



Congratulations Class of 2022

Your cruise into the future has boarded - Happy sailing!



The annual senior trip this year included a visit to scenic Lake George, where the graduating class enjoyed a lunch cruise on the water. (See more senior activities inside)



From the superintendent's speech at graduation

"The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth."

That is a quote from former news anchor Dan Rather talking about the impact educators have on the students they serve. Our faculty, staff and administrators worked tirelessly this school year to support our students under continued challenging teaching and learning circumstances. Just as they always do, they took care of our students as people first and then as learners, always making sure our students knew they were priority No. 1.

Thank you to our faculty, staff and administration for all that you've done to support our Class of 2022 over the years and especially this year. I know our students will never forget you. Please always know that you are appreciated.

There's nothing better for me, working in a school district, then graduation day. It's the culmination of everything we all work together to accomplish from the moment every single student set foot on our campus. It is our collective goal as a school community, and I am so happy that we can celebrate you, graduates, your accomplishments and your future plans. We have a lot to be grateful for, and we certainly have a ton to be proud of you about, individually and collectively as a class. I'm glad that we are here, together, for you.

You guys might remember that Mrs. Horton, now our assistant superintendent, was your principal when you "graduated" from elementary school. You were her first 6th grade graduation at HCS. You won't believe what she shared with me about you guys. Do you remember meeting with her on Friday mornings for small group "hallway meetings"? At one point, she asked you what you wanted to contribute when you got to the Jr. Sr. high. Now, I won't name names, but here is some of what you guys said:

- I want to play field hockey and be a good role model while playing
- I want to be a student worker to show kids good examples
- I want to be a good student and get good grades
- I want to be a class officer, so I can show that our school has strong leaders
- I want to assist the community
- I want to be a good teammate and show good sportsmanship
- I want to help people who don't believe in themselves; I want them to have their own space

- I want to be a good friend
- I want to THRIVE

Isn't that something? Does that sound like you? As 6th graders, you knew exactly what kind of people you wanted to be. And you have been exactly those outstanding, upstanding young people. You did all of those things and more, each and every year. Our school district is better because of what you contributed and accomplished while you were here. You will always be part of Harpursville history and your imprint will last for years to come.



Michael Rullo,
Superintendent

Let's shift gears a little bit. As is typical for me at graduation, I want to brag a little bit about our graduates and what these students have accomplished throughout their high school careers. I think you'll agree with me that they are outstanding young men and women who have shown us that they are not afraid of a little hard work or adversity. College-level classes, Career and Technical Education classes, PTECH, family lives, jobs, sports, clubs, musical instruments, community service projects, church-life, you name it, these students took it all on during high school. One of the beautiful things about high school, and something we work hard to provide, is that students can diversify themselves, and they have multiple opportunities for exploration of their interests. There are many, many different pathways that students can and have taken to get to this point today. But no matter which one they chose, with some hard work and perseverance, it led to being a graduate of the Harpursville Schools.

Let me give you a few statistics and a little information about our graduates and I think you'll agree with me about just how impressive they are. Listen to this:

- Our diploma recipients included 10 diplomas with honors, 13 are with mastery in science, and nine have mastery in math
- We have five students who earned their Seal of Biliteracy and five students who earned their Seal of Civic Readiness
- This class of students earned a total of 799 college credits
- 21 students have more than 20 credits under their belt,
- 14 of them have over 30 college credits...this means they already have sophomore standing in college
- 11 students have more than 40...
- Five have 50 or more, and one student has 60



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- Three of these graduates even earned their associates degree with TC3 before graduating from high school. Is that awesome or what
- Our students are career ready, too: 13 diplomas have a Career and Technical Education Endorsement and 22 of the diplomas have the Career Development and Occupational Studies credential.
- Six of our graduates have already signed employment contracts with local employers, too. You will hear a little more about this in a bit.

And imagine, this class of students accomplished all of these things even with nearly two and a half years of their high school lives impacted by COVID. Way to go Class of '22! What an impressive group!

Clearly, our graduates are smart, skilled, accomplished and adaptable. They are humble, giving of their time and talent, they are kind. They are leaders, some of whom lead from the front, some who lead from behind. Our graduates know how to make sacrifices, they know how to make and honor commitments, and they are willing to serve others. These graduates have shown that they are able to take all that life throws at them and still persevere. I am so pleased that I got to know so many of you, you really are amazing people.

