



**HAMMONDSPORT  
CENTRAL SCHOOL**

# Laker Lines

October 2012

"Fall"ing into the school year



Lanie Carvajal, Emily Eckel, Caitlin Burns and Jillian Farmer celebrate a goal in the girls varsity soccer victory over Bradford at home.

## 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.*

# Aiming High

News from Hammondsport Central School  
District Superintendent Kyle Bower

The 2012-2013 school year is off and running! Wednesday, September 5th was a great day as we welcomed back old friends and said hello to some new friends. This year we welcomed students from nearby Districts who recently moved to Hammondsport, but also students from other areas of the state, other states, and other countries. It is wonderful to see parents choosing Hammondsport Central School because they know the quality of our staff and the quality of the education their children will receive. We are committed to a high quality education for all of our students, in all areas, every day! I am very proud of the teachers and staff we have in place and look forward to great 12-13 school year. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me in the District Office by phone or email at #569-5200 ext 5240 or [kbower@hport.wnyric.org](mailto:kbower@hport.wnyric.org).

### **Building Project Update**

In late August, the District received final approval from the State Education Department for our upcoming capital project. Now that we have final approval, the Board will be working with our construction management firm, Campus Construction Management, to finalize a construction schedule. The Board will be awarding bids for project work in November and there will be elements of project work that will begin before the end of the school year. We do know that there will be major construction taking place over both the summer of 2013 and the summer of 2014 and access to our campus will be limited. This will be an exciting time as we address many issues that have plagued the District for years.

## **"Coolest Small Town" has one of New York's Best Schools**

Academic excellence in "America's Coolest Small Town" has not gone unnoticed in Albany. The High School was recently recognized as a High Performing Reward School by the State Education Department.

In a time when public education is under what seems to be constant scrutiny, it is nice to see that it is also noticed when a district is doing well.

The Education Department has identified 250 out of 4,730 schools statewide as Reward Schools. To qualify as a Reward School, schools either have to have made the most progress, or have the highest achievement in the state and closed gaps in student achievement. Most schools earn this honor by improving test scores, graduation rates and support to students who are at high risk of failure.

Hammondsport in particular earned the designation by making annual yearly progress (AYP) for two consecutive years, as well as attaining the following: a cohort graduation rate that exceeded

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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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# Tech Corner



~by Barbara Recchio-Demmin & Jude Platukis

## Inspiring Students to Learn Beyond the Classroom

The concept of the “Flipped Classroom” has gained a lot of attention across the nation as schools strive to prepare students for 21<sup>st</sup> learning. The idea is to introduce key concepts through videos and have students view these outside of structured class time. During class time, the concepts can be reviewed and reinforced to determine any areas of misunderstanding and to apply the new knowledge to real world experiences. This is the strategy in use in Mr. Platukis’ Algebra B classroom.

By using the district’s newly installed Google Apps for Education, Mr. Platukis was able to create a website where students can go to view the instructional videos, post questions when they don’t understand something, and share ideas with both teacher and fellow classmates. This allows students to expand their time for learning critical math content outside of the 40 minute class period. Another main goal of the flipped classroom model is to emphasize student responsibility for learning while allowing more time to practice material in class. Parents can also access the material online in order to see what students are learning.

To prepare our students for college and career readiness is a key mandate of our school mission. Students will need to become proficient in the use of technology in order to become independent and lifelong learners. This is exactly what Mr. Platukis strives for in his Algebra B classroom.



Mr. Platukis works with junior Nikki Martinez during a Flipped Classroom lesson

the state average, a cohort graduation rate for students with Advanced Designation and/or CTE (Career and Technical Endorsement) that exceeded state average, ELA (English Language Arts) and Math performance in the top 20<sup>th</sup> percentile for two years consecutively, and a graduation rate of Academic at Risk students (scoring a Level 1 or Level 2 in 8<sup>th</sup> grade) exceeded the state average

High school Principal Tad Rounds attributed this recognition to, “a truly collective effort from all staff.”

