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Hempfield
School District

ROUNDTABLE



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CLASS OF 2025 Graduates 552!

4 National Merit Finalists
10 National Merit Commended
66.4% Post Secondary Education
2.4% Military • **10%** Undecided
21.2% Workforce

916 Total College Level Enrollments
• **529** Advanced Placement
• **158** College in the High School
• **208** Dual Enrollment
• **21** Project Lead the Way

That's a wrap on the 2024-25 school year!

We have much to be thankful for and proud of as we reflect on our accomplishments and begin preparing for next year. Some highlights include:

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

This year's graduating class consisted of 552 students. Throughout the year, they excelled on the stage and court, on the field, and in our classrooms. Please join me in wishing our recent graduates much success as they embark on their post-secondary journeys.

High School Construction/Renovation Progress

We made great strides with our high school project, completing the Schematic Design phase and moving into Design Development, which will include faculty and staff workshops to gather input on specific needs for classrooms and common areas. We hosted a community forum regarding the project in April. Scan the QR code to access the presentation or visit the district's website at www.hempfieldsd.org. We will also host a second community forum this fall to update everyone on this exciting project.



Expansion of Extended Day Kindergarten (EDK)

Beginning next school year, we will offer six EDK classrooms, one at each eligible school, with a cap of 15 students per class. This expansion allows up to 90 kindergarten students to benefit from a full day of instruction with an added emphasis on literacy. While our long-term goal remains Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) for all students, this is an important step in that direction.

Expanded Parent-Teacher Conference Opportunities

You asked, and we answered. Parents and guardians requested more check-in times with teachers, especially at the secondary level. Beginning next year, our calendar will feature K-12 parent-teacher conferences in both November and March. (See the 2025-26 calendar on page 11.)

Proposed Hempfield High School Rendering



Superintendent Bromirski with Mountville Elementary Students

As we close out the year, I want to personally thank our entire team for their dedication and support to the Hempfield community, and our students and families for their commitment to education. I wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and well-deserved summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in August!

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



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NEW FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR!



New Hempfield Leaders

Kelly Parker, Secondary Special Education Supervisor. Kelly is a former EPES Life Skills Teacher and Special Education Consultant with the IU13.

Ken Herr, LMS Assistant Principal. Ken joins us from Garden Spot Middle School, where he was a Middle School Fine Arts Instructor and Humanities Team Facilitator.

Amanda Calhoun, EPES Principal. Amanda is the former Assistant Principal at Ephrata Area High School.

NEW

HHS Course Offerings

Unified Physical Education: Based on a similar philosophy as Unified Track, this class will pair students with all abilities to learn about fitness.

Exercise Science College in the High School (CHS): This course will give students the opportunity to earn college credit from HACC for Introduction to Exercise Science.

Math for Medical Careers: This course is an option for students who might be planning on a career in nursing or the allied health sciences that may not require a 4-year college degree.

Modern Band: This new course will provide an opportunity for students to explore playing keyboard, electric guitar, electric bass guitar, and drum set.

New Hempfield Website Coming This Summer

The district is launching a refreshed and interactive Hempfield website! The updated site will feature a modern design, improved mobile compatibility, translation into 200+ languages, and easier access to important information for families and students.

NEW

Middle School Step Up Day

CMS, LMS, and the high school will host Step Up Days for rising **7th-grade** and **9th-grade** students on **Tuesday, August 19**. This half-day program will allow these students to familiarize themselves with their new schools, visit their classrooms, connect with classmates, meet their teachers, and learn how to navigate the cafeteria before the rest of the student body returns.

AUGUST						
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BLACK KNIGHT AWARD RECIPIENTS



Members of our Hempfield team were recognized by their peers with the 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 and non-teaching categories for each of the district's buildings, and a category for our district substitutes.



Congratulations

2024-25 Black Knight Award Recipients!

