



HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Laker Lines

March 2009

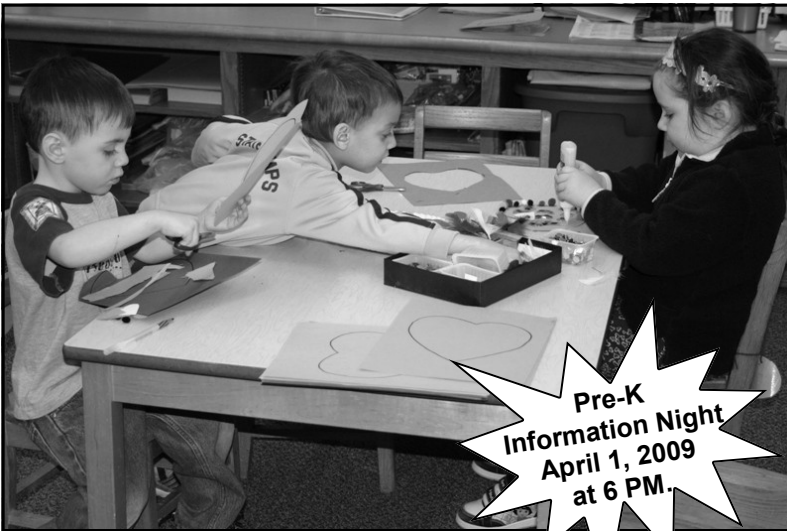
HCS Pre-K Program Jump Starts Learning

Hammondsport Central School is enjoying its first year of hosting a Pre-Kindergarten Program. Currently 19 students are enrolled in the program which follows the New York State curriculum for Pre-Kindergarten.

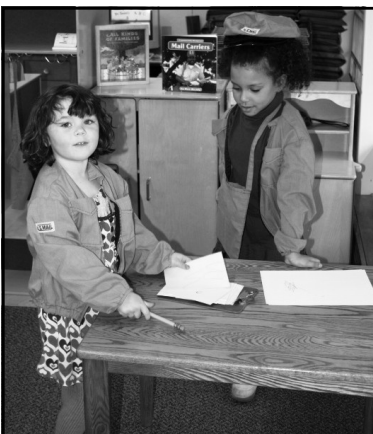
The Pre-K program enables pre-school age children to get a jump start in many learning areas including reading, math, social development and motor skill development. For example, in reading the students have learned a great deal about how important books are and have discussed how to take proper care of books. Poetry, rhyming and song are a big part of the reading curriculum. Pre-K students are also learning a great deal by utilizing the Scott Foresman program at the Pre-K level. This program is consistent with the current Scott Foresman program used in the elementary grades.

In math, the students have been learning to sort objects including their shoes, colored bears, shapes and blocks. The students learn to identify shapes and sizes, colors and numbers. In addition, counting is a part of every day. The children practice math when they line up, in the stories they read, when putting cookies on a cookie sheet, and by learning about the calendar and thermometer.

Students in the Pre-Kindergarten classroom are also gaining developmentally appropriate skills in social development, problem solving, and fine and gross motor activities as well as the desire to be independent. We look forward to great things from Hammondsport's littlest Lakers.



**Pre-K
Information Night
April 1, 2009
at 6 PM.**



Attention Parents of Pre-School Children

The Hammondsport Central School District plans to continue the Pre-Kindergarten program for 2009-2010. As we prepare for registration it is important that we gather the number of eligible children currently living in the district.

If you have a child that will turn 4 years old prior to December 1, 2009, your child will be eligible for Pre-Kindergarten. To assist us with planning please contact Mrs. Groves in the Primary Office # 560-5200 ext. 5233 and give us your child's name and contact information.

Aiming High

*News from Hammondspport Central School
District Superintendent Kyle Bower*

It always seemed to me that March was the month that never ended. You're in between sports seasons, the weather is inconsistent, and nothing is green when you look out the window. Now I look at a March that is packed with two weeks of state math assessments, multiple concerts for Music in Our Schools Month, and meeting after meeting as we continue to work at transitioning to our future size and structure. At least March came in like a lamb. Let's hope it stays that way.

The creation of the 2009-10 school budget is in full swing. With the continued uncertainty in revenues for next year, finalizing many decisions on the budget continues to be difficult. We are starting to determine the hard costs we will incur for building modifications at Main Street when the Curtiss building closes after next year. Those costs will be built into next year's budget but we are working to insure that they have no impact on the tax levy. I will be presenting the latest budget information at the Board meeting on March 18 at 7:00 pm in the High School Library. Hope to see you there.

