

# New course has students 'flying high'

While many students older than 16 may be working to get their driver licenses, some students at Harpursville Central School District are working to earn their pilot licenses.

Benjamin Williams completed the elective drone course and subsequently passed the FAA Small Unmanned Aircraft Pilot Commercial License exam.

He is now qualified to operate a business with drones.

**Congratulations!** 



Drone pilot Ben Williams at the controls







### Dear residents,

This winter has packed a wallop. Did you see in the local news that the greater Binghamton area is leading all cities across New York for the most snow this season? That's a contest without a winner as far as I'm concerned! In all fairness, we couldn't be happier for our winter enthusiasts. But, as the saying goes, "All good things must come to an end." My enthusiasm for winter has to do with it going away and after all the snow, cold, school delays, and school closings, I am ready, and I am guessing many of you are too. As we move into the month of March, let's THINK SPRING!

As you know, the winter weather has had quite an impact on the number of snow days that we've had to use this year. Thankfully, officials at the state level have allowed schools to pilot the use of remote learning on days that would normally result in an emergency closure. This is truly helpful this year as we'll be able to implement remote learning days moving forward instead of having to use additional snow days and then "take back" vacation days. Maybe we'll get lucky and we won't have any more winter weather this year. But as we all know, history is not on our side and, so, we are ready to implement remote learning days on any given morning, as needed, instead of having to close school and impact the planned vacation days between now and the end of the school year. Please be reminded that announcements will continue to be made using our regular communication channels: the all-call system, email, our district app, the website and local media.

I do want to take a moment to thank everyone who voted on our recent bus proposition, which resulted in a positive outcome. It is critical that we maintain a top-notch fleet of buses for the various transportation needs of our students. On behalf of the board of education and myself, thank you for your continued support.

One of the highlights of the recent past is the fact that athletics was able to resume this past winter season. Our bowlers were able to enjoy a nice, long season and our basketball players were finally able to get on the court so they could enjoy the experience of being part of a team and some healthy competition with a few other schools. While the season was short, it was awesome to see our studentathletes giving their best effort and having the opportunity to take part in the activities they love and that are so much a part of the school experience for many. Furthermore, it was heartwarming to know that our senior athletes and their parents were able to have a senior game, getting the recognition that they all deserve. We are looking forward to the upcoming "fall 2" season, which will take place March 7 through April 25, followed by the spring season from April 26 until the end of the school year. As a reminder, visit our athletics webpage for the livestream links to many of our contests. We wish our Hornets athletes all the best with their seasons!



Michael Rullo, Superintendent

As always with this time of the school year, the board of education and I invite and encourage district residents to be a part of the budget development process. The strong fiscal condition of the district is the result of the collective efforts of all of us: residents, board members and school employees. Thus, it is imperative that we continue those efforts to ensure our schools continue to thrive. I encourage you to attend our budget development meetings so that we can hear from you and so that you remain well-informed about the budget. Please be reminded that we will post all budgetrelated documents at the following address on our website: http://www.hcs.stier.org/BudgetTaxInformation.aspx. As the budget process develops, the site will be populated with all things related to budget development, including our budget calendar, initial budget presentation, budget workshops, regular BOE meetings, budget hearing, and voting date. Rest assured, our number one priority remains our students as we navigate this annual process. As always, we are committed to developing a budget that supports the educational opportunities our students deserve, and one that our residents can stand behind.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or my administrative staff if you have any questions or concerns. Best wishes for your health and safety and thanks for all you do to support our schools.

Yours in education,

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Michael J. Rullo $^{\circ}$ 

**Go Hornets!** 



# **Rest**

# Three school board seats up for election in May

Three seats on the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education will be up for election on May 18, 2021. Those seats, currently occupied by Michelle Noyes, John Dattoria and Jessica Hartman, are five-year terms that will run July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026. Those interested in running for the board are urged to consider attending a free virtual (Zoom) public workshop for prospective board members at 7 p.m. March 18, 2021, offered through Broome-Tioga BOCES. For questions or to make reservations for the virtual public workshop, contact the board clerk at 693-8112.