Centerville Elementary School

Christine Ortiz — Special Education Paraprofessional

Amy Saporetti — Literacy Coach/Reading Specialist

East Petersburg Elementary School

Kim Swan — Building Supervisor

Addie Pawlik — School Counselor

Farmdale Elementary School

Micael McGovern — Building Aide

Lisa Sempsey — Music Teacher/Department Coordinator

Landisville Primary Center

Elena Acker — ELD Aide

Maggie Sieklicki — Grade 1 Teacher

Landisville Intermediate Center

Bob Kiralfy — Building Supervisor

Jess Kling — Elementary Orchestra Teacher

Mountville Elementary School

Terri Starnner — Special Education Paraprofessional

Madelyn Saunders — School Counselor

Rohrerstown Elementary School

Theresa Yurista — Secretary

Shawnte Bridges — Learning Support Teacher

Centerville Middle School

Mark Wilson — Security Officer

Matt Wagaman — Math Teacher

Landisville Middle School

Diane Styer — Special Education Paraprofessional

Melissa Kreider — ELA Teacher

Hempfield High School

Greg Brown — Special Education Paraprofessional

Matt Haines — Security Officer

Denise Herr — Special Education Paraprofessional

Adam Hinde — ELA Teacher

Lauren Stauffer — FCS Teacher/Department Coordinator

Amy Thompson — Chemistry Teacher

Mark Vogel — Math Teacher

District Substitutes

Dr. Alan Beck — Substitute Teacher

Sherri Transue — Substitute Teacher

Admin/Tech/Maintenance

Bill Gleason — Safety and Security Supervisor

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

CELEBRATING OUR RETIREES



This year, we bid farewell to the following retirees as they begin their next chapter in life. Collectively, these beloved staff members have provided nearly 433 years of service to the Hempfield community. Representing many of our buildings and a wide range of positions, they have played a vital role in creating a welcoming and thriving environment for our students. Their legacy will continue to inspire students and colleagues for years to come.

Centerville Elementary School

Jill Schlegel — Kindergarten Teacher

East Petersburg Elementary School

Michael Flick — Grade 5 Teacher

Kim Rauscher — Principal

Farmdale Elementary School

Linda Cray — Grade 1 Teacher

Mountville Elementary School

Holly Lynn Hoover* — Food Service Worker

Terri Starner — Special Education Paraprofessional

Rohrerstown Elementary School

Amy Skundrich — Grade 3 Teacher

Marycatherine Stengel — Grade 1 Teacher

Centerville Middle School

Susan Travis — Math Teacher

Landisville Middle School

Michelle Dickinson* — Spanish/French Teacher

Barbara Dirks — Food Service Worker

Kathy Geiger — Custodian

Timothy Pagano — Special Education Teacher

Deborah Yarzabek* — Special Education Paraprofessional

Hempfield High School

Kathleen Buckwalter — Family Consumer Science Teacher

Melanie Minnich — Math Teacher

Judith Odenwalt — Custodian

Landisville Education Center

Kitty Weaver — Special Education Paraprofessional

Administration

Angela Kramer — Security & Telecommunication Coordinator

*2023-2024 Retiree

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HEMPFIELD HIGHLIGHTS

Award-Winning Student Musicians Recognized by LLMEA

Congratulations to our outstanding Hempfield High School student musicians who were honored by the Lancaster-Lebanon Music Educators Association (LLMEA)! These individuals have made a lasting impact on the Hempfield Music Department.

- **Lucy Bishop**—Choir
- **Tessa Zimmerman**—Chamber Choir
- **Lydia Herr**—Orchestra
- **Naomi Hamilton**—Orchestra
- **Alyssa Pantoja**—Musical
- **Spencer Stein**—Concert Band
- **Adam Mast**—Concert Band
- **Jack Camens**—Marching Band



Pitch Perfect: Business Students Shine at Sales Pitch Competition!

Three of our Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students attended Susquehanna University's Sales Pitch Competition. Their challenge? Acting as representatives for an amusement park, they pitched a catered event with ride passes to a major automotive business—offering a fun-filled family day for dealership staff. Out of 40 competitors, two Hempfield students placed in the top 10!

Nick Stauffer, Brayden Neupauer—7th Place, **Aidan Quill**—1st Place

Field Day Frenzy: 6th Grade Unites

Each year, all 6th grade students come together for a day of fun, teamwork, and school spirit during the annual Field Day event held at the Quad and Stadium. This much-anticipated tradition gives students the chance to engage in friendly competition, showcase their talents, and connect with both current and future classmates.