Just recently, I've thrown a few people at school for a loop when I told them I was camping (yes, in a tent) and fishing last weekend. So, you may or may not be surprised that I

like a little country music, too. I thought maybe some Tim McGraw would be fitting this morning. You'll be pleased to know that I am not going to sing, but if you know the song, maybe just sing it in your head. Here's a little advice, from the song, "Humble and Kind," as you've move forward into the future:

**"Hold the door, say please, say thank you.
Don't steal, don't cheat, and don't lie.
I know you got mountains to climb but
always stay humble and kind.**

**When those dreams you're dreamin' come to you,
when the work you put in is realized,
let yourself feel the pride, but
always stay humble and kind."**

I am excited about what the future holds for you. Just remember, you are in control of your own destiny. As the American philosopher and educational reformer John Dewey said, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." This is not the end, but the beginning. Go get it, Class of 2022! We are proud of you and congratulations!

Michael J. Rullo,
Superintendent of Schools
Go Hornets!

Introducing the graduating Class of 2022

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ryan James Akulis | Jordan Rose Gillette | Hailey Jennie Marie Lancaster | Elijah Nolan Rogers |
| Dennis Linvale Ashmeade Jr | Nico Merric Hadlick | Jordan Elizabeth LaVergne | Caidence Jaelin Ryder |
| Nicholas Andrew Bagg | Aden Alexander Hart | Makenna Rae Lowe | Dominic Malcolm Schwartz |
| Austin Ottis Baker | Kylie Rae Havens | Abigail Grace Lyon | Brandi Lynn Thorne |
| Shaelynn Joyce Beard | Brayden Griffin Parker Hendrickson | Aydin James Marade | Scott Nicholas Turock, Jr. |
| Alexa Rose Boening | Alexandra Elizabeth Hosmer | Emma Lynn Marvin | Ashton James Vanek |
| Cayden Dale Brown | Ashton Skyler Hunt | Ghia Lyn Medovich | Emma Rose VanKuren |
| Kayleigh Marie Cluck | Connor Jesse James | Mackinze Alexis Meisner | Thomas Christopher VanVorce |
| Kyle Paul Colsten | Adam Michael Kappauf | Chelsea Elizabeth Merrill | Cheyenne Marie Wallace |
| James Alan Craig Jr. | Daimion John Karpel | Nelson Lucas Merrill | Adam Tyler Wayman |
| Nathan Mark Decker | Madison Mae Kelly | Logan Breeze Nichols | Rheanna Lyllie Wilcox |
| Victoria Ashley Edwards | Makayla Marie Kelly | Vincent Alberto Pergola | Benjamin Hunter Williams |
| Justin Thomas Fargo | Tristan Patrick Kelly | Zachary Kevin Pike | Sarah Jane Young |
| Cheyenne Lyn Farnham | Jesse Daniel LaDue | Joshua Edward Powell | |
| McKena Louise Giles | | Jacob Brian Risoli-Clark | |



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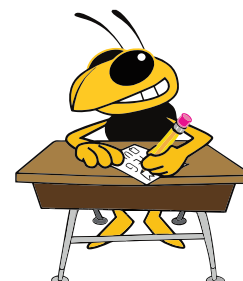
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Fabienne Lescouffair, Clinician



District communication guidelines

Frequently, parents and other community members request help in knowing the best way to communicate with the school. The chart below will serve as a helpful resource. By contacting the following people in the prescribed order, you can be assured that your questions will be answered.

| For questions about | 1 st contact | 2 nd contact | 3 rd contact | 4 th contact |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Academics | Teacher | Guidance Counselor | Building Principal | Superintendent |
| Athletics | Coach | Athletic Director | Jr/Sr Principal | Superintendent |
| Behavior | Teacher | 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 | Grade Level Principal | Superintendent | |
| Scheduling | Guidance Office | Jr/Sr Principal | Superintendent | |
| Special Education | Teacher | Grade Level Principal (academics) | CSE/CPSE Chairperson | Superintendent |
| Transportation | Head Bus Driver | Business Official | Superintendent | |



W.A. Olmsted 6th-graders conclude year with field trip to Syracuse Zoo.

On June 21 the 6th grade class went to the Rosamond Gifford Zoo in Syracuse for our end-of-year field trip. The students learned all about the predators and prey in our zoo program. They also got to tour the zoo and see some awesome exhibits.