# **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 <sup>st</sup> contact	2 <sup>nd</sup> contact	3 <sup>rd</sup> contact	4 <sup>th</sup> contact
Academics	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Building Principal	Superintendent
Athletics	Coach	Athletic Director	Jr/Sr Principal	Superintendent
Behavior	Teacher	Assistant Building Principal	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	Assistant Building Principal	Building Principal	Superintendent
Bus Behavior	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Asst. Principal/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	

# **District directory**

Attendance/Registration ............693-8108 Jill Andrews, Student Records

**W.A. Olmsted Elementary ...... 693-8115** Jim DiMaria, Principal Katie Ives, Admin. Assistant

Social worker ...... 693-8115 ext. 3313 MaryOlevia Clark-Byrnes/Social Worker

**Buildings & Grounds .....693-8121** David Johnson, Director of Facilities

Family & Children's ......693-8123 Molly Soljan, Counselor

**Community Schools Coordinator 422-1631** James Saunders



# Prospective Board Member Workshop

### 03/18/2021

7 p.m.

Via Zoom

Broome Tioga BOCES 435 Glenwood Road Binghamton, NY 13905

**INCLUDES** 

• Panel of current

School Board

Question-and-

Answer Period

Broome-Tioga

Members

### FREE PUBLIC WORKSHOP OFFERED COMPLIMENTS OF THE BROOME-TIOGA SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

RSVP to Michelle Savory Msavory@btboces.org

Please provide your preferred email address for the Zoom invite details

### TOPICS

- Challenges in dealing with special interest groups
- Expectations of colleaguesand administrators
- Legal responsibilities and election procedures

### Pre-registration recommended Contact your district office



### Guidance



# PSAT results coming soon

Scores for students who took the PSAT at school in January are expected to be released by mid-March. Students will be notified by the college board when their scores are available if they

# SAT exams planned

The SAT is one of two widely-recognized college entrance exams. We will be administering the SAT here at school on Tuesday, April 27. The test can be given only on this date and must be done in person. As with the PSAT last month, we will make arrangements for students who are normally remote on Tuesdays to get to school for the test, if necessary. While not all colleges require SAT or ACT

provided an email address at the time of testing. Otherwise, hard copies of score reports will be available in the guidance office. Students are encouraged to set up a free account at www.collegeboard. org and link their PSAT results to access free, customized SAT practice. The college board is an invaluable resource for college planning, so be sure to get your account set up now!

scores, the recommendation is for any college-bound student to take the SAT during the spring of their junior year.

If you are interested in having your junior take the SAT at school, please call or email Mrs. Slesinsky with your child's name so a test book can be ordered. The cost for the test is \$52, although students who meet the criteria set by the college board can be given a fee waiver. Checks should be made payable to "Harpursville Central School" and dropped off or mailed to the guidance office. The deadline for ordering tests and submitting payment or requesting a fee waiver is April 1.

Contact Mrs. Slesinsky with any SAT related questions: kslesinsky@hcs.stier.org 607-693-8106

# Not all liquids are the same

### By Barb Fenescey, science teacher

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade Physical Science class we have been studying density. Well, we all know that some things float in water and some things sink. But...what about liquids?

Students predicted which liquids would be more dense than water, which is the science standard density of 1 g/mL, and which liquids would be less dense than water. They then built "liquid density towers."

Try building a density tower at home! We had fun investigating the density of liquids and you will, too.



Pictured: Density towers created by student Marissa Loveless

# College acceptances recognized

Congratulations to **Taylor Rutherford,** who was accepted at the University of New England, Paul Smith's College, Colorado State University and Unity College. Taylor is planning to pursue a career in wildlife biology.

Congratulations to **Shyanne Stilson**,

who was accepted into the nursing program at SUNY Brockport, Russell Sage College, Elmira College and St. John Fisher College.



# Students turn teacher's odds & ends into recycled art

Art teacher Ann McDonald is known for keeping everything, a habit that enabled her 3D Studio Art students to exercise their creativity and skills to create a truly interesting assortment of "Recycled Robots."





