



HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Laker Lines

December 2009

Faculty vs. All-Stars Game Helps Community



Pictured left from left: Curtiss Student Government members Katelyn Hoyt, Ashlyn Amsden, Jillian Farmer, Victoria Yahn and Nathan Shippee pose with some of the many food items collected for the Loaves and

Fishes Food Pantry during the 2nd Annual Faculty vs. All-Stars Basketball Game held on November 6, 2009. Entry fee for the event was a non-perishable item or a monetary donation to Community Services. **Pictured right:** HCS faculty members battle the firemen for a rebound. The firemen ended up winning the contest by a score of 64-58, avenging last year's three point loss. Many thanks to the community members who came out to support this highly entertaining event.



Aiming High

*News from Hammondspport Central School
District Superintendent Kyle Bower*

Thank you to all of the parents and students that took the time to come in and meet with teachers during the recent Parent Conferences.

Recently, I had a conversation with a high school student and we were comparing similarities of the processes of achieving weight loss and achieving academic success. Personal wellness has a basic formula that is very successful: watch what you eat, be active, get plenty of rest and drink plenty of water. Although people are always bombarded with quick fixes and miracle diets, any benefits are always short-lived and never produce lasting results. Healthy living is a lifestyle and not a short term intervention. One important key to long term success is to surround oneself with people who have similar healthy habits and want similar positive results. Healthy living has to be a priority in a person's life or it will not be achieved.

The formula for academic success is similar. Academic success has to be a priority in a student's life or it will not be achieved; there are no quick fixes or short cuts. The basic formula of hard work, high expectations, and parental support is the only way to yield long lasting positive results. If success and achievement are not valued by both parents and students, they will not be realized. When parents and teachers communicate and work together, they can show that success is valued; when students become involved, the third leg of the stool is complete and it can stand.

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.

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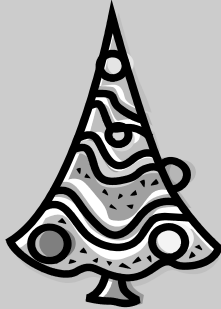
From the Desk of H.S. Principal Tad Rounds

Congratulations to the band, chorus and Drama Club for their successful productions in November. It is a privilege for our students to be able to perform in a community that values the arts. Hammondsport had the honor of sending ten students to Area All State for band and chorus. The students are as follows: Kelly Perz, Nick Hopkins, Lauren Binnert, Elizabeth Albright, Cejae Scotchmer, Brynn Day, Susan Sincerbox, Michelle Gardner, Cora Moyer and Jessica Anthony. Also, congratulations to Brittany Hyde and Joanna Northrup who won the Steuben County Good Citizenship Award. The Boy's Varsity Soccer team also deserves recognition for winning the Steuben County's Sportsmanship Award.

A special thank you to parents who attended conferences in November, our turnout was excellent. Your input and concerns are always valued. On Friday, December 4 we held a Purple and White Day to kick off the winter sports season. Parents are reminded that the progress report period ends Friday, December 11 and reports will be sent home with students the following week. The Junior/Senior High Holiday Concert is scheduled for Tuesday, December 22. Please enjoy the holiday season with your family and friends.

Tree Honors Men & Women In Armed Services

The Christmas tree honoring our servicemen and women, past and present, will be decorated again this year in front of the District Office. Perhaps this holiday season you will come across a picture you would like to put on the tree. Please bring it to the office and we'll be happy to "frame" it and hang it on our tree. Include any information you would like!



Elementary News

by Elementary Principal Michelle Sincerbox

Thank you parents of 5th graders for your work in getting your children to school on time and prepared for the NYS social studies test this past month. The students worked hard and all make-ups were completed in plenty of time for the trip to St. Bonaventure.

Recognition was given last month to three of our students, one at each grade level 4-6 for the Steuben County Government Good Citizenship Award. Congratulations to 6th grader Maisie Tones, 5th grader Zoe Zumbro and 4th grader Lourenze Baliquin. The students and parents attended a small ceremony in our school cafeteria. This award included a \$150.00 gift card to Walmart.

As always, December is a busy time with concerts, assemblies, and holidays. Although it is a busy time, I ask that we all keep in mind that learning is still a priority at school. Please keep your children on a schedule that does not interfere with their routines too much. The holidays and routine changes cause stress on students as much as it does adults.

