

September 2020

# Laker Lines



Hammondsport Central School District Newsletter

## The Laker Family Is Back Together At Last!

On Tuesday, September 8th we welcomed back students to our campus! The Glenn Curtiss Memorial School welcomed all students in grades K-6 for a full day together. The Hammondsport Jr/Sr High welcomed two grade levels a day for the first week. The students were AMAZING and we were SO glad to have them back. Since parents and the community can't come visit us during this crazy time, we wanted to use this Laker Lines to show some pictures of what this 'new' school year looks like. We look forward to a great 20-21 school year together!



Arrival DOES look different. Masks on in common areas. Temperature screenings when students enter. Breakfast in the rooms.

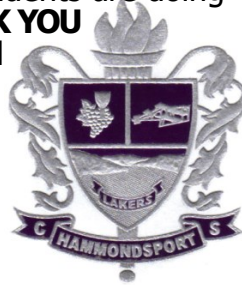


## Message from the Superintendent

Thank you to the amazing team we have here at HCS that worked SO hard to get our school ready for Opening Day! Our first day on campus was the result of hours and hours of planning and hours of working putting in place the safety precautions we needed to keep everyone safe. A **HUGE THANK YOU** to the District cleaning and maintenance staff for all of their work getting rooms and hallways cleared and clean and ready for kids. It was truly a team effort and I am thankful for the team we have in place.

As I write this we have completed six days of on campus school. The students have been unbelievable and have adjusted very well to our current 'new' normal. I have not heard any complaints about masks, distancing, or any other safety precaution in place. Even our youngest Lakers are excited to be in their classroom and working with their teachers. Students are doing everything we ask of them and a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the parents for keeping them motivated and supporting our safety rules at home. We will get through this! As always, if you need anything, I can be reached at [kbower@hport.wnyric.org](mailto:kbower@hport.wnyric.org) or #569-5200 Ext 5240. **Go LAKERS!**

**Kyle C. Bower,**  
Superintendent of Schools



### 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.



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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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## A Reopening Update from Mr. Koehler, Elementary Principal

### Welcome Home Curtiss Family!

**Different structures, same feeling.** This has been a goal and motto of our staff from day one in our reopening planning: meeting all health requirements fully for a safe reopening while maintaining and continuing to grow our family culture in our Curtiss School. One week in, I am so thrilled and proud to share that our staff and students have not only met, but exceeded this goal.

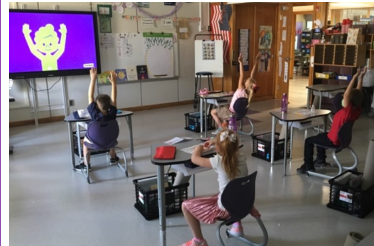
The theme for September in my mind is, without a doubt, **gratitude.** Our successful transition back to school has been a team effort both in and out of school by every member of our school community. In our next full issue of Laker Lines, I will be highlighting these efforts in full. For now, enjoy a peek into the first few days of school in this abbreviated issue. Students, staff, families, and community...we are **in it together!**



*Check out our mask twins - Ms. McCarthy and Ailley!*



*Our second graders enjoying lunch and social time in the classroom thanks to our incredible cafeteria staff!*



*Mr. P's class takes a mindfulness break in the classroom with GoNoodle!*

## Reopening Update: Jr/Sr High Principal Mr. Rounds

Thank you to our parents, students and community for all their input and support, which allowed us to reopen school in a safe and effective manner! The reopening of schools during the 2020/2021 school year was a complex and challenging endeavor with ever changing guidelines for the delivery of both in-person and remote instruction, and SED (State Education Department) safety guidelines. However, the faculty and staff were unwavering in their commitment to delivering instruction in a model that will best meet the needs of our students and families during these historic times. The Hammondspport Junior/Senior High was uniquely positioned to not only open, but to continue to excel at meeting the academic, social and emotional needs of our students. This is because of the faculty and staff's unwavering belief in the district's mission and executing daily to meet the needs of our students regardless of the obstacles in place. The mission of the Hammondspport Central School District calls for us to challenge each student through superior and innovative educational opportunities. As a faculty and staff, we took both our mission statement and the required Department of Health regulations as an opportunity to redesign our classroom spaces and leverage our technology infrastructure. We have created social distanced classrooms, where synchronous and asynchronous instruction can flow between both locations. Both our remote and in-person students are provided weekly instructional guides to allow for advanced planning in case of a medical contingency or a regional school closure. During the entire planning and rollout phase the physical, emotional and academic wellbeing of the student body was the driver. As always, this will continue to be our focus moving forward. We are happy to have our *Lakers* back with us!



**Left: The FIRST DAY!!!**

**Right: Social Distancing in Mrs. Ptak's Science Classroom.**



## Attention Taxpayers:

**Due to COVID 19, all payments must be mailed to:**  
Five Star Bank, PO Box 14, Warsaw, NY 14569.

School tax payment information and receipts can be printed through the School TaxSearch portal on the District website at [www.hammondsportcsd.org](http://www.hammondsportcsd.org), found under the Site Shortcuts section.

GST BOCES has been designated as The District Tax Collector. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kim Dykes at 607-795-1333 or 607-795-5333.

## Calendar of Events

District calendars for the 2020-2021 school year have been printed and are available. We printed the calendars without dates of school events because of the current restrictions on gatherings. As events are scheduled they will be posted to our website, Facebook page, and shortly to the new Hammondsport CSD App. Stay tuned.....



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