



Thank you, Mr. Rullo!

For the past 14 years Michael Rullo has worked very hard in our district as both Jr. Sr. High School principal and then as the superintendent. The work he has performed has required many difficult decisions on many nights, weekends and even holidays requiring much sacrifice of time outside of the regular school day. Throughout the duration of the pandemic, during storms, crisis after crisis, celebration after celebration, a superintendent could be said to work ALL days even. We are very grateful for his service, for the support and friendship

of both he and his family members – and for the steadfast leadership provided within our school community. Michael Rullo’s efforts within our schools will not go unnoticed. We congratulate him and wish him the very best as the new DCMO BOCES district superintendent! Please join us in wishing Superintendent Michael Rullo – and his precious family - much health and happiness in the future!



SAVE THE DATE

CAPITAL PROJECT VOTE

Feb. 23, 2023

from 1:30-8 p.m.

in the new elementary gym.

**Snow date is March 7, 2023
same time and place.**





Letter from the superintendent

Dear Harpursville School Community:

I hope that your New Year is off to a great start and that you had a wonderful holiday season! Please allow me to thank and congratulate everyone that helped to make the holiday season here at the school fun and celebratory. Our chorus and instrumental bands provided outstanding concerts where our musicians were able to showcase their talents. The band and chorus programs are always a “sound” example of the great work done by our students and our staff! Thank you to everyone that came out to support our students and our schools. While the holiday season is busy and stressful, exciting and enjoyable, we are pleased to emerge on the other side, refreshed and refocused for the year ahead. I believe that we are poised to have a truly outstanding 2023 and exciting, new opportunities that lie ahead for HCS!

With that in mind, I'd like to take the time to discuss the proposed capital project that the board has worked diligently to develop over the past several months. This

project has the potential to truly transform the campus, enhancing the safety, security, and pride evident from our most recent project. If you haven't had the opportunity to review the project presentations on the website, I would encourage you to take a look. I think you'll be pleased to see the site improvements, changes that will provide amazing facilities for our students and our community. The vote, scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 23, 2023, will contain two propositions, both for capital improvements. I'll highlight the work contained in each proposition below, and in your review of the propositions, it is important to know that proposition two is dependent on the outcome of the vote on proposition one. I'll touch on the financing of the project, with the most important piece of information being that both propositions will have a zero percent impact on the tax levy! The major scope items in the project are:



Michael Rullo,
Superintendent

Proposition 1

- Demolition of the existing bus garage and the construction of a new transportation facility.
 - The current bus garage is in disrepair and its location does not promote the safety, security, or aesthetics of the campus.
 - New facility relocated *on the campus* to create a safer campus circulation, to improve parking, improve lighting, provide sidewalks for pedestrians in the parking lot.
 - A dedicated drop-off loop for the Jr. Sr. High School.
 - A dedicated area for buses to load and unload students.
- Renovated softball field, relocated tennis courts, relocation of the discus and shotput pads
- Relocated, new basketball court
- Addition of fencing at the baseball field
- Replacement of sewage pumps for both school buildings
- Complete renovation of bathrooms at the Jr. Sr. High
- Exterior door replacement at the elementary school

Proposition 2 (can only be approved if proposition 1 is passed by the voters)

- Artificial turf field
 - Replacement of the football field with artificial turf that will allow the facility to be a multi-use field.
- Replacement of the track
- Exterior door replacement at the Jr. Sr. High School and the elementary school

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As you can see, the items in the project will enhance the campus, the buildings, and the safety, security, and pride across the district in the immediate and foreseeable future. Furthermore, the facilities available to the students and the community will be outstanding!

This project has been a part of the board of education's long-range financial planning process over the past several years. You may recall the district's voters approved the creation of a new capital reserve several years ago. The board has consistently and appropriately funded the reserve in the recent past so that the future project's impact on the tax levy would be minimized or altogether eliminated. As I stated above, through the board's planning, both propositions in the proposed project will result in no new tax impact on the levy for the district! This is being made possible through leveraging the district's building aid ratio of about 91 percent, the use of the capital reserve, and the board's appropriation of additional fund balance, along with thorough project planning to ensure the majority of the project is eligible for building aid. The project presentations on the website provide a thorough overview of the finances for each proposition and remind the stakeholders of the manner in which the project will be funded. Lastly, at its Dec. 14 meeting, the board agreed to allocate additional dollars to proposition two to ensure its zero percent tax impact. The board is to be commended for its outstanding planning and its continued fiscal responsibility over the past many years, all in an effort to well-positioned financially for a project like this!