The subcommittee put together to draft a revised Community Use of School Facilities policy to present to the Board in March has completed its' work. The revised policy will be presented for a first reading to the Board at the March 18th meeting. Thank you to the committee for their thoughts and ideas.

Congratulations to our winter athletes and coaches! The winter season is a long one and all of our sports programs again made us proud!

Finally, Mr. Rounds has announced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2009. Congratulations to Valedictorian Stephanie Malone and Salutatorian Brian Stachnik! Both Stephanie and Brian are not only outstanding students, but outstanding young people and role models.

As always, the door is open.

Important Date Change

March Conference Day

Changed from
March 27 to
March 23

Informational Meeting Scheduled

There is a public meeting scheduled for 6:00pm on March 26 in the Auditorium to hear the changes that will occur in the District administration and Curtiss School as we continue our transition to one campus. Mr. Bower will share what the administrative structure will be in the District next year with the reduction of one full time administrative position. He will also give the outline for where grades 4,5,and 6 will be in 2009-2010 and in the year following. Hope to see you there.

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

Malone, Stachnik Top Class of 2009

In the area of academic excellence, I am proud to announce that the Valedictorian for the Class of 2009 is Stephanie Malone, and the Salutatorian is Brian Stachnik. Congratulations to Stephanie and Brian for their hard work!

Upcoming events include the New York State Math Assessment for Seventh and Eighth grade students. These exams are scheduled for March 7th through March 12th. The Guidance Department is in the process of scheduling students for the 2009-2010 school year. Parents and students are reminded that colleges place the heaviest value on a rigorous course study. A scheduling workshop will be provided to Eighth Grade parents and students on April 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 134 to explain the course handbook and graduation requirements as they enter their senior high years.

In the area of extracurricular events, the Music Department will be busy with All County March 6, 7, 20, and 21, and the Music in Our Schools Concert scheduled for March 19th. Good luck to the spring sports teams in their upcoming season.

Notes from Elementary Principal Jim McCormick

The winter season is hopefully headed on the downside and spring is in the air sooner rather than later. March is stacking up to be a busy time. Students in grades 3-6 will be taking the NYS Math tests during the first two weeks of March. The All County Music Concert is scheduled for March 6th and 7th. National Reading Day is being celebrated on March 2 with the wearing your "Favorite Hat" Day in sync with Dr Seuss's Cat in the Hat. The PTO is sponsoring the Book Fair at the Primary School March 2-3 and at Curtiss March 17-18. Science Night is also sponsored by PTO on March 18 at Curtiss. The Music Dept. will perform in concert on March 25 in the High School Auditorium. Also a Music Assembly for grades UPK-6 will be held at 8:30 am in the auditorium on March 25. Lastly, the Superintendent conference day originally scheduled on March 27 on the District Calendar has been changed to March 23. There is also a planned early dismissal at 1:30 pm on March 26.

This will help us all to put the winter behind us quickly and think spring!

Stephanie Malone daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas and Connie Malone of Hammondsport, has been announced as the Valedictorian of the 2009 Senior class at Hammondsport Central School.

Stephanie has been active in Volleyball, Cheerleading, Track, Spanish Club, Youth in Government, a member of Academic All-Stars and the National Honor Society. She has also held several class officer positions, as well as being involved in numerous volunteer activities, both in school and the community.

Stephanie will be attending Duquesne University in Pittsburgh in the fall, majoring in Forensic Accounting.

Brian Stachnik, son of Lynne Stachnik of Hammondsport, and David Stachnik of Webster, has been announced as the Salutatorian of the 2009 Senior class at Hammondsport Central School.

Brian has been active in Basketball, Baseball, Band, Spanish Club, Youth in Government, Boy Scouts, and a member of Student Council and the National Honor Society. He has also held several officer positions, as well as being involved in numerous volunteer activities, both in school and the community.

