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Attention seniors!

Diana Johnson, our financial aid counselor, will be on campus on the following dates:

February	4 & 18
March	3 & 17
April	7 & 21
May	5 & 19

She is a great resource for students and parents in regards to financial aid forms for college. Please don't wait, call today to make an appointment.

Exchange student exemplifies tenacity, bravery ~ Amy Rossie-Ashbaugh

I would imagine that traveling the world requires a certain amount of tenacity, bravery and inquisitiveness.

Our student, Dahyun Kim, has all these qualities and more.

"Ty" came to us from South Korea as an exchange student to spend the year living and learning with us.

When I asked her why she applied for the youth exchange program, Ty said simply, "I wanted to experience a new world!" And that she has.

Ty travelled about 30 hours to get to Harpursville from her home outside of Seoul, South Korea. Her journey by plane took 16 hours and more hours of navigating airport gates and plane changes. Her travels began in Seoul South and continued through to Japan to Chicago to Binghamton to Harpursville. Like any good explorer, she took it in stride. She said she missed her flight in Chicago and her mom cried with worry much of that day. Ty kept it together, finding her way to the proper airport gates. She was composed

and determined to reach her destination.

Once the hurdles of travel were complete, she found herself in a different world. The

tall buildings and bustle of the city landscape were replaced with endless rolling hills, winding roads, barns and cows. She had arrived in Harpursville, New York.

When I asked Ty what her favorite thing about America was, I was impressed with her response. She said, "I feel so free! I was so busy with school and academy. Buildings were blocking the sky. I had never seen such a large sky before."

It has been a pleasure to have Ty in our school. She has gotten involved in a variety of clubs and activities. She is an active member of

the National Art Honor Society, and she has helped with Theater Club designing sets and props. Ty is a very talented young artist. She is a gifted watercolorist and loves drawing and cartooning. She tells me she will one day return to this area and pursue a career as a cartoonist. Ty is also involved in Bio Club and Yorkers Club.

Ty speaks Korean, Japanese and English. Other than the United States, she has traveled to China with her family.



**"Afoot and light-hearted
I take to the open road.
Healthy, free, the world before me.
The long brown path before me
leading wherever I choose."**

-Song of the Open Road by Walt Whitman

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Superintendent's message - With the new year comes change, challenges

Dear residents,

I hope the new year is off to a wonderful start for everyone. The new year provides an excellent time for reflection, renewal and planning for the months ahead. As I reflect on the first half of the school year in our wonderful district, I am excited to report that our students and parents, our teachers, support staff, and administrators have been working diligently to promote the continued growth and achievement of our students. While we are proud of the progress we have made, we also remind ourselves that there is still a great deal of work to do. This includes planning for the next school year, which, believe it or not, is in its beginning stages.

Our Board of Education, with the help of the respective district employees, is beginning to plan the budget for the 2016-17 school year. As we embrace this process, please be assured that our No. 1 priority and focus remains our students. With that in mind, I would like to invite and encourage you to be a part of this process as we work to

"We need to embrace some changes in terms of the way in which we budget and spend and the impact that those changes may have on our district."

develop a budget that balances our fiscal responsibilities to district residents with the educational opportunities our students deserve.

Please allow me to highlight the budget meetings that we will conduct to provide the public with an opportunity to hear our thinking and to provide feedback throughout this process. Our budget calendar is as follows:

- **February 22 - Board of Education (BOE) meeting and initial budget planning presentation**

This is an initial overview of anticipated revenues and expenses for the 2016-17 school year.

- **March 7 - Budget workshop**

This meeting is dedicated to providing an opportunity

for the BOE to offer its feedback on the initial budget presentation after some time for analysis, thought, and discussion with residents. District residents are also encouraged to attend this meeting to provide input on the presentation from the Feb. 22 meeting.



Superintendent Michael J. Rullo

Input from this workshop will be considered as we work to develop the budget presentation for the next BOE meeting.

- **March 21 - BOE meeting and budget planning presentation**

This is a second presentation of the anticipated revenues and expenses for the 2016-17 school year after having taken into account information from the previous two meetings.

- **April 11 - Budget workshop**

This meeting is dedicated to providing an opportunity for the BOE to provide additional feedback on the previous meetings and information shared. Furthermore, district residents will have the opportunity to provide input on the budget development.

- **April 18 - BOE meeting and budget adoption**

A presentation of the final budget will be made and a budget will be adopted by the BOE in anticipation of the annual budget vote on May 17.

