

**HAMMONDSPORT
CENTRAL SCHOOL**

Laker Lines

September 2008

Starting Off Fine in '08-'09



Students pause in front of the Curtiss School for a smile and a photo before entering the building to begin the 2008-09 school year.

Aiming High

News from Hammondsport Central School District Superintendent Kyle Bower

I love September! Having been an administrator for 6 years now, summer is a hectic, busy time with reports, state paperwork, and other management tasks, but very few opportunities to interact with students. I got into this business to work with and for students and the school is certainly a much livelier place with them in it. I'm excited they're back and I'm sure they feel the same!?

As this new school year begins, everyone reading this article continues to struggle with high costs for food, fuel, and all the necessities of life. We continue to look at creative ways to control costs. At the August board meeting, Mrs. Tollerup shared with the board the savings we have realized by the changes we have made in bus runs and bus routes (see table, right). I have included some additional items of interest regarding transportation later in this newsletter (see inset on page 4).

Miles Saved by Optimizing Bus Routes and Runs				
School Year	Unleaded \$	Diesel \$	Miles Traveled During School Day	Miles Traveled for Sports
2004-05	\$1.49	\$1.69	-	-
2005-06	\$2.35	\$2.36	288,326	13,031
2006-07	\$2.28	\$2.47	226,524	15,485
2007-08	\$3.37	\$4.20	220,455	11,578

Despite the trend, we will not be raising school lunch prices in an attempt to keep lunches affordable for families. Although our food costs have increased significantly, Mrs. Zema will be working to provide high quality meals within our current price structure.

The official state school district report card is now available. However, in keeping with the timeliness of the state, this recent report card is actually reflective of the 2006-2007 school year. If you would like to review it on line, please click on the Forms/Documents link on the homepage of our school website then select NYS School Report Card from the list on the left side of the page.

Don't forget that our Hammondsport Homecoming weekend begins on Friday, September 26th with the parade followed by evening soccer and volleyball games. This is an event that the students really enjoy and look forward to. Hope to see you on the parade route and then back at the games.

As always, the door is open. Hope to see you soon!

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

Hammondsport Junior-Senior High School is off to a solid start. I am pleased to introduce two quality teachers to our community. Kim Larsen is our new Spanish teacher who is returning to the area from Maryland. Brande Flaitz is our new math and chemistry teacher, via Arkport. We are expecting great things from both of our new hires.

In the area of teaching and learning, I am proud to announce that Hammondsport Junior Senior High School has been designated a "High Performing School" by the New York State Education Department. This recognition is given to schools that meet or exceed the required benchmarks for students mastering the New York State Learning Standards. Also, the New York State report card shows that Hammondsport Junior-Senior High School is consistently outperforming regional schools on state assessments. Thank you to teachers, parents and students for your focus on academic excellence.

With the start of school, please be in frequent contact with your child's teachers regarding academic performance. All staff emails are accessible on the Hammondsport Central School website. Starting in 7th grade, students are expected to have at least an hour of homework each night and increasing amounts every year after. Not surprisingly, research shows the most successful students are those who dedicate the most time outside of class mastering the curriculum. Students who spend one hour every night reading assignments, completing homework and studying are bound to be successful. Have a great year and feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at 569-5200 Ext 5331.

Updates from the K-6 Principal's Office

by Jim McCormick

With September comes both joy and disappointment. Student's smiling faces and boundless excitement are positive signs school is back in session, while the fun-filled days of summer have ended all too soon. The teachers have been readying their classrooms and organizing their curriculum materials in preparation for the start of the 2008-2009 year.

With the start of a new school year comes the need to adjust to new routines and set the tone for success in academics as we all strive to maintain HCS as a high performing school.

The staff, parents and students each have responsibilities that ensure a positive learning environment. The staff will provide learning experiences that promote student success. The parents will ensure their child attends school each day, prepared to do their best. The student will participate in the learning process positively and respectfully while working to the best of their ability.

On a final note, please add the following items to your September calendar:

- September 12 – K-12 pictures
- September 16 – Early Dismissal
- September 25 – Curtiss Club Fair assembly @ 1:45 pm
- September 25 – Primary Open House @ 6:15 pm
- September 26 – Homecoming Parade @ 5:30 pm
- September 30 – Curtiss School Open House @ 6:15 pm

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (607) 569-5200 ext. 5233.

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Below please find the correct Reduced Price Eligibility Income Chart. The 2008-2009 Family Application for Free & Reduced Price Meals is available on the school website under [Our District > School and Community Services > Cafeteria Services](#) and then click on the [Free/Reduced Meal Application](#) link. All applications submitted for consideration must have **School Year 2008-09** printed in the upper right hand corner.

