# Harpursville Central School District

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#### **FEBRUARY** High School Calendar

- 3 ELA 12 to Regal Cinema
- 4 Vex Robotics Competition
- 5 Ski Club
- 8 Mathletes
- 12 Ski Club
- 16 11:30 dismissal Mobile Pantry
- 17-20 NO SCHOOL Mid-term recess
- 23 French is Fun Night



Credit union's branch office provides student opportunity, community service

Visions Federal Credit Union is officially open for business at the Harpursville Central School District.

On January 12, VFCU President/ CEO Ty Muse kicked off the school day with a special ribbon-cutting ceremony and a special message during morning announcements: "Free ice cream for all students during lunch!" He



then toured school facilities with Principal Kristine Conrow and our new student-Visions employees - *Samantha Cower, Noah Dann, Chuck Huizinga and Brynn Crocker.* 

Several news outlets were on hand to report on the festivities.

The student employees receive credit for classes (and paychecks!) for their participation, are able to work at other

Visions branches during school vacations, and will also be eligible for VFCU scholarships.

The branch has been open for several weeks now and has held contests and incentives for staff and students to join and begin saving. We feel very fortunate to have this financial institution for staff and students here in our rural area.



# A message from the superintendent

#### Dear residents,

It's hard to believe that we are now in the second half of the 2016-2017 school year. As I sit at my desk writing this message and watching the snow fall (again), I'd like to take a moment to pause and reflect on the wonderful things that have occurred in our district, things that help to shape our community and impact our students. Many of these items have been highlighted in the news in the recent past and have painted the district in the positive light that it deserves. This is such a great way to think about our schools, the amazing students that grace our halls each and every day, and the caring staff, parents and community members who give of their time and talent to make these things happen – all positive outgrowths of the work that we do.

In the past two or three months alone, we've been highlighted for our annual Thanksgiving luncheon attended by members of the Eastern Broome Senior Center, our Santa's Workshop for the elementary students, the "Ag in the Classroom" opportunity through state Sen. Fred Akshar's office, the grand opening of our Visions Federal Credit Union branch in the Jr./Sr. High School, our student-athletes and their successes both individually and as a team, and Harpursville students who have completed community service projects. While these stories stood out, I can assure you that there are many things happening in our classrooms on a daily basis that we can feel good about and be proud of. This is the perfect mindset to embrace as we transition into the second half of the school year. Furthermore, ensuring that we preserve and promote these educational

opportunities in the future is of the utmost importance and provides the perfect point of focus as we enter another budget season.

Consistent with our approach last year, I would like to invite and encourage you to be a part of the budget development process for the 2017-2018 school year. It is imperative that the Board of Education and I hear from residents and that you remain wellinformed about the budget during the formative stages of its development. As we embrace this process, please be assured that our No. 1 priority remains

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our students. We will post all budgetrelated documents at the following address on our website: http://www.hcs. stier.org/BudgetTaxInformation.aspx. You will notice that the budget calendar is already posted there, showing dates for all things related to the annual budget vote such as our initial budget presentation, budget workshops, regular BOE meetings, the budget hearing and voting date. Each of the meetings scheduled enable everyone in attendance to learn our thinking and to provide feedback on the process. Our goal, of course, is to ensure that the budget supports the educational opportunities



Mike Rullo, superintendent

our students deserve and that it's one our residents can stand behind.

In the spirit of being forthright, planning for the 2017-2018 budget will present the district with some additional challenges as we continue the work we started last year. We knew that we would need a multi-year solution to the changes in budgeting and spending that we engaged in last year and that fact has not changed. Despite the challenges, the Board of Education and I remain committed to providing our students with an outstanding education.

In closing, we have some work that lies ahead, but we also have a great deal to be proud of and to look forward to. A continued cooperative spirit that keeps the students at the center of our thoughts and actions is the approach that will get the job done. As always, please be sure to contact me through the district office if you have any questions, concerns or input. Best wishes for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year and thank you, in advance, for your support of our schools.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo

Go Hornets!

# **Guidance** News



#### **College acceptances**

Congratulations to the following student on her college acceptances.