What a fun way to wrap up our school year!



Students earn karate 'belts' while learning the recorder - by Nicole Cole, music teacher

This spring, the entire 4th grade participated in an activity called "Recorder Karate."

We learned the proper care of our recorder, memorized the finger chart to play each note, how to blow into the instrument without too much force, articulation, and the notes on the staff.

This unit took several weeks, and as each student learned at their own pace they were challenged to earn "recorder belts." Students practiced their songs on their own, which became progressively more difficult, and then had to play for their teacher. Each song they were able to play correctly would earn them a "belt" to showcase their

accomplishments. Students also got to write their name on the wall of fame in the music room for everyone to see.

Congratulations to the following students for going above and beyond with the recorder:

Hayleigh Moorehead

Riley Daley

Oshaona Neer

Brysiin Merritt

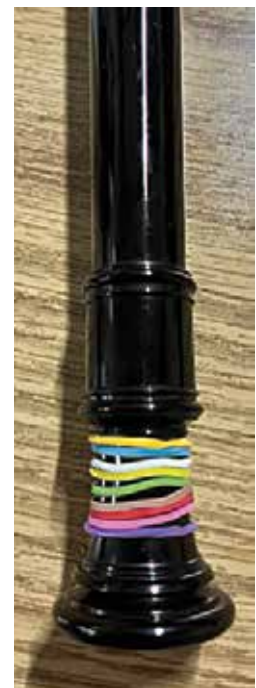
Viviana Huston

Izabella Whitman

Adaleigh Steinbrecher

Chance Pruitt

Jason Way



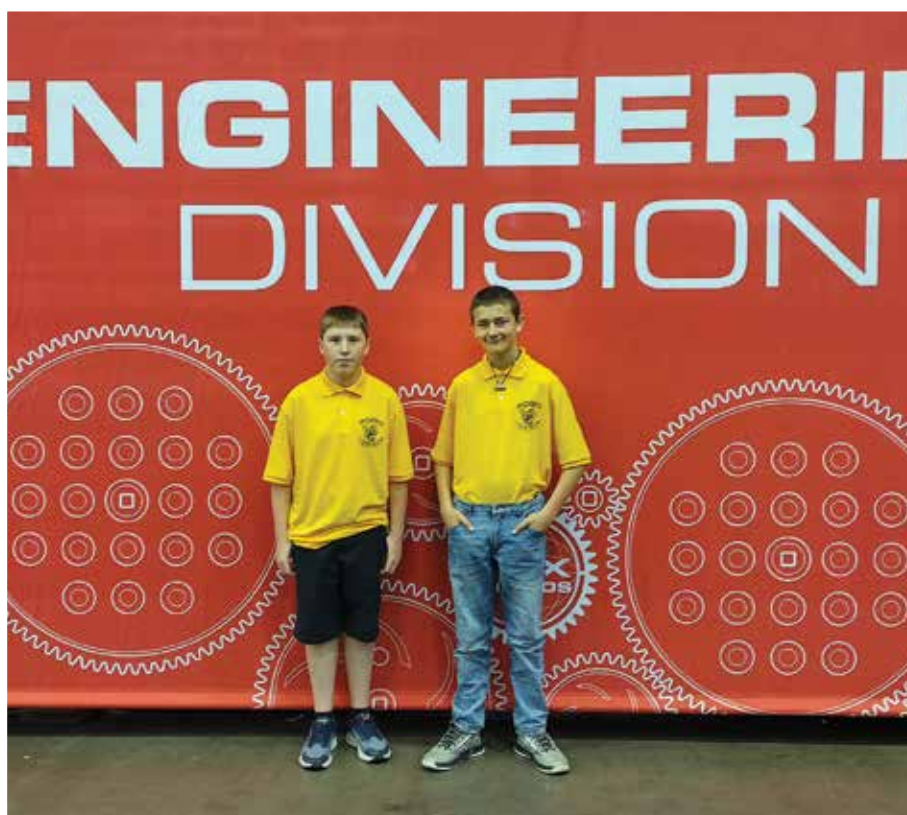


Robo Hornets compete at VEX Robotics Worlds Championships in Texas

The Harpursville Robo Hornets would like to thank the community for its support through donations and participation in the bottle drive, which helped make the trip to the VEX Robotic World Championship in Dallas, Texas, possible with great success.

