

HARPURVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# HORNETS NEWS

December 2024



# Letter from the Superintendent

To the Harpursville School Community,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday and are looking forward to the upcoming winter festivities. This is as always, an exciting—and busy—time of year as we move from one celebration to the next. Here at school, we're working hard with and for our students, and I'm excited to share some of the great things happening in our district and community.

First, I would like to recognize Ms. Fye and her Civic Readiness students, who worked alongside the American Legion to ensure that local veterans receive flags on their tombstones. They are in the process of placing tubing into the ground to ensure easier and more secure placement. This gesture of respect and honor is deeply appreciated by our entire community.

Our construction project is also moving forward rapidly. With the recent approval from the State Education Department, Phase One is well underway, and our new softball field and transportation facility are taking shape. These new facilities will be a tremendous addition to our campus. I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding during this construction period. Though there may be some temporary inconveniences, the long-term improvements to our campus and the enhanced experience for our student athletes will be well worth it.

I am also thrilled to announce a new partnership with United Health Services (UHS) that brings Virtual Walk-In Services directly to our students. Through the collaboration of our school nurses, the Information Technology department, and UHS, we can now offer virtual doctor visits for students, providing convenient access to medical care for minor, acute illnesses—right from school. Here's how it works: when a student needs care, a link is sent to both the parent and the student (with the school nurse present), connecting them to a UHS provider for a quick, virtual consultation. This allows students to receive the care they need without leaving campus. No appointments are necessary, and students do not need to be established UHS patients to use this service. We're excited to offer this accessible healthcare option to our families! If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact your student's school nurse.

Our fall sports season had some outstanding performances. Our Volleyball team reached the first round of sectionals after a strong season, and with our JV team only losing one game, we're optimistic

about the future. Varsity Field Hockey advanced to the sectional finals, and our Modified team was undefeated, setting high expectations for the coming years. Cross Country also performed well at the sectional finals at CV State Park, with the boys' team taking fourth place and the girls' team taking first place! I am incredibly proud of our athletes and coaches, and grateful to everyone who came out to support our teams this fall.



In music, we are seeing strong participation from our students. Harpursville has the third-highest number of students in a music program in Chenango County, and the highest enrollment in Chenango County for band. We are proud to have students participating in the Chenango All-County Festivals, set to take place in late January and March. These festivals will showcase talented band and chorus students from fifth - twelfth across the county. On November 4, eight Harpursville students auditioned for the prestigious honor of joining the elite performance groups featured in these events. Congratulations to Mrs. Cole, Mr. Campanella, and all our music students for their strong performances, which reflect the hard work and dedication within our music program.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Mr. Peterson and the talented students involved in the *In Motion Arts Guild* for their outstanding fall play, *Door to Door*. The performance was truly thought-provoking, and they should be incredibly proud of their hard work and accomplishments.

In closing, I am deeply grateful for the privilege of serving this incredible community. I want to extend my sincere appreciation to all of our dedicated staff and faculty, whose hard work and commitment help provide our students with an outstanding educational experience every day. Wishing everyone a joyful holiday season filled with family, health, and happiness.

Warm regards,

*Heath Georgia*  
Heath Georgia,  
Superintendent

# District Communication

## 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	First contact	Second contact	Third contact	Fourth contact	Fifth contact
<b>Academics</b>	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Athletics</b>	Coach	Athletic Director	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Behavior</b>	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Superintendent	
<b>BOE Policies</b>	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education		
<b>Budget</b>	Business Admin	Superintendent			
<b>Building Use</b>	Admin Assistant	Principal	Superintendent		
<b>Cafeteria</b>	Director of Food Services	Business Admin	Superintendent		
<b>Classroom Procedures</b>	Teacher	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Bus Behavior</b>	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Co-Curricular</b>	Advisor	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Facilities</b>	Director of Facilities	Business Admin	Superintendent		
<b>Health Office</b>	Nurse	Principal	Superintendent		
<b>Scheduling</b>	Guidance Office	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Special Education</b>	Teacher	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Transportation</b>	Head Bus Driver	Business Admin	Superintendent		

## District Directory

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Ed Livermore, Director of Facilities

