

Learning and Competing Continues After Hours

The offering of academic opportunities for additional learning doesn't stop at the end of the school day in HSPS. We have a reputation of high achievement and excellence in a variety of extra-curricular athletic and fine arts programs. These include 18 varsity sports (32 separate teams), Marching Band, Jazz Band, the school musical and choir programs. As a complement to these outstanding activities we have also invested in a number of academic related after-school clubs that are an extension of our academic day. These programs provide additional enrichment experiences for a number of students. The following is a summary of some of these co-curricular activities, many who just recently participated in state level competitions:

- Our **Science Olympiad Teams** performed well at this past Saturday's Science Olympiad competition at Alpena Community College. The Middle School Team ranked 8th overall and placed in 13 of the 20 events they entered. Some of their events included "Disease Detectives", Science Crime Busters", "Oceanography", "Rocks and Minerals" and "Metric Mastery." The Shay Elementary Team took 7th overall and placed well in "Balloon Launch Glider", "Science World" and "We've Got Your Number."
- Our high school **Michigan Youth In Government Team** (31 students) just returned from their three-day competition at the Capitol in Lansing. Our students participated in simulated legislative work as lobbyists, press corps, a trial team, and we even had representatives on the Governor's cabinet. --
- Harbor Springs had 22 participants in the February 9th **Middle School Math Counts** competition in Traverse City. The team took 5th place and we were well represented in the field of top place finishers with Jackson Kopka at 5th, Evan Kollath at 11th and Kyle Grosvenor placing 13th.
- Fifth grader Kate Liska and eighth grader Kyle Grosvenor qualified for the **Regional Spelling Bee** in Traverse City this past weekend.
- Eighth grader Evan Maunders qualified for state competition for the **National Geographic Bee** and will be competing later this month.
- We have over 30 middle school students participating in the on-line **Math Olympiad** competition. Their season will soon end and we will hear how they performed some time in mid-April.

HSPS values offering a variety of after school co-curricular activities for our students. These experiences help stimulate the mind, provide positive peer social interaction and helps shape a well-balanced student. The "academic excellence" continues after hours!