



School City of

# Hobart

## *Focus on Education*



The District  
Report Card Grade from  
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We congratulate our students  
and staff on their success!

Superintendent, Dr. Peggy Buffington

Spring 2015



## *O is for Orchestra!*



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# STEAM

## Innovation, Ingenuity and STEAM!

Creativity and ingenuity have always been central to the American story of progress. There is no greater integrity, no greater goal achieved, than an idea articulately expressed through something made with your hands. We call this constant dialogue between eye, mind, and hand "critical thinking--critical making." It's an education in getting your hands dirty, in understanding why you made what you made, and owning the impact of that work in the world. It's what artists and designers do. What does it mean to turn STEM to STEAM? The problem-solving, the fearlessness, and the critical thinking and making skills are the skills that will keep our country innovating, and their development needs to start in the K-12 schools. Design creates the innovative products and solutions that will propel our economy forward, and artists ask the deep questions about humanity that reveal which way forward actually is. Sustaining arts education is critically important. The School City of Hobart is committed to the multiple intelligences and STEAM!



## The Arts and Sciences Reunite

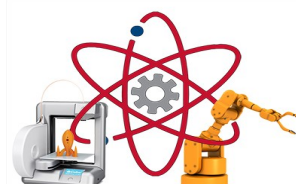
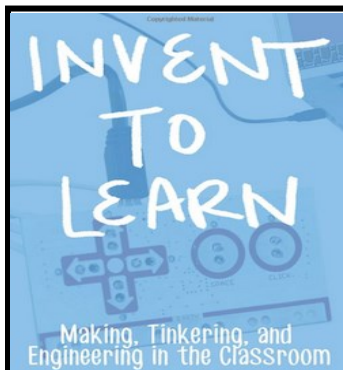
"For me, it is about connecting—or reconnecting—the arts and sciences in ways that learning can happen at the intersection of the two," said Mr. Seifter, an expert in arts-based learning who also consults with Fortune 500 companies on business creativity. "We believe there is a powerful opportunity here to use the arts and arts-based learning to spark transformational change in science education." One core idea Mr. Seifter and other STEAM advocates emphasize is that the arts hold great potential to foster creativity and new ways of thinking that can help unleash STEM innovation. "There is creativity in STEM itself, super genius in it, but in arts education, it really is the reason to be out of the box, to accept the chaos," said John Maeda, the president of the Rhode Island School of Design, in Providence. Artists and designers, he said, are "risk takers, they can think around corners." Mr. Maeda invokes STEAM as a pathway to enhance U.S. economic competitiveness, citing as an example the late Apple co-founder, Steve Jobs, a leading force behind the iPod, iPhone, and other electronic devices. "What STEAM means, it should feel like Steve Jobs, what he did for America," Mr. Maeda said. "It is an innovation strategy for America."

## Brickies Embrace STEM/STEAM!

(Visit the SCOH website for many examples at <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/stem>)

Whether engineering a product, researching medical innovations, creating programs in the Hour of Code, composing music compositions, or designing original art works, the students in Hobart are achieving and paving the way for a successful future. This edition of *Focus on Education* showcases Brickies and the opportunities provided by STEAM in the School City of Hobart!





SCHOOL CITY OF HOBART

**Brickie  
Makers  
&  
Innovators**



## Creativity and Collaboration

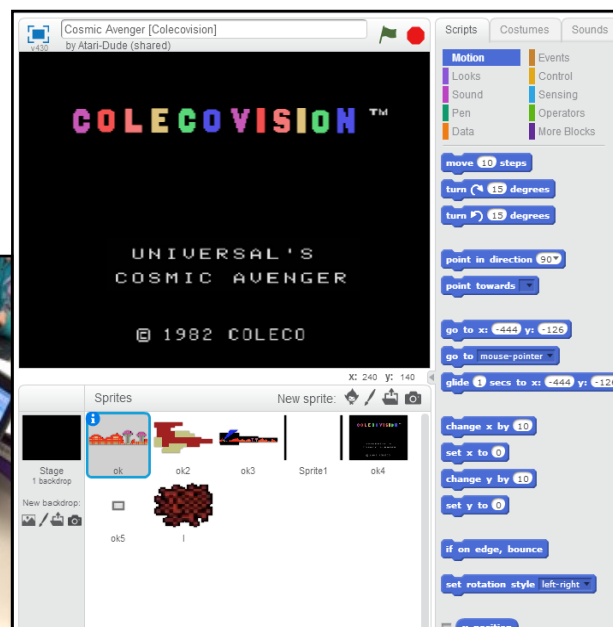
So what exactly is making? Steve Davee, director of education and communication for the Maker Education Initiative, describes making as a “celebration of creativity in all forms.” It’s a hands-on movement that is taking hold in communities across the country, rousing a growing network of innovators to come together in the name of creativity.

Making establishes a sense of community from producing something “shareable” says Gary Stager, coauthor of *Inventing to Learn: Making, Tinkering, and Engineering in the Classroom*. It’s about “making real things that matter, with a real potential audience.”

Although making has been around forever, Stager says the Maker Movement has been reinvigorated by the ability to make actual objects, not just models, with computers; the ability to add intelligence and interactivity to everyday objects, and the increased agency over technological complexity possible through computer programming.

Educators are also taking note of the skills making can hone. “Making promotes collaboration, problem-solving, and a sense of exploration, tinkering, and wondering,” says Davee. “There may be a lot of whimsy and playing around with things, but you’re actually building the skills that will allow you to solve real-world problems.”

Making leads to deeper thinking, says Stephanie Grimes, director of curriculum at the Digital Harbor Foundation, a nonprofit makerspace that serves Baltimore’s youth. “In school, a lot of our students are used to waiting for the answer to be given to them, and they have found that this is a valid strategy that works. Making is all about problem-solving! When your LED doesn’t light up because you have a faulty connection in your circuit, you need to figure out why—and the instructor may not know.”



