



**Homer Community Schools**  
**403 S. Hillsdale Street**  
**Homer, MI 49245**  
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**School Buildings and Administration**

| <b><u>Superintendent's Office</u></b> | <b><u>568-4461</u></b> | <b><u>Ext.</u></b> |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Superintendent                        | Rob Ridgeway           | 1020               |
| Secretary                             | Martha Robinson        | 1030               |
| Business Manager                      | Julie Waterbury        | 1040               |
| Payroll                               | Kathy Grundemann       | 1140               |

| <b><u>High School</u></b> | <b><u>568-4464</u></b> | <b><u>Ext.</u></b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| FAX                       | (517) 568-7125         |                    |
| Principal                 | Tom Salow              | 2020               |
| Secretary                 | Ruth O'Dell            | 1810               |
| Athletic Director         | Drew Bordner           | 2010               |

| <b><u>Middle School</u></b> | <b><u>568-4456</u></b> | <b><u>Ext.</u></b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| FAX                         | (517) 568-4831         |                    |
| Principal                   | Scott Salow            | 1680               |
| Secretary                   |                        | 1510               |

| <b><u>Elementary School</u></b> | <b><u>568-4452</u></b> | <b><u>Ext.</u></b> |
|---------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| FAX                             | (517) 568-5651         |                    |
| Principal                       | Rick Cooley            | 1200               |
| Secretary                       | Cindy Kirkbride        | 1210               |

| <b><u>District Programs and Services</u></b> |                  | <b><u>Ext.</u></b> |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| Transportation Director                      | Clem Camp        | 1050               |
| Maintenance                                  | Dale Cornstubble | 1780               |
| Early Childhood                              | Tracie Crandall  | 1740               |
| Technology                                   | Angela Miller    | 2100               |
| Food Service                                 | Robynn Paul      | 1110               |
| Social Worker                                | Wendy Danko      | 1090               |
| School Nurse                                 | Tammie Calhoun   | 1080               |
| Guidance Counselor                           | Kara Malone      | 1960               |
| Media Specialist                             | Duane Sitkiewicz | 1850               |

| <b><u>Board of Education</u></b> |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                        | Gary Tompkins, Jr. |
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\*Extensions may be reached by calling 517-724-9369.

**Homer Community Schools Staff Voicemail Directory**

To reach any of the voicemail extensions listed below, please call 517-724-9369. This will automatically connect you to the voicemail system. After the greeting, enter the extension number you wish to leave a message with. This only goes to voicemail. If you need to reach a main office, please call the superintendent's office at 517-568-4461, the high school office at 517-568-4464, the middle school office at 517-568-4456, or the elementary school office at 517-568-4452.

