



Advantage Alternative School  
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April 15, 2024

Dear Hazel Park Advantage parents and students,

We hope this correspondence finds you and your family well. Please read this correspondence carefully and discuss it with your student. Should you need any clarification, please call me at 248.658.5281 or email me at [kendal.smith@myhpsd.org](mailto:kendal.smith@myhpsd.org).

- **Cap and Gown Orders:** Parents of Seniors, please be certain that your future graduate orders their cap and gown asap. The link to purchase can be found [here](#).
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences:** Parent/teacher conferences are on April 25, 2024. Please join us to discuss the successes of your student.
- **School Climate Survey:** Please find the school climate survey [here](#). If you would be so kind as to complete the survey prior to April 26, 2024, we would greatly appreciate it!

- [Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Resource Fair:](#)

The Family Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs, Michigan Family to Family, and Michigan Family Voices are collaborating on our very first Virtual Resource Fair!



The Virtual Resource Fair will take place on **May 7th, 2024, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**. The event will be hosted on Microsoft Teams.

- **Emergency Contacts:** Please be mindful that the only people who may pick up a student early from school are the student's parents or guardians. Should you need someone on your emergency contact list to pick up your child, please email me or call the school from the number that you have on file to inform us of the emergency contact picking up your child. In addition, please be certain to notify the school if your phone number changes.
- **FAFSA Applications:** The new 2024/2025 FAFSA is officially available. As a reminder, both the student and the parent(s) or guardian(s) have to create an FSA ID account on the same website to fill out the FAFSA application. Here is the link to fill out the application.

<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

Additionally, students and their families looking to secure more financial aid for college are encouraged to register for a free informational webinar about the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, which is the newest State of Michigan scholarship program expected to impact the majority of students.

Participants will be able to gather the following information:

- Michigan Achievement Scholarship eligibility requirements
- Michigan Achievement Scholarship award amounts

- Important action items for students and families
- Additional resources and program information

To register just click the following link

<https://www.michigan.gov/mistudentaid/programs/michigan-achievement-scholarship/informational-session>

- **Online Classes:** All high school students at Advantage will have some classes that need to be completed online. Unfortunately, there is not enough time in the school day for students to complete all of the work necessary to finish their classes. In order for your student to experience success, please encourage your student to work on the online classes at home. The website is Edgenuity.com. If you want to check on your student's progress, please contact Mr. Wallace at (248) 953-4471 or me. Your support is essential to your child's success!

### **Breakfast/ Lunch:**

All students receive free meals at school each day. Breakfast is served from 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. at the school entrance. Lunch is provided in the cafeteria.

### **Chromebooks:**

Hazel Park is a 1:1 technology district. This means every HP student receives a technology device for use at school and at home provided the Chromebook agreement form is signed by a parent or guardian and the student. Chromebooks allow students access to online learning opportunities both

in and out of the classroom. It is imperative that students bring their device and that it is fully charged each day.

### **Policy Reminders:**

Personal Communication Devices (PCDs) include but are not limited to: **CELL PHONES**, computers, tablets, electronic readers, and/or other web-enabled devices of any type. Hazel Park Advantage staff reserves full discretion as to when students may use PCDs. As a rule, when class begins, phones should be put in the cell phone locker provided in each class so learning is the primary focus.

### **Trimester Dates**

August 30, 2023 - November 21, 2023

November 27, 2023 - March 8, 2024

March 11, 2024 - June 7, 2024

- **Important Dates:**

- **4/25/24 Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- **4/26/24 Half Day School Dismissed at 11:15am**
- **5/16/24 No School Professional Development Day**
- **5/17/24 Last Day for Seniors**
- **5/22/24 Senior Clapout**
- **5/22/24 Graduation**

## Staff Contact Information

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## **Closing thoughts**

The Advantage staff is delighted to educate your student this year! We look forward to a year filled with joy and happiness, rigorous academics, social emotional learning and support, and multitudinous celebrations. This process is much more effective when students, parents, and staff all collaborate to ensure the student's educational and lifelong success. With that in mind, I implore you to establish relationships with your child's teachers. Consistent communication between families and school employees helps foster positive outcomes for students. Please be well, take care of yourself and your families, and do not hesitate to contact me for anything.

With students in mind,

Kendal Smith

Today's learners, Tomorrow's leaders



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2023-2024 Advantage Alternative School Calendar	
<b>8:00 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.</b>	
<b>Half Day 8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.</b>	
08/28/2023	Monday Institute Day
08/29/2023	Tuesday Institute Day
08/30/2023	Wednesday Half Day PM - 1st Trimester begins
09/01 - 09/04/2023	No School Labor Day Break
09/25/2023	Monday No School - Professional Development
09/28/2023	Thursday Half Day AM District wide - Records PM
10/12/2023	Thursday Parent/Teacher Conferences
10/13/2023	Friday Half Day AM
10/31/2023	Tuesday Half Day AM District wide - Records PM
11/07/2023	Tuesday No School - Professional Development
11/20/2023	Monday Half Day Finals
11/21/2023	Tuesday Half Day/Finals End of 1st Trimester
11/22/2023	Wednesday No School - Professional Development
11/23 - 11/24/2023	No School - Thanksgiving Break
11/27/2023	Monday Trimester 2 begins
12/22/2023	Friday Half Day - Holiday Break begins PM
01/08/2024	Monday Classes Resume
01/15/2024	Monday No School - Professional Development
01/19/2024	Friday Half Day AM District wide - Records PM
01/22/2024	Monday Half Day AM District wide - Records PM
01/25/2024	Thursday Parent/Teacher Conferences
01/26/2024	Friday Half Day AM
02/16/2024	Friday Half Day - Winter Break begins PM
02/26/2024	Monday Classes Resume
03/07/2024	Thursday Half Day AM Finals
03/08/2024	Friday Half Day AM Finals Second Trimester Ends
03/11/2024	Monday Trimester 3 begins
03/22/2024	Friday Half Day AM - Spring Break begins PM
04/01/2024	Monday Classes Resume
04/09/2024	Tuesday Half Day AM - Records PM
04/25/2024	Thursday Parent/Teacher Conferences
04/26/2024	Friday Half Day AM
05/16/2024	Thursday No School - Professional Development
05/17/2024	Friday Last Day for Advantage Seniors
05/22/2024	Wednesday Advantage Graduation
05/24/2024	Friday Half Day - Holiday Break begins PM
05/28/2024	Tuesday Classes Resume
06/06/2024	Thursday Half Day AM - Records PM
06/07/2024	Friday Half Day AM - Records PM
06/07/2024	Last Day of School - End of 2nd Semester



