

Hackett Happenings

Hackett Catholic Prep

381-2646

June July 2015



**Congratulations Top Ten
Class of 2015**

Jack Joswick, Emily Fackler, Emma Smith, Giuliana Bresnahan,
Maggie Smith, Katie Breitenbach, Danielle Reits, Lucy Ankenbauer,
Anne Heidelberg and Michael Daly



**Congratulations to the
Class of 2015**

**Have a great
summer!!**

Important Dates

May 28	Sports Physicals \$25 - 7 PM in Cafe
May 29	Uniform Sale 3-7
May 30	Uniform Sale 9-1
August 8	Book Sale 10 AM to Noon
August 25	First Day of School Full Day
Sept. 4 -	No School
Sept. 7	Labor Day Break

Office Hours

Last Week of School Office Hours:
Tuesday, June 2nd - Thursday, June 4
the office will close at Noon.
Friday, June 5, the office will close at
11:00 AM

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS:
June 8-June 19th
Monday-Friday 9AM - Noon

**The Office will be open on
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and
Thursdays
June 23 - June 25
July 14 - July 30 from
9 AM - Noon**

**The main office is closed from
Monday, June 29-
Monday, July 13.**

**Regular Office Hours resume on
our first day of school:
Wednesday, August 25
7 AM - 3:30 PM**



Class of 2016-Summer College Planning/Applications

As everyone is busy making summer plans, travel arrangements, etc., we want to encourage all current juniors, soon to be seniors, to consider squeezing in the following:

1) College-bound juniors – You need to begin thinking about preparing your college applications. Refer to your green, bound, “HCC College Planner”, which you received at Junior Parent Night in January. **Plan to finish all college applications by October 31**, if not sooner!

2) Make a list of the colleges you plan to apply to – **we suggest no more than 3-5, at the most!** Narrow your list by viewing the colleges’ admission requirements. Most requirements are found within their individual college websites, or you may contact the college directly via email. Arrange to visit college campuses over the summer.

3) Most 2015-2016 freshman undergraduate college applications will be online by August 1, if not earlier. **As you begin your application, be certain that you are completing the college’s 2015-2016 application.** Start working on/developing your topic ideas for any required essays.

4) **Once you have read your college’s application requirements** and instructions, ask teachers, employers, etc. for any required written letters of recommendation. If your college application requires that their specific “teacher evaluation” form be completed, complete your section and give/send this form to your teacher. Provide a current resume with your written request for a letter, even if your recommender knows you well. Most colleges only require one letter.

(Two letters are always sufficient.) **Check your instructions! Please do not ask teachers to compose letters for you which you do not need.** Please give your recommender the **completed** Letter of Recommendation form that was given to you at the Junior Parent Night.

5) **We strongly recommend that you take the ACT** (or SAT if the college of your choice requires this test) more than one time. There is often an increase in your test score results when you re-test. You must register online. **Hackett’s CEEB/School code is: 232174**
www.actstudent.org www.collegeboard.com

6) When registering for the ACT or SAT please list the colleges where you would like your scores to be sent. (The first four colleges chosen will be free.) **College admission offices now require that your official scores be sent directly to them from the ACT/SAT testing company.** You are charged a fee when you request scores to be sent after your original testing date. Payment is by credit card. We aren’t able to order these official scores for you.

7) **Please utilize your college’s financial aid site to search for scholarship opportunities.** The guidance office posts scholarship opportunities for students within our Monday, Guidance Office News--Daily Announcements, as the scholarships arrive.

8) **Students using the “Common Application” during the 2015-2016 school year are required to apply on-line.** The official “2015-2016 Common Application Online” will launch on August 1, 2015. Until then, students can use the preview version, which is already available online--complete with highlighted changes-- to familiarize themselves with the application and to view the essay questions. **Open and read all tabs at the Common Application site or you will not understand how**

to use their electronic system or how to complete your application, to complete supplements, and to access required teacher evaluation forms! Individual college application requirements are listed within these tabs. www.commonapp.org

9) Consider attending the College Application Workshop at Hackett either on August 8th from 9am-12pm or on August 13th from 9am-12pm. Mrs. Ulbrich will be helping students complete their applications, answering questions along the way!

