

July 2020

# Laker LIVES



Hammondsport Central School District Newsletter

# Drive-Through Celebration

Waving Goodbye to a Successful 2019-2020 School Year!



*We loved seeing the King family!*



*First and second grade all smiles seeing our kids!*



*Mrs. Jaynes and Mr. G love our fifth graders!*



*Many of our families decorated their cars to celebrate our amazing teachers!*

On Monday, June 15th, our staff gathered in groups of no more than 10 throughout the day to wave goodbye to our families in our front bus loop. Social distancing guidelines and lots of smiles and laughter were in place throughout the day! Thank you to our families who were able to join us and feel the special bond we have between staff, students, and families one final time before the official start of summer!



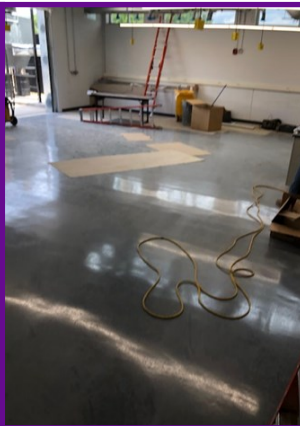
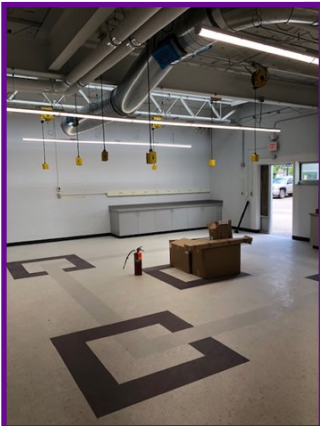
# Message from the Board of Education and the Superintendent

Thank you to the community of Hammondsport for the recent support of our budget and additional propositions! The average state wide support of District budget proposals was 66% approval/yes votes. With our record 780 yes votes for the 20-21 budget proposal, Hammondsport had a budget approval/yes votes of 86%! Thank you!

The campus continues to improve as our building project work is finalized. Below you can see pictures of our new STEM/Technology suite, Auditorium, and front entrance seating area. We can't wait to welcome our students back to these new spaces in September!

Re-opening planning continues for the start of the 20-21 school year. As plans are complete we will use our Facebook page, website and School Messenger calling system to get information out to parents and students. We can't wait for September!

**Go LAKERS!**



## 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.

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: Dennis Carlson, President; Rick Drain, Vice President; Carre Doyle, 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: [hammondsportcsd.org](http://hammondsportcsd.org)

Superintendent of Schools: Kyle Bower

Newsletter Editor: Makenzie Witter

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



*Gavin Ruddy, Valedictorian*



*Julia Bennett, Salutatorian*

### Congratulations to the Class of 2020!

Despite the constant flux of regulations from New York State to control the spread of Covid-19, our seniors were finally authorized to have an in-person graduation with a maximum size of 150 people on campus. Our students deserved an in-person commencement to be recognized for their outstanding academic achievements, and I'm also proud that we have the school community that allowed us to conduct the ceremony in a safe and responsible fashion.

As most of you know, there is ongoing debate and discussion at the national and state level on when and how to open schools in a safe fashion. Student schedules are typically mailed the first week in August and that timeline is still the goal for the 2020/2021 school year. We are expecting both guidance and specific requirements from the state on what will be required to comply with safety measures. These safety measures will most likely include social distancing mandates, room occupancy and food service changes to name a few vitally important areas that will impact student schedules in the 2020/2021 school year. Please note that the main priority and mission of the Hammondspport Junior/Senior High faculty and staff before, and after Covid-19 is to provide the best possible educational program in a safe environment, and that will always continue to drive decision making.

Despite school closures and the social distancing requirements in the workplace, Hammondspport still continues its work with NCREN (National Center for Rural Education Network) in a virtual environment. NCREN is focused on improving school attendance, college readiness and college acceptance for all students. The network leverages the resources of Harvard University and the component schools to implement interventions and protocols to improve educational outcomes for students in rural communities.

