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**Hamilton**  
Community Consolidated School District # 328



The school year is off and running and we are already approaching the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter which ends on *October 14, 2011*. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday October 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm and Friday October 21<sup>st</sup> from 8:05am - 12:05pm in the Jr. High Gym. We hope to see you all there.

### Upcoming Events

- Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> - end of 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr
- Parent/Teacher Conf. Oct 20 4-7pm and Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 8-12noon
- Sr Night Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> @ Hamilton's HS Football Game 11:00am

Our Phone Number is changing to improve communication, accessibility and quality. The number will be used district wide. The new number is 1-866-332-3882 effective October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Menu shortcuts: Press 1 for the Jr/Sr HS office, Press 2 for the Elementary, Press 3 to report Elementary absences, Press 4 to report Jr/Sr HS absences, Press 5 for the Unit Office, Press 6 for the staff directory and Press 7 for transportation.

If you did wish to sign up for our new parent portal services contact our technology director at [todo@hhs328.com](mailto:todo@hhs328.com) so you may get signed up in our system, all we need is an e-mail address to get you signed up to view your students information. I hope you find this to be a very useful communication tool. If you're interested in staying in touch with important announcements such as school closings, early dismissals, or announcements please feel free to sign up at [intouch@hhs328.com](mailto:intouch@hhs328.com) and you will be added to our *district mailing list*.

Scholastically,  
Ron Gilbert, Principal  
Hamilton High School

### Academic Success -

On Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup>, the Hamilton High School marching band competed in the Ft. Madison Marching Band Classic and the Mt. Pleasant Marching Band Competition. Hamilton won first place in class 1A/2A at these 2 separate events. At both events there were 4 bands in class 1A/2A. Hamilton also won individual awards for the most outstanding Horn Line (woodwinds and brass), and most outstanding Color Guard (flags) at both events. I would like to take this time and thank the Hamilton CUSD #328 administration and school board for all of the outstanding support they offer, not only the band department but all the fine arts.

Thank You,

Mr. Mike McDermott, Hamilton Jr/Sr High School Band Director



### News From The English Department – Ms. Westermeyer

1.) New at Hamilton High School--a community service and volunteer organization titled VOICES (Volunteers Out In the Community Environment Serving). The club will be starting up this month, and we will be looking forward to multiple community and school service projects throughout the fall--raking leaves, cleaning up littering, and decorating pumpkins for area nursing homes to name a few. If you have any events or information of possible volunteer opportunities for our students, please email them to [voices.hhs328@gmail.com](mailto:voices.hhs328@gmail.com) or call [1.217.847.3313](tel:1.217.847.3313). Thank you!

2.) ATTENTION HAMILTON COMMUNITY MEMBERS: On October 22nd, 2011, between the varsity and sophomore football games, the volunteer organization VOICES will be holding a labor auction. Maybe you need an extra set of hands to help with the yard work around your house. Maybe you need a babysitter for an upcoming evening out. Maybe you just want some help doing all the winterizing work you need to do at home, and you'd like an extra set of hands to help. Whatever your need--we're here to offer you some labor! Members of the VOICES organization will be donating their time and labor for auctioned prices, and all proceeds will go to the volunteer organization to fund clean up activities, promote charity drives, and support events to keep our school and community beautiful and thriving. Please come to our labor auction, donate to our cause, and get some free help with your chores in the process! See you October 22nd!

### Yearbook

The seniors' 2011 yearbooks are in and in the office to be picked up. Any students who did not pay for a book will have to see Ms. Westermeyer to see if there are any books left over for purchase.

Yearbook Ad Sales are also under way, and if your business has not been contacted please let us know if you'd like to support our 2011-2012 book! Contact Anna Westermeyer at [westermeyera@hhs328.com](mailto:westermeyera@hhs328.com) OR call [217.847.3313](tel:217.847.3313) x127.

Remember to read the Creative Media class's bi-monthly publication of The Titan Thunder, Hamilton High's student published school newsletter. Students write their own stories each week covering news, sports, school events, and opinion pieces--check out their great, original work!

**Lunch Accounts - Just a friendly reminder - There must money in each one of your students lunch accounts. We can no longer do family accounts and students must use their own lunch card. This ensures accurate information about each students account when viewed online.**

### From The Jr. High Student Counsel - Mrs. Brandon

In a matter of weeks the Hamilton Jr.-Sr. High has managed to collect over 500 Pepsi Yellow "For Your Community" caps. Each cap is worth 5 cents for our community. All the caps have been taken to the Hamilton Ayerco station. The collection ends may 31st. They will go in with rest of the community's **Participation** in order to provide for the Veterans Honor Flight. It may seem like small potatoes, but it is our community in action. It is a good example of how our students are thinking and helping out in the larger community outside of school. Keep up the great work.

### From The Guidance Counselor - Mr. Buel

**All seniors will be receiving a letter in the mail from the company, Parchment, which will provide information in regard to sending their transcripts electronically to colleges and universities they are applying to. Please read through this information and direct all questions to Mr. Buel. This is a free service to all HHS seniors.**