Dates to remember:

PTO Meeting- December 7, 6:30pm

Parent Advisory Meeting- December 15, 6-7pm

BOE meeting- December 16, 7pm

PK-3 Holiday Concert- December 17, 6-6:30pm

4-6 Grade Holiday Concert - December 17, 7-8 pm

Curtiss Holiday Celebration - December 22, 1:15 pm

Thanks for all you do and have a safe and healthy holiday season.

Dear Hammondsport Community,

Thank you so much for your donations to the food pantry during our trick-or-treat for canned goods event. In our current economic situation it is especially important that we help out those in need. Hammondsport has always been good to those in the community who are in need and it is great to see that continue despite the hard times for everyone. If we were not able to collect from your house we apologize, but we thank you for the thought and support. This year we collected around 300 food items that will go to families in need in our community.

Thanks again,

The National Honor Society



Recent Town Hall Meetings

Thank you to the people that showed up at the recent HCS Town Hall Meetings held in the Towns of Pulteney, Wayne, Urbana and in the High School Cafeteria.

There were many good questions relating to the Curtiss School as well as the overall operation of the District. In an effort to continue to keep the lines of communication open, another set of meetings will be held in the same locations prior to the school budget vote in May. The School Board will be making final decisions regarding the Curtiss School property in the months to come. Stay tuned!

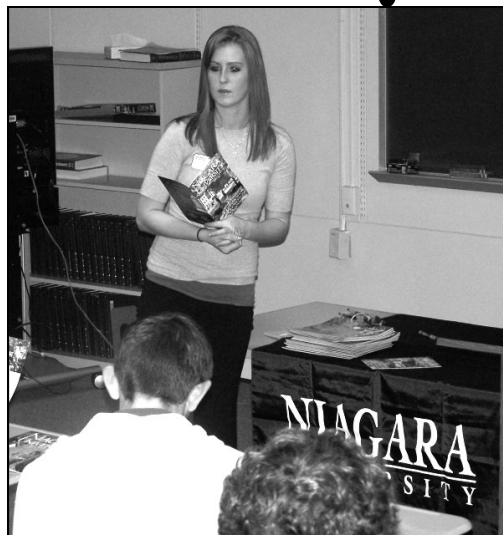
Bon Voyage

December 2009 will be my last month as Transportation Supervisor after many years in the District. Bill Fries will be taking over in January and I wish him all the best. To the staff and administration, thank you for all your support and help over the years. To the mechanics and drivers, you are the best in the business. To all the students over the years I will remember your laughter, your hugs, your tears, and watching you grow and become adults. Good luck to all of you.

Cindy Tollerup

HCS Grad Returns as Ambassador for Niagara U.

Anna Curtis, a 2008 Hammondsport graduate, came back to talk to current HCS seniors about her experiences at Niagara University. Anna was selected as an Ambassador through the Admissions Office at Niagara University and volunteers her time to talk to high school students. Currently, Anna is a sophomore at Niagara University, majoring in Events Planning. In addition to serving as an Ambassador, Anna is a resident assistant.



2010 Vintage Yearbooks On Sale Now!

Your Junior/Senior High student will no doubt enjoy having his or her own copy of the 2010 Vintage Yearbook. For years to come, the yearbook will be a special souvenir of high school classes, activities and friends. Please complete the order form below and return it to the student's homeroom teacher with a check for the total amount. **Checks can be made payable to Hammondsport Central School Vintage Yearbook.** A student can also purchase a yearbook using 46 Laker Leader coupons. This year we will be adding several new features. For the first time, every page will be in color. There will be a free 8 page autograph section and a 16 page World Book, including significant world events from the past year. Don't wait, all orders need to be in no later than **January 15, 2010.**

2010 Vintage Yearbook Price: \$23.15

Tax: \$1.85

Total Amount to be Paid: \$25.00

With Name Personalized on Front Cover: _____

Yearbook Price: \$23.15

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Personalization: \$5.00

Tax: \$2.26

Total amount to be paid for yearbook plus 1 line of personalization : \$30.41

Add a second line of personalization: _____

(Neatly PRINT exactly what is to be on cover)

Total amount to be paid for yearbook plus 2 lines of personalization : \$35.81

Icons: 1 for \$5.00; up to 4 icons _____

Neatly print the exact icon code from the back of the order form

(To purchase icons, the yearbook must be personalized)

Yearbook with one line of personalization \$30.41 plus _____ icons @\$5.00 each = \$ _____.