Malayia Lowe: Buffalo State, SUNY Broome



#### Academic planning conferences

Planning conferences are being scheduled for students in grades 8, 9, 10 and 11. Notifications are being sent to the parents/guardians of these students by mail. Every effort is being made to avoid scheduling these appointments during students' instructional class periods. If you need to reschedule an appointment please call the guidance office at 693-8108 as we encourage parent/guardian input and feel that this is an important factor in your student's success at Harpursville Central Schools.

# District communication guidelines

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, you can be assured that your questions will be answered.

For questions about	1 <sup>st</sup> contact	2 <sup>nd</sup> contact	3 <sup>rd</sup> contact	4 <sup>th</sup> contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Director of Operations	Jr./Sr. Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
BOE policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	Business Official	Superintendent		
Building Use	Administrative Assistant	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Cafeteria	Director of Food Services	Business Official	Superintendent	
Classroom Procedures	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
Bus Behavior	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Director of Operations	Superintendent
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal		Superintendent
Facilities	Director of Facilities	Business Official	Superintendent	
Health Office	Building Nursing Office	Grade-level Principal	Superintendent	
Scheduling	Guidance Office	Jr./Sr. Principal	Superintendent	
Special Education	Teacher	Grade Level Principal	Dir of Special Programs	Superintendent
Transportation	Head Bus Driver	Director of Operations	Business Official	Superintendent

# Harpursville Central School District directory

Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official Cheryl Hamilton, Payroll

Pamela Horton, Principal Allison Chantry, Admin. Asst.

Health Office 693-8118   Elementary 693-8119
Food Services
<b>Transportation</b>
<b>Buildings &amp; Grounds693-8121</b> David Johnson, Director of Facilities



# After-school program focuses on team-building

Art with a Twist and Book Club recently got together to work on enhancing their teambuilding skills.

The students worked together while having a lot of fun. They strategically tried "walking on water" to get to the other side of the room using only construction paper steps.

Another team-building activity the students enjoyed was a game variation using a Hula-

Hoop. The object of the timed game is to get the Hula-Hoop all the way around the circle of students without letting go of each other's hands or letting the hoop touch the floor, all the while without talking.

The students enjoyed trying these teambuilding activities over and over so they could improve their times.



Pictured (I-r): David Bush, Damien Pease, Jacob Rueffer, Jacob Murphy, Jessica Fowler, and Mya Hawley



Students "walk on water"



Pictured (I-r): Mya Hawley, Airabelle Merritt, Caleigh McCommas, Glenn Miller, David Bush, and Damien Pease



# Sharing stories helps span the years between classes of students

Recently, some kindergarteners had the opportunity to read their "true stories" to one of Debra Parker's sixth-grade ELA classes. The kindergarteners had been working on a narrative writing unit for two months and sharing their published stories was part of their writing celebration at the end of the unit. The kindergarteners rose to great heights during this celebration, comfortably reading their writing aloud to a brand new group of older students. They were very eager to show off what they had accomplished. In return, the sixthgraders were great listeners and supporters, complimenting





the younger students on all their hard work. Toward the end of the celebration, the sixth-grade students shared some of their writing with their younger partners. The kindergarteners were amazed to discover that the features they are learning and using in their writing now will continue to be used in the future.

### We're making a splash - Amanda Bowen, special education teacher

The fifth-graders have made a big splash in swim class this session. They have had the opportunity to dive off the blocks, learn how to do flip-turns, and refine their skills of three different strokes.

The students also have had the chance to play games that help build their skills.

Great job, fifth-graders!





Pictured (I-r): Brendan Pike, Liam Quick, Brayden Reese, Alexandra Lamoree, Lorynna Thomas, and Matt Sanchez



# Junior/senior musicians shine at winter all-county festival at S-E

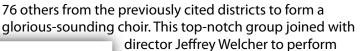
On January 21, music teacher Nicole Cole and 13 Harpursville students attended the Winter All-County Music Festival in Chenango County. As the bus pulled away at 7:30 a.m. headed for Sherburne-Earlville, students prepared themselves for seven hours of rehearsal and a concert at the end of the day to show all they had learned.