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## High Honor Roll/MP 4

### 7th Grade:

Zayda Braun, Brooke Lisefski, LaZell Locey, Raegan Luppino, Lillah Morgan, Jacob Rosenbloom, Corinne Ruddy, Silas Scofield, Arielle Szathmary and Keegan Walruth

### 8th Grade:

Gabrielle Doyle, Danica Dresser, Keegan Sutton, Carter Thompson, Markus Tompkins, Xander White and Lexy Wilson

### 9th Grade:

Ethan Buckley, Cadence Butler, Christopher Hill, Emily Sage, Johnathan Sprague, Luke Szathmary, Stefania Tears, Ellie Tones, Tevera VanGorder, Stephen Veley III and Blake Wright

### 10th Grade:

Danielle Bennett, Jacob Doyle, Amelia Johnson, Liam Kressly, Ethan Oram, Aliyah Snyder, Ethan Tones, Cooper Watson and Rorie Whitcomb

### 11th Grade:

McKenzie Boscoe, Leah Brown, Benjamin Cole, Maeve Frost, Hanna Hagadone, Andrew Hill, Brianna Hill, Eli Hill, Michael Hurlburt, Gabriel Orcutt, Madison Pifer, Emily Sofio, Madison Sprague, Allison Starkweather and Gabrielle Wagner

### 12th Grade:

Michael Beam Jr., Julia Bennett, Ciera Celelli, Aubrie Cole, Chelsey Curry, Angela Gonzo, Amanda O'Donnell, Aleah Orday, Gavin Ruddy, Emma Thompson and Madison Wright

## Sr. High Academic Awards



The Shirley's of Bath "Woody Shirley Memorial" Technology Award was presented to **Stefania Tears** for \$40.

The Hammondsport Teachers Association presented awards to 9th and 11th graders for academic achievement. This year's 9th grade recipients of a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift card were **Ethan Buckley, Cadence Butler** and **Blake Wright**. The 11th grade recipients of a \$50 Barnes and Noble gift card were **Benjamin Cole, Gavyn Hann** and **Madison Sprague**.

The Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award is given to a student who has attained high scholastic standing in the sciences. This year's recipient is **Maeve Frost**. The award is a Bronze medallion, free application and \$40,000 scholarship eligibility to the University of Rochester.

The Hammondsport Women's Club Spanish Award was given to **Hanna Hagadone** for \$200.

The Clarkson University Achievement Award, offering a \$48,000 scholarship, was awarded to **Andrew Hill**. The Clarkson University Leadership Award, offering a \$60,000 scholarship, was given to **Emily Sofio**.

The Wells College 21st Century Leadership Award, offering \$40,000 for study at Wells, was presented to **McKenzie Boscoe** and **Gabrielle Wagner**.

The University of Rochester Frederick Douglas and Susan B. Anthony Humanities & Social Sciences Award, offering \$40,000 upon admission to U of R, was awarded to **Eli Hill**.

The University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Technology, with \$40,000 scholarship eligibility, was given to **Gabriel Orcutt**.

The University of Rochester George Eastman Young Leader Award, offering \$40,000 scholarship eligibility was given to **Emily Sofio**.

The Russell Sage College Recognition Award, honoring those who "lead, excel, and serve" was awarded to **Lydia Dluzak**, offering a \$60,000 scholarship eligibility.

The Rochester Institute of Technology Computing Medal Award was presented to **Benjamin Cole** and **Madison Pifer**. They will receive an annual scholarship of \$7,000 if they attend RIT.

The Rochester Institute of Technology Innovation and Creativity Award was presented to **Andrew Hill** and **Brianna Hill**. They will receive an annual scholarship of \$7,000 if they attend RIT.

The Shaw Agency provided an award for Driver Education of \$250 to **Brianna Hill**.



The Elmira College Key Award, offering \$80,000 scholarship eligibility over four years, was awarded to **Hanna Hagadone**.

The Keuka College- George H. Ball Community Achievement Award was given to **Danielle Conley, Ashly Dumbleton, Erika Hilligus, Michael Hurlburt** and **Madison Sprague**. This scholarship offers eligibility of \$40,000 over four years.

