



**HAMMONDSPORT  
CENTRAL SCHOOL**

# Laker Lines

October 2013

## *Sophomores Reign Supreme*



Batman (Cameron Drain) with help from Bat Girl (Tanessa Whitney) and Jr. Batman, battles his arch enemies The Joker (Ethan Bower), Poison Ivy (Olivia Fitzwater), and Catwoman (Victoria Yahn) as his butler Alfred (Gabe Barone) opens the Batcave door on the Class of 2016's winning "Batman"-themed float in the Homecoming parade.

## 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

Hammondsport Central School District continues to implement the Common Core Learning Standards in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics which were adopted by the New York State Board of Regents in 2011. In support of the Common Core Learning Standards, New York State is creating and releasing curriculum modules that districts can use as they prepare students for the new Common Core Assessments students will be required to take. The combination of the new State Standards, a District tailored curriculum aligned to the rigor of the new modules, and a new State assessment system, will increase the skills and abilities of our future graduates.

In an effort to provide a forum for discussion and the sharing of information, parents and interested community members are invited to a town hall meeting with District officials on Monday, November 4th, 2013 at 6:30pm in the District Auditorium. The focus of this meeting will be to answer questions and share information about the District implementation of the Common Core. We hope to see everyone there!

Mr. Bower,  
Superintendent of Schools

## 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

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 Kevin Bennett.

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)

# From the Desk of H.S. Principal Tad Rounds

Thank you to the Hammondsport Community for their support during Homecoming. Our students thrive on being able to showcase their Laker Pride. Please join the Hammondsport Faculty and Hammondsport Firemen in the Annual Community Basketball Game on Friday-November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. All donations and proceeds go to support the Hammondsport Community Fund and the local food pantry.

Open House is scheduled for November 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. The evening will start with a general assembly for parents and students with a workshop on cyber bullying and a recap of the Common Core assessment requirements. Please note that the science department is in the process of offering a college level science course for the 2014/2015 school year. Currently, college level work is available in the business, English, Social Studies and math departments.

Research shows the value of students taking college level work in high school to prepare them for their post-secondary transition to work or the university setting. Indeed, The International Center in Leadership states that the literacy requirements for entry level jobs is higher than that of a student's freshmen year in college. Curriculum and programing will be evaluated and offered based upon providing all students those skills that enable them to be successful in their transition to college or the workforce.

**HEAR YE! HEAR YE!**

**Common Core  
Town Hall Meeting  
With Mr. Bower  
Monday, November  
4th  
6:30pm  
HCS Auditorium**

**Attention Parents of future  
Pre K Students:**

We are trying to determine an accurate number for next year's Pre-K program in the Hammondsport Central School District.

If you are a parent, living in the Hammondsport School District, and have a child who will be 4 years old by **December 1, 2014**, please call our office at 569-5200 ext. 5233 and give us the child's name, any contact information and date of birth.

With the implementation of the new NYSED aligned math curriculum, the homework and assessments are much more difficult than in years past. To help provide additional access to certified math teachers, the department has scheduled hours before and after school. The initial times are as follows:

- 7-12 Math Extra Help Hours:**
- Monday: 7:00a.m.-7:45a.m.**
- Wednesday: 7:00a.m.-7:45a.m.  
3:20p.m.-4:20p.m**
- Friday: 7:00a.m.-7:45a.m**

These hours are in addition to times available for student help on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 2:20p.m-3:20p.m.

# Homecoming



Mrs. Pulver helps out in Pre-K library on Pajama day



Marilyn Hawley & Hailey Ritter with friends Shelby Sherman & Paige Stopka dressed to compete in the Twin and Triplet Day during Spirit Week.



7th Grader Colin Drain celebrates his win at Monkey Bowling during the Pep Rally.

Pre-K students participate in Pajama Day for spirit week while listening to Mrs. Pulver in library.



**Best Costume Winners from Twin & Triplet Day:** Trenton and Claire Kolodziejczak (twins) and (not pictured) Miss Satterfield, Katelynn Hoyt, and Timberly Wilkinson (triplets)



Pep Rally Committee member Stephen Buck prepares Mr. Rounds and Mrs. McLoud for Egg Roulette.



The 2013 Homecoming Court (Left to right) is : Prince and Princess Quentin Carvajal and Kourtney Hoyt, 8th grade Pages Trever Welch and Robin Jenkins, 7th grade Pages Shelby Sherman and Noah Wilkinson ,Baroness and Baron Edda Martinez and George Ruddy , Queen and King Kelsey Bailey and Nick Peacock, and Duke and Duchess Ruger Cummings and Emily Eckel.