Winning On and Off the Court

The Hempfield High School girls basketball team scored big both on the scoreboard and in the community, raising more than \$1,300 for Help the Fight during their annual Sink the Pink game. The local charity supports breast cancer patients by providing financial assistance and emotional support, making this event a meaningful win beyond the court.



LMS Educator Named Finalist for 2026 PA Teacher of the Year!

Governor Shapiro's Administration has announced the 12 educators across the Commonwealth who are finalists for Pennsylvania's 2026 Teacher of the Year and one of them is our very own **Andrea Rutledge** from Landisville Middle School! This recognition highlights exceptional teachers who inspire excellence both in and out of the classroom. The 2026 Pennsylvania Teacher of the Year will be announced at a state awards ceremony in early December.

Hempfield's First-Ever Dance Team

This talented 12-girl squad brought their energy and skills to the court, performing at all home varsity basketball games last season. Led by Coach Brittany Strosser, the girls made their mark and showed their school spirit!



Middle School Students Shine in Musical Production

Students from CMS and LMS lit up the stage with their unforgettable performances of Disney's **Newsies Jr.** From the costumes to dynamic dance numbers to standout vocals and impressive behind-the-scenes work, both cast and crew delivered a high-energy production that wowed audiences and showcased lots of hard work and talent.

Comm Tech Students Recognized at Regional Video Production Awards

Hempfield Communication Technology students traveled to Temple University to participate in the annual High School Video Production Awards. This event offers high schools from across the Mid-Atlantic region the opportunity to have their video projects judged and critiqued by industry professionals. This year, Hempfield's students earned an impressive **six nominations** and took home **one award for excellence**, showcasing their creativity, technical skills, and dedication to high-quality storytelling.



HEMPFIELD ATHLETIC HIGHLIGHTS

WINTER



The **Boys Swim** team went undefeated in the regular season, winning the section & league titles. Our Boys 200 Medley Relay broke the league meet record and earned a 7th place State medal. The State qualifiers included **Andrew Gates, Kaden Fatta, Jackson Shirey, Ryan Taylor, Ivan Vitko, Addy Bushnell, Grace Wagner, Lucy Bishop, Cami Wolfe, & Sarah Roth.**



Priest McKenzie qualified for the State bowling tournament and was named L-L Section 1 MVP.



The **Girls Wrestling** team finished as L-L League runner-ups. **Vanessa Houck & Hattie Mack** were league champions.

Boys Wrestling team members **Joey Gallo** and **DeShawn Jones** won sectionals.

SPRING



The **Boys Tennis** team finished undefeated 14-0 in the regular season capturing the L-L Section 1 title. Senior **Cooper Lehman** & Freshman **Braylen Gracia** went on an unbelievable playoff run capturing League, District III, and PIAA 3A State gold as a Doubles duo. The State Final match was a huge comeback win vs. Dallastown (2-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-3). *Photo on cover.*



