



**HAMMONDSPORT  
CENTRAL SCHOOL**

# Laker Lines

May 2010

## Character, Scholarship, Leadership, Service

National Honor Society Inducts 7 New Members

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## *HCS Mission*

*The mission of the Hammondsport Central School District, a high-performing unique learning community, is to provide a dynamic, quality education to a close-knit and diverse population, and to ensure that all students are prepared to compete in an ever changing global society by challenging each student through superior, innovative educational opportunities while promoting responsible citizenship through strong character and moral development.*

## *District Objectives*

*100% of our students will meet their graduation requirements.*

*100% of school community members will contribute to a safe, secure, student centered environment.*

*100% of students will meet proficiency with the continued goal of achieving mastery.*

*100% of the school community will rate the internal/external communications of the district as satisfactory.*

# A Message from the BOE

## **It's The People**

*by BOE President Jim Zimar*

Firefighters often say, "It's only a building. They build 'em everyday." This is not callousness. This is practical truth learned through experience; a point of view earned by being close enough to be forced back to a place of wider perspective. When firefighters say "It's only a building" they are also saying, without the words, "The people got out."

As with a church, a home is not the building; it's the people. A school too, is not the building; it's the people who learn and teach and work and play there.

We expect that the historic masonry building on the hill at the corner of Lake and Bauder will continue as a picturesque fixture of our community. The Glenn H. Curtiss Elementary School got out. It now lives on Main Street by Hammondsport Central High School, where the people learn and teach and work and play.

## **Highlights from the April 2010 Board of Education Meeting**

- Approved minutes of regular meeting of March 17, 2010.
- Adoption of the Budget Proposal for 2010-2011
- Final reading of new/revised policies
- Established the John T. Rogerson, Jr. Scholarship Program
- Presentation to explore the options available for tax collection
- Approved BOCES budget for 2010-2011

## **Attention All Curtiss School Alumni: Past and Present**

*Please plan to attend the:*

### ***Curtiss Closing Celebration***

*Friday, June 4, 2010*

*10 am*

*Glenn Curtiss Elementary School*

The celebration includes a short assembly of Curtiss memories, music provided by the Curtiss Chorus and Bands, tours of the building and a picnic lunch.

**Please RSVP your name and class number to Ms. Darcie Ringer at 607-569-5200 extension 5233 to join us for this very exciting event.**

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

# Prints of Glenn Curtiss Flight Donated

On Wednesday, April 28, Mr. Robert Gould, son of artist John Gould, presented two prints of his father's painting entitled "Glenn Curtiss and the Albany Flier" to the Elementary and High Schools. The painting shows Glenn Curtiss flying past Bannerman's Island and Storm King Mountain in his *Albany Flier* on May 2, 1910 (see close up of print on page 4). This historic two hour and forty-six minute flight from Albany to New York City was an aviation first for which Curtiss earned a \$10,000 prize. This year marks the 100th anniversary of that flight.

The print captures many of the sights witnessed by the Hudson Valley during this great event in aviation history. For example, a special train was supplied by



Mr. Gould also presented a copy of the painting to the Elementary School which was accepted on the school's behalf by 1st Grade Student Gavyn Buck.



Bob Gould presents a copy of his father John Gould's painting "Glenn Curtiss and the Albany Flier" to High School Representative Heather Zyla.

the New York Central R. R. for newsmen, photographers and dignitaries to accompany the entire flight from Albany to New York City, keeping the speed of 50 miles per hour to match that of the plane. The train is seen at the right in the painting. Below the airplane can be seen the venerable "Queen of the Hudson" the *Mary Powell*, returning again to service after a stay in the shipyard.

