

# Hardyston School District

Weekend Update April 19, 2026

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## Calendar of Events:

4/22 PTA Meeting + Ready, Tech, Go, 6:30pm @ HMS

4/28 BOE Regular Meeting and Budget Public Hearing, 7 PM @ HMS

5/4- 5/8 Week of Inclusion - *details below*

5/7 HES Gymnastics Show, 6 PM @ HES

5/8 PTA Tricky Tray @ HMS: doors open at 6 PM; calling starts @ 8 PM

5/12 BOE Meeting, 7 PM, HMS

5/14/26 HES Spring Concert, Grs. 3 & 4, 6 PM @ HMS

5/22 EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

5/25 SCHOOL CLOSED - MEMORIAL DAY

6/9 7th Grade Trip

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## Bring Your Child to Work Day is Thursday, April 23

In order for this to be an excused absence, please send in a letter from your employer.

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## A Special Message from the Nurse's Office

If your child has a fever of 100.0°F or higher, is experiencing vomiting, diarrhea, drainage from one or both eyes, or is showing significant signs of illness, please do not send them to school.

In the event that your child becomes sick or injured during the school day, please ensure that arrangements are in place for timely pickup. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a healthy school environment.

Please remember to send your child in with refillable water bottles, especially as the weather gets warmer.

# Week of Inclusion

Hardyston is making the PLEDGE to include!  
This year with our  
**Special Olympics of New Jersey's- Unified Sports Club,**  
are choosing to spread the message of Inclusion.  
An inclusive school promotes all individuals with various abilities and our school is ready to show our Hornet pride in choosing to include everyone!  
**Please join us MAY 4th-8th in the spirit to Include.**  
Unified Sports Club joins students of various abilities to play, learn, and grow through sports and other activities.  
Our Whole School Engagement Activities increase education and awareness promoting social inclusion and respect.

**MONDAY MAY 4TH**  
NEON DAY  
The future is BRIGHT with inclusion! Wear your neon and represent the Unified Generation!

**TUESDAY MAY 5TH**  
TIE DYE DAY  
Just like tie-dye, we're all made up of different colors and patterns but when you INCLUDE everyone, you get a beautiful picture

**WEDNESDAY MAY 6TH**  
COMFY DAY DAY  
Wear your favorite comfortable clothes and get comfy with INCLUSION! Our schools are more comfy for all of us when everyone is included!

**THURSDAY MAY 7TH**  
SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY  
When everyone is INCLUDED, we're all on the same team! Wear your blue and yellow Hornet Pride to show your community that everyone belongs!



**FRIDAY MAY 8TH**  
Wear The Rainbow  
Red- Physical Disabilities  
Orange- Inclusion  
Yellow- Neurodiversity  
Green- Cerebral Palsy  
Blue - Autism and Down Syndrome  
Purple- Epilepsy



## Wallkill Valley Coalition - Town Hall Meeting

### WVCC TOWN HALL MEETING - APRIL 21ST - 5:00-8:00PM AT WVRHS!

All families and community members are welcome to attend our annual Town Hall Meeting, which will take place next week on Tuesday, April 21st from 5:00-8:00pm. This event takes place every April in recognition of Alcohol Awareness Month, and this year's event is sponsored by Wallkill Valley Rotary. At the event, we will honor all the students who have participated in Above the Influence, the What's Your Anti-Drug contest, and the Alcohol Awareness Month contest (entry form attached to this email as the contest is still open!). Attendees will also have the incredible opportunity to hear about Natural Highs from the sensational Matt Bellace! This night is NOT TO BE MISSED! We will also have community tables set up from local organizations to help spread awareness of the resources available in our area. All youth, families, and community members are invited to attend!

To sign up to host a FREE community table at the event, please fill out this form: [2026 Town Hall Table Sign-Up](#)

To RSVP for the event, please fill out this form: [2026 Town Hall Meeting Guest Registration](#)

Hope to see you on Wednesday! Enjoy the warm weather!

**Lisa DeRitter, CPS**

Wallkill Valley Community Coalition Coordinator



Heat  
Up  
The  
Mat!!

Join us for this  
year's Gymnastics  
Show!  
Thursday, May 7th  
at 6pm in the  
Elementary School  
Gymnasium

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## HMS 7th Grade Field Trip Information

[7th Grade Trip Permission Slip](#)

The seventh grade class will be taking a field trip to the Bronx Zoo on June 9th.

Please click the link below for more information. Due date for the permission slip and payment is Friday, May 1.

