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Hammondspport Central School District Newsletter

Class of 2018 Valedictorian and Salutatorian Named

Valedictorian

Rachael Derby

Salutatorian

Paige MacDonald



Rachael Derby has been announced as the Valedictorian of the 2018 Senior Class at Hammondspport Central School.

Rachael has been active in the school newspaper, the Drama Club pit band, the National Honor Society, the Elementary Spanish Club, and she is the co-host of an online podcast. She has received several honors and awards during high school. Rachael has also given her time to the local community, volunteering for many organizations.

Rachael plans on attending Cazenovia College this fall, majoring in Visual Communications.



Paige MacDonald has been announced as the Salutatorian of the 2018 Senior Class at Hammondspport Central School.

Paige has been active in Student Council, National Honor Society, the Pep Rally Committee, and Homecoming Committee. She was captain of both Varsity Basketball and Varsity Cross County. Paige has been recognized for several awards during high school, and she has volunteered and been active in various community activities.

Paige will be attending the University of Buffalo, majoring in Bio Medical Sciences.



Message from the Board of Education and the Superintendent

On Tuesday, March 20th, members of the HCS school community, along with area law enforcement, clergy, government officials and District administration, came together to discuss school safety and security. During the two-hour dialogue we discussed topics such as the difference between a lock out and a lock down, school communication, and at-risk students. All very important topics in the times we find ourselves.

The number one responsibility for the entire faculty and staff at Hammondspport Central School is the safety of our students. While every school district has safety protocols and procedures, the most important tool in prevention is people. The constant pull of personal technology has created a generation of students that struggle to verbally communicate and feel increasingly anxious and isolated. Anger that develops in a young person's mind instantly gets posted on Twitter, Instagram, or Snapchat and now that student has not just threatened another, they have threatened their future.

Our school district has a single point entry, full time school resource officer, and over fifty cameras. But, we struggle to monitor what we can't control. We need parents and students to help us by developing safety protocols and procedures of your own. Parents: Please monitor your students on social media. Teach them how to use social media. Set limits and enforce your expectations about social media. Students: When you see something that concerns you, say something. Remember that communication involves talking and listening, not just reading and replying. Give yourself a break from time to time, turn everything off, and look out the window. Working together will not only help secure our facility, it will help secure a future full of positive choices for our students.

Thank you and Go LAKERS!

Mr. Kyle C. Bower, Superintendent of Schools

HCS Mission

The mission of the Hammondspport 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.

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; Dennis Carlson, Vice President; Richard Drain, Kevin Bennett, and Lynda Lowin.

The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Library of the Main Street School.

For more school information, visit our school website at: hammondspportcsd.org

Superintendent of Schools: Kyle Bower

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LAKERS 2027 Strategic Planning Interest Meeting

Throughout the current school year, multiple teams have met to discuss topics ranging from District finances to scheduling. These discussions have been critical as we continue to balance meeting the needs of today with preparing for the needs of the future. As announced in the fall of 2017, the District will be revisiting our current strategic plan this summer for the purpose of making sure it still reflects what the community expects from our District. This initiative has been labeled LAKERS 2027. The introductory meeting for our upcoming Strategic Plan review will take place at 6pm on Thursday, May 3rd in the District Auditorium. The process, topics, and timeline for the LAKERS 2027 initiative will be laid out so everyone can make a decision on participation. There will be one to two planning meetings over the summer of 2018 with two to three meetings in the fall of 2018. Any questions prior to May 3rd should be directed to Kyle C. Bower, Superintendent, at kbower@hport.wnyric.org or by calling #569-5200 ext 5240.

From the Desk of Mr. Rounds, 7-12 Principal

Congratulations to the valedictorian and salutatorian of the Class of 2018!

In early March, Rachael Derby was announced as the valedictorian and Paige MacDonald as the Salutatorian. Both of these young ladies have challenged themselves in college level courses during their junior and senior year, and have assumed leadership in co-curricular and extracurricular activities. Both will graduate with Advanced Regents Diplomas. We are immensely proud of both Rachael and Paige, as well as the entire Class of 2018, and we are sure they will all go on to do great things!

