# HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL

## Laker Lines

May 2009



## Malone Vies for **National Cheerleader** of the Year

Congratulations to Senior Cheerleader Stephanie Malone who recently learned she is a finalist for the title of National Cheerleader of the Year.

Steph was nominated by her coach, Ami Corell, who submitted her high school transcript, resume of cheerleading career, and a video of Stephanie to a selection committee comprised of leaders in the cheerleading and spirit industry from all over the country. The selection committee then narrowed the field to 50 semi-finalists.

As a semi-finalist, the nominee must submit a portfolio made-up of: 1) letters of reference from the coach, a school administrator, and a community member/business leader, 2) personal resume, 3) written statement of why she should be considered for the award. 4) an essay on a topic provided by the selection committee, 5) a DVD interview of the nominee using guestions provided by the selection committee, 6) a DVD of required cheer skills, 7) additional pages of pictures, scrapbooks, awards or anything else the nominee wants to in-The nominees must then complete a phone interview with one of the members of the selection committee before the finalists are chosen. Based on Stephanie's portfolio and her interview, she was chosen as one of the ten finalists!

When she competes for the title, her score from all of the preliminary phases is used as 25% of her overall score, then she will complete two different panel interviews that each

## A Message from the BOE

#### What Does the School Board Do, Anyway?

by BOE President Jim Zimar

Years ago, a newly elected board member was approached by a parent who was upset because the school board had not ordered new socks for the soccer team. The green trustee listened quietly--unsure of what to say--until the parent finished and left.

What should the board member have done? Could the board member have ordered the socks? Should the board have ordered the socks? What does the school board do, anyway?

The school board has three main jobs:

- 1) Pay the district's share of the cost of educating our children with the revenue from real property tax.
- 2) Hire the superintendent and evaluate the superintendent's performance. The superintendent reports to the board. Everyone else who works for our district reports (directly or indirectly) to the superintendent.
- 3) Decide school district policy. Policy is a set of written guidelines saying what the district will and will not do or allow. Much of this policy is written to comply with state and federal laws and regulations.

Also, the school board has authority only when acting as a unit. Individual board members do not have the authority to act alone. The new board member had no authority to order socks for the soccer team, and it was not the board's job to order the socks, either.

What should a board member do in such a situation? A board member should certainly listen. A board member should use the opportunity to teach about the role of the board and the roles of other people in the district. A board member should ask the parent to seek a solution near the problem. In this case, the student and the parent should talk with the coach first. If they don't reach an understanding, the athletic director should be brought into the discussion. The next step involves the building principal. The superintendent is next, and then the school board. A genuine attempt must be made close to the situation first and at each successive step. Going straight to the top should lead to starting at the beginning. A board member should also inform the superintendent so that the superintendent can follow the

## Juning High Wes from Hammondsport Central School District Superintendent Kyle Bower

One of the favorite parts of my day is having lunch in the cafeteria with the students. As a teacher I usually ate with my students, just to share some conversation that wasn't related to grades and academics. I wanted to know them as young people. I continued to value that time as a principal and I continue to do it as much as possible in this new role. Today I had the pleasure of eating with two 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. I usually try to engage the kids in conversation about what's going on with them, what they've learned that day, or any conversation they want to have. As we all know, the art of dinner time conversation is getting lost. One word answers such as fine, good, and nothing always seem to dominate the conversation, never at these lunch conversations however.

I have known both of these 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students for many years. We've had many conversations before. Today one of them couldn't stop talking about his grades and what he's learning. In math it's all about division. The teacher is using a computer to write on and what she writes goes right up on the screen. I asked him if he thought the computer tablet helped him. He says it's easier for him to read and it helps him understand because he can see it on the board and in his mind. He really enjoys math now and his grade is in the 90's.

He's also very proud of his reading grade. We talked about how hard reading was for him last year, he easily got upset and he really struggled. Now his grade was in the 80's and he's remembering the things he reads about. I ask him what he thinks the difference is between last year and this year. He answers quickly, "This year I listen." I thought about his answer briefly and then said to him, things always work out better when you listen. I gave him a high five and we both tucked our napkins in our milk carton and took our trays up. Rules are rules.

Listening is hard. Of all the academic skills that we teach in our classrooms, this is a life skill that is perhaps the most difficult of all. Listening isn't hearing. We usually hear what is being said to us, but many times we don't listen. Over the next month I'm going to make a conscious effort to do more listening. I challenge you to have a conversation at the dinner table between Little League and homework. Turn off the radio in the car. Take a walk together with no IPODS or Playstation. Talk with your child, a student, a coworker, or a friend and don't just hear what they say, but really listen. Things always work out better that way.

progress of the solution.