**Note: Each of the meetings above is on a Monday night at 6 p.m. and is expected to be held in the Jr./Sr. High School auditorium.*

- **May 9 – Public hearing on proposed budget**

- **May 17 – Public vote on the budget**

It is widely known that school budgets, in general, have been challenging for many districts in recent years due to the state's reduction in school aid and other financial constraints. Our district has not been immune to those factors. At its regular meeting on January 11, our board was given a presentation outlining the structural deficit we've experienced each of the last several years. This means that

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the district's expenses have been greater than its revenues. While the district has had enough fund balance to offset these deficits, operating in that manner quickly depletes the reserves available for such reasons and can, in a matter of a very short period of time, create some fiscal issues that a district may not have previously experienced. In the spirit of being open and informative, I will tell you that our district is in that position, as outlined at the January 11 meeting. The net effect from a planning perspective is simple: we need to embrace some changes in terms of the way in which we budget and spend and the impact that those changes may have on our district. Thus, this budget year is likely to be particularly challenging and, for that reason, it is more important than ever that our residents remain involved and informed.

In closing, despite the challenges we face, I am highly confident that we will continue to provide our students with an outstanding educational experience that ensures each and every one of them is prepared for the future. As we work cooperatively to meet the needs of the district, please don't hesitate to contact me through the district office if you have any questions, concerns or input you wish to offer. The members of our Board of Education also welcome your input.

Best wishes to you for an outstanding 2016-17.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo

Go Hornets!



Young readers discover their 'Super Power'

Many congratulations to our December "Reading Is My Super Power" award winners. Each honoree received a certificate and a voucher for a free yogurt from Skinny Licks in Johnson City.

Thanks to Jim Hoover of Skinny Licks for supporting our program and to Bambi Green of Photos by Bambi for the pictures and quick turnaround.

- Donna D. Kenyon
ELA intervention



Pictured (l-r): Dominic Schwartz (grade 6), Madison Fleming (grade 5), Wyatt Murphy (grade 4) and Drew Warpus (grade 3).

Transportation news – help wanted

Bus drivers: The district is seeking drivers for our school bus routes. Qualified candidates receive free training. A full benefits package - including health and dental insurance – is available.

Head bus driver: The district is seeking a qualified individual to fill this supervisory position. Duties include responsibility for the safe and efficient operation of district's bus fleet. For more details, visit our website (www.hcs.stier.org) or contact Director of Operations Joshua Quick at 607-693-8133.

Note to residents: The district is working on a bus purchase proposal. Watch your mail for details on an upcoming meeting on referendum date.

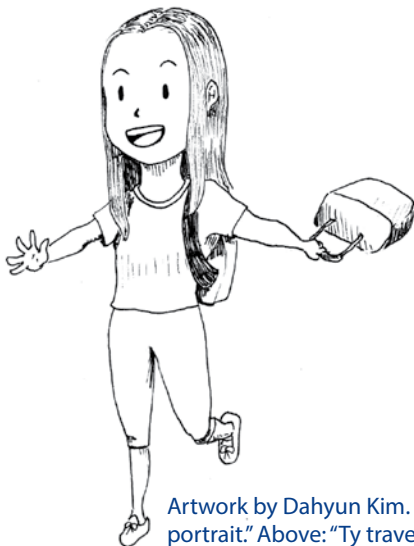




Exchange, from the cover

Ty has shared many stories and answered our many questions about food, culture and life in South Korea. She has taught us about politics, history, art, geography and education. Thanks to Ty the students and I have, in a sense, traveled too.

We learned her favorite food here in America is tacos, a fine all-American cuisine. Her favorite food from home is bu-dae-chigae, which means "troop soup." Koreans started making this soup during the Korean War. The American army was helping South Korea and US soldiers would share leftover food from



Artwork by Dahyun Kim. Cover: "Self portrait." Above: "Ty traveling."

the mess hall, like ham, Spam and sausage. The Korean people adapted these ingredients into their recipes by jazzing it up with spicy paste, noodles and vegetables. After the war ended, the Korean people kept making troop soup. Over the years they perfected it, and it has become a favorite Korean dish.

I asked Ty if she planned to travel further and explore other countries after her visit here. She smiled and replied, "I think I will rest with a blanket and my friends for a long while when I finally get home."

Even brave world travelers need to rest now and then.

