24 - 11/20/24 2nd Trimester: 11/21/24 - 3/5/25 3rd Trimester: 3/6/25 - 6/4/25

Middle/High Marking Periods

1st Quarter: 8/22/24 - 10/30/24 2nd Quarter: 10/31/24 - 1/21/25 3rd Quarter: 1/22/25 - 3/28/25 4th Quarter: 3/31/25 - 6/4/25

Elementary Early Dismissals

Oct. 23, 24	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 26	1:30 p.m.
Dec. 20	1:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	1:30 p.m.
March 13	1:30 p.m.
April 4	1:30 p.m.
May 2, 23	1:30 p.m.
June 3	1:30 p.m.
June 4	1:00 p.m.

Last Student Day - Early Dismissal

Middle/Hi	<u>gn Early Dismissais</u>
Nov. 26	12:40/12:50 p.m.
Dec. 20	12:40/12:50 p.m.
Feb. 14	12:40/12:50 p.m.
March 13	12:40/12:50 p.m.
April 4	12:40/12:50 p.m.
May 2, 23	12:40/12:50 p.m.
June 3	12:40/12:50 p.m.
June 4	11:40 a.m./12:00 p.n

Inclement Weather Days

Snow Days will be Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs). If there are more than five FIDs. days will be added beyond June 4, 2025.



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2024-25 Health Forms & Immunizations

For the 2024-25 school year, parents/guardians should plan ahead for the required health documents and immunizations. Being prepared allows Hempfield School District nurses to better serve our students.

The following exams must be conducted for the listed incoming grades, as required by PA Public School Code. Printable copies of the forms can be found at hempfieldsd.org/healthservices.

- Kindergarten Students: Private Physical Examination* and Dental Screening
- Grade 3 Students: Dental Screening
- Grade 6 Students:
 Private Physical Examination*
- Grade 7 Students: Dental Screening
- Grade 11 Students: Private Physical Examination*

Certain immunizations are also required for all children attending Pennsylvania schools, specifically for entrance, 7th grade, and 12th grade, in accordance with PA Public School Code. Get details about which vaccines are required to attend public school at hempfieldsd.org/immunizations.

* Private Physical Examinations can happen anytime during the 2024-25 school year or during the prior year.

Back to School Nights

CES	Tuesday, Aug. 27; 7-8:30 p.m.
EPES	Wednesday, Sept. 4; 6:30-8 p.m.
FES	
LIC	
LPC.	
MES.	
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CMS.	
LMS.	Thursday, Sept. 12; 7-8:30 p.m.
HHS.	Thursday, Sept. 5; 7-8:30 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE

Elementary Sneak-a-Peek

Tuesday, Aug. 20 10–11 a.m. (LIC 9:30–10:30 a.m.)