|                             |      |                             |      |                             |      |  |      |
|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|--|------|
| <b>ELEMENTARY STAFF</b>     |      | <b>Special Education</b>    |      | <b>8<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |      | <b>Special Education</b>                         |      |
| <b>Teaching Staff</b>       |      | Darcy Harsch                | 1100 | Beverly Betz                | 1560 | Michelle Allison                                 | 2040 |
| <b>Pre-School</b>           |      | Deb Pickens                 | 1390 |                             | 1710 | Lauren Bryan                                     | 1640 |
| Tracey Crandall             | 1740 | <b>Title I</b>              |      | <b>Special Education</b>    |      | Julie Yeider                                     | 1840 |
| Tonya Woodworth             | 1111 | Jennifer Johnson            | 1240 | Amy Cupp – 5/6              | 1760 |  |      |
| <b>Kindergarten</b>         |      | Brenda McClure              | 1310 | Allison Leathead            | 1590 | <b>Athletic Department /<br/>Guidance Office</b> |      |
| Bobbie Bouvier              | 1430 | <b>Gym</b>                  |      | Lynne Wood – 7/8            | 1160 |  |      |
| Amy Dewey                   | 1330 | Kim Turbin                  | 1410 |                             |      | Julie Raysin, Secretary                          | 1490 |
| Bonnie Morgan               | 1530 | <b>Media Center</b>         |      | <b>HIGH SCHOOL STAFF</b>    |      | <b>Media Center</b>                              |      |
| Michele Sharp               | 1360 | Glenda Ballentine           | 1790 | <b>Teaching Staff</b>       |      | Sue Timmins                                      | 2030 |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b> |      |                             |      | Nicole Ball – 9-12          | 1820 | <b>Technology Department</b>                     |      |
| Jennifer Blatter            | 1320 | <b>MIDDLE SCHOOL STAFF</b>  |      | Joseph Brya -9/10           | 2000 | Josh Robinson                                    | 1930 |
| Courtney Poe                | 1470 | <b>Teaching Staff</b>       |      | Renee' Cribbins – 10-12     | 1440 | <b>Nutrition</b>                                 |      |
| Sarah Smith                 |      | <b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |      | Libbi Dodd – 9/10           | 2060 | Diane Shank                                      | 1102 |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b> |      | Michelle Burke              | 1130 | Chuck Finch – 9-12          | 1910 |  |      |
| Kim Eishen                  | 1450 | Royce Crandall              | 1550 | Tom Fleming – 9-12          | 1920 |  |      |
| Ashley Grout                | 1280 | Sarah Rayl                  | 1570 | Terry McKown – 11/12        | 2050 |  |      |
| Nichole Mansfield           | 1420 | <b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |      | Scott McMeeking - Band      | 1970 |  |      |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b> |      | Donn Anderson               | 1520 | Matt Moffett – PE – 9-12    | 1620 |  |      |
| Ellie Buelow                | 1220 | Kendall Grazul              | 1650 | Joe Mueller - Art           | 1720 |  |      |
| Isabel Nazar                | 1350 | Mark Smith                  | 1700 | JoEllen O'Keefe – 9-12      | 1830 |  |      |
| Sue Woodliff                | 1480 | <b>7<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |      | Melissa Parker - Choir      | 1230 |  |      |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade</b> |      | Holly Blashfield – 7/8      | 1540 | Kristen Wilkerson – 9-12    | 1940 |  |      |
| Nancy Lemon                 | 1400 | Debbie Miller               | 1610 | Lyndi Wolfinger – 9-12      | 1980 |  |      |
| Tom Orr                     | 1380 | Barb Ramirez                | 1660 | Ben Woodring – 9-12         | 1070 |  |      |
| Debbie Winchell             | 1460 | Randy Shank – 7/8           | 1690 |                             |      |  |      |
| <b>Art</b>                  |      |                             |      |                             |      |  |      |
| Rhonda Pebernat             | 1290 |                             |      |                             |      |  |      |

**Homer Community Schools Vision**  
"The Destination District"  
For the Education of Students in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

**Homer Community Schools Mission Statement**

It is the mission of Homer Community Schools to create an environment that engages students in learning that results in a high level of achievement. All students are expected to master challenging curricula with the support of our school community working collaboratively with colleagues, students, parents and the community to achieve this shared educational purpose.

**Things to Be Proud of at Homer Community Schools**

- |   |  |  |
|---|--|--|
| ›Early Intervention Preschool   | ›Active FFA program                                    | ›Curriculum enhancing annual field trips:                  |
| ›Counselor developed parent guides to college applications and a full course offering booklet | ›Spanish instruction - M.S. / H.S.                     | -Mackinac Island - 4 <sup>th</sup> grade                   |
| ›Big 8 Athletic Conference  | ›Academic service learning                             | -Chicago/ Wash. D.C./Toronto/NY - H.S. band                |
| ›Two annual Drama Club productions  | ›Students Against Destructive Decisions                | -Capitol Building in Lansing                               |
| ›Fully renovated elementary building  | ›Band Booster Club                                     | -6 <sup>th</sup> grade campout                             |
| ›School nurse on staff/school based health clinic   | ›Trojan Athletic Club                                  | -Michigan Adventure - 8 <sup>th</sup> grade                |
| ›Counselor and social worker serving all buildings  | ›Award winning concert bands, M.S. & H.S.              | -Greenfield Village - 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade                |
| ›YAC, youth division of the Community Foundation  | ›Jazz band   | ›Middle School CHAMP Club                                  |
| ›GAP, a grant program for after school and summer recreation/educational offerings            | ›Marching and pep bands                                | ›Summer recreation program                                 |
| ›New teacher induction and mentoring program  | ›Dance/flag core team                                  | ›Strong parental involvement                               |
| ›Big Brother/Big Sister program   | ›Vocal music K-12                                      | ›Community Preschool                                       |
| ›All-Write Writing program  | ›Grade level teaming at the M.S.                       | ›Safe, secure district                                     |
| ›2006 State Champion Div IV baseball team   | ›Career Center for 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> | ›2008 state runner-Up Division IV softball team            |
| ›National baseball coach of the year 2006   | ›Student-run greenhouse                                | ›Band participation in the Michigan Music Conference       |
| ›2005 Nat'l record 75 consecutive baseball victories  | ›National Honor Society                                | ›2009 Title I Distinguished School Award for Middle School |
| ›New band and science rooms   | ›Academic Booster Club                                 |  |
| ›New central dining structure   | ›SADD  |  |
| ›Josh Collmenter - Arizona Diamondbacks   | ›4 fully equipped computer labs                        |  |
|   | ›Scripps National Spelling Bee participant             |  |
|   | ›Chicago Trip - 7 <sup>th</sup> grade                  |  |