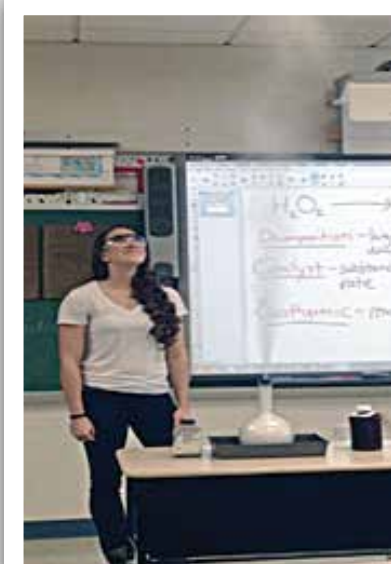


Dahyun Kim (a.k.a. Ty)

Chemical reactions generate positive reactions in fifth-grade science class

On January 15, Erin Avery, a former Harpursville graduate of 2013, visited Lena Colpitts' 5th grade classroom to demonstrate exothermic reactions with chemicals. Avery performed two different experiments and introduced new vocabulary words such as decomposition, catalyst and exothermic. While performing the experiments, she linked understanding with previously studied phases of matter and the scientific method. Avery is currently completing her senior year at SUNY Oneonta and we are pleased to announce that she has recently been accepted into UCLA with full scholarship for her PhD in chemistry. Kudos to you, Erin!

Pictured: Erin Avery demonstrating "Elephant Toothpaste"



Pictured: Erin Avery demonstrating "Genie in a Bottle"

Pictured: Mrs. Colpitts' 5th Grade Class,
Front (l-r) Willy Locke, Morgan Rutherford, Mikel Hill, Jaylyn Merrill, Savannah DeVaul, Sara, Drury
Back: Lane Snow, Owen Ellsworth, Kody Sprinstead, Sawyer Lusk, Madison Nesbit, Kaylynn Marade, Nolan Crocker, Delya Benjamin.





Guidance news

Congratulations to the following student on his college acceptance!

Alex Pritchard: SUNY Delhi

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 HCS.

Sophomores conduct donut sale

The Class of 2018 (current sophomores) is taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts during the month of February.

Donuts will be available for pick-up on Wednesday, February 17, in the music room. If you would like to place an order, please contact Nicole Cole or any student in the class of 2018 before February 11.

Prices:

Glazed donuts

(sold by the dozen) - \$8



Specialty donuts: chocolate ice glazed, glazed lemon filled, glazed raspberry filled, glazed cream filled

(sold by the ½ dozen) - \$6

Dean selected for 2nd Team All-State Class D

Senior Payton Dean was recently named to the 2nd Team All State for Class D Football. At the conclusion of each high school season, the NYSSWA All-State teams are determined by a network of media members statewide. Payton's statistical contributions this season at

Defensive End (51 tackles and 8 sacks) made him a deserving recipient of this prestigious honor. This achievement caps off an outstanding high school football career for one of Section IV's elite athletes.

Senior
Payton Dean





Reinforced anti-bullying message focuses on 24/7 cyberspace threat

Dear parents and guardians,

Recently, Harpursville Jr. /Sr. High School has renewed efforts to combat bullying; more specifically, cyberbullying. Dedicating a half day to the subject, we wanted to educate students on how to stay positive and safe while using the World Wide Web and social media.

Bullying is unwanted aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance, in which the behavior is repeated or has the potential to be repeated over time.

Cyberbullying is the act of using the Internet, cell phones, video games, or other technology to send, text, or post images intended to hurt or embarrass another person; acts of aggression through computers, cell phones, and other electronic devices.

Cyberbullying can happen in multiple ways. Some of these include:

1. Social networks (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram, Snapchat, etc.)
2. Text messaging/ Facebook Messenger
3. Email
4. Chat room/blogs
5. Online gaming (Xbox, PlayStation, etc.)

Examples of cyber bullying:

1. Harassment
2. Stalking
3. Rumor spreading
4. Disclosing personal information of others without their consent
5. Heated exchanges
6. Defaming, belittling, or mocking
7. Impersonating another

It's important to understand that young people today use more technology in a very advanced way. They have high speed Internet access, laptops, tablets/kindles, smart phones, and smart watches. They have 24/7 access to social interaction with their peers ... and strangers. In other words, bullying is no longer a problem contained within the school hallways, it's a potentially all-day, every day exposure.

Here is a quick reference guide to stop cyberbullying



Want some extra resources?

Here's a great link:

<http://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying/>



Attention!