On March 29th, to coincide with the Junior Prom, which will be held at Logan Ridge on April 7th, and The Class of 2018 Graduation scheduled for June 22nd, the Steuben County Prevention Coalition and Steuben County Sheriff's Office presented a safety program to our entire junior and senior classes. Students heard first-hand about the impact of impaired driving from victim's family member and took part in simulations and lessons on the legal implications of poor decision making. Stations and simulations for the event included an impaired driving kart, mock field



Steuben County Sheriffs with Hammondspport Juniors and Seniors

sobriety tests, STOP-DWI New York Traveling Exhibit and the Amy Stock Memorial Trailer. Amy Stock was a college professor who tragically lost her life in a DWI accident.

The Spanish Club is finalizing their trip to Spain and Portugal scheduled for July 4-15. Students will have the opportunity to be immersed in the both the Spanish language and culture during their trip. In addition, they will tour the historic cities of Lisbon, Barcelona and Seville, just to name a few.

Congratulations to the Drama Club for their successful production of "Wonderland: Alice's Rock 'n Roll Adventure" on March 9th and March 10th. The auditorium was packed for both of the club's production, and the students did an amazing job with the story line and musical selections. Thank you to our parents and community for their continued support of the arts!

7th and 8th Grade testing commences on April 11th and 12th for ELA (English language Arts) Assessment and on May 2nd and May 3rd for the Math Assessment. The exams have been shortened to two days from three days and students have unlimited time on the scheduled test day to finish. The majority of students will conclude within a two-hour window. The best preparation for exam day is a good night's sleep and a healthy breakfast. We are excited for our students to be able to show what they know and can do!

Hunger 101 and Mad City Money



Anna Vogel, Kayla Reneau, Brittany Storrs, and Anouk Mentink work on Hunger 101 simulation with Mr. Derr.

On March 20th, Hammondspport Seniors attended the events Hunger 101 and Mad City Money at the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum. The events were brought to the students by the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Corning Federal Credit Union, and Career Development Council. These simulations provided the students with hands-on opportunities to learn more about real-life situations, such as hunger, poverty, and managing a household budget. Thank you to Lyndsey Lyman of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, Skyler Harwood of the Corning Federal Credit Union, Alisa Wright of the Career Development Council, the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum, and all of the volunteers from our community for creating an invaluable experience for our students!

"Music in Our Schools"

March was "Music in Our Schools" month, as was established by the National Associate for Music Educators. Schools throughout the United States are encouraged to showcase the importance of music in our schools and in our community. We are proud to showcase the many ways Hammondspport students celebrated "Music in Our Schools" throughout March. Mr. Mitch, Mrs. Correll, and Mr. Arnts would like to congratulate the 170+ Hammondspport students who have participated in the many "Music in Our Schools" events.



We had a wonderful turnout for our Elementary "Music in Our Schools" concert on Tuesday, March 13th. Thank you to Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Arnts for all of your hard work preparing our students to put their musical talents on full display for our families to enjoy. Congratulations to our Curtiss Chorus, Beginner Band, and Symphonic Band for an outstanding performance!



Anna Vogel as the rabbit, Emma Thompson as the mouse, and Amanda O'Donnell as the mad hatter.

HCS's drama club production of "Wonderland: Alice's Rock 'n Roll Adventure" featured over 30 talented actors and musicians in the pit band.



Maeve Frost, holding the 7 card, and other cast member pose for a picture!

All County Festivals

On March 22nd our secondary ensembles were featured including Jazz Band, Junior High Band, Senior High Band, Junior Choir and Senior Choir. In addition to our own local concerts, select members of our bands and choral ensembles were chosen to participate in two different all county festivals which are organized and run by the Steuben County Music Teachers Association (SCMTA).



