



## Students prepare, serve annual Thanksgiving Luncheon for staff, seniors

*By Kaitlyn Dattoria, student council corresponding secretary*

On November 16, the National Honor Society and Student Council hosted a Thanksgiving luncheon for the school staff and senior citizens of Harpursville. This took place in the beautifully decorated W.A Olmsted Elementary School gym. In conjunction with sharing a wonderful meal, attendees donated money and canned goods to be given to our local food pantry. The student volunteers enjoyed serving food, clearing tables, seeing members of the community, and catching up with their previous elementary school teachers.

The National Honor Society and Student Council look forward to hosting the Thanksgiving luncheon next year and thank everyone for attending.



**Pictured (l-r):** Ben Williams, Abby Lyon, Makenna Lowe, Annamarie Goosley, Caidence Ryder, Kaylee Shear, and Kaitlyn Dattoria



## Letter from the superintendent

Dear residents,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and that you're looking forward to the winter holidays.

This is always an exciting, albeit busy, time of the year as we bounce from one holiday to another. As we get ready to begin a new calendar year, we are inching ever-closer to the middle of our school year. I can tell you that we continue to work hard with and for our students here at the school and there is quite a bit of great stuff happening.

It seems fitting to highlight some fantastic news that I received just before the Thanksgiving holiday that will surely provide a tremendous benefit to our district: Our grant application to the Klee Foundation from early October was accepted and approved! This very generous grant from the Klee Foundation will provide funding to support a community schools coordinator position that will enable our school district to become part of the Binghamton University Promise Zone. Our proposal was quite significant: Three years of financial support to fully fund the cost of the coordinator, plus some funding to support community outreach and family engagement. This grant, coupled with the Promise Zone, will bring more than \$280,000 worth of resources to our district over the next few years in addition to bringing the resources of Binghamton University directly into our district. I am truly humbled by the generosity of the Klee Foundation, but I am also excited to see the benefits of the program for our students and their families. We are hoping to get this model up and running for the second half of the school year.

In thinking a little more about the holiday season, please be reminded of our winter concert. This is always an enjoyable event and a nice time for our students to showcase their musical talents. The concert is scheduled for Monday, December 18, at 7 p.m. in the Jr. Sr. High School auditorium. We'll have our vocal groups featuring grades 5-12 and our instrumental groups featuring grades 6-12. I look forward to seeing our students and families at the concert.

We wrapped up our fall sports season last month and quickly transitioned to get our winter sports off and running. We constantly strive to ensure that our student-athletes are successful both in the classroom and in their contests. You'll be pleased to know that the following teams earned scholar-athlete awards this past fall: football, golf, volleyball, field hockey, girls' cross country and soccer. This means that at least 75 percent of the students on each team had an overall average of 90 percent or higher. That is so impressive! Please join me in congratulating our student-athletes, and if you have the chance with one of the team members, let them know just how important you think it is that they are excelling in the classroom and in their sport.

We've been doing some work to update and refresh our brand as a school district. The Board of Education provided

its approval of our updated mascot and logos at its last meeting. We know that there is a strong sense of school and community pride in being the Harpursville Hornets and we wanted to reinvigorate the school with some new, fresh images that will surely provide a fresh injection of school spirit, strengthen our identity as the Harpursville Hornets, and build a strong brand. In the coming weeks and months, you'll surely see our updated mascot, as well as some new word marks that clearly show who we are – the "Harpursville Hornets" (check out the new masthead on this newsletter). There's been quite a bit of excitement around this process here at the school over the past several weeks. If you have the opportunity to get to a basketball game this winter, you'll notice that our athletes look great in their new uniforms, which are all decked out with our new images.



Michael Rullo,  
superintendent

Switching gears just a little, I know that I am probably going to jinx myself by saying this, but every day that passes without snow and bitter cold gets us one day closer to springtime. If/when winter does arrive, we'll be ready for the snow and cold and the impact that the winter weather might have on our school schedule. Please allow me to remind you of a recent letter that was sent to our school families with information about delays and closings. We've also posted the letter on the district's website for your review. This is particularly important as our district, similar to many of the surrounding districts in the region, has added a new 3-hour delay option.

