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# Laker LIVES



Hammondspport Central School District Newsletter

## High School Students Go Abroad



*Street performing in Barcelona*



*Students posing with Clara Castro Villalba*



*Christopher Columbus tomb in Seville*

Thanks to the HCS foreign travel program, eight high school students spent 12 days exploring Portugal and Spain this summer. The trip was organized through EF Tours by Spanish teacher, Jeff Martello, and Global History instructor, Dr. Diana Satterfield. Armed with their Spanish language skills and global history knowledge, students flew into Lisbon, Portugal, then traveled by bus along the southern coastlines of both countries, returning home from Barcelona, Spain.

Adventures along the way included cultural immersion, such as visiting historic sites like the Chapel of Bones in Evora, the Alhambra in Granada, and Christopher Columbus' tomb in Seville. Daily, local guides gave walking tours of cathedrals, museums, and gardens along the route. Students swam in the Mediterranean Sea, ordered their meals in Spanish, joined street performers in the public plazas and played sand volleyball with local students on the beach. The students were also able to have lunch with Clara Castro Villalba, 2017-18 HCS foreign exchange student, and her friends in her own Spanish neighborhood. The group shared pictures and updates daily with family and friends back home via a Facebook page dedicated for the trip.

HCS offers teacher-led, guide-supported foreign travel opportunities to their students every other year to allow students time to study, prep, and save for what truly is the trip of a lifetime. Stay tuned. Teachers should be announcing the 2020 trip soon.



## Message from the Board of Education and the Superintendent

The 2018-2019 school year has gotten off to a great start! Despite the sweltering temperatures during the first three days of classes, all students and staff managed to work through it together. Our free breakfast program has initially resulted in a 25% increase in students taking advantage of breakfast at school! Lunch participation also continues to increase as more students realize it can be provided for free. The cafeteria will continue to work with students on meals they would like to see on the menu. Parents, please encourage your students to take advantage of this opportunity, and if there is anything we can do to help, please let us know.

The District administration will be investigating some very important issues during the 18-19 school year prior to making final recommendations on any changes to the Board of Education. The topics on the list below are very thought-provoking and will be the focus of several study teams over the upcoming year.

1. Should the District require/highly recommend all students to wear seat belts while being transported in any District vehicle?
2. Should all Hammondsport graduates be required to sit in at least one college level course at HCS as a part of local graduation requirements?
3. Should all Hammondsport seniors be required to take a math or science class during their senior year?
4. What exploratory elective classes should be offered in our elementary grades on a consistent, yearly basis?

If any topic on the list above interests you and you would like to be a part of the study team discussions, please contact me directly in the District Office at #569-5200 ext 5240 or [kbower@hport.wnyric.org](mailto:kbower@hport.wnyric.org). If any policy changes in the topics above are recommended, they will be presented to the Board prior to June 2019.

I hope to see everyone at one of our many Homecoming events during the weekend of September 28th and 29th! 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; Richard Drain, Vice President; Kevin Bennett, Lynda Lowin, and Carre Doyle.

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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## Cafeteria News by Sheri Frail, Food Service Manager

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There are many reasons why your child should eat at the school cafeteria. Cafeteria meals are healthier than ever before because of the updated nutritional standards. Here are some helpful hints for younger children:

1. Go over the menus together (they are available on the school website), and have the child circle his/her favorite choice. If you seem excited for this, they will share your excitement.
2. Make sure to talk about what they ate that day, their likes and dislikes, and be sure to find out why.
3. Contact the school cafeteria with any questions or concerns: sfrail@gstboces.org or 569-5200 ext 5263

### "SIDE KICKS"

Do you have a picky eater? Do your kids still love to use their lunch box? They can still participate in our FREE lunch program! Let the cafeteria compliment your home lunch with Veggie Sticks & Dip, Fruit, and a Milk. All for FREE! (Must take all three items).



### Attention Local Farmers:

If you are interested in discussing the possibility of providing produce for our school cafeteria, please contact:  
Sheri Frail, Cafeteria Manager at #569-5200 ext 5263.

