



School City of  
**Hobart**

*Focus on Education*



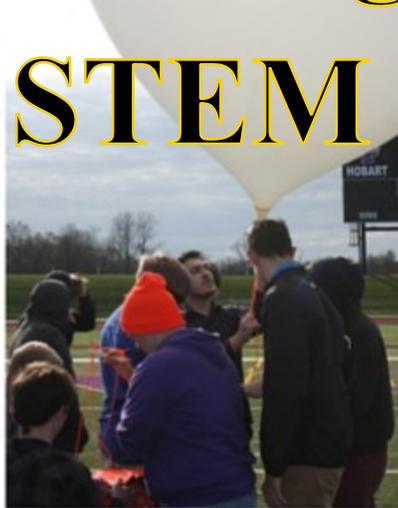
All My Life I Want to Be A Brickie!  
Work! Work! Work!

Spring 2016

Superintendent, Dr. Peggy Buffington

I  MY SCHOOL!

# PLTW Engineers STEM UP!



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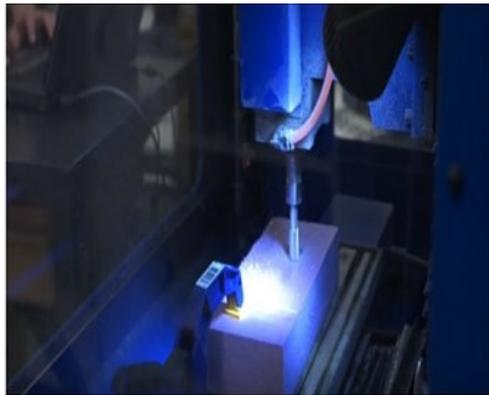
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# Opportunities in the SCOH



No matter the dream, the School City of Hobart strives to equip our students with tools to achieve their goals. Hobart High School's (HHS) Project Lead the Way Engineering students are the best example of using their skills to launch a balloon into the stratosphere successfully carrying the one and only, Yohan! These students are in the fourth year of the engineering program called Engineering Design and Development and are receiving college credits.

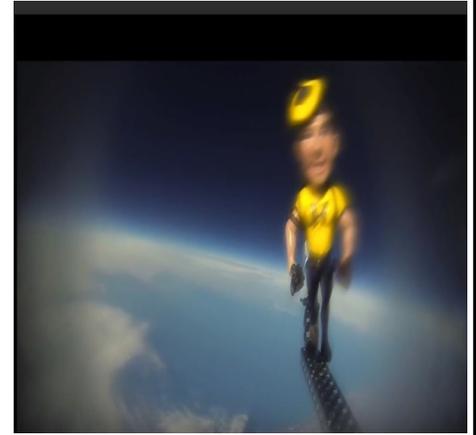
**Collaboration makes things happen!** In this capstone course, the students work as part of a team to develop a solution to a technical problem of their choosing. They challenge each other with one of those "don't you hate it when..." issues of the world and try to solve it. Students research, design, test, and construct a solution or recommendations, then present it to industry or community partners. The team will use what they have learned to guide them through the process of design and product development. Who knows...the students may solve a problem that has stumped others! In Hobart, the HHS Engineering Design & Development (EDD) students chose space travel. Operation balloon launch to infinity and beyond! Visit <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/balloon> to see more highlights.



# Are to Infinity and Beyond!

Brent Vermeulen, Project Lead The Way instructor, and Hobart High School seniors chose to work on a high altitude balloon project with a launch in the middle of the football field, where they recorded and tracked it as they sent it close to 100,000 feet in the air and then retrieved it.

“On the first day of school I challenged them to come up with an inspiring initiative,” Vermeulen said. “The project began August 31st and ended November 16, 2015 with a 9:30 a.m. launch.” The weather balloon was lifted with helium and contained a bobble head of the famous school mascot, Yohan, two GoPro Hero 3 video cameras, a GPS tracking system and lithium-based products to keep the devices charged in inclement weather conditions. According to estimations and test theories, the parachute would be found near Plymouth but actually was retrieved in Elkhart.



“This is, by far, one of the most awesome things I’ve done in my high school career,” said Chris LaVelle. “It is also the most challenging. We created a couple different designs before settling on the final one.”

Trial and error is nothing new to the senior engineering students as many test applications took place before they felt comfortable enough with the launch. One of those exercises included dropping the parachute from the Hobart Fire Department’s ladder truck at approximately 150 feet to test its durability.

“This has been an incredible project,” said Vermeulen. “The community has gotten involved, we have invited elementary schools to be part of the launch experience, and the support we have received from the school and the administration has been great.”

The high altitude balloon's cost exceeded \$1,400, however, the project received a grant from the Hobart Educational Foundation to fund it.

“I think this is a great project because it requires science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), which is so very important in today’s learning environment,” Vermeulen said. *(Courtesy of the Times and Damian Rico)*

## Help Every Child Launch Their Goals and Dreams! How? Partner with SCOH! Explore Career Pathways! Work Hard! Contact Your School’s Counselors Today!

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# All My Life I Want to Be a BRICKIE! WORK! WORK! WORK!

## What does this famous saying mean?

Those who have grown up in Hobart take pride in the fact that they are “Brickies.” Being a Brickie is definitely something to be proud of, but it is also more than just recognizing the name. A Brickie exemplifies qualities such as GRIT and a strong WORK ETHIC. A Brickie is kind and nice to others. A Brickie stays safe and gives back to the community. This is what defines a Brickie! We are proud to be Brickies and proud to prepare future Brickies for a successful life!



BE NICE

WORK HARD

STAY SAFE

## Brickies WORK HARD

### WORK ETHIC

Starting in kindergarten at the ELC, our Brickies work hard! This sets the foundation for a strong work ethic that will continue on for a lifetime. In middle school, students begin to learn the soft skills, also known as employer expectations, that are needed to be successful in the workforce. For high school students, a new employer expectation is emphasized every three weeks. During this time, students are nominated who clearly exhibit that expectation. The goal of the program is to prepare junior and senior students to earn a Work Ethic Certification from the Center of Work Force Innovations.



