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HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

HORNETS NEWS

January 2025

Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Harpursville Community Members,

I hope this message finds you well and that your New Year is off to a fantastic start, filled with joy and positivity. As we settle into 2025, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude and share some exciting updates with you.

Holiday Season Appreciation

First and foremost, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to making the holiday season at our school truly special. Your efforts and enthusiasm did not go unnoticed. It's great to see the strong sense of community that thrives in Harpursville, and I sincerely appreciate all you do to support our students and staff.

Small-Capital Project Update

I'm pleased to report that Phase One of our capital project is well underway and progressing nicely. Here's a brief overview of where things stand:

Our softball field is about 90% complete. The outfield sod has been laid and will be ready for the spring season, and the infield artificial turf has been installed.

The foundation and footers for the new transportation building are being laid. The building itself will be erected in the spring, with an anticipated completion date in August.

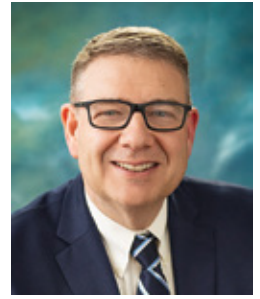
Budget and Multipurpose Courts

Due to inflation in construction costs since the project's initial planning and approval by the New York State Education Department, some bids came in higher than estimated. To remain within budget, we made the difficult decision to remove the multipurpose courts from Phase One.

However, we recognize the importance of having outdoor playing surfaces for tennis, basketball, pickleball, and more. To address this, we propose funding the multipurpose courts through the Capital Reserve Fund. This reserve was previously approved by the community for projects like this, so using these funds will **not impact taxes**.

To move forward, we will need voter approval. The vote for the multipurpose courts is scheduled on **Jan. 28, 2025, from 1-8 p.m.** In the event of cancellation due to snow or other emergencies, the vote will take place on **Feb. 4, 2025**. The proposal includes demolishing the existing basketball court and constructing new multipurpose courts at an estimated cost of **\$525,000**, to be fully funded by the preexisting Capital Reserve Fund.

We will send out a follow-up notice in early January with detailed information about the project scope and financials.



Celebrating Student Achievements

Our schools were alive with talent throughout the holiday season! The outstanding performances by our chorus, band and orchestra were truly impressive. Your attendance and support at these events are invaluable, and we sincerely appreciate your encouragement throughout the year.

Congratulations to the following students for their acceptance into the All-County Band: Maxamus Allen, Elizabeth Ives, Xander Quick, and CJ Closs.

New Girls' Wrestling Program

I would also like to extend my gratitude to Mr. Quick and Coach Miller for their efforts in launching our new girls' wrestling program. The team currently has 17 participants and recently placed 10th out of 33 teams in their latest tournament. Congratulations to the entire team!

Robotics Team Recognition

Congratulations to the two Robo Hornets teams that went to the Chittenango Robotics tournament the weekend of Dec. 14th. Out of 42 teams, both teams made it to the final 16 elimination round. Liem Donahue, Alex Afify, Jacob Rueffer, and Glenn Miller won both the Skills competition and were tournament Champions. What a fantastic start to your season of competitions!

Thank You for Your Support

To our entire school community, thank you for your unwavering support and commitment to the success of our students and staff. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Let's make 2025 a year of continued growth, achievement, and positive experiences.

Wishing you a prosperous and fulfilling New Year!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "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
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		

District Directory

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Ed Livermore, Director of Facilities

Family & Children's (607) 693-8123

Fabienne Lescouflair, Clinician

W.A. Olmsted Elementary

November Character Strong Award Winners

November was all about gratitude and kindness at W.A.O. Elementary! At our Character Strong assembly, several students were given the opportunity to share what they are thankful for, with family and classmates being at the top of everyone's list! Students from each

grade were recognized for the positive impact that they have on their school.

Congratulations to all our Character Strong award winners!



HARPURSVILLE MARK YOUR CALENDARS: PASSPORT FAIR

January 16, 2025

Harpursville Jr./Sr. High library

5:30-7:30 p.m.

OPEN TO STUDENTS, STAFF
AND THE COMMUNITY!

Visit THE HARPURSVILLE CSD FACEBOOK PAGE and
district website for required documentation.

