

**HAMMONDSPORT  
CENTRAL SCHOOL**

# Laker Lines

January 2013

## Holiday Spirit is Alive at HCS



Holiday spirit was in the air all around HCS as office staffs, teachers and students decorated doors, lockers and office areas to fill the school with holiday cheer. Student council sponsored their annual door and locker decorating contests, as well as an 'Ugly Christmas Sweater' contest.

## *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.*

## FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

# Mr. Kyle Bower,

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The thoughts and prayers of the Hammondsport school community go out to those people in Newtown, Connecticut that have suffered such an unspeakable tragedy. A senseless act of violence like this one may never be truly understood. Ensuring the health, safety, and welfare of all students and staff is a charge all Districts take very seriously. In the wake of recent events, I want to remind all in the school community of our security procedures and assure everyone that student safety is always our top priority. Although we often get complaints that certain procedures are inconvenient, they are in place to keep our campus secure and our students safe.

All outside school doors are locked during school hours and all visitors must be buzzed in by either the Elementary or District Office.

Anyone that enters the building is required to sign in and out at the appropriate office.

All doors and parking lots are monitored by cameras at all times and all cameras are recorded.

There is a District wide safety plan that is public and can be found on our website.

There are a series of confidential emergency procedures dealing with certain situations that are practiced and drilled with our students and staff throughout the year.

The District uses many modes to communicate to parents in case of an emergency situation such as our global all-call system and instant E-Alerts.

The District maintains both a Safety Committee and the SAVE Committee which are responsible for reviewing and revising current safety procedures in all areas of the District. Both building principals have specific additional safety procedures in place for each of their buildings and these procedures are currently being reviewed. Keeping students safe is the top priority of all staff in our District and we will continue to work to be as prepared as possible for all scenarios. If you have security related questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at #569-5200 ext 5240.

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, Dennis Carlson and Christine Kolo.

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: [hammondsportcsd.org](http://hammondsportcsd.org)

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# Students of the Quarter

Congratulations to our first students of the quarter for the 2012-2013 school year, Seniors Lauren Binnert and Ryan Eckel!



Students of the quarter are chosen by a committee of their teachers and administrators on both their citizenship and academic performance. Read on to find out some more information about Lauren and Ryan.

## Lauren

**Favorite Subject:** Physics

**Hobbies:** Volleyball & Student Council

**Future Plans:** to become a Psychiatrist

**Three words to describe her:** Motivated, Friendly, and Determined



## Ryan

**Favorite Subject:**

Physics

**Hobbies:** Baseball, Basketball, Soccer, Hunting, Snow Skiing & Waterskiing

**Future Plans:** Attend college for four years to major in engineering

**Three words to describe him:**

Unconventional, Charismatic, and Driven

# Excellent work!



## Christmas Cheer!

Ms. Faucett and Mr. Leechø students (Jenny, Sean, Dakota, and Dylan) baked Christmas cookies and delivered a holiday thank you to all jr. high and high school staff on December 19th. It was enjoyed and appreciated by all!

From the desk of

**M**r. Tad Rounds,  
7-12 Principal

Happy New Year from the Hammondspport Junior/Senior High! I would like to take space in this article to thank the parents and community for sending us students who are respectful and ready to learn. It is a pleasure to start the day being greeted by young adults who enjoy coming to school ready to learn!

With the new Common Core curriculum being assessed for the first time this year in grades 3 through 8, the SED (Stated Education Department) has put parent resources on its *ENGAGE NY* website. Their site explains that the steps to success in college mathematics include:

- Success with adding/subtracting/multiplying/dividing positive and negative numbers
- Success with fractions
- Success in Algebra

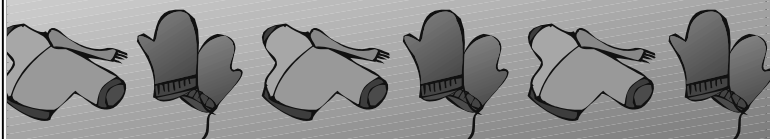
These steps are meant to be progressive and correlate to college

success. For ELA (English Language Arts), parents can support their child's success by:

- Supplying non-fiction textbooks.
- Supplying books and magazines on topics of Interest.
- Discuss articles and ideas with their children.
- Demand evidence in everyday discussions/ disagreements.
- Read the same books and discuss with evidence.