Hannah Livermore



Mackinze Meisner



Cody Randall

# Creating and constructing 3D letters is 'big' challenge for 7th grade art students -

Aubree Eberly-Robinson



Vanessa Card



Lucas McKnight



Adriana Hartman



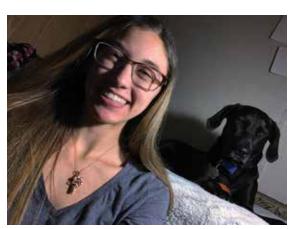


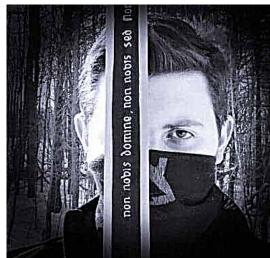


Iyanna Backus

### Art news

# Photography students explore light and shadows to make dynamic self-portraits







Courtney Waterman

Sara Brown



Jenna Pierce



**Connor James** 

Owen Ellsworth



Aubree Eberly-Robinson



Sophia Wright



**Brianna Hopkins** 



Amber Tyler



Davin Warren



Presley Locke







As 2021 continues under the protocols of health and safety precautions, it is important to look at the accomplishments we have attained through the hard work of our students and staff.

Our classrooms have adjusted to a flexible learning model, where both remote and in-person students are actively engaged and are participating in learning activities. Classroom teachers, the school nurse, support staff, secretaries, counselors, and all other staff played an important role in the success of this school year.

W.A. Olmsted Elementary School has organized a parent focus group that participated in our first meeting in early February. We discussed the need for a parent/guardian survey so we can gain a deeper understanding of the needs of our school community and more effectively communicate with families. This survey will be available in a digital format soon, so please be on the lookout. If you are interested in joining this focus group, please contact the elementary school office.

Our school community is proud of the work that we have done this school year, and we will continue to work hard to ensure that all of our students continue to make strong academic progress.

In closing, I thank all of you for your ongoing support of our children and our school.

Jim DiMaria

Principal W.A. Olmsted Elementary School



Jim DiMaria, Elementary Principal

# Honor Roll Second Quarter 1/29/2021

Grade 7

Elijah Fellows Trenton A. Franklyn Emily Gillette Donald R. Hoover Emily M. Kane Hope M. Kolb

**Grade 8** Jonathan Prentice Vincent Risoli-Clark Jeanette Steele **Grade 9** Darren J. Florance Logan James

**Grade 10** Joseph Florance Mikel Hill Amber Kachmar Kaylynn Marade Jaylyn Merrill Morgan Rutherford Hanna F. Whitman Jayden Yereb

### **Grade 11** Austin Baker Madison Kelly Jesse LaDue Mackinze Meisner Nelson L. Merrill Jacob Risoli-Clark Dominic Schwartz



### Grade 12

Sara Boyer Tyler Doud Aidan Ellsworth Wyatt Ellsworth Kevin Killmeier JR Jamie McWherter JR Kyler Meisner Amber O'Connor Shyanne Stilson Payton Villecco Sasha Whitney

# Principal's List Second Quarter 1/29/2021

**Grade 7** Abbygayl Baburchak Iyanna T. Backus Cyrick Q. Brown Vanessa Card Jayden Deleon Adriana Hartman Brianna M. Hopkins Presley Locke Gabrielle Pawela Jessalyn Powell Aiden Quick Charlotte Quick Xander Quick

### Grade 7

Myrakle Ray Amber Tyler Davin Warren Leigha Wolbert Nathaniel Wright

**Grade 8** Abigail L. Afify Jaelin C.M. Brown Lloyd Byers Jr. Abigail Fargo Karlee Gross Elizabeth Ives **Grade 8** Emma McWherter Jonathan R Prince Ephram Rowe Molly Stack

**Grade 9** Aliyah Campbell Aubree Eberly-Robinson Addison J. Lawrence Casey Lusk Brendan Pike

### Grade 9 Liam Quick

Brayden Sakowsky Matthew C. Sanchez Jacob Wolbert

### Grade 10

Trena Byers Sadielyn Combs Madison Fleming Sophia E. Konidis Keira L. Licata Alana Nannery Gabrielle L Riewerts Allena Rowe

# Jr. Sr. High School Student of the Month December 2020



Name	Subject
lyanna Backus	Health 7
Jenna Pierce	Sr. High PE
Abigail Afify	Jr. High PE
Abbygayl Baburchak	ELA 7
Jayden Deleon	ELA 7-Reading & Writing
Alexander Hoyt	English 12
Hanna Whitman	Geometry
Makenna Lowe	CL Statistics
Danielle Grausgruber	CL Calculus I
Joshua Powell	ELA 11 Honors
Ryan Akulis	ELA 11
Presley Locke	
Madison Fleming	
	Management
Tyler Backus	
Hanna Whitman	
Jaime Prince	
Angelina McKrell	
Jonathan Prince	
Oliver Rutherford	
Jenna Pierce	
Myrakle Ray	
Jonathan Prince	
Logan James	-
Leigha Wolbert	
Robert Boyer	
Mikel Hill	
Sadie Backus	
Imani Harris	
•	Foundations of Geometry
Gabrielle Pawela	
Kayla Krise	
Casey Lusk	
Myrakle Ray	
Abigail Afify	
Savannah Snow	Creative Crafts

