



# HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL

# Laker Lines

June 2009

## Marketing Class Collaborates with Curtiss Museum

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# A Message from the BOE

## Thank You

by BOE President Jim Zimar

Thank you to our community for putting up your own money to offer opportunities to our children. Thank you to the candidates for offering to serve on the board.


Thank you to fellow board members for doing committee work and research projects.

Thank you to those who have participated in representative democracy by voting, attending meetings and joining discussions. This board respects your sincere opinions. This board does not take your support for granted.

Thank you to the people who run our business office for the extra work you have done to supply information to auditors from State Comptroller DiNapoli's office. Thank you also (believe it or not) to the auditors. The intensive investigation lasting from December to March affirmed the competence and integrity of our people. Thank you to Mr. Bower and the administrative team for already implementing improvements recommended by the auditors.

As always, thanks to the many people who contribute in so many ways - from obvious to anonymous - to the large and complicated endeavor which we call Hammondspport Central School.

Thank you especially to our students, our children, for giving us something so precious to care about and something so important to do.



*Aiming High*  
 News from Hammondspport Central School  
 District Superintendent Kyle Bower

If there ever was a year that could be described as a roller coaster ride, the 2008-2009 school year would be it. Every year begins with excitement and optimism and so did this one. We've had the highs of a sectional volleyball championship and excellent academic performances from our students. We've had the lows of a long term budget crisis and a swine flu scare that continues to spread. As the year comes to an end, it's a time of awards, recognition, and graduation ceremonies. Our students have worked very hard this year and performed very well. June is a time to celebrate all they have done and accomplished. I hope to see all of you in the District in June as we celebrate the accomplishments of everyone in our school community!

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**2nd Annual  
 Run, Walk or  
 Crawl**

**Saturday, June 13th  
 9:00 am**

Registration and race information can be found on the District Website at [hammondspportcsd.org](http://hammondspportcsd.org) by clicking on the PTO link under Site Shortcuts

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Laker Lines is the official newsletter of the Hammondspport Central School District. It is distributed to all district residents. HCS Board of Education members include: James Zimar, President; Frank Curran, Vice President; Richard Drain, Nancy Torp and Christine Kolo.

The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Library of the Main Street School.

Superintendent of Schools: Kyle Bower  
 Newsletter Editor: Julie Amsden

## From the Desk of HS Principal Tad Rounds

Congratulations to the graduating Class of 2009. Their time at Hammondspport has been well spent and they will continue to be a positive influence after high school.

Parents and students are reminded that summer school will be held at Prattsburgh. Since this is a BOCES service, there is no cost to parents. However a fee of \$100 will be assessed for any student in need of busing. Transportation will be provided from Hammondspport Central School and no door to door pick-ups will be provided. Classes will run Monday through Thursday from July 6 through August 11. Regents exams are scheduled for August 12 through August 14.

Student schedules will be mailed at the beginning of August. Days to make schedule changes will be published with the schedules. Please enjoy the extra time with your son or daughter, and thank you for a successful year.

## Thank You Jr. / Sr. High Band



Many thanks to the members of the Junior & Senior High School Band that participated in the Memorial Day celebration at the Hammondspport Cemetery and the Pulteney Cemetery. You represented the school and the community very well. Special thanks to Mr. Arnts for coordinating the events. The following students participated in the Memorial Day celebration:

<i>Brynn Day</i>	<i>Lee Gottshall</i>	<i>Brandon Walruth</i>
<i>Rachel Armstrong</i>	<i>Emily Drake</i>	<i>Chris Thompson</i>
<i>Susan Sincerbox</i>	<i>Cora Moyer</i>	<i>Arley Cornell</i>
<i>Diana Derr</i>	<i>Keegan Rawlins</i>	<i>Micah Armstrong</i>
<i>Michelle Gardner</i>	<i>Matt Bussmann</i>	<i>Lydia Shippee</i>
<i>Mattie Catherman</i>	<i>Kelly Walling</i>	