Meeting state standards will continue to be a trial for students and staff across New York State, as the bar is constantly being raised by the Education Department. In the geographic area and twenty-one districts served by GST BOCES, Odessa-Montour received the designation of a Reward School for High Progress, but only neighboring Alfred-Almond and Hammondsport were recognized with the designation of Reward School for High Performance.

## News from the Elementary Principal

*Mrs. Michelle Sincerbox*

Happy October and welcome back to school! The start of the school year has gone smoothly for all of us at Glenn Curtiss Elementary. The students and teachers have spent their first few weeks getting to know each other as well as learning new classroom routines and procedures. Teachers have focused a great deal on making their classroom community a safe place of interactive learning with plenty of Reading, writing, and discussion. With the third and fourth weeks of school, the students are beginning to participate in regular routines independently and are participating in the curriculum for their grade level. Socially and academically, we are working to ensure that our students are being successful.

During the month of October, our students will continue to participate actively in their learning. Parents can be active with the school as well. Attending functions such as bring your father to school day, the Halloween parade, and open houses show the children that you believe that education is important. Elementary children love to show off their school! Open house is right around the corner so come see what your child is learning and talk to their teacher about how you



HCS Drama Club Presents:

Washington Irving’s

### *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*

Adapted for the stage by Vera Morris

through special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc.

Come see this comic adaptation of Washington Irving’s classic story of a goofy school teacher meeting the ghosts and goblins of Sleepy Hollow in the school auditorium **Friday, Oct. 26 at 7 p.m.** and again on **Saturday, Oct. 27 at 2**

**p.m.**

It is a full length play performed without an intermission, lasting approximately 90 minutes. Tickets are **\$5.00 for all ages.**



# Calendar Items

- 10/4 K-6 Open House, 6pm; Progress period 1 ends
- 10/5 Senior Trip to Washington, DC; Registrations Deadline for November SAT date
- 10/8 **NO SCHOOL--Columbus Day**; Senior Trip ends
- 10/9 PSAT Registration Deadline
- 10/12 **HOMECOMING WEEKEND!**  
Parade Begins @ 5:30  
Class of 2016 Chicken BBQ following parade—  
tickets available from any freshman  
Varsity Volleyball @ 7:00pm  
Boys Varsity Soccer @ 7:30pm
- 10/17 Regular BOE Meeting, 7pm
- 10/18 Picture Retake Day
- 10/22 Choir Yankee Candle Sale Begins
- 10/24 Sophomore PLAN Test
- 10/27 ACT @ Hammondsport
- 10/31 UPK-6 Halloween Parade @ 1:15
- 11/3 SAT Test @ Bath Haverling
- 11/5 PTO Meeting, 6:30pm
- 11/6 Marking Period 1 ends
- 11/8 10 week Band Concert, 7:30pm
- 11/12 **NO SCHOOL--Veterans Day**
- 11/14 Regular BOE Meeting, 7pm  
Elem. Parent Advisory Committee Mtg.,  
6-7pm
- 11/19 7-12 Open House 6-8pm
- 11/20 **NO SCHOOL for students**  
Parent/Teacher Conferences in a.m.
- 11/21-23 **Thanksgiving Break**



## SCHOOL BUS STOP SECURITY

### WHAT TO WATCH OUT FOR :

#### A STRANGER AT THE BUS STOP

#### A STRANGER TRYING TO TALK TO YOU

#### A STRANGER OFFERING YOU A RIDE

#### BULLYING: Students threatening, Shoving, hitting, stealing lunches, etc.

#### A WEAPON: on the bus or in a student's immediately. backpack.

### WHAT TO DO:

\*Tell your bus driver immediately.  
\*Describe the person and activity as best as you can.  
\*Note the day and the time and if you've seen the person there before.

\*Move away from the person.  
\*Tell your bus driver or another adult.  
\***DO NOT TALK WITH THE PERSON!**

\*Get away quickly.  
\*Tell a trusted person or your school bus driver.  
\***DO NOT GET IN THE STRANGER'S CAR!**

\*Tell the driver or your teacher.

\**quietly* tell the bus driver

\*Tell a school official.



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