**Family & Children's..... (607) 693-8123**

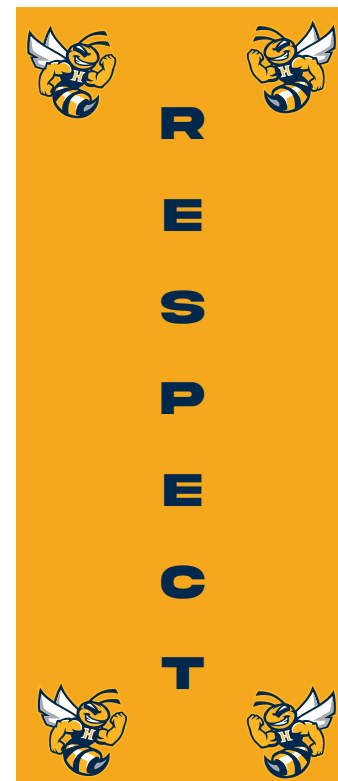
Fabienne Lescouflair, Clinician



# W.A. Olmsted Elementary

## Character Strong Assembly at W.A. Olmsted Elementary

Our character strong trait for the month of October was **RESPECT**. Students learned that **RESPECT** is seeing value in all people and things, and treating them with care. At our character strong assembly, we recognized students who have modeled respect and honored their commitment to kindness and positive behavior throughout the month!





# Jr/Sr High School

## Harpursville Jr/Sr High School Welcomes Members of the Armed Forces

On Nov. 6, the French Club organized an event designed to be both informative and commemorative. Representatives of the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy generously offered their time, insight and experiences to both middle school and high school classes. Their pride was on display in both their full regalia and candor in speaking to our HCS students about what it takes to be a soldier in today's society. Tales of deployments overseas, physical and mental mandates, solidarity, job/educational opportunities and family life were all extrapolated upon. HCS is proud to have invited these fine men and women into our halls, and know we are better because of this experience.



Eighth-grade students interacted with Staff Sergeant Neal, who allowed them to see and try on gear typical of Army infantry.

## Seventh-Grade Girls Attend Women in Engineering Day at Lockheed Martin

On Nov. 1, our seventh-grade girls had the exciting opportunity to attend Women in Engineering Day at Lockheed Martin. This STEM-filled event allowed the girls to meet women currently

working in STEM-based careers and experience a variety of activities related to their jobs.



The event included opportunities to fly simulation planes, build and program robots, experiment with electricity, and explore a helicopter hangar. It was not only a fun learning experience, but also a chance to encourage young females to consider pursuing careers in predominately male-dominated fields.





# Halloween Parade

## Parade Day Fun!

### W.A. Olmsted Elementary Halloween 2024

A fun time was had by all at the W.A. Olmsted Elementary Halloween festivities! Students enjoyed classroom parties filled with tasty treats, and the beautiful afternoon provided the perfect setting for an outdoor Halloween parade.

Superintendent Heath Georgia, Board of Education President Michelle Noyes and Vice-President Kacie Huston joined in the Halloween fun, appearing in our Halloween parade as a fisherman and sharks.





# Halloween Parade





## LaClair to NYS Youth Ag Leadership Conference

Emily LaClair, a student in the Windsor Central High School agriculture program, participated in the inaugural New York State Agriculture Leadership Conference in Albany on Nov. 13 and 14.

Governor Kathy Hochul's office invited LaClair, a Harpursville student attending the WCHS ag program.

"I know firsthand how important agricultural education is to developing a strong, skilled generation of future leaders who understand where our food comes from, who value the work of our farmers, and who are committed to growing New York Agriculture," wrote Gov. Hochul to LaClair in her invitation letter.

LaClair is a member of 4-H and Future Farmers of America (FFA). She works at her family farm, Winsor Acres. While in Albany, she attended discussions on agriculture issues, policy breakouts, and career-mentor roundtables.

Prior to attending the conference, LaClair said "I'm looking forward to meeting people with the same interests. There will be over 100 kids there," said LaClair. "I want to see what other people are thinking and learn more about the problems that we're facing in ag. There are a lot of food-based issues like making food production more efficient."



## Robo Hornets Participate in the Student Showcase at the NYSSBA EXPO

The Robo Hornets recently traveled to New York City to participate in the New York State School Boards Association Conference and Expo. The team, which includes Captain Liem Donahue, Alex Aiffy, Jacob Rueffer, and Glenn Miller, presented to approximately 70 school superintendents, school board members, and BOCES representatives. They explained their process for building competition-ready robots and discussed ways to integrate robotics programs into schools. With

input from advisor Bruce Salisbury and chaperone Kathy Culver, they suggested cross-curricular opportunities, such as journaling in English classes, coding in math, design and engineering in science, and assembly in technology.