John Gould did his research for the "Albany Flier" at the Glenn Curtiss Museum. It was in the "cradle of aviation" that Mr. Gould discovered the greatness of Glenn Curtiss, the inventor and a man of outstanding courage who undoubtedly had a dream of the future for flying. Through the assistance of the Curtiss Museum curator, Lindsley A. Dunn, Mr. Gould was able to appreciate the structure and details of the "Albany Flier." It was a revelation to find the out-rigging made of bamboo poles and pontoons were filled with cork, exposed pulleys and cables everywhere, and canvas covered wings all making this fragile looking aircraft into a smoothly

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## From the Desk of HS Principal Tad Rounds

Teacher Appreciation Week is in the month of May and I would personally like to thank the Hammondsport teachers for their work and dedication. Our staff puts in countless hours for the students and is committed to their academic success.

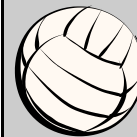
Congratulations to the new members of the National Honor Society who were inducted in April. Thank you to Student Council for their work and donations this year to the Hammondsport Jr-Sr High School to improve the school environment and aesthetics.

In the area of instruction and assessment, we have a record number of students sitting for AP (Advanced Placement) Exams. Thirty-one total AP exams will be administered in Spanish, Calculus, Statistics, and US History. This

shows a commitment to rigor by the student body and they deserve to be recognized for their efforts. Regents exams and finals are right around the corner. Exam week for the Senior High will commence on June 15. The majority of middle school testing will be completed by June 14. Please encourage your students to begin preparation now.

Other upcoming events include the District Concert and Art Show scheduled for May 18. The final progress reports will go home with students at the end of the week of May 17. Mrs. Denman has also organized a blood drive with the American Red Cross for May 26. The Senior High Awards will take place on Friday, June 4 at 8 am, with the Sports Awards Program that same evening at 7 pm. Junior High Awards will be held on Friday, June 11 at 8 am. Enjoy the warm weather!

## Laker Volleyball Camp



June 28, 29 & 30  
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 HCS 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.

## Senior Seminar Sponsors Blood Drive

The American Red Cross will be holding a Blood Drive at Hammondsport Central School in the Main Street Gymnasium on May 26, 2010 between 8 am and 1 pm. The drive is sponsored by the Senior Seminar Class. The total units acquired by this drive will ensure a scholarship donation for a Hammondsport graduate in June. Appointments are not necessary for the public, but all public participants must be 17 or older to donate. Proof of age is required.



All students and staff may sign-up in the Health Office. Students age 16 may participate with written parental permission. Please see the school nurse for required documents and details.

## Academic All Stars Post Another Successful Season

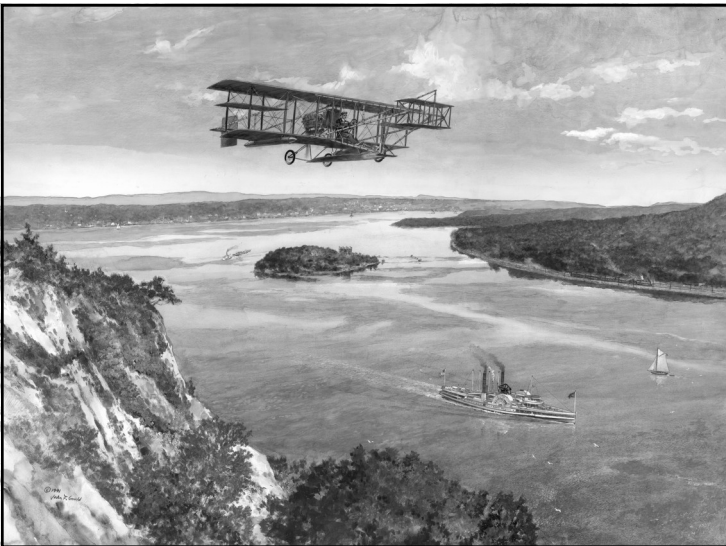
by AAS Advisor John Kloiber

This past year, I have once again had the pleasure of advising the Academic All Stars. This team was a particularly dedicated group, one that practiced hard, made sure that they played each game to the best of their ability, and utilized the academic strengths of each team member to the group's advantage. Their hard work was rewarded by finishing the season undefeated. Now in the small school division, the All Stars were able to win each of their six seasonal matches. We were the only undefeated team of the sixteen schools that participated during the regular season.