## HOMER COMMUNITY SCHOOLS QUICK FACTS:

- Homer Community Schools are located in Homer, Michigan and have a current student population of        students. The schools are located on approximately 30 acres of land and are composed of the Lillian Fletcher Elementary School and the Homer Middle School/Homer High School complex.
- We participate in the Big-8 Athletic Conference; and over 300 students per year compete in a wide range of middle school and high school athletic activities. Our athletic program receives a great deal of help from a very active and supportive Trojan Athletic Club.
- Over 100,000 meals per year are served to our K-12 students. Lunch costs are \$1.70 per elementary child and \$1.95 per middle school/high school student. Our fine hot lunch, under the direction of Robynn Paul, is one of the biggest “restaurants” in town.
- Homer Community Schools have a very modern, clean, and well-maintained physical environment. The 1987 addition, along with the renovations in the elementary and new building structure in 2004 have made our K-12 facility one of the best in the area. Our fleet of 16 state-inspected buses travels over 100,000 miles per year under the care and responsibility of our 13 state approved drivers.

### CHANGES AT HOMER SCHOOLS

- Our elementary building implemented all-day kindergarten
- Our middle school extended class times for the math and English departments
- Our high school uses a 7-period day to meet rigorous new state standards
- Our teacher’s are lifelong learners participating in professional learning teams.



### FIGURES:

|                                  |   |
|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>Enrollment</b> .....          |   |
| Teachers .....                   |   |
| Counselor and social worker..... | 2 |
| School nurse.....                | 1 |
| Media specialist .....           | 1 |
| Technology specialist .....      | 1 |
| Food services .....              |   |
| Secretaries .....                |   |
| Maintenance .....                | 2 |
| Administrators .....             |   |
| Bus drivers .....                |   |
| Aides/tutors .....               |   |
| <b>TOTAL STAFF</b> .....         |   |

# Homer Community School District

## Board of Education Goals 2011-2012

Adopted 05/16/11

1. **Student achievement:** Homer students will exceed standards for individual, classroom, district and state assessments and meet requirements for graduation. We will continue to strengthen professional learning teams as part of the culture to sustain progress and use data to identify and focus on areas for continuous improvement.
2. **Curriculum alignment:** The curriculum will be continually updated to be aligned with common core/state standards vertically K-12 and horizontally within each grade. Decisions will be data-driven.
3. **School improvement:** Continue to develop and empower teacher-led school improvement teams to increase student achievement and advance the culture of high expectations.
4. **Professional development:** Develop a long term professional development plan to ensure that ALL staff use data resources and other technology to support student achievement and curriculum alignment.
5. **Communication:** Continue to strengthen internal and external communication, including community input, utilizing various strategies.
6. **Learning environment:** Provide a safe, innovative, quality learning environment to prepare students with skills for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.
7. **Financial stability:** Maintain a secure financial standing.

## DISTRICT OUTCOMES:

### Academic

- Develop in each student, to the best of his/her ability, the skills needed to communicate and comprehend ideas through reading, writing, speaking and listening.
- Develop the skills needed by each student to perform and compute mathematical operations and concepts in accordance with his/her ability.
- Develop within each student personal values, goals and an approach to living that is enriched by experiences in the natural and social sciences, humanities and creative arts.
- Develop each student's ability to practice and understand the ideas of physical and mental well-being through proper health and safety habits.

