



HARPURSVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

# HORNETS NEWS

NOVEMBER 2024

# Letter From the Superintendent

Harpursville School Community,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to extend my warmest wishes to you and your families for a joyful holiday! You may have noticed that Phase 1 of our capital project is well underway. With the sitework progressing, we're hopeful that if the weather cooperates this fall and into early spring, the new softball field will be ready for our team. It's going to be an incredible space, and I can't wait for our players to experience it. Additionally, Phase 1 includes the foundation work on a state-of-the-art transportation facility that will benefit both our school and the broader community for years to come.

I'd like to thank everyone for your continued patience and flexibility, especially with the recent changes to our traffic patterns during pickup and drop-off. Though we carefully planned for the new pattern, it's truly been everyone's cooperation that has allowed things to run so smoothly. Your teamwork and positive spirit are what make our community so special.

This time of year is both exciting and busy as we move from one holiday celebration to the next. Rest assured, we'll continue to work hard here at school throughout December, while also taking time to appreciate the season. On behalf of myself and the Board of Education, I want to wish you a warm, peaceful, and festive holiday season.

With winter just around the corner, it's likely we'll face some wintry weather soon. To keep everyone informed about delays, cancellations, and other time-sensitive updates, we'll continue using the following communication methods: our all-call system, email, the district website, our district app, and local TV stations like WBNG. I'm consistently amazed by the incredible work of our students and staff, and I deeply appreciate the unwavering support from our families. Your positivity and commitment to our schools make a meaningful difference, inspiring us all to give our very best, whether in academics, extracurricular activities, or athletics.

Once again, I wish you a wonderful holiday season filled with health, happiness, and special moments with loved ones.

Happy Thanksgiving! It is a true privilege to serve this remarkable community.



Heath Georgia, Superintendent of Schools



Mr. Heath Georgia,  
Superintendent

# District Communication

## District Communication Guidelines

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

| For Questions About:        | 1st Contact               | 2nd Contact          | 3rd Contact              | 4th Contact              | 5th 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>        | Adviser                   | 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           |                          |                |

## District Directory

**Superintendent .....607-693-8112**  
**Assistant Superintendent.....607-693-5713**  
**Business Office.....607-693-8120**  
     • **Business Official.....607-693-8120**  
     • **Personnel Clerk.....607-693-8124**  
**Special Education.....607-693-8104**  
**W.A.O. Elementary.....607-693-8115**  
**Jr/ Sr High School.....607-693-8105**  
**Guidance Office.....607-693-5734**

### Health Offices

- **Elementary .....607-693- 8119**
- **Jr/ Sr High School.....607-693-8118**

**Athletics.....607-693-8133**

**Food Services.....607-693-8126**

**Transportation.....607-693-8100**

**Facilities.....607-765-4145**

**Family & Children's.....607-693-8123**



# New Faculty & Staff

## Allena Rowe | Jr/Sr High School Guidance Counselor Secretary



Harpursville Jr/Sr High School would like to welcome back Allena Rowe! Rowe is thrilled to be joining the high school office as a guidance secretary. She graduated from HCS in 2023 and resides in Harpursville. Outside of work, she stays busy with her hobbies of writing, theater, and art. She is excited for the new types of challenges she will face in this role, as well as what this year will bring.

## Flags For Veterans

Harpursville Jr. and Sr. High School students have been working closely with the American Legion to honor local veterans by ensuring a flag is placed on their tombstone each Memorial Day. Through their dedication, they help preserve the memory and service of those who have sacrificed for the country, creating a meaningful tradition that strengthens ties between the school and the community.



# News In The Schools

## Harpursville CSD Capital Project Underway

We are excited to announce our Capital Project, which focuses on enhancing key facilities for the school community.

This project includes the construction of a new state-of-the-art transportation facility, providing improved support for the district's transportation needs, new softball fields and dugouts as well as upgrades to bathroom facilities.

These improvements reflect the district's commitment to creating a better, more efficient environment for everyone.