## Supporting Curiosity

Embracing the Maker Movement and integrating its core concepts into schools requires a deep commitment to giving students’ natural curiosity and inventiveness a stage on which to shine. This edition of *Focus on Education* gives a glimpse of what are students are capable of “making.”

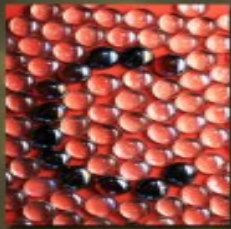


**Join the Brickie Makers and  
Innovators Movement at**  
<http://hobart.schoolwires.com/maker>

**Brickie Makers & Innovators Showcase**  
**When: April 22nd Time: 6 - 8 pm**  
**Where: HHS Why: Curiosity!**

Riley Bajda, a 5th grader at Ridge View excelled during the Hour of Code. He came up with a Zaxxon (a 3D arcade game) for the Colecovision (an 80’s game system). Riley uses coding on Scratch (a programming website) to recreate 80’s video games. He has been coding since he was five years old. Other projects Riley recreated were Donkey Kong and Super Mario Brothers. Riley stated that the codes mean certain movements. For example, “x equals moving left or right and y means height.” He uploads images that he creates using the Paint program. He also creates codes for stop motion projects from the town that his father made using Scratch.





Alexis Turley, an Early Learning Center kindergarten entrepreneur, creates and makes designer rocks. Her company "Alexis' Rocks" has made a profit thanks to her marketing plan to family and friends.



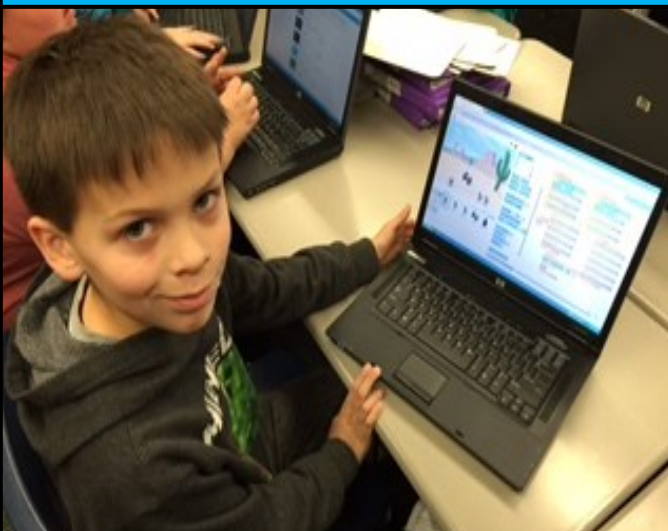
HHS Senior Kaylee Rodriguez is a composer and artist. She writes and records original songs. On a computer monitor, she can see the elements of the song she has recorded as well as play it back.



Ryley Farmer, a 5th grader at Ridge View, creates using Scratch. He designs his own version of 90's video games. He makes mini-movies using code and he creates space ship simulator games.



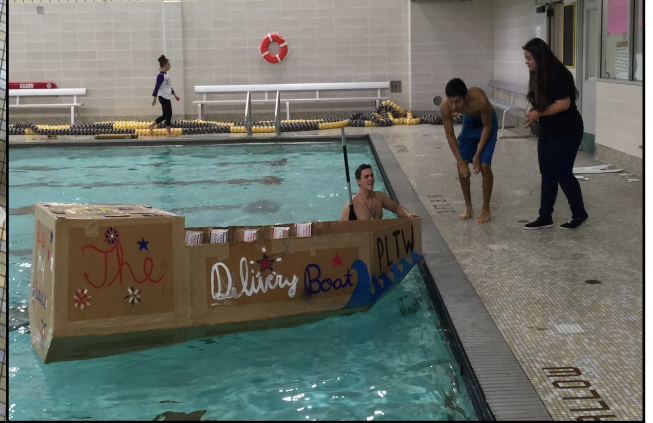
Matthew Cherven, a 5th grader at Ridge View, is a Lego Robotics programmer and engineer. He can make his robot move in circles, move in a straight line, and pick up objects using color and movement sensors. (Supported by the Anderson Foundation)



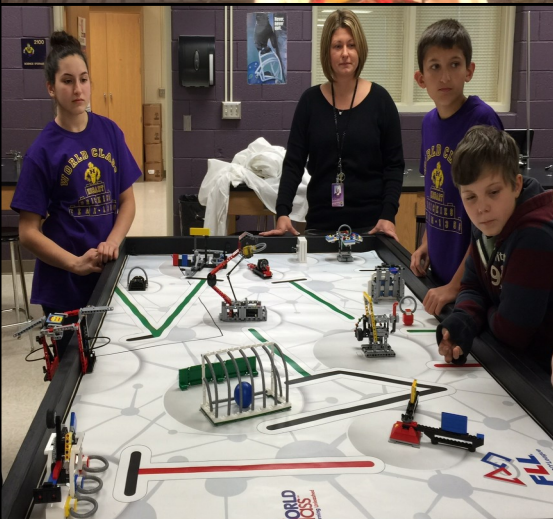


# Collaborate

HHS PLTW Engineering Design & Development students designed 3D Boats and then built them for a Regatta. Congratulations to "The Delivery Boat" for winning the race in front of 8th grade fans! The team included: Carlos Salgado, Gabriella Acosta and Todd Burns!