2015-2016 Schedule Changes

Schedule changes can be made until June 12, 2015 without a fee. After that date, a \$25.00 fee will be charged for each schedule change made. Be aware that classes fill up quickly, so make your schedule changes early. If you have questions, please call the Guidance Office at 381-2646, ext. 123 or 136.

Senior Cumulative Files are coming home!

Seniors will be receiving their cumulative files with their diplomas. A cumulative file follows each student from kindergarten through high school graduation and includes many items. Parents, you will want to make sure that your student gives this file to you. Many include birth and Baptismal certificates, social security numbers, test results, school photos and class work from their early elementary years. Hackett will permanently retain transcripts and standardized test score results. Your child’s cumulative file will provide you with a trip down memory lane.

Hackett School Code:

232174

National Honor Society New Members

Juniors

Mary Katherine Ketels
Matthew Mancuso
Molly Ryan

Tara Schamehorn
Alicia Sherwood
Christopher Swendris

Sophomores

Nicholas Acri
Hope Baldwin
Katherine Bridenstine
Emily Burhans
Matthew Carpenter
Quentin Cerutti
Thomas Clare
James P. Cleaver
Dominic DeVito
Laura Elluru
Quinn Epkey
Joe Ghahramani
Rachel Harding
Naomi Keyte
Tyler Krawczyk
Antonio Lopez
Lauren Mallett
Miranda Obermiller
Teddy Oosterbaan
Molly Panico
Kaelan P. Redmond
Holden Rohloff
Philip Schichtel
Adam Schwanzl
William Scott
Kelsie Stewart
Lauryn Thompson
Colin Tichvon
Emily Walen
Aidan Wales
Margaret Wilson
Stella Yang
Nicholas Yealin



Uniform Sales

Sunshine Uniform on-Site
Sale Date will be
May 29 - 3-7
May 30 - 9-1
in the gym.



T.R.I.P Summer Sales

Following the completion of the school year we will begin our summer hours for TRIP. On The Spot sales will take place on **Tuesday evenings from 5:00pm - 6:30pm** in the upper foyer at Hackett Catholic Prep.

Please visit the TRIP website to see all the details. This includes instructions for online ordering which is the easiest and fastest way to receive your TRIP as well as the period of time when TRIP will be closed this summer.

TRIP website - <http://www.csgk.org/trip>

Graduation Gift?

Looking for a special graduation gift that will last forever?
Consider the "Give a Brick" Program

Makes a perfect graduation gift.

Call the Advancement Office at
381-2646 for more details.

Get your order in today!

New/Used Book Sale News

The combined new/used book sale will be on **Saturday, August 8th from 10AM to Noon**. We will need lots of volunteers to work at the sale in August. If you are interested, please call **Linda Pickornik at 381-2646 ext. 108**. Parents who help with the sale and/or collection of books will have the opportunity to purchase their books at an earlier date.

- Combination locks purchased here originally can be used year after year. Have your student tuck their lock away in a safe place and use it again next year.
- The 2015-16 book list with prices will be available in the office the week of the book sale.
- There will be no refunds for used books purchased and only in the event of a schedule change for new books. New books can only be returned in perfect condition!
- Used books that are left after the August 8th sale will still be available the next week. This is a nice option for those that are not able to make it here on the book sale day.
- Since we will continue to have the remaining used books available for sale, we will not issue checks for used books sold until the first week in October.

"E-books for 2015-2016"

U.S History
World History
AP U.S. History
Government
Economics

Books Not to Buy Used

French Books (if written in)
Julius Caesar (if written in)

An updated/complete list of "Books Not to Buy Used" for next year will be provided by the end of June. I will give each student a partial list of books not to buy used and a suggested pricing sheet when I talk to classes on May 29th.