### Self Awareness

- Assist students in acquiring information about their personal characteristics (both positive and negative) as well as those of others.
- Assist each student to realize that self development (self-worth, self-respect, pride in himself/herself and his/her work) is a life-long process.
- Develop student's decision making skills
- Provide experiences that will lead to the student being able to assume increasing responsibility for their own learning (present and future).
- Develop in each student the knowledge and respect necessary for the appreciation, maintenance, protection, preservation and improvement of his/her physical environment.

### Vocational-Avocational

- Assist each student in identifying, and exploring a variety of occupational roles and settings in accordance with his/her abilities, characteristics and interests.
- Create an opportunity for each student to develop an employable or saleable skill, which will meet both present and future needs and changes.
- Assist each student in recognizing and obtaining a desire for various educational alternatives and to aid his/her ability and interests.
- Develop in students a basic understanding of the life roles of man (vocational, leisure time, citizen and family living).

### Social

- Develop student understanding of the value system, cultures, customs, and histories of their own heritage as well as of others...to gain an appreciation for the past and present cultures and for the beauty throughout the world.
- Develop the student's ability to apply rational, intellectual understanding to the identification, consideration, and solution of problems and changes that take place in the world.
- Assist students to develop respect and understanding of the rights of peoples of all races, religions and cultures whom may think, dress and act differently.
- Develop the student's ability to act in a responsible manner in current and social issues, and to participate in society and government while seeking to improve them.
- Develop the student's ability to understand the aspects of and practice proper individual and group behavior in order to get along with people with whom they work and live.



# Lillian Fletcher Elementary School

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**Elementary Staff – 2011-2012**

Principal - Rick Cooley

**TEACHERS:**

Jennifer Blatter  
Bobbie Bouvier  
Ellie Buelow  
Tracey Crandall  
Amy Dewey  
Kim Eishen  
Ashley Grout  
Darcy Harsch  
Nancy Lemmon  
Brenda McClure  
Bonnie Morgan  
Isabell Nazar  
Tom Orr  
Melissa Parker  
Rhonda Pebernat  
Courtney Poe  
Michele Sharp  
Sarah Smith  
Debbie Winchell  
Susan Woodliff  
Tonya Woodworth

% Highly Qualified – 100%

Wendy Danko – Social Worker  
Deb Pickens – Speech Pathologist  
Duane Sitkiewicz – Media Specialist  
Karen Brown – School Psychologist

**SUPPORT STAFF:**

Cindy Kirkbride – Secretary  
Classroom Tutors/Teacher Aides  
Kitchen Staff (shared)  
2 Maintenance

**Student Achievement**

Lillian Fletcher Elementary School utilizes the State of Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) to measure our students' academic achievement.

MEAP Test Results – 2 yr. Comparison

|  | Reading   |           | Math      |           |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|  | Fall 2008 | Fall 2009 | Fall 2008 | Fall 2009 |
| <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade<br/>% Proficient</b> |           |           |           |           |
| <b>Homer</b>                                 | 75        | 84        | 94        | 96        |
| <b>State</b>                                 | 86        | 90        | 91        | 95        |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade<br/>% Proficient</b> |           |           |           |           |
| <b>Homer</b>                                 | 75        | 77        | 92        | 97        |
| <b>State</b>                                 | 83        | 84        | 88        | 92        |

**Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status – Met AYP** (AYP is a measure used to hold schools responsible for student achievement in English Language Arts and mathematics test results)

**Composite Grade – B** (The Composite Grade is the overall grade for the school, arrived at by combining Student Achievement, Attendance, and AYP Status)

**Student Body:**

|                       |                                       |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Kindergarten.....     |                                       |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> ..... | AVG. DAILY ATTENDANCE – %             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> ..... |                                       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> ..... | Parent-Teacher Conference Attendance: |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> ..... | Fall – %                              |
| Total .....           | Spring – %                            |

## A Busy Year at Lillian Fletcher Elementary

- The elementary Art Show was held on May 7<sup>th</sup> with an "unveiling" for next year's student Art Gallery on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - The students and staff enjoyed the annual Thanksgiving Feast on November 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - December 16<sup>th</sup> was the date of the Christmas program and walk-thru for all to see the beautiful decorations made by the students and listen to the children perform Christmas songs.
  - Fourth graders toured the beautiful State Capitol and Historic Center March 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Our annual "March is Reading Month" was a great success.
  - On May 7<sup>th</sup>, elementary students hosted the annual School Carnival. Plenty of games, prizes and food were available to please all who attended.
  - On June 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders got a first-hand look into the past when they visited historic Greenfield Village.
  - On May 17-18<sup>th</sup>, the fourth graders enjoyed an overnight trip to Mackinac Island. This is an exciting trip and takes a lot of hard work and preparation. Thanks to all who put in the effort to make this happen.
  - Field Day took place on Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>.
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### **HOMER GAP PROGRAM**

