



# HAWK HAPPENINGS

DECEMBER 2023

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## SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The City of Hermantown is continuing to move forward with plans to build a new arena on school property with construction starting in the fall of 2024. The school is granting an easement for the building site for 37.5 years, which is the length of time required for the bonding the city received.

Once the arena construction is finished, the city is granting ownership and management rights for the arena to the school. We still plan to have HAHA manage the arena. After 37.5 years, the school will take full ownership of the arena. The construction will be on the West side of the current arena and the district office will stay where it is currently located.

Wayne Whitwam

Superintendent



## HOLIDAY CONCERT SCHEDULE

- **Monday, December 11 || Middle School Choir Concert || Grades 6-8 || HS Auditorium || 1:30pm**
- **Monday, December 11 || High School Choir Concert || Grades 9-12 || HS Auditorium || 7pm**
  - featuring Hawk Chorus, Vocal Point and Varsity Singers
- **Monday, December 18 || Middle School Band Concert || Grades 7-8 || HS Auditorium || 5:30pm**
  - featuring holiday and traditional band music
- **Monday, December 18 || High School Band Concert || Grades 9-12 || HS Auditorium || 7pm**
  - the Jazz Band, Hawk Band and Wind Ensemble
  - featuring holiday and traditional band music
- **Tuesday, December 19 || Elementary Holiday Concert || Grade K || HS Auditorium || 1:45pm**
- **Wednesday, December 20 || Elementary Holiday Concert || Grades 1-2 || HS Auditorium || 10 am**
  - Adamec, Cox, Sandoval, Vittorio, Erickson, Alessi
- **Wednesday, December 20 || Elementary Holiday Concert || Grades 3-4 || HS Auditorium || 1:30pm**
  - Borash, Kipka, Andrews, Tverberg, Chouanard, Jokinen
- **December 21 || Elementary Holiday Concert || Grades 1-2 || HS Auditorium || 10am**
  - Hren, Olsen, Botten, Aker, Borndal, Lambe
- **December 21 || Elementary Holiday Concert || Grades 3-4 || HS Auditorium || 1:30pm**
  - Danelski, Flynn, Bakker, Jensen, Kemp, Sosniecki

## KEY DATES



### DECEMBER

01 / The Drowsy Chaperone  
 02 / The Drowsy Chaperone  
**04 / NO SCHOOL (Grades K-4 ONLY)**  
 04 / Elementary Conferences  
 05 / Elementary Conferences  
 11 / School Board Meeting  
 11 / Middle School Choir Concert  
 11 / High School Choir Concert  
 18 / Middle School Band Concert  
 18 / High School Band Concert  
 19 / Elementary Holiday Concert  
 20 / Elementary Holiday Concert  
 21 / Elementary Holiday Concert  
**25-31/ NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY BREAK**

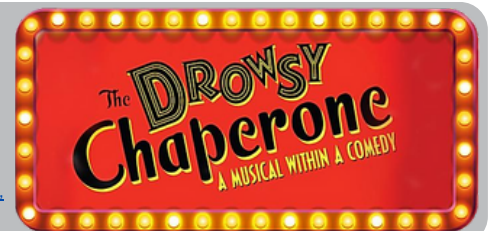
### JANUARY

**01 / NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY BREAK**

- Full calendar: [Link](#)

## PERFORMING NOW!

The Hermantown Drama Club has two performances of The Drowsy Chaperone remaining on December 1 and December 2 at the Hermantown High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Purchase tickets to the final two shows here: [Friday, December 1](#), [Saturday, December 2](#) || All shows begin at 7 p.m.



# ACTIVITIES UPDATE

**HUDL TV STREAMING** || Hermantown Athletics and Activities recently announced the launch of its new streaming service in collaboration with Hudl TV. The partnership will provide live streaming of JV and Varsity contests, and also five coaches and programs access to exclusive coaching insights and training resources. [Click for more info](#)

**ELECTRONIC TICKETING** || Introducing New Online Ticketing Services and Season Passes at Hermantown activities. Student season passes are just \$30 for **all** 2023-24 athletic events, while adult season passes start at \$100. <https://www.hermantown.k12.mn.us/o/athletics/page/event-ticketing>

**VOLLEYBALL ALL-STARS** || Hermantown seniors Abbey McCubbin, Caitlyn Salgy and Hannah Hyjek were selected to the Essentia Health High School All-Star Volleyball Game on November 15 at UWS. Team Minnesota defeated Team Wisconsin, 3-2, in a come-from-behind victory.

**MENZEL SELECTED TO MN HS FOOTBALL ALL-STAR GAME** || The Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Football Coaches Association announced that Peyton Menzel was selected to compete in the 50th annual Minnesota High School Football All Star Game presented by Andersen Windows and Doors on Saturday, December 2 at U.S. Bank Stadium.

**MFCA ALL-STATE ACADEMIC AWARDS** || The Minnesota Football Coaches Association announced that Hermantown senior Connor Fure was a Class 4A Individual Academic All-State selection and that the Hawks earned Team Academic All-State Silver honors with a 3.18 team GPA.

**STATE PARTICIPANTS** || Junior Norah Gunderson and senior Ava Niksich qualified individually for the MSHSL Girls Swimming and Diving State Tournament. Gunderson was named the Section Swimmer of the Year after placing first in the 200 IM with a team-record time of 2:17.80 and second in the 100 fly with a team-record time of 1:02.88. Niksich earned her trip to state after placing first in both the 200 free and 500 free with times of 2:02.97 and 5:34.25, respectively. Jon Nelson was named the Section Head Coach of the Year and the team was awarded the Section GPA Award, silver standard.

**WINTER ACTIVITIES** || Hermantown winter activities are beginning to get underway! **GIRLS HOCKEY:** The Mirage is currently 2-3-1 on the season after securing wins over Roseau on the road and Bloomington Jefferson in Proctor early in the season. **GIRLS BASKETBALL:** The Hawks opened the 2023-24 season at home Tuesday, Nov. 28 vs. Bemidji. **BOYS HOCKEY:** Hermantown is set to open the season on the road this weekend with games at Cretin-Derham Hall and Hill-Murray. **BOYS BASKETBALL:** The Hawks also open their season this weekend, hosting the HHS Tip-Off Tournament. Hermantown will face Big Lake Friday and Kasson-Mantorville Saturday. **WRESTLING:** Proctor Hermantown heads to Cloquet Friday for its season-opening quad meet and follows with a varsity tournament at Rush City Saturday. **ALPINE SKIING:** Proctor Hermantown will compete for the first time at Lutsen Mountain on Dec. 15.

## YEARBOOK HONORS



Hermantown's 2023 yearbook was recently recognized by Jostens as a 2023 Yearbook of Excellence! 📷 (above & on page 1) Shawna Jokinen | Freeway North Photography

## BOOK FAIR TIME!

### ELEMENTARY BOOK FAIR

December 4-11

Open during Conferences!



## ELEMENTARY CONFERENCES

December  
4&5, 2023

Conferences are a great time to touch base with your child's teacher and any other staff that work with your child.

## STEMPATHY CAREER FAIR



Hermantown third and fourth grade students recently attended the STEMpathy Career Fair held at Hermantown High School, which highlighted local STEM careers as a way to expose young learners to potential career fields. 📷 Shawna Jokinen | Freeway North Photography



## GLOW RUN

### From Elementary Principal

**Gretchen Appelwick:** Looking back through the month, I have to say the Glow Run was the highlight. Thank you again for all your help in raising funds for our PTO. All staff and students benefit from this fundraiser in some way. We are looking forward to running this fundraiser again next year!