



Harpursville alum creating some 'Buzz'

Helping students reach their full potential is a key goal at Harpursville Central School District, where success is measured in a myriad of ways and sometimes years after the student has left our door.

But in the case of Kaitlyn Dattoria, the wait hasn't been very long.

Known as "Katie" to friends and family, the Class of 2020 graduate is the featured student on SUNY Broome's news site, "The Buzz." Her story is one of determination, goal setting, time management and balancing part-time jobs, all in pursuit of a career in the health care industry.

Having spent her senior year in high school participating in Broome-Tioga BOCES' New Visions Health Academy, where she was able to explore a range of health care specialties, Katie found her passion in the maternity ward at a local hospital witnessing the births of dozens of babies.

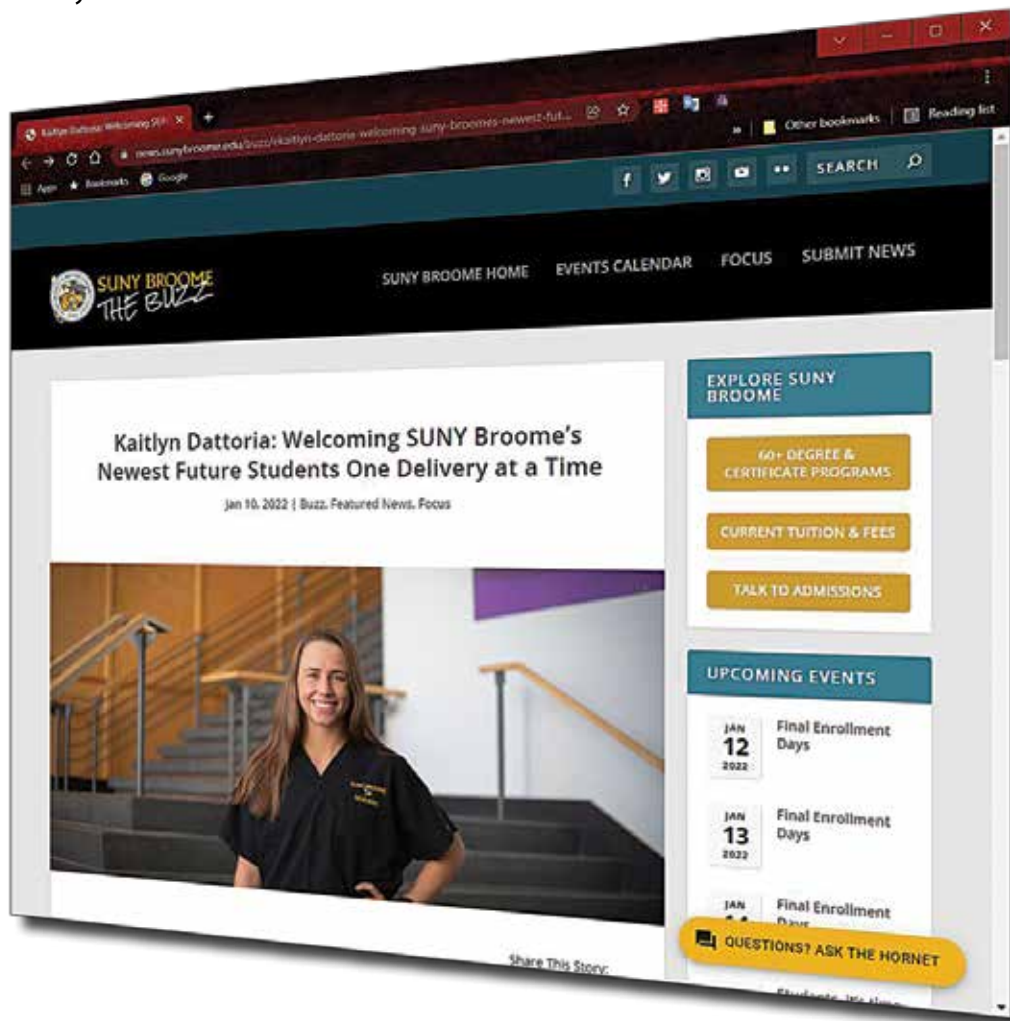
She is scheduled to graduate the nursing program at SUNY Broome this spring and plans to pursue a career in either maternity or neonatal intensive care (NICU). Either way, we couldn't be more proud of her success.