Additionally, the team had a unique opportunity to speak with a journalist in attendance, who conducted an interview for a potential feature in the statewide Board of Education newsletter.



The team has also earned their third consecutive trip to the VEX World Championship by winning multiple awards in the VEX Northern New York region, including the 2022 Excellence Award, the 2023 Tournament Champion title for both middle and high school, and the 2024 Excellence Award.



# Jr/Sr High School

## Hornets Athletics



## Door to Door Presented by the In Motion Arts Guild



On Nov. 15 and 16, 2024, the In Motion Arts Guild presented their fall production of *Door to Door*, a compelling play by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus. The talented cast brought depth to complex narratives, creating a thought-provoking and entertaining performance, that challenged, entertained, and lingered in the audience's thoughts long after the final curtain fell. Bravo, cast and crew!





# Jr/Sr High School

## Honor Roll First Quarter 11/08/2024

### Grade 7

Carly Bagg  
Matthew R Boyer  
Loriann Castro Gonzalez  
Gabriel Clapper  
Emmalynn Dunivant  
Gabiella Gross  
Lacie Gross  
Wyatt Knapp  
Anastasia Merritt  
Brysiin Merritt  
Angelina Quaglia  
Blake Rowe  
Jason Way

### Grade 8

Isabella Brotzman  
Liam Hawkins  
Brayden Holden  
Sophia Leak  
Gabriel Truman

### Grade 9

Easton Bagg  
Victor Cower Jr  
Maxim J DiRosa  
Gabrielle Piester  
Hunter Prentice

### Grade 10

Roderick Dalmida Jr  
Jayden Lane  
Nicolas McBride  
Brayden Osborne

### Grade 11

Iyanna Backus  
Jayden Deleon  
Nicholas Farnham  
Donald Hoover  
Emily Kane  
Ailish Munson  
Charlotte Quick  
Davin Warren

### Grade 12

Andrew Fowler  
Emily LaClair  
Jonathan Prentice  
Devon Rowe



*Outstanding!*

## Principal's List First Quarter 11/08/2024

### Grade 7

Jeremiah Bailey  
Aurora E Connett  
Riley Daly  
Emyle Forker  
Brayden Hines  
Viviana Huston  
Mackenzie Kolb  
Levi Laven  
Hayleigh Moorehead  
Oshaona Neer  
Chance Pruitt  
Caleb Robertson  
Ethan Russell  
Adaleigh Steinbrecher  
Lainey Steinbrecher  
Katarina Tracy  
Miley VanBarriger  
Kaitlin Vandermark  
Izabella Whitman  
Harley Zollbrecht

### Grade 8

Kelsey Brewster  
Megan Cole  
Kaitlyn Congdon  
Colby Johnson  
Julianna Krenner  
Kyan Kulas  
Tamryn L Roys  
Emma Snow  
Jordan Truman  
Melody VanGorder  
Adaline Warren

### Grade 9

Braedyn Barton  
DellaRae Dayton  
Reina Kark  
Kalen Kulas  
Hiliana Mendoza  
Harmony Mosher  
Isabella Prince  
Hannah Walker

### Grade 10

Camryn Boyce  
Eva DiRosa  
Liem Donahue

### Grade 11

Abbygayl Baburchak  
Eric Biriki Jr  
Vanessa Card  
Lilyana Carpenter  
Kate Crum  
Emily Gillette  
Adriana Hartman  
Brianna Hopkins  
Ella Humphrey  
Hope Kolb  
Gabrielle Pawela  
Abraham Pittsley  
Jessalyn Powell  
Aiden Quick  
Xander Quick  
Peter Scalesci Jr

Jason Smith  
Madison Stevens  
Amber Tyler  
Leigha Wolbert  
Nathaniel Wright

### Grade 12

Abigail Afify  
Maxamus Allen  
Lily Barriger  
Lloyd Byers Jr.  
Jasper Heier  
Elizabeth Ives  
Emma McWherter  
Jonathan Prince  
Ephram Rowe