Third graders at Ridge View (left) including Carlos Santana, Emma Sivak and Caden Smith, as well as first graders Zachary Terek, Jessica Conley, Miley Fifer, and Kyleigh Fugate (below) from Joan Martin are using teamwork, problem solving, computer programming, and engineering with WeDo Lego Robotics to design models and robots that are capable of doing jobs on command. (Supported by the Nancy Snider Memorial Foundation)



## 16th Annual First Lego League Invitational!

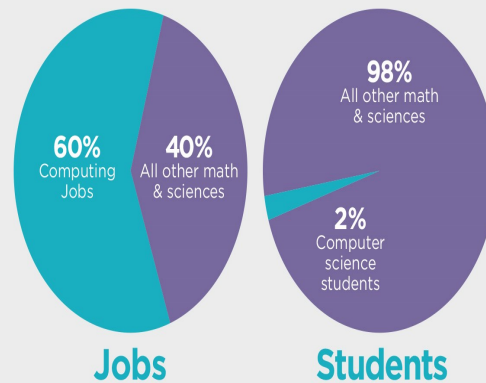
The HMS Brickie Robotics Team competed in this year's competition whose mission was to focus on researching many ways people learn and then helping them remember the information for a longer period of time using innovative solutions. Over 20 teams consisting of 9-14 year olds came together at the Hammond Area Career Center. Each team competed in 3 major activities - robot design, core values and project judging. The Brickie Team created a project to teach people how to play chess! The robots and display board the Brickies made were very creative and well designed. They scored a total of 160 points accomplishing the victory for the year! Congrats on the 1st place win! The team consisted of these Brickies: Nathan Fox, Nicholas Sanchez, Jorge Gaytan Lopez, Max Jancich, Alondra Robles, Peter Dooling, Jerry Fuller, and Kevin Ray.



# WE CODE! How About You?



## The job/student gap in computer science



Less than 2.4% of college students graduate with a degree in computer science. And the numbers have dropped since last decade.

HOUR  
OF  
CODE

Start with one #HourOfCode

## Why computer science?

Every 21st-century student should have the opportunity to learn computer science. The basics help nurture creativity and problem solving skills, and prepare students for any future career. Software and computers are everywhere, but fewer schools teach computer science than 10 years ago. Not only did the School City of Hobart participate in the Hour of Code, the district is proud to offer Project Lead the Way's Computer Science Engineering at Hobart High School and Scalable Gaming at Hobart Middle School. In addition, students are engaged in many other STEM/STEAM units of study. Amongst the favorite programming for students, LEGO ROBOTICS is number one! Problem solving through design as well as finding and fixing errors is fun! Students are proud of their outcomes.

Check out the showcase of Brickie STEM/STEAM projects at <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/STEM>

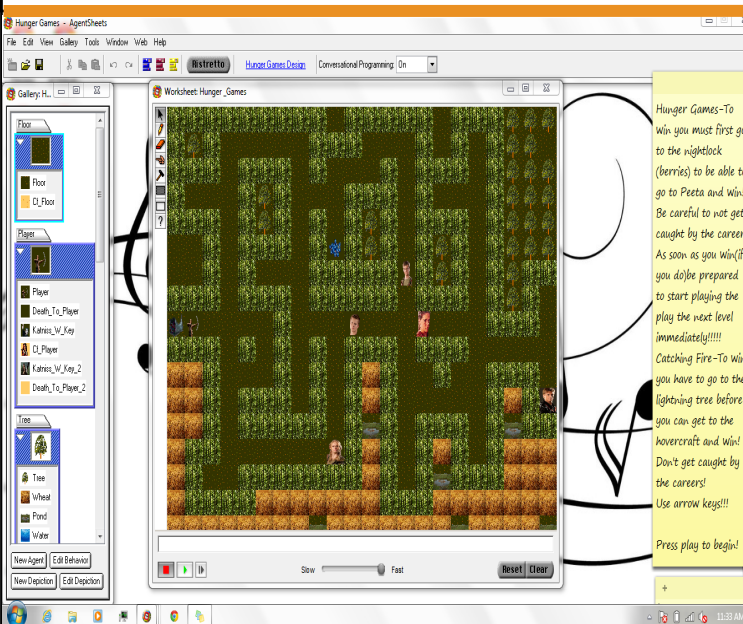
## Why are the numbers so bad?



9 out of 10 schools don't even offer computer programming classes.

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## HMS Scalable Gaming!

The goal of Scalable Game Design is to get middle school students interested in coding (computer science) in a highly motivating learning environment. You may ask what does game design have to do with learning? Computational thinking patterns are common to a number of computer science applications including game design, science and robotics. Using a spiral approach, we start with basic computational thinking patterns. For motivational reasons, game design is used to begin. These basic patterns are used to make 1980 arcade style games such as Frogger and Pac-man. The same patterns can be employed in computation science. This is very much in the spirit of teachers asking "Now that you can build Space Invaders, can you build a science model of a mud slide?" Gradually, students move on to more sophisticated thinking patterns. The computational thinking patterns captured here are found to be useful in educating a wide array of users ranging from middle school students building video games to experienced scientists building computer models.



# What is the Hour of Code?

The Hour of Code is a one-hour activity where students of all ages can choose from a variety of self-guided tutorials, from kindergarten through high school. Tutorials work on any modern browser, tablet, smartphone, or even as a writing activity with no computer at all. Code.org's own tutorials feature Angry Birds, Plants vs. Zombies and video lectures from Mark Zuckerberg and Bill Gates. No experience is needed. Yes, kindergarten students are coding! A spark to keep learning computer science is here! Once students see what they can create right before their eyes, they're empowered to keep learning.



"From phones to cars to medicine, technology touches every part of our lives. If you can create technology, you can change the world."