Our team has also been recognized for our achievement at the Academic All Star Banquet, held recently in Hornell. At this event, Senior Mattie Catherman was awarded William P. Lentz Academic All Stars scholarship for her participation and performance in Academic All Stars. This year's winning season truly reflects upon our students' commitment to academics.

Congrats to  
**Mattie Catherman**  
for being awarded  
the William P. Lentz  
Academic All Stars  
Scholarship.

(Prints of Glenn Curtiss continued from page 3)



John Gould's painting "Glenn Curtiss and the Albany Flier" depicting the historic 2 hour and 46 minute flight from Albany to New York City, an aviation first for which Curtiss earned a \$10,000 prize.

functioning unit.

Born in 1906, John Gould was a native of Worcester, Mass. He studied at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, NY and later taught there for 22 years. He was a well known advertising illustrator and for 30 years was an art consultant for the General Electric Company, Erie Pa. Division. In 1957 John Gould established the Bethlehem Art Gallery in the Town of Cornwall, N.Y. The gallery is now located in Salisbury Mills, N.Y. and is operated by his sons Robert, William and Paul Gould.

## Sign Up Now for the 3rd Annual Run, Walk or Crawl Saturday, June 12, 2010



Pre-Registration by May 19  
\$9 (\$5 for 1K)  
Registration **after** May 19  
\$13 (\$6 for 1K)

### 5K Race

Registration Time: 8 - 8:50 am

### Runners & Walkers

Start Time: 9 am

### 1K Race

Registration Time: 10 - 10:15 am  
Race at 10:30 am

Race route and registration information is available on our District website under PTO.

# NHS Inducts 7

On April 9, 2010, seven new members were inducted into the Hammondspport 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.

The new inductees are as follows: **Kristen Cornish**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth and Angelia Cornish of Hammondspport; **Brooke Gordon**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Kimberly Gordon of Hammondspport; **Christopher Haluszczak**, son of Mr. and Mrs. William and Carol (Dr. Carol Holobinko) Haluszczak of Hammondspport; **Joshua Malone**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Connie Malone of Hammondspport; **Cora Moyer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Mary Moyer of Hammondspport; **Cejae Scotchmer**, daughter of Ms. Paula Scotchmer of Avoca, and **Cassidy Riekofski**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steven and Rebecca Riekofski of Wayne.

The current members are: **Trevor Parke**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy and Sherry Parke of Hammondspport; **Annalee Mishrell**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk and Rosemary Mishrell of Hammondspport; **Diana Derr**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James and Karen Derr of Bath; **Bethany Leggett**, daughter of Ms. Belinda Trickey of Hammondspport and Mr. Michael Leggett of Oneonta; **Mattie Catherman**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen and Tammy Catherman of Hammondspport; **Joshua Snyder**, son of Ms. Elizabeth Snyder of Pulteney, and Mr. Brian Snyder of Pulteney.

**Mrs. Shelayne Sprague-Wise**, Technology Director, and



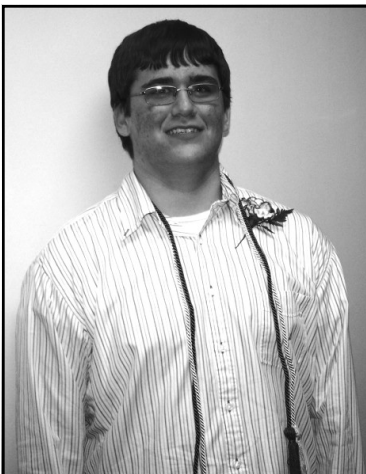
Pictured Row 1: Cejae Scotchmer, Kristin Cornish, Chris Haluszczak, Cora Moyer, Brooke Gordon. Row 2: Cassidy Riekofski, Diana Derr, Annalee Mishrell, Mattie Catherman, Josh Malone, Belinda Trickey (NHS Advisor), Barbara Demmin (NHS Advisor), Stella Pulver. Row 3: Shelayne Saltsman, Trevor Parke, Bethany Leggett, Josh Snyder

**Mrs. Stella Pulver**, Library and Media Specialist, were inducted as honorary members.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the High School Library.