### "NO STRAW PLEASE"

The Glenn Curtiss Elementary Student Council prides itself on good citizenship. Our latest project is a perfect example of how we realize that we are a small part of a big world. Our members watched a video of a sea turtle having a straw removed from his nose by marine biologists, which sparked a conversation about pollution. The kids immediately asked what we could do to make an impact.

After some research, we learned of the Skip the Straw initiative. We also learned some interesting facts:

- The US alone uses 500,000,000 straws everyday.
- One straw can take 200 years to decompose.
- Straws are one of the Top Ten Marine Debris.
- By 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean.



We want to help reduce the number of straws so we are no longer passing out straws in the cafeteria. This small change could potentially save 180,000 straws a year from being thrown away, just in our school.

Everyone can do a small part to help reduce the number of straws in landfills and waterway. The next time you go out to eat at a restaurant and order a drink, say, "NO STRAW PLEASE".



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

The focus of last year's staff development was to empower teachers to foster and model what psychologists call a growth mindset and academic perseverance for our students. Our students performed exceptionally well on both the 3-8 ELA and math assessments, as well as the June Regents exams. Their success was celebrated at our opening day assembly! The Hammondspport Junior/Senior High will continue to focus on ensuring that the school environment allows for students to develop this growth mindset by stressing the following:

- A sense of social and academic belonging.
- Students seeing school as relevant to their future.
- Teaching students to work hard and postpone immediate gratification.
- Maintain commitments, despite difficulties.
- Seek out challenges.
- Remain engaged over the long haul.

Thank you to Student Council and the Spirit Committee for organizing the Homecoming Events. We will kick off the weekend with our

annual Pep Rally followed by the parade and athletic contests. Thank you to Maddie Sprague for all her work with the spirit committee and making this Homecoming memorable.

October is a busy month with the seniors touring New York City over Columbus Day weekend and making memories to last a lifetime. Our Sophomores will take part in the 33rd Annual Career Day at Alfred State College on October 16th, where they will have the opportunity to meet and interact with practitioners in a variety of occupations.

A special thank you to Sheri Frail, our cafeteria manager, Blaine Mayes, the manager of the Pleasant Valley Inn and Mrs. Ami Corell for all their work with the Farm to School initiative. Locally sourced produce from area farms will be provided to our students on at least a monthly basis. September's trial run of locally sourced corn was a hit, and apples and grapes are slated for October.

Good luck to all the sports teams during Homecoming. Go Lakers!

## High School Students Selected for Conference All State Chorus



*Natalie Lowin and Matthew Cole*

This year, we have two Hammondspport students that have been selected for Conference All State Chorus- Natalie Lowin and Matthew Cole. These students worked hard preparing level 6 solos with Mr. Mitchell last year and scored high enough to make the cut.

Music teachers across NY state prepare their best musicians to participate in NYSSMA solo adjudication in hopes that their students might be selected to participate in Conference All State. Last year, over 6500 students state participated in adjudication. Of those that auditioned, approximately 2400

students were able to achieve a high enough score to be considered for an ensemble, but ultimately only 900 students were selected. The mixed chorus is made up of approximately 250 of the very best high school vocalists in NY state.

In Mr. Mitchell's time at Hammondspport, three other students have sung in the conference all state mixed chorus including: Kelly Perz, Matthew Bussman and Alexis Russo.

Conference All State will be held in the Rochester Convention Center from November 29 to Dec. 2. The concert will be held at the Eastman Theater on Dec. 2.