#### What does an employer expect of me as an employee?



1. Show a positive attitude
2. Work well with others
3. Follow directions
4. Arrive to work on time
5. Recognize problems and find solutions
6. Manage time effectively
7. Apply good listening skills
8. Be honest and dependable
9. Know the need to pass a drug or background check
10. Dress properly and practice good hygiene



Got what it takes?



[www.centerofworkforceinnovations.com](http://www.centerofworkforceinnovations.com)



In this school we don't do  
**EASY.**  
We make easy happen  
through  
**HARD WORK & LEARNING!**



**G**ive it your all  
**R**edo if necessary  
**I**gnore giving up  
**T**ake time to do it right

School City of Hobart has students that are “gritty.” GRIT is the passion and perseverance needed to accomplish long term goals. GRIT is determination and resilience to stick with something, regardless of the difficulty level. GRIT is the struggle as you strive to reach your goals and dreams! As early as the elementary level, we are teaching students to have GRIT. In teaching this, our students learn that it is okay to make a mistake, as long as they learn from it and continue to strive and reach their ultimate goals.

# GRIT

# Once a Brickie, Always a Brickie

## Brickies ARE NICE

"People will never know how far a little kindness can go."  
-Rachel Joy Scott



Our students learn from an early age to treat others with kindness. Through the Rachel's Challenge program, students pledge to be a positive impact on their school and community. Rachel Joy Scott believed that one person could impact the world by showing kindness and compassion to others. She believed you could start a chain reaction and that is our goal for our students!

## RACHEL'S CHALLENGE

Being a Brickie means giving back to the community. Our Brickies take pride in helping and serving others. Hobart High School encourages students to submit service learning hours and adds those hours to a student's transcript. Students are also encouraged to add these service hours to their resume. From volunteering to shoveling snow for a neighbor to organizing a cereal drive or dance marathon for the Hobart Food Pantry, our Brickies are dedicating their time to others- WORK! WORK! WORK!

## SERVICE & CITIZENSHIP



## Brickies STAY SAFE

## JUST SAY NO

In today's day and age, children endure peer pressure at a young age for drugs and alcohol. School City of Hobart (SCOH) takes a proactive approach to this by educating students on the dangers associated with drug and alcohol use. The elementary schools implement the Too Good For Drugs program as a starting point, and all schools welcome Hobart police officers into the building. Our partnership with the Hobart Police Department has also allowed Scout, the canine for Corporal Simon Gresser, to join the SCOH Family. Scout has been instrumental in teaching kids about these dangers and also getting kids to feel comfortable talking with our school resource officers.



## ONLINE SAFETY

Now more than ever, it is imperative to monitor online activity of children. Social media has opened up an array of problems if students are not cognizant of possible repercussions. We believe in the importance of educating students and parents about these changes in technology. In fact, many SCOH schools often put parent technology tips in their monthly newsletters! Furthermore, workshops are offered to teach parents about online dangers. Many of our students do understand their digital footprint stays with them forever, but this is something we must continue to reiterate. Safety first! Please partner with us! Visit our website for more information: <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/internetsafety>

## BREAKFAST

## with the Director of Technology: Internet Safety

**WHEN:**  
Liberty - February 17 at 9:30am  
Joan Martin - February 18 at 9:00am  
ELC - February 22 at 9:30am  
Ridge View - February 23 at 9:00am  
Middle School - March 15 at 9:00am

"94% of parents underestimate the amount of fighting on social media" per a CNN study. Learn about Cyberbullying, protecting yourself and your information, and how to interact politely. Internet safety and your child's digital footprint is important! Come and learn more with the resources from the Federal Trade Commission, our Director of Technology, and the school's principal.

T E C H



BREAKFAST

# COOL TOOLS

RESOURCES FOR PARENTS AND STUDENTS  
JUST A CLICK AWAY ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE

[www.hobart.k12.in.us](http://www.hobart.k12.in.us)

Cool Tools assist students and parents from grades K-12. On the right-hand side of the School City of Hobart District webpage, you will find a listing of Cool Tools. Researching the internet for an answer to a homework question or planning for college can be overwhelming, let these resources work for you. Under Cool Tools you will find a list of button links which are showcased on these pages. Each link provides a plethora of resources to enable you and your student to successfully navigate their education, challenge your student, and monitor their progress.

## Which Cool Tool to use?

- ⇒ Want to check your student's grades or add money to their lunch account? **Skyward**.
- ⇒ Where do I find more information on Financial Aid? **College and Career Readiness**.
- ⇒ Stumped and need help with Math? **Khan Academy**, **Quantiles.com**, **Homework Help** or **Everyday Math Online**.



**ACCESS TO SUCCESS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS on the SCOH DISTRICT WEBPAGE**  
**[www.hobart.k12.in.us](http://www.hobart.k12.in.us) look for these tools under the Twitter feed!**

## NAVIGATING SKYWARD

## FAMILY ACCESS

## SKYWARD<sup>®</sup>

### CHECK OUT THE CENTER WALL!

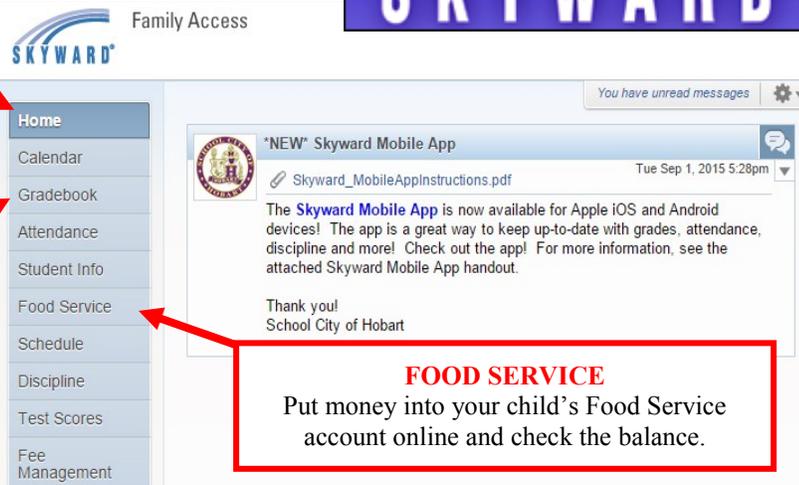
The school and your child's teachers can post messages to the center wall so that you know what's going on at the school!