— Susan Wojcicki, CEO, YouTube

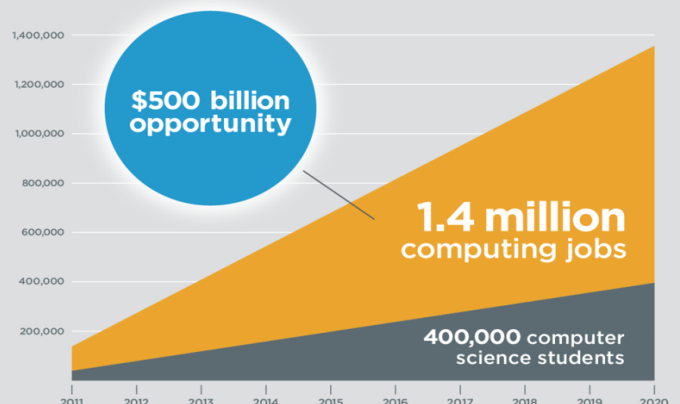


Check out the Hour of Code by using the Cool Tool on our web site: <http://hobart.schoolwires.com> Our web site has tools and resources by grade level as well as our students participating in the Hour of Code from December 8-14th. Brickies must keep this movement alive! Make everyday include an Hour of Code! **Join our Code Clubs by visiting:** <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/hourofcode>



## Computer Science: America's Untapped Opportunity

1,000,000 more jobs than students by 2020



Computer science is a **top-paying college degree** and computer programming **jobs are growing at 2X the national average.**



# STEAM

Science | Technology | Engineering | **Arts** | Math

The Arts play a critical role in allowing students to develop the innovative and critical skills needed to be successful in the workforce.

The fusion of science and the arts gives students an edge to create and innovate. The School City of Hobart is also dedicated to integrating the arts into core subjects while also supporting music education programs where students interact intellectually and kinetically and take ownership of their learning through expression and creation.



**HOBART  
STRING  
ORCHESTRA**



Current 5th grade students entering Hobart Middle School in August 2015 are invited to be a part of the Hobart String Orchestra.

## PREPARING 21st CENTURY STUDENTS FOR A GLOBAL SOCIETY

When students master the 4 C's, they are better prepared to enter the workforce and be productive citizens. Focusing on the arts and adding programs such as orchestra, students have an edge in thinking critically and creatively, collaborating with peers and communicating with others.

### *Collaboration*

Orchestra, like other music programs, encourages students to work together to produce an excellent performance that is mentally challenging and builds confidence with the support of their peers.



### *Communication*

Students learn to convey ideas & emotions through musical performances. In doing so, they enhance their verbal and written communication skills.



### *Creativity*

Through involvement in the orchestra, students have the ability to develop their talents & experience individual expression. Students who learn to think more creatively will be more apt to apply that in their core classes.



### *Critical Thinking*

Music plays a role in enhancing a student's ability to think abstractly & critically. This leads students to develop other skills such as higher levels of concentration, deeper analytical abilities, and improved thought processing.



## STEAM FACTS

On average, students who study the arts for four years in high school score 98 points higher on the SAT compared to those who study the same for half a year or less.

Students who experienced music appreciation scored 61 points higher on the verbal section and 42 points higher on the math section on the SAT.

Students who study the arts are four times more likely to be recognized for academics achievement and three times more likely to be awarded for school attendance.

## IN THE NEWS

### HMS Violinists Selected to INASTA All-Region

The 2014 Indiana American String Teachers Association All-Region selected two students from Hobart Middle School, violinists Hope Gaetano and Alicia Rojas. These musicians are dedicated to the goal of being a performer in the arts. Their hard work makes them excellent role models for encouraging other students to join the orchestra.





# **HOBART STRING ORCHESTRA**

## **MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH THE POWER OF MUSIC**

### ***O is for Orchestra***

It is with the support of the community and school district that we are able to offer our students the opportunity to join the Hobart String Orchestra. We are grateful to all of our donors who made this possible! A special thank you to the Hobart Educational Foundation and Chad and Margaret Kollross for seeing the value in this program and providing a monetary donation.



### **WHY STRINGS?**



#### **STRINGS ARE UNIQUE**

Like every school, we have students attracted to and wanting to play string instruments. We can help realize their potential!

#### **STRONG ARTS PROGRAM**

A comprehensive arts program includes a string orchestra. An orchestra also provides more opportunities for collaboration with wind, percussion, and vocal students.

#### **COLLEGE GO!**

Colleges and universities seek string players for their orchestras and may offer scholarships regardless of major. In 2014, 17-year-old Kwasi Enin of Shirley, NY was accepted to all eight Ivy League schools. Viola was one of his many talents.

#### **LIFELONG OPPORTUNITIES**

String musicians can continue to learn and perform on their instruments for their entire lifetime. There are more than 1,500 orchestras seeking talented string musicians.

## **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

*Here are some ways you can support the Hobart String Orchestra*

#### **Fundraising T-Shirts:**

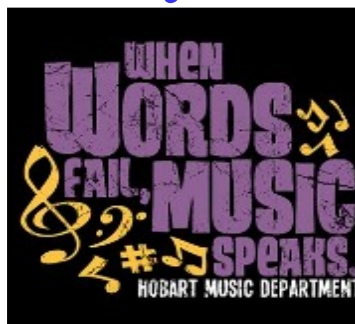
Purchase a Hobart Music Department T-Shirt for \$12. All proceeds go to the HMS Orchestra!

#### **Donate an Instrument:**

Do you know someone who could donate a used student instrument? We are accepting donations of violins, violas, cello and double bass that we can loan to our students.

#### **Monetary Donation:**

Please contact the School City of Hobart at 942-8885 or Mr. Grenier at 942-8521 Ext. 8129, if you are able to make a donation.



**Donors Choose.org**  
Teachers ask. You choose.

## **JOIN THE ORCHESTRA**

If you will be entering 6th grade next fall, this is your invitation to join the Hobart String Orchestra!

Please contact Mr. Grenier at HHS by calling 942-8521 Ext. 8129 or emailing [grenierclass@hobart.k12.in.us](mailto:grenierclass@hobart.k12.in.us).



In the spring, please register for the orchestra through school scheduling. We will also have a call out meeting in May where we will go over additional information and give students the opportunity to try out instruments.