Looking ahead to January, please mark your calendars for a bus vote scheduled on January 16, 2018, from 1:30 - 8 p.m. in the elementary school. I sincerely appreciate the support that's been shown in the past for ensuring that our bus fleet remains up-to-date and safe for our students. Furthermore, as you may recall, we've worked to develop a sound fleet replacement plan that enables us to leverage our transportation aid ratio of approximately 90 percent while maintaining high trade-in values on the buses being replaced. If you have any questions related to the upcoming bus vote, please be sure to contact me or Joe McLaughlin, school business administrator, in the district office.

In closing, I would like to wish each and every resident a wonderful holiday season with your family and friends. I hope it's a season marked by many, many blessings.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo  
**Go Hornets!**





## Jr. Sr. High School calendar

### DECEMBER

- 12-14** School play auditions
- 13** Club picture day, Mathletes
- 18** Winter concert 7 p.m. in auditorium featuring grades 5-12 vocal music and grades 6-12 instrumental music
- 21** Mobile Pantry
- 25- Jan. 1** Winter Recess

### JANUARY

- 10** Mathletes
- 15** **NO SCHOOL**  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Day**

For more Jr. Sr. High School Information and full calendar view, please visit [www.hcs.stier.org](http://www.hcs.stier.org) and click the tab for Jr. Sr. High.

## 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
<b>Academics</b>	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
<b>Athletics</b>	Coach	Athletic Director	Jr./Sr. Principal	Superintendent
<b>Behavior</b>	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
<b>BOE policies</b>	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
<b>Budget</b>	Business Official	Superintendent		
<b>Building Use</b>	Administrative Assistant	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Cafeteria</b>	Director of Food Services	Business Official	Superintendent	
<b>Classroom Procedures</b>	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
<b>Bus Behavior</b>	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Asst. Principal/Principal	Superintendent
<b>Co-Curricular</b>	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Facilities</b>	Director of Facilities	Business Official	Superintendent	
<b>Health Office</b>	Building Nursing Office	Grade Level Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Scheduling</b>	Guidance Office	Jr./Sr. Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Special Education</b>	Teacher	Grade Level Principal (academics)	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Superintendent
<b>Transportation</b>	Head Bus Driver	Business Official	Superintendent	

## Harpursville Central School District directory

### District Office ..... 693-8112

Board of Education  
Michael Rullo, Superintendent  
Darlene Noyes, Admin. Asst./District Clerk

### Business Office ..... 693-8120

Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official  
Cheryl Hamilton, Payroll

### Special Education ..... 693-8104

Joshua Quick, CSE/CPSE Chairperson  
Audrey Warner, Admin. Asst.

### Athletics ..... 693-8133

Joshua Quick, Athletic Director

### Jr./Sr. High School ..... 693-8105

Kristine Conrow, Principal  
Tabaitha Rhodes, Admin. Assistant  
James DiMaria, Assistant Principal

### Guidance Office ..... 693-8108

Karen Slesinsky, J/SHS Counselor  
Kristina Irons, J/SHS Counselor  
Sheryl Kosturock, WAO Counselor  
Jill Andrews, Secretary/Attendance Clerk

### W.A. Olmsted Elementary ..... 693-8115

Pamela Horton, Principal  
Bobbi Jo Hatton, Asst. Principal  
Katie Ives, Administrative Asst.

### Health Offices

Brianna Shultes ..... (Jr Sr HS) 693-8118  
Shaina Hinman ..... (Elm) 693-8119

### Food Services ..... 693-8126

Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services

### Transportation ..... 693-8100

Danielle Maxim, Head Bus Driver  
Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official  
Sandy Schnurbusch, Admin. Assist.

### Buildings & Grounds ..... 693-8121

David Johnson, Director of Facilities



## Adirondack chair project presents engineering challenge – By Paul Peterson, instructor

Students in the Construction class recently completed their Adirondack chair projects.

They had to reverse engineer a chair, layout the design and minimize the materials used.