The junior chorus included six Harpursville students: Zachary Turck, Ena Race, Sara Williams, Yasmine Warner, Karina Seeley and Dylan Faiella. They joined 70 other students from Greene, Norwich, Oxford, Unadilla Valley, Bainbridge-Guilford, Sherburne-Earlville, Afton and Sidney in perfecting three songs: "How Can I Keep from Singing My Song," "The Prayer," and "Pretty Little Angel Eyes." Their conductor was the vocal music teacher from Oxford, Michael Moren. What a great show they presented.

The senior chorus included seven Harpursville students: Jacob Peterson, Lily-Anne Mauzy, Courtney Phillips, Sarah Peterson, Tara Merrell, Annamarie Goosley and Abby Kelley. They joined



Pictured (I-r): Senior Chorus participants; Jacob Peterson, Annamarie Goosley, Sarah Peterson, Abby Kelley



"Three Hungarian Folk Songs,""All My Trials," and "I Often Dance." These songs were breathtaking, and the rich sound coming from this group is one you won't want to miss in future performances.

The Chenango County Spring Festival takes place this year in the gymnasium at Greene High School on March 11. Harpursville will have students participating in the swing choir, junior band and senior band. The concert is at 3 p.m. and tickets will be sold at the entrance. Residents are encouraged to come out and support these talented students and experience the sounds our best musicians are capable of producing.



**Pictured (I-r), Junior Chorus participants;** Yasmine Warner, Karina Seeley, Sara Williams, Zachary Turck, and Ena Race

**Special notice:** The Harpursville School District has successfully completed the inspection of all schools and buildings in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. For details, or to obtain a copy of the management plan, contact David Johnson at (607) 693-8121.

## January Student of the Month



#### Student Name

#### Subject

Madison Kelly	English 7
Abigail Kelley	Career & Financial Mgmt
Idaeah Campbell	Computers 8
Tienna Avery	Business Law
Dan Villano	Personal Finance
Madison Kelly	Music 7
Courtney Waterman	Music 8
Abby Lyon	Junior Chorus
Jacob Peterson	Senior Chorus
Trevor Hanson	Piano
Jordan Gillette	Science 7
Colton Sakowsky	Living Environment
Victoria Whidden	Social Studies 8
Mackenzie Whidden	Global 9
Samantha Lawler	Algebra 1
Selena Morelock	Algebra 1A
Olivia Loihle	Algebra 1B
Lexi Hosmer	Math 7
Caidence Ryder	Honors Math 7
Sarah Young	Social Studies 7
Savannah Pasquale	Participation in Govt
Noah Dann	
Tara Merrell	CL Calculus

#### Student Name **Subject** Matt Lyon.....Geometry Bethany Niles .....French III Collin Gillette.....French I Tori Johnson .....French II Chelsea Merrill .....Art 7 Olivia Weist.....English 8 Wyatt Ellsworth .....Science 8 Megan Grover ......College Biology Rhianna Wilcox ..... Technology 7 Taylor Rutherford ..... Technology 8 Robert Hosmer Jr. .....World of Technology Dalton Marble ......Transportation Systems Mackenzie Robertson......Earth Science Matt Lyon.....English 9 Tienna Avery, Lexie Cutmore, Sabrina Gates .....Academic Writing II Savannah Pasquale .....English 12 Jason Terkowski.....Physics Eva Mae Rychlicki..... Math AIS 9 Katelyn Rooker..... Foundations of Geometry Christopher Dattoria......English 10 Sasha Whitney.....Math 8 Rocco Arduini.....Algebra 8

all



# Hornets receive state honors



The Hornets football team was well represented on the 2016 All-State football team. Each offseason, The New York State Sports

Writers Association selects a statewide All-Star team. The Hornet football team had four of its players chosen to be part of this select group. This honor culminates an offseason of team and individual accolades for this select group of Harpursville athletes, who finished with a 7-2 record and a #15 ranking in the final Class D New York state poll.

Congratulations to junior **Josh Wilson** for being selected to the first team All-State football team as an all purpose player. Senior **Madison Hoover** was selected as second team halfback. Seniors **Joey Kiehle** and **Noah Barriger** were named honorable mentions at tackle. Great job, guys!