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Name	Subject
Bethany Garrow	.2D Studio
Mackinze Meisner	.3D Studio
James Craig	.Construction Systems
Zachary Adams	.DDP
Gracie Bagg	.Technology 7
Jonathan Prince	.Technology 8
Austin Baker	.World of Technology
Jacob Wolbert	.Global Studies
Majesti Brown	.Participation in Gov't
Payton Villecco	.Colesville History
Justin Fargo	.CL US History
Adriana Hartman	Social Studies 7
Dominic Schwartz	.US History & Gov't
Abigail Lyon	.Chemistry
Lloyd Byers	.Science 8
Victoria Whidden	.College Biology
Kaylynn Marade	.HS Health
Zachary Pike	.Sr. High PE
Donald Hoover	.Jr. High PE
Vincent Risoli-Clark	.Home & Careers 8
Donald Hoover	.Home & Careers 7
Angel Austin	.Career Exploration
Emma Marvin	.Human Dev/Parenting
Gabrielle Pawela	.Health 7
Shaelynn Beard	.Food, Nutrition & Wellness
Gabrielle Riewerts	.Earth Science
Hannah Livermore	.ELA 9
Nicholas Rooker	.ELA 9
Courtney Waterman	Academic Writing II
Colton Sakowsky	Academic Writing II
Sadielyn Combs	.English 10
Hannah Livermore	. Algebra I
Vincent Risoli-Clark	.Math 8
Xander Quick	.Math Honors 7
Blaze Zylko	.Math 7/8
Lily Barriger	.ELA 8



# **Sports fans take notice**

Harpursville Hornets basketball is back for the winter 2021 season!

Home basketball games for the Hornets can be viewed by clicking the link posted on the district website: **www.hcs.stier.org**.



Dear Harpursville families:

Almost a year has passed since we started facing the fears and frustrations related to Covid-19, and I can't help but do some reflecting.

Our students, teachers and families have been challenged in so many ways. Figuring out how to 'do school' was no exception. These challenges required our staff to quickly learn ways that technology could help them work with kids. Our students and families had to figure out how to learn from home. None of this was easy. We had never relied on technology for 100% of our instruction before. Teachers started learning immediately about apps and platforms that would support the kind of learning students needed to do at each grade level and for each course. Families were patient and supportive as we tried lots of different ways to work with technology. We quickly found out that many of our students needed i-Pads or Chromebooks to connect with the school and to do their work. We started to hand out devices when our families came to school to pick up food or to get other kinds of school supplies. When families couldn't come themselves, neighbors, school staff and community members dropped off food and devices. Zoom became a household word for all of us. It's the way we were able to see our students (and families) each day and for kids to continue to learn.

As we moved into summer, our summer program had to be offered completely online. Again, we had to start from scratch and think about how we could offer kids and families time away from computer screens to do some hands-on activities for a bit. Our teachers designed ways for students to participate in science experiments from home, build kites, to sing and listen to stories, to be part of their own 'virtual' classrooms where they could explore new activities each day. Some of our varsity volleyball and softball players taught online clinics for our young students using video and Zoom. Technology enabled students to learn so many cool things even though students couldn't physically come to school. Throughout the summer, our Community Schools Coordinator, administrators, bus drivers, food service workers, custodians, staff, teachers, friends, neighbors and community members continued to work together to help one another in all kinds of ways.

Moving into fall, we were able to plan for some students coming back in person, but not everyone at once. In order to make sure every environment our students encountered was safe we had to plan for a hybrid model of instruction. We also wanted to honor the feelings of our families by giving them choices so they could make the best decisions for themselves. Hybrid and remote instruction provided some new challenges, for sure. At this point the partnership between our families and our school staff was strong. Our families were working so hard to figure out day care, home and school schedules, and the use of



Pam Horton, Director of Instruction

technology while our school staff was working hard on ways to support the necessary learning for our students, schedules that would work for families, and ways to support the use of technology for families.