Again, we have thorough information on the district's website for this project where PowerPoint presentations can be viewed. Under the district drop-down menu, click on "budget & tax information." In the coming weeks leading up to the project vote, the district will also continue to provide information and vote reminders to all district residents via the district website and mailed items, so be on the lookout! A public hearing on the project will occur at the Feb. 8, 2023, board of education meeting too. Finally, I want to impress upon you the importance of eligible voters coming out to cast their ballot for this project. If you have any questions regarding either proposition, please don't hesitate to contact me or Joe McLaughlin, business administrator.

In closing, I wish you a Happy New Year! As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the appropriate person here at the district to address the issue with you. I'd like to end with a repeated New Year's wish that each and every one of our students enjoys the success, growth, and achievement that they deserve!

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo
Superintendent of Schools

Go Hornets!

Happy New Year!

The school board meeting dates for the second half of the school year are as follows:

February 8

23 Capital Project Vote
Elementary New Gym
1:30-8 p.m.

March 8

April 17

May 3

16 Budget Vote
1:30-8 p.m.

June 14



All meetings are held in the Jr. Sr. High room 101 unless otherwise noted. Please contact Tabby Rhodes, District Clerk, if you need special accommodations to get into the building for meetings. All dates are subject to change. Please check the school website in advance of ALL meetings for any changes to meeting schedule. Thank you!

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.





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

Harpurville Central School District directory

District Office(607) 693-8112

Board of Education
Michael Rullo, Superintendent
Tabaitha Rhodes, Exec. Asst./District Clerk

Assistant Superintendent(607) 693-5713

Pam Horton, Asst. Supt. of Instruction
Melanie Allen, Admin. Assistant

Business Office(607) 693-8120

Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official
Amanda Loihle, Personnel Clerk

Special Education(607) 693-8104

Joshua Quick, CSE/CPSE Chairperson
Jennifer DeCamp, Admin. Assistant

Jr/Sr High School(607) 693-8105

Kristine Conrow, Principal
Amy Walker, Admin. Assistant

Guidance Office.....(607) 693-5734

Karen Slesinsky, Jr/Sr HS Counselor
Megan Harrington, Jr/Sr HS Counselor
Amanda Doolittle, Elementary Counselor
Cassandra Bakley, Admin. Assist.

Attendance/Registration(607) 693-8108

Jill Andrews, Student Records

W.A. Olmsted Elementary(607) 693-8115

Stacey Silvestri, Principal
Jessica Moore-Hovancik, Admin. Assistant

Health Offices

Rebecca Adolf (Jr Sr HS) (607) 693-8118
Laura Berkeley(Elm) (607) 693-8119

Athletics(607) 693-8133

Joshua Quick, Athletic Director

Social workers

Jr/Sr High..... (607) 693-8105 ext. 4102
Julianna Cox

WAO Elem.... (607) 693-8115 ext. 3313
Stacy Liciandrello

Food Services(607) 693-8126
Norene Tasber, Director of Food Services

Transportation(607) 693-8100
Dennis Symons, Head Bus Driver
Joseph McLaughlin, Business Official

Buildings & Grounds .(607) 693-8121
Ed Livermore

Family & Children's(607) 693-8123
Fabienne Lescouflair, Clinician

College Acceptance Congratulations

Congratulations to Sadielyn Combs on her acceptance to Wells College!

Congratulations to Gabby Riewerts on her acceptance to SUNY Morrisville, Roberts Wesleyan University and Binghamton University in the Harpur College of Arts and Sciences in the pre-education program.

Congratulations to Kaydence Schultz who has been accepted into the Liberal Arts program at Cayuga Community College, the Pre-Nursing program at SUNY Morrisville, and the Health Studies program at SUNY Broome!

Congratulations to Jaylyn Merrill who has been accepted to the Criminal Justice program at SUNY Broome!

Congratulations to Hanna Whitman on her acceptance to SUNY Broome in the Human Services program.