Book ahead at <https://passportfair.setmore.com/>

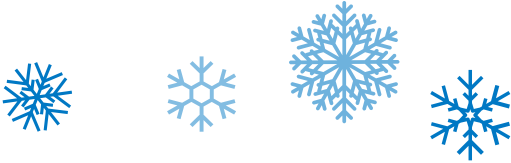


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Celebrating the Holidays

Mrs. Keeler's art students created a wonderful Santa's Workshop for our elementary students to visit. Complete with a life-size Nutcracker, winter wonderland artwork, and crackling fireplace. Students were even treated to a holiday story, hot cocoa and a visit from Santa! STEM Club held a special craft event, creating Borax crystal ornaments. Pre-K students enjoyed some holiday fun building gingerbread houses.



January 2025 Menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Alternate Daily Choices: Ham & Cheese Sandwich OR Turkey & Cheese Sandwich OR Yogurt w/Cheese Stick & homemade Granola OR PB&J w/Cheese Stick & Cheez-its WAO Salad Option on Wednesdays MS/HS Daily WAO Offers Chips for sale on Wednesdays @ \$.75 & Ice Cream on Fridays @ \$1.25 there is no charging, send money or check with child or use the QR code on the website under food services for credit cards.		<div>12</div> <div>3</div> <div>HAPPY New Year</div>		
<div>6</div> Breakfast Breaks WAO Mini Pancakes Juice HS Chicken Patty on a roll Sw. Potato Fries Mixed Vegetables NY Apple Juice/Milk	<div>7</div> Cinnamon Roll Fruit Taco Salad w/toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Juice Mixed Fruit/Milk	<div>8</div> Mini Pancakes WAO Breakfast Pizza Juice HS Mini Corn Dog w/Mac & Cheese Veggie Cup Carrots Juice/Orange/Milk <i>(S.W. Chicken Salad)</i>	<div>9</div> French Toast Sticks Fruit Strawberry & NY Yogurt Parfait WAO Buffalo Chicken Dip 6-12 Carrots & Celery NY Apple NY Juice/Milk	<div>10</div> Hornet Muffin Juice Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit Juice/Milk
<div>13</div> Mini Cinni / Juice WAO Frudel / Juice HS Popcorn Chicken w/roll Mashed Potatoes Gl. Carrots NY Apple/Juice/Milk	<div>14</div> Breakfast Bread WAO Smoothie Muffin top HS Chicken Mac & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Broccoli NY Apples/Juice/Milk	<div>15</div> Breakfast Pizza Juice French Toast Sticks/ Sausage Potato Tots Veggie Cup Orange/Juice/Milk <i>(Popcorn Chicken Salad)</i>	<div>16</div> Snack'n Waffle Fruit Breaded Mozzarella Sticks w/sauce Garlic Buttered Noodles Cucumbers/NY Apple NY Juice/Milk	<div>17</div> Breakfast Breaks WAO Hornet Croissant HS Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/ chickpeas Fruit/Juice/Milk
<div>20</div> 	<div>21</div> Cinnamon Roll Juice WAO Breakfast Bread HS Cheeseburger on a roll w/ lettuce Sw. Potato Fries Green Beans NY Apple/Juice/Milk	<div>22</div> Snack'n Waffle/Juice WAO Breakfast Pizza HS Lupo's Chicken Spiedies on a roll NY Salt Potatoes Veggie Cup Banana/Juice/Milk <i>(Chicken Spiedie Salad)</i>	<div>23</div> French Toast Sticks Fruit Baked Ziti w/ NY Meatballs Garlic Breadstick Salad NY Apple NY Juice/Milk	<div>24</div> Hornet Muffin Juice Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/ chickpeas Fruit Juice/Milk
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Jr/Sr High School

High School Students Accepted to All County Band

On Nov. 4, Harpursville band students Maxamus Allen, Elizabeth Ives, Xander Quick, and CJ Closs showcased their musical talents during auditions for the Chenango High School All County Band at Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District.

The HS All County Band is an audition-only acceptance process where the students must perform pieces in front of judges to be considered for the band.

All four Harpursville students worked very hard to perfect their pieces and were each accepted by the judges to join the band. Senior Maxamus Allen achieved an outstanding milestone, earning first chair in the Tuba section. Congratulations, Max, on this remarkable accomplishment!