## Arnold Inducted Into NTHS

On March 25, 2010, HCS Senior Kevin Arnold was inducted into the National Technical Honor Society during a ceremony held at the Coopers Education Center in Painted Post.



Members inducted into NTHS are chosen based on seven characteristics: skill, honesty, service, responsibility, scholarship, citizenship, and leadership.

Arnold's focus of study at the Coopers Education Center is Digital Media Arts. Next fall he plans to attend Tompkins Community College to study graphic design.

## Junior Senior Prom Held at Esperanza

*Prom 2010 was held on Saturday, May 1 at the Esperanza Mansion in Branchport. Ninety-seven students attended the formal dance.*

*Congratulations to this year's prom royalty: Queen Kristin Cornish, King Brandon Allen, Princess Brittaney Bradford, and Prince Cameron Wade.*



Posing for a photo at Esperanza are from left: Brittaney Bradford, Trevor Parke, Ashley House, Josh Malone, Cora Moyer and Nate Adams

# 3rd Quarter Honor Roll Announced

## High Honor Roll

### Seventh Grade

Princes Baliguin  
Alyson Binnert  
Quentin Carvajal  
Aaron Lowin  
Olivia Makarick  
Eladio Martinez Jr.  
Sydney McGinn  
Kelsey Sack  
Morgan Sincerbox  
Amanda Sprague  
Ann Stone  
Arianna Turner  
Joseph Woods

### Eighth Grade

Elizabeth Albright  
Taylin Bower  
Lori Gordon  
Korynne House  
Sydney Sprague

### Ninth Grade

Connor Amsden  
Lauren Binnert  
Brooke Clark

Ryan Eckel  
Megan Erway  
Sydney Farmer  
Kareena Hoyt  
Matthew Lowin  
Dylan Ritter  
Alissa Walruth  
Mary Webber

### Tenth Grade

Jacob Albright  
Jessica Anthony  
Kevin Benedict  
Lindsey Draper  
Michaela Kinney  
Elizabeth Kolodziejczak  
Bennett Preston  
Susan Sincerbox

### Eleventh Grade

Kateland Ball  
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

Sarah Bates  
Ashlee Graham  
Kourtney Hoyt

Brian Kilbury  
Eric Lannon  
Jessica Lawrence  
Shaun Miller  
Dalton Ordway  
Ravid Sananas  
Jefferey Thompson

### Eighth Grade

Brandi Bailey  
John Baliguin  
Caitlin Burns  
Carrington Ellis  
Claudia Eygabroat-Guerin  
Lauren Farmer  
Trenton Kolodziejczak  
Dalton Mori  
Joanna Northrop  
Lucas Peacock  
Nick Peacock  
Hannah Ridge  
Dakota Stone

### Ninth Grade

Hunter Cummings  
Dustin Deal  
Lydia Shippee

### Tenth Grade

Matthew Bussmann  
Cody Clemens  
Audrey Derr  
Taryn Ellis  
Andrea Miller  
Matthew Peterson  
Katie Pizura  
Michael Quade  
David Ridge  
Morgan Vanderwall  
Brigitte Zyla

### Eleventh Grade

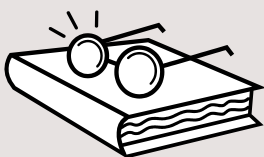
Rachel Armstrong  
Brynn Day  
Kyle Dencenburg  
Elaine Drake  
Emily Drake  
Brandi Egresi  
Keegan Rawlins  
Peter Woods