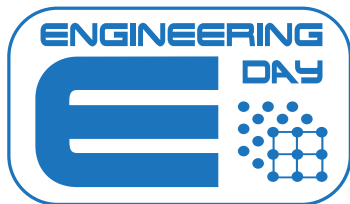
Each chair was cut from just 30 feet of pressure-treated decking with no more than 60 square-inches of scrap. That was the easy part. The students then had to construct their chairs.

They were very proud of their work. All were delivered safely. When driving around town, you may see one of these in a front or side yard.



**Pictured (l-r):** Front - Greg Akulis, Danny Cower, Slater Collins, and Brad Wilson.  
Back - James Wayman, Aaron Davis, and Brian Brookes.

## Harpursville well represented at annual Engineering Day By Kailee Tyler and Kerynn Stoner



Broome-Tioga BOCES hosted its annual Engineering Day on October 25, which was attended by more than 300 students from school districts through the region. Among them were 20 students from Harpursville Jr./Sr. High School, who

worked in teams of four to meet the day's challenge. Two of our students wrote the following:

"At Engineering Day we had to make a "Rube Goldberg" design. This task made us think about transfers of motion and energy. During the course of the day we exchanged ideas with students from other schools. We learned how to cooperate as a team and that we need to manage our time. Overall, the Harpursville team's results showed improvement from previous years. Engineering Day 2017 made kids look forward to new challenges in upcoming years."



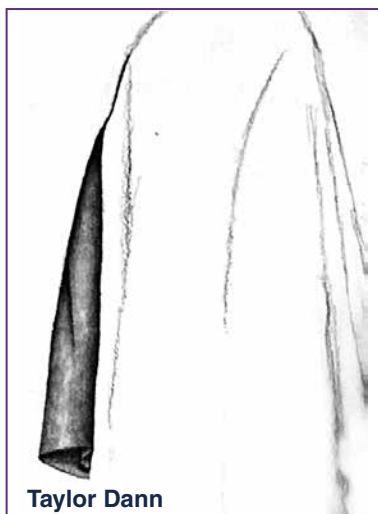
**Pictured (l-r):** Justin Fargo, Trenton Reynolds, Zachary Pike, and Kyle Colsten



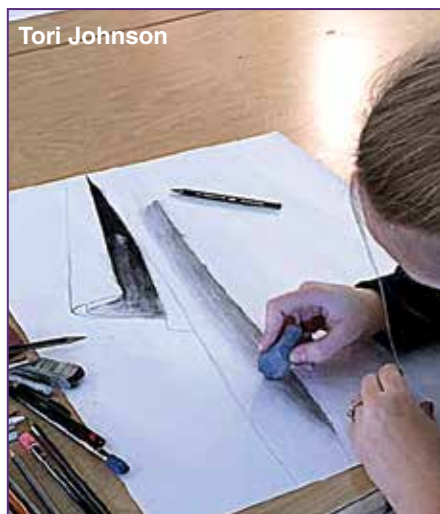
**Pictured (l-r):** Sarah Young, Ben Williams, and Dominic Schwartz







Taylor Dann



Tori Johnson



Tori Johnson & Shane Hoover

Ann McDonald's college-level drawing class is learning about contour lines and value.



Clay is the way! Tanner Hanson (above) and Dawson Williams show their expertise on the pottery wheel in Ann McDonald's ceramics class.



Look out Nemo, here come some friends. Ann McDonald's sculpture class created whimsical under-the-sea creatures using balloons, cardboard, model magic and plaster wrap.



Hunter Scott



Brianna DeVaul



Paige Smith



Shyanne Stilson



Sara Brown and Danielle Grausgruber



Colton Sakowsky and Majesty Brown





## Inaugural fall fest is an artful success

The first annual Fall Festival, hosted at the elementary building, was a great success. Some of art teacher Ann McDonald's classes helped fill the walls with fall-inspired art work. Her fifth-grade after-school class worked together to design and build a mini forest of white birch trees. The Art 8 class created dynamic silhouettes with fall sunset skies.

# After School FUN!

**Pictured (l-r):** Jaelin Brown, Alexis Clement, Luciano Hartwell Fasano, Emma McWherter, Vincent Risoli Clark, Karlee Gross, Lily Barriger and Lloyd Byers.