Kaitlyn Dattoria

Here is the link to the full story on the college website:

<https://news.sunybroome.edu/buzz/ekaitlyn-dattoria-welcoming-suny-broomes-newest-future-students-one-delivery-at-a-time/>





Letter from the superintendent

Dear residents,

Happy New Year! The holidays feel like a distant memory already, but I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season. The start of this year is a little bit of déjà vu. Last year at this same time, I remember we were all anxiously awaiting the start of the new year, putting 2020 behind us and looking forward to whatever goodness was ahead. Mostly, we were hoping to see the end of COVID-19. But, here we are again, facing many of the same issues. Bring on 2022 - a new year with new hope!

I cannot express my gratitude and appreciation enough for the patience, cooperation and understanding that so many of you have extended throughout the last (almost) two years. We know how frustrating things have been, especially when the rules we are required to follow by NYSDOH or the CDC constantly change. It feels like we just get going with one set of practices and then they change again. We continue to put our best foot forward here at the school with the goals of working to keep our learning environment as safe and healthy as possible for everyone and working to keep as many students as possible in school every day.

There is no substitute for ensuring students are connecting with their teachers and classmates in-person every day. We will continue to work to make that happen. With the second half of the school year quickly upon us, I am asking that all students and their parents/guardians reflect on their goals for the school year with a particular look toward making sure students are engaging with their schoolwork 100% of the time. We also need to make sure that if a student is well enough to come to school, they do. Attendance matters - now more than ever! This is really important for every student's present and future achievement. Please, take a moment to revisit, reset, refocus and engage. Be sure to reach out to the teachers, counselors, administrators or me if you need assistance.

On a completely different note, I want to provide some repeat information aimed at ensuring all families are receiving communications from the district. Given the winter weather-related notifications, as well as other health and safety notices we need to get out to families in a timely manner, it is critically important that every family is connected to the district's communications. The district routinely utilizes our district app, email, and the website for getting information pushed out. Our "all-call" system is used, too, but is generally reserved for those critical, highly time-sensitive messages. If you haven't signed up for our app, go to the app store at your device and find the free download by searching for "Harpursville CSD" and look for our Harpursville Hornet. Then, make sure your app is

set up to allow for notifications by checking the settings in the "My Alerts" menu of the app. Also, you should be receiving emails and phone calls from the district. For example, if you haven't received any of the recent weather-related emails or phone calls, then it probably means your email address or phone number needs to be updated.

Please contact Mrs. Andrews in the registration/attendance office to provide your updated contact information (JRandrews@hcs.stier.org or 693-8108). We have the necessary tools in place to get our messages and all things HCS right at your fingertips.



Michael Rullo,
Superintendent

Each year around this time I like to provide an update regarding the fiscal stress rating for the district. This is the annual rating that is soon to be published by the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC). I am pleased to report that, once again, we are anticipating a rating of "No Designation" for fiscal stress - the best rating we can earn. This continues to be outstanding news for the district and a direct reflection of the continuous work done by the board of education and administrative team. We must and will continue to be vigilant in our efforts to maintain fiscal stability in the district, working to ensure a sound financial position for our future.

Along those same fiscal lines, be reminded that next month we will be starting the budget development process for the 2022-2023 school year. Between February and the anticipated vote date in May, the board of education will be engaged in analysis, discussion and planning of the district's budget. I encourage you to attend the board meetings so that you remain informed while also having the opportunity to provide input on the process. We will continue to provide updates via the newsletter and the website as we work through this process.

In closing, my best wishes for your continued health and well-being throughout 2022 and always. If you have any questions or need assistance, be sure to contact the appropriate person here at the district to address the issue with you. We are here to help.

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo
Superintendent

Go Hornets!



College Acceptances

Congratulations to **Benjamin Williams**, who was accepted to Binghamton University, Quinnipiac University and into the French Program at SUNY Oswego.

Congratulations to **Emma Marvin**, who was accepted into the Social Work Program at Keuka College.

Congratulations to **Jordan LaVergne**, who was accepted into the Elementary Education Program at SUNY Potsdam and Utica College.

Congratulations to **McKena Giles**, who was accepted into the Culinary Arts Program at Cayuga Community College.

Congratulations to **Hailey Lancaster**, who was accepted to the University at Buffalo and the University at Albany.