### Twelfth Grade

Jordan Bernd  
Connor Davis

## Summer Learning Program Reminder

The Hammondsport Summer Learning Program will be held from July 6th through July 29th. The program runs from 8:30 am to 11:30 am each day. Parents are reminded that daily attendance at this program is required. Student absences are extremely disruptive and take away from the effectiveness of the program. All registration forms should be sent out the first week in May and must be returned no later than **June 11th**. If there are any questions in regards to transportation, please contact Mr. Bill Fries in the Bus Garage, or Ms. Darcie Ringer in the Primary Office



## 2010 Sports Awards Program

Friday, June 4, 2010  
7:00 pm

High School Auditorium



# Spring Sports Round Up



Keegan Rawlins winds up for a right field double knocking in two runs to help the Lakers defeat JT on May 3.

is also having a great season with a record of 10-1 and several individual milestones have been met along the way. At 1st singles, Junior Chris Haluszczak surpassed the 50 career wins plateau and now has 60 career varsity victories. At third singles, Josh Malone is within 1 victory of his 50th win, while at 2nd singles Peter Woods has a career win total of 48. Connor Amsden, just a freshman, is one win away from his 25th career varsity victory. In addition, Senior Connor Davis has been with the program since he was in 7th grade and is having by far the best year of his career and has greatly contributed to the team's success this year. Senior Nick Hopkins joined the team at the



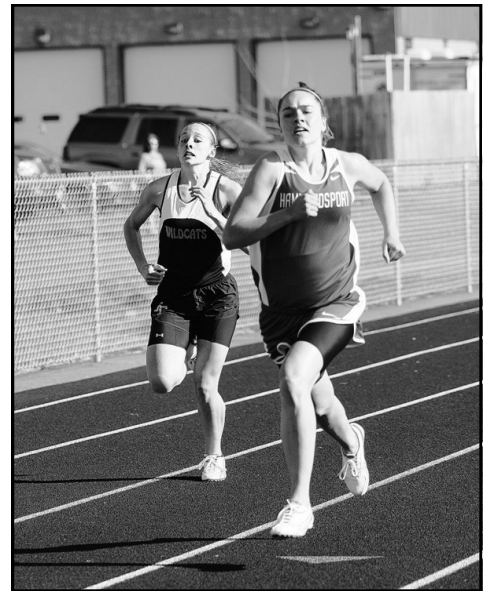
Connor Davis prepares to serve against Campbell Savona in a come from behind, 3-set victory with doubles partner Nick Hopkins.

The spring sports teams are off to a fantastic start. On May 4, the Girls' Track Team ended their regular season a perfect 8-0 in dual meets and are the Steuben County Division Two Champions. They also won the eight team John Reed Memorial invitational May 1st in Arkport. "The whole team has stepped up when needed and everyone has done their part throughout the year," said Coach Marc Hopkins. "The seniors and juniors are leading the way, but the younger girls are doing their part to help along the way," he continued. Currently, the team has a few girls seeded first going into sectionals and the prospects are good for team sectionals. In addition, one school record has been broken this year by Liz Kolo in the 400 meter.

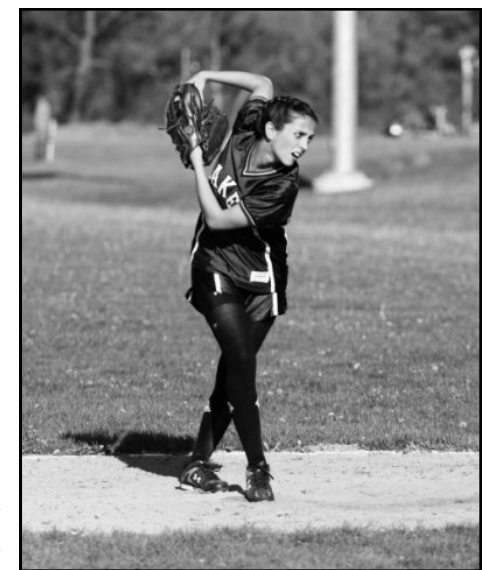
The Boys' Tennis Team

He played in his first varsity match last year. This year he has also become very important to our success as he has joined the starting lineup. "The boys have all worked very hard and moved the team to the top of the league and one of the better teams in Section V," said Coach Adam French "With the help of newcomer Matt Peterson, the boys look primed to make a run at both the county and sectional titles," he continued. Haluszczak and Amsden are headed to sectional qualifiers for singles, while the teams of Malone/Woods, and Davis/Peterson are shooting for the doubles title.