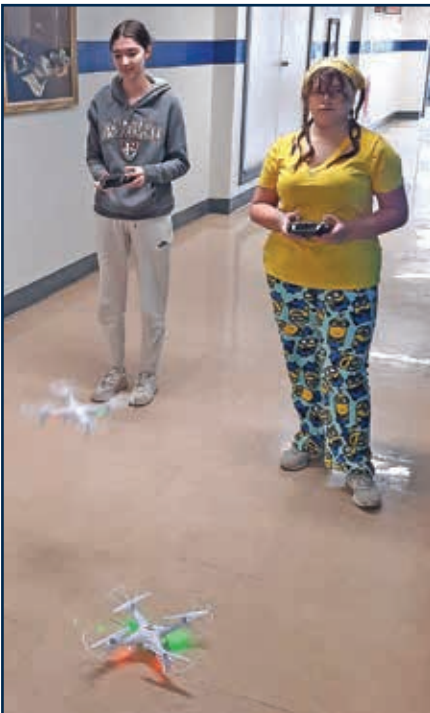


HARPURSVILLE *Cares*

In a touching tribute, the staff and students who rode the school bus with Brennan Loveless have reserved his school bus seat in his memory.

Students operate drones in real world science class

This year we have integrated drones into Mr. Strantz's Real World Science class. Students explored the regulations, uses, and job opportunities associated with the world of drones. This up and coming field in science and engineering offers a variety of career opportunities and recreational activities that really grab one's interest. Students explored drone designs and opportunities in the fields of construction, law enforcement, public safety, real estate, etc. and have the opportunity to further their learning and become certified drone pilots if they so choose. By the end of the section, they were able to fly drones and compete in a challenging obstacle course for title of "Top Gun" pilot.



(Pictured L-R) Twyla Dodd our Top Gun and Teyah Garrow our runner up in the drone obstacle course



(Pictured L-R) Kaiden Franklyn and Teyah Garrow flying the Syma X5c Drones



(Pictured L-R) Aden Mika and Paul Wiang-In who is our other Top Gun after a hard-fought race through the obstacle course



Homecoming Court 2022

**King and Queen
Joey Florance and
Madison Fleming**



**Court
Sophia Konidis and
Cooper Smith
SadieLyn Combs and
Oliver Rutherford
Gabrielle Riewerts and
Caden Hurlburt**





Notice of Special School District Meeting and Availability of Absentee Ballots

Harpursville Central School District Broome and Chenango Counties, New York

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Special School District Meeting of the Harpursville Central School District, Broome and Chenango Counties, New York, will be held on February 23, 2023, at the W.A. Olmstead Elementary New Gymnasium, in Harpursville, New York, at which the polls will be kept open between the hours of 1:30 o'clock P.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M., Prevailing Time, for the purpose of voting by paper ballot upon the following bond propositions:

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 1 (Buildings, Athletic Facilities, and Site Improvements)
Shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, shall the Harpursville Central School District, Broome and Chenango Counties, New York, be authorized to reconstruct and construct improvements to School District buildings and facilities, including athletic field and athletic facility improvements, together with construction of a new bus garage, parking lots, roadways and other site work and original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of not to exceed \$13,746,232, that \$3,307,656 shall be paid from Capital Project Reserve Fund monies, and that the remaining \$10,438,576, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

BOND PROPOSITION NO. 2 (Replace Exterior Building Doors And Additional Athletic Field Facility Improvements)
Assuming Proposition No. 1 is approved, shall the following resolution be adopted, to-wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Harpursville Central School District, is hereby authorized to replace exterior doors at District buildings, each with related improvements, and additional improvements to athletic facilities and fields, together with incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, at a maximum estimated cost of not to exceed \$3,868,200, that \$150,000 shall be paid from Capital Project Reserve Fund monies, that \$740,000 shall be paid from other available monies and that the remaining \$2,978,200, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

SEQRA DETERMINATION: The improvements described in the propositions have been determined to be each a "Type I Action" pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act ("SEQRA"), and it has been determined that the implementation of same as proposed will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts. SEQRA compliance materials are available at the Office of the School District Clerk where they may be examined during regular business hours.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Absentee ballots may be applied for at the District Clerk's Office at 54 Main Street, Harpursville, New York. The District Clerk must receive applications for absentee ballots at least seven days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on or prior to the day before the vote if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person. The District Clerk must receive absentee ballots not later than 3:30 P.M. on February 23, 2023. A list of all persons to whom absentee or military ballots shall have been issued will be available in the District Clerk's Office between 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. during regular office hours by appointment until the day of the meeting, including each of the five business days prior to February 23, 2023, and will be posted at the polling place on February 23, 2023. Any qualified voter may submit a written challenge to the qualifications of any person whose name appears on the list of absentee or military voters and provide reasons therefore known to the District Clerk for transmittal to the Inspectors of Election or directly to the Inspectors of Election before the close of the polls on the day of the Special District Meeting.