The HS All County Band's performance will take place at Greene CSD on March 15, 2025.

Congratulations to Maxamus, Elizabeth, Xander, and CJ for their incredible performances and their dedication to the Harpursville band and music program.



Tristan Kelly Honored for Exceptional Work Experience by Broome-Tioga BOCES

On December 4, Harpursville and PALS Work Experience student Tristan Kelly was recognized by Broome-Tioga BOCES, earning a "Student Spotlight" for his outstanding achievements as a Work Experience Intern. Tristan was celebrated for his contributions while working with CHOW and Greater Good Grocery through the Work Experience Program.

Tristan's role at CHOW and Greater Good Grocery involves a variety of hands-on tasks, providing him with invaluable real-world experience. Each day from 9 to 11 a.m., he takes on responsibilities such as sorting and packing food, delivering food boxes to cars, and operating specialized equipment like forklifts and electric pallet jacks. Thanks to this program, Tristan has not only gained practical skills, but has also earned his Forklift Certification, a qualification that will greatly benefit him in the workforce.



Harpursville Jr./Sr. High School Principal Kristine Conrow praised Tristan, saying, "He is a great kid. This is a wonderful honor and well-deserved." Tristan himself shared that the highlights of his experience have been "using the forklift and working with his friends."

The recognition as Best Work Experience Intern is a testament to Tristan's hard work and dedication. Congratulations, Tristan, on this well-earned achievement!

Jr/Sr High School

Annual Holiday Luncheon Brings Together School and Community Members

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the Jr./Sr. High School Student Council and the National Honor Society hosted their Annual Holiday Luncheon. This special event brought together Harpursville Central School District staff and members of the Eastern Broome Senior Center to celebrate the holiday season together.

The luncheon featured a delicious meal planned and prepared by the incredible Harpursville CSD Food Services team. The meal was served by student volunteers from both organizations, who worked alongside their club advisors to organize the luncheon, ensuring its success for all in attendance. The event also served as an opportunity to collect food and monetary donations for our local food pantry.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making the Annual Holiday Luncheon a success, and to all who attended. This tradition is a wonderful way to celebrate the season and strengthen connections with our community!



Jr/Sr High School

Voices in the Dark Held at Riverview Cemetery

On Nov. 14, the Colesville History Class partnered with Beth and Darryl Klutts and Darla Dayton of the Old Onaquaga Historical Society, along with Town Historian Sam Conrad, to present firsthand accounts of local notables. The event provided attendees with a vivid glimpse into the lives of key figures from Colesville's past.

The students impressed the audience with their well-prepared performances and enjoyed making connections between those from the area's past. One audience member, who has attended several performances, remarked that this one was particularly special because of the dialogue between figures such as Dr. John D. Bancroft and Lemuel Badger.

Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the 19 Cemeteries of Windsor New York organization, this year's event included a historic milestone: the restoration of poet Amelia Keeler's full tombstone.

The evening was a memorable celebration of Colesville's history for all participants.





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Announcements

Virtual Walk-in Visits Now Available for Students

We are excited to offer virtual walk-in visits for students through UHS. If our school nurses identify a concern that can be resolved virtually, they will contact parents/guardians to discuss details and receive permission to proceed. Once approved, the student and parent/guardian will join the medical provider online to address the issue at hand.



These visits will be billed as regular walk-in visits through your insurance, providing a convenient way to minimize disruptions to

students' education. We believe that by offering virtual walk-in visits, we are taking a significant step towards providing accessible healthcare support to our students.

Board of Education meeting dates for the remainder of the 2024-25 school year:

- **January 8, 2025** regular meeting
- **January 28, 2025** capital project related (multi-surface courts) vote (1:00-8:00 PM W.A. Olmsted Elementary Gym - inclement weather date is February 4)
- **February 5** regular meeting, initial budget presentation
- **March 5** regular meeting
- **April 16** regular meeting
- **May 7** regular meeting, budget hearing
- **May 20** Annual meeting (budget vote, school board election) (1:30-8:00 PM W.A. Olmsted Elementary Gym)
- **June 11** regular meeting

All meetings are held at 6 PM in the Jr. Sr. room 101 unless otherwise noted. Meeting dates are subject to change. Please call the District Clerk anytime at 607-693-8112 if you have any questions or need special accommodations for the meeting.