## Junior Lakers Before and After School Age Program Fall Registration

The Jr. Lakers Before and After School Program is currently accepting registrations for the Fall of 2009. This program serves 20 children on a first come first serve basis. In order for the program to open/operate this fall, we must have 20 full time registrants. If you have not registered your child, please do so as soon as possible. Registration deadline is July 30, 2009. Registration packets can be picked up at the Hammondspport Main Street School from Beth Morrison in the Jr. Lakers Room or Bath Area Hope for Youth office in Bath. For more information please call 607-776-6441

## Notes from the Elementary Principal's Office

We would like to take this opportunity to say, "Thank You" to all of the families and groups that have helped to make this another very successful school year for our students in Hammondspport!

Our reading incentive program was a huge success with many new books read by our students. The Reading Carnival was held on June 3 as a reward for all the kids' hard work. Thank you to the Reading Planning Committee for a job well done.

Our concerts and musical assemblies were high quality and featured the talents of the majority of our school population. Thank you to the entire Music Department for your support of these programs. The final Curtiss Concert and the Art Extravaganza was a huge success on May 19. Thank you Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Vonderlin, Mrs. Pierce and Mrs. Pflieger. Also, thank you to Mr. Vonderlin for bringing the wonderful String Quartet. This performance broadened our student's background knowledge and awareness of music.

A big "Thank You" to Kim Sprague and the rest of the members of the Parent Teacher Organization for their continued support and the excellent programs they conduct for our students. The PTO is currently looking for participants for the 5K Run Walk or Crawl on June 13.

Academically our students in all grades continue to excel and our initial test results in grades 3-6 place us near the top in our BOCES region. With June comes excitement but also sadness. We will miss our students and our staff! We hope to see all of their smiling faces back safe and sound in September! Enjoy the summer with family and friends!

## Leading Lakers Enjoy Celebration

*Submitted by Michelle Sincerbox*



The Leading Lakers Celebration on May 13, 2009 was quite a hit as the Curtiss School Gym was packed with people. The celebration honored those students who strive to do their best every day by following the LAKERS motto. The students who received the honor this year had their chair decorated for the entire school day with phrases such as, "You're Awesome," "You Did It," and "You Rock." The teachers planned and completed a Leading Lakers Celebration that evening for the children and their families. I want to thank the teachers, staff and members of the Management Committee for a job well done in organizing this event. I would also like to thank the parents for their hard work in raising such fine, young children. Finally, I'd like to thank the students for the hard work they put forth every day. Thank you for always striving to do your best. At some point in your life all the work you do will pay off. Congratulations and best wishes.

# Laker Leaders Announced

The following students were designated as Leading Lakers for the month of April.

## Seventh Grade

Robert Ackley  
Elizabeth Albright  
J.C. Baliguin  
Tyler Baroody  
Taylin Bower  
Brock Bradford  
Stephen Buck III  
Nicholas Buck  
Caitlin Burns  
Claudia Guerin  
Lauren Farmer  
Troy Fitzwater  
Lori Gordon  
Zayna Hartman  
Douglas Hewitt  
Thomas Hoaglin  
Korynne House  
Katrina McGregor  
Joanna Northrop  
Nicolas Peacock  
Sydney Sprague  
Dakota Stone

## Eighth Grade

Connor Amsden  
Brianna Bergstresser  
Michael Bestys  
Lauren Binnert  
Brooke Clark  
Ryan Eckel  
Megan Erway  
Sydney Farmer  
Kareena Hoyt  
Matthew Lowin  
Brianna Martinez  
Lydia Shippee

# Marketing Class Collaborates with Curtiss Museum

*Submitted by Margi Long*

Last fall, the Marketing Committee of the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum (GHCM) asked Ms. Long's marketing class to work with them in a campaign to attract more local visitors to the museum. This provided the students with an exceptional opportunity to bring to life what they were learning in the classroom.