## Team building is the focus of fourth-grade after-school activities

Students in the fourth-grade after-school program started the year off well, enjoying a variety of games while continuing to work together, communicate, and cooperate.

Some of the team-building activities that the students played

included the shoe game, spider web, tallest tower, calculator, and back to back. Most of the games were played more than once during each session to enable the students to find ways to improve after the first time through.







## Prehistoric studies lead to cave painting

Ann McDonald's after-school class learned about the prehistoric cave paintings. They wanted to experience how it felt to really paint a cave wall, so they built a wall and painted it.



**Pictured:** From back - Mary Zipay (support staff), Andrew Fowler, Bobbie Griswold, Vincent Risoli Clark, Jaelin Brown, Emma McWherter, Karlee Gross and Madison Wolbert.

## Kindergarteners build relationships

The first five weeks of the kindergarten after-school program have flown by. In our time together, we have accomplished a lot. Students have participated in team-building activities, social-skill-building, yoga and movement. During our first block of time together, we focused on building relationships with one another through a variety of activities. Some of those included going outside to use the parachute as a group, building stations with partners, and "ice breakers." For the last hour every day the kindergarten students are engaged in movement activities. Sometimes we play games in the gymnasium while other days we focus on yoga movements and breathing. Each student has progressed and grown throughout the first five weeks of the after-school enrichment program.



## Colesville Community Pantry December dates.

The Colesville Community Pantry, located in the Colesville volunteer ambulance building at 28 King Road, is open to all Town of Colesville residents with proof of address and everyone residing in the household. The mobile food truck has no restrictions and is open to anyone. The only time the pantry is closed on its designated days is when school is closed due to inclement weather or all after-school activities have been canceled. Then, the afternoon pantry will also be closed.

**Tuesday 5** Pantry 10 a.m. -12 p.m.  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday 19** Pantry 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday 21** Mobile Food Pantry 12 - 1 p.m.

**NO ONE SHOULD  
GO HUNGRY**



<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Cheyenne Wallace .....	Jr. High PE
Morgan Crocker.....	Sr. High PE
Sophia Konidis .....	English Language Arts 7
Amber Birt .....	Business Law
Sara Williams.....	Career & Financial Management
Christopher Dattoria.....	Accounting
Joshua Powell.....	Computers 8
Jordan Gillette.....	Jr. Chorus
Johnathon Gillette.....	Music 7
Trenton Reynolds.....	Music 8
Dylan Faiella.....	Sr. Chorus
Alexander Birt .....	Piano
Karina Seeley .....	Global 10
Abby Lyon.....	Jr. Band
Matt Lyon.....	Sr. Band
Cooper Smith .....	Science 7
Joshua Powell.....	Living Environment
James Craig.....	Social Studies 8
Hanna Whitman .....	Art 7
Colton Sakowsky.....	Global 9
Brandon Martinello .....	Algebra 1A
Jordan Thorne.....	Algebra 1B
Courtney Waterman .....	Algebra 1
Elizabeth Paugh.....	Foundations of Geometry
Hanna Whitman .....	Math 7
Morgan Rutherford .....	Honors Math
Idaeah Campbell.....	Sculpture
Taylor Dann.....	CL Drawing
Robert Bertram.....	Drawing
Sara Brown & Majesti Brown .....	Sculpture
Thomas VanVorce .....	Art 8