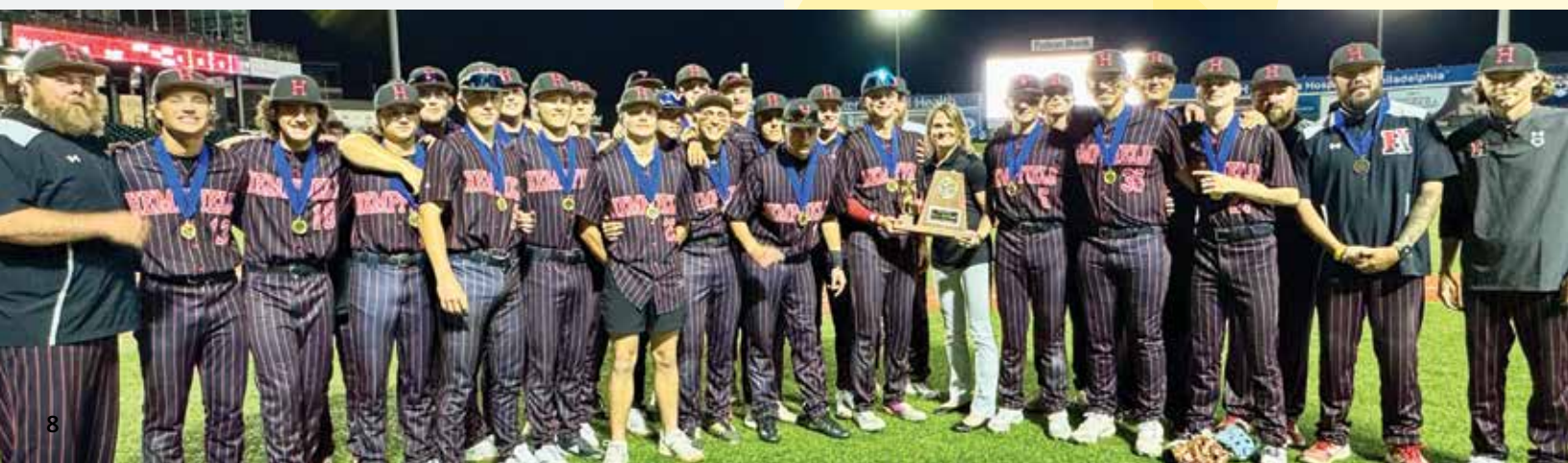
The **Girls Lacrosse** team qualified for the State tournament after beating undefeated Cumberland Valley 7-5 in the District quarterfinals, which also marked **Coach Claudia Ovchinnikoff's 100th win.**



Track & Field runners **Izzy Heisey, Alexis Givler, Mya Thompson, and Leah Brenneman** broke the Girls' 4x100 Relay school record, and earned an 8th place medal at the PIAA State Championships. At the District III Championships, **Will Newport** finished 2nd in Boys' Pole Vault, while **Sydney Rhoads** finished 7th in Girls' Triple Jump, qualifying them for the State meet.



The **Baseball** team went undefeated 18-0 in the regular season, winning the L-L Section 1 title, and defeated Ephrata 2-1 to win the L-L League Championship, their 10th title and first since 2014. The Black Knights advanced to the District semifinals and qualified for States.





Hempfield Seniors Commit to Collegiate Athletics

The Hempfield Athletic Department proudly hosted a **College Commitment Signing Ceremony** to celebrate our student-athletes who have committed to continuing their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Congratulations to these recent graduates. We wish you continued success in your academic and athletic journeys!

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COMMUNICATION: A KEY TO ALL DOORS

By: Anthony M. Georgelis, Esquire, HHS Class of '88

Communication is an extremely critical component to the effective practice of law. In fact, it might be the most important factor in becoming, and staying, a successful attorney. So, when I read the essay that my son, AJ, recently wrote about what he calls, "old school" communication, I thought it would be worthwhile to share and especially apropos in today's world. Here is what he had to say on the topic...

Each of us takes our own path as we strive to achieve our individual goals in life. On the journey to personal fulfillment, however, obviously, we must co-exist in a world full of other people with various, and often differing, beliefs, attitudes, priorities, opinions, and aspirations. These days, unfortunately, it seems like our differences are doing more than ever to drive us apart. This begs the questions: If society becomes irreparably divided, will it diminish the value of our individual successes? Will they hold any true meaning at all in such a place?

We are all stewards of the future and have a certain responsibility to act and create our legacy with posterity in mind. In that role, it stands to reason that most, if not all, of us believe that working toward and maintaining a world of patience, compassion, and peace is important enough for us, as human beings, to come together and make it happen. But even if we agree on the importance of this task, in today's splintering world, how do we tear down the invisible barriers that seem to separate us on so many issues?

The answer is quite simple and right in front of us—literally. It's participating in what can be referred to as "old school" communication—the type of communication that has seemingly become obsolete in today's age of e-mailing, texting, social media posting, and overall virtual interaction. "Old school" communication involves in-person, face-to-face engagement, where we look someone in the eye, we hear the inflection of their voice and put context to their words, and we properly appreciate and interpret their facial expressions and body language. It forces us to be accountable for our words by removing the ability to hide behind a cell phone or computer screen. Rather than allowing emotions to fester or become susceptible to manipulation in the intervals between virtual communications, "old school" communication breeds immediate, visceral, and organic reactions and responses between human beings.