# December 2024 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>2</b> <b>Mini Cinni Juice</b> Popcorn Chicken w/roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple Juice / Milk	<b>3</b> <b>Breakfast Bread Fruit</b> Chicken Mac & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Broccoli Chilled Fruit Juice / Milk	<b>4</b> <b>Breakfast Bagel Pizza Juice</b> French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Tots Veggie Cup Orange Juice / Milk (Popcorn Chicken Salad)	<b>5</b> <b>Snack'n Waffle Fruit</b> Pasta w/NY Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Parmesan NY Green Beans NY Apple NY Juice / Milk	<b>6</b> <b>WAO Breakfast Breaks MS/HS Hornet Muffin</b> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/ chickpeas Assorted Fruit Juice / Milk
<b>9</b> <b>WAO Mini French Toast Juice MS/HS Frudel / Juice</b> Cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans NY Apple / Juice / Milk	<b>10</b> <b>Cinnamon Roll Fruit</b> Taco's w/ toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Fruit Juice / Milk	<b>11</b> <b>Snack'n Waffle Fruit</b> Lupo's Chicken Spiedie Sub Fries Veggie Cup Banana Juice / Milk (Chicken Spiedie Salad)	<b>12</b> <b>French Toast Sticks Fruit</b> Turkey & Gravy w/dinner roll Mashed Potatoes Corn Cranberry Sauce Apple Crisp Juice / Milk	<b>13</b> <b>Hornet Croissant</b> Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/ chickpeas Assorted Fruit Juice / Milk
<b>16</b> <b>WAO Mini Bagels / Juice MS/HS Chicken Croissant Juice</b> Chicken Nuggets w/ Dinner roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple Juice / Milk	<b>17</b> <b>Breakfast Bread Fruit</b> NY Meatball Sub Fries Mixed Vegetables Chilled Fruit Juice / Milk	<b>18</b> <b>WAO Mini French Toast Juice MS/HS Breakfast Pizza Juice</b> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Veggie Cup Banana Juice / Milk (Chef Salad)	<b>19</b> <b>Snack'n Waffle Fruit</b> NY Chili Cheese Tots Corn Muffin NY Peas NY Apple NY Juice / Milk	<b>20</b> <b>WAO Breakfast Breaks MS/HS Hornet Muffin</b> French Bread Pizza Garden Salad w/ chickpeas Assorted Fruit Juice / Milk
<b>23</b> 	<b>24</b> 	<b>25</b> 	<b>26</b> 	<b>27</b> 
<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> 	<p><b>Daily Alternate Choices:</b> Turkey &amp; Cheese Sandwich / Ham &amp; Cheese sandwich / PB&amp;J w/cheese stick &amp; Cheez-its / Yogurt w/cheese stick &amp; homemade granola /</p> <p><b>Weekly Wednesday Salads</b> in the WAO, HS/MS is offered daily</p> <p><b>All Meals Are Free for Students.</b> Elementary will offer chips for purchase on Tuesdays \$.75 &amp; Ice Cream on Fridays \$1.25                      Feel free to put money on their accounts at any time. No charging</p>		



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**Superintendent**

Heath Georgia

Postal Patron

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## New Faculty & Staff

### Kenneth Starr appointed Transportation Supervisor

The Harpursville and Afton Central School Districts are pleased to announce a new agreement to share the services of a Transportation Supervisor, effective Nov. 4, 2024.

Through this intermunicipal cooperative agreement, Kenneth Starr, a transportation expert with over 30 years of industry experience, will manage and coordinate the transportation systems for both districts. Starr brings extensive skills in fleet management, scheduling, training, budgeting, and safety, and a reputation for promoting best practices in school transportation.

This follows the retirement of Dennis Symons, Harpursville's respected Head Bus Driver. The district expresses deep gratitude to Symons for his years of dedicated service and wishes him a fulfilling retirement.



### Christina Garlick W.A. Olmsted Fourth-Grade Teacher

Christina Garlick is excited to join the Fourth-Grade team at W.A. Olmsted Elementary. She has spent the last 15 years working in the Binghamton City School District, as both a Pre-kindergarten teacher and fifth-grade teacher. In her spare time, she enjoys playing volleyball and soccer, coaching volleyball, reading, hiking with her dogs, and spending time with her family. She also enjoys running and completed her first marathon this October!