### Milestone Schedule

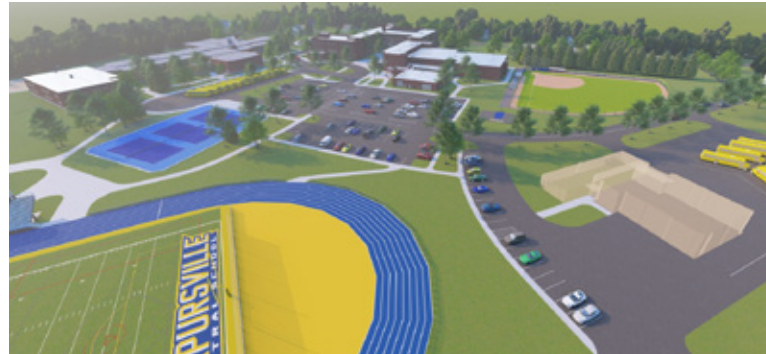
| Item                               | Description of Work                       | Start            | Finish          |
|------------------------------------|---|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Transportation Facility</b>     |   |                  |                 |
| 1.                                 | Sitework                                  | October 7, 2024  | August 29, 2025 |
| 2.                                 | Transportation Facility Building          | November 1, 2024 | August 29, 2025 |
| <b>Middle School / High School</b> |   |                  |                 |
| 1.                                 | Softball field and associated sitework    | October 7, 2024  | April 7, 2025   |
| 2.                                 | Softball Dugouts                          | November 1, 2024 | April 7, 2025   |
| 3.                                 | Sitework                                  | October 7, 2024  | August 29, 2025 |
| 4.                                 | Doors and Hardware, Security and Controls | June 23, 2025    | August 29, 2025 |
| 5.                                 | Bathroom reconfigurations and renovations | June 23, 2025    | August 29, 2025 |
| <b>Olmstead Elementary School</b>  |   |                  |                 |
| 1.                                 | Sitework                                  | June 23, 2025    | August 29, 2025 |
| 2.                                 | Doors and Hardware, Security and Controls | June 23, 2025    | August 29, 2025 |
| <b>Bus Garage Demolition</b>       |   |                  |                 |
| 1.                                 | Demolition of Existing Bus Garage         | July 7, 2025     | July 25, 2025   |



*From WAO Main Entrance, facing Jr/Sr High.*



*Main Street Facing the North Entrance.*



*New Bus Garage facing rear WAO and Jr/Sr High.*





2024

# NOVEMBER

HARPURSVILLE SCHOOLS

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

All Meals Are Free for Students

**Elementary offers snacks on Wednesday & Friday Chips \$.75 & Ice cream \$1.25 No charging allowed**
**Daily Alternate Choices:** Turkey & Cheese Sandwich / Ham & Cheese Sandwich / PB&J w/cheese stick & Cheez-its / Yogurt w/cheese stick & homemade granola  
 Weekly Wednesday Salads in the WAO, HS/MS is offered daily

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Mini Cinni/Juice

 Popcorn Chicken w/roll  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Glazed Carrots  
 NY Apple / Juice / Milk

11



18

 Mini Bagels/Juice WAO  
 Chicken Croissant HS

 Chicken Nuggets w/a roll  
 Mashed Potatoes  
 Glazed Carrots / NY Apple  
 Juice / Milk

25

Mini Pancakes/Juice

 Chicken Patty on a roll WAO  
 Boom Boom Chicken on a roll HS  
 Fries / Mixed Vegetables  
 NY Apple / Juice / Milk

12

Frudel/Fruit

 Cheeseburger on a roll  
 Sw. Potato Fries / Green Beans  
 NY Apple / Juice / Milk

19

Breakfast Bread/Fruit

 NY Meatball Sub  
 Garden Salad w/chickpeas  
 Baby Carrots  
 Chilled Fruit / Juice / Milk

26

Cinnamon Roll/Fruit

 Nardone's Cheese or Pepperoni  
 Wedge Pizza  
 Garden Salad w/chickpeas  
 Asst. Fresh Fruit/ Juice/ Milk

6

 Breakfast Bread/Fruit WAO  
 HS Smoothie/Muffin Top

 Chicken Mac & Cheese  
 Garlic Breadstick/ Steamed Broccoli  
 Asst. Fruit / Juice / Milk

13

Frudel/Fruit

 Cheeseburger on a roll  
 Sw. Potato Fries / Green Beans  
 NY Apple / Juice / Milk

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 Wedge Pizza  
 Garden Salad w/chickpeas  
 Asst. Fresh Fruit/ Juice/ Milk

7

 Cereal/Juice WAO  
 Breakfast Pizza HS

 Fr. Toast Sticks / Sausage  
 Potato Tots / Veggie Cup  
 Orange / Juice / Milk  
 (Chef Salad)

14

 French Toast Sticks/Fruit  
 NY Thursday  
 NY Chili Cheese Tots  
 Corn Muffin / NY Green Peas  
 NY Apple / NY Juice / Milk

21

 Snack'n Waffle/Fruit  
 Thanksgiving Lunch  
 Turkey & Gravy  
 Mashed Potatoes / Corn  
 Cranberry Sauce / Blueberry Bar  
 NY Apple / Juice / Milk

28

 Thanksgiving  
 HAPPY

8

 Breakfast Breaks WAO  
 Hornet Muffin/Juice HS

 St. Crust Pizza  
 Garden Salad w/chickpeas  
 Asst. Fresh Fruit/ Juice/ Milk

15

 Hornet Muffin/Juice  
 Homemade Pizza  
 Garden Salad w/chickpeas  
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 Hornet Muffin/Juice HS

 French Bread Pizza  
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This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menu is subject to change. A variety of milk is offered each day.