A marketing project proposal was drawn up by the Curtiss Museum Marketing Committee and given to the HCS Marketing Class. The first step in the proposal was to gain qualitative insight into the perception of local residents regarding the GHCM. Members of the GHCM Marketing Committee, Dennis Carlson and John VanZanten (both having extensive marketing backgrounds in the business world), visited the classroom. They talked to students about the museum and their desire to have them conduct a survey. The students visited the museum and spent time with Trafford Doherty, Executive Director of the GHCM and Jon Baldwin, the Education Coordinator of the GHCM with the intent to further their background knowledge before creating and implementing the survey. The class collaborated with museum representatives through all stages of the survey creation and implementation. The survey was conducted and the results were provided to the museum for further analysis and implementation.

The project was such a success that Ms. Long and all involved at the museum look forward to continuing to work together on future program opportunities.

## *Congratulations to our 2009 Retirees*

Helen Monroy, Teacher,  
37 years of service

Bonnie Erway, Cleaner  
29 years of service

Aimee Gallipeau, District Office  
20 years of service

John Heil, Bus Driver  
8 years of service

Bob Little, Bus Driver  
11 years of service

Thank you for your service to

# Restructuring of the Administration

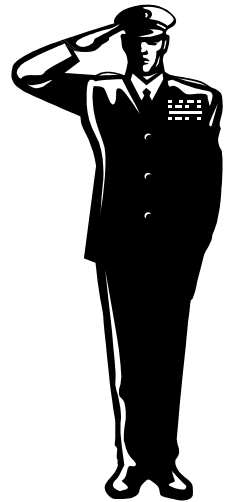
## A New Principal But a Familiar Face

Beginning July 1, 2009, Mrs. Michelle Sincerbox will be serving the District as Elementary Principal/Director of Special Education. Mrs. Sincerbox assumes this assignment after serving in the role of Director of Special Education for the past 5 years. For the 2009-10 school year, Mrs. Sincerbox will be responsible for students, staff, and all programs in grades Pre K-6. When students move down from the Curtiss School in 2010-2011, she will be responsible for Grades Pre K-5 at the Main Street campus. Mr. Tad Rounds will take over responsibility of students, staff, and programs in Grade 6 in addition to Grades 7-12 as the Jr./Sr. High School develops a model middle level program. This structure prepares our District for the long term and allows our administrators to concentrate on the areas of their expertise. With only three full time administrators in the District next year, Hammondspport continues to have one of the smallest administrative teams in the area. However, with the help of leaders in many areas, the District has established a structure that should ensure success for years to come.

# Attention Parents

We are required to release student names, addresses, and telephone listings of Juniors and Seniors to the military branches as authorized by the "No Child Left Behind Act."

As a parent, you may choose not to have your child's name released. You must notify the school, ***IN WRITING***, by the start of the first school day in September to have your child's name removed from the list. Please direct your request to Mrs. Rocchi in the Guidance Office.



# HCS Celebrates the Arts

The arts came alive for the HCS community in the month of May. On May 12, members of the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra String Quartet performed for Hammondspport students in grades K through 12 in two separate assembly programs. The Quartet, which played a wide variety of selections for the students, will be in the Keuka Lake area this summer giving several concerts at various locations. For a listing of these concerts, visit [www.FingerLakes-Music.org](http://www.FingerLakes-Music.org). Our student concert was sponsored by Hammondspport Central School, Hammondspport P.T.O., and the Finger Lakes Chamber Music Festival.

On May 19, a K-6 Grade Band and Choral concert was held in the High School Auditorium. Performing groups included choral groups from each grade K-3, the Curtiss Chorus, Curtiss Beginning Band and Curtiss Symphonic Band.

Also on the 19th, K-12 artwork was on display in the "Hall of Art" located in the back hallway of the Primary Wing. Outstanding student pieces from all grade levels lined the hall for all to see and enjoy.