There will be some textbook changes in 2015-2016, to e books, so make sure the books you are buying privately from friends will be used in the 2015-2016 school year. (some of the books we are using now will stay the same but the e book will also be an option.)

All workbooks and lab books cannot be turned in to sell because the students write in them.

If you have any questions, please call Linda Pickornik at 381-2646 ext.108. I will try to help in any way I can with your questions.

**Call Linda Pickornik at 381-2646 ext. 108
if you would like to
work the book sale.**



Freshman Orientation Class of 2019!

Information on Freshman
Orientation will be coming in August.

Summer Camp

Sports Camps and a Math Camp for
4-6th graders will be offered
during the summer
at Hackett.

Check the HCC website for more
information



Get on the Bus!

The Kalamazoo and Portage Public Schools Department of Transportation is now making transportation arrangements for the 2015-2016 school year. If your student(s) plan to utilize the Kalamazoo or Portage Public School bus, you must fill out the form included in this issue of the Happenings and return it to Hackett's office before school is out. We are including both Portage and Kalamazoo forms, so make sure you are filling out the right form. We only need the students that will be riding. If you do not think you will utilize the bus, do not ask for it.

Call 381-2646 for more information.



HACKETT CATHOLIC PREP
ENGLISH DEPARTMENT
2015 SUMMER READING LIST

Students who are in English classes for next year have required summer reading. Students should complete the assigned work(s) by the first day of classes for the 2015 - 2016 school year.

COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE I

Required Novel: *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli

HONORS COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE I

Required Novels: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee

COMPOSITION AND LITERATURE II

Required novel: *The Outsiders* by SE Hinton

AMERICAN LITERATURE

Required novel: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros

HONORS AMERICAN LITERATURE

Required novels: *The House on Mango Street* by Sandra Cisneros and *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck

ENGLISH LITERATURE

Required works: *Frankenstein* by Mary Shelley (the 1818 edition)

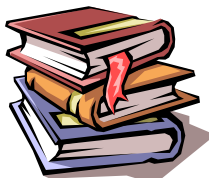
Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare

WRITING AND COMMUNICATIONS

Required works: *The Pianist* by Wladyslaw Szpilman (the entire text, prologue, introduction, epilogue)

AP ENGLISH LITERATURE

Required works: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* by Tom Stoppard
Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen



The following is a list of some recommended literary works to read in preparation for the College Board AP Exam offered in the spring of 2016

A Farewell to Arms – Ernest Hemingway

A Lesson Before Dying – Ernest J. Gaines

Beloved, Song of Solomon – Toni Morrison

Blue Highways – William Least Heat Moon

Cannery Row, East of Eden – John Steinbeck

Frankenstein – Mary Shelley

Great Expectations – Charles Dickens

House of Spirits – Isabel Allende

Invisible Man – Ralph Waldo Ellison

Jane Eyre – Charlotte Bronte

Jasmine – Bharati Mukherjee

Lives of Girls and Women – Alice Munroe

Meridian – Alice Walker

Moby Dick – Herman Melville

Mrs. Dalloway – Virginia Woolf

Raisin in the Sun – Lorraine Hansberry

Ship of Fools – Katherine Anne Porter

Tess of the D'Urbervilles, -Thomas Hardy

The Glass Menagerie – Tennessee Williams

The House on Mango Street – Sandra Cisneros

The Swamp Dwellers – Wole Soyinka

The Sweet Hereafter – Russell Banks

The Turn of the Screw, The Portrait of A Lady, Daisy Miller – Henry James

Hackett Catholic Prep Senior Portraits - *Yearbook Specs (2015-2016)*

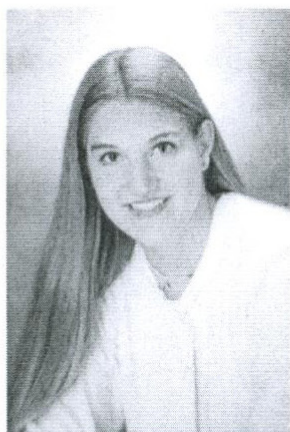
Congratulations on making it to your senior year at Hackett Catholic Prep! Here are some common questions & answers about senior pictures for yearbook use. Please read them carefully, as we do not wish anyone to be excluded from the senior section of the yearbook!