Brian will be attending Northwestern University in Chicago in the fall, majoring in Economics and Statistics

The remaining top ten in the Senior Class are:

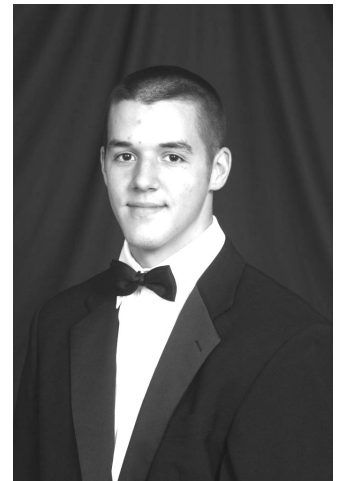
Arlen Cornell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas and Amy Cornell of Hammondsport; **Kelly Walling**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James and Diane Walling of Hammondsport; **Audrey Shippee**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel and Patricia Shippee of Hammondsport; **Kelsey Lanphere**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon and Bridgette Lanphere of Hammondsport; **Chloe Makarick**, daughter of Ms. Elizabeth Makarick of Hammondsport, and Mr. Scott Makarick of Hammondsport; **Aubrey Smith**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Judy Smith of Hammondsport; **Katherine Adams**, daughter of Ms. Bernadette Webster of Hammondsport, and Mr. Michael Adams of Hammondsport; **Jennifer Gordon**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard and Kimberly Gordon of Hammondsport.



Graduation is scheduled for June 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium or outside (weather permitting) at the Hammondsport Central School.



2009 Valedictorian
Stephanie Malone



2009 Salutatorian
Brian Stachnik

Laker Leaders Announced for January

Grade 8

Connor Amsden
Daniel Becker
Lauren Binnert
Brooke Clark
Ryan Eckel
Megan Erway
Sydney Farmer
Kirklin Koseba
Matthew Lowin
Lydia Shippee
Laurie Smith
Alissa Walruth
Mary Webber

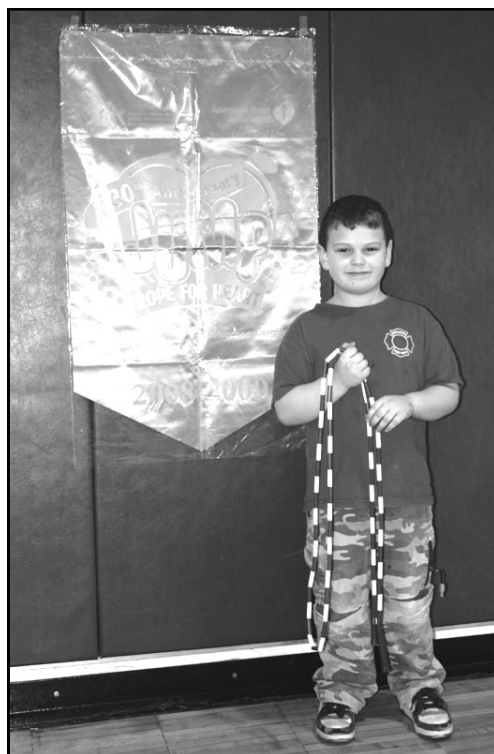
Grade 7

Robert Ackley
Elizabeth Albright
Marissa Andersen
Kelsey Bailey
J.C. Baliguin
Taylin Bower
Caitlin Burns
Heidi Darrin
Carrington Ellis
Claudia Guerin
Lauren Farmer
Chelsea Hansen
Douglas Hewitt
Thomas Hoaglin
Korynne House
Claire Kolodziejczak
Trenton Kolodziejczak
Dalton Mori
Joanna Northrop
Jay Ohradzanski
Nicolas Peacock
Nichole Perkins
Sydney Sprague

Jump Rope for Heart Raises Money for American Heart Association

The Physical Education Department conducted a Jump Rope for Heart during classes in February in conjunction with Healthy Heart Month. Students could choose to get sponsors and raise money for the American Heart Association in which the primary grades raised just over \$1,000.00. Leading the jumpers in money raised was Dawsen Rivas, a First Grader, who brought in \$459.00 and will be receiving 8 prizes for his hard work.

Pictured right: First grader Dawsen Rivas raised \$459 for the American Heart Association



ing the past three months, the girls have made cards for our military men and women in the Middle East, they have read to children in the Junior Lakers Before and After School Program and they baked homemade dog and cat treats for the local SPCA.

The girls have a lot of fun and so do the facilitators, Mrs. Lanphere and Mrs. McKinley (employees of Bath Hope for Youth and Steuben Council on Addictions). All girls are invited to join us on Thursdays after school at 2:20 pm in Mrs. Lanphere's room (room 132).

