

HACKETT HAPPENINGS

HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP

269-381-2646

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2016



Date: Saturday, March 5th, 2016
Place: Radisson Plaza Hotel,
Downtown Kalamazoo
Time: 5:30 – Cocktails & hors D’oeuvres
7:00- Dinner,
followed by Silent and Live Auction

Ticket Price: \$90.00 per person
(10 person tables)

The 2016 Shamrock Auction will be held on Saturday, March 5th, at the Radisson Plaza Hotel located in Downtown Kalamazoo. The event will begin at 5:30 with cocktails and hors D’oeures. Dinner at 7:00pm followed by the Silent and Live Auction and of course there will be dancing! Invitations will be mailed to your home. Registration for this event can be done either online or by returning the RSVP card by mail. Don’t forget to bring your cell phone or tablet to the Radisson, in order to take part in the on-line auction bidding. The Shamrock Auction is Hackett Catholic Prep’s premier fundraising event. Invite your friends and reserve your table now!

Important Dates

Feb. 10	Ash Wednesday Conferences 6:00-8:00 PM
Feb. 11	Conferences 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM - No School
Feb. 12	No School
Feb. 22	Sophomore Ring Ceremony 7 PM
March 5	Shamrock Auction at Radisson 5:30 PM
March 8	Blood Drive - 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM
March 11-12 & 18-19	Seussical Musical
March 19	Shamrock Run and Fitness Walk
March 25/28	Good Friday/ Easter Monday No School
April 2-10	Spring Break
April 11	School Resumes
April 16	Incoming Freshman Dance
April 17	Incoming Freshman Mass at 9 AM



Office Hour Changes

February 10	Conferences: 6:00-8:00 PM Office Hours 7:00AM-3:30PM
February 11	Conferences: 9:00AM -1:00PM Office Closed
February 12	No School Office Closed
April 2 Begins through April 10	Spring Break No School Office Closed
April 11	School Resumes

Parent and Teacher Conferences

February 10, 2016

6:00 - 8:00 PM

February 11, 2016

9:00 - 1:00 PM

10 minute limit per teacher please!!

**Reminder
Spring break is
April 2 to April 10**

ATTENTION ALL HCP FAMILIES!

The HCP 2016 SHAMROCK AUCTION Acquisition Committee needs your help! Please consider making a donation or soliciting a donation of an item for the 2016 Shamrock Auction. This event supports the best of Catholic education and athletics, as well as all things IRISH! There are so many ways you can help with items for our Silent and Live Auctions. Maybe you are willing to donate an item to the auction yourself or ask a business associate or friend to do so. Ideas of items that Auction goers enjoy are:

Services: salon treatments, video transfer, photography, lawn work, window cleaning, car detailing

Travel/Vacation: vacation home stays, personal tours i.e. fishing expeditions, weekend packages

Gift Certificates: restaurants, activities like golfing, go-carts, bowling, miniature golf, the zoo

Tickets: concerts, sporting events, theatre performances

Also: One of a kind art, collectibles, electronics, jewelry

Feel free to get creative with an Auction item donation!

In addition, we are seeking small items – values of \$10 (or more) to include in our ever popular “balloon pop” sales. These items can be dropped off in the main office at any time. Ideas include wine, gift certificates, movie tickets.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact **Sarah Harding at sharding@csgk.org or 217-8289**. Do not hesitate to call us with any new or unique ideas, as well as any questions. Your contributions and volunteering DO make a difference! Thank you in advance. We cannot make the Shamrock Auction a success without your support!

The Hackett Catholic Prep Shamrock Auction Acquisition Committee





2016

Advanced Placement Exams

The Advanced Placement (AP) Exams will be given at Hackett beginning Monday, May 2, and will continue through Thursday, May 24, 2016. AP Exams are required for all students who are currently enrolled in an AP course. Students with documented learning disabilities who have regularly used accommodations in school should contact Mrs. Ulbrich, ASAP, if they would like to apply for accommodations for AP Exams. Documentation must be up to date (within the last three years for either an initial diagnosis or a reconfirmed diagnosis) and all past and current documentation must be on file in our office.