The coach would still have the authority to decide what to do about the socks and the responsibility to take care of the situation.

The board would still have the authority to ask the superintendent to make sure that the issue is dealt with and the responsibility to avoid stepping on the toes in anyone else's socks along the way.

Laker Lines is the official newsletter of the Hammondsport 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 nine new members of the Hammondsport Chapter of the National Honor These students were selected based upon their commitment of scholarship, service, character, and leadership. Also, thank-you to Mrs. Demmin and Ms. Trickey for organizing the ceremony and to the PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) for hosting the reception following the ceremony.

Final exams and Regents exams are right around the corner and students should start preparing now. School Island and www.Regentsprep.org are great web based review sites. The last day of school for seventh and eighth grade students will be June 15. Final exams and Regents exams are scheduled for June 16 through June 24. A letter will go home in early June with end-of-year schedules and events. With the warm weather here to stay, parents are asked to ensure that the dress code is adhered to as stated in the code of conduct.

May and June has several concerts and award assemblies scheduled. Please refer to the district calendar a n d web site (www.hammondsportcsd.org) for upcomina events. We are also honored to have members of the 1946 Sectional Championship baseball team presenting their game ball to the district at our Sport Awards on June 4. Please call or email me with any questions or concerns.

## Notes from the **Elementary Principal's Office**

The springtime ushers in the final ten weeks of school with a renewed focus as teachers, students and parents remind themselves that the school year is not yet complete. Even though the last of the state tests (4<sup>th</sup> grade science) were administered April 28 and 29 classroom instruction continues to focus on learning and meeting grade level expectations. Given the demands of in and out of school activities, longer daylight hours, and the rigors of instruction, it is imperative that the school community and parents recognize the importance of helping children set priorities and budget their time appropriately. To help with this please

take note of the May events already scheduled:

In addition, parents • are reminded to check • their child's take home folders and student agendas daily for important mesand  $\bullet$ sages, updates announcements regarding end of the year activities and additions to the calendar.

- May 8 & 15 Auditions for K-6 Talent Show @ 2:30 pm
- May 8 DARE Assembly @ 1:15 PM
- May 12 K-6 Music Assembly by The Finger Lakes Chamber Group @ 8:45 am
- May 12 & 14 Kindergarten Screening
- May 13 Leading Lakers Reception 6:30 pm
- May 13 Author's Tea 6<sup>th</sup> grade @ 8:00 am
- May 19 Spring Music Concert @ 7:00 pm
- May 21 K-6 Talent Show @ 9:00 am
- May 22 & 25 No School, Memorial Day

#### Attention Parents of **Elementary Students**

Parents may no longer request teachers for their students for the 2009-2010 school year as our K-6 classrooms will be down to two sections. This is consistent with the policy outlined in the Elementary Handbook.

## he Best of Times



Pictured from left: Madison Wright, Guy House, Brianna Hawley, Thomas Kressly

Mrs. Binkowski's and Mrs. Sanford's first grade classes have been busy creating timelines that document important events in their lives. The students completed a reading unit that got them thinking about treasures that we share and special times we share with our families. Each student created a thoughtful memoir that included at least 4 important life events. Many of the students included special times such as first birthdays, first hair cuts, and the arrival of new siblings!

### Save the Date for the **2nd Annual** Run, Walk or Crawl

Saturday, June 13th



**Details and reg**istration information will be available soon on our District website

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count as 25% of her overall score, followed by an individual performance done at the National Cheerleading Coaches conference in front of delegates from all over the country and world for the final 25% of her total score. The winner gets \$4500/year college scholarship payable to their secondary institution, is featured on the cover of American Cheerleader Magazine, serves as the spokesperson for Cheer Ltd. for the following year, and attends numerous national cheerleading events as an ambassador for the sport itself and Cheer, Ltd. who sponsors the NCOTY award.

Stephanie is planning on attending Duquesne University next fall where she will cheer for the Division I Dukes Sports Teams while majoring in forensic accounting. Congratulations Steph and good luck in your pursuit of National Cheerleader of the Year!