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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	Building Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	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	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Bus Behavior	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Building Principal	Superintendent
Co-Curricular	Advisor	Building Principal	Superintendent	
Facilities	Director of Facilities	Business Official	Superintendent	
Health Office	Building Nursing Office	Building Principal	Superintendent	



Biology students enjoy trip to TC3

By students Madison Fleming, Ghia Medovich, and Hailey Lancaster

On December 15, students in Mr. Rutherford's and Mr. Muller's college biology classes took a field trip to Tompkins-Cortland Community College, where we learned more about polymerase chain reactions (PCR) and studied with Professor James R. Jacob. He made everyone feel very welcome to the TC3 campus and interacted with all the students throughout the day. He made us laugh with some corny biology puns and some other unintentional jokes. It was a good experience working in their on-campus biology lab. Each student collected his or her own DNA from their cheek cells, which they replicated in a multi-step process that enabled us to view and compare our DNA with that of classmates. The processes involved much focus and precision, and allowed us to work with some new equipment that we haven't used before but will potentially see in the future at college. We also got to wear really cool lab coats.

It was really neat to observe the way our DNA compared to each other's and see how much we have in common genetically. It is a lab experiment that many college students have done before, so we got to hear some amusing stories about the experiences of others while performing the DNA lab. There also was some interesting discussion about other labs and research the biology department has done or is going to do exploring a variety of bio research and learning about students' analysis. All-in-all, the lab practice was a great learning experience and, although some students felt it was going to be overwhelming, most highly enjoyed the opportunity.

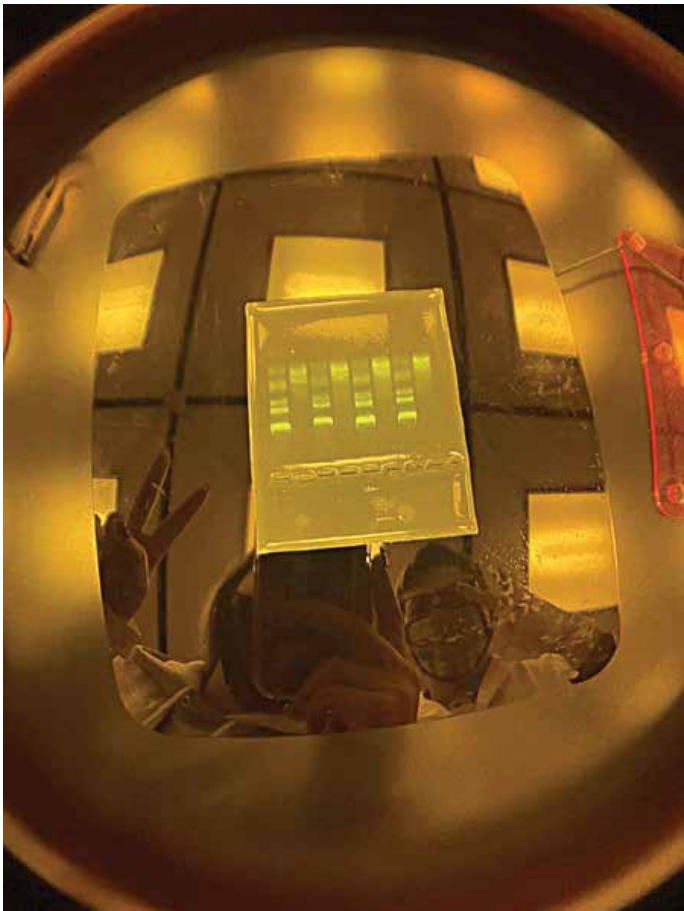
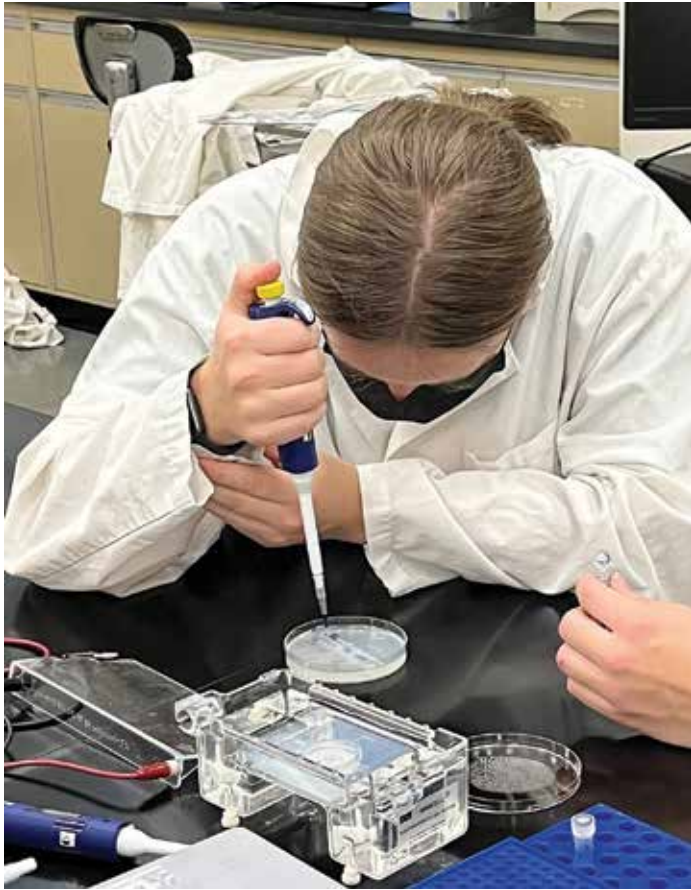
We also were able to enjoy some of the college-life experience. We visited the dining hall during lunch break and although we didn't interact with many of the students on campus, we got a glimpse of what studying for finals