### GRADEBOOK

Keep up-to-date by checking on your child's grades! You can look at each assignment and identify missing ones.

### Skyward Progress Reports

Skyward sends out weekly progress reports to your email so you can keep track of your child's grades. Make sure we have your email on file to receive them!



### FOOD SERVICE

Put money into your child's Food Service account online and check the balance.



Stay connected with your child and school! Access Skyward anyway you'd like!  
**Online at:** [www.hobart.k12.in.us/skyward](http://www.hobart.k12.in.us/skyward)  
**District Website:** Click on the Skyward Cool Tool!  
**Smartphone:** Download the mobile app!



## COLLEGE AND CAREERS

It is never too early to start preparing for college and a career, from financial planning to smart educational or curriculum decisions, your student will shape and determine their path from a very early age.

**Khan Academy**-Khan Academy offers tutorials to support you. Khan offers test prep resources for ACT and SAT as well.

**College Board**- Helps prepare students for the Designed SAT, College Guidance, K-12 Services with Trends in College Pricing, and Student Aid. AP Students can find helpful information and explore the benefits for these classes, as well as *Big Future* which is a college planning tool.

**Career Cruising**- Students can get assistance in researching careers, building a resume, creating a college plan and financial aid and scholarships geared to you personally!

**College Cost Estimator**-Learn More Indiana will help you understand the cost of attending college in Indiana. Discover ways to save, learn where the money is!

**College and Career Readiness**-Learn more about Dual Credit, financial aid, 21st Century Scholars, and ISM College Planning just to touch the surface of this informative link. Check this website often for resources for College and Career Readiness.



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## READING AND WRITING

**Raz Kids** - Pre-K to 5th grade, build your student's reading and comprehension with 29 different levels of reading. Inquire with your student or their teacher to see if they have a login and password to this site. Excellent for early readers and students preparing for secondary grades.

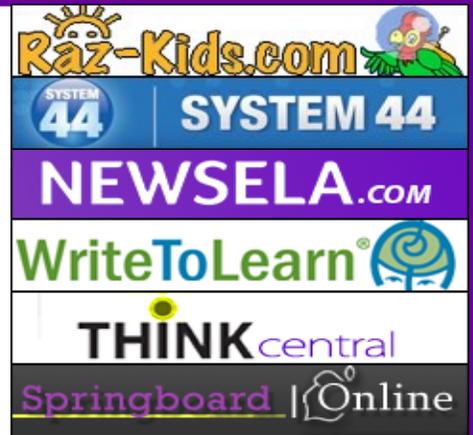
**System 44** - A phonics intervention program. The family portal can be used to access materials from Scholastic that can be used at home to support readers of all ages.

**Newsela.com** - News reading/comprehension program. Used in our classrooms as learning tools.

**Write to Learn** - Grades 3-5 students can use this writing tool. Writing projects are graded automatically, allowing students instant feedback on their writing progress.

**Think Central** - Grades K-5 use Journeys as part of the English Language Arts curriculum. Students can login to Think Central to access the Journeys textbook and resources at home.

**Springboard Online** - Students attending the middle school and high school use Springboard materials in English and Math. Springboard Online allows students to view their textbook and online videos from home. The online videos offer "re-learning" experiences from home.



## MATHEMATICS

**Fastt Math** - Used by grades 1-8, Fastt Math works on the automaticity of math facts. Students can use the program and Stretch lessons at school and home.

**Fraction Nation** - Used by grades 4-8, Fraction Nation helps students conquer their fractions. Students work their way through a map of fractions to build their own community and add avatars.

**Everyday Mathematics** - Is part of the math curriculum at grades K-5. Students and parents can login to the Everyday Math portal or simply click on the Free Resources button to practice math at home.

**Khan Academy** - Offers an endless amount of teaching and resources for all grade levels. Whatever you want to learn or if you need additional support with your own learning at home, Khan Academy offers tutorials to support you. It has test prep resources for ACT and SAT too!

**Springboard Online** - Students attending the middle school and high school use Springboard materials in English and Math. Springboard Online allows students to view their textbook and online videos from home. The online videos offer "relearning" experiences from home.

**Quantiles Framework for Mathematics** - Use your student's SMI score to utilize this site. Use the Quantiles Framework and Math at Home to boost your student's math knowledge because "math is too important to leave at school."



## TESTING TOOLS

### TEST DATES for ISTEP+, IREAD-3, ECA and SAT

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|---------------|--|
| ISTEP+ Part 1 | February 29-March 11, 2016 (paper based) |
| IREAD-3       | March 14-18, 2016 (online)               |
| ISTEP+ Part 2 | April 18-May 6, 2016 (online)            |
| ECA (Spring)  | April 25-June 1, 2016                    |
| (Summer)      | May 31-July 22, 2016                     |
| SAT           | April 13, 2016                           |



### TESTING PRACTICE-Experience ISTEP+ online

<http://download.pearsonaccessnext.com/IN/in-practice-tests-links.html>

Login and Password Not Needed. Select "Indiana" from the list. Click on the "Practice Tests" link for the desired grade level. Then click "Start Test Now".