Income Chart: The following chart lists income levels according to household size and income levels received either yearly, monthly or weekly. If your total household income is the same or less than the amounts on the Income Chart below, your children may be eligible to receive free or reduced price meals.

REDUCED PRICE ELIGIBILITY INCOME CHART

Effective from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

Household Size	Annual	Month	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1.....	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$ 802	\$ 740	\$ 370
2.....	25,900	2,159	1,080	997	499
3.....	32,560	2,714	1,357	1,253	627
4.....	39,220	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
5.....	45,880	3,824	1,912	1,765	883
6.....	52,540	4,379	2,190	2,021	1,011
7.....	59,200	4,934	2,467	2,277	1,139
8.....	65,860	5,489	2,745	2,534	1,267
For each additional family member add.....	6,660	555	278	257	129



News from the Transportation Department

by Cindy Tollerup

Welcome back everyone! Summer certainly seemed to fly by this year and the transportation department has been getting ready for opening day. The learning and recreation program had a fun-filled summer with trips to the movies in Penn Yan and a swimming trip to Watkins Glen. I thank my summer drivers, Bill C. and Bill R. Fries, Sue Hamilton, Jeff Clarkson, Tom Shugars and Jane Arnold for the great job they've done, including getting the buses cleaned, polished and ready for September. Now we turn our total attention to the start of school. I'm sure everyone has been impacted by the price of fuel this summer and we are doing everything we can to economize as much as possible. We are asking all parents to phone 569-5200, ext. 5284 if your child is not attending school for illness or an appointment. We will not be able to wait at your home for your child to get ready in the morning, so please have your child waiting at their bus stop 5 minutes before the bus is due to arrive. The drivers will not drop a child (pre-school to 4th grade) off at a home if they do not believe a parent/babysitter is there. Please be visible to the drivers when they arrive in the afternoons or if we have to call, please know it is out of concern for your child's well being. If you know you will not be home for your child's arrival, please call either the transportation dept. or the primary office, 569-5200, ext. 5233. Parents must provide a phone call or a written note for a child to be dropped off anywhere other than home or their usual babysitter. If there is no note or phone call your child must go home on the bus they came into school on. If you have any questions on the time your bus will arrive, please call Cindy Tollerup at 569-5200, ext. 5284. The drivers, an idea of their area and their bus numbers are listed in the chart below.

Transportation Outlook for 2008-2009

by Kyle Bower, Superintendent

As fuel and maintenance costs for our fleet continue to rise, we continue to look at ways to streamline our service while keeping safety in the forefront. We make every attempt to keep students on our buses for as short a time as possible. However, as we consolidate bus runs, this will become even more difficult. With buses needing to be in the loop by 7:30am, we do have some students that will need to be picked up beginning at 6:20am. Through the year we will make every attempt to adjust the times later as best as we can.

This year we will be running a daily fleet of nine full size buses for our morning and afternoon runs. We also have one large bus and three smaller vehicles that transport students to other programs in Bath, Prattsburgh, Corning, and BOCES in Coopers Plains. The second bus run in the afternoon will continue to be a shuttle service with fewer buses based on number of students.

In terms of safety, we will be publishing later this year a list of roads that district buses will no longer be able to pick up or drop off students. These roads have been deemed unsafe due to condition or are dead ends with no safe area for a vehicle to turn around. There are also some roads that school buses are able to travel up safely but not able to travel down with a full load of students. These roads have steep grades that make stopping the bus at the bottom very difficult and dangerous.

Should you have any transportation questions, please contact Mrs. Cindy Tollerup, Transportation Director at #569-5200 ex 5283.

Bus #	Bus Driver	Route(s)
#106	Diane Davis	Armstrong Rd., Tobey Rd., CR 78, CR 76
#110	Don Mau	CR 74, Thomas Rd., Brown Rd., Main St., Roff Hill, Cross St., Lower Middle Rd.
#111	Sandy Heil	Winding Stairs, CR 113, VanAmberg, N. Urbana Hill, Fleet Rd.
#108	John Heil	SR 54, SR 230, CR 26, Butternut Hill, Day Rd.
#112	Bill C. Fries	Ridge, Fleet, CR 24, CR 23, Wayne village streets, Back St., CR 87
#118	Kevin Hamilton	Pleasant Valley, Lake St., Mitchellsville Hill
#119	Bob Perry	Chidsey Hill, SR 54A, Liberty, William, Lake, lower Shethar St.
#116	John Webster	Grove Springs, Coryell, CR 87, Back Valley, South Valley
#114	Bill R. Fries	Bully Hill, CR 77, Briglin, Depew, Glenbrook, Two Rod, Reservoir Hill, Davis, Vine St.
#117	Sue Hamilton	Boces Coopers
#109	Tom Shugars	Bath Haverling
#29	Bob Little	Prattsburgh
#30	Greg Preston	Corning