(in a group and independently) looks like. After lunch, we took a brief tour of the dorms and got to view a model of a suite-style dorm that they had on campus, providing some insight into college life.

Before leaving for the day, we were gifted a sticker of the mascot and college name to have as a memento of the trip.

Overall, the faculty at TC3 was super friendly and made the experience of visiting their college quite delightful. Everyone who went on the trip greatly appreciated the exposure to the college and the science lab. Not many Harpursville students get this chance so we would like to thank our teachers, Mr. Rutherford and Mr. Muller, and Professor Jacob and the others at TC3 for making this trip possible and accessible to us.







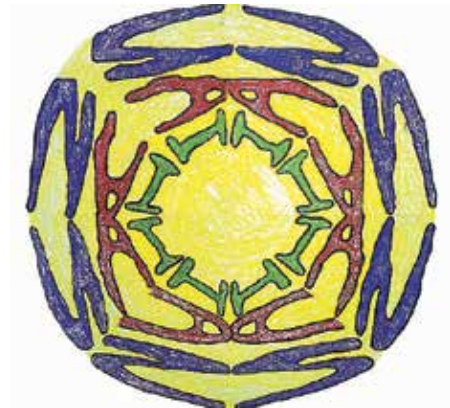
What's happening in the art room?

Students in each class worked on clay ornaments in celebration of the winter holidays.

The 7th grade has been working on the art concept of symmetry and radial design. They incorporated their understanding into a personal name design artwork.



Pictured: Elizabeth Ives works on glazing her clay ornament.

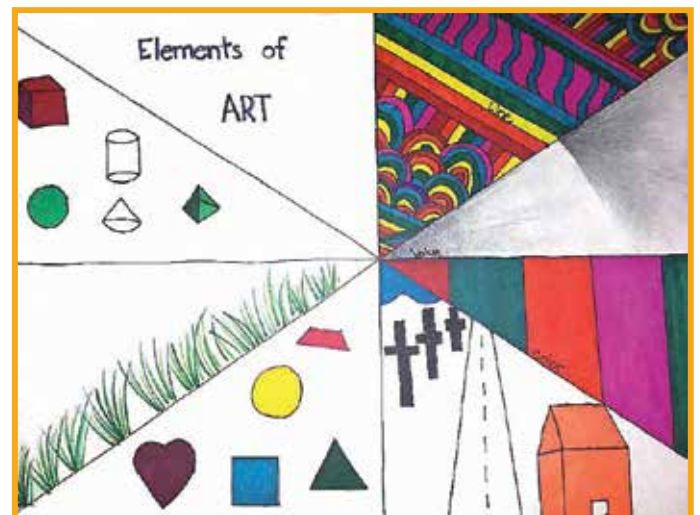


Pictured above - Artwork examples by Lilyanna Snowball (top) and Ian Colsten (bottom).

The 8th grade students have been reviewing their understanding of the elements of art. They have designed projects that depict a visual definition for each of the building blocks of design: line, shape, value, form, space, texture and color.