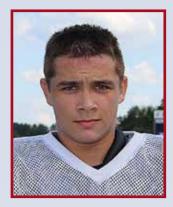
Noah Barriger



Josh Wilson



Joey Kiehle



Madison Hoover



# HORNETS

**Congratulations to BGAH Wrestling Coach Brandon MacNaught** for being named the NYS Public High School Athletic Association's 2015-2016 Coach of the Year. Brandon coaches our wrestling team with athletes from three districts (Bainbridge-Guilford, Afton and Harpursville) and his team has experienced wide-ranging success. Hats off to you, Coach MacNaught!





# Fall athletes earn scholar recognition

To qualify as a NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team, members must have a combined average of 90 percent or better. Four of our fall teams met that standard:

Varsity soccer (92.751%) - Zach Alford, Allen Brozonis, Mikey Graven-Briggs, Connor Hoyt, Riley Livermore, Matt Lyon, Paul Mercilliott, Andrew Ruckey, Mario Ruttkiewicz, Calixta Terrell, Jaymie Ticknor and Kailee Tyler.

**Golf (92.400%)** - Ernie Cutting, Lucas Nichols, Colin LaDue, Cameron Smith, Logan Culver, Jacob Peterson and Michael Bennett.

**Volleyball (90.934%)** - Connor Humphrey, Amelia Reuter, Amanda Greenwood, Sophianna Grove, Tori Johnson, Megan Grover, Tienna Avery, Carelyn Decker, Madison Baker and Chloe Dodd.

Field hockey (90.592%) - Aubrey Cluck, Samantha Cower, Morgan Fleming, Morgan Crocker, Sabrina Gates, Vanessa Groover, Abigail Hunt, Abigail Kelley, Bethany Niles, Sarah Peterson and Mackenzie Roberston.

FALL SCHOLAR ATHLETES				
Sport	Student	GPA		
Soccer	Matthew Lyon	97.38%		
Golf	Jacob Peterson	96.80%		
Field Hockey	Abigail Kelley	96.38%		
Football	Hunter Sakowsky	95.71%		
Volleyball	Tori Johnson	92.380%		
<b>Cross Country</b>	Lexie Cutmore	91.86%		
Cheerleading	Nicole Fargo	91.380%		



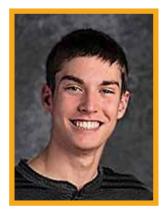
Lexie Cutmore



Nicole Fargo



Hunter Sakowsky



Jacob Peterson



Tori Johnson



Abigail Kelley



Matthew Lyon



# Harpursville student joins Cadets in presenting colors at Bills game.

Cadets from NY-292 presented the colors prior to the Buffalo Bills last home game on December 24 at New Era Field.

Cadet 2d Lt Andre Birt of Harpursville joined Cadet Chief Master Sgt. Benjamin Crane of Binghamton, Cadet Senior Airman Travis Jones of Apalachin, and Tonie Ruttciewicz of Afton to comprise the color guard for the event.

Broome-Tioga cadets have also presented the colors at New York Jets and Giants football games at MetLife Stadium, NASCAR events at Watkins Glen Speedway and numerous sporting events in the Greater Binghamton area.



Civil Air Patrol, the longtime all-volunteer U.S. Air Force auxiliary, is the newest member of the Air Force's Total Force, which consists of regular Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve, along with Air Force retired military and civilian employees. CAP operates a fleet of 550



Harpursville student Andre Birt (second from left) joins his CAP colleagues in colors presentation in Buffalo.

aircraft and performs about 90 percent of continental U.S. inland search and rescue missions as tasked by

the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center and is credited by the AFRCC with saving an average of 78 lives annually. Civil Air Patrol's 56,000 members nationwide also perform homeland security, disaster relief and drug interdiction missions at the request of federal, state and local agencies. For more information, visit www.capvolunteernow.com.

# Students learn job skills though career exploration at district offices

Students in the Career Exploration class got to learn about a variety of jobs in the district while gaining some handson experience by job shadowing in the Jr. Sr. High School office of Principal Kristine Conrow.

Over the past few months, students assisted with many behind-the-scenes clerical responsibilities performed in the school office setting. They helped with items such as mail distribution, website updates, payroll reporting, morning memo preparation, morning announcement preparation and much more. The experience provided a glimpse of what school-related professional work entails, while giving staff a chance to get to know the students in a different environment.

When time allowed, staff members were able to chat about post-high school career plans and share some of their own experiences and advice, encouragement and inspiration.