Please visit our website for updates and additional information:  
<http://hobart.schoolwires.com/orchestra>

**"Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere." Albert Einstein**

The School City of Hobart is committed to helping all students find their purpose, realize their full potential, and develop a plan for life after high school. With the growing demands of the 21st century workforce, it is essential that our students are fully prepared for college and careers. Hobart Middle School and Hobart High School have implemented various programs and partnerships to ensure students have the necessary resources to be college and career ready.

## CCR Class

Instead of Homeroom this year, Hobart Middle School has “CCR,” or “College and Career Ready” class. Each core teacher has chosen a unique field in their area of expertise in order to expose students to topics outside of the standard core subjects. Indiana Academic standards are embedded in every CCR curriculum, and every CCR curriculum lends itself to strengthening students’ skills in core areas (Math, Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts).

How does CCR prepare students for college and careers? By exposing them to the realm of possibilities. Adam Janik, an 8th grade astronomy student, said it best when he stated, **“I am in 8th grade, and I finally found a class that I love.”** When students’ interests are peaked and they begin truly examining the realm of possibilities, there is an increase in work ethic, performance, and creativity...CCR at its best.

Check out HMS’s unique CCR class offerings list.

## MIDDLE

SCHOOL

Weather Tracking  
Astronomy  
STEM  
Civil Rights  
Current Events  
Robotics  
Sports Math  
Geography  
National Parks  
Novels  
Medical Detectives  
Careers and Budgets  
Video Game Development

# HMS Career Cruising HHS

Every Wednesday, HMS students log on to Career Cruising and complete activities in the categories below. Mrs. Orchard, HMS Guidance Counselor, posts weekly assignments on My Big Campus, and classroom teachers assist students as they “cruise” through college and career topics.



HHS students utilize Career Cruising in CCRT, during certain courses and when they meet with the Guidance Department. The tools and features of the program help students refine their plan for life after high school by tracking portfolio completion and providing students with the resources to be successful.

## Career Cruising Components Utilized by HMS & HHS

**Career Matchmaker/Interest Inventory** - Students answer questions about activities and job-related tasks they like, and the results of the inventory show jobs related to their interests.

**Skills Self-Assessment** - Students rate themselves on various job-related skills, and their results are applied to their interest inventory results.

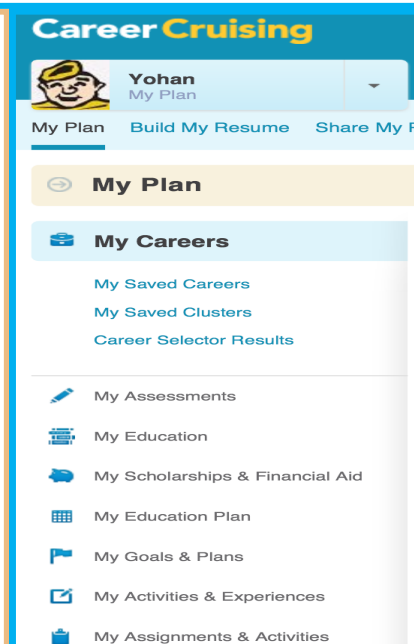
**Saved Careers/Career Clusters** - Students select and save a number of jobs and related fields they find especially interesting.

**Education Planning** - Students learn about majors and minors in college that fit their career path.

**College and other training** - Students search for programs of study/training to prepare for jobs they have selected, and save them to their profiles.

**Scholarships & Financial Aid** - 7th, 8th, 11th & 12th grade students explore scholarships and have access to descriptions of loans, scholarships, and FAFSA.

**Resume Development** - Students add their after-school activities, volunteer experience, and paid work experience to their profiles. These are updated regularly.



## ATTENTION PARENTS

Did you know you can monitor your child’s progress on Career Cruising? If you need your parent login for this program, please contact the Guidance Department at HMS or HHS. You can use the “Cool Tool” at <http://hobart.schoolwires.com> too!



# WE ARE READY

## Early College & Work Based Learning



Hobart High School (HHS) students have every opportunity to prepare for college and careers. Not only can students earn college credits while in high school, but they can also work side by side with a professional in the workforce to further explore their career interest.

## Early College

Hobart High School provides students with the opportunity to earn college credits while taking certain approved courses in high school. These dual credit courses are taught by high school teachers using the high school text and curriculum during the regular high school classes.

Because the college or university partner is awarding college credit, the agreement requires the high school and students to meet the college's eligibility standards.

This is an amazing opportunity for students because it gives them a head start in college and saves them thousands of dollars! Our students are taking advantage of these opportunities.



Partnerships



Codi North is an excellent example. She will be graduating this year with 40 credit hours! She plans to attend Butler in the fall, and SHE IS READY!

For more information on early college, please visit:  
<http://hobart.schoolwires.com/earlycollege>

## COLLEGE FAIR 2015

HHS will host our annual College Fair on **March 18** from **6:00 - 7:30pm** in the gym.

Do not miss this excellent opportunity to meet with college reps and learn more about furthering your education!



## Work Based Learning (WBL)

*Establishing community partnerships to support high school students in obtaining work-based learning experiences.*

Our goal is to provide students with structured opportunities to understand the relevance between classroom learning and the world of work, while participating as productive employees/volunteers in a company or an organization. These work-based opportunities allow students to explore areas of personal and career interest, to acquire the skills necessary to be successful employees, and to formulate goals and plans for their futures.

WBL is a course designed for juniors and seniors who have earned four credits in their chosen career pathway. They must have a good attendance record, no disciplinary issues, and no failing grades in the preceding semester to be able to sign up for the course. Based on the student's career pathway and interest, students are placed at a location that will help them further explore that occupation.

## REASONS TO SIGN UP FOR WBL

- Learn from a professional.
- Excellent experience to add to college & scholarship applications.
- Explore multiple careers to find the right one for you.
- Network with career professionals in the area.
- Prepare yourself for employment by focusing on the Work One expectations on a regular basis.