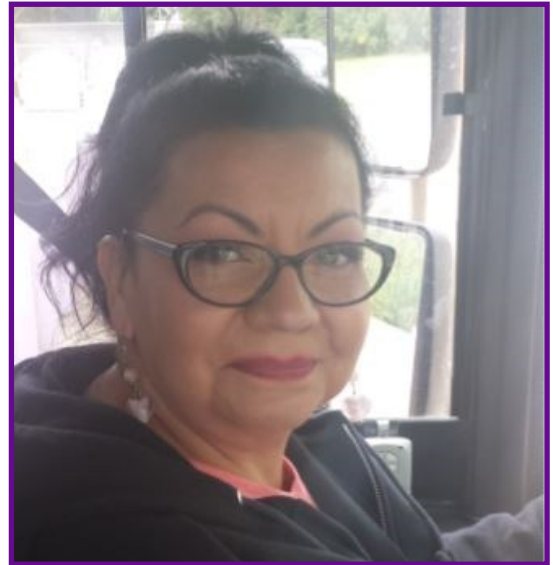
## Welcome New Staff!

**Ms. Holly Badeau**



Hammondsport Central School's new guidance/CSE (Committee On Special Education) secretary is Mrs. Holly Badeau, a graduate of Hammondsport Central School District and SUNY Cobleskill.

**Angelita Gautier**



Hammondsport's newest bus driver, Angelita Gautier, has driven for other companies in both California and Arizona. She is a happy and hardworking mother and grandmother, and she is always willing to listen with an open mind. She is excited to call Hammondsport her home!

**Mrs. Laura Gugliotta**



Hammondsport Junior/Senior High's new math teacher is Mrs. Laura Gugliotta, who comes with eight years of teaching experience and is a graduate of SUNY Geneseo. Mrs. Gugliotta will be teaching 8th grade math and algebra. In addition, she is serving as the freshmen class advisor.

**Ms. Olivia Todd**



Hammondsport Junior/Senior High's new science teacher is Ms. Olivia Todd. Ms. Todd is a graduate of the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester. Ms. Todd will be teaching both chemistry and middle level science. Ms. Todd will also be serving as a freshmen class advisor and ski club advisor.

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

With instruction underway, I can officially say to all of our families, welcome to the 2018-2019 school year! For those that are new to our district, my name is Joe Koehler and it is my privilege to be the principal of our Glenn Curtiss Elementary School. Throughout the year in each edition of Laker Lines, I will share updates with our school community in this message. We will also share pictures that highlight the learning experiences our children are engaged in throughout the year.

I would like to start this message with a major thank you to our cafeteria staff, maintenance staff, aides and teaching assistants for the phenomenal job they have done working with students on our new morning routine. We are thrilled to be able to offer the opportunity to provide free breakfast for all district students. These staff members have been flexible and accommodating as we brainstormed, implemented, and tweaked our systems to create a positive, welcoming, and efficient start to the day for our kids. Thank you to the many families who have brought your children in earlier to enable them to participate in our breakfast routine.

There is an energy among our staff around the work we are doing that is palpable. These conversations are focusing around establishing absolute clarity between staff on what we want students to learn, how we will know when they've learned it, how we will help students who haven't yet reached proficiency, and how we will extend learning for students who have already met standards. This helps to inform how we plan instruction and assessments, as well as how we work in teams to provide

targeted intervention supports to ensure all students learn at high levels. We also continue to discuss how we use this information to help students to set specific goals and take ownership in their own learning process through a growth mindset approach. We continue to discuss and refine our approach to grading and assessments to ensure it works hand in hand to support these outcomes, and we'll look forward to sharing your child's progress toward specific grade level standards throughout the school year.



*First graders have enjoyed the chance to have breakfast each morning and build relationships with their classmates*

As the year progresses, you'll see an intentional focus on social and emotional learning in our building. Our staff has worked to identify and define specific behaviors in all locations within our building that we will be explicitly teaching to students at a building-wide kickoff in



*Fifth and sixth graders enjoy breakfast and social time with their grade level peers in the cafeteria prior to heading to their classrooms at 7:45.*



October. We have partnered with the Glenn Curtiss Museum on this work and are excited to share how we will be enhancing our partnership with the museum in the

near future! In addition, you will see an emphasis on health instruction in our building, including education in mental health that involves our school psychologist and school counselors. Our teachers will continue to emphasize healthy habits through nutrition and physical activity as a part of our CATCH (Coordinated Approach to Child Health) curriculum.