Check Out Girls' Group

Hammondsport Girls' Club is an after school club where girls from the Junior or Senior High can come to talk and partake in activities that deal with issues that teen girls face. Not only do the girls discuss various topics, but they have also done numerous things around the school and community. Dur-

HCS Baseball Team Extends Invitation

With all the support from the community, the baseball team would like to offer the opportunity for community members to join them on an outing. The team is planning to take a Covered Wagon Tour Bus to Cleveland to attend a 1 pm game on Sunday, May 31, between the Cleveland Indians and the New York Yankees. The cost of each ticket is \$105, which includes travel to and from the game via coach, game ticket in lower box area down from Yankee dug-out, and a ballpark buffet. Payment needs to be made to the HCS baseball team. Payment plans can be arranged.

Interested parties can contact:
Coach Dan Conley
dconley@hport.wnyric.org
607-569-5200
in the high school

EXCEL Project Set To Begin

The EXCEL project approved by the voters in 2007 is set to begin at the close of school this year. Major components of the project include:

1. Asbestos removal from the crawlspace in the Curtiss Building.
2. Reconstruction of the bus loop sidewalk and installation of a wheelchair ramp near the Primary playground.
3. Installation of a card swipe access system and video camera monitors.

As was outlined in the proposition when it was approved, this project will have no impact on the tax payers. EXCEL aid is provided by the State for this project and the remainder will be covered by the building aid that the project receives. If you have any questions about the EXCEL project, please contact Mr. Bower in the District Office at 569-5200 ext. 5240.

Students Represent HCS at All County Music Festivals

All County Festivals feature the best young musical talent throughout the county. Students are selected to participate in All County Festivals either through audition (6th Grade Band, Jr. High Band, Sr. High Band and Sr. High Chorus), or through recommendation (6th Grade Chorus and Jr. High Chorus). This year, we've been fortunate to have a number of students selected to perform at the Steuben County Music Teachers Association's All County Festivals. The following students will participate in the first festival held at Haverling Central School on March 6 & 7:

6th Grade Chorus:

Eladio Martinez
Adam Mitchell
Kelsey Sack
Alyson Binnert
Jessica Laurence
Morgan Sincerbox
Arianna Turner

Sr. High Chorus

Micah Armstrong
Nick Hopkins
Bethany Leggett
Jessica Anthony
Cejae Scotchmer
Kelly Perz

Jr. High Band

Lauren Binnert
Elizabeth Albright

The concert will be on
March 7, 2009
@ 2:30 pm
in the Haverling Auditorium

Students involved in the second festival, held at Corning West High School on March 20 & 21, are as follows:

6th Grade Band

Kelsey Sack
Sydney McGinn
Eladio Martinez

Jr. High Chorus

Elizabeth Albright
Brooke Clark
Zayna Hartman
Sydney Farmer
Christopher Thompson

Sr. High Band

Cejae Scotchmer
Brynn Day
Susan Sincerbox
Michelle Gardner
Cora Moyer

The concert will be on
March 21, 2009
@ 2:30 pm in the
Corning West
HS Gymnasium

The Hammondspport music performing groups will present two concerts in the month of March. On March 19 at 7:30 pm the Jr. & Sr. High Choruses, Jr. and Sr. High Bands and Jazz Band will perform. On Wednesday, March 25 at 7:00 pm the 3rd Grade Chorus, Curtiss School Chorus, Beginner Band, Symphonic and Jazz Bands will perform.



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 Pflieger, 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 **Aubrey Smith** for her Advertising Design piece (pictured left). Below, we learn a little more about Aubrey and her art through an interview conducted by Mrs. Pflieger.

What is your favorite kind of artwork to create? "Drawings."

What kind of art are you most drawn to? "Anything where I can be creative."

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 piece was done for Advertising Design. The objective was to create a graphic portrait from a photo."

What did you use to create this piece? "Paint."

How long have you been creating art? "Whenever I have art classes."

How do you see art being a part of your future? "When working with advertisements while I pursue a degree/career in marketing."