[7th Grade Field Trip](#)

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## HMS Band and Choir Trip Information

[Band & Choir Trip Permission Slip](#)

Our Band and Choir members will be participating in a class trip to High Note Festivals and Dorney Park in Allentown, Pennsylvania on **June 4th**.

Please click the link below for more information. Due date for the permission slip and payment is Monday, April 27.

[Band & Choir Trip](#)

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# NJSLA Testing is coming up soon - check out dates below!

## HES Testing

ELA Testing May 13th and May 14th

Math Testing May 19th, May 20th, May 21st

## HMS Testing

Science Testing April 29th and April 30th

Math Testing May 11th, May 12th, and May 13th

ELA Testing May 18th and May 19th

## Testing Tips for Success

1. **Get plenty of rest** - *Stick to bedtime routines and limit television viewing and video games during the week of testing*
2. **Eat a good breakfast** – *Whether it is at school or at home, it is important for students to eat something prior to testing. Plan your morning ahead of time to prevent issues that may put you behind schedule*
3. **Be on time** – *Attendance is always important but especially important during testing days. Please avoid scheduling any outside appointments on these days*
4. **Follow directions** – *It is important to listen to your teachers as they explain the directions for your test*
5. **Relax and take a deep breath!** – *Do your best! **WE BELIEVE IN YOU!***

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## Introducing HMS Gifted and Talented's HARDYSTON HERALD!

Mr. Lombardo is proud to present volume one of the "Hardyston Herald" as completed by our amazing Gifted & Talented students! Look for a second volume later this year.

[Hardyston Herald](#)

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## Paraprofessionals Wanted!

Paraprofessionals are needed for the remainder of the school year. Please send all inquiries to Dr. Gulay Maffia at [gmaffia@htps.org](mailto:gmaffia@htps.org)

Thank you!

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WALLKILL VALLEY  
BAND BOOSTERS

# TRICKY TRAY

May 2, 2026

6:00 DOORS OPEN  
8:00 CALLING BEGINS

FOOD TRUCKS OPEN FROM 4-8!

FREE ADMISSION  
MUST BE 18 OR  
OLDER TO ENTER

VIP BUNDLES  
AVAILABLE UNTIL 4/25  
ORDER TICKETS HERE



WALLKILL VALLEY  
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
10 GRUMM ROAD HAMBURG, NJ

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK FOR A SNEAK PEAK AT OUR GREAT  
PRIZES: WALLKILL VALLEY BAND BOOSTERS, INC  
IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH GAMBLING OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS,  
CALL 1-800-GAMBLER (1-800-426-2537)

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## Sussex County Miners

The Sussex County Miners are proud to partner with our school and over sixty others to encourage strong reading and study habits. Students who read an average of 100 minutes per week for any three-week period in March or April (about 20 minutes per day, five days per week, outside of school) will earn **two free tickets** to a Miners game at Skylands Stadium. A special summer weeknight game will celebrate participating schools and reunite students, faculty, and staff. **To participate, a parent or guardian must complete the form below.**

[Click HERE to participate](#)

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## 2026-2027 School Year Registration Information

***\*Attention Hardyston Residents\****

\*If you have a child turning three years old by October 1, 2026 you may register them for Preschool.\*

\*If you have a child turning five years old by October 1, 2026 you may register them for Kindergarten.\*

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration will be held at the *Hardyston Middle School* the week of ***February 2nd through the 6th between the hours of 10am and 2pm***. For your convenience, there will be evening hours on Thursday, February 5th from 6pm until 8pm.

**\*Please be aware that there is LIMITED SPACE in the preschool program; be sure to register early!**

In an effort to streamline the process, please go to our website [www.htps.org](http://www.htps.org) then click on "Student Registration" to pre-register your child, or click on this image and it will bring you to the registration page.

When you come in to register, you will need to present the following:

- 1) Child's original birth certificate with raised seal
- 2) Current immunization records
- 3) Copy of a physical dated after September 5, 2025
- 4) Two forms of proof of residency.

Acceptable proofs of residency include:

- property tax bill, deed, lease agreement
- mortgage statement and utility bill

*If you are living with a Hardyston Township resident, the owner must complete an "Affidavit of Residency" form and provide a copy of their deed AND a current utility bill. This application will need to be notarized. Please contact Peggy Van Ginneken at [pvanginneken@htps.org](mailto:pvanginneken@htps.org) if this applies to you.*

Please pass this information along to any Hardyston resident you know that this may apply to. Thank you!