Certificates were awarded to the following students in their respective groups, honoring their commitment and dedication to that organization:



**Academic All Stars:** Frank Buck, Ethan Buckley, Maeve Frost, Andrew Hill, Christopher Hill, Austin Mead, Emily Sage, Luke Szathmary and Stephen Veley III.

**Drama Club:** Danielle Bennett, Faith Bray, Mariah Bray, Cadence Butler, Vittoria Cateni, Aubrie Cole, Benjamin Cole, Emily Dacey, Katrina Derby, Ashly Dumbleton, Maeve Frost, Andrew Hill, Brianna Hill, Eli Hill, Michael Hurlburt, Amelia Johnson, Holley Kolodziejczak, Thomas Kressly, Seth Madigan, Amanda O'Donnell, Aleah Ordway, Gavin Ruddy, Aliyah Snyder, Emily Sofio, Madison Sprague, Luke Szathmary, Markus Tompkins and Madison Wright.



**Student Council:** Julia Bennett, Thomas Kressly, Aubrie Cole, Emily Sofio, Michael Beam Jr., Seth Madigan, Maeve Frost, Madison Sprague, Jacob Doyle, Liam Kressly, Cadence Butler and Blake Wright.

**Competitive Vex Robotics:** Lucas Hess, Madison Pifer, Ethan Tones, Michael Hurlburt, and Logan Zimmerman.

## Jr. High Academic Awards

The following students received certificates recognizing them for outstanding academic achievement in their respective classes in 7th Grade:

- **Caleb Bray** – Science; **Colin Brown** – Family & Consumer Science, Physical Education; **Phoenix Heine** – Science; **Brooke Lisefski** – English, History, Technology; **LaZell Locey** – English, Family & Consumer Science; **Raegan Luppino** – Physical Education; **Liliah Morgan** – Math, Choir, Technology; **Jacob Rosenbloom** - Choir; **Corinne Ruddy** - English, History, Math, Science, Spanish, Family & Consumer Science, Technology; **Silas Scofield** - Technology, Physical Education; **Arielle Szathmary** - Physical Education, Choir; **Keegan Walruth** - Technology

The following students received certificates recognizing them for outstanding academic achievement in their respective classes in 8th Grade:

- **Thomas Bendick** – Art; **Amber Crane** – English; **Peyton Crooks** – Physical Education; **Gabrielle Doyle** – Spanish, Art, Physical Education; **Danica Dresser** – English, Spanish, Art, Health; **Josie Jenkins** – Art; **Sarah Lyle** – Art; **Grace Newman** – History, Math, Spanish; **TyChristopher Ritter** – Physical Education; **Nicholas Serdula** – Technology, Art; **Keagan Sutton** – Art, Science, Technology, Physical; Education, Career & Financial Management; **Carter Thompson** – History, Math, Spanish; **Chase VonRhedey** – Science; **Xander White** – English, Math, Science, Technology, Health, Career & Financial Management; **Lexy Wilson** – English, History, Math, Spanish, Technology, Art, Career & Financial Management

The following students received certificates recognizing them for being the most improved students in their respective classes:

7th Grade:

- **Colin Brown** – History; **Rory Cafarella** – Technology; **Benjamin Dluzak** – Spanish; **Ava Drumm-Brightwell** – Science; **Peyton Hoad** – Physical Education; **Vivian Kenyon**– Family & Consumer Science; **Kaylee Leopold** – Math; **Nevaeh Mills** – Math; **Jacob Rosenbloom** – History; **Silas Scofield** – Family & Consumer Science; **Emily Starkweather** - English

8th Grade:

- **Ethen Beers** – Art, Health; **Peyton Crooks** – Art; **Tristan Davis** – English, Spanish; **Gabrielle Doyle** – English; **Nichole Pratt** – Science, Physical Education; **Samantha Pratt** – Spanish, Art, Physical Education; **TyChristopher Ritter** - History; **Tyler Simonds** - Art

The following 8th graders received the “The Enthusiastic Learner” award in Math: **Ethen Beers, Danica Dresser, Sarah Lyle** and **Nicholas Serdula**. **Gabrielle Doyle, Peyton Crooks, Samantha Pratt** and **Keagan Sutton** received the “Excellent Effort” award for Math. The following student in 7th grade received the “Most Creative Award” for outstanding academic achievement in Technology: **Rory Cafarella**.