Pictured top right: Megan Erway and mom Yvonne Erway admire artwork created by the High School students displayed along the "Hall of Art." Right: The Curtiss Beginner Band performs during the K-6 Grade Band & Chorus Concert. Above: Elementary artwork on display in the "Hall of Art."

# Senior High Students Recognized for Academic Achievement

The Academic Awards Assembly was held Friday, May 29, 2009 at Hammondsport Central High School. Presentation of awards was as follows:

The Hammondsport Alumni Association presented several awards to graduating seniors: The Valedictorian Award of \$750 was presented to Stephanie Malone; the Salutatorian Award of \$750 was presented to Brian Stachnik; the Math Award of \$750 to Kelsey Lanphere; the Richard F. Krug Science Award of \$750 to Kelly Walling; the Marion S. French English Award of \$750 to Katherine Woods; the Moretti, Bidwell, & Magee Art Award of \$750 was presented to Megan Farmer; the History Award of \$750 was presented to Katherine Adams; the Jan Ketchum Special Achievement Award of \$1,000 was presented to Arlen Cornell.

Shelton Adams received a \$100.00 Savings Bond as the recipient of the Vine City Supply Technology Award. The Shirley's of Bath Technology Award was presented to Matthew Bussmann. He received a \$50.00 Savings Bond. The HESPA Technology Award of \$100 was given to Allison Martinez.

The Hammondsport Teachers Association presented awards to 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders for academic achievement. This year's 9<sup>th</sup> grade recipients of a \$50 Savings Bond were Jacob Albright, Kevin Benedict, and Susan Sincerbox. The 11<sup>th</sup> grade recipients of a \$50 Savings Bond were Mattie Catherman, Joshua Snyder, and Trevor Parke. The following seniors received \$200: Micah Armstrong, Arlen Cornell, Anton Zyla, Audrey Shippee, Aubrey Smith, Chloe Makarick, Crystal Bogart, Kelly Walling, and Tim Ullrich. Past graduates Ashlee Travis and Shawna Potter also received \$200.

The Hammondsport Association of Teaching Assistants Award of \$100 was given to Crystal Bogart.

Five Star Bank Awards for academic achievement were presented to Joshua Haluszczak and Kelsey Lanphere for \$100 each.

The Rotary Club Youth Citizenship

Award of \$50 was given to Arlen Cornell.

The Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award is given to a student who has attained high scholastic standing in the sciences. This year's recipient is Mattie Catherman. The award is a Bronze medallion, free application and \$30,000 scholarship eligibility to the University of Rochester.

The Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce presented a scholarship award of \$250 to a graduating senior who has demonstrated volunteerism in school and community. The award went to Brian Stachnik.

The Elias Carl Spanish Award of \$100 was given to Audrey Shippee. The Hammondsport Women's Club Spanish Award was given to Kristen Cornish for \$100.

The Sam Pennise D.D.S. and Cinnamon Stick Outstanding Business Student award of \$200 was presented to Amanda Peterson, she also received the Outstanding Business Student plaque.

The JS Hubbs Business Award was given to Katherine Adams for \$100.

The Hammondsport Public Library Award was presented to Kelsey Lanphere for \$100.

The Semper Fidelis award was received by Arlen Cornell.

The U.S. Marine Corps Scholastic Excellence Award was given to Chloe Makarick.

The Pulteney Ladies Auxiliary Award for special achievement and citizenship went to Audrey Shippee in the amount of \$100.00.

The Raymond E. Donley Personality Award was given to Kelsey Lanphere; her name will be engraved on the Raymond Donley plaque in the school.

Driver Education Award of \$125.00 from Shaw Insurance Agency was presented to Joshua Haluszczak.

The Hammondsport Firemans Auxiliary Award was presented to Keshia Day and Crystal Bogart for \$50 each.

The Wayne Fire Department Memorial

Citizenship Award was given to Kelsey Spinks for \$300.