The new exams will be challenging, and we are in a good position with the positive support we receive from parents.

Second semester will commence on January 25<sup>th</sup>, and students will receive second semester schedules in home-room. Financial Aid night is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in room 134. Please take an opportunity to catch an athletic contest during the winter.





## Native Americans: A topic of study for Hammondspport Fourth Graders

by  
Mr. Gordon Vonderlin

Our fourth grade students have recently completed their Social Studies unit on Native Americans. On November 19<sup>th</sup>, students in Mrs. Bower's and Mrs. Kellogg's fourth grade classes enjoyed a presentation in Mr. Vonderlin's Music class given by guest performer Dave Ruch on the music and culture of the Iroquois Tribes that inhabited the land that is now New York State.

Students learned and sang "The Three Sisters" (corn, beans, and squash) as well as "The Pigeon Dance", and "The Smoke Dance" which the students sang in the native Iroquois language. The students played cow horn rattles and enjoyed the demonstration of a Native American water drum.

The program was possible through a grant by the New York Council for the Humanities.



### Reading Corner

#### *Duffy Books are back!*



By Mr. Leo Stermole

Over the last two days before Christmas Break, our Elementary students continued a tradition that blends the holiday spirit with the gift of giving. In its third year here at our school, Duffy Books will be providing our students with the opportunity to take books home to add to their collections. Mrs. Christina Bennett, a parent volunteer from our school, has contacted local companies and individuals and has asked them to provide donations to use to purchase brand new, high quality books from Scholastic Books. Due to their generosity and a matching donation from AT&T, the children at our school will be able to take home between 5 and 7 books each during this school year. That is over 1200 books in total! We began these giveaways before break, with

each of our students being able to take home two books each. Thank you Duffy Books and our local sponsors! A thank you also goes out to our own Student Council for taking their time to put a sticker in each book recognizing these spon-



## Attention Families of College-bound Students

What is financial aid? How do I  
apply?  
Do I have special circumstances?

Plan to attend a presentation on college financial aid planning, process, and application. This informative session is meant to address the family unit as a team ó both student and parent. Families with middle school students through Juniors are also encouraged to attend!

### WHERE

HAMMONDSPORT HIGH  
SCHOOL

### DATE

JANUARY 8, 2013

### SNOW DATE

JANUARY 14, 2013

### TIME

6:00 PM ó 8:00 PM

### LOCATION

LECTURE HALL - ROOM 134

### PRESENTER

HOLLY ZAGLANICZNY, NYS FINANCIAL  
AID  
ADMINISTRATORS ASSOCIATION

The student and at least one parent must have a federal PIN to apply for federal financial aid. Seniors, please come prepared with your PIN Numbers ó each parent and student **go to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) and apply for your PINS.** The federal PIN is like a bank ATM number and privacy rules apply. Please apply for your own PIN and keep it secret and safe. It will remain with you for life.

## Hammondsport Walking Program

Hours: Mon/Wed/Friday from 5-8pm

1. All walkers must be over 18 and have a signed waiver on file with the District. If you are new, please sign and place under District Office door before walking.
2. Do not leave valuables unattended.
3. Everyone who walks must sign in and sign out of the building.
4. Please enter through the back door on the left side of the HS gym. Please make sure to exit from the same door.
5. Shoes for walking must be free of mud and dirt.
6. Please respect areas that the cleaners may be in and avoid them.