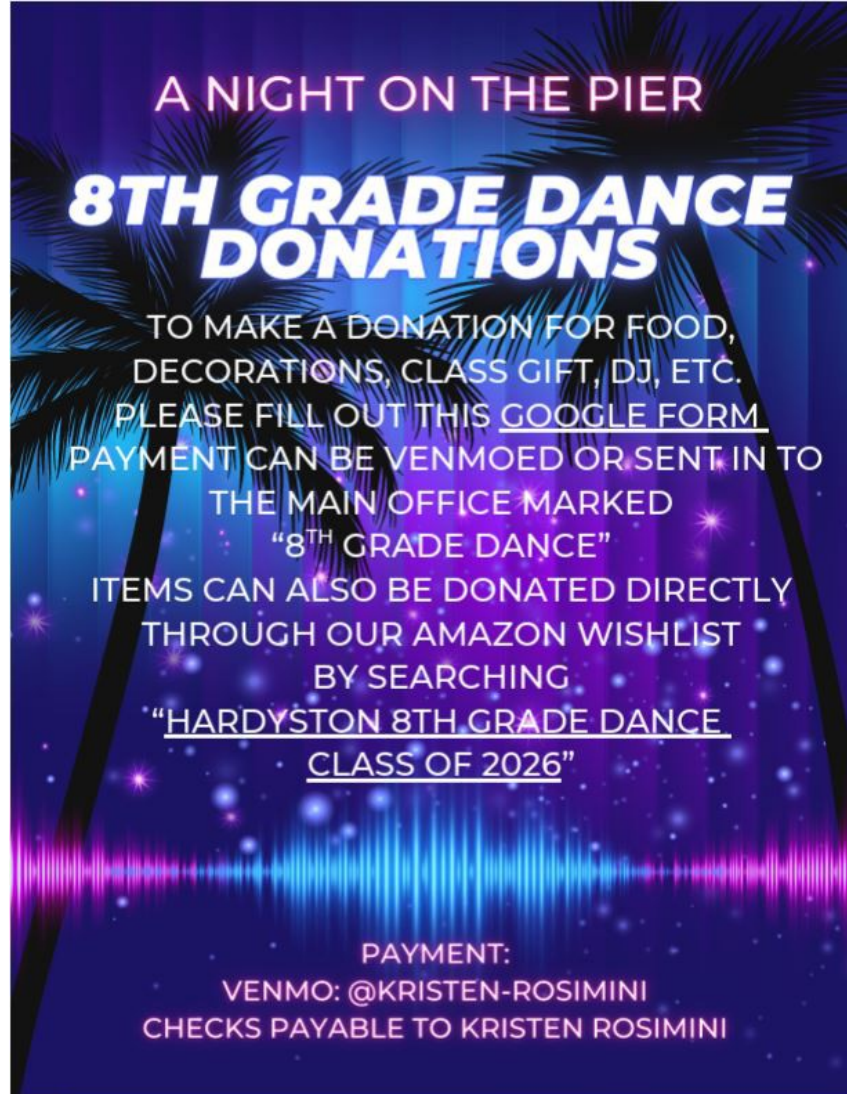
*We look forward to seeing you in February!*

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## Order your HES Field Day Shirts

Click [HERE](#) to order

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## 8th Grade Dance 2026

### 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](mailto:pvanginneken@https.org).

### Sparta Summer Arts Workshop

We are excited to announce that registration is now open for the 2026 Sparta Summer Arts Workshop! This is a workshop providing classes in fine art, music, STEM, cooking, and sewing for

students entering grades 5-12 in the 2026-2027 school year. The workshop will run from **Monday, June 29th to Thursday, July 16th**, with our Final Arts Evening taking place on **Wednesday, July 15th at 6PM**.

Below you will find links to the registration form as well as our website, where you can see the updated course offerings for this year. Many of our most popular classes will be offered again, and additionally, we are thrilled to welcome our new orchestra director at Sparta Middle School, Mr. William Thoman, who will be teaching our strings classes, as well as a new guitar studio and composition class.

[2026 SAW Registration Form](#)

[2026 SAW Course Offerings](#)

A vertical poster for the Annual Hardyston Pageant. The background is light blue with faint floral patterns. At the top, there are illustrations of white and blue flowers. The title "Annual Hardyston Pageant" is written in a cursive font. Below the title is a silver crown. The date "FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026" is in a bold, serif font. Below the date is a list of categories: MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 17-21, TEEN MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 13-16, JR. MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 8-12, LITTLE MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 4-7, and LITTLE MISTER HARDYSTON - AGES 4-7. Below the list is the location: HARDYSTON TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 149 WHEATSWORTH ROAD, 7:00PM. Below the location is the application information: APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE: WWW.HARDYSTON.COM, COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 15TH. At the bottom, it says: FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 973-823-7020. There are more floral illustrations at the bottom left and right.