1) What should I do first about pictures and how soon should I do it?

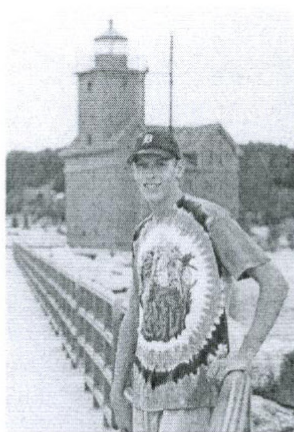
Call a photographer immediately and get a sitting time scheduled. The whole portrait-taking process sometimes takes MONTHS through our local photographers, which means you should have your picture taken no later than September 30th! After that there is no assurance that the photographers can get us a copy of your photo in time. The yearbook staff must meet publishing deadlines which are not flexible!

2) What are the yearbook picture specifications?

Size:	2" x 3" <u>COLOR</u> photo (NO Black & White, Sepia, etc.)
Finish:	Glossy or matte print or <u>digital file at 300 dpi is preferred</u>
Pose:	<u>Head-and-shoulder shot looking at the camera</u> (very similar to passport photo requirements)
Background:	Traditional, neutral (blue, gray, brown), & solid background <u>only</u>
Other:	Absolutely <u>no</u> hands to face in pose, <u>no</u> fade or reflection effects, <u>no</u> extreme close ups, <u>no</u> "nature" shots



Correct!



No!
Wrong background.
Too far away.



No!
Absolutely no
hands to face.
Too close.



No!
Wrong pose.
Wrong background.
Wrong orientation.

3) What is the due date for senior pictures?

The deadline for turning in your Senior Portrait, sibling photo, and baby photo for the yearbook is **Friday, October 30th!***

**Photos received between October 31st and December 31st will be subject to a \$5 fee in order to include them in the yearbook. If we do not receive your portrait and, if applicable, the \$5 late fee by December 31st, we will use your school photo.*

4) What is the purpose of these specifications?

The yearbook is a student publication that reaches a large audience: our student body, our community, and beyond. That, along with set production costs, requires us to mandate uniform standards for all pictures. In order to assure uniformity we follow standard journalistic guidelines.

While the traditional head-and-shoulders shot outlined above is required for the yearbook, we naturally encourage you to exercise your creativity for your personal senior portraits and encourage you to **purchase creative space in the Parent/Senior Advertisement section.**

5) What if I can't afford the sitting fee or the picture packages?

Hackett Catholic Prep will have professional photographers take your picture on the student picture and make-up days. If we do not receive a personal senior picture before the deadline, you may still submit it, but you will be subject to a \$5 fee. Additionally, no portraits will be accepted after December 31st. If we do not receive your portrait by December 31st, we will you your portrait from student picture/make-up day. *If you decide you would prefer us to use your school photo, please email Mrs. Mileski to let her know.*

6) What if I decide to take my own picture with my own camera?

Any self-taken portraits must follow the guidelines above and be submitted digitally. Please be aware, however, that we reserve the right to refuse any pictures that do not look professional or appropriate for the yearbook. Our yearbook photographers will also be happy to take several senior picture poses for you using our high quality photography equipment.

7) Should I have my senior pictures taken if I know I am not going to actually graduate this year?

That is up to you. However, anyone who does not have enough credits at the beginning of 2nd semester will be omitted from the senior section of the yearbook.

8) What will happen if I do not turn in a senior picture at all?

We will use your school portrait/ID picture from the last year we have. Therefore, if you have not had your senior picture taken by September 30th, make sure that your school portrait/ID picture looks nice case we have to use it in the senior section!

