



HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Laker Lines

October 2008

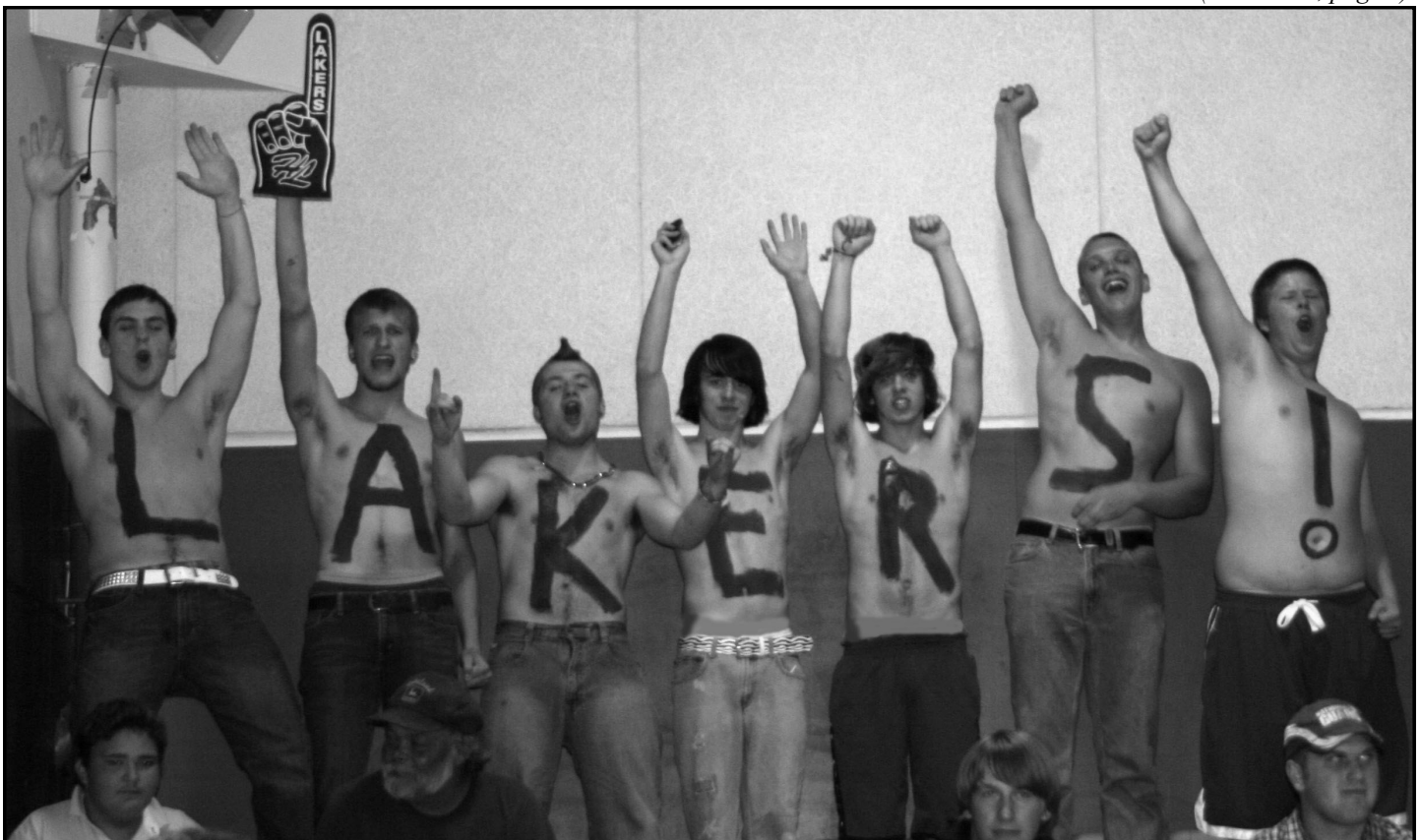
Something to Cheer About

**HCS Named
High Performing District
for Second Consecutive**

School spirit was in full force during Homecoming Weekend held September 26 and 27, and it seems HCS had more than just the fall sports teams to cheer about this year. For the second consecutive year, Hammondspport Central

School has been recognized by the New York State Education Department as a "High Performing District." Schools and districts are recognized as High Performing if they meet all applicable state standards for English

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From Left: Arley Cornell, Micah Armstrong, Luke Dinger, Kyle Young, Cole Young, Jake Withey, and Ryan Clark cheer on the Girls' Varsity Volleyball team during their Homecoming contest versus Prattsburgh on September 26.