The ServU Federal Credit Union Award of \$100 was given to Amanda Peterson.

The Thursday Nighters Award of \$150 was received by Jordan Ohradzanski.

The William H. Cohn History Award of \$100 and plaque were presented to Joshua Haluszczak.

The Principal's Award for Academic Excellence recognized the following students with \$25: Arlen Cornell, Brian Stachnik, Kelsey Lanphere, Kelly Walling, Chloe Makarick, and Stephanie Malone. This is for achieving high honor roll every quarter of 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The Clarkson University Achievement Award, offering a \$36,000 scholarship, was awarded to Mattie Catherman. The Clarkson University Leadership Award, offering a \$44,000 scholarship, was given to Diana Derr.

The Wells College 21<sup>st</sup> Century Leadership Award, offering \$40,000 for study at Wells, was presented to Annalee Mishrell.

The University of Rochester Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Humanities & Social Sciences Award, offering \$30,000 upon admission to U of R, was awarded to Diana Derr.

Perfect Attendance Awards were given to the following students for varying amounts: Jacob Albright, Katherine Coons, Elizabeth Kolodziejczak, Katie Pizura, Bennett Preston, Matthew Conger, Christopher Haluszczak, Ashley House, Ashlee Landolf, Breeana Brewer, Justyn Schuck, and Brian Stachnik.

The Parent Teacher Organization presented a \$100 Volunteer Award to Cora Moyer.

The University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Technology, with \$30,000 scholarship eligibility, was given to Joshua Snyder.

The Student Recognition Awards, recognizing positive citizenship, were given to the following students; Anton Zyla, Shelton Adams, Leah Gascon, Nate Adams, and Justin Lawrence.

The Helen Rubar Memorial Peace Scholarship, recognizing volunteer effort in all areas, was given to Kelly Walling and Micah Armstrong for \$350.

The University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leader Award, offering \$30,000 scholarship eligibility was given to Trevor Parke.

The Triple "C" Award, recognizing character, courage, and commitment, was given to Audrey Shippee and Arlen Cornell.

The VFW Webster Hill Conklin Post 1470 Ladies Auxiliary Award was given to Katherine Adams for \$50.

The Steuben County School Boards Academic All Stars Award was given to Kelsey Lanphere and Katherine Woods for \$100.

The Roberta Bailey Wambold Memorial Scholarship, honoring commitment to education, was presented to Crystal Bogart for \$750.

The New York State Education Department in conjunction with the NYS Board of Regents presented Scholarships for Academic Excellence to Stephanie Malone for \$500, and to Brian Stachnik for \$1500.

Student Council Award of \$150 was

given to Brian Stachnik.

The Russell Sage College Recognition Award with \$15,000 scholarship eligibility was awarded to Bethany Leggett.

The Ceramic Association of New York (CANY) Scholastic Recognition Award was given to Mattie Catherman.

The first annual Susan Schroeder Bethke Award, honoring a student pursuing a career in Art, for \$1,000 was presented to Megan Farmer.

The Mildred A. Para Memorial Scholarship awards a student pursuing a career related to family and consumer science. This year's recipient was Micah Armstrong for \$250.

The Hammondsport Chamber of Commerce Creative Arts Scholarship for \$250 was presented to Chloe Makarick.

The Elmira College Key Award, offering \$40,000 over four years was awarded to Kristen Cornish and Bradley Jones.

The Bath Rotary Club awarded Kelsey Lanphere and Chloe Makarick each with a \$1,000 scholarship.

The Keuka Lake Players "All the World's A Stage" award for \$200 was given to Kelsey Lanphere.

Arlen Cornell received a plaque for his receipt of the "Music In Our Lives" Piano Award.

Veteran's Memorial Scholarships of \$250 each were awarded to Katherine Adams, Anton Zyla, Richard Wendlandt, Ryan Welles, Kelsey Spinks, Aubrey Smith, Elizabeth Reardon, Elsa Milani, Kelsey Lanphere, and Crystal Bogart.