**Khan Academy** prepares students for the SAT and ACT-CHECK IT OUT!



## HOMEWORK HELP and SCHOOL SAFETY

Late night study sessions can lead to questions when a teacher is not available. Let a Cool Tool assist.

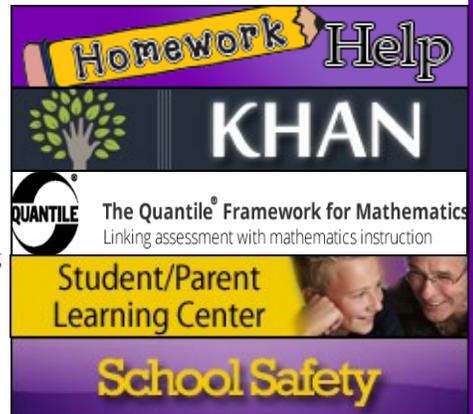
**Homework Help:** Use Rose-Hulman, Ask Rose: 1-877-ASK-ROSE.

**Khan Academy:** Can provide help or offer a challenge to students and parents in a variety of subjects.

**Quantiles:** Is a targeted math help, specific to your student's SMI level.

**Learning Center:** Here you can learn more about our curriculum, ISTEP, Research Tools, Technology Tips, Handbooks, Volunteering and so much more.

**School Safety:** This will tell you who to contact for various issues.



# Earning **CASH** for College



When it comes to saving for college, it can be challenging to set aside funds each month. Upromise is a free to join rewards program that allows you to earn cash back for college on things that you are already buying! Shop your favorite stores and receive up to 25% back into your Upromise account! You can turn every day purchases -- from shopping online to dining out, from booking travel to buying groceries -- into cash back for college or to help pay down an eligible student loan. A percentage of your eligible spending will be deposited into your Upromise account. You can link your Upromise account to your eligible 529 account and have your college savings automatically transferred for faster growth potential. Family and friends can also sign up and devote their Upromise savings to a student of their choice. Get the whole family involved in saving for your child's future! The School City of Hobart believes that each of our students has the ability to successfully attend college. Don't let finances stop your child from attending college!

SAVE FOR COLLEGE



Start saving today for your student's future!

**Become a Upromise member for FREE at [upromise.com](http://upromise.com)!**

**"Cash for College" Workshop**  
**Tuesday, March 1 6:00-7:30 pm**  
**HHS Board Room (details on page 9)**



Career Cruising takes place at all levels at the School City of Hobart! Students are learning about life skills, exploring college choices, discovering career options, and building resumes. Career Cruising also offers the opportunity to locate and understand Financial Aid and Scholarship resources. It will match a student with all eligible scholarships and provide detailed information for each one. Take advantage of this free online tool at [hobart.schoolwires.com/careercruising](http://hobart.schoolwires.com/careercruising)

**raise.me** Raise.me helps students in 9th -12th grades to discover colleges and earn Micro-Scholarships for their academic and extracurricular achievements throughout high school. These achievements can include good grades, AP and Honors courses, participating in clubs, playing on a sports team, or volunteering. **This is a great way for students to earn money for things that they are already doing! Join us for "Cash for College" Event on March 1 to learn more! See page 9 for more details.**

**ISM College Planning is a FREE resource for Hoosier students, families, counselors, and schools.** Visit their website for free tools and resources:  
**[ISMCollegePlanning.org](http://ISMCollegePlanning.org)**

**Sources of Free Money:**

- Federal & State Government
- Colleges & Universities
- Private Businesses
- Community Foundations & Civic Organizations



**Scholarships & Grants** Take advantage of FREE money that does not have to be paid back!  
 Begin your search today for scholarships and grants that are available both locally and nationally. Scholarships are typically merit-based and grants tend to be need-based. Scholarship information is located here:  
**[hobart.schoolwires.com/scholarships](http://hobart.schoolwires.com/scholarships)**



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the most important form to complete in the financial aid process. The FAFSA determines eligibility for most sources of financial assistance, such as grants, scholarships, work study, and federal loans. In the state of Indiana, you must complete the FAFSA by

Average time to fill out the FAFSA  
**22 min**

**March 10 Deadline**



March 10, though it is recommended to complete it as early as possible since college, state, and private aid deadlines may be earlier than this date. More than \$126 billion was awarded by the federal government last year to help students afford college. Don't miss your chance for financial aid!

**Best rule of thumb:**

**Fill out the FAFSA as soon as possible!**

**FAFSA and Cash for College Events**

**Tues. Feb. 16 8:00-11:00am HHS Room 1316**  
**Tues. March 1 4:00-7:00pm HHS Great Hall**  
 Students and parents looking for help completing the FAFSA are encouraged to attend one of these workshops.  
**Tues. March 1 6:00-7:30pm HHS Board Room**  
 Come early to our FAFSA event and stay to learn ways to obtain cash for college!

# ...Easy As 1 2 3



## What is a 529 Savings Plan?

The CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan is a smart, flexible, and affordable way to help you give the gift of education.

- Open an account for only \$10!
- Anyone can make contributions to your student's 529 in a variety of ways, such as payroll deductions, automatic investments, electronic funds transfer, Upromise, or Ugift.
- These funds can be used for eligible higher education expenses at schools across the country: tuition, books and supplies, certain room and board costs, mandatory fees, and more!
- CollegeChoice 529 offers valuable advantages such as tax-deferred growth, attractive investment options, and professional investment management.
- As account owner, you retain control of your funds!

