



Hardyston School District

Weekend Update January 11, 2026

A Message to the Hardyston Community

I want to share that I have made the decision to step away from my role as Superintendent of Hardyston Township Public Schools and continue my educational leadership journey in another district later this year.

This was not an easy decision. Hardyston has been my home for more than 50 years and my professional home for the past decade. I am deeply grateful for the students, families, staff, and community members who have made this district such a special place to serve. Together, we have built strong programs, expanded opportunities for students, and kept our focus where it belongs: on kids.

In the months ahead, my full attention remains on ensuring a smooth and stable transition and on continuing the important work underway in our schools. Hardyston is in a strong position, and I am confident in the dedicated staff and leadership who will carry this work forward.

Thank you for your trust, your partnership, and your continued support of our schools.

Michael Ryder, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Calendar of Events:

- 1/13 Winter Sports/Club Pictures
- 1/19 **School Closed; Teacher In-Service Day**
- 1/20 BOE Budget Workshop Meeting, 7 PM @ HMS
- 1/23 5th Grade field trip permission slips due
- 2/3 Report Cards posted on portal
- 2/10 BOE Meeting, 7 PM @ HMS
- 2/16-17 **School Closed - Winter Recess**
- 2/24 BOE Budget Workshop Meeting, 7 PM @HMS

- 3/6 HMS Progress Reports posted on portal
 - 3/8 Daylight Savings Time begins
 - 3/9 School Closed - Teacher In Service Day
 - 3/11 8th Grade Gown/Spring Pictures
 - 3/17 BOE Meeting, 7 PM @ HMS
 - 4/2 Spring Sports/Club Pictures
 - 4/3 Good Friday - School Closed
 - 4/6 - 4/10 School Closed - Spring Recess
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Attention 5th Grade Parents

Please see the link below for the information and the permission slip for the **5th Grade Trip to the Mayo Performing Arts Center**.

The permission slip and payment are due no later than **Friday, January 23**.

<https://forms.gle/rct3vyjGK8FdddZm9>

JERSEY MIKE'S
FUNDRAISER
Monday, January 19th • All Day

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SUBS

The Weekend Bag Program Inc.

Good goes beyond the sub! **Visit our store or order on our app using promo code JMGIVES on January 19th All Day**—and we'll happily **donate 50% of your sale** in support of **The Weekend Bag Program Inc.** Enjoy some great subs and help Jersey Mike's support this worthy cause.

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Valid in app with promo code JMGIVES or mention this fundraiser in store. 4484

Reminder - Please review your contact verification

Please log into the parent portal and review your child/children's contact information. You are able to make changes on the portal which will be reviewed and approved within a few days. You can also indicate which emergency numbers you would like to designate for any notifications sent out during the course of the school year. *Please note that these notifications are for emergencies such as school closings/delays, changes in sports games/practices, not for those who can pick your child up from school*

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Peggy Van Ginneken at pvanginneken@https.org.

Hardyston Hornets Spirit Shirts and Apparel...New Items!

Breakfast and Lunch Menus

Please click above to view HES and HMS breakfast and lunch menus

HES Breakfast Order Form

VIRTUAL SUICIDE & SOCIAL MEDIA PRESENTATION

DIGITAL RISK FACTORS: HOW SOCIAL MEDIA AFFECTS YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH & SUICIDE RISK

JOIN US
FOR A
FREE
WEBINAR

 WEDNESDAY
January 21, 2026

 6:30-8:00pm

 Zoom Presentation

Social media is an important part of young people's lives. It can help them feel connected, supported, and creative, but it can also expose them to harmful content and amplify social pressures.

This webinar will present:

- how social media use can influence suicide risk in teens, including cyberbullying, online comparisons, and exposure to self-harm or suicide-related content.
- the role of AI in shaping how youth talk about their feelings, seek help, or, at times, encounter harmful advice online.
- research about what is risky, protective, and the difference between "cause" and "connection."

Walk away with tools to talk with youth about their online lives, recognize warning signs, and create healthy digital boundaries that support both safety and connection.



PRESENTER
Jonathan Singer
Ph.D., LCSW

An internationally recognized expert in youth suicide and social work technology, Jonathan Singer Ph.D., LCSW is Professor of Social Work at Loyola University Chicago and coauthor of two editions of the best-selling text *Suicide in Schools: A Practitioner's Guide to Multi-level Prevention, Assessment, Intervention, and Postvention*.



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Help for Fathers!

24:7 Dads Parenting Course Hosted by Project Self-Sufficiency



- Discuss the five characteristics of a 24:7 Dad!
- Improve knowledge, behavior, and skills.
- Learn how to be more involved with your children.
- Strengthen the whole family.

**Tuesdays & Thursdays,
6:00 p.m.**
January 20, 22, 27, 29;
February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17,
19, 24, 26

Childcare
Available
Upon
Request



Free!

Call 973-940-3500 to Register or
Register Online,

www.projectsselfsufficiency.org/parenting-classes

A program of the Journey Family Success Center

Also available by Zoom!



Get a gift card for attendance –
learn more in class!



Project Self-Sufficiency, 127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ 07860 973-940-3500 www.projectsselfsufficiency.org

Project Self-Sufficiency

Parenting Classes

ACT Raising Safe Kids Program

Tuesdays, 6:00 p.m. • January 20 – March 10

Developed by the American Psychological Association – Completion Certificate Available



Convenient – Offered via Zoom!

Learn How To:

- Use Positive Parenting Techniques
- Manage Anger
- Prevent Behavioral Problems



Call 973-940-3500 to Register



Project Self-Sufficiency

127 Mill Street, Newton, NJ 07860 – www.projectsselfsufficiency.org

2025-2026 Student Parent Handbook and Calendar

Hardyston PTA Website

Become a PTA member TODAY



The poster features a blue and white winter theme with snowflakes and mountain silhouettes. The YMCA logo is in the top left, and a QR code is in the middle right. The text is centered and uses various font sizes and colors (white, blue, orange) for emphasis.

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YMCA

FAIRVIEW LAKE YMCA CAMPS
FEBRUARY
FAMILY
CAMP
FEBRUARY 13-15, 2026

This fun-filled weekend is the perfect way to connect, create special family traditions, and make the most of the winter season. Whether you're speeding down snowy hills on a sled, gliding through peaceful trails on skis, or trying your hand at ice fishing, there's something for every family member to enjoy.

FAMILIES WILL STAY IN OUR YEAR-ROUND CABINS, WHICH HAVE HEAT AND BATHROOMS. MEALS ARE SERVED IN OUR DINING HALL, AND ACTIVITIES ARE LED BY OUR TRAINED STAFF.

FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ENROLLED IN Y SCHOOL AGED CHILD CARE SAVE 50%
USE CODE METROSACC AT REGISTRATION
Can not be combined with any other offer

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HTPS Contacts

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