2nd Quarter Honor Roll Announced

High Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Elizabeth Albright
 Taylin Bower
 Caitlin Burns
 Carrington Ellis
 Claudia Eygabroat-Guerin
 Lori Gordon
 Korynne House
 Trenton Kolodziejczak
 Nicholas Peacock

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
 Matthew Bussmann
 Michaela Kinney
 Andrea Miller
 Bennett Preston
 David Ridge
 Susan Sincerbox

Tenth Grade

Rachel Armstrong
 Nicholas Bagley
 Kateland Ball
 Kyle Dencenburg
 Emily Drake
 Brooke Gordon
 Christopher Haluszczak
 Hannah Jacquier
 Joshua Malone
 Cora Moyer
 Kelly Perz
 Cassidy Riekofski
 Cejae Scotchmer
 Anthony Secondo
 Cameron Wade
 Brandon Walruth

Eleventh Grade

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

Twelfth Grade

Katherine Adams
 Micah Armstrong
 Arlen Cornell
 Jennifer Gordon
 Joshua Haluszczak
 Kelsey Lanphere
 Chloe Makarick
 Stephanie Malone
 Amanda Peterson
 Audrey Shippee
 Aubrey Smith
 Kelsey Spinks
 Brian Stachnik
 Christine Tipton
 Kelly Walling
 Katherine Woods

Honor Roll

Seventh Grade

Marissa Andersen
 Brandi Bailey
 Gaige Dickerson
 Lauren Farmer
 Ryan Graves
 Zayna Hartman
 Claire Kolodziejczak
 Dalton Mori
 Lucas Peacock
 Hannah Ridge
 Jordan Schuck
 Sydney Sprague
 Dakota Stone

Eighth Grade

Gavin Cornish
 Dustin Deal
 Kirclin Koseba
 Laurie Smith

Ninth Grade

Kevin Benedict
 Cody Clemens
 Audrey Derr
 Lindsey Draper
 Jesse Gardiner
 Dylan Griffin
 Elizabeth Kolodziejczak
 Matthew Peterson

Katie Pizura
 Michael Quade

Tenth Grade

Reagan Ball
 Kate Brown
 Brynn Day
 Elaine Drake
 Brandi Egresi
 Lee Gotshall
 Ashley House
 Jenna Ohradzanski
 Keegan Rawlins
 Kathleen Tyler
 Peter Woods

Eleventh Grade

Kevin Arnold
 Jordan Bernd
 Taylor Wade

Twelfth Grade

Andrea Akers
 Crystal Bogart
 Jeffrey Dencenburg
 Charlene Drake
 Lucas Fairbrother
 Megan Farmer
 Jorden Ohradzanski
 Elizabeth Reardon
 Timothy Ulrich

Glenn Curtiss Elementary Announces Leading Lakers for February



Pictured above, row 1: Elizabeth Personius, Lauren House, Eli Hill. Row 2: Arlene Yahn, Aubrie Cole, Austin Seager. Pictured right, from left: Olivia Makarick, Logan Rosekrans, Derrick Giardina, Madisen Jones

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.

Leading Lakers students are announced on the morning announcements on Fridays and posted on the sign out front for all of the community to see. In addition, the PTO awards each student a book.



ACE Information Night Scheduled

ACE is the Accelerated College Education program offered at Hammondsport High School. The courses are taught by Hammondsport teachers during the school day, and college credit is earned through Corning Community College. There is no cost to the families for the courses. Students need to meet certain academic criteria established by the teachers to be eligible to enroll in the courses. The following are the ACE courses being offered at Hammondsport next year:

College English	(12 th grade only)
College Dramatics	(11 th & 12 th grade)
College Calculus	(12 th grade)
College Statistics	(11 th & 12 th grade)
College Spanish	(11 th & 12 th grade)
College Accounting	(12 th grade)

ACE information night will be held at the High School in room 134 on Wednesday, May 20 at 6:30 pm. This is an important meeting, especially for all parents and students that will be enrolling in the ACE college level courses for the academic year 2009-10. The presentation will be conducted by Dr. Louise Paul from the ACE program. She will be available to answer questions and talk about the program. A letter of invitation will be sent from Corning Community College to invite students and families to the meeting.

In addition to ACE courses Hammondsport offers Advanced Placement classes for United States History (11th grade), Spanish (12th grade) and Calculus (12th grade).

Career Day To Be Held for Sophomores

The Twenty-Third Annual Sophomore Focus on Careers Day will be held at the Corning Community College Campus on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. This activity is being sponsored jointly by Corning Community College, Career Development Council, Greater Southern Tier BOCES, Dresser Rand, the Steuben County Youth Bureau and the eight participating schools. The participating schools are Addison, Avoca, Bradford, Campbell-Savona, Canisteo-Greenwood, Hammondsport, Haverling and Jasper-Troupsburg.