Lakers Homecoming Classic

When: Saturday, September 27, 2008

Where: Bath Country Club

What: A fun day of 18 holes of Captain & Crew golf followed by a great lunch and lots of prizes

Sponsored by HCS Cheerleaders

Space is limited to the first 20 teams

\$200/team includes greens fees, carts, & lunch

Contact any cheerleader or Coaches Corell or Nichiporuk to enter your team at 569-5200 or acorell@hport.wnyric.org or knichiporuk@hport.wnyric.org



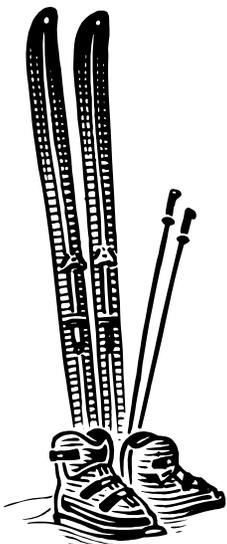
Think Snow!!!



The Hammondsport Ski and Snow Sports Club will once again travel to Bristol Mountain Ski Resort. The club is open to all students in grades 5-12. New members at any of the grade levels are welcome to join. Transportation is provided by the school and members are required to ride on the bus. The club will make six Friday trips and one all day trip. The all day trip is typically on Martin Luther King Day and it is recommended that only experienced members attend this event.

All first time members are required to take a minimum of four lessons and all members are encouraged to take lessons to improve their skills. A meeting for students will be announced when the information becomes available through Bristol Mountain Resort. There will also be a mandatory family meeting for all new members and parents prior to the first trip. Community members and adults are welcome to purchase packages through

the club, at club rates. These tickets may be used any evening of the week. Additional information will be announced through the "Laker Lines" and the school announcements. The advisors for the club are Ms. Diana Satterfield & Mr. Jim Derr.



New Faces In the Crowd



Jim McCormick
Interim Elementary Principal

Welcome

Kim Larsen
Junior/Senior High Spanish



to



Brande Flaitz
Chemistry & Math

HCS

Karen Wood
6th Grade Sub for Mrs. Underhill



Laura Binkowski
1st Grade Sub for Mrs. Webster

2008 Fall Sports Schedule

<u>Boys' Varsity Soccer</u>	<u>Girls' Varsity Soccer</u>
September	September
2 @ Addison	2 AA (H)
5 @ Arkport	6 Canisteo Green. (H)
9 Fillmore (H)	8 Arkport (H)
11 Avoca (H)	9 @ CS
	13 @ Prattsburgh
13 @ Prattsburgh	16 @Addison
15 @ Dundee	18 Avoca (H)
	19 @ Canaseraga
19 @ Bradford	22 Bradford (H)
23 JT (H)	24 @ JT
25 @ AA	26 Prattsburgh (H)
27 Prattsburgh (H)	30 @ Canisteo Green
29 Canisteo Green (H)	
October	October
1 @ CS	2 CS (H)
7 @ Avoca	8 @ Avoca
8 @ Fillmore	16 @ Bradford
15 Bradford (H)	
17 @ Wellsville	

<u>Boys' Modified Soccer</u>	<u>Girls' JV Soccer</u>
September	September
13 @ Prattsburgh	2 AA (H)
27 Prattsburgh (H)	8 Arkport (H)
29 @ CS	9 @ CS
October	16 @ Addison
1 AA (H)	17 Fillmore (H)
10 @ Avoca	18 Avoca (H)
16 Bradford (H)	24 @ JT
20 @ Bradford	30 @ CG
22 CS (H)	October
25 @ AA	2 CS (H)
29 Avoca (H)	8 @ Avoca
	14 @ Fillmore
	18 County Tournament
	20 County Tournament
	22 County Tournament

<u>Girls' Tennis</u>	<u>Girls' Modified Soccer</u>
September	September
2 @ Alfred Almond	13 @ Prattsburgh
3 Bath (H)	27 Prattsburgh (H)
4 Addison (H)	
8 CG (H)	October
10 @ Avoca	1 AA (H)
12 @ Prattsburgh	10 @ Avoca
15 @ Wellsville	16 Bradford (H)
19 Avoca (H)	20 @ Bradford
22 AA (H)	25 @ AA
25 @ CG	29 Avoca (H)
26 Prattsburgh (H)	
29 WayCo (H)	
October	
4 Counties @ Hornell	
14 Team Sectionals	
20 Individual Sectional	
24 Sectional Finals	