When conducted in a dignified and respectful manner, "old school" communication is a simple mechanism allowing for the exchange of ideas and opinions. Cordial discourse, even when emotionally charged, can be an effective incubator for peace and harmony among us. While we might not agree on how things ultimately turn out, maybe we can accede to the process by which we get to that conclusion. All it takes is a common objective, that is subjectively worth fighting for, and a reasonable means by which to accomplish it. "Old school" communication does just that; it's the world's engine—a key to all doors.



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2025

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AUGUST	
11, 12, 13	New Teacher Orientation
14-15, 18-19	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
20	First Student Day
29	No School for Students
SEPTEMBER	
1	No School for Students
26	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
OCTOBER	
13	No School for Students
31	Early Dismissal - All Grades
NOVEMBER	
24-25	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students K-12 Parent/Teacher Conferences (24: 12-7:30 p.m. / 25: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
26-28	No School for Students
DECEMBER	
23	Early Dismissal - All Grades
24-31	No School for Students
JANUARY	
1, 2, 19	No School for Students
15	Early Dismissal - Secondary Only
16	Early Dismissal - All Grades
FEBRUARY	
13	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students
16	No School for Students
MARCH	
11-12	Early Dismissal - Elementary Only Elementary Conferences (1:30-3:30 p.m.)
13	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students K-12 Conferences (8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.)
16	No School for Students
APRIL	
3, 6	No School for Students
MAY	
25	No School for Students
28	Early Dismissal - All Grades
29	Last Student Day - Early Dismissal
JUNE	
1-2	Teacher In-Service - No School for Students

Last student day and teacher day are tentative.

- First Student Day
- New Teacher Orientation
- Early Dismissal - Elementary Only
- Early Dismissal - Secondary Only
- Early Dismissal - All Grades
- Teacher In-Service - No School for Students

Elementary Marking Periods

1st Trimester: 8/20/25- 11/17/25
2nd Trimester: 11/18/25- 3/2/26
3rd Trimester: 3/3/26- 5/29/26

Middle/High Marking Periods

1st Quarter: 8/20/25 - 10/27/25
2nd Quarter: 10/28/25 - 1/15/26
3rd Quarter: 1/16/26 - 3/25/26
4th Quarter: 3/26/26 - 5/29/26

Elementary Early Dismissals

Oct. 31 1:30 p.m.
Dec. 23 1:30 p.m.
Jan. 16 1:30 p.m.
March 11, 12 1:00 p.m.
May 28 1:30 p.m.
May 29 1:00 p.m.

Middle/High Early Dismissals

Oct. 31 12:40/12:50 p.m.
Dec. 23 12:40/12:50 p.m.
Jan. 15 12:40/12:50 p.m.
Jan. 16 12:40/12:50 p.m.
May 28 12:40/12:50 p.m.
May 29 11:40/11:50 a.m.

Inclement Weather Days

Snow Days will be Flexible Instructional Days (FIDs). If there are more than five FIDs, days will be added beyond May 29, 2026.

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2025-26 Health Forms & Immunizations

For the 2025-26 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 2025-26 school year or during the prior year.

**TUESDAY,
AUGUST 19**

10-11 a.m. (LIC 9:30-10:30 a.m.)

**Elementary
SNEAK-A-PEEK**

Back to School Nights

CES Tuesday, Aug. 26; 7-8:30 p.m.
EPES Wednesday, Sept. 10; 6:30-8 p.m.
FES Wednesday, Sept. 10; 6:30-8 p.m.
LIC Wednesday, Aug. 27; 7-8:30 p.m.
LPC Wednesday, Aug. 27; 5:30-7 p.m.
MES Wednesday, Sept. 3; 6:30-8 p.m.
RES Wednesday, Sept. 3; 6:30-8 p.m.
CMS Thursday, Sept. 11; 6:30-8 p.m.
LMS Thursday, Sept. 11; 6:30-8 p.m.
HHS Thursday, Sept. 4; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION for the 2025-26 School Year

Are you new to the area or joining Hempfield School District for the first time? Don't delay, register your child today to help us plan for the upcoming school year. Visit our website to start your online registration.