No School PD Half Day



# HAZEL PARK RECREATION SPRING SOCCER

Practices are contingent upon coaches availability. Games are located within Hazel Park and also in neighboring communities involved in the league.

Shoes and shin guards not provided.

**Please note: Coaches are volunteers. We will be unable to form teams if we are not able to secure a coach.**

MINOR PLAYER \_\_\_\_\_ AGE: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / LEGAL GUARDIAN PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

INTERESTED IN COACHING ( )

ASSISTANT COACH ( )

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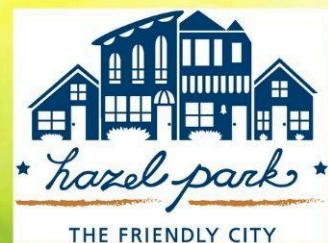
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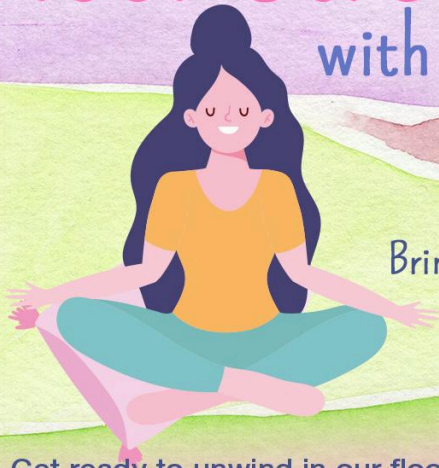
# Floor Stretch

with Nathalie Wood

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30am

\$5 Drop-In Fee

Hazel Park Community Center  
620 W Woodward Heights  
Hazel Park, MI



Bring a Yoga Mat, Straps are Provided.  
Ages 18 - 118 are Welcome!



Get ready to unwind in our floor stretch class - it's like a gentle embrace for your body and soul! Imagine easing into a world of movements and exercises that are like a soothing balm for your flexibility, balance, and overall well-being.

Whether you're a seasoned stretcher or just starting your journey, everyone is invited with open arms! Active older adults, get ready for a challenge that respects the wisdom of your body.

Discover the rejuvenating benefits of our floor stretch class. Improve flexibility, find balance, and enhance overall well-being through movements suitable for all capabilities.

Join us for some serene feel-good vibes, and leave with the sense of having treated yourself to a deeply nurturing self-care session.

For more information please contact the Hazel Park Recreation Department at: (248) 547-5535

# HAZEL PARK RECREATION

## ⚽ SPRING SOCCER ⚽

**NOW REGISTERING**

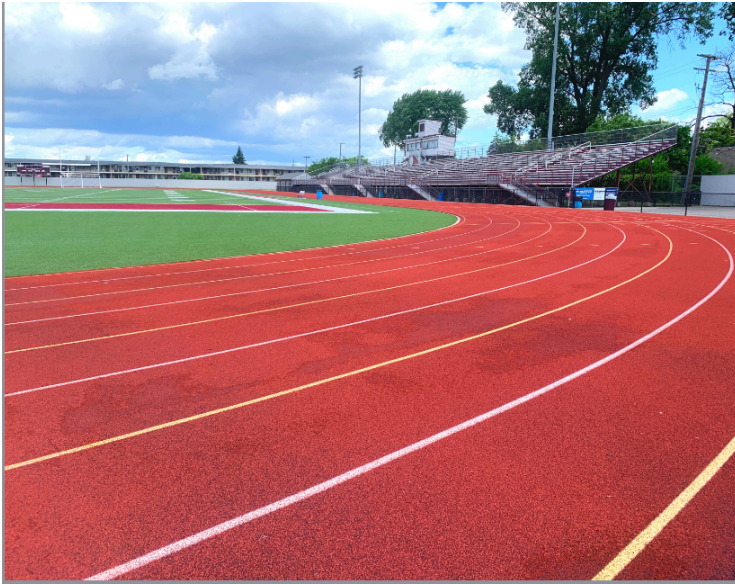
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**HAZEL PARK  
SCHOOLS**



# *Now Open*

The Track and Tennis Courts  
at our High School are open to  
the public seven days a week  
from 6:30 am to 9 pm.

*\*Please no pets, no strollers and wear tennis shoes\**



# OPEN SWIM IS BACK

HAZEL PARK HIGH SCHOOL  
ATHLETIC ENTRANCE

**EVERY MONDAY  
& WEDNESDAY  
7 TO 8:30 PM**

**COST: FREE  
KIDS MUST BE SUPERVISED BY PARENTS  
LIFEGUARD ON DUTY - 50 SWIMMER LIMIT**



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SCHOOLS**