Junior College Visits

Now is a good time for juniors to plan visits to their prospective colleges. Hackett allows three absences for this purpose during their second semester; these are treated as school-related business. It's best to call ahead and schedule a meeting with the admissions office. While students are wise to start their college search online, visiting a college may be key when deciding if a particular school is the right fit for you. A typical visit includes a tour of campus, attending a class, speaking with an admissions officer, and meeting with an athletic coach. When choosing a college, you should consider: academic curriculum, admission policy, cost, opportunity for financial aid, location, size of enrollment, reputation in a specific field, and affiliation (such as private, public, religious, etc.).

FAFSA/College Financial Aid

Senior Parents: It is time to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form for your senior. The form, which is the center of most grants, loans,

scholarships and other need-based financial aid, is available on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov Students planning to attend college or postsecondary training during the 2016-2017 academic school year should complete the online FAFSA by March 1. You should also be aware of your individual college deadlines for financial aid, which may be earlier. Check with the Financial Aid Office at your particular college. All applications are processed online.

Scholarships

As scholarship opportunities are received, they are posted to the *HCP Daily Announcements* by the Guidance Department. While a majority of these opportunities are directed toward seniors, we occasionally post scholarships which are available to underclassmen. Please be aware of scholarship scams. Do not pay anything to anyone to search for scholarships. Juniors and seniors: we have listed some of the more popular scholarship web sites which are available to you in the Hackett College Planner that you were given at Junior Parent Night.

Seniors: All local Kalamazoo Community Foundation Scholarship applications may be found online. www.kalfound.org (Most of their deadlines are by March 1st. Apply now!)

ACT/SAT Preparation

Resources available for ACT/SAT test preparation include:

Method Test Prep – methodtestprep.com

Sylvan Learning Center-Portage
Phone: (269) 327-5237

Kaplan Test Prep & Admissions-
Kalamazoo
Phone (269) 342-8333

ACT Online Prep:
www.actstudent.org

Free Practice ACT booklets are also available in the Guidance Office.

SAT Prep:
www.collegeboard.org

Midyear, Seventh Semester Grade Reports

Seniors: Many college admissions offices require midyear, seventh semester transcript grade reports. If you need a transcript sent, please stop by the Guidance Office and request this from Mrs. Byrne.

EFE/EFA

Sophomores and juniors: 2016-2017 Education for the Arts and Education for Employment applications, will be available in the Guidance Office on January 21st. Completed applications are to be turned into Mrs. Byrne, but are processed by the school district you reside in, by January 29, 2016. Please contact Mrs. Byrne if you have questions.

Grad Bash News

Jan. 30

St. Julian Wine Tasting Event

Feb. 10

Grad Bash will be offering Ample Pantry Dinners during conferences. Orders can be dropped off at the office or made online via the pay portal.

Check out the Grad Bash page for specifics.

February 10 is Ash Wednesday, so a meatless meal will be an option.

See last page for order form

**Support
Grad Bash!**

MORE COUNSELING CORNER

Career Cruising

This year, Hackett Catholic Prep has made available to all our students a new web-based program called Career Cruising (CC), a comprehensive tool to aid them in searching careers, colleges and universities, scholarships, and more!

Freshmen students have assessed their learning style. Sophomore students have found careers that match their current interests and have learned to see if they have the skills to match their interested careers. Junior students access the site's college search for recommendations based on their intended career/degree. Senior students are finding the financial aid section of particular interest— they've already tried out the Financial Aid Selector, where they located programs they may be eligible for based on gender, residency, ethnicity, etc.

CC will also be used this year for 2016-2017 HCP class scheduling for underclassmen, beginning the week of January 25th.