MILITARY BALLOTS: Registered, qualified voters of the School District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk during regular office hours which are between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education must have received a valid ballot application on or before January 31, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission or electronic mail. Such designation will remain in effect until revoked or changed by the military voter.

QUALIFIED VOTERS: All U.S. citizens who have lived in the School District at least 30 days prior to the date of the Special District Meeting are eligible to vote if they are at least 18 years old, and not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law. Proof of residency accepted but not limited to tax bill, driver's license, non-driver ID, or utility bill.

SNOW DAY OR OTHER CLOSING: In the event that School District schools must be closed on February 23, 2023, due to weather or other emergency, the Special School District Meeting will be held on March 7, 2023.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing on the proposed capital improvement project shall be held at 6:00P.M. on February 8, 2023, at the Harpursville CSD Board Room (101 in the High School), in Harpursville, New York.

Dated: Harpursville, New York, December 14, 2022.

By Order of The Board of Education of The Harpursville Central School District, Broome and Chenango Counties, New York.
Tabaitha Rhodes, School District Clerk



Our students have character at WAO

Our Hornet Hooray's and medals for September were handed out to students who demonstrated **RESPECTFUL** behavior. These students showed respect for themselves, their peers, staff and friends.

Respect Award Winners:

Pre-K:

Brooklyn Ross
Emmett Campo
Jaxton Truax

Kindergarten:

Aspyn Winters
Aurora Rooney
Jackson Steinbrecher
Julia Whaley

1st Grade:

Celestial Tracy
Colton Beers
Declan Rueffer
Emmi Root
Hunter Millard
Khloe Button
Leland Rowe
Logan Schrader
Monica Clapper

2nd Grade:

Eliana Bosket
Logan Williams
Nova Tracy
Phoenix Winans
Sophia Clapper

3rd Grade:

Aidan Beagell
Carter Heath
Evalee Kulas
Kailyn Kelsey-Millard
Liam Button
Luke Munson
Silas Johnson

4th Grade:

Abigail Banks
Amelia Ramey
Andrei Connett
Evan Haferkamp
Grant Lowe
Lyla Carpenter
Willow Bosket

5th Grade:

Anastasia Merritt
Hayleigh Moorehead
Harley Zollbrecht
Jasmine Neer
Lainey Steinbrecher
Miley VanBarriger
Wyatt Knapp

6th Grade:

Kyan Kulas
Lexie Kolb



Our Hornet Hooray's and Medals for October were handed out to students who displayed **RESPONSIBILITY**. These students showed that they take action and understand the impact of their choices.

Responsibility Award Winners:

Pre-K:

Kinzley Gandy
Luke Williams

Kindergarten:

Aspyn Winters
Chase Howell
Gracelyn Allen
Jansen Orr
Kacey Altenweg
Maveric Stanford

1st Grade:

Bryce Carpenter
Caleb Knickerbocker
Emmett Baudendistel
Lily Harris
Meysa Kark
Theodore Campo
Zachary VanBarriger

2nd Grade:

Elena Haferkamp
Levi Eberly
Liam Russell
Lily Ross
Ryder Graves
Violet Smith

3rd Grade:

Alyssa Sherwood
Isabella Wilcox
Mila Price
Ronan Corey-Hunsinger

4th Grade:

Bennett Barton
Corbin Marvin
Gabriel Mosher
Hannah Cole
Hunter Hartman
Lillyanna Huyck
Vivian Goodwin

5th Grade:

Adaleigh Steinbrecher
Ethan Russell
Maddox Juliussen
Mackenzie Kolb
Viviana Huston

6th Grade:

Emma Snow
Liam Hawkins
Megan Cole
Tamryn Roys





Our Hornet Hooray's and medals for November were handed out to students who displayed **GRATITUDE**. These students were thankful for the teachers, bus drivers, staff and friends. They were quick to use manners and are great role models for other students.