*Easy online enrollment and management at*  
**collegechoicedirect.com**



## EARLY COLLEGE/DUAL CREDIT

Early College/Dual Credit refers to courses in which high school students have the opportunity to earn both high school and college credits while enrolled at Hobart High School. Courses are taught by credentialed high school faculty, and offer students the ability to take classes in the comfort of their high school with teachers that they know. Additionally, those who earn college credits in high school have an increased rate of success in life. To learn more, visit [hobart.schoolwires.com/earlycollege](http://hobart.schoolwires.com/earlycollege)

## Krystal Villarruel: DUAL CREDIT EXPERT



Krystal Villarruel, a 2014 HHS graduate who currently attends Indiana University in Bloomington, is studying Law and Public Policy while serving as an Ambassador to IU. Thanks to Hobart's Dual Credit program, Krystal graduated with 30 college credit hours, saving her over \$10,000 in college costs. To our high school students, she says, "I would encourage students to take as many dual credit classes as they can. If the opportunity is there, take advantage of it!" She stresses that while the classes are economically advantageous, they also allow students to immediately focus on classes within their fields of study. Krystal's hard work during high school has continued at college; she will be eligible to graduate a full year ahead of her classmates! Way to go, Krystal!

## You're Invited Cash for College Workshop

All parents are encouraged to attend!

Tuesday, March 1, 2016  
6:00-7:30pm HHS Board Room

Learn about ways to fund your student's higher education with 529 Plans, Upromise, Raise.Me and Early College/Dual Credit! Come early for assistance filling out the FAFSA!

For more details, see page 8!  
*Cookies and Coffee provided!*

### MAKE THE MOST OF SAVING FOR COLLEGE

YOU MADE A WISE DECISION TO SAVE FOR COLLEGE WITH A 529 PLAN, BUT DON'T JUST TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT. SEE HOW ACCOUNT OWNERS ARE USING THE GREAT BENEFITS COLLEGECHOICE 529 HAS TO OFFER.

**50%** OF AMERICANS ARE SAVING FOR COLLEGE!  
 NUMBER OF PEOPLE USING COLLEGECHOICE TO SAVE FOR COLLEGE **54,473**

FAMILIES' AVERAGE SAVINGS GOAL FOR COLLEGE PER CHILD:  
**\$38,953**  
 AVERAGE COLLEGECHOICE ACCOUNT BALANCE:  
**\$10,302**

YOU CAN ENROLL IN COLLEGECHOICE, REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU LIVE  
**51,363** LIVE IN INDIANA  
**3,110** LIVE OUT OF STATE

**40-49** LARGEST AGE GROUP OF COLLEGECHOICE ACCOUNT OWNERS  
 ALMOST ANYONE CAN OPEN AN ACCOUNT:  
 • PARENTS  
 • GRANDPARENTS  
 • FRIENDS

**59%** OF ACCOUNTS ARE USING E-DELIVERY  
 IT'S EASY TO ACCESS AND MANAGE YOUR ACCOUNT ONLINE

FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN GIVE THE GIFT OF COLLEGE SAVINGS, RIGHT INTO YOUR ACCOUNT  
**\$3,910,541**  
 TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS STATE-WIDE MADE THROUGH Ugift

BENEFICIARIES RANGE FROM NEWBORN TO ADULT  
**5** YEARS OLD  
 LARGEST AGE GROUP OF BENEFICIARIES

YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE AS LITTLE AS \$25 PER MONTH WITH AN AUTOMATIC INVESTMENT PLAN

**32%** OF ACCOUNTS USE AIP  
**\$53.61** AVERAGE MONTHLY AIP CONTRIBUTION

TAX BENEFITS OF SAVING FOR COLLEGE WITH COLLEGECHOICE 529  
**\$14K** ANNUAL TAX-DEFERRED CONTRIBUTION ALLOWANCE  
**20%** OF TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS UP TO \$1,000 PER YEAR INDIANA STATE TAX CREDIT<sup>3</sup>

**\$217,851,329.82**  
 COLLEGECHOICE DOLLARS USED TO PAY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

# Learning from the Experts

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

The School City of Hobart's goal is 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.

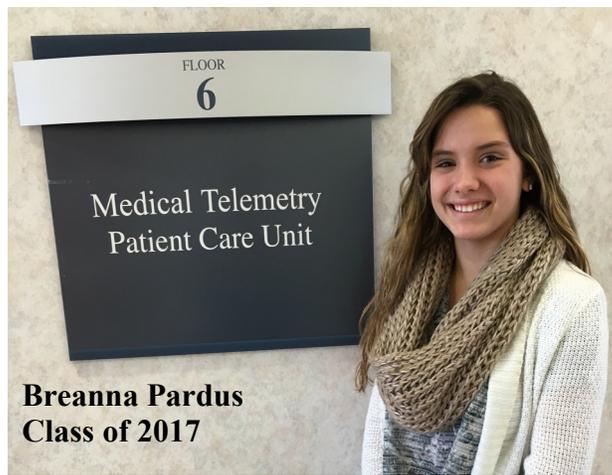
Work-Based Learning (WBL) is a course designed for Hobart High School juniors and seniors who have earned 4 credits in their chosen career pathway. Based on the student's career pathway and interest, students are placed at a location that will help them further explore that occupation.

Students must have a good record of attendance, no disciplinary issues, and no failing grades in the preceding semester to be able to sign up for the course.

Learn more at <http://hobart.schoolwires.com/wbl>



## REASONS TO SIGN UP FOR WBL



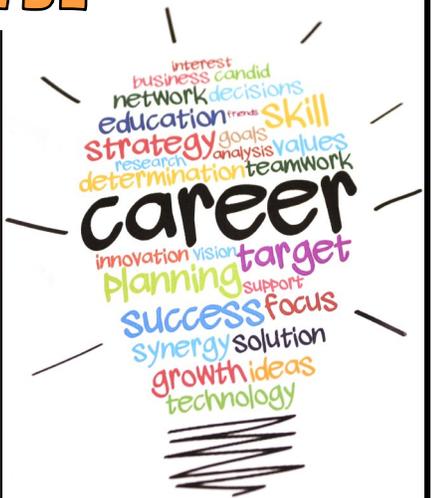
**Breanna Pardus**  
Class of 2017

Learn from an expert, a professional in the field.