We encourage parents to sign up for their own CC account so you can also watch your student's portfolio grow and evolve, be active in their class scheduling selections, and help them prepare for their future! Contact Pat Byrne at pbyrne@hackettcp.org to receive your parent log in information.

SAT Practice Test

As a fundraiser for Alternative Spring Break, Hackett Catholic Prep's Guidance Office is offering an SAT practice test on Saturday, February 20th. We strongly encourage our students to take advantage of every opportunity to practice their test-taking skills so that they are prepared for the rigors of an actual standardized test.

Students should arrive at 7:40am with their ID. The testing will take approximately 4 hours and 15 minutes.

The cost is \$25.00 when registering prior to February 17th, or \$35 at the door (depending on availability). To pre-register for this test, please use the "Practice SAT Test" link on Hackett's homepage to complete the online registration form.

Your registration will be complete upon receipt of your payment, either by cash, check made payable to Hackett Catholic Prep, or via Hackett's Pay Portal. (A link to the Pay Portal can be found on the left side of Hackett's website homepage. Please use the location titled "Hackett Guidance Fees".)

Method Test Prep

The redesigned SAT, debuting March 2016, is designed to assess your academic readiness for college, and provide a path to opportunities, financial support, and scholarships. HCP juniors will be taking the test free of charge in April. Log onto Method Test Prep today and get prepared for this important exam! Just 15 minutes a day on Method Test Prep can help you increase your SAT score by over 150 points, which means opening up your college options!

Alternative Spring Break - Our 11th Year of Service!

HCP students participating in Alternative Spring Break 2016 will be traveling to Tampa, Florida - staying, working and playing at a Catholic Community Retreat Center, run by the Salesian Priests. (Check it out on www.MHCTampa.org!) Talk to any student or adult that has been one of these trips and they will tell you what a rewarding experience it is! Activities are on site (such as kayaking, pool, walking trails, basketball, tennis courts and more) to enjoy after a hard day's work. Travel will be from the evening of April 2 to April 9. Seats on the bus may still be available, so please e-mail Pat Byrne at pbyrne@hackettcp.org with any questions ASAP! Payment of \$50.00 will hold your spot and can be made by cash, check to HCP, or through the pay portal.

The cost of the trip has not been finalized. Please check out the ASB link under clubs and organizations on the HCP website for more information.

Service Hours Due

A reminder to students that your remaining 10 (minimum) hours of service must be completed, submitted, and approved on x2vol by May 3rd, 2016!

Congratulations, Caroline! Class of 2016

Hackett Catholic Prep's senior, **Caroline Yapp**, has been chosen as one of only two students to represent the State of Michigan at the United States Senate Youth Program. Each year this competitive, merit-based program brings 104 high school students to Washington, D.C. for an intensive week-long study of the federal government and the people who lead it. While in Washington the student delegates attend meetings and briefings with Senators, House of Representatives and Congressional staff, the President, a Justice of the Supreme Court and senior members of the national media. The overall mission of the program is to help instill within each class of USSYP student delegates a more profound knowledge of the American political process. In addition to the program week, The Hearst Foundation provides each student with a \$5,000 undergraduate college scholarship with encouragement to continue coursework in government, history or public affairs. Past delegates include former presidential advisor Carl Rove and New Jersey Governor Chris Christie.

Winter Fest Week February 15 - 19

The theme is GAMES
9th Grade – Monopoly
10th Grade – Clue
11th Grade - Twister
12th Grade – Candyland

Dress-up themes for the week are;
Monday – PJ's
Tuesday – Clash
Wednesday – Class Theme
Thursday – Sunday Best
Friday – Hackett Spirit

Reading Together at Hackett



Hackett will be participating in Reading Together, the yearly community-wide read sponsored by the Kalamazoo Public Library. This year's book is **Orphan Train** by Christina Baker Kline.