9) When & where do I turn my senior picture in?

Turn them in to Mrs. Mileski, the yearbook adviser, in room 81 or in the main office at any time until the October 30th deadline. You can email digital files to hackettyearbook@hackettcp.org. Digital submission on CD, flash drive or via email is preferred by the yearbook staff.

From the Math Department Calculator policy 2015 - 2016

All Algebra 1 and Geometry students should have a TI-30xIIs two-line display scientific calculator.

Graphing calculators are required for all courses beginning with Algebra 2. The Math Department recommends that students purchase TI-Nspire graphing calculators. The Nspire comes in 2 versions. The CX version can be purchased in stores and is acceptable for use on all standardized tests. Advanced math students may appreciate the power of the TI-Nspire CX CAS. The CAS includes a computer algebra system capable of computation with variables. This calculator can currently be purchased online from Underwood Distributing. Please note that the CAS version of the Nspire is not allowed on the ACT although it is allowed on the SAT and AP exams. There is also a \$30 TI-Nspire app for the iPad which is on sale at times for \$5.

Most stores have these calculators on sale at the beginning of the school year so if your student has any questions, they can ask their math teacher when school begins.



Starting Dates for Fall Sports:

Cross Country: August 12
contact: sean.ohman@yahoo.com

Football: August 10
contact: jesse.brown@stryker.com

Girls Golf: August 12
contact: aradomsky@arcengineering.com

Girls Swim: August 12
contact: teastman@hackettcp.org

Boys Soccer: August 12
contact: cadrian@hackettcp.org

Boys Tennis: August 12
contact: wilderene@gmail.com

Volleyball: August 12
contact: chapmanlauren28@gmail.com

Sports Physicals

Thursday, May 28

7:00 PM

HCP Cafeteria

The cost is \$25 and the MHSAA Physical Forms are in our school office and on the website, alphabetically listed under the parents tab.

Kalamazoo Public Schools
TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

REQUEST FOR TRANSPORTATION

Call Taken By: _____
Date: _____

REQUEST FOR:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Address Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Student in Area
<input type="checkbox"/>	Change of Schools
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Home Address: _____
 Pick Up Drop Off Both

Home Telephone: _____ Work/Message Telephone: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Transporting Address: _____
(if different from home) Pick Up Drop Off Both

School Attending: Hackett Catholic Central High School

Additional Comments:

Pick Up Stop _____ A.M. Bus # _____ Time: _____
AM Shuttle _____ A.M. Bus # _____ Time: _____
PM Shuttle _____ A.M. Bus # _____ Time: _____
Delivery Stop _____ P.M. Bus # _____ Time: _____
(Approximate)

Scheduler's Comments:

Date Notified _____ Parent School
Signature of Notifier: _____



Transportation Department

8111 South Westnedge
Portage, Michigan 49002-5433

phone: 269.323.5151
fax: 269.323.5193

NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

- New Request
Change Request
(Please complete one (1) form for each student)

Student Name: Gender: Date of Birth:
School and Grade Assignment:
Home Address: City Zip
Mailing Address: City Zip
Home Phone: Cell Phone or Pager:
Father's Full Name and Work Phone:
Mother's Full Name and Work Phone:
List any health conditions or allergies:

Transportation Needs

In order for the transportation department to provide a safe and orderly environment for your child, parents/guardians are encouraged to identify one (1) pick up and one (1) drop off location for the school year. The bus stop may or may not be located at the home address. However, students will be assigned within the prescribed walking distance. Any changes must be made in writing. Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

PICK UP: At Home
At Curious Kids
At Other Child Care: Name: Phone:
Address:
Student will walk or No pick up is needed

DROP OFF: At Home
At Curious Kids
At Other Child Care: Name: Phone:
Address:
Student will walk or No drop off is needed

Name of person completing form: Date:

Please return this form to the person registering your student(s).

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