Explore multiple careers to find the right one for you.

Excellent experience to add to college and scholarship applications.

Experience on your resume!



## Parents and Students Partner with Counselors

It is essential that students and 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. See your counselor for your schedule to a bright future!

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

## WBL Partnerships

- St. Mary's Hospital
- Hobart Animal Clinic
- Kara's Hair Studio
- Flexeon Rehabilitation
- William Longer-Law Office
- Brickyard Pediatrics
- Performance Auto
- Brickie Clinic

- Hobart Middle School
- Joan Martin Elementary
- Liberty Elementary
- Ridge View Elementary
- Early Learning Center
- Hobart Police Department
- Valparaiso Airport

# What is Your...



“**EVERYTHING** you post on social media impacts your **PERSONAL BRAND**. How do you want to be known?”

It's this simple: You are a brand. You are in charge of your brand. The brand students are creating today exists in social media. They are leaving digital footprints with every post and photo. Is this the brand they want people to know about them? Colleges and employers may have a different notion when they do a search of a person! How students build who they are, their college/career path, and destiny have changed forever. Talking to children about their digital footprint and the evidence they leave behind is critical. Their brand is at stake. Why not conduct a social media audit with your child?



## Conducting A Social Media Audit For Your Personal Brand

**What does their digital footprint say about their brand and person?**

Tom Peters was right in the book he wrote called *The Brand Called You*. “We are, indeed, our own brand and we must manage our brand with great care. Not in a selfish sense, but as a steward of our talents, gifts, and passions.”

There is no single path to success. And there is no one right way to create the brand called You. Except this: Start today. The School City of Hobart (SCOH) is committed to students creating their brand for college and career success. It starts with teaching our students about the story they have to tell about their commitments at school, home and the community. It will make them unique and demonstrate their talents.



Enter *Skyward*, *Career Cruising*, and *Google Sites*! Every student owns their own domain through SCOH—their name.brickies.me. Students can own their digital footprint in a positive, impactful way by using these tools to create a digital portfolio. **Encourage and monitor your child's progress on grades, resume, and digital portfolio evidence. College recruiters and employers will want to see the brand of student or employee they may accept or employ. THE RIGHT BRAND MATTERS!**



Interested in learning more? Maybe over a light breakfast and some coffee? Come join our Director of Technology, the resources from the Federal Trade Commission, and our school principals for breakfast and a discussion over Internet Safety! For dates and locations check out the bottom of page 5.

## Building a Brand with Evidence through Digital Portfolios

Monitor Grades, Discipline, and Attendance. Transcripts tell your story!

Build a Resume!

Showcase accomplishments in a digital portfolio! Your brand will be evident!



# Explore our

## 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, Head Start 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

**A free program supporting parents as their child's first and best teachers!**

**Building Brickies**, a free program open to all SCOH families with children ages 0-5 years, focuses on helping parents be their child's first teacher! Using the Parents as Teachers program, we offer home visits to families providing current brain research, child developmental information and activities targeted to their baby or preschooler's development. We also offer free developmental screenings, parent workshops, community resource information, and 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 11, 2016

April 11th at 1:30pm  
Bubble Kickoff at  
The Early Learning Center

Family activities will be happening around Hobart!  
More information to come in the Spring!

## Building Brickies Presents Showcase of Preschools

February 4th @ 5:00—7:00pm  
at the Early Learning Center

Local preschool representatives will be available to answer questions!

### 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!**

### Ready, Set, Go Participants:

Brickie Kidz (two locations: HHS & the ELC)

Hobart Family YMCA Preschool

Jack and Jill Academy

Kids First

Caring Hearts, Open Arms



## Building Brickies—Embrace Parent Coaching FREE Parent Workshop Series

### Proactive Parenting: 3 Steps to More Peace and Less Stress

Where: ELC at George Earle

400 N. Wilson, Hobart, IN

When: Tuesdays – March 1st, 8th, and 15th

6:00pm - 7:30pm

RSVP: 219-942-7263 ext.8669



## Building Brickies Events

### The Early Learning Center

RSVP to Amanda 942-7263 ext. 8669

### Toddler Time

1st and 2nd Friday of each month: 10-10:45am

### Building Brickies Playgroup

February 18th: 5:30 - 6:30pm

Welcome to  
**TODDLER TIME**  
brought to you by Building Brickies

- 1 Sensory Walk
- 2 Table Play
- 3 Free Play
- 4 Snack
- 5 Circle Time

# Early Learning!



## Preschool MATTERS

How do we help our 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!

### Geminus Head Start

Geminus Head Start is now offering Full Day Preschool Scholarships for children ages 3-5 in the Early Learning Center at George Earle!

Geminus Head Start and Early Head Start is designed to provide comprehensive developmental services to income eligible families with children from birth through age 5. For more information, please call 219-940-3138. Open enrollment for 2016-2017 begins March 7th from 8:00am - 4:00pm!



**Brickie Kidz Preschool OPEN HOUSE**

**HHS Open House: February 23**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**ELC Open House: February 24**

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

### Early Childhood Development

Provides special education for eligible children from 3-5 years of age. Contact NISEC at 219-769-4085 for more information or to schedule a free screening.