**AED units are located throughout the building.**

**One is located on the left wall outside the District Office across from the nurse's office.**

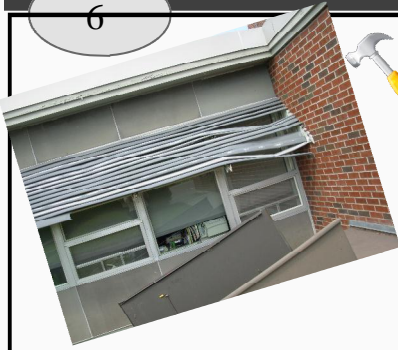
Any questions, please contact the District Office at #569-5200 **Have Fun!**

## **LIFESAVING TIPS FOR SCHOOL BUS RIDERS**

Students should be looking out the door for passing motorists and a safe place to step before they exit the bus. **REASON:** Buses are sometimes passed on the right side by inattentive or impatient motorists. If students step off the bus without checking first, they could be hit by a passing vehicle. The second reason for "check before you step" is that the student should be sure the driver has stopped the bus in a place that is safe to disembark. The student should tell the driver if the bus is stopped in a deep puddle or, close to a snow bank, or if there is no access to a safe space for the student to wait while the bus pulls away. The third reason for "check before you step" is for drivers and students alike to be conscious of the possibility of drawstrings, scarves or backpack straps which can get caught on bus handrails, in the door as it closes, on a fire extinguisher, or anything else that might be in the step-well. All school bus drivers must remain extremely vigilant about this danger.

Please be safe.

**Hammondsport Central School Transportation Department**



## Building Project Update

We are about to enter a very exciting time here at HCS. With all of the preparation complete, work is about to begin on the 2011 Building Infrastructure and Maintenance Project. Since the majority of work that will be done over the next two years is renovation, there will no doubt be some disruptions, some dirt, and some delays along the way. However, the final product will be a sound and efficient educational campus ready to serve the community and its students for the next fifty years.

As the project begins, there is some information that we would like to pass along in hopes of answering questions and easing concerns:

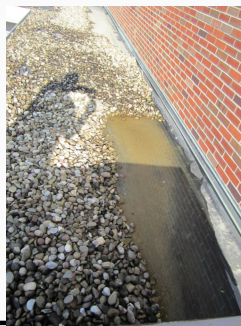
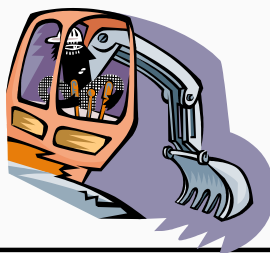
One major component of this project is asbestos removal throughout the building. As required by law, you will begin to see signage posted making everyone aware that this removal will be taking place. Asbestos removal is monitored very closely and will not happen while we have students in the building. Air sampling is a constant during the removal process and the District has to have clearance from the testing company following any removal before the area can be occupied by students or staff. All asbestos removal will be done in a safe manner and will be actively monitored by our construction manager as well as the testing contractor.

Asbestos is located in the flooring as well as the pipe insulation in many areas of the building. Because removal of these areas will require the removal of floors and ceilings in hallways and classrooms, there will be areas of the building that may be without tile floors or suspended ceilings for several months. New data, PA and fire alarm systems, along with electrical wiring are also components of the project and this work is much easier without the new ceilings in place. Therefore, there will be a great deal of removal before all new materials are installed near the end of the project.

Beginning in the next few weeks, we will have workers in the building doing second shift work in the evenings. Our construction management firm, Campus Construction Management, will be providing photo ids to all workers and working with the District to complete background checks prior to any worker entering the building. It is critical to understand that all workers will be directed to have **no interaction** with any students, parents, or staff for any reason. Doing so is grounds for their immediate dismissal. Please respect the rules that they have been given and report any violations to me immediately.

**Reminder:** Due to this project, access to the school and campus will be severely limited over school breaks as well as summer vacation for the next two years. Please contact the Town of Urbana directly regarding any questions with the 2013 summer recreation program. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any other questions or concerns regarding the upcoming project. Off we go!!

Mr. Bower





# Museum of the Earth Field Trip

Submitted by Mrs. Lindsey Orzel



Michael Cranmer studies a fossil under magnification.

On November 19<sup>th</sup>, Regents Earth Science students had the opportunity to visit the Museum of the Earth in Ithaca, NY. Students were given a tour of the museum and a presentation on the *Geology of NY State* by scientists from the Paleontological Research Institute and Cornell University. The Earth Scientists were also able to complete a "Journey through Time" scavenger hunt where they saw fossils from the Cambrian Period (~500 million years ago) to the present day. Many thanks go to the teachers, chaperones, administrators and Hammondsport CSD school board that made this trip possible.