Aiming High

News from Hammondspport Central School District Superintendent

What a crazy world we live in. Despite the recent economic chaos, presidential candidate political mudslinging, and state budget woes, I'm pleased to say that all is going well at Hammondspport Central School.

The process of planning for the transition of students from the Curtiss School to the Main Street campus is underway. The first Facilities Committee meeting was held on September 16th and the charge for the group was outlined. We will spend this year planning how space on the Main Street campus will be used and where classrooms will be located. We have already identified cafeteria, gym, and library spaces as being problematic, and we hope to generate solutions to those issues first. Next year will be spent determining what can be done with the Curtiss building that will generate revenue for the District and meet the needs of the community.

As a component of my entry plan into the Superintendent position I have been meeting with many students individually and having conversations about the district. I have spoken with over 20 students so far and heard from them regarding how they feel about the district, what our strengths are, what our weaknesses are, and what programs they would like to see us offer in the future. We have a very insightful student body and this information will be helpful as we continue to plan for our future.

Thank you to all the parents, families, and friends that attended our Homecoming and Elementary Open House celebrations. HCS is truly a special community and events like these allow us to celebrate all that we have together!

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

October is a busy month at Hammondsport Junior-Senior High. Our Senior Class will be traveling to New York City over Columbus weekend. There they will be engaged in tours of the city and attend musical performances. In the area of teaching and learning, students will be taking their PSATs (Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test) and ACT exams. Parents and students should know that for the majority of students their composite score increases after each retake. Again, colleges still value a rigorous High School program first when making admission decisions. The first progress report period ends on October 1, 2008; please email your child's teacher with any concerns.

Throughout this school year faculty and staff will be reinforcing the **LAKERS** theme to students:

Learn
Attitude
Kindness and Respect
Enjoy yourself
Responsibility
Safety

These are the core values which we expect students to employ every school day.

A special thank you to all staff, parents and students for your participation in Homecoming Weekend. The floats, parade, dance and games were outstanding this year because of the time devoted by students, parents and advisors. **Laker Pride** was in full force.

Updates from the K-6 Principal's Office

by Jim McCormick

As we near the end of September, I am amazed at how quickly the first twenty days flew by. The first attendance period is complete, Open House at the Primary and Curtiss Schools were well attended, and Homecoming activities were enjoyed by all. The Student Council at Curtiss did a wonderful job of organizing five days of celebration commemorating Spirit Week. Approximately eighty students participated in the parade on Friday, September 26. Kudos to the Homecoming Committee and the many volunteers for making Homecoming a huge success.

The sixth grade attended the Field Day Conservation Program sponsored by the Cornell Cooperative Extension and held at the GST BOCES Coopers campus on Tuesday, September 23rd. The Curtiss Club Fair Assembly launched the club activities for the year beginning on Friday, October 3rd. Sign-ups for the following clubs

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Students of the Quarter

Mattie Catherman and Joshua Haluszczak have been selected as Students of the Quarter for the 4th marking period of the 2007-2008 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 Mattie and Josh!

Student of the Quarter

Full Name:
Mattie L. Catherman

Favorite Subject in School:
Math

Hobbies / Activities:
Reading, doodling, writing

Future Plans:
Off to college somewhere

Three words that best describe yourself:
Positive, hard-working, fun



Student of the Quarter

Full Name:
Joshua Haluszczak

Favorite Subject in School:
Lunch, Accounting II

Hobbies / Activities:
Swimming, sailing, being awesome

Future Plans:
Duchesne University majoring in international business with a minor in accounting

Three words that best describe yourself:
Enticing, mischievous, humorous



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are in the Curtiss Office: Garden Club, Sports Club, Volleyball Club, Spanish Club and Sign Language Club.

Teachers have been busy assessing where their students are now and where they need to be by year's end. ELA and Math instruction is designed to meet the individual needs of each student. Student's past performances, successes, and learning style are factors that teachers consider when individualizing instruction. Parental involvement and support is also key in fostering an environment for their child to experience success in the classroom. The weekly teacher newsletters and the student agendas are great resources for parents to use to become informed and involved. If additional needs arise, you may contact the office at 569-5200 ext. 5233 for the Primary and ext. 4120 for the Curtiss School.