All girls grades 7-12 interested in playing **softball** this spring

OPEN GYM

When: 7-9 a.m. Sunday mornings beginning January 31

Where: High school gym

Who: Everyone is welcome modified, JV and varsity

Why: Begin to prepare for the upcoming season

Meet the coaches

Any questions or concerns, feel free to contact:

Coach Livermore (varsity)..... 765 – 4145

Coach Lyon (JV)..... 651 – 8318

Coach Kermidas (modified) 206 - 5745



Explore the origins of Mardi Gras at 'French is Fun Night'

It's back! And, this time, with a Mardi Gras theme.

French is Fun Night (FIFN) will take place from 4 – 6 p.m. February 18. Join us for a night of fun as we explore how French culture brought the celebration of Mardi Gras to the New World. Learn about the history, the symbols and the traditions of this fun time.

Things to check out at FIFN 2016:

Masquerade and Mardi Gras mask-making

A scavenger hunt

Mardi Gras Concentration

Join us for this great family event.

We are so excited,
and we look forward to
seeing you there.



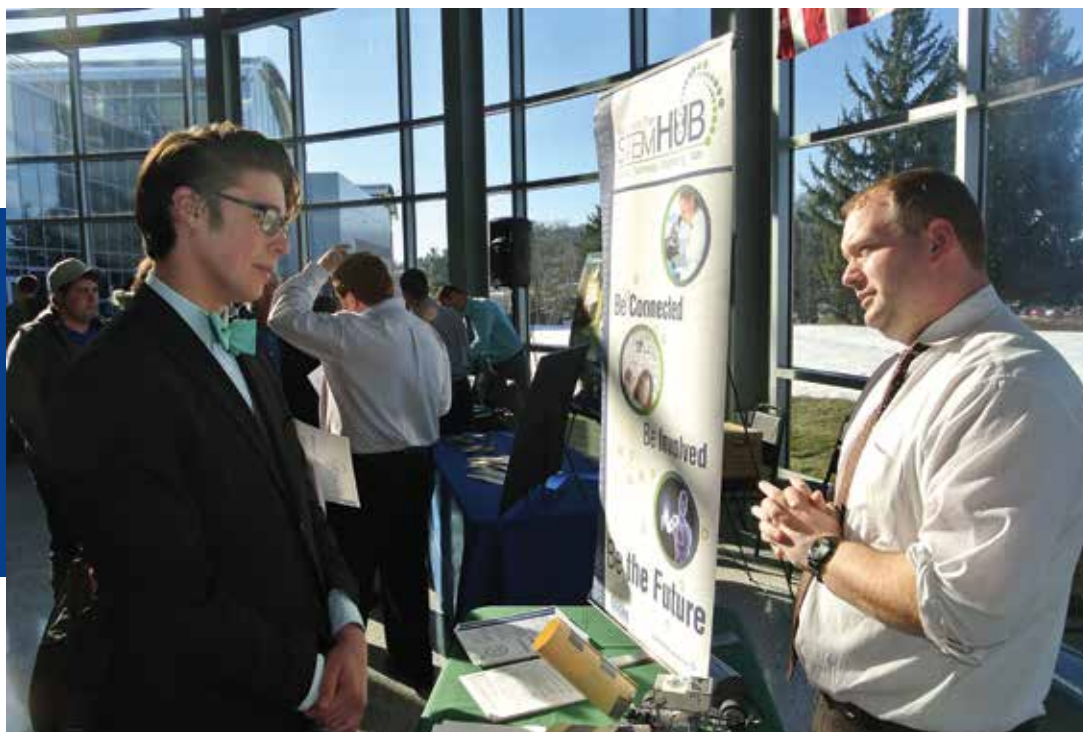
A friendly reminder from the health office

The cooler months are here, so please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. Warm clothing for indoors and boots, hats, winter coats, mittens, etc. for outside. If you need help acquiring these things, please give the health office a call.

It is also very helpful to send an extra change of clothes to school in case your child gets wet while out on the playground. The health office has a limited supply of dry clothes, but children are usually much happier in their own clothes from home.