The HCS Golf Team is carrying a 4-3 record and continues to be a solid contender in the Steuben County League. The team has been led by three varsity players, Senior Brandon Allen, Sophomore Kevin Benedict, and Sophomore Bennett Preston who have each earned Medalist honors in different matches this season. The team has also received solid play out of Sophomore Jacob Albright and Sophomore Michael Quade. The team should continue to compete well in the league with the team's two 8th grade golfers Taylin Bower



Sophomore Elizabeth Kolo sets a new school record in the 400 meters.



Cejae Scotchmer winds up for a pitch during the girls' 25-0 win over JT on May 3

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## May/June Calendar Items

### May

- 13 Progress Period 4 ends
- 18 Kindergarten screening;  
Budget/Trustee Vote; Spring  
Concert, 7 pm
- 20 Kindergarten screening
- 25 Grade 4 Science Performance  
Test
- 26 Grade 4 Science Performance  
Test make-up
- 31 No School, Memorial Day

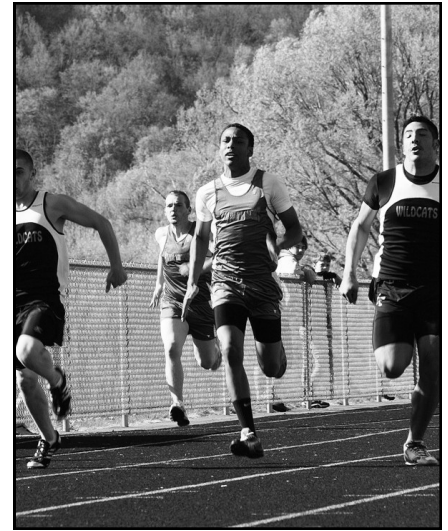
### June

- 3 Grade 8 Social Studies Test
- 4 Grade 8 Social Studies Test;  
Senior High Awards, 8am  
Wall of Fame Induction Cere-  
mony, 6 pm, HS Library;  
Sports Awards Program,  
7 pm, HS Auditorium
- 7 Grade 4 Science Written Test;  
PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 8 Grade 4 Science Written Test  
make-up
- 9 Grade 4 Science Written Test  
make-up; Junior/Senior High  
Recognition Concert
- 11 Junior High Awards, 8 am
- 12 PTO 5K Run, Walk or Crawl
- 14 Marking Period 4 Ends
- 15 Parent Advisory Meeting,  
6 pm Elementary Library;  
NYS Regents Testing begins
- 16 BOE Meeting, 7 pm
- 17 Grades 4 /5 Awards Pro-  
gram, 9 am
- 18 6th Grade Graduation, 9am
- 24 Elementary Moving-Up Day
- 25 Graduation

and Sydney Sprague. The Steuben County League Tournament will take place at Indian Hills State Park on May 17.

Behind the pitching of Cejae Scotchmer, the Girls' Softball Team is currently 4-3. Sparking the team offensively this year are Senior Kristin Cornish, Junior Kateland Ball and Senior Taylor Wade who leads the team in RBIs and stolen bases. "We are starting to play as a cohesive unit and are making the crucial plays when needed," said Coach Meade, "we have really started to hit the ball well in the last few games and it is making a difference offensively."

Pictured right: Junior Nate Adams sprints towards the finish line in the 100 meter dash.



## Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony

June 4, 2010

6:00 pm

High School Library

Three HCS alumni will be  
inducted into the  
Athletic Wall of Fame

**William "Paul" Wendlandt '82**  
**Julie (Pedersen) Amsden '88**  
**Adrienne Shill '89**

*Light refreshments will be served and  
community members are invited to attend*

## 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.

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