First Row: Lily Morris and Sarah Lyle
Second Row: Arielle Szathmary and Brooke Lisefski
Third Row: Liam McLoud, Carter Thompson and Ben Dluzak



Top Row: Rorie Whitcomb
Bottom Row: Cadence Butler



Hammondsport Senior High All County Band
participants- Andrew Hill, Eli Hill, Tyler Hill, Matthew Cole



Back row: Hannah Hoerter, Victoria Morgan, Cody Cook, Steven Veley, Rorie Whitcomb
Front row: Ethan Buckley, Cadence Butler, Liam Kressly, Asher Hartman

All County Festival A was scheduled to be held on March 3rd at the Hornell High School's auditorium, but was unfortunately snowed out. Our participants selected to perform were: (HS Band: Andrew Hill, Tyler Hill, Eli Hill and Mathew Cole) (Jr. High Chorus: Rorie Whitcomb, Cadence Butler, Victoria Morgan, Hannah Hoerter, Asher Hartman, Liam Kressly, Ethan Buckley, Stephen Veley, Cody Cook)

All County festival B was held at Corning-Painted Post High School Auditorium and included the following students: (6th Grade chorus: Josie Jenkins, Sarah Lyle, Xander White) (Senior High Mixed Chorus: Elissa Martinez, Natalie Lowin, Andrew Hill, Eli Hill, Travis Raab, Thomas Kressly, Tyler Hill, Matthew Cole, Emily Sofio, Ben Cole, Gavin Ruddy)

From the Desk of Mr. Koehler, Elementary Principal

We believe that community involvement, support, and commitment are essential. This is one of our shared core beliefs that is outlined in our district's strategic plan. We are thankful for the support we receive from partnerships with our families and wider community to provide the best educational experiences possible for our children.

Our Family Fun Night on March 15th was a great success. This event was a collaborative effort between multiple staff, our PTO, Finger Lakes Eat Smart NY, and GST BOCES to provide a range of engaging learning opportunities for our families to enjoy. Families were able to engage in literacy, math, and science activities, learn about nutrition and ideas for physical activity, and explore our buy one get one free book fair put on by our PTO. We were thrilled to have a turnout of over 120 students and family members!

We appreciated the support of our families on February 14th for our Pre-K Drop-In Day. Families had the opportunity to learn about and participate in different stations alongside their children, including fine motor skills, gross motor skills, board games, math, and early literacy skills. Our Pre-K students have demonstrated tremendous growth throughout the school year, and we were thrilled to give them the opportunity to showcase it on this special day!

Our Elementary Music in our Schools concert took place on March 13th. Our Beginner Band did a phenomenal job at their first concert. In addition, our Symphonic Band and Curtiss Chorus were proud to perform in front of a packed audience. We are always excited to showcase the musical talents of our students, and we thank our families for coming out on this evening and supporting music in our school.

We are fortunate to have a staff that is dedicated to studying research-based best practice to continually improve the instructional experiences we offer our children. On our March 9th conference day, we welcomed Dr. Cathy Vatterott, the author of the text, *Rethinking Grading: Meaningful Assessment for Standards-Based Learning*, to our school. Dr. Vatterott helped us to continue to think critically about our daily practices with grading and how they can help (or unintentionally harm) our efforts to shape a growth mindset in all of our students.

The collaborative nature of our staff and the partnerships we hold with our families and wider community are two of the defining features of what makes our school community such a special place for students to learn.

Thank you for all you do each and every day to prepare your child to learn!

Principal's Awards

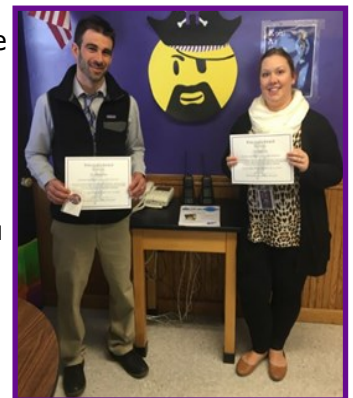
Going Above and Beyond to Demonstrate Leading Laker Behavior!



Audrey was nominated by Mrs. Kellogg for consistently modeling a growth mindset every day. She strives to succeed, be a leader, and motivate her classmates.

She sets goals and perseveres through challenges in all subject areas! We are proud of you, Audrey!