Gratitude Award Winners:

Pre-K:
Andyn Hartman
Eve Benjamin
Makayla Handley
Mirabel Huston

1st Grade:
Ava Petkash
Avery Andrews
Dacey Wilson
Jayce Paff
Lillian O'Donnell
Magnolia Livermore
Sophia Kays

2nd Grade:
Alyza Carpenter
Caysiin Wilson
Grayson Merrin
Gavin Anderson
Jackson McGuire
Olivia Stanford

3rd Grade:
Donald Brotzman
Jenessie Underwood
Madeline Snow
Matayo Stinson
Michael Mason

4th Grade:
Abigail Banks
Carter Berkeley
Erik Wilson
Hailey Merrin
Kasey Congdon
Logan Ross

5th Grade:
Aurora Connett
Chance Pruitt
Gabriel Clapper
Jason Way
Lacie Gross
Mackenzie Kolb
Oshaona Neer

Kindergarten:
Andrew Stanton
Deacon Murphy
Beauen Barton
Jona Crawford
Nickolas Huyck
Sloan Rueffer

6th Grade
Dylan Kelley
Jaxon Yereb
Julianna Krenner



WAO students get special visit from Rowdy

WAO Reading Challenge

For the months of October and November our students have been joining reading clubs. We had readers read from 100 minutes to 8,300 minutes! Rowdy from the Binghamton Rumble Ponies came to our school to congratulate our students. Every student that joined a club was recognized at a special breakfast with Rowdy. The Binghamton Rumble Ponies donated two tickets to every student that participated and Red Robin joined in by donating a free kids meal to every student! We couldn't be more grateful to them for their donation! The students that made clubs 100 and above will receive these tickets and coupons when they arrive.





Honor Roll First Quarter 11/10/2022

Grade 7

Kaydence Dodd
Emily Riewerts
Elizabeth Conway
Kaitlyn Murphy

Grade 8

Ian Colsten
Julianna Hurlbert
Jayden Lane
Allyssa Rowe



Grade 9

Abbygayl Baburchak
Kaylee Biriki
Charlotte Quick
Iyanna Backus
Cyrick Brown
Trenton Franklyn
Rylan Steinbrecher
Nathaniel Wright
Nicholas Farnham
Elijah Fellows

Grade 10

Elizabeth Ives
Lilly Bagg
Isabella Ross
London Miller
Jeanette Steele
Emma McWherter
Karlee Gross

Grade 11

Tavish Miner
Bradley Bennett
Keith Dunn
Tristin Daniels
Allison Williams
Kandyce Sophie
Lillian Taylor

Grade 12

Amber Kachar
Dominik Franklyn
Sadielyn Combs
Twyla Dodd
Kaiden Franklyn
Aaron Moore
Hanna Whitman
Kaitlynn Chapman
Caden Hurlburt
Nolan Crocker
Jaylyn Merrill
Dylan Willumson
Owen Ellsworth
Jaynesa Stokes

Principal's List First Quarter 11/10/2022

Grade 7

Isabella Prince
Kalen Kulas
Hunter Prentice
Hannah Walker
Braedyn Barton
Easton Bagg
Maxim DiRosa
Tyler Ritter
Gabrielle Piester
Kaelynn Oakley
Iyanna Brown
Reina Kark
Harmony Mosher
Peyton Paff
Nolan Shofkom
Corrine Hine
Todd Ingraham
Natalie Dibble
Zoe Naporano
Joseph Risoli-Clark
Isabella Mathewson
Lexie Welch

Grade 8

Eva DiRosa
Liem Donahue
Camryn Boyce
Devin DeVaul
Katherine Smith
Talon Ritter
Alexander Afify

Grade 9

Adriana Hartman
Brianna Hopkins
Leigha Wolbert
Jayden DeLeon
Gabrielle Pawela
Xander Quick
Amber Tyler
Aiden Quick
Jessalyn Powell
Emily Gillette
Kaydence Sandau
Emily Kane
Jason Smith

Grade 10

Lloyd Byers
Jonathan Prince
Kaylee Heier
Maxamus Allen
Faith Ingraham
Abigail Afify
Lily Barriger
Emily LaClair
Ephram Rowe
Andrew Fowler

Grade 11

Ashley VanHouten
Jacob Wolbert
Brendan Pike
Liam Quick
Brayden Sakowsky
Gracie Bomboy
Aliyah Campbell
Logan James
Melissa Canton-Gnyp
Trinity Brewster
Emily Higgins
Matthew Sanchez

Grade 12

Trena Byers
Sophia Konidis
Madison Fleming
Jayden Yereb
Allena Rowe
Gabrielle Riewerts
Madison Nesbit
Autumn Bolster
Riley Lindsay
Alana Nannery
Hunter Moffitt
Alayna Thomas Atkinson
Oliver Rutherford
Sawyer Lusk
Kaylynn Marade
Cooper Smith
Aden Mika

Congratulations



Robo Hornets ready for Robotic's game season

Our Harpursville Robo Hornets are coming off a tremendous past season. Thanks to the support from our school and community, one high school team and one middle school team went to Dallas and competed in the VEX World's Robotics Championship last year. The high school team made it to the final 16 in their division, while the middle school team made it to the final 16 and continued to the semifinals in their division,



where only two percent of all the teams in the world qualified to compete. The high school team was made up of four seniors, who are now going to college to become engineers.