## WBL Partnerships

We would not be able to offer students the opportunity to participate in WBL if it were not for the local community. We are grateful for our partnerships that make this possible. If you are interested in partnering with HHS, please contact Mrs. Angela Patrick at (219) 942-8521 or email at [apatrack@hobart.k12.in.us](mailto:apatrack@hobart.k12.in.us).

For more info, visit <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/wbl>

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

## TO OUR CURRENT PARTNERS

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Hobart Animal Clinic  
Kara's Hair Studio  
Flexeon Rehabilitation  
Performance Auto  
Brickyard Pediatrics  
Brickie Clinic

Hobart Police Department  
William Longer - Attorney  
Hobart Middle School  
Joan Martin Elementary  
Liberty Elementary  
Ridge View Elementary  
Early Learning Center

### What Does an Employer Expect of Me as an Employee?

1. Have a positive attitude
2. Work well with others
3. Follow directions
4. Show up for work on time
5. Recognize problems and find solutions
6. Manage time effectively
7. Apply good listening skills
8. Be honest and dependable
9. Pass a drug or background test
10. Dress properly and practice good grooming

The Center of Workforce Innovations

WorkOne

## Parents and Students Network

## with Counselors to plan for Early College WBL

It is essential that students & parents work closely with counselors to ensure students are on track. The Guidance Departments at both HMS and HHS are eager to help your child BE READY! Start now! Plan, study and work hard in order to be ready.

**Schedule a meeting with a counselor for a plan to a bright future!**

**Hobart High School**  
(219) 942-8521

**Hobart Middle School**  
(219) 942-8541

**James Kammer - x8026**   **Office of Student Placement**  
**Doug Klukken - x8025**   **Ryan Turley - x8117**  
**Danielle Adams - x8031**   **Valentine Torres - x8027**

**Peggy Orchard - x8377**  
**Kelli Koritko - x8313**



# Hobart is Hooked

## The Early Learning Center at George Earle Elementary School

The Early Learning Center (ELC) is home to full-day Kindergarten, Brickie Kidz Preschool, Early Childhood Development and Building Brickies. Early education is vital for our students. Children need a strong early learning foundation to succeed in school and become productive citizens.



## Building Brickies

Our Parents as Teachers Program adopted a new name in 2014, **Building Brickies!** This is a free program to all SCOH families with young children from prenatal to kindergarten entry.

Using the Parents as Teachers program, we offer home visits to families, free developmental screenings, community resource information, monthly playgroups, as well as other family events and programs. For more information about the program, visit our website at [hobart.schoolwires.com/BuildingBrickies](http://hobart.schoolwires.com/BuildingBrickies) or call Jackie Jenkins at (219) 942-7263 ext. 8670.

## Week of the Young Child

Week of April 12, 2015

Check out all of the great family activities that will be going on around Hobart!

### Bubble Kick Off at The ELC

Monday, April 13 at 1:30pm

### Exercise Fun at Hobart YMCA

Tuesday, April 14 at 1pm

### Cooking Fun at Brickie Kidz HHS

Tuesday, April 14 from 6-7pm

### Family Game Night at Kids First

Wednesday, April 15 from 4:30-6:30pm

### Sensations Sensory Playtime at Caring Hearts Open Arms

Thursday, April 16 from 6-7pm

### Building Brickies Playgroup at the ELC

Friday, April 17 from 9:30-10:30am

### Storybook Night at Jack and Jill Preschool

Friday, April 17 from 4:30-6:30pm

Week  
of the  
Young  
Child

Early years are  
learning years!



**2015 Playgroups**  
**The Early Learning Center**  
**RSVP to Amanda 942-7263 ext. 8669**

Thursday, March 26th "D is for Dr. Seuss"  
5:30 - 6:30pm

Friday, April 17th "R is for Rainbows"  
9:30 - 10:30am

Tuesday, May 19th "G is for Graduation"  
11:00 - 12:30pm





# on Early Learning



## Preschool Matters

How do we help our young children love, learn and grow? Join our mission for every 4 year old to be in preschool to help give them the best start and set them up for success. Preschool is an opportunity for children to learn how to share, contribute, build confidence & curiosity, gain a sense of self, socialize with peers, explore, play, discover and more. Hobart offers Brickie Kidz Preschool at two locations for 4 year olds who live in the School City of Hobart district. It is a fun, friendly, caring and creative environment where your child can play and learn!



HHS Open House: February 24 5:00pm - 7:00pm  
ELC Open House: February 25 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Students must be 4 years of age on or before August 1, 2015

Class Size: 15

AM Session: 8:15 – 10:45

PM Session: 11:45 – 2:15

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Monthly Tuition: \$75.00

**Scholarships are available!**

For more information, please contact:

Cheryl Bunch at 942-8521 ext. 8140  
or email at [cbunch@hobart.k12.in.us](mailto:cbunch@hobart.k12.in.us)



## What is Ready, Set, Go?

Ready, Set, Go is a collaboration of Preschools, Day Care Centers, School City of Hobart kindergarten teachers and Building Brickies educators working to help advance Early Education in Hobart!

**Our mission is to have every 4 year old attend Preschool before entering Kindergarten!**

**Brickie Kidz** (two locations: HHS & the Early Learning Center)

**Hobart Family YMCA Preschool**

**Jack and Jill Academy**

**Kids First**

**Caring Hearts, Open Arms**



## Kindergarten

# KICK OFF

**for the 2015-2016 school year!**

**Who:** Future Kindergartners and Parents

**When:** Monday, April 13 at 6:00pm - 7:15pm

**Where:** The Early Learning Center Gym  
400 N. Wilson Street

**Why:** Learn about registration, curriculum, transportation, food service and after school child care!

## Kindergarten Registration

School City of Hobart parents may enroll their child if they are 5 years old on or before August 1, 2015.