# Hilarity '13



This year's Homecoming Parade theme was Super Heroes and every class was 'super' excited to build their floats and prep for the festivities. In the Jr. High competition, the 7th graders won with "The Avengers" theme, while 8th grade took 2nd place with "The Incredibles". In the senior high float competition, the sophomore class took first place with their "Batman" themed float, and 2nd place was awarded to the senior class and their "Superman" float (which included Mr. Perry as 'The Man of Steel!'). In 3rd place was "X-men" by the freshman class, and the juniors took 4th place with their "Spiderman"-themed creation. All of the students, Pre-K through 12th participated whole-heartedly and really showed their Laker Pride during all of Spirit Week which kicked-off with Camo Tuesday, Pink-Out/Pink Ribbon Wednesday (In honor of Breast Cancer awareness month), Twin & Triplet Day (High School)/Pajama & Hat Thursday (Elementary), and came to a close with purple & white Laker Pride Friday. A great time was had by all, and the entire student body showed, once again, why everyone is proud to be a Laker!



# HCS FACULTY Vs HAMMONDSPOrt ALL STARS

Concession stand run by  
PTO will be available



**Friday, November  
15th**

**7:00pm in the Main St.  
Gymnasium**

**Admission: Monetary donations accepted for  
Hammondsport Community Services. Canned goods/pantry supplies will be  
collected for Loaves and Fishes food pantry.**

Come cheer on: The Hammondsport Faculty and Staff as they take on the All Stars from  
the Hammondsport Fire Dept. and their "new recruits"!  
Come enjoy a fun evening with family and friends!!!!



## **Hammondsport Central School District (HCSD) Board of Education (BOE) Sets Objectives for 2013/2014**

**As with any individual, group, team or organization, it is virtually impossible to move forward and achieve a desired outcome without objectives.**

**For the 2013/14 school year, the HCSD BOE is making no exception to this rule and has established four objectives focused on areas that are of high importance to our students, educators and parents and community.**

**The Objectives established by the Board are as follows:**

- 1. Research and assess the financial and curricular implications of long term (approximately 5 years) district organizational options as influenced by projections of declining enrollment and increasing costs**
- 2. Implement a system to recognize exceptional performance within the school community**
- 3. Investigate opportunities to make early learning available to all District residents**
- 4. Independently communicate to the school community the Board's position on high priority issues within the District**

**Ironically enough, it is the fourth Objective that has prompted this communication. It is the intention of the HCSD BOE that you will frequently see communications directly from the Board as we move forward with our Objectives and high priority issues.**

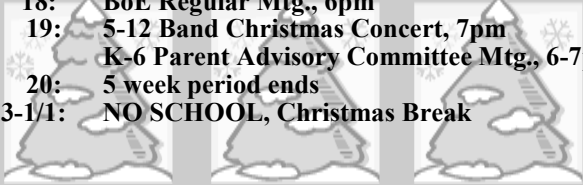
**Hammondsport Central School District Board of Education**

**OCTOBER/NOVEMBER/  
DECEMBER CALENDAR ITEMS**

10/31: UPK-6th grade Halloween Parade, 1:15 pm

- 11/1 & 2: Jr. High Area All-State at Penn Yan  
 4: Common Core Town Hall Mtg., 6:30pm  
 8: MP #1 ends  
 11: NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day  
 12: MP #2 Begins  
 14: Jr./Sr. High Band 10 week concert, 7pm  
 15 & 16: Sr. High Area All-State  
 20: BoE Regular Mtg., 6pm  
 25: High School Open House 6-8pm  
 26: Conference Day, NO SCHOOL for students  
 27-29: NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

- 12/12: Choral Christmas Concert, K-12 , 7pm  
 18: BoE Regular Mtg., 6pm  
 19: 5-12 Band Christmas Concert, 7pm  
 K-6 Parent Advisory Committee Mtg., 6-7pm  
 20: 5 week period ends  
 23-1/1: NO SCHOOL, Christmas Break



**Information from the  
Transportation Department :**

**Messages to the kids:**

1. Never cross close to the front of the bus – make sure the driver can see you.
2. Never pick up anything you drop close to or under the bus – ask the driver what to do.
3. Never run after a bus or bang on the side.
4. If you must cross the street in front of the bus, follow the driver's directions, and stop and look before you cross.
5. Never run across a street, it's better to miss the bus than rush and risk being hit by a car.
6. Stay away from the rear and sides of the bus – always be in a safe place where the driver can see you.

**Messages to the motoring public**

1. Never pass a school bus when its stop lights are flashing.
2. Be extra vigilant around school hours – assume a child might run out at any moment.
3. Be courteous to school buses, give them room and let them change lanes when they need to.

**You've Been Accepted!  
Congratulations!**

**Joanna Northrop,  
Niagara County Community College**



**High School  
OPEN HOUSE  
Is  
Monday, November 25th  
From 6-8pm**



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