



## 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 <sup>st</sup> contact	2 <sup>nd</sup> contact	3 <sup>rd</sup> contact	4 <sup>th</sup> contact	5 <sup>th</sup> contact
<b>Academics</b>	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Athletics</b>	Coach	Athletic Director	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Behavior</b>	Teacher	Guidance Counselor	Principal	Superintendent	
<b>BOE Policies</b>	District Clerk	Superintendent	Board of Education		
<b>Budget</b>	Business Admin	Superintendent			
<b>Building Use</b>	Admin Assistant	Principal	Superintendent		
<b>Cafeteria</b>	Director of Food Services	Business Admin	Superintendent		
<b>Classroom Procedures</b>	Teacher	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Bus Behavior</b>	Bus Driver	Head Bus Driver	Principal	Superintendent	
<b>Co-Curricular</b>	Advisor	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Facilities</b>	Director of Facilities	Business Admin	Superintendent		
<b>Health Office</b>	Nurse	Principal	Superintendent		
<b>Scheduling</b>	Guidance Office	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent	
<b>Special Education</b>	Teacher	CSE/CPSE Chairperson	Principal	Assistant Superintendent	Superintendent
<b>Transportation</b>	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.

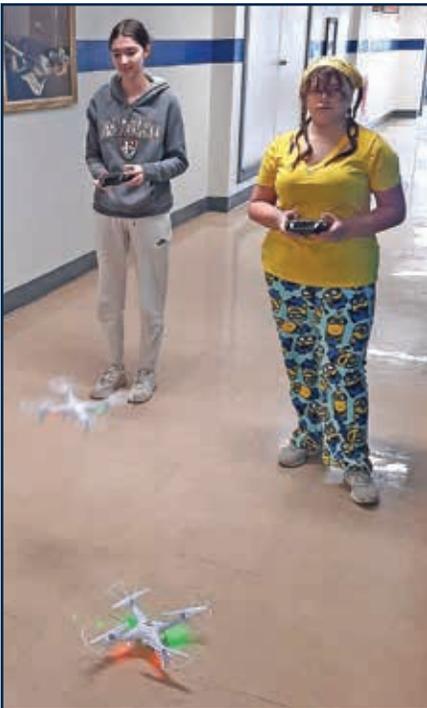


## HARPURSVILLE *Cares*

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

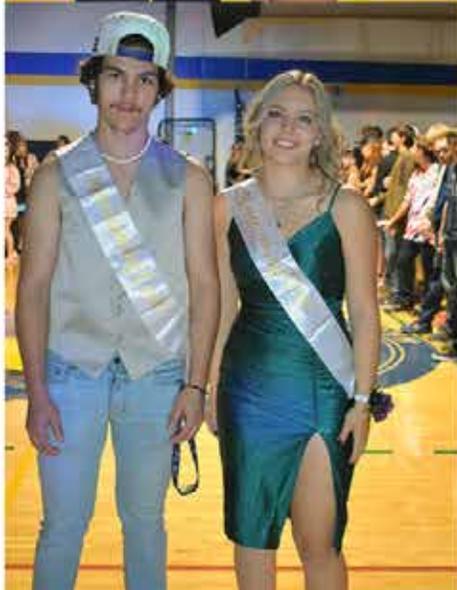


**(Pictured L-R)** Aden Mika and Paul Wiang-In who is our other Top Gun after a hard-fought race through the obstacle course



# 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:

Elliana 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:

Elenna 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

**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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

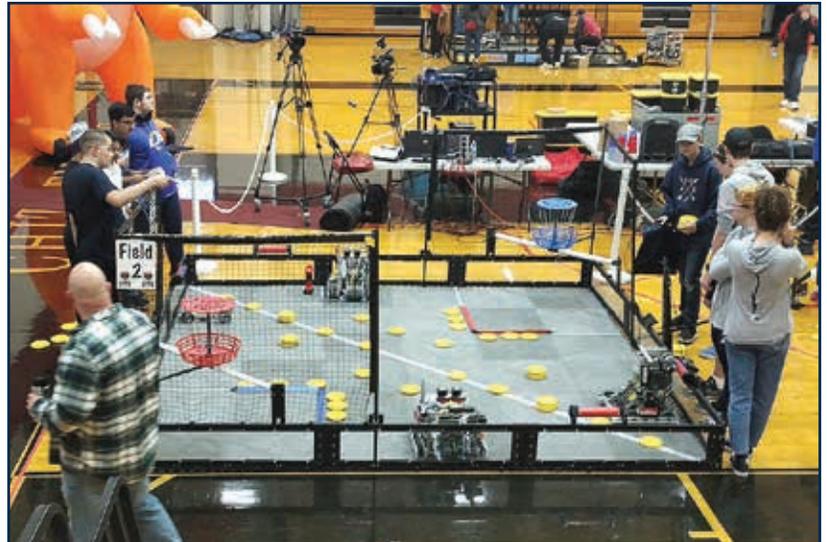
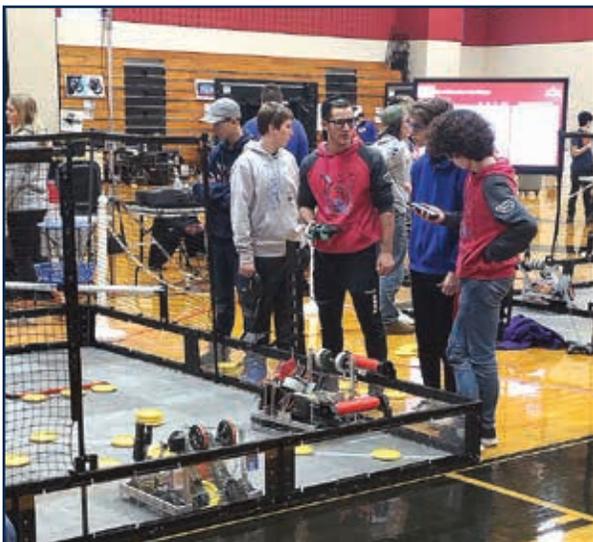
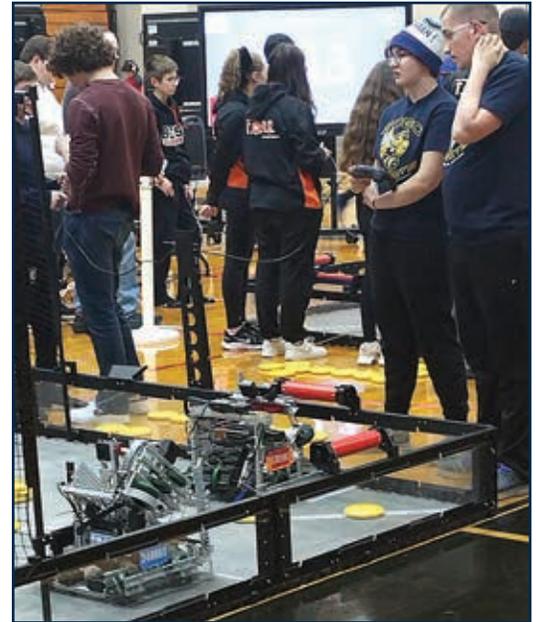
This year's new game is similar to a modified Frisbee golf game. The robots they are building and programming have to pick up a round disk and shoot it into a basket, turn a pipe to the team's color, and expand the robot. The teams

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
	<b>INDOOR PICNIC</b>  <b>THURSDAY</b>  <b>FEB. 9</b>	<b>1</b>  <i>Breakfast Pizza/Juice</i> French Bread Pizza Veggie Cup w/dip Banana Chef Salad	<b>2</b>  <i>French Toast Sticks/Fruit</i>  <b>NY Thursday</b> NY Chicken Gravy w/biscuit Mashed Potatoes NY Maple Sweet Carrots NY Juice NY Apple	<b>3</b>  <i>Breakfast Breaks/Juice</i> WAO Hornet Muffin HS  Wild Mike's Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit
<b>6</b>  <i>Mini Cinni Juice</i>  Popcorn Chicken w/roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple	<b>7</b>  <i>Breakfast Bread Sl. Fruit</i>  Meatball Sub Fries Veggie Cup w/dip Juice Peaches Tangerine Chicken Rice Broccoli <b>HS</b>	<b>8</b>  <i>Cereal Juice WAO</i> <i>Breakfast Pizza HS</i>  <b>Brunch At Lunch</b> French Toast Sticks/ Sausage Potato Tots/ Orange Popcorn Chicken Salad	<b>9</b>  <i>Pancake on a Stick Fruit</i>  <b>NY Thursday Indoor Picnic</b> NY Hot Dog on a roll NY Chips NY Green Beans NY ABC Salad NY Juice Pudding Dirt Cup	<b>10</b>  <i>Breakfast Breaks Juice WAO</i> <i>Hornet Muffin HS</i>  Nardone Pizza Wedge Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit
<b>13</b>  <i>Mini Pancakes Juice</i>  Cheeseburger on a roll Sw. Potato Fries Green Beans NY Apple	<b>14</b>  <i>Cereal Fruit</i> <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b> Taco Salad w/toppings/ Seasoned Rice Corn Mixed Fruit Juice	<b>15</b>  <i>Breakfast Pizza Juice</i>  Lupo's Spiedie Sub Or Chicken Sausage HS Roasted Potatoes/Veggie Cup w/dip/Banana Chicken Spiedie Salad	<b>16</b>  <i>French Toast Sticks Fruit</i>  Wild Mike's Mozzarella Bites w/side of pasta Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit NY Juice	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>21</b>  <i>Fruitel Fruit</i>  Chicken Nuggets w/roll Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots NY Apple	<b>22</b>  <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	<b>23</b>  <i>Snack'n Waffle Fruit</i>  Cheese Lasagna w/NY meat sauce Garlic Breadstick Broccoli Peaches NY Juice	<b>24</b>  <i>Breakfast Breaks Juice WAO</i> <i>Hornet Muffin HS</i>  Homemade Pizza Garden Salad w/chickpeas Fruit (Fish Sandwich option)
<b>27</b>  <i>Mini Pancakes Juice</i>  Chicken Patty on a roll Sw. Potato Fries/ Mixed Vegetables NY Apple	<b>28</b>  <i>Cinnamon Bun Fruit</i>  Soft Taco's w/toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Pears Juice	<b>ALL STUDENTS EAT FREE BREAKFAST &amp; LUNCH</b>	<b>Weekly Sandwiches:</b> 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.