Leigha Wolbert



Adriana Hartman



Creative Crafts

Students in the Creative Crafts class started a handwork service project in collaboration with Broome-Tioga BOCES' annual "Warmth for Winter" campaign. Creative Crafts and BOCES student Kaitlynn Chapman initiated and coordinated this partnership between the schools. The goal of the project is for the art students to develop their handwork skills into a wearable garment for those in need in the community. The hats and scarves are included in gift baskets distributed throughout the local BOCES region. The students also plan to donate handmade items to our own elementary school.



Ceramics class

Ceramics class students were treated to a special guest appearance by retired art teacher Ann McDonald.

Mrs. McDonald demonstrated how to center clay on the potter's wheel and the beginning fundamentals of throwing on the wheel. Ceramic students practiced their wheel throwing techniques creating hand-built gifts for the holidays.

2D Design class

Students in 2D Design class were treated (virtually) to a special guest artist, the one and only Bob Ross! First, the art students had to engineer their own easels using cardboard before they could begin following one of Ross' classic PBS video tutorials, "Grey Winter." They have been learning his wet-on-wet technique, where they paint over a thin white under-painting. This gives the artwork a misty, atmospheric quality as the colors blend with a small amount of white. They have also been practicing brush strokes that are suitable for landscape painting. The completed paintings will surely be treasured by these dedicated new artists.





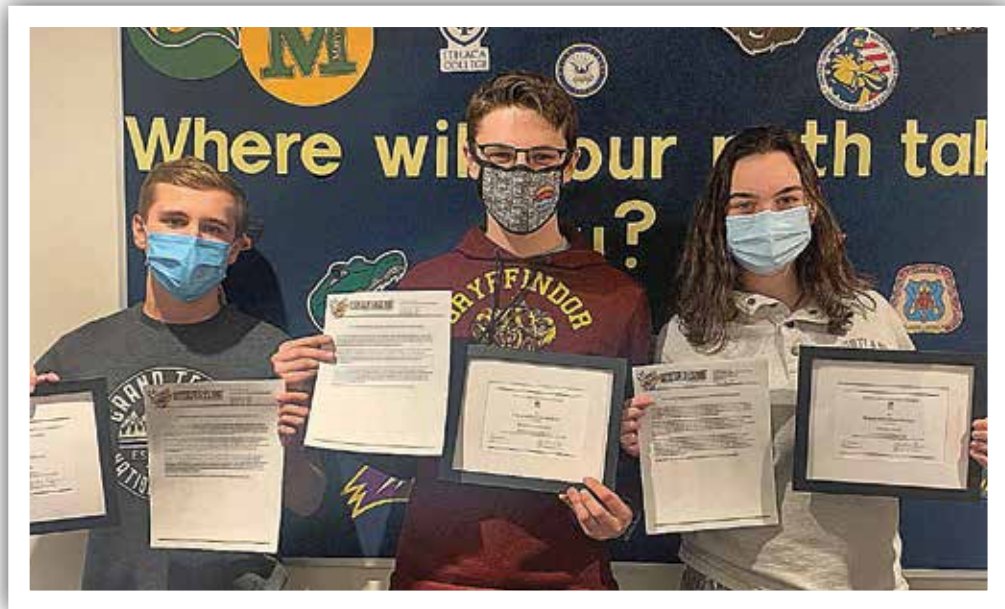
National Merit® Scholarship Program names ‘Commended Students’

This fall, High School Principal Kristine Conrow had the great pleasure of announcing that Zachary Pike, Benjamin Williams, and Sarah Young were named Commended Students in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program.

A Letter of Commendation from the school and National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC®), which conducts the program, were presented to these scholastically talented seniors.

About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Although they will not continue on to the 2022 competition for National Merit Scholarship awards, the Commended

Students placed among the top 50,000 students who entered the 2022 competition by taking the 2020 preliminary SAT/ National Merit Scholarship qualifying test (PSAT/NMSQT®).



Commended Students left to right: Zachary Pike, Benjamin Williams, and Sarah Young

A news release from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation states, “Those being named Commended Students have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success,” a spokesperson for NMSC said. “These students represent a valuable national resource; recognizing their accomplishments, as well as the key role their schools play in their academic development, is vital to the advancement of education excellence in our nation. We hope that this recognition will help broaden their educational opportunities and encourage them as they continue their pursuit of academic success.”