The Homer GAP Program is totally grant funded by the Community Foundation Alliance of Calhoun County and offers many after school, weekend and summer activities for students in the district. Past activities have included Cheerleaders in Training, Summer Catch Up, After School All Stars, Popcorn Theatre, Outdoor Adventures, and summer field trips.



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**Middle School Staff – 2011-2012**

Principal – Scott Salow

**TEACHERS:**

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Donn Anderson     | Matt Moffett     |
| Bev Betz          | Joe Mueller      |
| Holly Blashfield  | JoEllen O’Keefe  |
| Joe Brya          | Melissa Parker   |
| Michelle Burke    | Rhonda Pebernat  |
| Royce Crandall    | Barb Ramirez     |
| Renee’ Cribbins   | Sarah Rayl       |
| Amy Cupp          | Randy Shank      |
| Lora Finch        | Duane Sitkiewicz |
| Kendall Grazul    | Kim Turbin       |
| Allison Leathhead | Lynne Wood       |
| Scott McMeeking   | Ben Woodring     |
| Debbie Miller     |                  |

% Highly Qualified – 100%

Wendy Danko – Social Worker  
 Deb Pickens – Speech Pathologist  
 Duane Sitkiewicz – Media Specialist  
 Karen Brown – School Psychologist

**SUPPORT STAFF:**

– Secretary  
 6 Teacher Aides  
 14 Kitchen Staff (shared)  
 2 Maintenance (shared)

An average of 310 students attended Homer Middle School during the 2010-2011 school year.

**2010-2011 Student Count by Grade:**

|                       |    |
|-----------------------|----|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 73 |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 80 |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 73 |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 84 |

**Average Daily Attendance:**

|                       |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| 5 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 97% |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 96% |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 96% |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> ..... | 95% |

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:**

During the fall conferences there were 194 verified parental contacts. Spring conferences saw 168 parents in attendance.





# Homer Middle School



## Extra Curricular Activities & Programs

|   |  |                           |
|---|--|---------------------------|
| Football                                      | 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to MSU                            | HarvestFest Outdoor Party |
| Boys/Girls Basketball                         | 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Campout                                | Recycling Program         |
| Cheerleading                                  | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Chicago                        | FFA                       |
| Boys/Girls Track                              | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Trip to Michigan Adventure             | Positive Parent Contact   |
| Cross Country                                 | MEAP Activity Night  | Pep Assemblies            |
| Wrestling                                     | 5 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee          | Movie Nights              |
| Volleyball                                    | Science Fair   | School Picnic/Field Day   |
| Quiz Bowl/Quiz Busters                        | March is Reading Month                                       | Career Night              |
| Winter Extravaganza                           | Homecoming/Sno-Coming  | Swimming Trips            |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> /8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Dances | Helpful Homer  | CHAMP Parent Club         |
| GAP Program                                   | Executive Council  | Downhill Ski Trip         |
| Athletic Fan Section                          | Monthly school-wide trips sponsored<br>by Student Government | Michigan Adventure Trip   |
| ABC Honors Night                              | Gallery of Excellence  | Walk-A-Thon               |
| Open House Kick-Off                           |  |                           |

## Student Achievement

Homer Middle School utilizes the State of Michigan Educational Assessment Program to measure our students' academic achievement. In addition, a district assessment will be utilized to measure academic growth at the beginning of each school year. A district assessment will be given three times each year to ensure that students are working and learning to their potential.