Students must be 4 years of age on or before August 1, 2016

AM Session: 8:15 – 10:45

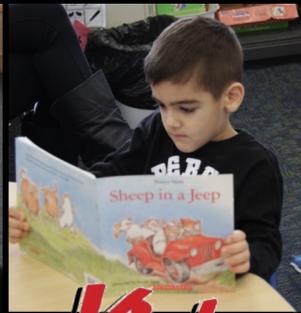
PM Session: 11:45 – 2:15

Registration Fee: \$15.00

Monthly Tuition: \$75.00

**Scholarships are available!**

For more information, please contact: Cheryl Bunch at 942-8521 or email at [cbunch@hobart.k12.in.us](mailto:cbunch@hobart.k12.in.us)



## Kindergarten **Kickoff** and Registration!

**Who:** Future 2016 - 2017 Kindergartners and Parents

**When:** Monday, April 11 at 6:00pm - 7:15pm

**Where:** The Early Learning Center Gym

**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 will be 5 years old on or before August 1, 2016.

**Where:** The Early Learning Center

**When:** Please attend one session:

• April 19 from 5:30-7:30pm

• April 21 and 22 from 8:30-11:30am or 1:00-4:00pm

### 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 applicable

• **Two of the following:**

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

# Family & Community Fun & Learning

## 5th Annual **SPRINGFEST**

**HOBART HIGH SCHOOL**

**March 18, 2016**

**Time: 5:00—9:00pm**



## FUN FOR ALL AGES!

**\$10 wristbands for unlimited activities**

Prizes

Games

All proceeds benefit Building Bricks (P.A.T.)

Silent Auction

Raffle

Food



### Dr. Mann Spittle: Fighting the Addiction Beast & Too Good For Drugs Graduation

May 12, 2016 6:00-8:00pm  
HHS Gym - Please Use Door 18



Celebrate our 2016 Too Good For Drugs graduates! Keynote speaker, Dr. Mann Spittle 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

May 16 2016 6:30pm HHS Board Room

Do you need help talking about puberty with your child? Parents will learn how to discuss these changes with their children. We offer age-appropriate, gender-specific programs to teach students how to take care of their growing bodies, especially during puberty. This is an important preview night for parents! All are encouraged to come!



### ADHD/ADD What You May Not Know That Can Help Your Child Succeed

March 22, 2016 6:00-7:30pm Ridge View Elementary  
Join Sherry Finnerty for a workshop on equipping your child with learning strategies for home and school!



### Roustabout: The Great Circus Train Wreck

Hobart High School Theatre Performance  
Please use Door 18

★ March 3, 4, 5 at 7:30 pm ★ March 6 at 3:00 pm

\$8.00 Adults • \$7.00 Senior Citizen • \$6.00 Children 4+ Recommended for Ages 13 and up

Spring Art Show  
May 21, 2016



Come see our K - 8th grade  
Brickies' Art work from  
11am - 1pm at HMS - Door 5



**FREE MOVIE**  
ON US TONIGHT!

**FEBRUARY 5, 2016**  
**6:30 PM**

HHS Theatre—Great Hall Door 21  
Pizza party will be available before the movie at 5:45pm in the Great Hall. Enjoy pizza, salad, breadsticks and a drink for a small fee (\$5 - adults and \$3 - kids).

**Join us for Pizza or just the Movie!**

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

Horton the Elephant, the Cat in the Hat, and all of your favorite Dr. Seuss characters spring to life onstage in Seussical Jr., a fantastical musical extravaganza!



HHS Theatre Door 21  
May 1, 2016 at 3:00 pm  
\$5.00 General Admission for all

Watch for information on Theatre Workshop for elementary students!

### Brickie Makers & Innovators Showcase

**April 20, 2016 at 6:00pm HHS Fieldhouse - Door 18**



School City of Hobart students are makers and innovators! Come see the creativity and design of our Brickies at our Second Annual "Brickie Maker Fair!" At Hobart, we encourage all students to be makers and innovators by exploring their creative minds and allowing them to work with their hands to create and develop their own ideas.

For more information and project submission form, visit [hobart.schoolwires.com/maker](http://hobart.schoolwires.com/maker)

### Cash for College Events

February 16th, 2016  
8:00-11:00am HHS Room 1316

March 1st, 2016  
6:00-7:30pm HHS Board Room  
RSVP to (219) 942-8885 ext. 1

Door 1 for both events

Students and parents looking for help completing the FAFSA are encouraged to attend one of these workshops.



### PSAT Scores Explained

February 25, 2016  
6:00-7:30 pm  
HHS Great Hall Door 1



Join us to learn how PSAT scores are calculated, and how score reports can help students improve their skills and practice for the SAT.

# 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 Citizens Trust, a fund of the Legacy Foundation, and The School City of Hobart. All programs are sponsored in conjunction with the HHS Performing Arts Department, the HHS Emergency Rescue Technology Academy, the HHS Media Center, and the HHS Key Club.

## ENTERTAINMENT

## 5th Annual SPRINGFEST

Join us for an Early Bird Special on March 18, 2016

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. 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!



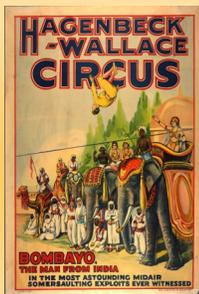
Free at Hobart High School  
Registration is required

Please call 219-942-8521 Ext. 8193



**Midwinter Band Concert**  
February 16, 2016  
5:00pm - Snacks  
6:00pm - Concert

HHS Theatrical Performance  
**Roustabout:  
The Great  
Circus  
Train Wreck**



March 6, 2016  
2:00pm - Appetizers  
3:00pm - Performance



**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 **HHS Frank Kurth Fieldhouse**. Please enter Door 18 and show your driver's license or state ID as proof of residency, 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.*



**Spring Choral Concert**  
March 16, 2016  
5:00pm - Appetizers  
6:00pm - Concert

## ATHLETIC EVENTS

Senior Citizens who live in the School City of Hobart may stop by the HHS Athletic Office Door 19 for FREE season passes to regular season home games. This pass cannot be used for Hobart-hosted Tournaments or IHSAA Tournaments.