I hope to see many of you at our Homecoming Parade on Friday, September 28th as well as at our Open House on Thursday, October 4th. More specific information on each event will be coming home soon. Thank you for preparing your child each and every day to learn!



## Health Classes Underway in the Elementary



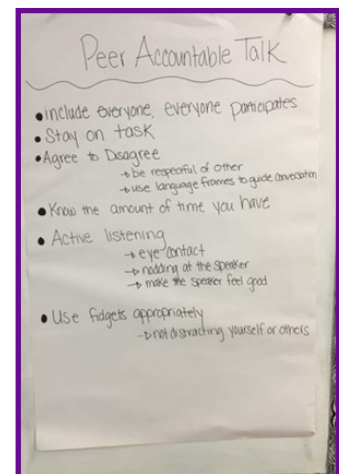
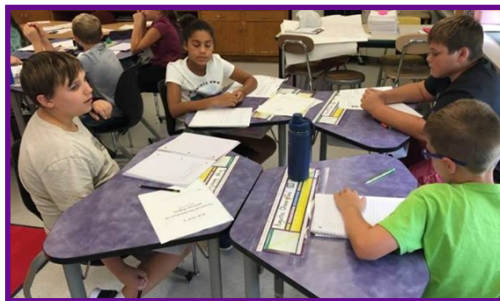
Above, Mrs. Sanford's first grade class works with Mrs. Crane and Miss Chapman to learn strategies for being a good listener. Mr. Snail helped students to practice "eyes watching, ears listening, voice quiet, bodies still." Students will be able to practice these skills in different learning experiences throughout the year.

At the core of our mission as educators is to ensure our students reach their fullest potential- not only academically, but also through the development of social and emotional skills while promoting their physical well-being. Our Elementary staff are taking a close look throughout the year at how we purposefully incorporate health instruction with all grade levels, including instruction in mental health. Mrs. Crane and Mr. Noteware, along with our prevention counselor, Miss Chapman, are providing health instruction to students in grades 1-6 this school year. Classroom teachers are providing this instruction in grades PreK and Kindergarten.

## Early Emphasis on Collaboration in Classrooms

A common sight in our Elementary classrooms to start the year has been a purposeful focus on collaboration and student discussion. Students have been empowered to create expectations for what successful collaboration and peer accountable talk looks like. These skills will transfer to many different learning experiences throughout the year as students problem-solve and communicate together while engaging in high-level learning tasks in all subject areas.

Right, Mr. Gugliotta's and Mrs. Conover's fifth graders engage in group discussions during their ELA instruction. Students worked together to establish criteria for how to hold peer accountable talks in the classroom.



Left, students in Mrs. Dickson's sixth grade class and Mrs. Webster's third grade class complete STEM challenges in teams and reflect on the focus question, "How does collaboration impact results?"

# URGENT!

## Substitutes Needed

Substitutes are needed in the following areas:

- Teaching, Certified and Uncertified
- Teaching Assistants and Aides
- Clerical
- Nurse
- Bus Driver, Cleaner, Food Service

Substitute Applications can be found on the District website under District/Employment Opportunities.

Contact District Clerk Nancy Clark with any questions at:  
#569-5200 ext 5240.



### Calendar of Events

9/27	V. Girls Soccer Homecoming Game, 6:30pm
9/28	Homecoming Parade, 5:30pm V. Boys Soccer Homecoming Game, 7pm V. Volleyball Homecoming Game, 7pm Last Day to Register for October ACT Exam
9/29	Mod. Volleyball Homecoming Game, 10am Mod. Girls Soccer Homecoming Game, 10am Mod. Boys Soccer Homecoming Game, 10:30am
10/4	Elementary Open House, 6pm
10/5	Last Day to Register for November SAT Exam
10/8	Columbus Day No School
10/17	Picture Retake Day BoE Regular Meeting, 6pm

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