Baseball Can/Bottle Drive



The baseball team will be holding a can drive on October 4 and November 8. In addition, there is a drop-off box at the end of the Main Street School driveway where cans and bottles can be dropped off at any time. PLEASE ONLY LEAVE REFUNDABLE CANS AND BOTTLES, no recyclables.

Also, the team will be selling spirit items such as athletic shirts, foam fingers and vinyl dipped seat cushions.

Our winter sponsored events will begin on November 15 with Dodgeball in the high school gymnasium.

2008-09 SKI AND BOARD CLUB NEWS

The Ski and Snowsports Club would like to present the 2008-2009 cost information for Bristol Mountain rental and lift tickets. Students interested in purchasing tickets through the club should pick up a packet in the High School or Curtiss Office. Adults are also able to purchase ticket packages through the Club. In addition, adults who would like to ski on Friday nights may purchase tickets on that date for \$30. Please notify one of the Club advisors on the evening you'd like to attend.

All season passes are now sold exclusively through Bristol Mountain.

The Circus is Coming...

The Hammondsport Ski and Snowsports Club is pleased to announce that we will once again sponsor the Billy Martin Circus. The circus is geared toward family audiences and is always entertaining. Tickets will be sold by members of the Snowsports Club and at area grocery stores on specified dates. Mark your calendars to attend the circus on October 23rd. See Mr. Derr, Ms. Satterfield, or a club member for more information.



School Snowsports Club Cost Information for 2008-2009

Elementary Student Ski Package Cost Sheet			Jr./Sr. High School Student Ski Package Cost Sheet		
Program	Fall Rate*	Winter Rate **	Program	Fall Rate*	Winter Rate **
Bristol Mountain Twilight Program (4pm—10pm)			Bristol Mountain Twilight Program (4pm—10pm)		
4X Lift/Lesson	\$96	\$106	6T Lift/Lesson	\$144	\$154
4R Rental	\$42	\$52	6TR Rental	\$63	\$73
6X Lift/Lesson	\$129	\$139	8T Lift/Lesson	\$180	\$190
6R Rental	\$63	\$73	8TR Rental	\$84	\$94
8 Hour Daytime Ticket (any day)			8 Hour Daytime Ticket (any day)		
6A Lift/Lesson	\$204	\$214	6A Lift/Lesson	\$204	\$214
6AR Rental	\$81	\$91	6AR Rentals	\$81	\$91
8A Lift/Lesson	\$256	\$266	8A Lift/Lesson	\$256	\$266
8AR Rental	\$108	\$118	8AR Rentals	\$108	\$118

* Fall rate applicable through November 10, 2008

** Winter rate applicable from November 14, 2008 through December 14, 2008

National Honor Society Halloween Food Drive



Friday, October 31
6-7 p.m.

NHS members will be trick-or-treating for canned foods for the Loaves and Fishes Food Bank.



HCS Named High Performing District (cont.)

Language Arts and math, and also make Adequate Yearly Progress in both areas for two consecutive years.

This honor is even more prestigious since both Hammondsport Jr./Sr. High and Glenn H. Curtiss Memorial School were recognized individually as "High Performing Schools" from the New York State Education Department. Of the 678 eligible school districts within the State of New York, only 288 received this designation. Even fewer districts are able to claim that their district, as well as all schools within it, has been recognized by the state as High Performing.

We are extremely proud of all students and staff as we continue to strive for excellence every day! Congratulations to all!

Elementary Parent Advisory Meeting

Thursday, October 16, 2008
6 pm - 7pm in the Primary Library

Parents are encouraged to attend to discuss ideas and strategies for the Pre K - 6th grade programs.



HCS Artist of the Month

The Laker Lines is proud to present a new "Artist of the Month" section in the newsletter which will recognize our resident artistic talents. Initiated by High School Art Teacher Gina Pfleeger, an outstanding artist will be chosen from one of her art classes each month and will be featured with his/her artwork in the Laker Lines. This month, we are recognizing Senior Arley Cornell for his Advertising Design piece (pictured left). Below, we learn a little more about Arley and his art through an interview conducted by Mrs. Pfleeger.