About the Book and the Author:

Christina Baker Kline is the author of five novels, including the #1 New York Times bestseller, **Orphan Train**, about a young Irish immigrant who, as a child, is sent away from New York on a train that regularly transported unwanted and abandoned children from the East Coast to the farmlands of the Midwest. Moving between contemporary Maine and Depression-era Minnesota, **Orphan Train** is a powerful tale of upheaval and resilience. Her previous novels include *Bird in Hand*, *The Way Life Should Be*, *Desire Lines* and *Sweet Water*. (KPL Website)

All members of the Hackett community are invited to participate in two reading discussions in the school media center.

Tuesday, March 15, 2016 - 2:35 - 3:15 PM

Wednesday, March 16, 2016 – 7:00 – 8:00 PM

The author will be speaking at Kalamazoo Central Auditorium on **March 7, 2016, at 7:00 PM**. For more information on related activities, please consult the Kalamazoo Public Library's website - www.kpl.gov.

It's Easy to Donate Online

With a few clicks, you can impact our schools and our students. To make an online donation, please visit our secure website at hackettcp.org and click on the payment portal icon.

Every gift makes a difference!

If you have any questions, please contact **Kate Willard in the CSGK Advancement Office at 381.2646 ext 109** or kwillard@csgk.org.

Thank you for your support!



Catholic Schools Week
January 31st to February 6

see page 8 for schedule of events

TRIP it makes sense!

Help reduce your tuition payments! Many families are taking a bite out of their tuition by using the TRIP program to purchase gift cards for common everyday purchases, such as gas and groceries. With our new vendor (shop-withscrip.com) you can order online, as well as, reload gift cards. Buy SCRIP NOW without having to come to school or buy cards. Visit their website for all the details or go to the TRIP website at csgk.org and click on the apples on the right side to learn more. We require you to active the Presto Pay feature to use the online features. Check out the new features and if you have not used TRIP recently, try it out! It is there to benefit you and your family.

SHAMROCK 5K RUN and fitness walk

Saturday March 19, 2016



Come run the Shamrock!

Join the fun at the 9th Annual Shamrock Run. This year's 5k Run and Fitness walk will take place Saturday March 19th starting at 9:00am. Bring the kids to the Kid 1 Mile Fun Run on Friday night at 6:00pm. You can register online and learn more about the Shamrock by visiting runtheshamrock.org. Proceeds from the Shamrock Run have and will continue to help fund programs, upgrades and events for all student athletes.

Respect Life Group Washington DC Trip

The Hackett Respect Life Group made their annual trip to Washington DC to participate in the 42nd National March for Life. This year there were 50 students and chaperones that attended. They joined students from Lake Michigan Catholic High School and had a great time. While in DC they attended the National Youth Rally held at the Verizon Center to thousands of students from all over the United States. They were also lucky enough to meet Congressman Fred Upton from St. Joseph and share their concerns about abortion and their views on being the #prolifegeneration. The group enjoyed some time seeing some of the many monuments and museums. You can follow the Hackett's Respect Life group on Twitter @ [hcprrespectlife](https://twitter.com/hcprrespectlife).

Help Support Your School! Support the Shamrock Auction! Buy your Basket Raffle Tickets Today

The sports teams and clubs of Hackett support their school by donating a basket to the Shamrock Auction. **You** can help out by buying a raffle ticket to win a basket. Questions? Email Linda Pickornik at lpickornik@hackettcp.org. If you are interested in buying a ticket, please fill out the form below and return to school with your payment and we will get the tickets to you. Thank you in advance for your support.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

Tickets are \$5.00 each or 6 tickets for \$25.00

Number of Tickets _____

Amount enclosed _____

Please make check to **Hackett Catholic Prep**



Look at what we did:

Tennis:

Second in the conference
Team State qualifier
First Team All-State: Henry Hedeman
Honorable Mention All-State Doubles: Chris Swendris, Andrew Marshall
Lee Cornelius, Regional Coach of the year

Volleyball:

Third place in division regular season.
Won three tournaments
First Team All-Conference: Rachel Harding
Honorable Mention All-Conference, Hope Baldwin, Carolyn Browne