This year, the Robo Hornets has one high school and one middle school team competing. The new high school team is made up of two 10th graders: Madison Wolbert and Nathan Riewerts. The middle school team is a returning team, and includes Liem Donahue and Connor Rowe. After the fall sports ended, they started designing and building robots for this year's game called Spin Up. Their first tournament was held at Chittenango High School on Dec. 3, where both teams made it into the round of 16. Liem's team made it to the semifinals, losing to the high school team from Lake George that won the Northern New York State VEX Championship last season.

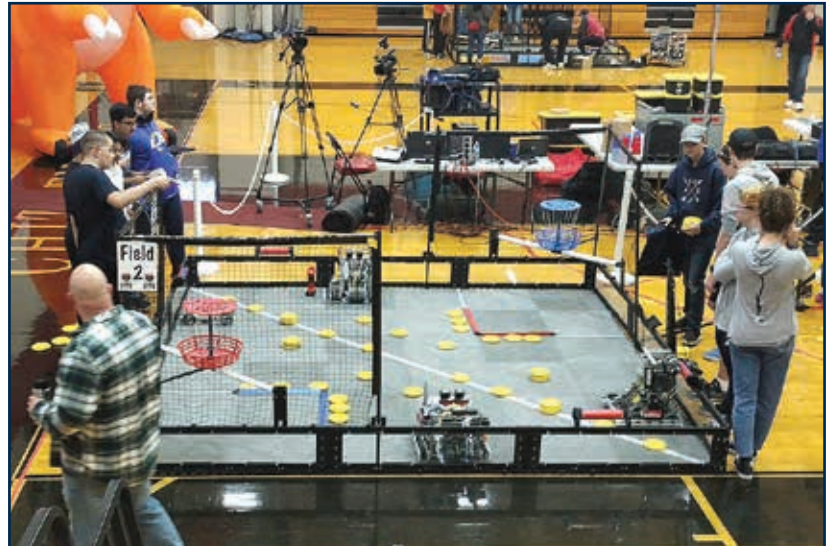
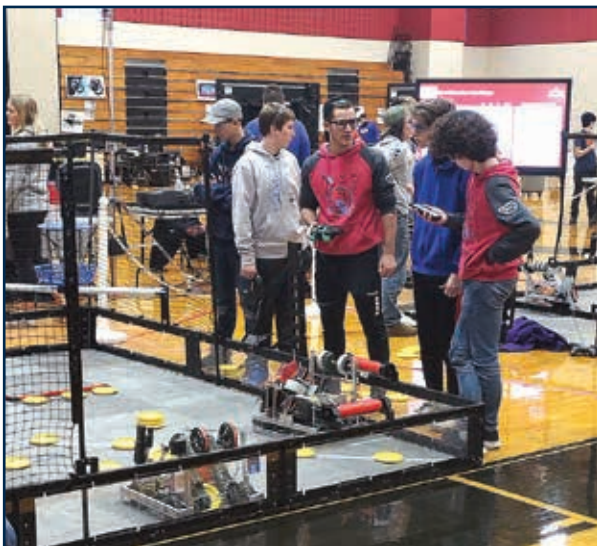
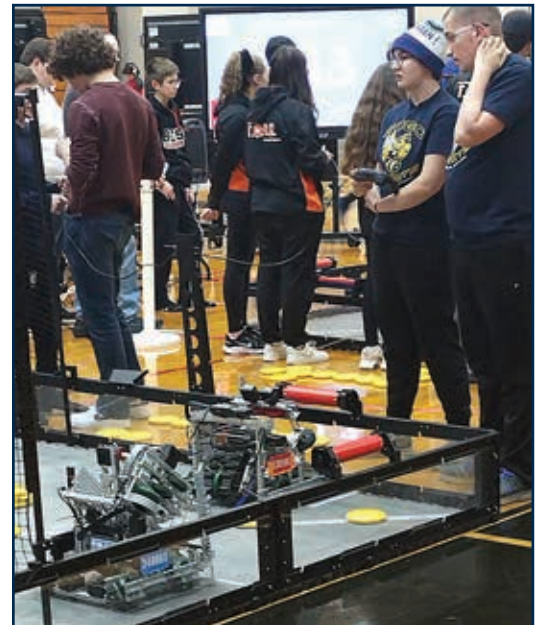
This year's new game is similar to a modified Frisbee golf game. The robots they are building and programming have to pick up a round disk and shoot it into a basket, turn a pipe to the team's color, and expand the robot. The teams

will have four more tournaments to qualify for the Northern New York State VEX Championship. Our main goal is to win the state championship in order to return to the world's championship.