Join us for a **STEAM** Pathways Evening



What:

STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Pathways Evening

When:

Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 4:30-7:00pm. Registration begins at 4:00 and there is NO cost

Where:

Binghamton University's Innovative Technologies Complex (85 Murray Hill Road Vestal, NY)

Audience:

Youth in grades 7-12 as well as parents and educators **WHAT'S HAPPENING:** Meet local STEAM businesses, Binghamton University and SUNY Broome students, as well as college advisors **WHY:** To learn more about career opportunities AND the pathways to achieve desirable careers in the STEAM field

To register please RSVP at the following website: www.btbores.org/STEAM.aspx





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 st contact	2 nd contact	3 rd contact	4 th contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	Jr./Sr. Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
BOE policies	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education	
Budget	District Treasurer	Superintendent		
Building use	Administrative Assistant	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Cafeteria	Director of Food Services	District Treasurer	Superintendent	
Classroom procedures	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
Bus behavior	Bus Driver	Director of Operations	Superintendent	
Co-curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Director of Facilities	District Treasurer	Superintendent	
Health office	Building Nursing Office	School Nurse Practitioner	Grade Level Principal	Superintendent
Scheduling	Guidance Office	Jr./Sr. Principal	Superintendent	
Special education	Teacher	Grade Level Principal	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Superintendent
Transportation	Director of Operations	District Treasurer	Superintendent	

Harpursville Central School District directory

District Office693-8112

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

Business Office693-8120

Joseph McLaughlin, District Treasurer
Heather Medovich, Accounts Payable
Amanda Loihle, Account Clerk
Cheryl Hamilton, Payroll

W.A. Olmsted Elementary693-8115

Pamela Horton, Principal
Allison Chantry, Admin. Asst.

Jr./Sr. High School693-8105

Kristine Conrow, Principal
Tabatha Rhodes, Admin. Asst.

Guidance Office.....693-8108

Cynthia Sodeur, Coordinator of Guidance
Jill Andrews, Secretary/Attendance Clerk
Charla Starliper, Counselor
Karen Slesinsky, Counselor

Special Education693-8104

Amy Lucenti, Special Education Chairperson
Audrey Warner, Admin. Asst.

Health Office693-8118

Donna West, School Nurse Practitioner
Elementary.....693-8119

Food Services693-8126

Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services

Transportation.....693-8100

Joshua Quick, Director of Operations
Sandy Schnurbusch, Admin. Assist.

Buildings & Grounds693-8121

David Johnson, Director of Facilities

Athletic Director693-8101

Dave Groover

Tools for schools announcement:

Please register your Price Chopper AdvantEDGE card and/or verify your enrollment status at www.pricechopper.com and click on 'Tools for Schools' under the 'Savings' tab if you would like to help our school earn free classroom supplies. Our school code is 17047. Questions or help needed? Call Tabby Rhodes in the Jr. Sr. High School office at 693-8105. As always, thank you for your continued support.





Wondering if your child should stay home from school? Here are some tips

A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread illness to other children and staff. We suggest making a plan for child care ahead of time so you will not be caught without a comforting place for your child to stay when he or she is ill.

Many parents ask, "When is my child sick enough to stay home from school?" This is not always an easy question to answer and we hope these tips will help.

Our school policy states that you should not send your child to school if he/she has:

- Fever in the last 24 hours
- Vomiting in the last 24 hours
- Diarrhea in the last 24 hours
- Chills
- Sore throat
- Strep throat (must be on an antibiotic for a full 24 hours before returning to school)

- **Bad cold**, with a very runny nose or bad cough, especially if it has kept the child awake at night
- **Head lice*** – until your child has been treated – bring child in to the health office to be checked when returning to school.

Even though you keep your child home ill, you may call and make an appointment with the school nurse practitioner for your child to be seen.

If your child has been injured or recently been ill and needs to be excused from gym, a doctor's note is required. Note that if your child is excused from gym, he/she is also excused from recess and sports. If your child is hospitalized or has a visit in the emergency room, discharge instructions should be provided to the school health office so we can be sure they are safe here.

If your child becomes ill at school and their teacher or the school nurse feels they are too sick to benefit from school

or are contagious to others, you will be called to come and take them home. It is essential that we have a phone number where you can be contacted during the day and an emergency number in case you cannot be reached. Please be sure that arrangements can be made to transport your child and that child care is available in case of illness. If your day-time or emergency phone numbers change during the school year, please be sure to notify the school immediately.

* There have been a few cases of head lice in our school this year. Please check your child's hair for lice when you are combing or washing it. Lice are tiny brownish-gray insects. They do not have wings and do not jump. Their eggs, called nits, are easier to find than the lice themselves. Nits are tiny white specks, firmly attached to the hair usually close to the scalp. If you need help treating this condition, please call our health office or your pediatrician.

February's featured artwork



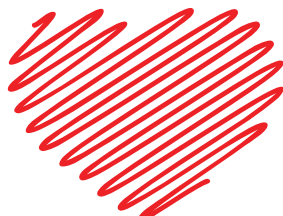
Emma Beavers, Winter Leaves

Colesville
**Dollars for
SCHOLARS®**
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The Colesville Dollars for Scholars phone-a-thon will take place on **February 25 and 26**. We thank you in advance for your donation and for supporting our graduates.