The Veteran's Administration Federal Credit Union Scholarship of \$500 was given to Arlen Cornell.

The Paul McGuire Scholarship of \$500 was presented to Kelly Walling.

The Youth for Christ Scholarship was given to Arlen Cornell for \$4,000.

The Patricia M. Beilby Memorial Scholarship of \$300 was given to Kelly Clemens.

The William Fenn Hopkins Memorial Scholarship was given to Micah Armstrong for \$200.

Certificates for Outstanding Academic Excellence were presented to Brian Stachnik, and Outstanding Academic Achievement to Stephanie Malone.



**2009 Senior High Academic Award Winners**

## Calendar Items

### June

- 11 Senior Recognition Concert
- 15 Marking Period 4 ends
- 16 Regents begin; Early Dismissal K-6, 1:20 pm
- 17 Early Dismissal K-6, 1:20 pm; BOE Meeting, 7 pm
- 18 Early Dismissal K-6, 1:20 pm
- 22 4th & 5th Grade Awards, 9 am; Early Dismissal K-6, 1:20 pm
- 23 6th Grade Graduation, 9 am; Early Dismissal K-6, 1:20 pm
- 24 K-6 Moving Up Day; Early Dismissal K-6, 11:30 am
- 26 Graduation, 6 pm

## Laker Volleyball Camp



June 29, 30 and July 1  
9:30 am - 12:00 pm  
Cost: \$35

Learn basic skills in passing, setting, serving and hitting, as well as the rules of the game and court strategies

**For girls & boys going into grades 4 - 7.**

Registration forms can be picked up in the Curtiss and Primary Offices or downloaded from the school website under the Varsity Volleyball webpage.

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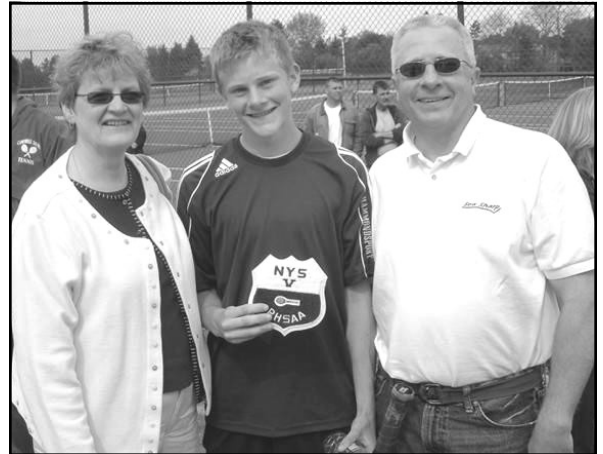
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## Haluszczak Ends Season as County Champ

Congratulations to Sophomore Chris Haluszczak who had one of the best tennis seasons in Hammondsport's recent history. He finished the season 21-4 overall (14-1 regular season), placed third in sectionals and won the County Championship. Two of Chris's four losses came to Senior Aaron Rygiel from Alfred Almond. Aaron had been undefeated in his entire varsity career before Chris avenged his two losses to defeat Aaron in the last two matches of the season culminating in a Steuben County Championship.

Chris's only other losses this season came to Perry's undefeated sectional champion Mitch Geusno and to Jason Tahir, who is currently ranked #6 in the nation (16 and under).

Congrats Chris on your County Championship and an overall outstanding season!



Chris Haluszczak with Mom, Carol, and Dad, William, after receiving his sectional patch.

## Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

June 10, 2009

6:00 pm

High School Library

Four HCS Alumni will be honored at this event.

Duane Doherty, Robert V. Magee and Ellen Shaw will be inducted into the Wall of Fame for Lifetime Achievement.

Steven Carrasas will be inducted as a Gold Star Memorial honoree.

Light refreshments will be served and the public is cordially invited to attend.