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The Coaches Award honoring outstanding athletes was presented to **Danica Dresser & Andrew Morrison** in 8th grade, and **Sativa Gordon & Benjamin Dluzak** in 7th grade.

Hammondsport Teachers Association Scholarship Awards of \$25 gift cards to Barnes and Noble were presented to **Zayda Braun, Corinne Ruddy & Silas Scofield**.

Drama Club certificates were presented to **Zayda Braun, Gabrielle Doyle, Austin Hurlburt, Brooke Lisefski, Raegan Luppino, Lillah Morgan, Jacob Rosenbloom, Nicholas Serdula, Arielle Szathmary** and **Keegan Walruth**.

The Principal's Award for Academic Excellence, recognizing the achievement of high honor roll throughout all 7th and 8th grade was presented to **Gabrielle Doyle, Danica Dresser, Tyler Erway, Keagan Sutton, Carter Thompson, Markus Tompkins, Xander White** and **Lexy Wilson**. This award is sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO).

Student Council certificates were given to **Gabrielle Doyle, Danica Dresser, Phoenix Heine, Brooke Lisefski, Liam McCloud, Lillah Morgan, Nicholas Serdula, Arielle Szathmary** and **Markus Tompkins**.

**Lexy Wilson** was awarded the "WonderWorks" award, which recognizes students for citizenship and academics.

The following students won the 2020 Creative Communications Poetry Contest and their work will be published in their upcoming anthology:

7th-grade: **Jacob Rosenbloom** and **Mason Williams**

8th-grade: **Gabby Doyle** and **Danica Dresser**

## Congratulations to our Sixth Grade Class of 2020



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| <b>Emily Alderman</b>    | <b>Gabriella Ali</b>        | <b>Jay Bailey</b>        |
| <b>Gwen Ball</b>         | <b>Jack Bates</b>           | <b>Garrett Buck</b>      |
| <b>Sebastian Buck</b>    | <b>Austin Butler</b>        | <b>Abriana Campbell</b>  |
| <b>Cayden Casselbury</b> | <b>Trenten Crooks</b>       | <b>Zachary Doyle</b>     |
| <b>Hunter Farley</b>     | <b>Aubrey Hink</b>          | <b>Jeffrey Hoerter</b>   |
| <b>Evan Hunn</b>         | <b>Alexis Hurd</b>          | <b>Sofia Locey</b>       |
| <b>Luke Martell</b>      | <b>Henry Morrison</b>       | <b>Augustus Oliver</b>   |
| <b>Audrey O'Neill</b>    | <b>Jeremy Perkins</b>       | <b>Brendan Personius</b> |
| <b>Morgan Rinehart</b>   | <b>Alexander Schoonover</b> | <b>Madison Serdula</b>   |
| <b>Brooklyn Snavely</b>  | <b>Nathan Starkweather</b>  | <b>Logan Stickler</b>    |
| <b>Kadence Sullivan</b>  | <b>Tripp Wakefield</b>      | <b>Olivia Wheeler</b>    |
| <b>Colin White</b>       |                             |                          |

Please visit the link below to our District Facebook page for a special video from our staff and our family at the Curtiss Museum – we will be cheering you all on next year in the Junior/Senior High School!

<https://www.facebook.com/hammondsportschool/videos/699517507506870/>

## From the Desk of Mr. Koehler, Elementary Principal

Our four building-wide Leading Laker expectations in the Curtiss School are **respect, responsibility, safety, and growth mindset**. During the 2019-2020 school year, we held quarterly school-wide assemblies to focus on each expectation individually and set goals as a school family around displaying Leading Laker behavior in all areas of our school.

It was our plan to focus our final quarter on **growth mindset**. This means that we believe that when we work hard to pursue clear goals, learning is always possible. We see and celebrate mistakes as opportunities to learn rather than something to be upset or embarrassed about. We learn to embrace and seek out challenges as opportunities to grow our brains, and to persevere, push through discomfort, and celebrate each new moment of learning along the way.