The Robo Hornets will be traveling to the following schools to compete:

- January 14** Elmira High School
- 21** West Genesee High School
- February 4** Liverpool High School
- 12** RIT College
- March 11** Northern New York State VEX Championship.

Thank you for your support through all the years we have been building, programming and going to competitions!





President of Visions visits students

On Friday, Nov. 19, our 9th graders were treated to a special guest speaker and pizza luncheon provided by Visions. We welcomed Ty Muse, President and CEO of Visions Federal Credit Union, who shared his career journey along with many entertaining stories of how he got to where he is today.

Growing up in a rural community similar to Harpursville, he easily connected with our students and left everyone feeling inspired about their own futures. We are so thankful that he took the time to visit Harpursville!



(Pictured L-R) Sadielyn Combs, Ty Muse, Alex Kuhnen, Matt Kisloski and Lisa McEnaney



(Pictured L-R) Kaylee Biriki, Ty Muse and Alisia Granger

This event was the kick-off for our partnership with Harvard and the National Center for Rural Education Network (NCERN). Throughout the year, all of our 9th graders will be participating in a career program called "What's Your Path?" This program consists of 12 different lessons and activities centered around making connections to what they are learning now, reflecting on how that relates to their future, and exploring post-secondary options and career paths.



Group photo with Ty Muse, President and CEO of Visions Federal Credit Union

W.A. Olmsted Elementary School

2023-24



FALL REGISTRATION

has begun...enroll your child today!



Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program (UPK)

Seats are limited - don't miss out!



Kindergarten

Register at the W.A. Olmsted Elementary Office Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Please call with questions 607-693-8115



Students give thumbs up as taste testers

WA Olmsted students had the opportunity to be taste testers for a new recipe for NY Thursday, it was baked ziti.

The students could sample the ziti, then vote on whether it was a **Loved, Liked, or not a favorite**. According to the results it was a **Liked!**





Students learn about bullying, harassment and tolerance

In our JR/SR High School, we spent a week focusing on bullying, harassment, and tolerance.

Bullying: Bullying, as defined in your student’s code of conduct, is “a form of harassment that consists of inappropriate and often persistent behavior including threats or intimidation of others, treating others cruelly, terrorizing, coercing, or habitual put-downs and/or badgering of others.” Bullying is not, and will not be, accepted or tolerated within our school building and community. The Dignity for All Students Act prohibits bullying, harassment, discrimination or cyberbullying against students in school based on any of the following: race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practices, disability, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sex.



The district has four rules surrounding the bully prevention policy. We encourage you to speak to your children about these rules and the possibility of consequences should they not be followed. The rules are:

1. We will not bully others
2. We will try to help students who are bullied
3. We will try to include students who are left out
4. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school and an adult at home.

There are many effects of being bullied, including lower self-esteem, depression, anxiety, absenteeism, and lower school achievement, illness, and thoughts of suicide. The effects on the school environment stemming from bullying include an overall sense of fear and disrespect, interference with the ability to learn, lack of control, and students feeling insecure. Providing resources to our community, families, and students in conjunction with talking about bullying helps with identifying, educating, preventing, and stopping bullying.

Harassment: Harassment is defined as the creation of a hostile environment by conduct or verbal threats, intimidation, or abuse that has or would have the following effects, (a) reasonably and substantially interfering with a student’s educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, or (b) would reasonable be expected to cause a student to fear for his or her physical safety. New York State laws prohibit discriminatory harassment, defined as unwelcomed conduct based on a protected class (gender, age, origin, race). Harassment creates a hostile environment, and it is our school’s job to eliminate hostile environments and prevent retaliation. The district has a responsibility to create a safe learning environment for **all** students.

“If harassment is tolerated or ignored, it can impact the entire school climate and undermine everyone’s sense of safety.”

- Morgan Freeman

Faculty and staff ask that if a student feels like they themselves or someone they know in the school building is being bullied or harassed, an adult at the school should be notified as soon as possible. If, after reporting it to a school staff member and allowing the situation to be investigated and appropriate actions taken, the situation is believed to still be taking place and seems unresolved, then the next step would be to contact the DASA coordinator.