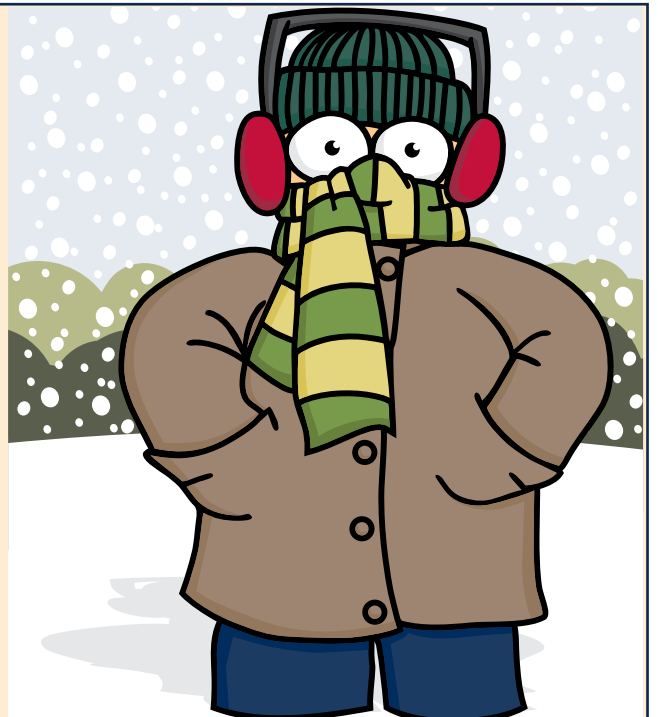
HEALTH OFFICE REMINDERS

If the temperature is above 20 degrees, there will be outdoor recess. Please remember to send in coats, hats, gloves, snow pants and snow boots with your child so that they are protected from the elements.

Please keep your child home if they are feeling unwell. Contact the health office for return to school protocol to be sure that your student can get back to school as soon as they are feeling better.

COVID tests are offered free of charge to all staff and students by appointment. Contact the health office to schedule a test for your student.

Please make sure that your contact information is up to date so that the school can reach you in the event of an emergency. If you are unsure what information we have on file, reach out to the main office.





Harpursville students take the 'International Save a Life Tour' *By Joanna Burd*



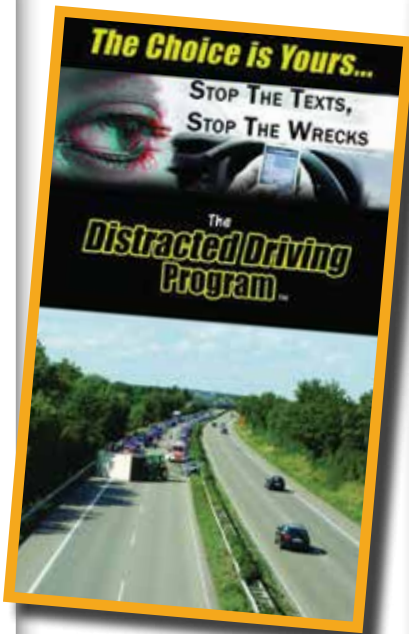
The Harpursville junior and senior classes participated in the "International Save a Life Tour" on December 7, 2021.

Students learned about safe driving through a live interactive virtual trivia show. The program was sponsored by the Broome County Health Department and was attended by students from several Broome County schools.

Students played a fun game in which they competing against students from other schools. Two of our students, Benjamin Williams and Madison Fleming, were in the top five and received gift certificates to Subway. Everyone had a good time and it was a great learning experience. Who knows, maybe we even saved a life.