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Total Check amount: _____ OR attach 46 Laker Leader Coupons _____

Student's Name: _____ Grade/Homeroom Teacher: _____

Checks should be made out to Hammondsport Central School Vintage Yearbook

"A Christmas Carol" Kicks off the Holiday Season

by Joanne Le Clair

Students in the 7 – 12 Grade Drama Club performed John Jakes' touring adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* November 13 and 14 in the Main Street School's auditorium. Presented as an ensemble production, cast members were responsible for finding their own costumes, hand props and make-up. Families also helped with finding set pieces, such as chairs and coat racks, while students in the ACE Introduction to Theatre class made additional set pieces. Cameron Wade designed the grandfather clock, and Mattie Catherman designed the lamp post; Rachel Armstrong, Breeana Brewer and Alysia Hilligus assisted in the construction of those items as well as cemetery stones for one of the final scenes and handling publicity and ticket sales. Austin Wise designed and ran the lights for the production. Some of the favorite props of the cast included the spirit puppets designed by Drama Club Advisor Mrs. Joanne Le Clair. Cast members operated the stick puppets providing special effects during scenes involving spirits, and then actually wore the masks during Scrooge's repenting scene near the end of the play. Cameron Wade did an excellent job manipulating the creepy Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come puppet; and Arianna Turner added comic relief becoming the clock's chimes.



Cast and crew from "A Christmas Carol"

were Annie Stone as Belinda Cratchit, Fan, and a child; Zayna Hartman as the Host, Fezziwig, a Businessman and Gentleman of Charity, and Street Boy with the Turkey; Cameron Wade also as the Beggar; and Arianna Turner also as the Child Ebenezer, Dick, and lovable Tiny Tim who manages to capture Scrooge's heart and compassion. "God bless [them], everyone!"

HCS Teaching Assistant Lends a "Warm" Hand to Troops Overseas

On Wednesday, November 25, Jan Harrington, a teaching/technology assistant at HCS, participated in an American Red Cross annual event to assemble care packages to send to servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. Students from East High School in Corning, as well as other area volunteers, packed boxes to be sent to soldiers in time for the Christmas holiday.

Jan became involved in the project when she learned that her future son-in-law would be going to Iraq for a one-year tour. Wanting to help out in some way, she found a knitting pattern for something called glomitts, which are fingerless gloves with a mitten type cover to go over the fingers when needed. When the mitten is pulled back, the fingers are free to move. She thought it would be nice to do something for the soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan by knitting pairs of glomitts. Jan enlisted the knitting tal-

ents of Nancy Drum, a regular volunteer at Hammondspport Central School, and Barbara Brayer, a retired Teaching Assistant at Hammondspport.

Jan, Nancy, and Barb made a total of 27 pairs of glomitts throughout the summer and fall.

As the knitting progressed, Jan contacted the American Red Cross to find out how the glomitts could be delivered



Pictured above: A glomitt, or fingerless glove with a mitten-type cover.

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1st Quarter Honor Roll Announced

High Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Alyson Binnert
 Quentin Carvajal
 Collin Graves
 Kourtney Hoyt
 Eric Lannon
 Aaron Lowin
 Olivia Makarick
 Eladio Martinez Jr.
 Sydney McGinn
 Kelsey Sack
 Morgan Sincerbox
 Amanda Sprague
 Ann Stone
 Arianna Turner

Eighth Grade

Elizabeth Albright
 Taylin Bower
 Lauren Farmer
 Lori Gordon
 Korynne House
 Sydney Sprague

Ninth Grade

Connor Amsden
 Michael Bestys
 Lauren Binnert

Brooke Clark
 Ryan Eckel
 Megan Erway
 Sydney Farmer
 Kareena Hoyt
 Matthew Lowin

Tenth Grade

Jacob Albright
 Kevin Benedict
 Matthew Bussmann
 Cody Clemens
 Michaela Kinney
 Elizabeth Kolodziejczak
 Andrea Miller
 Tristen Peck
 Matthew Peterson
 Katie Pizura
 Bennett Preston
 Michael Quade
 David Ridge
 Susan Sincerbox

Eleventh Grade

Rachel Armstrong
 Kyle Dencenburg
 Brooke Gordon
 Christopher Haluszczak
 Hannah Jacquier