Football:

3-6 Regular Season
First Team All-Conference: Jacob Buchmann
Honorable Mention All-Conference: John Bartholomew, Brenden Warner

Cross Country Boys:

Team State Qualifier, second place in Region 16th in the state
All Conference First Team:
Mitch Yelton
All-Conference Honorable Mention
Palmer Cleaver

Cross Country Girls:

Second in the Conference
Regional Champions, Team State Qualifiers
All-Conference First Team:
Mary Ankenbauer++
Laurn THompson
All-Conference Honorable Mention:
Quinn Epkey
Maggie Benjamin
Abbie Takacs
Third place in the state and All-State: Mary Ankenbauer

Golf:

Conference Champions
Captured titles in several invitational events
Regional Champions
State Champions for second year in a row
All conference First Team:
Lizzie Stull, Naomi Keyte, Becca Radomsky, Molly Clark
All State First Team:
Lizzie Stull, Naomi Keyte
All-State Honorable Mention: Becca Radomsky
Academic All-State First Team: Becca Radomsky
Academic All State Honorable Mention: Lizzie Stull
Regional Champion: Lizzie Stull
Third Place state Finals: Naomi Keyte
Sixth Place State Finals: Tie, Lizzie Stull and Becca Radomsky

Soccer:

Divisional Champions
District Champions
Regional Champions
Semi Final winners
State Runners Up
First Team All-Conference
Will Knoll
Kieran O'Brien
Max Keenan
Honorable Mention All-Conference
James Amat
Matthew Johnson
Matt Carpenter
Kawika Singson
Jacob Wurtz
Brennan Creek
First Team All-State:
Will Knoll
Third Team All-State:
James Amat
Max Keenan
Honorable Mention All-State:
Kieran O'Brien



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The Hackett NHS partnered with the Notre Dame Club to hold BINGO at Ministry with Community each month this school year. Our most popular prizes have been fleece blankets. Parent Mary Clausen-Beck has spent hours purchasing and preparing the blankets, so the students can tie them.

We thank Mary Clausen-Beck for her generous support which has enabled us to complete almost 50 blankets!

Introducing.....



Paddy McHackett!

Paddy McHackett!

Hackett Catholic Prep's new mascot.

Thanks to an anonymous donor, Hackett Catholic Prep has a new mascot. Keaton Ashby, Andrew Lucas, Aidan Gillig, and Allison Buday all submitted potential names in a school-wide contest and the name Paddy McHackett was voted the winner!



Seussical the Musical
Performance Dates
March 11, 12, 18, 19,
2016

Call HCP Main Office for
more details

Catholic Schools Week Events

Feb. 2 Bingo with Ministry with Community Clients

Feb. 2 Principal Brian Kosmerick and a student will appear on the Lori Moore Show to discuss values of a Catholic Education

Feb. 3 Ice Cream Social for all students during lunch

Feb. 4 All School Mass at 10AM

Dinner is Ready!!



The Ample Pantry
Home Delivered Meals

(269) 375-8300
4325 W. Michigan Ave.
(between Drake & Howard)
Kalamazoo, MI 49006



Order now & dinner will be waiting for you at
Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, February 10th.
Due to Ash Wednesday, you have your choice of entrees:

*Hot chicken salad OR baked ziti. Both meals include bread sticks
& cookies for 4 & both are ready to heat & serve!*

Dinner Packs are \$20 each & will be available for pickup on
February 10th from 4-7 p.m. outside the HCP Cafeteria.

Orders must be received by Friday, February 5th.

Complete this form & send it with your check to:

HCP Grad Bash Dinner
1000 W. Kilgore
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

You will receive an email confirmation when your order is received.

Name: _____ # Chicken Dinners @ \$20

Cell #: _____ # Ziti Dinners @ \$20

Email: _____ \$ _____ Order Total

Make checks payable to: **HCP Grad Bash** or go to the Payment
Portal & select **Hackett Ample Pantry Dinner**.