## IN OTHER CHEERLEADING NEWS...

Hammondsport Senior Elizabeth Reardon made HCS proud by being chosen as one of the top 16 cheerleaders in Section V. She cheered on a team made up of the best from all over our section at the McDonald's All-Star games in Rochester on March 28. The McDonald's games serve as a fundraiser for the Ronald McDonald Houses of Greater Rochester, and raise close to \$10,000 annually with help from Section V Girls' and Boys' Basketball players and cheerleaders. As part of the team, Liz attended a press conference for the athletes at 'the house', as well as a banquet in their honor at the RIT Inn & Conference Center. Section V Cheerleading Co-Chair Pam Palmer was able to present the director of the Rochester Houses a check for \$4100 at the banquet, raised for them by the cheerleaders

## FBLA Members Travel to State Leadership Conference

Katie Adams and Amanda Peterson of Hammondsport Central School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Club traveled to the Rochester Convention Center in Rochester, New York to attend the 44<sup>th</sup> annual FBLA State Leadership Conference April 22 - 24. Both competed in various business competitions including Business Law, Marketing, Chapter Business Display and Business Ownership and Marketing. Students also participated as voting delegates in the election of new state officers. Katie Adams took fifth place honors in the Business Law competition. In addition to the competitions, students attended district and state meetings. The FBLA club would like to thank the community for your support in their fund raising efforts that made the trip possible.



Pictured left: Amanda Peterson (left) and Katie Adams (right) standing next to their Chapter Display based on this year's conference theme, Laying the Foundation for Our Future.

## PTO to Sponsor Book Fair, Formal Closet

The Hammondsport PTO will be sponsoring a Book Fair for grades 7-12 from May 26-29 during school hours, and on the evening of June 2 during the Russ Cutshall dinner. Be sure to check out some of the new books available to buy for your summertime reading! Proceeds help the PTO support High School programming and can also be used to acquire free books for the school.

The PTO sponsored "Formal Closet" will once again be open in preparation for the Prom. If you have any formal wear to donate to our lending closet, please drop it off at the High School Office. We are especially in need of men's neckties, dress shirts and shoes. If you are going to the prom, check out the "Formal Closet" selections to borrow so you can save some money for something else you may need or want.

## **Chicken BBQ**

Sponsored by HCS Cheerleaders

May 9th

at the

Hammondsport Fire Department

Pick-ups from 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Tickets can be purchased from any HCS Cheerleader



## Spanish Club Raises \$ for Puerto Rico Trip

The HCS Spanish Club has been busy preparing for their upcoming cultural immersion trip to Puerto Rico scheduled for July 6-10. While visiting Puerto Rico, the students will study the history of San Juan and Ponce. They will also visit traditional villages and sample authentic Puerto Rican foods. The island is full of interesting activities and sites, such as El Yunque Rainforest and the bioluminescent lagoons. The students have been busy earning money through bake sales, carwashes and concession sales in order to pay for their trip. Each student must earn over \$1,000 to cover the cost of transportation and scheduled cultural activities. In order to meet their goal, future fundraising activities include a Mother's Day breakfast at the Hammondsport Firehouse on May 10 from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. There will also be a bake sale and iPod raffle held during the American Legion Fish Fry on May 15 at the Legion. Please come out and support the club activities!

## District Updates Students of the Quarter

### **Curtiss Building**

The District is still working to find agencies that may want to lease space in the Curtiss building beginning July 1, 2010. A promotional brochure is being produced that will be sent out to area colleges, government agencies, community groups, and BOCES that will showcase the building and all it has to offer. We will be working over the next year to continue to find tenants for the Curtiss building that will bring in revenue to offset the expense of operating the building. The classroom spaces are no longer needed due to our current enrollment of 560 students and that was the basis of the Board of Education's decision last year to move to one campus in 2009-2010.

### **EXCEL Project**

Construction meetings have begun and we are on schedule to begin EXCEL project work in June. We will be starting before school is out by installing some of the card swipe door systems and video monitors. Workers will be in the Main Street Building in the evenings running wires through ceilings and handling other infrastructure work. The Curtiss Building will be closed to the public and all outside events beginning July 1. Asbestos abatement will begin at that time. We hope to have all work complete so teachers can begin preparing their classrooms in mid-August. Plans are being finalized to provide a covered entry into the Elementary Wing of the Main Street Campus. This will tie into the sidewalk replacement project and will provide a safer entry/ exit point for students, staff and visitors. The EXCEL money from the State is targeted aid that must be used for very specific improvements such as these. All of these components are part of the EXCEL building project approved by the voters in 2007. There is no tax levy impact as a result of the EXCEL work to be done this summer.

### **Shared Services**

On April 24, the District and the Village of Hammondsport collaborated to plant three trees in the area once occupied by the old bus garage. The District purchased one of the trees and received one from the Village Beautification Committee and one from Arbor Development. The tree received from Arbor Development was replanted in honor of a former student, Ryan French, whose original memorial tree was planted in the village and accidentally destroyed. Members of the Garden Club, Ms. Waterstraat's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class, as well as Ryan's family were on hand to fill in the dirt and get the trees off to a good start.