### MEAP Test Results – 2 yr. Comparison

|                                      | <u>English/Language Arts (ELA)</u> |      | <u>Math</u> |      | <u>Science</u> |      | <u>Social Studies</u> |      |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------|-------------|------|----------------|------|-----------------------|------|
|                                      | 2009                               | 2010 | 2009        | 2010 | 2009           | 2010 | 2009                  | 2010 |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> grade (% Proficient) | 89                                 | 86   | 81          | 79   | 85             | 68   | -                     | -    |
| State                                | 85                                 | 85   | 79          | 80   | 81             | 78   | -                     | -    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> grade (% Proficient) | 86                                 | 87   | 90          | 90   | -              | -    | 81                    | 87   |
| State                                | 88                                 | 84   | 82          | 84   | -              | -    | 73                    | 75   |
| 7 <sup>th</sup> grade (% Proficient) | 82                                 | 86   | 96          | 96   | -              | -    | -                     | -    |
| State                                | 82                                 | 79   | 82          | 85   | -              | -    | -                     | -    |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> grade (% Proficient) | 88                                 | 84   | 86          | 94   | 91             | 83   | 65                    | 82   |
| State                                | 83                                 | 82   | 70          | 78   | 76             | 78   | 71                    | 73   |

**AYP Status (Adequate Yearly Progress) – Made AYP** (AYP is a measure used to hold schools responsible for student achievement in English Language Arts and mathematics test results)  
**Composite Grade – A** (The composite grade is the overall grade for the school, arrived at by combining student achievement, attendance, and AYP status)



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## High School Staff- 2011-2012

Tom Salow - Principal

### TEACHERS:

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% Highly Qualified – 100%

### SUPPORT STAFF:

Ruth O'Dell – Secretary  
2 Teacher Aides  
14 Kitchen Staff (shared)  
2 Maintenance (shared)

## 2010-2011 Student Count by Grade

|                  | <u>Boys</u> | <u>Girls</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| 9 <sup>th</sup>  | 51          | 48           | 99           |
| 10 <sup>th</sup> | 31          | 35           | 66           |
| 11 <sup>th</sup> | 41          | 34           | 75           |
| 12 <sup>th</sup> | <u>33</u>   | <u>32</u>    | <u>65</u>    |
| <b>Total</b>     | <b>156</b>  | <b>149</b>   | <b>305</b>   |

**Average Daily Attendance – %**  
**Parent/Teacher Conference Attendance:**  
**Fall – %    Spring – %**

**Graduation Rate:**  
Class of 2011 – 95.4%

## High School MME

The High School Michigan Merit Exam is the mandatory, junior level, student achievement exam. It is taken in the spring of 11<sup>th</sup> grade and includes 3 parts: ACT college admission test, Work Keys test, Michigan Department of Education tests. Students score Level 1, Level 2, Level 3, or Level 4 (1 being highest). This chart shows the achievement at each level in the form of percentages.

| <u>Class of 2011</u> | <u>Math</u> | <u>Science</u> | <u>Social Studies</u> | <u>Reading</u> | <u>Writing</u> |
|----------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Level 1 (%)          | 1%          | 2%             | 30%                   | 2%             | -              |
| Level 2 (%)          | 30%         | 41%            | 43%                   | 58%            | 30%            |
| Level 3 (%)          | 25%         | 18%            | 20%                   | 19%            | 63%            |
| Level 4 (%)          | 43%         | 39%            | 7%                    | 21%            | 7%             |

**AYP Status (Adequate Yearly Progress) – Met AYP** (AYP is a measure used to hold schools responsible for student achievement in English Language Arts and mathematics test results)

**HHS Composite Grade – B** (The composite grade is the overall grade for the school, arrived at by combining student achievement, attendance and AYP status)

**Post-Secondary Programs (Dual Enrollment) –** During the 2010-2011 school year HHS had 14 students enrolled in post-secondary dual enrollment classes at colleges near Homer.



# Homer High School



## Trojan Fitness Center

The Trojan Fitness Center, located in the old high school kitchen, is open for the community, staff and students to use. It has two treadmills, two elliptical machines, one recumbent bike, free weights and other equipment designed to assist Homer citizens to partake in a healthy lifestyle.

There is no cost involved, but a one-time usage and agreement form must be filled out and signed prior to using the facilities. Please stop in and check it out. It's time to get active!

Staff / Community hours are: Monday-Thursday, 4-8 p.m.  
Friday, 3-5 p.m.

The Fitness Center is CLOSED on days there is no school.  
For questions please call 517-568-4461.