Jr. Sr. High School Administrative Assistant Tabatha Rhodes said one of the highlights of the program for her was the holiday greeting card she received from one of the students after his job shadow experience ended. She said the program is a fantastic way to get students – most of whom are in grades 10 and 11 – to begin thinking about careers after high school.

The Career Exploration students have also shadowed classroom teachers and staff in the cafeteria, guidance and attendance offices, maintenance, health office, library and bus garage.

Thanks goes to teachers Kelly Rooney and Leslie Whaley for encouraging class participation in the program and for giving school employees the pleasure of working with these fine young people.

Rhodes expressed her appreciation for the interest and hard work provided by the entire career exploration group, which included **Dan Cower, Zach Fynboe, Teague Rezucha, Kyle Grose, Robbie Ayers, Jon Jones, Josiah Niles** and **Sean Snyder.** 

FEBRUARY 2017 MENU				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Prices Lunch K-5 - \$2.10/ 6-12 - \$2.30 Breakfast (all schools) K-6 FREE 7-12 \$1.30 Cereal & fruit offered daily 6 Mini Pancakes Assorted Fruit / Milk Homestyle Chicken Filet on a Bun Sweet Potato Wedges Green Beans Fresh Apple Milk	Sandwich choices: M: ham & cheese T: Turkey & cheese W: salad of the week (No yogurt on Wed.) Th: turkey & cheese F: tuna P.B. & jelly offered daily Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit / Milk Orange Popcorn Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli Chilled Mandarin Oranges / Cookie Milk	1 Choice of two: Cinn. Bun, Cereal or yogurt Assorted Fruit / Milk Meatball Sub Oven Roasted Potatoes Cucumbers/Tomatoes w/Hummus & Dip Fresh Orange / Milk 8 Choice of two: Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit / Milk Brunch at Lunch! French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Fresh Orange / Milk	2 French Toast Sticks	3 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit / Milk Super Bowll Stuffed Crust Pizza Chicken Poppers w/BBQ Sauce Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Milk 10 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit / Milk Homemade Pizza Cheese, Pepperoni or Garlic Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Milk
13 <u>Mini Waffles</u> <u>Assorted Fruit / Milk</u> Cheeseburger on a Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato Seasoned Potato Wedges Baby Carrots w/Dip Fresh Apple / Milk	14 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit / Milk Taco Salad w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit / Milk	15 Choice of two: Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit / Milk Calzonettes Side of Pasta w/Sauce Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Hummus & Dip Fresh Orange / Milk	<b>16</b> Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit / Milk Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit / Milk	17 Mid-Term Recess No School Today
20 PRESIDENTS DAY	21 Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit / Milk Popcorn Chicken Wheat Dinner Roll Oven Baked Fries Glazed Carrots Fresh Apple / Milk	22 Choice of two: Cinn. Bun, Cereal or Yogurt Assorted Fruit / Milk Grilled Cheese Sand. Tomato Soup Veggie Cruncher w/Dip Fresh Orange / Milk	23 French Toast Sticks w/Syrup Assorted Fruit / Milk Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Applesauce Milk	24 Hornet Muffin Assorted Fruit / Milk School's Choice Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit Milk
27 <u>Mini Cinnis</u> <u>Assorted Fruit / Milk</u> Chicken Nuggets Wheat Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Baby Carrots W/Hummus & Dip Fresh Apple / Milk	28 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Assorted Fruit / Milk Tacos on a Shell w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit / Milk			



#### Harpursville Central School District

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# HARPURSVILLE Youth Baseball Sign-Up

Calling all students under 13 who are interested in playing T-ball or little league

Two sign-up locations

#### Cost\*

**T-ball** - free with five raffle ticket sales **Minor & major little league** - \$25 per player with 10 raffle ticket sales **or** \$45 per player with five raffle ticket sales.

All raffle tickets must be sold. If you have difficulty selling tickets, please reach out to us early so we can help.

\*All players must help sell fundraising tickets

Bread 'n' Butter Country Store

March 4 March 11 10 a.m. – Noon 10 a.m. – Noon W. A. Olmsted Elementary School

March 1 & 24-5:15 p.m.March 8 & 94-5:15 p.m.March 15 & 164-5:15 p.m.

Will be set up between gyms

# Please sign up early | Opening day is May 6.