Jeffrey Dencenburg and Chloe Makarick have been selected as Students of the Quarter for the 3rd marking period of the 2008-2009 school year. These students were nominated by their teachers for their outstanding contributions to HCS. To be eligible, students must be in grades 9-12, hold a Class A pass, and maintain an 85 or above average. Congratulations Jeffrey and Chloe!

### Student of the Quarter

**Full Name:** 

Jeffrey Dencenburg

**Favorite Subject in School:** Math

Hobbies/Activities:

hunting, fishing and woodworking

**Future Plans:** 

Go to college for cabinetry

Three words that best describe vourself:

hard working, funny, smart



## Student of the Quarter

Full Name: Chloe Makarick

Favorite Subject in School: English and Spanish

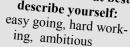
Hobbies/Activities:

soccer, basketball, photography, hiking

**Future Plans:** 

Attend Kent State University to major in photojournalism.

> Three words that best describe yourself:





## **NHS Inducts Nine**

On April 24, 2009, nine new members were inducted into the Hammondsport Chapter of the National Honor Society before an audience of parents, faculty, and the student body. A traditional ceremony was held which included student speeches. lighting of the four candles symbolizing character, scholarship, leadership, and service, and tapping of new inductees.

Congratulations to the following inductees: Trevor Parke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and



The current members of NHS are: Katherine Adams, daughter of Ms. Bernadette Webster of Hammondsport, and Mr. Michael Adams of Hammondsport; Arlen Cornell, son of Mr. Thomas Cornell and Ms. Amy Robinson of Hammondsport; Jennifer Gordon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick and Kim Gordon of Hammondsport; Joshua Haluszczak, son of Mr. William and Dr. Carol Holobinko Haluszczak of Hammondsport; Kelsey Lanphere, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Bridgette Lanphere of Hammondsport; Chloe Makarick, daughter of Ms. Elizabeth Makarick of Hammondsport and Mr. Scott Makarick of Hammondsport; Stephanie Malone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Connie Malone of Hammondsport; Amanda Peterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Christine Peterson of Hammondsport; Audrey Shippee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Patricia Shippee of Hammondsport; Kelsey Spinks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig and Colleen Spinks of Hammondsport; Brian Stachnik, son of Ms. Lynne Stachnik of Hammondsport; Kelly Walling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James and Diane Walling of Hammondsport; Katherine Woods, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Woods of Hammondsport.

Also, congratulations goes out to Mrs. Gina Pfleegor, High School Art Teacher, who was inducted as an honorary member of the National Honor Society.

## "Hall of Art"

Come to the "Hall of Art" May 19, 2009

Starting at 6 PM

View the **outstanding art work** of our

Hammondsport students in grades K - 12.

Located in the back hallway of the Primary Wing!

## **Attention Parents**

We are required to release student names, addresses, and telephone listings of Juniors and Seniors to the military branches as authorized 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.



## 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Announced

#### **High Honor Roll**

#### Seventh Grade

Elizabeth Albright
Taylin Bower
Lori Gordon
Korynne House
Trenton Kolodziejczak
Lucas Peacock
Nicholas Peacock
Hannah Ridge
Sydney Sprague

#### **Eighth Grade**

Connor Amsden Michael Bestys Lauren Binnert Brooke Clark Ryan Eckel Megan Erway Sydney Farmer Kareena Hoyt Matthew Lowin Alissa Walruth Mary Webber

#### Ninth Grade

Jacob Albright
Kevin Benedict
Matthew Bussmann
Lindsey Draper
Michaela Kinney
Andrea Miller
Matthew Peterson
Bennett Preston
Susan Sincerbox

#### **Tenth Grade**

Rachel Armstrong
Nicholas Bagley
Kateland Ball
Reagan Ball
Kyle Dencenburg
Brandi Egresi
Brooke Gordon
Christopher Haluszczak
Hannah Jacquier
Joshua Malone
Cora Moyer
Kelly Perz
Cassidy Riekofski
Cejae Scotchmer

Cameron Wade Brandon Walruth Peter Woods

#### **Eleventh Grade**

Mattie Catherman Kristen Cornish Diana Derr Bethany Leggett Annalee Mishrell Trevor Parke

#### **Twelfth Grade**

Katherine Adams
Micah Armstrong
Arlen Cornell
Jeffrey Dencenburg
Jennifer Gordon
Kelsey Lanphere
Chloe Makarick
Stephanie Malone
Audrey Shippee
Kelsey Spinks
Brian Stachnik
Christine Tipton
Kelly Walling
Katherine Woods