Joshua Malone
 Cora Moyer
 Kelly Perz
 Cassidy Riekofski
 Cejae Scotchmer
 Cameron Wade

Twelfth Grade

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

Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Princes Baliguin
 Sarah Bates
 Brian Kilbury
 Jessica Lawrence
 Shaun Miller
 Dalton Ordway
 Janice Oyoo
 Ravid Sananas
 Michael Tostanoski
 Joseph Woods

Eighth Grade

Brandi Bailey
 John Baliguin
 Tyler Baroody
 Caitlin Burns
 Gaige Dickerson
 Carrington Ellis
 Claudia Eygabroat-Guerin
 Chelsea Hansen
 Zayna Hartman
 Claire Kolodziejczak
 Trenton Kolodziejczak
 Dalton Mori
 Nick Peacock
 Lucas Peacock
 Hannah Ridge
 David VonRhedy

Ninth Grade

Laurie Smith
 Alissa Walruth
 Mary Webber

Tenth Grade

Jessica Anthony
 Audrey Derr
 Lucas Dickerson
 Lindsey Draper
 Taryn Ellis
 Jesse Gardiner
 Dylan Griffin
 Cortney Longwell
 Neotia Northrop
 Gregory Pond

Wade Potter
 Desaray Smith
 Morgan Vanderwall
 Katlyn Webber
 Brigitte Zyla

Eleventh Grade

Nicholas Bagley
 Kateland Ball
 Reagan Ball
 Brittany Bradford
 Kate Brown
 Brynn Day
 Elaine Drake
 Emily Drake
 Brandi Egresi
 Keegan Rawlins
 Kathleen Tyler
 Peter Woods

Twelfth Grade

Jordan Bernd
 Connor Davis
 Corrie Guerin
 Bradley Jones
 Jodi Kulyeshie
 Amie Pizura
 Justyn Schuck
 Taylor Wade



Senior outside hitter Diana Derr attacks the ball during the Lakers' sectional quarterfinal win over Romulus.

Lakers Volleyball Ends Season 19-1

After finishing the regular season undefeated (17-0), the Lakers Volleyball team was seeded second in the Section V Class D Tournament. The girls easily handled their quarterfinal opponent Romulus defeating them by a score of 3-0. In the semi-finals, they faced rival Prattsburgh. After dropping the first set, the team went on to win the match 3-1 and found themselves back in the sectional finals for the second year in a row. In the sectional final match, the girls took on number one seeded Notre Dame in a classic one-two match up. The girls won the first set 25-21, but then dropped the next three sets by scores of 22-25, 24-26 and 22-25. "It was a tight match," said Coach Julie Amsden, "with the only difference being that Notre Dame made less mistakes."

Several members of the team were recognized throughout the season for their outstanding play on the court. Congratulations to Senior Setter Amie Pizura who was named the Steuben County League (SCL) MVP. Amie was also named to the Byron Bergen All Tournament Team and the Section V Class D All Tournament Team. Senior Outside Hitter

New Course in ACE Accounting Offered to Qualifying Juniors and Seniors at HCS

by Joanne Le Clair

Offering community college courses, for which high school students receive both college and high school credit toward graduation, is a common trend benefitting the institutions and the students who qualify to take these classes. It is also an excellent way to save money as the cost of college tuition rises each year. For each course, we follow the same curriculum and use the same textbooks as the college.

New this year, ACE Accounting 1030 is offered to students who have successfully completed the high school course Accounting I. They use the textbook entitled, *Financial Accounting*, and utilize online learning tools. The course objectives are:

- Explain and apply the basic objectives, principles, and procedures of accounting in the preparation, analysis, and interpretation of general purpose financial statements
- Solve problems related to income determination for service and

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- Analyze financial accounting issues and theories rationally and logically using both qualitative and quantitative information
- Measure and report assets and liabilities

This is an excellent elective for anyone considering a business related major at the college level because most programs will require at least two courses in accounting, and students can get one done while they are at HCS. The college determined Karen Derr's impeccable background in accounting makes her as qualified to teach this course as any of the business instructors at the college.

Interested students should check with Mr. Derr, our Guidance Counselor, if they are interested in pursuing ACE courses. Watch for a complete list of ACE courses in next month's issue of Laker Lines.