Only two percent of the best teams in the world make it to the World Championship. Although Harpursville was one of the smallest schools at the event, we still had two teams qualify for the elimination rounds and one team reaching the semi-finals in their division.

Congratulations Robo Hornets!



Pictured (l-r) - Liem Donahue and Connor Rowe

Seniors enjoy a 'wet and wild' trip to Lake George, Six Flags

On June 4 and 5 the Class of 2022 took their senior trip to Lake George and Springfield, Mass.

In Lake George, the seniors faced their fears with an "Obstacle Course Treetop Adventure," enjoyed a lunch cruise on the lake, and went tubing down the Hudson River. They then headed over to Springfield to spend the day at "Six Flags New England." The trip was a great time and an exciting way to start some senior traditions.





Newly tenured staff recognized at board meeting

At the June 15 school board meeting, we celebrated our newly tenured faculty as well as our faculty and administrators tenured during the pandemic.

Two teachers are even on their second tenure at HCS. Congratulations to: Rob Blendinger, Jacqueline Buckler, Ashley Gay, Victoria Grassi, Patrick Kelly, Sara Korba, Mark Muller, Paige Thomas-Lavine and Ashley Bianchi. Tenured during the pandemic were: Joseph McLaughlin, James DiMaria and Judith Salton. Paul Peterson and Christine Gates have now both been tenured twice.

An excerpt from the proclamations distributed to each tenured staff member reads, "It is the mission of the Harpursville Central School District to develop lifelong learners who believe, are empowered, and engaged to achieve their goals. That through the efforts of the entire community, we will develop students who believe they are capable, creative and important; are empowered to promote positivity and take ownership in their education; are engaged citizens in our school and community." These staff members have certainly been working hard at this and we are very proud of them.

Many thanks to the food service staff who crafted delightful treats to be shared during this celebratory time. Also to Nicole Cole and Josh Quick, who assisted with photography for both the slideshow and this article.



Pictured (l-r) - Judith Salton and guest



Pictured (l-r) - Joe McLaughlin and guest



Pictured (l-r) - Jacqueline Buckler and guest



Pictured - Paul Peterson (center) and guests



Pictured (l-r) - board members Nicole Robertson, Jessica Hartman, Kacie Huston



Pictured - Ashley Gay (left) and guests





Graduation 2022

On Saturday, June 25, the Harpursville Class of 2022 took part in the 85th Commencement Ceremony on Alumni Field.

The graduates were escorted to the stage by the Edward P. Maloney Memorial Pipe Band and Grand Marshals Sophia Konidis and Madison Fleming. Valedictorian Sarah Young and Salutatorian Justin Fargo gave their fellow students words of advice while Superintendent Michael Rullo and High School Principal Kristine Conrow highlighted the accomplishments of the class. Board of Education President Michael Rhodes helped distribute the diplomas to the students. Benjamin Williams and Abby Lyon concluded the ceremony by leading the class in the singing of the "Alma Mater." After the ceremony, graduates and their families enjoyed some refreshments and had an opportunity to take

pictures with family and friends. A special thank you to the maintenance department for all its hard work setting up for graduation, to Food Services Director Norene Tasber and her staff for providing refreshments for the graduates and their families, and to Athletics Director Joshua Quick for arranging the music.

Congratulations Class of 2022! Best of luck to each of you in all of your future endeavors. The Harpursville family and community is so proud of you.