#### **Honor Roll**

#### **Seventh Grade**

Marissa Andersen Brandi Bailev John Baliguin Tyler Baroody Caitlin Burns Gaige Dickerson Carrington Ellis Claudia Eygabroat-Guerin Lauren Farmer Rvan Graves Chelsea Hansen Zayna Hartman Claire Kolodziejczak Dalton Mori Benjamin Puschert Jordan Schuck Dakota Stone David VonRhedev

## Chandos Young **Eighth Grade**

Brianna Bergstresser Gavin Cornish Dustin Deal Kirklin Koseba Laurie Smith

#### Ninth Grade

Cody Clemens Audrey Derr Lukas Dickerson Jesse Gardiner Katie Pizura Michael Quade David Ridge

#### **Tenth Grade**

Kate Brown
Brynn Day
Emily Drake
Ashley House
Jenna Ohradzanski
Kathleen Tyler

#### Eleventh Grade

Jordon Bernd Connor Davis Ryan House Bradley Jones Justyn Schuck Joshua Snyder Taylor Wade

#### **Twelfth Grade**

Andrea Akers
Crystal Bogart
Charlene Drake
Joshua Haluszczak
Amanda Peterson
Elizabeth Reardon
Aubrey Smith
Steffany Vahue
Richard Withey



## **HCS Artist of the Month**

The Laker Lines is proud to present the "Artist of the Month" section in the newsletter which recognizes our resident artistic talents. Initiated by High School Art Teacher Gina Pfleegor, an outstanding artist is chosen from one of her art classes each month and is featured with his/her artwork in the Laker Lines. This month, we are recognizing Senior **Kate Adams** for her scratchboard piece (pictured left) created in her drawing class. Below, we learn a little more about Kate and her art through an interview conducted by Mrs. Pfleegor.

What is your favorite kind of artwork to create? Self portraits in oil pastels

What kind of art are you most drawn to? Monet

Tell us about this artwork – was this done for a class or on your own? What was the assignment or what were you trying to create? This was a scratchboard assignment from Drawing class. You scratch away the black to create an image using positive and negative space.

How long have you been creating art? For my whole life

How do you see art being a part of your future? I hope to continue taking art courses in college.

### **Calendar Items**

#### Mav

- 11 Golf @ County Tourn., Tennis @ AA, VBB & VSB (H)
- 12 Kindergarten Screening, Public Hearing for Budget Vote, 6 pm; BOE Meeting, 7 pm; Track @ CG
- 13 VBB & VSB @ Avoca, Golf (H)
- 14 Kindergarten Screening; MSB & MBB (H)
- 15 Tennis @ Addison, VBB & VSB @ Bradford
- 16 Tennis County Championship, Track @ Wellsville
- 18 Track @ Arkport, Tennis (H), VBB & VSB (H)
- 19 Budget & Trustee Vote; Art Extravaganza spring Concert, 7 pm; Tennis Team Sectionals
- 20 Tennis Team Sectionals
- 21 Tennis Team Sectionals,
- 22 No School; VBB & VSB @ Prattsburgh, Track @ CS
- 23 MBB Double Header (H)
- 25 No School, Memorial Day
- 27 MSB & MBB (H)
- 29 Senior High Awards Assembly; MBB (H)
- 30 Mod Tennis Jamboree (H), Track @ Bolivar

#### <u>June</u>

- 1 PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 2 Russ Cutshall Dinner, 6:00 pm
- 3 8th Grade Soc. Studies Assessment
- 4 8th Grade Soc. Studies Assessment
- 5 Formal Headshots for Juniors; Junior High Awards; Track @ Cal-Mum State Qualifier

#### 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 Hammondsport 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

#### **Manhattan String Quartet Performance at HCS**

The sounds of world-class chamber music will be heard in the High School Auditorium on Monday evening, May 11 at 7:00 pm as members of the Manhattan Chamber Orchestra with founding director Richard Auldon Clark present an exciting program for people of all ages. This performance is sponsored by Hammondsport Central School, Hammondsport P.T.O., and the Finger Lakes Chamber Music Festival. Admission is free and all are welcome.



## **Sports Awards Program**

June 4, 2009 at 7 PM

## Glenn Curtiss Elementary Announces Leading Lakers for April

Each week, *Leading Lakers* are chosen by the Elementary Staff. *Leading Lakers* are students who are real leaders throughout the school environment. They must be students that others should follow because of their ability to be a model student and exemplify the LAKERS motto.



Row 1: Andrew Hill, Serina Duffy, Madison Sprague, Aleah Ordway, Natalie Lowin, Travis Raab. Row 2:

## Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

June 10, 2009 6:00 pm High School Library

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