**Where:** The Early Learning Center

**When:** Please attend 1 session:

- April 21 5:30-7:30pm
- April 23 8:30-11:30am or 1-4pm
- April 24 8:30-11:30am or 1-4pm

## Enrollment Requirements:

**Parent/Guardian will need to provide the following documents:**

- IN Driver's License or State ID listing current Hobart address
- Child's **original birth certificate**
- Immunization Records
- Custody papers, if necessary

## Two of the following:

- Mortgage or Lease Agreement
- House Related Utility Bill (i.e. Nipsco, water, cable, etc.)



# FAMILY/COMMUNITY FUN & LEARNING!



## SpringFest

Join Us!



**HOBART HIGH SCHOOL**  
**March 20, 2015**

**Time: 5:00—9:00pm**

**Food!**  
**Raffle!**

**Games!**  
**Prizes!**

**Silent Auction**

**FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

**\$10 wristbands for unlimited activities**



**ReadiStep and PSAT TESTING AND COLLEGE PREPAREDNESS**

**February 23, 2015 at 6:00pm HHS**

Middle School and High School students and parents are encouraged to attend an information session on the College Board test results that include ReadiStep and PSAT.

### HHS COLLEGE FAIR

**March 18, 2015 6:00-7:30pm**  
**HHS Gym Door 18**



High school and middle school families are invited to explore over 30 colleges and universities! Meet with college admissions recruiters, receive information on admission deadlines, tuition, housing, financial aid and more.

### COLLEGE PLANNING NIGHT

**April 15, 2015 at 6:00pm HHS Board Room**  
**Middle School and Elementary Parents**



The cost of college continues to grow and is intimidating. Find out about tax benefits, making it affordable and flexible. **BIG PLANS START WITH A SIMPLE CHOICE: START NOW!**

**Dr. Mann Spitler: FIGHTING THE ADDICTION BEAST & TOO GOOD FOR DRUGS GRADUATION**  
**May 4, 2015 HHS Theatre Door 18 6:00-8:00pm**



Come celebrate the choice to be Too Good for Drugs! Keynote speaker, Dr. Mann Spitler and his wife, Phyllis lost their daughter, Manda when she injected herself with a lethal dose of heroin. Learn strategies to parent for a drug-free lifestyle.

### 4th & 5th GRADE HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT: PUBERTY FOR BOYS & GIRLS

**April 8, 2015 6:30pm HHS Board Room Door 1**

Social Health Association of IN will help parents learn how to discuss these changes with your child. This is what every parent should know!

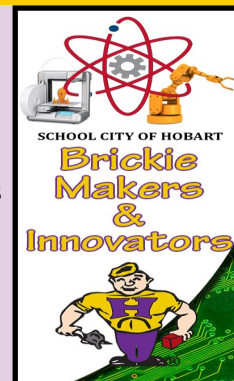


Social Health Association of Indiana, Inc.

### BRICKIE MAKERS & INNOVATORS SHOWCASE

**April 22, 2015 at 6:00pm HHS**

School City of Hobart students are makers and innovators! Come see the creativity and design of our Brickies at our First Annual "Maker Fair"! If you have an idea or for more information visit <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/maker>



### FREE MOVIE & SING-A-LONG

**FROZEN**

Movie Licensing USA

**Friday, February 13 6:30pm**

**HHS Theatre-Great Hall Door 21**

An optional pizza party will be available before the movie at 5:45pm in the Great Hall for a small fee of \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids, will get you pizza, salad, breadsticks and a drink!

**Come for Pizza or just the Movie!**

Please make a reservation for the movie and/or pizza at 219-942-8521 ext. 8193

### HAVE A HAPPY FAMILY BY FRIDAY!

**Tuesday, April 7, 2015 6:00-7:30pm**

**Liberty Elementary Library**

Join Charlene Zager for a workshop and book review. Improve communication, respect and teamwork in five days!



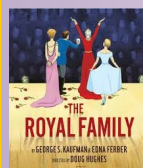
### THE SPRING HHS THEATRICAL PERFORMANCE:

**THE ROYAL FAMILY**

**Hobart High School Theatre Door 18**

**March 5, 6 & 7 at 7:30pm**

**March 8 at 3:00pm**



**\$8.00 Adults \$7.00 Seniors \$6.00 Children 4 & up**



# Senior Citizen Beat!



The School City of Hobart invites senior citizens from the Community of Hobart to join us for some **FREE** entertainment, health and educational events!



Entertainment events for Hobart's Senior Citizens are made possible by the generous support of the Maria M. Reiner Senior Citizen's Trust, a fund of the Legacy Foundation, Lake County's Community Foundation and the students of the School City of Hobart. All programs sponsored in conjunction with the HHS Performing Arts Department, the HHS Emergency Rescue Technology Academy, the HHS Media Department and the HHS Athletic Department.



## 4th Annual SpringFest!

Join us for an **Early Bird Special** on March 20, 2015!

Dinner and Entertainment starting at a special time just for YOU! This year doors will open at 3:30 for a great performance from our Brickies followed by a delicious Fish Dinner! The best part, you won't have to worry about the crowds! The cost is \$10 and you pay at the door! Please enter door #21 **no earlier** than 3:30pm!

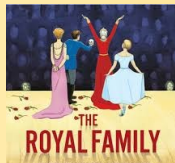
## Entertainment

Free at Hobart High School - **Registration is required!**

Please call the **NEW** Senior Hotline at  
**219-942-8521 Ext. 8193**

### Midwinter Band Concert

February 17, 2015  
5:00pm - Dessert  
6:00pm - Concert



### Theatrical Performance

#### *The Royal Family*

March 8, 2015  
2:00pm - Appetizers  
3:00pm - Performance



**FREE**

### Spring Choral Concert

March 18, 2015  
5:00pm - Appetizers  
6:00pm - Concert

## Health

Blood Pressure Screening at HHS will be held every Wednesday from 8:00am - 10:00am when school is in session. Enter through door #1 and proceed to Room 1403. You are also invited to take advantage of the track at the HHS Frank Kurth Fieldhouse. Please enter door 18 and show your driver's license or state ID as residency proof, Monday - Thursday 6:00am-7:15am and 5:30pm-7:00pm when school is in session. Athletic competitions and inclement weather may force canceling. Please watch for signage.