Katelynn Hoyt poses as a paleontologist.



Dylan Storrs and Jordon Thompson look through a bin of NYS fossils.



Shannon Draper, McKayla Dumbleton, Shanea Campbell and Lily Hopkins pose with a large bear fossil from the Pleistocene epoch.

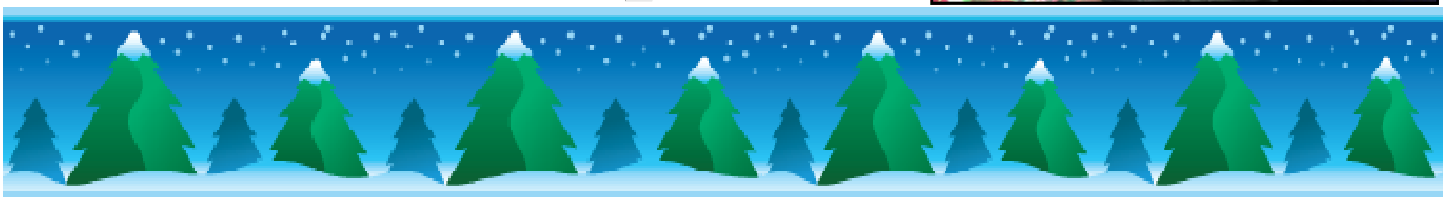
## Hammondsport Students Understand the Importance of Volunteering



HCS students Lydia Shippee, Zach Hoke, Lauren Binnert, Brooke Clark and Ryan Eckel load a van with boxes for the local food pantry. The generosity of the staff and students at HCS each year assists with this community service project.

You  
make  
HCS  
proud!

Students Caitlin Burns, Kelsey Bailey, Lori Gordon, and Anne Stone (not pictured) volunteered to assist with a holiday project for senior citizens in Pulteney.



## Winter Weather Information

Check the following stations for school closing updates.

WROC TV Rochester Channel 10  
WENY TV Elmira Channel 36  
WETM TV Elmira Channel 18

WVIN Bath 98.3 FM  
WFLR Dundee 95.9 FM  
or 1570 AM  
WSKG Corning/Elmira 91.9 FM  
Hornell 88.7 FM  
Ithaca/Watkins 90.9 FM  
WYLF Penn Yan 850 AM



## Calendar Items

- 1/07 PTO meeting, 6:30pm  
1/08 Financial Aid Mtg. for Seniors and Parents, rm. 134  
1/16 Elem. Parent Advisory Board Mtg, 6-7pm  
BOE Regular Meeting, 6pm  
1/21 NO SCHOOL, MLK, Jr. Day  
1/22-25 January NYS Regents Exams, regular class schedule followed  
1/30 Budget Workshop, 6pm  
2/04 PTO Meeting 6:30pm



## You've Been Accepted!

Congratulations to the following students for their recent college acceptance notifications.

| <u>Student</u> | <u>College</u>   | <u>Scholarship Received</u>  |
|----------------|--|--|
| Zachary Wade   | Welles College<br>SUNY Brockport<br>Alfred University  | Welles College Dean's Scholarship<br>Jonathon Allan Leadership Scholarship |
| Ryan Eckel     | Welles College<br>Gannon University<br>LeMoyne College | Presidential Scholarship<br>LeMoyne College Leadership Scholarship         |
| Connor Amsden  | University of Tampa<br>Duquesne University             | Presidential Scholarship<br>Academic Excellence Scholarship                |
| Lydia Shippee  | Penn College of Technology                             |  |
| Matthew Lowin  | Purdue University                                      |  |
| Sydney Farmer  | The University of Vermont                              |  |

## PLEASE NOTE:

In the district calendar sent home with students in the fall, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is marked as

**Monday, January 14th.**

**THIS IS INCORRECT**

**Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Day will be observed on**

**MONDAY,**  
**January 21st, 2013.**

Please make this correction to your calendar at home.



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