Mr. Gugliotta and Mrs. Jaynes were nominated by Mrs. Starkweather for their commitment to establishing positive relationships and going above and beyond to support the social and emotional learning of all students. Thank you both for always putting kids first, modeling a commitment to educating the whole child, and demonstrating every day what it means to be a Leading Laker!



Elementary students that demonstrate "above and beyond" behaviors within our school are recognized with principal's awards from Mr. Koehler. Thank you to our students above for helping our school be the best it can be!

Third Grade Responses to Our New CATCH Program: A Coordinated Approach to Child Health

CATCH has helped our school by helping us exercise and eat healthy foods. For example, we know to eat more "Go" and "Slow" foods and not as many "Whoa" foods. Since learning about CATCH, I now think we should have healthier sample foods like fruit and yogurt. I also think we should eat more fruits and veggies and other Go foods. In conclusion, CATCH has helped our school.

- Kaitlyn Watson

CATCH has helped our school in many ways. One way it has helped us is it tells us to do fitness almost every day and to eat "Go" foods and not as many "Slow" and "Whoa" foods. The CATCH program has characters that also help us. For example, Dynamite Diet says, "He knows about healthy foods that include fresh fruits and veggies which are all great for eating." In conclusion, these are a few ways that CATCH helped our school.

- Jovana Rosenbloom

CATCH has helped our school. One way is learning to eat more "Go" foods and not as many "Slow" and "Whoa" foods. We also do CATCH activities in PE. For example, there is a bag with "Go, Slow, and Whoa" foods and we have pads that say "Go, Slow, and Whoa" on them. We pull one of the papers out and take the kind of food and bring it to one of the pads that matches the "Go, Slow, or Whoa" food. We want to make a difference in our lives and help our school be healthier. CATCH has helped us do that. In conclusion, CATCH helps our school community.

- Veronica Sullivan

4th Grade Responses: What Would You Do With a Pot of Gold?

4th graders were asked to write a personal response to the writing prompt, "**What would you do if you found a pot of gold?**". Here are a few responses that were turned in:

"If I found a pot of gold, I would turn it in for money, so I can donate to homeless people and also adoption centers. I would also help my parents with money. So that's what I would do if I found a pot of gold." -Garrett Buck

"If I found a pot of gold, I would sell the gold and get lots of money. I would give all that money to grandma and see what she'd do with it. I think my grandma would go grocery shopping a lot. In conclusion, I would do good if I had all that money." - Brendan Personius

"If I found a pot of gold, I would take the pot of gold. If it was heavy I would call my brother to help me pick it up. Then we would take it home, and I would put a few pieces in my wallet for savings. Then I would split it up with my brother and my mom. I would tell her, "Mom, use half of it for bills and the other half on whatever you want." Now for me, I would take the pot and then put it in my room. The next day we would most likely go shopping!" - Abriana Brooke Campbell

What would you do if you found a pot of gold?

Congratulations to the Following Seniors:

- Anna Lukacko:** Nazareth College
- Billy Whitney:** SUNY Broome
- Catharine Ackley:** Indiana Wesleyan University
- Tyler Hill :** Clarkson University
SUNY Fredonia
University of Buffalo
- Samuel Zyla:** Alfred State College
- Elissa Martinez:** SUNY Oswego
Rochester Institute of Technology
- Benjamin Fingar:** Finger Lakes Community College
- Robin Jenkins:** Ithaca College
- Morgan Sherman:** Corning Community College

If anyone has someone they believe should be featured in the **Alumni Spotlight** section of Laker Lines please contact Nancy Clark, District Clerk, at #569-5200 ext 5240.

Calendar of Events

- 4/18: BOE Meeting/BOCES, 6:00PM
- 4/23-4/27: Spring Break, No School
- 5/1: BOE Public Hearing, 6:00PM
- 5/3: Open Registration for Voters, 12:00PM-5:00PM
- 5/15: Elementary Spring Concert, 7:00PM
- 5:15: BOE Budget/Trustee Vote
- 5/22: Kindergarten Screening, 8:00AM-3:00PM
- 5/24: Kindergarten Screening, 8:00AM-3:00PM
- 5/28: No School- Memorial Day
- 5/30: 4th & 8th Grade Performance Testing

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