

## *From the Principal*

### Academic Progress and Support

As we enter the second half of the school year, it is important for parents and school personnel to take inventory of student learning. As involved parents, I want to encourage you to take time to ask your child how they are performing in school, what they are learning, and what subject(s) or materials they are struggling with. There is still ample time to make necessary changes to ensure that your child learns the necessary curriculum to deem them proficient and prepared to move onto the next grade level. Mrs. Callie Heck, our Student Success Coordinator is on hand to assist you and your child with their academic needs and can be reached by phone at 517-699-1204 or by email at [check@hpsk12.net](mailto:check@hpsk12.net).

### Positive Behavior Interventions and Support

Junior High faculty, along with selected students and parents, have been working diligently on developing a PBIS school wide behavior system. Though different variations of PBIS systems exist throughout the school district, we all share a common belief. As a school district, we believe no child has the right to continuously misbehave and impede the learning of other students. Immature and inappropriate behavior is disruptive to the classroom and negatively impacts the learning environment our staff fosters. To help all students succeed, the Positive Behavior Interventions and Support system will provide students with clear academic and behavior expectations that all students are responsible for upholding. We believe that students who are treated with respect and show others respect have a higher rate of academic success than students who are not responsible for their behavior and actions.

### Anti-Bullying Assembly

Mr. Scott Szpara, Deputy Superintendent of Holt Public Schools, will be a guest speaker at Holt Junior High School on February 17, 2012 to discuss the seriousness of adolescent bullying. Mr. Szpara will address legal concerns connected to bullying as well as the physical and emotional damage bullying renders on its victims. Parents and community members are welcome to join us for this extremely valuable presentation. Assembly times and further details will be shared through email and posted on our Junior High School website at a later date.