On the surface, it may feel like we lost that opportunity to come together to focus on our fourth expectation due to our school closure. In reality, we never could have imagined or anticipated the real life lesson on growth mindset that came our way around this exact time of the year with our school closure and sudden shift to a remote learning environment. As one Curtiss Family – staff, students, families, and community - we modeled what a growth mindset is truly all about. We faced many challenges with little time to prepare, learned new skills, tried new ideas, communicated, learned from our mistakes, made necessary adjustments, and in the end, found a way to keep learning moving forward for our kids. We also found ways to celebrate the growth that continued throughout this time. Our recent drive-through

celebration gave us a way to see each other in person, even from a distance, to close out the school year together. Our grade level teams shined in their creativity in arranging experiences such as virtual field trips, weekly whole class social meetings, and end-of-year class celebrations. Our families came together during Teacher Appreciation Week to collectively create a heartfelt video that recognized the incredible staff we have here at the Curtiss School.

Having a growth mindset also means reflecting on your learning, including what went well and how we can improve moving forward. As the year closed, our staff reflected on all the new learning and skills we quickly had to acquire during our school closure. We'll continue to reflect on how this new learning will make us collectively better in the long run in how we best educate our students to ensure that all learn at high levels. We'll also work to be better prepared in the event that we need to continue with remote learning at any point in the future. All of the above was strengthened by our partnership with our families and our community. As we await guidelines for what school will look like in the fall, we will continue to lean on those partnerships and work together to persevere through any new challenge that comes our way. While we can't yet be sure what awaits us in September, we can be sure that we'll once again do whatever it takes to ensure the absolute best learning environment possible so that all of our students can continue to *fly high* – academically, socially, and emotionally.

Until then – stay safe and have a wonderful summer!



## Teacher Appreciation Video

It is hard to find the words to say thank you to our superheroes – our teachers – for what they do on a daily basis for our kids, and especially for their efforts during our school closure. Our families did an amazing job doing so – check out the video link below to see our Teacher Appreciation video on our District Facebook page!

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2917508045035224>



## School Supplies Provided for All Families For 2020-2021 School Year



Before you begin any back-to-school shopping, we wanted to share with our families that our district will once again be providing all supplies needed for learning free of charge to our families in the upcoming school year. For Curtiss families, this once again will include a donation of backpacks courtesy of KanPak. While you are welcome to purchase your own backpack or additional supplies if you choose to do so, we will supply all that is needed for your child's learning. More information on distribution of backpacks will be coming later this summer.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office at 569-5200 ext. 5233 with any questions!

## Congratulations on Receiving Tenure in Hammondsport!

At the very heart of our successes as a school are the outstanding educators we are fortunate to have working with our students and families every day. At our June Board of Education meeting, the four outstanding professionals pictured below were appointed the honor of tenure in our district (given the times, we felt a remote learning picture for each was appropriate!). Thank you for the many ways you have contributed to our school, district, and entire community, and we look forward to you continuing to lead the learning and culture in our Curtiss School for many years to come!



*Erica Chase*  
Kindergarten Teacher



*Lisa Bailey*  
Teaching Assistant



*Andy Gujiotta*  
Fifth Grade Teacher



*Brittany Studley*  
Third Grade Teacher

## Congratulations Retirees!

Thank you for all of your hard work over the years—you will be missed!

**Bill Arnts**  
Teacher  
29 years

**Lynn Hagadone**  
Groundskeeper/Maintenance  
26 years

**Kim Jensen**  
Teacher  
30 years

**Beth King**  
Teaching Assistant  
24 years

**Margie Long**  
Teacher  
18 years

### NOTICE: Hammondsport Central School Alumni

Due to the Covid 19 virus, the Officers and Directors of the Alumni Association have decided to cancel the 2020 Reunion, but are planning for the 2021 Reunion on July 31. It is hoped HCS Alumni will continue to pay their \$10.00 dues and contribute to the Scholarship Fund, which grants \$4,250 every June to HCS graduating seniors. Please refer to the new alumni website, Hammondsport Alumni Association, to pay your dues and contribution to the Scholarship Fund via PAYPAL or send them to: Sandy Honeyman, Treasurer, 2660 Knapp Road, Dundee, NY 14837.

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