## School Closings

The announcement of school delays and closings due to hazardous conditions will be made beginning at 6 am on:

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| WUFN (96.5 FM) | WQLR (106.5 FM) |
| WLNA (TV 6)    | WKFR (103.1 FM) |
| WOOD (TV 8)    | Q106 (106 FM)   |
| WNWN (98.5 FM) | WWMT (TV 3)     |
| WLAJ (TV 53)   | WSAE (106.9)    |
| WILX (TV 10)   | FOX 47 (TV 47)  |

\*HCS now uses SchoolMessenger. This system uses your phone to alert you of delays and closures.

**Please Do Not Call The School**

## High School Activities

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| •Homecoming Pep Rally, Parade and Activities | •National Honor Society   | •Basketball    |
| •Pep, Marching, Jazz and Concert Band        | •Quiz Bowl/Quiz Busters   | •Cross Country |
| •Vocal Music                                 | •Science Olympics         | •Football      |
| •Dance/Flag Core                             | •Youth in Government      | •Track         |
| •School Yearbook                             | •Student Council          | •Baseball      |
| •Drama Club                                  | •Big Brothers/Big Sisters | •Wrestling     |
| •Sno-Coming Activities                       | •FFA                      | •Golf          |
| •Cheerleading                                | •SADD                     | •Volleyball    |
| •Softball                                    |                           |                |



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## Calhoun Area Career Center

The Calhoun Area Career Center (CACC), located in Battle Creek, Michigan, services approximately 21 junior and senior Homer High School students on a yearly basis.

The center has 18 instructional programs that provide students with access to transferable and job specific skills.

## Special Education

One hundred twenty-three special needs students were served in seven classrooms- one in the elementary, three in middle school, and three in the high school area, uniquely designed to meet individual academic and social needs. The students are placed in programs following professional screening and a team meeting (Individual Educational Planning Committee) which includes the school psychologist, school social worker, classroom teacher, special needs teacher, parents, and principal. Student goals and objectives are reviewed annually as part of the I.E.P.C. process. Using tests, task analysis, and observation (both formal and informal) parents and educators work together to maximize the learning opportunities for each child. Our speech and language pathologist had an average of 55 students on her caseload. Our school social worker provided service to 22 special education students and their families.

Homer school transported 24 students to centers in Albion, Tekonsha, Marshall and the greater Battle Creek area for services to meet their physical needs.



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## Homer Athletic Event Prices

At-The-Door  
Students/Adults  
HS \$5.00

Adult Punch Pass  
\$30.00  
Student Punch Pass  
\$20.00

Middle School  
At-The-Door  
\$4.00

Fall - All Sports  
\$30.00

Winter - All Sports  
\$40.00

If you would like to purchase any of these passes, please contact the athletic office at 724-9349

## From The Counseling Office. . .

According to the Census Bureau, people with college degrees earn an average of \$51,000 annually. Over a lifetime of work, that's a cool million dollars more income than is typically earned by non-college graduates. For most, a college education translates to more than increased income. Individuals who pursue further education after high school tend to experience greater job satisfaction, have more leisure time, are healthier, make better and informed decisions, are less prejudiced, are more likely to embrace family values, and experience greater social mobility. While completing a college education takes time, money, and persistence, the long-term benefit to individuals and to society as a whole is well worth the effort.

Talk to your students about their future and encourage them to pursue college! Encourage them to make a plan for a possible career and a plan of how to get the skills for that career. Ninety-five percent of the jobs out there require some type of training after high school which could be a 4-year bachelor degree, a 2-year associate degree, 1-year certification, apprenticeship, etc. In Michigan, there is an abundance of jobs in the health science/medical field!

Kara L. Malone  
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## Parent Involvement:

- »Band Boosters
- »Homer Trojan Athletic Club
- »Academic Booster Club-ABC
- »Advisory to FFA
- »FFA Alumni
- »Alumni Association
- »Parent/Teacher Conferences



## Class of 2011 Post Graduation Plans:

- Joining military - 0
- Attending career/vocational School - 10
- Attending 2-year college - 29
- Attending 4-year college - 17
- Work - 6

**Parents** - be proactive with your children by keeping track of their grades and attendance through the INTERNET! Just go to the Homer Community Schools' website: [www.homerschools.net](http://www.homerschools.net) and click on **Parent Resources** from the menu at the top. Then click **Parent Viewer** from the menu on the left. The username and password are your child's eight-digit school I.D. number that begins with 2050.

*...Stay Informed!*