<u>Varsity Volleyball</u>	<u>JV Volleyball</u>
September	September
5 CS (H)	5 CS (H)
6 @ Tioga Tournament	12 @ Prattsburgh
8 @ Avoca	19 Addison (H)
10 Arkport (H)	22 Dundee (H)
12 @ Prattsburgh	24 @ Fillmore
15 CG (H)	27 Prattsburgh (H)
19 Addison (H)	29 @ CS
22 Dundee (H)	October
24 @ Fillmore	6 Fillmore (H)
26 Prattsburgh (H)	15 @ Addison
29 @ CS	17 @ Dundee
October	18 @ Tioga Tourn.
1 Avoca (H)	
3 @ Arkport	
6 Fillmore (H)	
8 @ CG	
15 @ Addison	
17 @ Dundee	
18 @ Byron Bergen Tourn	



<u>Modified Volleyball</u>	<u>Cross Country</u>
September	September
20 RR @ Prattsburgh	3 @ Canisteo Green
24 CS (H)	9 @ CS
27 Prattsburgh (H)	16 Arkport / Avoca (H)
October	23 @ Addison
3 @ Arkport	30 Arkport / JT / Addison (H)
4 Round Robin (H)	October
11 RR @ CS	7 @ CS
14 RR @ Arkport	14 @ JT
15 @ CS	23 @ JT (modified)
	24 @ Addison
	November
	1 Sectionals
	@ Marcus Whitman



Most weekday outdoor contests
begin at 4:30 pm

Most weekday JV Volleyball matches
begin at 5:30 pm

Most weekday Varsity Volleyball matches
begin at 7:00 pm

Please consult the school website for
exact game times and schedule updates

come Out and Support Your Laker Teams

Pictured right: Junior goalie Ethan Burke stops a goal for the Lakers Varsity Soccer team during their home opener under the lights.



Homecoming 2008

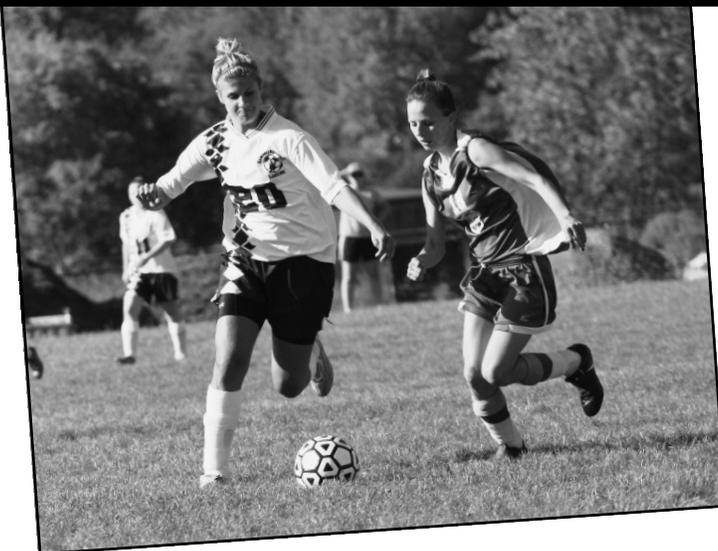
September 26 & 27

Friday, September 26

Girls' Tennis, 4:30 p.m.
Homecoming Parade, 5:30 p.m.
Hot Dog Tent Sponsored by
the American Legion, 6 p.m.
PTO Children's Games, 6 p.m.
Varsity Volleyball Game, 7 p.m.
Girls' Varsity Soccer Game
under the Lights, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 27

Modified Volleyball, 9:00 a.m.
Boys' Modified Soccer, 9:30 a.m.
JV Volleyball, 10:00 a.m.
Girls' JV Soccer, 12:00 p.m.
Boys' Varsity Soccer, 2:00 p.m.
Homecoming Dance, 8:00 p.m.



Laker Pride

Pictured left: Sophomore midfielder Ashley House runs down a ball ahead of an Alfred Almond opponent during the girls' home opener on September 2nd.

September/October Calendar Items

September

- 3 First day of school
- 8 PTO meeting, 6:30 pm, HS café
- 12 K-12 School Pictures, Sports Team Pictures
- 16 Early dismissal
- 17 BOE Meeting, 7 pm
- 25 Primary Open House, 6:15 pm
- 26 Homecoming Parade, games
- 27 Homecoming games, dance
- 30 Curtiss Open House, 6:15 pm; Bath Haverling College Fair, 6-8:30 pm

October

- 1 HS Progress Reports
- 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

School Picture Dates



Friday, September 12th

K-12th School Pictures

(Note Date Change from District Calendar)

Thursday, October 16th

K-12th School Pictures Re-takes

Students should plan to have a picture taken for the 2009 Vintage Yearbook even if they will not be purchasing a package.



Primary Open House

Sept. 25 from 6:15-7:30

Curtiss Open House

Sept. 30 from 6:15-7:30

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