Lakers Volleyball (continued from page 6)

Diana Derr was named to the first team SCL All Star Team, the Byron Bergen All Tournament Team and the Section V All Tournament Team. Seniors Ashley Hulse, middle hitter, and Taylor Wade, libero, were also named to the first team SCL All Star Team. Sophomore Outside Hitter Andrea Miller was named to the second team SCL All Star Team.

Many thanks to the fans who supported the team this season. The team appreciates you! Finally, congratulations to the entire volleyball team for posting one of the best records in the history of HCS volleyball!



Senior Libero Taylor Wade passes the ball during a home match

How Can I Help My Child?

One of the most frequently asked questions at parent-teacher conference time is "How can I help my child?" The answer is simple. Your child CAN learn in school and be successful as long as we remember the "Three Legged Stool" Formula: The stool will never be balanced unless all legs are EQUALLY strong and set in their places. For effective learning to take place, the three components that need to be equally strong and clear about their roles and expectations are: Parents—Students—Teachers! Working together, this is a proven method of success!!

According to Robert J. Marzano's Classroom Management That Works, recent studies show that consistent and fair rules and procedures set up at home help create positive dispositions in your child that help them behave better in school and in turn, learn more! There will be a decrease in disruptive behaviors in school and more learning can take place when children have developmentally appropriate routines set up at home for meals, sleep times and chores; when responsibility is expected and practiced; and respectful and courteous behaviors towards others are practiced and modeled at home.

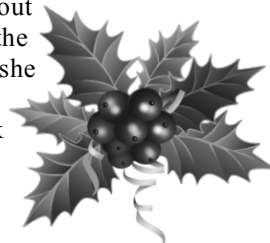


We as teachers will continue to put all our time and energy into helping your child grow and learn at school while fostering respect and responsibility. We want to thank you so much for ALL that you do at home! We know it isn't easy especially when you are working late or exhausted during the holiday season. However, when you are firm and stick to your expectations,

routines and responsibilities, it will pay off well in the long run for your child!!

"Warm Hand" (continued from page 5)

to the soldiers. Colleen Kean, Fundraising Director of the Greater Steuben County American Red Cross, called Jan and was very excited about the project. She informed Jan about the boxes going to the soldiers and that she would like to include the glomitts. The boxes will be mailed the first week in December.



December/January Calendar Items

December			
7	PTO Meeting, 6:30, Student Lounge	30	No school, Christmas recess
8	Early Dismissal	31	No school, Christmas recess
11	Progress Period 2 ends	January	
14	College Applications due	4	PTO Meeting, 6:30, Student Lounge
15	Parent Advisory Meeting, 6-7 pm, Elementary Library	18	No School, MLK Day
16	BOE Meeting, 7 pm	19	Parent Advisory Meeting, 6-7 pm, Elementary Library
17	PK-3 Holiday Concert, 6:30 pm; 4-6 Grade Concert, 7-8 pm	20	BOE Meeting, 7 pm
22	Past graduates return to talk about college life; Curtiss Holiday Celebration, 1:15 pm	22	Grades 7-12 Vocal Solo festival
24	No school, Christmas recess	23	Grades 7-12 Vocal Solo festival
25	No school, Christmas recess	25	Marking period 2 ends
28	No school, Christmas recess	26	NYS Regents Testing
29	No school, Christmas recess	27	NYS Regents Testing
		28	NYS Regents Testing
		29	NYS Regents Testing
		30	Grades 7-12 Instrumental Solo festival

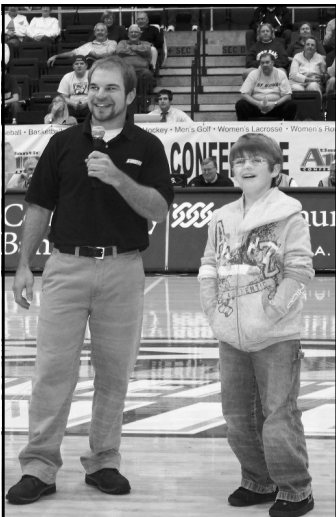
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Deadline for Wall of Fame

The deadline for submitting Wall of Fame applications is December 31, 2009 to be considered for 2010 induction.



Students Attend Youth Day at St. Bonaventure University

On November 19th, the fifth and sixth grade classes attended a St. Bonaventure Women's Basketball game as part of the University's annual Youth Day which promotes healthy eating and making healthy choices.

5th Grader Nick Erway correctly answers a question about healthy eating during a time out at the St. Bonaventure basketball game.

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