What is your favorite kind of artwork to create? "Abstract"

What kind of art are you most drawn to? "Still Life"

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 pattern or design with a single character. Here, I used "r" many times and it created some dazzling negative space."

What did you use to create this piece? "Pencil and Sharpie"

How long have you been creating art? "All my life!"

How do you see art being a part of your future? "Artwork is second to music as a passion for me; when I am not creating music, I hope to be creating art."

Congratulations Arley and good luck in future artistic endeavors!

Homecoming

A Tale of Six Cities



“School Rocks” and “Lakers Are #1” according to these Elementary students. They may be young, but they have an advanced degree in school spirit.



The Sophomore's float captured our nation's capital with some popular campaign slogans, the Washington monument and even some secret servicemen.



“Long Live Rome!” say these gladiator clad Juniors posing in front of the Roman Colosseum



These ballot boxes were hoping the judges would cast their vote for the Class of 2011 float.

ScrapBook



The Senior Class float, which took home first place honors, depicted Paris featuring the Arc de Triomphe and the Eiffel Tower



These Freshmen Londoners seem to be going a little crazy. Is that because they had a Beatles sighting?

It was a Tale of Six Cities for the 2008 Homecoming Parade. From Washington, D.C. to Beijing, classes depicted some of the more famous cities around the world in their Homecoming floats. Félicitations to the Seniors for winning first place for their Parisian float.

Following the parade the Lakers Volleyball and Soccer teams hosted neighboring Prattsburgh in well-attended league games. Both teams prevailed with the soccer team winning by a score of 1-0 and the volleyball team winning 3-0. Great job ladies!

As always, many thanks to the PTO for sponsoring the children's games after the parade and to the Legion for providing free hot dogs to the HCS community.



It's a peaceful greeting from these Seventh Grade students representing Tokyo, Japan



2008 Homecoming Queen and King
Kelsey Spinks and Ricci Wendlandt

October/November Calendar Items

October

- 1 HS Progress Reports
- 4 Baseball can/bottle drive
- 6 PTO meeting, 6:30 pm, HS café
- 10 Early Dismissal; Elementary Progress Reports; Seniors leave for NYC
- 13 No school, Columbus Day
- 15 PSAT in room 134, 8 am; BOE Meeting, 7 pm
- 16 K-12 Picture re-takes; Arnot Mall College Fair, 5:30-8 pm
- 25 ACT @ Hammondsport CS
- 31 Marking Period 1 ends

November

- 1 SAT @ Bath Haverling
- 3 PTO Meeting, 6:30 pm, HS Café
- 6 Juniors travel to Alfred State
- 7 Sophomore PLAN Test; Jr. High Area All State
- 8 Jr. High Area All State; Sophomore's Chili & Soup Cook-off; Baseball can/bottle drive
- 11 No School, Veteran's Day
- 12 5th Grade NYS Social Studies Exam
- 13 5th Grade NYS Social Studies Exam
- 14 Freshman travel to Bath
- 19 BOE Meeting, 7 pm
- 20 Jr/Sr High Band & Chorus Concert
- 21 Sr. High Area All State
- 22 Sr. High Area All State
- 24 Jr/Sr. High Open House, 6-8:30 pm
- 25 No School for students, Parent/Teacher Conf. Day
- 26 No School, Thanksgiving break
- 27 No School, Thanksgiving break
- 28 No School, Thanksgiving break
- 29 No School, Thanksgiving break

Curtiss Halloween Dance

October 25, 2008

Open to students in grades 4-6

\$3.00 Admission

Prizes for Best Overall, Most Creative, & Scariest Costumes

Snacks available for purchase

A flyer will be coming home with more information



RAIN, RAIN GO AWAY!!

Lakers (Homecoming) Classic rescheduled due to weather

New Date: 10/25/08 - Saturday, 12:30 pm
shotgun start at Bath Country Club

Cost: \$200/4-man team includes 18 holes of golf, carts and lunch

Team spaces still available but filling up quickly

Contact acorell@hport.wnyric.org (Coach Corell) or
knichiporuk@hport.wnyric.org (Coach Nichiporuk)

Deadline for Wall of Fame

The deadline for submitting
Wall of Fame applications
is December 31, 2008
to be considered for
2009 induction.



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