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 <i>Mini cinni, fruit & juice</i> Chicken nuggets Dinner roll Glazed carrots Fresh broccoli Apple	2 <i>Breakfast pizza fruit & juice</i> Taco salad w/toppings Seasoned rice Corn Applesauce	3 <i>Cinn. roll, cereal, fruit & juice</i> BBQ pork sandwich Rst. potatoes Baby carrots Orange Popcorn Chicken	4 <i>Fr. toast sticks, fruit & juice</i> Pasta w/meat sauce Garlic breadstick Mixed veggies Pears	5 <i>Hornet muffin, fruit & juice</i> Homemade pizza Garden salad w/chickpeas Fruit
8 <i>Mini pancakes fruit & juice</i> Chicken patty on a roll w/lettuce Fries Glazed carrots Apple	9 <i>Breakfast pizza fruit & juice</i> Br. mozzarella sticks w/side of pasta Cukes & Tomatoes w/dip Peaches	10 <i>Toast, cereal fruit & juice</i> Fish sSandwich Rst. potatoes Green beans Apple <i>Chicken Bacon</i>	11 <i>Mini waffles, fruit & juice</i> St. crust pizza Garden salad w/chickpeas Fruit	12 <div>NO School</div>
15 	16 <i>Breakfast pizza fruit & juice</i> Popcorn Chicken Garlic breadstick Seasoned wedges Peas Fruit mix	17 <i>Cinn. roll, cereal, fruit & juice</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Veggie Cruncher Cup w/dip Banana Chef Salad	18 <i>Fr. toast sticks, fruit & juice</i> Calzonettes w/side of pasta Sl. cukes w/dip Pears	19 <i>Hornet muffin, fruit & juice</i> Homemade pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit
22 <i>Mini cinni, fruit & juice</i> E Cheeseburger HS Bacon cheeseburger w/toppings Sw. potato wedges Peas Apple	23 <i>Breakfast pizza fruit & juice</i> Ham & cheese on a bagel Carrots w/hummus Banana	24 <i>Toast, Cereal fruit & juice</i> Fr. Toast sticks Sausage Tator tots Orange	25 <i>Mini waffles fruit & juice</i> Pasta w/meat sauce Garlic breadstick Mixed veggies Applesauce	26 <i>Hornet muffin, fruit & juice</i> St. Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit
29 <i>Mini pancakes fruit & juice</i> Chicken nuggets Dinner roll Fries Glazed carrots Apple		Meal prices Breakfast: \$1.30 Lunch K-5: \$2 6-12: \$2.25 3 charges + no payment = alternate lunch	Available daily M,W, & Friday: Ham & Cheese Sandwich T & TH: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich Wednesday only: Salad of the Week Daily: Yogurt Meal & Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Menu subject to change	





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Jr./Sr. high school calendar

February

10 Mathletes competition

11 11:30 a.m. dismissal

11 March district news deadline

12-15 **NO SCHOOL**

17 Krispy Kreme fundraiser delivery date

18 French is Fun night

19 Jr. high dance

19 High school masquerade dance

19 PTO movie night

22 BOE meeting

23 Red Cross blood drive

24 Jr. Council Govt. workshop @ Vestal

24 Mathletes competition

March

1 Bus vote

4 25-week progress reports

4-5 Robin Hood, The Musical

11 Juniors to NYC

11 Tech Club competition @ Oswego

11-12 County music festival @ Oxford

14 April district news deadline

14 Jr. Band @ Oakdale Mall 12:15 performance

16 Sr. Band @ Oakdale Mall 12:15 performance

Focus on seniors - Save these dates

Senior trip payments due on March 30 (\$50) and May 25 (amount TBD)

May

10 **MANDATORY** senior cap and gown photo
11:20 a.m. sharp

10 **MANDATORY** senior trip parent meeting 5 p.m.
Seniors attending senior trip must have a guardian at this meeting

14 Junior (and Senior) Prom

June

1 High school awards program

6 Senior etiquette luncheon

6-8 Senior trip

9 BOCES graduation

10 Moving Up Day

13 Last day of classes

14-23 Regents exams

23 **MANDATORY** graduation practice
Seniors not attending graduation practice may not participate in Saturday's ceremony

23 Baccalaureate

25 Graduation – 10 a.m.