Benjamin Williams and Madison Fleming



Save A Life Tour

January 2022 menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 <i>Mini Pancakes</i> Chicken Patty on a bun Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Vegetables / NY Apple	4 <i>Frudel</i> <i>HS Cinnamon Roll</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Cucumbers w/dip / Mixed Fruit	5 <i>Cereal/Muffin Top</i> <i>HS Breakfast Pizza</i> Marinated Chicken Sandwich w/lettuce & tomato Oven Roasted Potatoes Veggie Cruncher Cup / Banana	6 <i>French Toast</i> Homemade Chili w/ cheese Corn Muffin / NY Baked Potato Steamed Broccoli Peaches/NY Juice	7 <i>Breakfast Breaks E</i> <i>Breakfast Sandwich HS</i> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad Fresh Fruit
10 <i>Mini Cinni</i> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots / NY Apple	11 <i>Breakfast Bread</i> Meatball Sub / Fries Veggie Cruncher Cup w/dip Pears	12 <i>Breakfast Pizza</i> French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty / Tator Tots Orange	13 <i>Cinnamon Round</i> NY Mac & Cheese Garlic Breadstick / NY Juice Steamed Broccoli / NY Apple	14 <i>Breakfast Breaks E</i> <i>Breakfast Sandwich HS</i> Mozzarella Sticks & Pasta Garden Salad / Fresh Fruit
17 	18 <i>Mini Pancakes</i> Cheeseburger on a bun Fries / Green Beans Pears	19 <i>Cereal/Muffin Top</i> <i>HS Breakfast Pizza</i> Spiedie Sub HS Choice of Chicken or Sausage NY Chips /Veggie Cruncher Cup Banana	20 <i>French Toast</i> NY Fruit & Yogurt Parfait Cheese Stick / NY Carrots NY Apple / NY Juice HS Buffalo Chicken Dip	21 <i>Breakfast Breaks E</i> <i>Breakfast Sandwich HS</i> Pizza Garden Salad / Fresh Fruit
24 <i>Frudel</i> Chicken Nuggets / Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes / Glazed Carrots /NY Apple	25 <i>Breakfast Bread</i> Sloppy Joe on a bun Fries / Green Beans Pears	26 <i>Breakfast Pizza</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Cucumbers w/dip / Orange	27 <i>Snack'n Waffle</i> Pasta with Meat Sauce Garlic Breadstick / Broccoli Peaches / NY Juice	28 <i>Breakfast Breaks E</i> <i>Breakfast Sandwich HS</i> Pizza Garden Salad / Fresh Fruit
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Milk Choices:
 Unflavored—1% & Fat Free
 Menu subject to change

Chocolate— Fat Free

Served daily:
 PB & J Sandwich Yogurt Meal w/Cheese Stick
 4 oz Yogurt, String Cheese served w/Homemade Granola

February 2022 menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Cinn. Roll HS Frudel E Tacos w/toppings Rice/Corn Pears	2 Breakfast Pizza HS Cereal & Muffin Top E Chicken Nuggets Veg. Cup Oven Rst Potatoes / Banana	3 French Toast Sticks NY Chicken & Gravy NY Baked Potato / Peas Biscuit / NY Apple	4 Breakfast Sandwich HS Breakfast Break E Pizza / Garden Salad Asst. Fruit
7 Mini Cinni /Juice Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots /NY Apple	8 Breakfast Bread/Fruit Fruit & Yogurt Parfait & Scooby Grahams Veggie Cup E Veggie Cup Orange Chicken & Egg roll HS Broccoli Peaches	9 Breakfast Pizza French Toast Sticks Tator Tots Sausage Patty Orange	10 Cinnamon Round NY Hot Dog NY Green Beans NY Chips NY ABC Salad NY Juice Pudding Dirt Cup	11 Breakfast Sandwich HS Breakfast Break E Pizza / Garden Salad Asst. Fruit
14 Mini Pancakes Cheeseburger w/lettuce & tomato Sweet Potato Fries Green Beans NY Apple	15 Cinnamon Roll HS Mini Waffles E Taco Salad w/toppings Rice Corn Mixed Fruit	16 Breakfast Pizza HS Cereal E Chicken Spiedie Sub (Chicken Sausage also 6-12) NY Chips Veggie Cup Banana	17 French Toast Sticks Wild Mikes Cheese Bites E Jalapeno Bites HS Garden Salad w/chickpeas Asst. Fruit	18 OFF
21 OFF	22 Frudel/Juice Chicken Nuggets Dinner roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple	23 Bagel Breakfast Pizza Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Veggie Cup Orange	24 Snak'n Waffle Cheese Lasagna Broccoli Garlic Breadstick Peaches	25 Breakfast Sandwich HS Breakfast Breaks E Pizza Garden Salad Asst. Fruit
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HCSD welcomes new psychologist

Please join us in welcoming our new
School Psychologist,
Armand D'Abbricci!
Welcome to HCS,
Mr. D'Abbricci!



Holiday Snaphots

Mrs. Snow and
Melody Snow

Pictured right (l-r):
Viviana Huston and
Angelina Quaglia



**2022-23 Fall Registration
begins February 1**

Enroll your child by March 1, 2022

**Universal Prekindergarten Program
Kindergarten**

**Register at the W.A. Olmsted Elementary Office
Monday-Friday between 8 am - 3 pm**

Please call with questions 607-693-8115