Over six hundred Sophomores will be gathering at the Corning Community College Campus to hear four presentations they selected from thirty-five career choices. Each year about ten percent of the career choices are revised to reflect changes in the work place.

The Planning Committee consists of Guidance Counselors from the eight participating schools, representatives from Corning Community College, Career Development Council and the Youth Bureau. The Planning Committee is co-chaired by James Derr, School Counselor from Hammondsport and James Marks, School Counselor from Addison. Deb Minier is the liaison person from Career Development Council and Sandy Olson is the liaison person from Corning Community College.

Students of the Quarter

Kelsey Lanphere and Micah Armstrong have been selected as Students of the Quarter for the 2nd 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 Kelsey & Micah!

Student of the Quarter

Full Name:

Kelsey Leigh Lanphere

Favorite Subject in School:
Professional Presentations
and Economics

Hobbies / Activities:
Cheerleading, hanging out
with friends, spending time
at our cottage, watching One
Tree Hill, traveling

Future Plans:
Attend Nazareth College and
major in Nursing with a minor
in Spanish

**Three words that best
describe yourself:**
opinionated, caring, and vivacious



Student of the Quarter

Full Name:

Micah Howard Armstrong

**Favorite Subject in
School:**
Government and Music
Literature II

Hobbies / Activities:
Drumming, playing guitar,
rocking out, and playing
Parcheesi

Future Plans:
Attend either Eastern Uni-
versity or Houghton Col-
lege. My current plan is to
become a Music Therapist.

**Three words that best describe
yourself:**
musical, goofy, luscious



Calendar Items

March

- 2 Academic All-Stars @ Avoca, 6:15 pm
- 3 Grade 3 & 4 NYS Math Exam
- 4 Grade 3 & 4 NYS Math Exam
- 5 Grade 4 & 5 NYS Math Exam
- 6 Grade 5 NYS Math Exam
- 7 Baseball can/bottle drive, 8:30 am
- 9 Grade 7 & 8 NYS Math Exam; Academic All-Stars (H), 6:15 pm; PTO Mtg., 6:30 pm; HS Progress Reports
- 10 Grade 6, 7 & 8 NYS Math Exam
- 11 Grade 6, 7 & 8 NYS Math Exam
- 12 Grade 7 & 8 NYS Math Exam
- 13 Grade 7 & 8 NYS Math Exam
- 16 Academic All-Stars @ Avoca, 6:15pm
- 17 Elementary Progress Reports
- 18 BOE Meeting, 7 pm
- 19 Jr/Sr High Music Concert, 7:30 pm
- 20 All County Festival
- 21 All County Concert @ Haverling HS
- 23 Conference Day, No School for Students**
- 25 Curtiss Music Concert, 7 pm
- 26 Early Dismissal, 1:20 pm
- 28 Little League Camp, 8:30 am
- 30 Academic All-Stars @ Arkport, 6:15 pm
- 31 SAT Registration Deadline for Test in Bath

April

- 4 ACT in Hammondspport
- 6 Academic All-Stars (H), 6:15 pm; PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm
- 7 Marking Period 3 ends; Sophomores to CCC
- 8 8th Grade Science Performance Test; BOE Meeting, 7 pm
- 10 - 17 No School, Spring Recess
- 21 Elementary Report Cards
- 22 BOE Meeting - BOCES Vote, 7:30 am

Dodgeball Tournament
Saturday, March 21
Sponsored by
HCS Baseball Team

Federal Stimulus: What It Means for Hammondspport

Initial figures given to the District show that Hammondspport is slated to receive an additional \$162,000 in IDEA funding for special education as well as an additional \$85,601 in Title I funding for reading/math. These amounts are over a two year period and then that additional money will go away. There have been no specifics on how this money may be spent or when it will be received.

Hammondspport Central School Offers Wellness Clinic

Corning Hospital will be offering comprehensive blood profiles for all employees, retirees, and spouses of the Hammondspport School District. These tests can be helpful in detecting health related problems in early stages and a solid step towards better health and well being. Call Cindy Stocking to make an appointment at 569-5200 and follow the prompts to Curtiss School Nurse.

Hammondspport Central School Wellness Clinic

Wednesday, March 18, 2009, 6AM-8AM

High School Gymnasium



ATTN: HCS SENIORS & PAST GRADS

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 1ST TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

*Students and past graduates are encouraged to have all applications **COMPLETE** before turning them into the Guidance Office.*

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