Now, mid-way through the year, we have been able to support more students physically attending school more often. Our teachers continue to learn more about how to incorporate technology that enables students to be more engaged whether they are at home or at school. Our support staff attends Zoom meetings with students to support their learning every day. Our bus drivers and food service workers keep preparing and delivering food to our families. Our families continue to make sudden changes due to quarantines and remote learning directives and handle Zoom and device issues. Partnerships continue to form and grow to support the needs of our kids.

We have faced so much this year, but we've learned so much, too. We could not be more grateful to be part of such an amazing community that continues to support each other in every way possible. Our school staff spends endless hours doing the work that supports our students and families. They demonstrate every day their commitment to our students. As we move toward the last half of this school year and see some aspects of 'normalcy' sneak back into our lives, I can't help but notice how much more I appreciate simple things like watching kids play basketball (even if it is on YouTube). I hope each of you are able to find some of these same simple things for yourselves.

Thank you for all you do,

Pam Horton Director of Instruction



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27	<i>Cereal/Juice</i> PB&J Meal Carrots Assorted Fruit	<b>26</b> Oatmeal/Fruit Wild Mike's Pizza Broccoli Fresh Fruit	25 ZeeZee Bar/Juice Pasta w/meat sauce Garlic Breadstick Green Beans NY Apple	24 Muffin top/Juice Taco's w/lettuce, cheese & salsa Taco Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Pears	23 Cereal/Fruit Marinated Chicken on a roll Veggie Cruncher Cup Chilled Peaches	<b>22</b> <i>Mini Pancakes/Fruit</i> Tangerine Chicken Brown Rice Steamed Broccoli NY Apple	<b>21</b> Oatmeal/Fruit NY Yogurt Meal Broccoli NY Grape Juice
20	<i>Cereal/Juice</i> PB&J Meal Carrots Assorted Fruit	<b>19</b> Oatmeal/Fruit Pizza Carrots Fresh Fruit	<b>18</b> <i>Mini Cinni/Fruit</i> Cheese Lasagna Garlic Breadstick Steamed Broccoli Orange	<b>17</b> <i>Muffin top/Juice</i> Grilled Cheese Sandwich Tomato Soup Cucumbers Chilled Fruit	<b>16</b> <i>Cereal/Fruit</i> Chicken Patty on a roll NY Fries Banana	<b>15</b> ZeeZee Bar/Juice Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes NY Apple	<b>14</b> Oatmeal/Fruit NY Yogurt Meal Broccoli NY Grape Juice
13	<i>Cereal/Juice</i> PB&J Meal Carrots Assorted Fruit	<b>12</b> Oatmeal/Fruit Pizza Crunchers Broccoli Fruit	<b>11</b> <i>Fr. Toast Sticks/Juice</i> BBQ Turkey on a roll NY Rainbow Cabbage Salad NY Apple	<b>10</b> <i>Muffin Top/Juice</i> Chicken Mac & Cheese Garlic Breadstick Broccoli Chilled Fruit	<b>9</b> Cereal/Fruit Taco Salad w/lettuce, tomato, salsa & cheese Taco Seasoned Rice Applesauce	8 Mini Pancakes/Juice Cheeseburger on a roll w/lettuce & tomato Sweet Potato Fries NY Apple	<b>7</b> Oatmeal/Fruit NY Yogurt Meal Broccoli NY Grape Juice
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### Harpursville Central School District P.O. Box 147 Harpursville, NY 13787

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# Board of education meeting schedule set for remainder of 2020-2021 school year

March 10, 6 p.m.

April 19, 6 p.m.

- elementary gym

May 18, 1:30-8 p.m. School budget and Board member election May 5, 6 p.m. Budget hearing

June 16, 6 p.m.

All meetings are held in the Jr. Sr. High School Library, room 203, 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 district website in advance of ALL meetings for any changes to in-person meetings. The governor has been extending the open meetings provision on a month-to-month basis, so this is the best information available as this newsletter is being printed. Thank you!

# Thank you, Harpursville Central

# School District residents

The February 16 transportation referendum was approved by district voters 50 to 13. The referendum authorized the purchase of school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$335,000, including incidental equipment and expenses. Ninety percent of the cost will be covered through state aid.