Resources for Families and Students:

- StopBullying.gov
- www.learningforjustice.org
- www.glsen.org
- welcomingschools.org

February 2023 menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	INDOOR PICNIC THURSDAY FEB. 9	1 <i>Breakfast Pizza/Juice</i> French Bread Pizza Veggie Cup w/dip Banana Chef Salad	2 <i>French Toast Sticks/Fruit</i> NY Thursday NY Chicken Gravy w/biscuit Mashed Potatoes NY Maple Sweet Carrots NY Juice NY Apple	3 <i>Breakfast Breaks/Juice</i> WAO <i>Hornet Muffin HS</i> Wild Mike's Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit
6 <i>Mini Cinni Juice</i> Popcorn Chicken w/roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple	7 <i>Breakfast Bread Sl. Fruit</i> Meatball Sub Fries Veggie Cup w/dip Juice Peaches Tangerine Chicken Rice Broccoli HS	8 <i>Cereal Juice WAO</i> <i>Breakfast Pizza HS</i> Brunch At Lunch French Toast Sticks/ Sausage Potato Tots/ Orange Popcorn Chicken Salad	9 <i>Pancake on a Stick Fruit</i> NY Thursday Indoor Picnic NY Hot Dog on a roll NY Chips NY Green Beans NY ABC Salad NY Juice Pudding Dirt Cup	10 <i>Breakfast Breaks Juice WAO</i> <i>Hornet Muffin HS</i> Nardone Pizza Wedge Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit
13 <i>Mini Pancakes Juice</i> Cheeseburger on a roll Sw. Potato Fries Green Beans NY Apple	14 <i>Cereal Fruit</i> VALENTINE'S DAY Taco Salad w/toppings/ Seasoned Rice Corn Mixed Fruit Juice	15 <i>Breakfast Pizza Juice</i> Lupo's Spiedie Sub Or Chicken Sausage HS Roasted Potatoes/Veggie Cup w/dip/Banana Chicken Spiedie Salad	16 <i>French Toast Sticks Fruit</i> Wild Mike's Mozzarella Bites w/side of pasta Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit NY Juice	17 NO SCHOOL
20 NO SCHOOL	21 <i>Fruitel Fruit</i> Chicken Nuggets w/roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple	22 <i>Cereal Juice WAO</i> <i>Breakfast Pizza HS</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup/ Veggie Cup w/dip Orange (Fish Sandwich option) Popcorn Chicken Salad	23 <i>Snack'n Waffle Fruit</i> Cheese Lasagna w/NY meat sauce Garlic Breadstick Broccoli Peaches NY Juice	24 <i>Breakfast Breaks Juice WAO</i> <i>Hornet Muffin HS</i> Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit (Fish Sandwich option)
27 <i>Mini Pancakes Juice</i> Chicken Patty on a roll Sw. Potato Fries/ Mixed Vegetables NY Apple	28 <i>Cinnamon Bun Fruit</i> Soft Taco's w/toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Pears Juice	ALL STUDENTS EAT FREE BREAKFAST & LUNCH	Weekly Sandwiches: M/W/F: Turkey/Cheese T/Th: Ham/Cheese	

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



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Welcome Caleb Dolwart

We will be welcoming Caleb Dolwart in the Junior/Senior High during the spring semester where he will be completing his practicum experience as a school counselor. Similar to a student teaching experience, Dolwart will be working with the pupil personnel staff to support our students with their academic, career, and personal/social needs. Dolwart is currently a graduate student in the school counseling program at SUNY Oneonta and is looking forward to getting to know the Harpursville community!



Congratulations Brendan Pike

Brendan Pike will be performing in the All-State Band on Feb. 4.

Brendan Pike is an 11th grade percussionist at Harpursville. He has recently auditioned and been accepted into the prestigious All-State band, which will be performing at the Ithaca Whalen School of Music.

All-State band is the big leagues for young musicians. It's an incredible opportunity to meet talented musicians from around the state, work with guest conductors, and

perform challenging music. This band is joined by auditions-only, and is a very competitive process.

Congratulations to Brendan Pike for this terrific achievement!

The performance will be at the Ithaca College Whalen School of Music, Feb. 4, at 2 p.m.



INSPECTED



Harpursville School District has successfully completed the inspection of all schools and buildings in accordance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act. For details, or to obtain a copy of the management plan, contact Ed Livermore at 607-693-8121.