## BRICKIE COVE BOOK CLUB

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. You'll meet in the HHS Media Center - Enter through Door 1 from 2:45pm-3:45pm. Snacks and refreshments will be served during discussions. See the complete book schedule at

<http://hobart.schoolwires.com/Page/7776>.

For questions or to register, please call Alice Hunt-Lounges at 942-8521 ext.8028





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

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|---|---|---|--|--|--|---|
| <b>February 9</b><br>Orchestra<br>Special<br>Event<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>HHS Theatre   | <b>February 16</b><br>Hobart High<br>School Band<br>Concert<br><br>Senior Citizens<br><br><b>See page 15!</b>   | <b>February 16</b><br>FAFSA<br>Completion<br>Night<br><br>8:00am - 11:00am<br><br>HHS Room 1316 | <b>February 23</b><br>6th Grade<br>Band Concert<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>HMS Auditorium                    | <b>February 25</b><br>PSAT Score<br>Interpretation<br><br>6:00pm - 7:30pm<br><br>HHS Great Hall  | <b>February 26</b><br>4th Grade Drama<br>Club Performance<br>“The Lion King,<br>Kids”<br><br>6:30pm<br>Joan Martin                   | <b>March 1</b><br>FAFSA<br>Completion<br>Night<br><br>4:00pm - 7:00pm<br><br>HHS Great Hall   |
| <b>March 3</b><br>Middle School<br>Choral Concert<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>HMS<br>Auditorium  | <b>March 3,4 &amp; 5</b><br>Spring Play<br>“Roustabout: The Great<br>Circus Train Wreck”<br>7:30pm<br>HHS Theatre<br><br><b>March 6</b><br>Senior Citizens<br><b>See page 15!</b> |   | <b>March 8</b><br>Freshman<br>Orientation<br><br>6:00pm -<br>8:00pm<br><br>HHS<br>Great Hall           | <b>March 15</b><br>High School<br>Spring Choral<br>Concert<br>7pm HHS Theatre<br><br><b>March 16</b><br>Senior Citizens<br><b>See page 15!</b>   | <b>March 17</b><br>Joan Martin<br>5th Grade<br>Grandparents Day<br>2:00pm<br><br>Evening<br>Performance<br>6:30pm                    | <b>March 18</b><br>SPRINGFEST<br><br>5:00-9:00pm<br><br>HHS<br><br> |
| <b>March 22</b><br>Liberty Elementary<br>1st Grade<br>Grandparents Day<br>1:30pm<br><br>Evening<br>Performance<br>6:30pm                      | <b>March 22</b><br>ADHD/ADD<br>“What you may not<br>know that can help<br>your child/student<br>succeed!”<br><br>6:00pm - 7:30pm<br>Ridge View                                    | <b>March 28 -<br/>April 1</b><br><br>Spring<br>Break!   | <b>April 11-15</b><br>Week of the<br>Young Child   | <b>April 11</b><br>Kindergarten<br>Kick-off!<br><br>For all children that<br>will be 5 on or<br>before August 1st!<br><br><b>See page 13!</b>    | <b>April 12</b><br>Joan Martin<br>3rd Grade<br>Grandparents Day<br>2:00pm<br><br>Evening<br>Performance<br>6:30pm                    |   |
| <b>April 14 and 15</b><br>Hobart High<br>School<br>Talent Show<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>HHS Theatre   | <b>April 15</b><br>Liberty Elementary<br>Daddy-Daughter<br>Dance<br><br>Details will come<br>home with<br>students.   | <b>April 18-19</b><br>Ridge View<br>ROCKS<br><br>6:30pm<br><br>HHS Theatre                      | <b>April 19</b><br>Kindergarten<br>Registration<br><br>5:30pm - 7:30pm<br><br>Early Learning<br>Center | <b>April 20</b><br>Brickie Maker<br>and Innovator<br>Showcase<br><br>6:00pm - 8:00pm<br><br>Hobart High School                                   | <b>April 21 and 22</b><br>Kindergarten<br>Registration<br><br>8:30am - 11:30am<br>and<br>1:00pm - 4:00pm<br>Early Learning<br>Center | <b>April 27</b><br>6th Grade<br>Band Concert<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>Hobart Middle<br>School   |
| <b>May 2-6</b><br>Teacher<br>Appreciation<br>Week!<br><br> | <b>May 3</b><br>Hobart Middle<br>School Choir<br>Performance<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>HMS Auditorium  | <b>May 3</b><br>Spring<br>Orchestra<br>Concert<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>HHS Theatre                 | <b>May 5</b><br>Spring<br>Band<br>Concert<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>HHS Theatre                             | <b>May 12</b><br>Too Good For<br>Drugs Graduation<br>and Mann Spitzer<br><br>6:00pm - 8:00pm<br><br>Hobart High School                           | <b>May 14</b><br><br><b>PROM</b>   | <b>May 18</b><br>Brickie Kidz<br>Graduation<br>for ELC<br><br>6:30pm<br><br>HHS Theatre   |
| <b>May 19</b><br>Brickie Kidz<br>Graduation<br>for HHS<br><br>6:30pm<br><br>HHS Theatre   | <b>May 21</b><br>School City Of<br>Hobart Art Show<br><br>11:00am - 1:00pm<br><br>Hobart Middle<br>School   | <b>May 24</b><br>Seniors Honors<br>Convocation<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>Hobart High<br>School       | <b>June 1</b><br>Kindergarten<br>Graduation<br><br>6:00pm<br><br>HHS Gymnasium                         | <b>Congratulations<br/>to the<br/>Class of 2016</b><br><br> |  | <b>June 2</b><br>Hobart High<br>School Graduation<br><br>7:00pm<br><br>The Brickyard  |



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 Medical Center and is open to all Hobart students and their family!

Contact Julie H. Burk, MSN, FNP-BC, at (219) 945-9383 for an appointment! Walk-in's are welcomed!

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