Pictured (l-r)
- Tristan and
Makayla Kelly



Pictured (l-r) -
Josh Powell,
Ryan Akulis,
Kyle Colsten



Pictured (l-r) -
Sarah Young,
Ghia Medovich

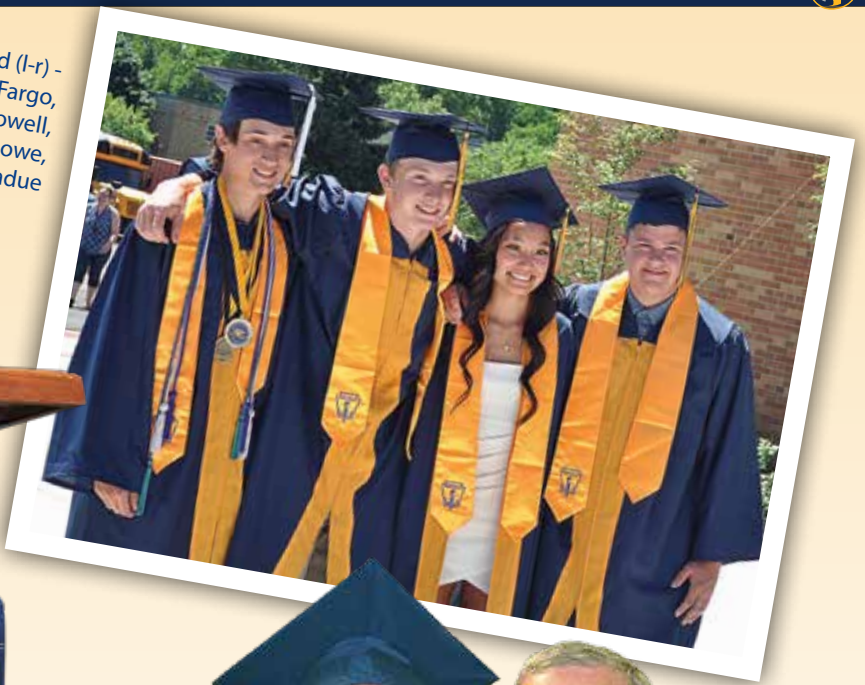




Sarah Young,
Valedictorian

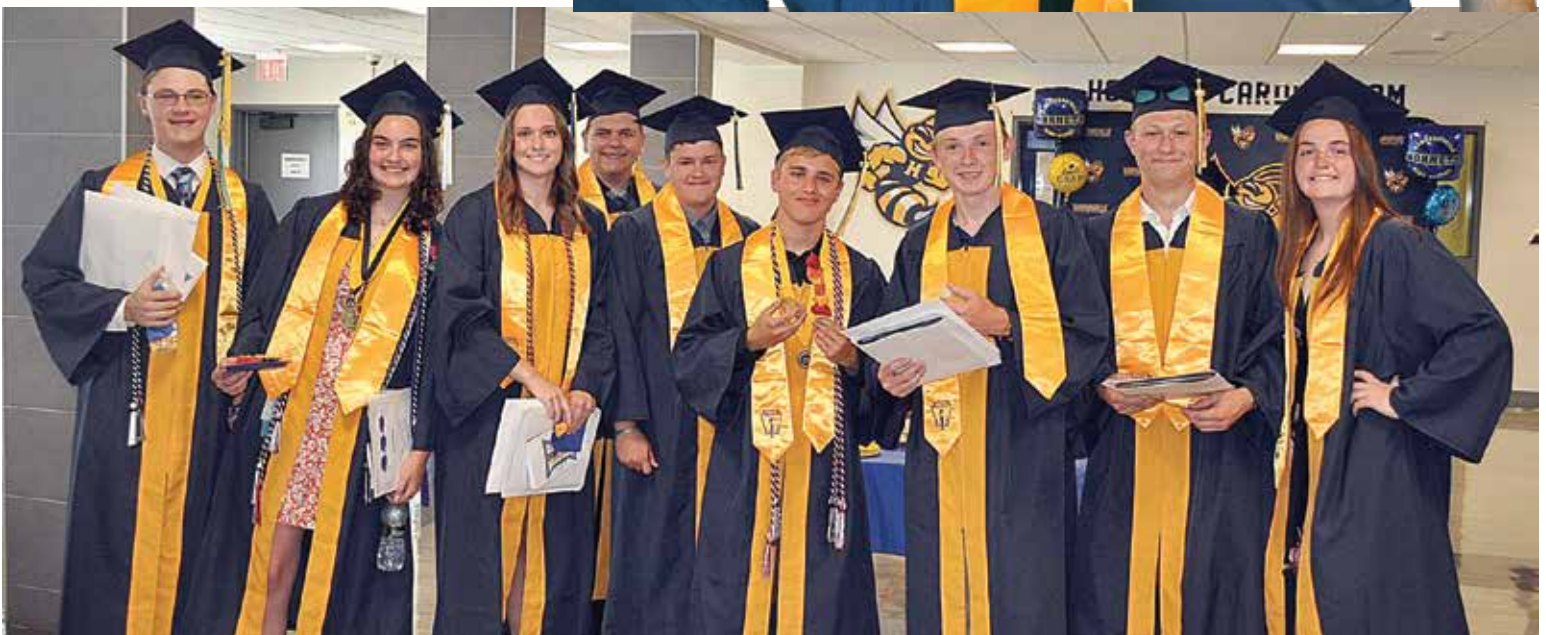
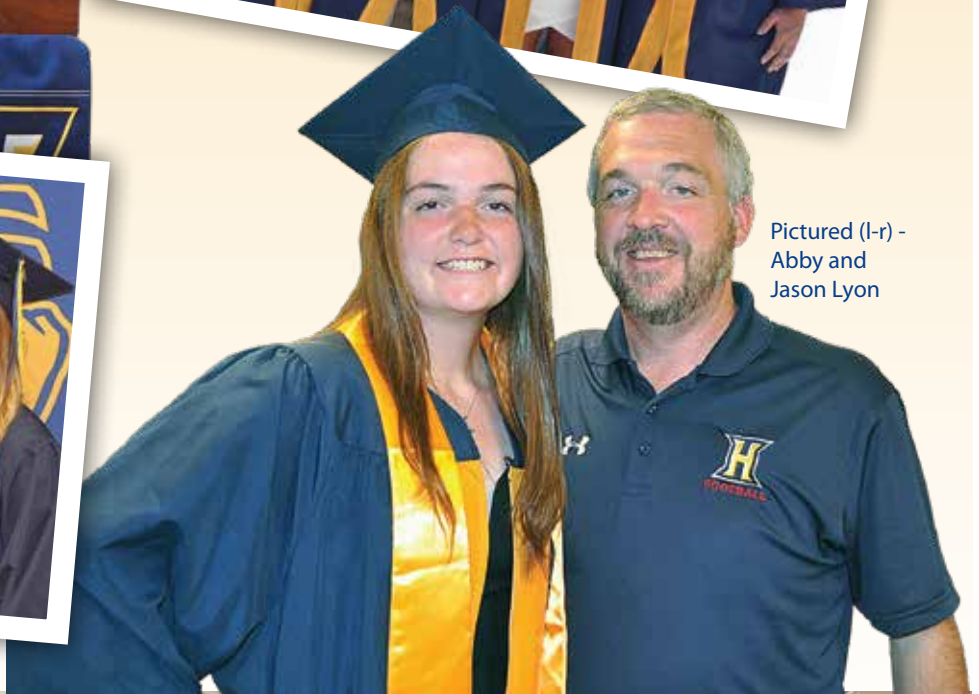