*Annual Hardyston  
Pageant*



**FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026**

MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 17-21  
TEEN MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 13-16  
JR. MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 8-12  
LITTLE MISS HARDYSTON - AGES 4-7  
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August 3rd—August 7th from 9am-12pm

Graduation is August 7th at 12pm

Safety Town will be held at the Wheatsworth Road Pavilion

**Our Safety Town Program is open to children entering  
Kindergarten in 2026**

**Safety Lessons will include Bicycle, Bus, Fire, Water & Stranger  
Danger**

**Registration Fee: \$30 per child (Hardyston, Hamburg, Franklin)  
\$40 for non-residents.**

**Registration form is due on 6/15/26.**

Space is limited to 25 participants. Priority is given to Hardyston Residents

To register, please visit [Hardyston.com](http://Hardyston.com) for the printable form.

Forms are also available at the Municipal Building



## HAMBURG HAWKS SUMMER SELECT

PROGRAM - 8 WEEKS

**BOYS & GIRLS | U8 - U17**

- > 16+ PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS
  - > PRE-TRAVEL & TOURNAMENT PLAY
  - > PROFESSIONAL COACHING
  - > DEVELOPMENT-FOCUSED ENVIRONMENT
- TRAINING KIT SEPARATE

PROGRAM DATES:  
JUNE 15TH - AUGUST 8TH

- Ⓞ MONDAYS & FRIDAYS
- Ⓞ 5:30PM - 8:30PM

**EARLY BIRD**  
**\$250**  
REGISTER EARLY & SAVE  
**\$275**  
NON-CLUB  
**\$350**



LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE REGISTER EARLY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE

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**WEEKLY FIELD TRIPS TO  
MOUNTAIN CREEK WATER PARK**  
REGISTER FOR 2 WEEKS OR MORE, AND YOUR  
MOUNTAIN CREEK WATER PARK SEASON PASS IS ON US!

\*DAY PASS MUST BE PURCHASED IF ONLY REGISTERING FOR ONE WEEK\*  
\*TRIP DATES MAY VARY\*

06 JULY 2026 – 14 AUG 2026



- ☎ (973) 846-8250
- 🌐 [www.winter4kids.org](http://www.winter4kids.org)
- 📍 44 Breakneck Road, Vernon, NJ 07462



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# BLUE MOUNTAIN DAY CAMP

**THE**  
Summer You'll  
Never Forget  
**PLACE**



A nature-filled day camp for kids ages 3-15, where every day is about fun, friendship, and growing strong.



June 22 - August 21, 2026  
Stillwater, New Jersey

[bluemountainymcacamp.org](http://bluemountainymcacamp.org) | 973-383-9282

Easy Payment Plans | Financial Assistance  
Norwescap/Childcare Subsidy Accepted

Convenient Bus Routes | Before & After Care

Register Online Today! [bluemountainymcacamp.org](http://bluemountainymcacamp.org)

Not a school sponsored program



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# LAKE IN THE WOODS YMCA DAY CAMP

**THE**  
Summer You'll  
Never Forget  
**PLACE**



June 22 - August 7, 2026  
Blair Academy, Blairstown, NJ

[lakeinthewoodsymca.org](http://lakeinthewoodsymca.org) | 973-383-9282

Easy Payment Plans | Financial Assistance

On the campus of Blair Academy | Before & After Care Available  
Lunch & Snack Included!

Register Online Today! [lakeinthewoodsymca.org](http://lakeinthewoodsymca.org)

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## Breakfast and Lunch Menus

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

## HES Breakfast Order Form

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## 2026 - 2027 School Year Calendar Approved

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## 2025-2026 Student Parent Handbook and Calendar

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## Hardyston PTA Website

Become a PTA member TODAY

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## Follow HES on Instagram

### HTPS Contacts

[Mental Health Resource](#)

Email: [admin@htps.org](mailto:admin@htps.org)

Website: [www.htps.org](http://www.htps.org)

Location: [183 Wheatsworth Road, Hamburg, NJ, USA](#)

Phone: [973-823-7000](tel:973-823-7000)



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