Keep your mind sharp and your vision youthful by joining this great book club which consists of community senior citizens and Hobart High School students! Meetings are held September through May on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

## Brickie Cove Book Club



You'll meet in the HHS Media Center - Enter through door 1 - from 2:45pm - 3:45pm! See the complete book schedule at [hobart.schoolwires.com/Domain/87](http://hobart.schoolwires.com/Domain/87). For questions or to register please call **Alice Hunt-Lounges** at 942-8521 ext. 8028

## Athletic Events

Senior citizens may stop by the HHS Athletic Office door 19 for a free season pass to regular season home games. This pass cannot be used for Hobart-hosted Tournaments or IHSAA Tournaments.





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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS!**

<b>February 13</b> Dinner and a Movie featuring  <b>See page 14!</b>	<b>February 17</b> Hobart High School Band Concert Senior Citizens <b>See page 15!</b>	<b>February 17 and March 2</b> FAFSA Completion Night 4:00pm - 7:00pm HHS Library	<b>February 23</b> ReadStep Workshop 6:00pm <b>See page 14!</b>	<b>February 27</b> Joan Martin 4th Grade Drama Performance 6:30pm Joan Martin Gym	<b>March 5</b> Hobart Middle School Choral Performance 7:00pm HMS Auditorium	<b>March 5-7</b> HHS Spring Play <b>The Royal Family</b> 7:30pm <b>March 8</b> Senior Citizens 3:00pm <b>See page 14 &amp; 15!</b>
<b>March 12</b> 7th and 8th grade Band Concert 7:00pm HMS Auditorium	<b>March 17</b> HHS Spring Choral Concert 7:00pm <b>March 18</b> Senior Citizens 6:00pm <b>See page 15!</b>	<b>March 18</b> <b>College Fair</b> 6:00pm - 7:30pm Hobart High School Gymnasium <b>See page 14!</b>	<b>March 19</b> Joan Martin 3rd Grade Music Concert 6:30pm Joan Martin Gym	 <b>March 20</b> 5:00pm - 9:00pm @ HHS Wristbands are just \$10! Senior Citizen Early Bird Special 3:30pm - 5:00pm <b>See pages 14 &amp; 15!</b>		<b>March 24</b> Liberty 4th Grade Grandparents Day 1:30pm <b>Evening Performance</b> 6:30pm
<b>April 7</b> “Have a Happy Family by Friday” Workshop 6:00pm - 7:30pm Liberty Library <b>See page 14!</b>	<b>April 8</b> Human Growth Presentation for Parents of 4th and 5th Grade Students 6:30pm HHS Board Room <b>See page 14!</b>	<b>April 13-17</b> Week of the Young Child  <b>See page 14!</b>	<b>April 13</b> Kindergarten Kick-Off 6:00pm - 7:15pm Early Learning Center at George Earle	<b>April 16</b> Hobart Middle School Talent Show 7:00pm HMS Auditorium	<b>April 16 and 17</b> Hobart High School Talent Show 7:00pm HHS Theatre	<b>April 17</b> Liberty Daddy/Daughter Dance 6:00pm - 8:00pm Liberty Gym
<b>April 21</b> Kindergarten Registration 5:30pm - 7:30pm Early Learning Center	<b>April 21</b> Ridge View ROCKS 6:30pm Hobart High School Auditorium	<b>April 22</b> Brickie Makers and Innovators Showcase Evening 6:00pm HHS <b>See page 14!</b>	<b>April 23 and 24</b> Kindergarten Registration 8:30am - 11:30am And 1:00pm - 4:00pm Early Learning Center	<b>April 26</b> Hobart Area Concert Band & Ridge View Choir Concert 3:00pm HMS Auditorium	<b>April 26</b> Liberty Mother/Son Bowling Night 2:00pm - 4:00pm Hobart Lanes	<b>April 30</b> Hobart Middle School 6th Grade Concert 7:00pm Hobart Middle School
<b>May 2</b>  6:00pm Ambassador	<b>May 5</b> Hobart Middle School Choir Performance 7:00pm HMS Auditorium	<b>May 12</b> Liberty 4th Grade Grandparents Day 1:30pm <b>Evening Performance</b> 6:30pm	<b>May 14</b> Hobart Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Band Concert 7:00pm HMS	<b>May 19</b> Choral Concert Awards 7:00pm HHS Auditorium	<b>May 19</b> Building Brickies Graduation 11:00am - 1:00pm Mundell Field	<b>May 20</b> National Junior Honor Society Induction 2:40pm - 3:30pm & 6:30pm - 8:00pm HMS
<b>May 21</b> Brickie Kidz Preschool Graduation 6:00pm HHS Theatre	<b>May 26</b> Seniors Honors Convocation 7:00pm HHS Auditorium	<b>May 28</b> Joan Martin 5th Grade Graduation Dinner 6:00pm HHS Great Hall	<b>June 3</b> Kindergarten Graduation 6:00pm HHS Gymnasium	<b>Congratulations to the Class of 2015</b> 		<b>June 4</b> Hobart High School Graduation 7:00pm The Brickyard

 **Community Healthcare System®**  
**ST. MARY'S Medical Center**

 **COMMUNITY CARE NETWORK INC.**  
 Feeling sick? Need immunizations? The **Brickie Community Health Clinic** located in Hobart High School is backed by the medical staff of the Community Care Network of St. Mary's and is open to all Hobart students and their families! Contact Julie H. Burk, MSN, FNP-BC, Family Nurse Practitioner at (219) 945-9383 for an appointment! Walk-in's are welcomed!

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