Pictured (l-r) -
Justin Fargo,
Josh Powell,
Makenna Lowe,
Jesse Ladue



Pictured (l-r) - Cheyenne Farnham, Amy Rigo,
Emma VanKuren

Pictured (l-r) -
Abby and
Jason Lyon





Pre-K graduation snapshots



Pictured below (l-r) - Beauen Barton and Bellamy Barton



Pictured (l-r) - Zoey Crow and Bethany Barton



Pictured - Sloan Rueffer and Mom





W.A. Olmsted Elementary School annual talent show

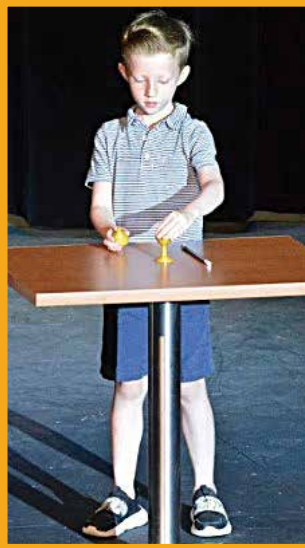
On June 16, W.A. Olmsted Elementary School conducted its annual Talent Show.

There were approximately 50 performers ranging from kindergarten to 6th grade.

The various performers played guitar, piano and dulcimer. Others sang, did tap dancing, did gymnastics, made car noises, did ribbon dances and hula hooped. We even had a magician.



Melody Snow (left) and Ava Petkash



Brody Riley



Megan Cole



Hunter Hartman



Ellianna Bosket



Pictured (l-r) - Gabby Gross, Adaleigh Steinbrecher, Hayleigh Moorehead, Viviana Huston, Angelina Quaglia, Lacie Gross, Miley VanBarriger, Carly Bagg and Kaitlin Vandermark



Harmony Mosher

Outstanding!



Parting seniors enjoy final 'Moving Up' day celebrations

Our seniors participated in their last Moving Up Day on June 10.