<b>Student Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>
Dawson Williams.....	Ceramics
Keira Licata .....	Technology 7
Garrett Beard .....	Principles of Engineering
Harry Dibble .....	World of Technology
Aydin Marade .....	Technology 8
Slater Collins .....	Construction
Kyler Meisner.....	DDP
Allena Rowe .....	Social Studies 7
Matt Johnson .....	Participation in Government
Ashlyn Link.....	Geometry
Emily Russell .....	CL Calculus
Amber Birt .....	CL Statistics
Seth Baker.....	French 1
Matthew Lyon .....	French 2
Kailee Tyler .....	French 3
Lily-Anne Mauzy.....	US History & Government
Hunter Sakowsky .....	College US History & Government
Amber Birt .....	Great Films
Daelyn DeGroat.....	English 8
Trevor Hanson.....	College Biology
Maryjane Kappauf .....	Chemistry
Wyatt Rowe.....	Sr. High Boys PE
Jayden Yereb.....	Jr. High Girls PE
Morgan Fleming.....	Physics
Jordan Gillette.....	Science 8
Ashlyn Link.....	Earth Science
Kyler Meisner.....	English 9
Logan Linkroum .....	English 12
Brittney Hamilton .....	Academic Writing II
Riley Livermore .....	English 10
Connor James .....	Math 8
Justin Fargo.....	Algebra 1

*Congratulations!*





## Harpursville teachers present at first annual STEAMfest

By Chrissy Gates, librarian

STEAMfest 2017 was in full swing on Saturday, October 21, at the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City. Teachers Nick Pianella (math) and I presented on behalf of the Harpursville Jr. Sr. High School makerspace program.

Science, technology, engineering, art, and math (STEAM) makerspaces enable students to create hands-on projects that foster critical thinking skills and provide access to technology. It is an educational approach

to learning that uses the five disciplines as access points for guiding student inquiry, dialogue, and critical thinking.

We presented a fun and popular makerspace activity titled "Under the Sea: 3D Art that Responds," which is an art and science color theory lesson. Students learned a basic 3-D color theory to create artwork that responded in 3-D when viewed through 3-D glasses. Overall, the entire event was a huge success and very well attended. We look forward to presenting at this event next year.



Johnny Laura and his mom from Chenango Bridge stopped by to check out our presentation.

## Student council members attend leadership conference

By Madison Fleming, student council lieutenant secretary

On November 9, five members of Harpursville Student Council grades 7 and 8 went to the Annual Leadership Conference for student council/government hosted by the Vestal Middle School Student Council. Makenna Lowe, Ben Williams, Abby Lyon, Madelynn Kelley and Madison Fleming went to the workshop along with advisor Nicole Cole and math teacher Jason Lyon.

When we arrived at VMS, our keynote speaker was Daniel Kosick. He shared his story of a journey through difficulty and renewal. Kosick titled his talk "Obstacle or Opportunity." While in high-school, Kosick developed a tumor in his leg causing pain and hard times, but he is a survivor. Through amputation and chemotherapy, he fought and didn't give up. He turned life obstacles into amazing opportunities, or, in my own words, he kept on living his life to the fullest and trying new things instead of giving up.

After attending this conference, we all have a better understanding of teamwork, leadership and meeting new people. We are more confident, and will strive to be the leader and person that speaks when no one else does. Also, we will remember the guy (Kosick) that turned obstacles into opportunities and kept on living.



Pictured (l-r): Madison Fleming, Madelyn Kelley, Abby Lyon, Makenna Lowe and Benjamin Williams

