



Advantage Alternative School  
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February 26, 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@hazelparkschools.org](mailto:kendal.smith@hazelparkschools.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](#).
- **End of Trimester 2:** There are two weeks left in the trimester. Please check on your student's grade to ensure that they are passing their classes. If you need assistance with accessing Mistar, please contact Advantage Secretary [Jessica Parkinson](#). Final exams/ projects will be on March 7 and 8. Both dates will be half days for all students. Please plan accordingly.
- **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:**

- **3/7/24 Final Exams Half Day**

- **3/8/24 Final Exams Half Day**

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</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.</b>
<p>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</p>	

 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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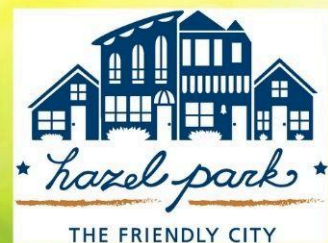
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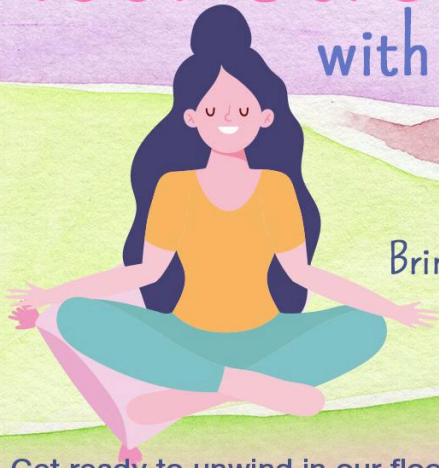
# Floor Stretch

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 ⚽

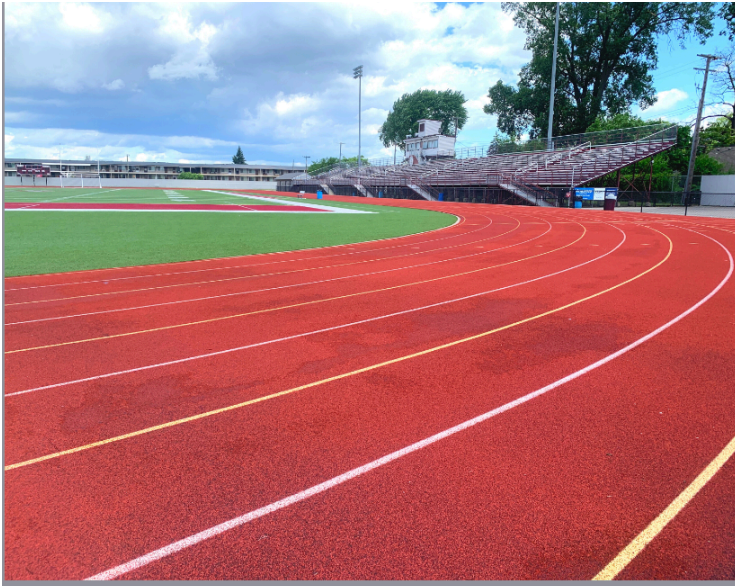
**NOW REGISTERING**

For more details  
call 248-547-5535



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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\**



**SportPort** will allow families and children to check out and lend sports equipment at **no cost!** Visit our lending site to check out a variety of equipment such as basketballs, soccer balls, baseballs, baseball gloves and more!

**Winter 2022  
Sledding equipment and snowman  
making kits are available.**

To reserve equipment, please call  
248-547-5535.

**Lending site:**

Hazel Park Recreation  
620 W. Woodward Heights

**Hours:**

Monday-Thursday 9:30am- 5:00pm

**Lending site:**

Hazel Park Viking Ice Arena  
1555 E. Woodward Heights

**Hours:**

**Open Skate  
Friday's 4-6pm  
Jan 14 & 28  
Feb 25**





HAZEL PARK RECREATION



DADDY  
*Daughter*  
DANCE

March 2nd, 2024

Doors open at 6:00pm

Pizza Dinner served between 6:15pm - 6:45pm

Dance: 6:45pm - 8:00pm

Cost: \$35 per couple, \$15 each additional child

Includes: Dinner, refreshments, dancing

Professional Photographer





# 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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