They began the day by parading through the halls of the elementary school where they were cheered on by the younger students and reminisced about when they were that young. They even got to play with the PE class parachute one last time. Afterward, the Class of 2022 worked up an appetite and enjoyed their Senior Breakfast with some alumni, staff and administrators. After breakfast, the class traveled to Dorchester Park to spend quality time with classmates. They returned to school at the end of the day just in time for ice cream sandwiches and the Moving Up Day assembly.





Last days filled with baccalaureate, graduation practice and a parade

On June 23, the Class of 2022 participated in an array of senior activities, going out with a “bang” before their big day - graduation.

After graduation practice on the football field, the seniors decorated their cars and paraded through town with the support of the Harpursville Fire Department, Broome County Sheriff’s Department, and Superintendent Michael Rullo on a John Deere tractor.

We thank all of the community members who came out to support our graduates.

After the parade, the seniors went to the Harpursville Baptist Church where they participated in the baccalaureate ceremony. There was a great turnout of seniors who clearly enjoyed themselves. A huge thank you to all the churches in the community who helped make this event a success.



Pictured (l-r) - Brandi Thorne, McKena Giles





The Class of '22 and Class of '72 join together for annual alumni breakfast

On one of their last days of high school – and one of their first days back after being out of school 50 years - a joyous occasion was shared where we served breakfast and shared positive vibes to current and former students of the Harpursville Central School District.

Many of the members of the Class of 2022 came early in the morning for a small parade through W.A. Olmsted Elementary School to wave goodbye to their former teachers and provide the younger students with a glimpse of days to come...their own special graduation celebration one day, dressed in cap and gown.

As the seniors finished, they walked into the high school gold gym, which was decked out in blue and gold and the school's finest china. Greeting them were members of our staff, faculty and administration, school board member

Michelle Noyes, and our special guests, alumni from the Class of 1972. A delicious breakfast was enjoyed by all. For many, it will be one of their last days together and for some it was one of their first days back after 50 years. No doubt, there are and were stories to be told.

Senior Nico Hadlick bravely took the podium at one point to bid farewell to Augustin Weil, our French foreign exchange student, who had been fully immersed in our programs and community over the past several weeks. We sincerely hope the experience has been wonderful for Augustin. Many thanks to French teacher Robert Blendinger for coordinating the entire experience for Augustin...and bravo to Nico for the wonderful send-off.

Many thanks to the team that collectively put the event together,

including the facilities department for gathering equipment, the weightlifting students who helped set up, food services for prepping a delicious meal from start to finish, and to the administration and faculty who served at the event (and to those that covered their absences so that they could do so).

We are so pleased with the number of 50-year anniversary alumni who attended: Doug Kosty, LuAnn Stone, Marleen Clark, Marshall Beecher, Bob Blakeslee, Judy Smith Clark, Clarence & Sally Washburn, Jacob Miner and Marty Niles. We are grateful they were willing to meet with our current graduating class. We even received a thank-you note later that day telling us how much they enjoyed the visit.

Best of luck to the Class of 2022, and we wish the Class of 1972 continued good health and happiness.





Recruiting Opt-Out for Juniors and Seniors

The United States Congress has passed two major pieces of legislation that require local schools to give military recruiters the same access to high school students as we provide to colleges and employers.

These same pieces of legislation allow parents to “opt out” of having this information disclosed to military and college recruiters upon request. We **will not** provide recruiters with the personal information of your son or daughter if you notify us that is your preference. Therefore, in order for us to exclude your child from the list we need your consent on the form below.

Please fill out the information below if applicable and have your son or daughter return this form to the guidance office by **October 1, 2022**. If we do not receive the form by that time **we will** release your son or daughter’s contact information to the recruiters of the United States Armed Forces and institutions of higher education upon their request.

I hereby request that my son/daughter _____, a junior/senior at Harpursville Sr. High School, be left off the contact information list that will be provided to the recruiters of the United States Armed Forces and institutions of higher education. I understand that I am exercising the right to opt my child out of this requirement.

Parent/Guardian

Signature



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Welcome!

New school-based clinician welcomed

Hello, Harpursville! My name is Fabienne Lescouflair and I am the new school-based clinician from Family & Children's Counseling Services. Although I am new to this school district, I do have a few years of experience working with youth/families in a rural school. I really enjoy helping people overcome any and every challenge they face, so I often take an empowering therapeutic approach when providing mental health services. Altogether, I am beyond grateful to be a part of the Harpursville Central School District and look forward to meeting everyone here.



Fabienne Lescouflair

See you in the fall!



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