# December 2017 MS/HS Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Sandwich choices:</b> <b>Mon:</b> Turkey/Cheese <b>Tue:</b> Ham/Cheese <b>Wed:</b> Turkey/Cheese <b>Thurs:</b> Ham/Cheese <b>Fri:</b> Turkey/Cheese <i>P.B. &amp; jelly offered daily</i>	<b>Served Daily:</b> PB & J Sandwich Yogurt Meal w/Cheese Stick M,T & W—Pretzel Thurs—UBR Fri—Granola	All meals served with 1% or less milk Cereal is available daily for breakfast. Menu subject to change	<b>Lunch prices:</b> K-6 - \$2.10 / 7-12 - \$2.30  <b>Breakfast</b> K-6 FREE 7-12 - \$1.30 <i>Cereal &amp; fruit offered daily</i>	<b>1</b> <i>Hornet Muffin</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit / Milk
<b>4</b> <i>Frudel</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Cheeseburger on a Bun w/Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Wedges Baby Carrots w/Dip Fresh Apple / Milk	<b>5</b> <b>Choice of Two:</b> <i>Cinn. Bun, Cereal or</i> <i>Yogurt</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Marinated Chicken Sandwich w/Lettuce & Tomato Oven Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Chilled Pears / Milk Rainbow Cookie	<b>6</b> <i>Breakfast Pizza</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> <b>Brunch at Lunch!</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Potato Puffs Fresh Orange / Milk	<b>7</b> <i>Mini Cinnis</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Sliced Cucumbers & Tomatoes w/Dip & Hummus Chilled Applesauce / Milk	<b>8</b> <i>Hornet Muffin</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit / Milk
<b>11</b> <i>Mini Pancakes</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Popcorn Chicken Oven Baked Fries Baby Carrots w/Dip & Hummus Fresh Apple / Milk	<b>12</b> <b>Choice of Two:</b> <i>Cinn. Bun, Cereal</i> <i>or Yogurt</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Tacos on a Shell w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit / Milk	<b>13</b> <i>Bagel Breakfast Pizza</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Fresh Cucumbers & Carrots w/Dip Fresh Banana / Milk	<b>14</b> <i>French Toast Sticks</i> <i>w/Syrup</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Chili w/Assorted Toppings Garlic Breadstick Seasoned Potato Wedges Fresh Broccoli Chilled Pears / Milk	<b>15</b> <i>Hornet Muffin</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit / Milk
<b>18</b> <i>Frudel</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Chicken Filet on a Bun Sweet Potato Cross Trax Green Beans Fresh Apple / Milk	<b>19</b> <b>Choice of Two:</b> <i>Cinn. Bun, Cereal</i> <i>or Yogurt</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> Breaded Mozz. Sticks w/ Dipping Sauce Side of Pasta w/Sauce Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Dip Chilled Applesauce Milk	<b>20</b> <i>Breakfast Pizza</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> General Tso Asian Chicken Seasoned Rice Fresh Broccoli Fresh Banana / Milk	<b>21</b> <i>French Toast Sticks w/Syr</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> <b>Holiday Lunch!</b> Turkey/Gravy Stuffing Mashed Potatoes Corn Cranberry Sauce Chilled Peaches Milk / Fruit Crisp	<b>22</b> <i>Hornet Muffin</i> <i>Assorted Fruit / Milk</i> School's Choice Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit / Milk
<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b> 





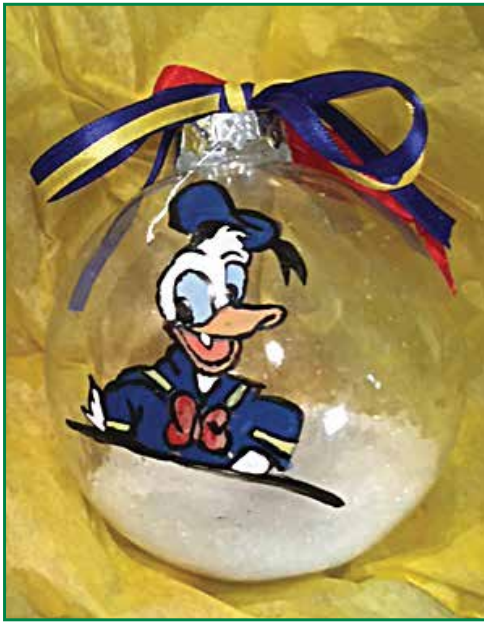
# The National Art Honor Society ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BULB SALE

**Orders will be taken November 13 thru December 15**

To order contact art teacher Ann McDonald or  
any NAHS or NJAHS member.

Please complete an order form with detailed  
description of the design or attach a photograph.

All proceeds go to NAHS Scholarship Fund.  
Thank you for supporting the arts.



## Hand-painted glass bulbs

Basic designs.....\$6

Elaborate designs ....\$8-\$10




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## The National Art Honor Society Christmas Bulb order form

Please complete the order form with detailed description of the design and/or attach a photograph

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

Design(s): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_

Colors: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_



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## BUS REPLACEMENT REFERENDUM

### **Informational meeting**

**7 p.m. January 10, 2018**

**High School auditorium**

### **Public vote**

**1:30 - 8 p.m. January 16, 2018**

**W.A. Olmsted Elementary  
School gym**