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# News In The Schools

Field Hockey

**ATHLETE  
OF THE MONTH**

.....  
**VANESSA  
CARD**



Varsity Football

**ATHLETE  
OF THE MONTH**

.....  
**DANIEL  
CLAPPER**







# PEP RALLY







**& HOMECOMING**



# W.A. Olmsted Elementary

## 6th Graders Take on Syracuse University & Visions FCU's 'Reading Challenge'

Our sixth graders have a new incentive to read, read, read! Thanks to our friends at Syracuse University Athletics and Visions Federal Credit Union, those who choose to participate in reading weekly will receive a ticket to the SU vs. UConn game at the Dome, as well as a chance to walk on the field! (Transportation provided for students only). Parents of the participating students will receive a discounted ticket and will be encouraged to join!



## Fall Artwork

W.A. Olmsted is celebrating the Fall season through the creativity and talent of its students. This month's artwork display showcases a collection of pieces that capture the essence of the season. Students across all grade levels have explored various mediums—watercolors, acrylics, pastels to bring their visions of fall to life!





# Jr/ Sr High School

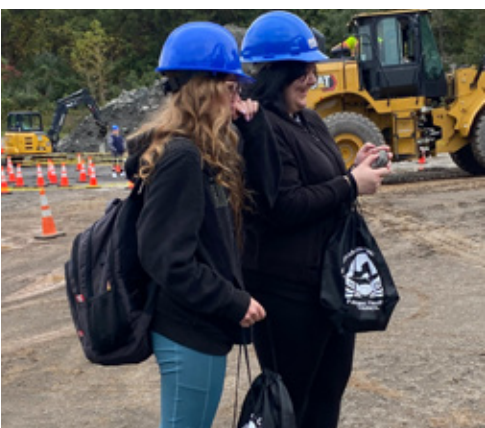
## French Club Visits SUNY Cortland

The French Club visited the campus of SUNY Cortland, where they toured iconic spots such as Old Main, the Miller Building, Lusk Field House, and the Student Life Center, before enjoying lunch at The Bistro. The welcoming and knowledgeable students at Cortland provided valuable insights to our HCS group. Several Hornet alumni also met with our students to offer additional perspectives on the university's strengths. The visit wrapped up with a self-guided tour of the sports fields, basketball courts, and hockey rinks.



## Construction Career Day

Harpursville students were able to attend the annual Construction-Technology Career Day, held at the county highway department facility, thanks to a plethora of sponsors! Hundreds of local high school students got to operate heavy equipment, try their hands at several trades skills, and discuss career opportunities with school, company, and union representatives.

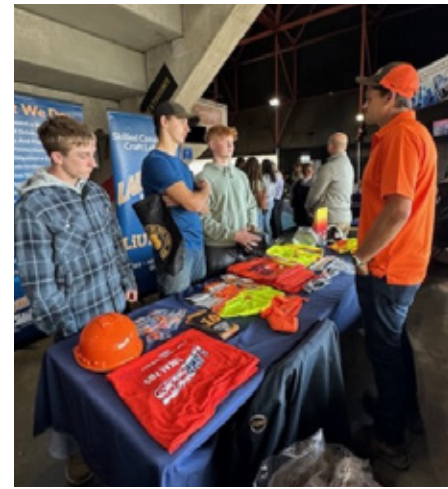




# Jr/ Sr High School

## Hornets Take on College and Career Fair

Students had the unique opportunity to meet with representatives from over 100 institutions, including colleges, trade unions, businesses, military branches, and other organizations, to explore a diverse array of post-secondary pathways. This event provided invaluable guidance for students as they considered their options for life beyond high school.



## Turning Pages into Art: Books Reimagined as Sculpture

This year's Sculpture class began with a unique and challenging material: the discarded book. Students were tasked with transforming these everyday items into dynamic works of art, limited only by the scope of their imaginations. To guide their creative process, students first studied contemporary book artists and explored a variety of altered book-making techniques. Each artist approached the project differently. Some carefully selected books that suited their design vision, while others allowed the content and form of the book itself to inspire their creations. Throughout the project, students were encouraged to experiment with multiple solutions, reconsider traditional sources of art materials, and flex their creative muscles. This introductory project set the stage for an exciting year of artistic exploration. Stay tuned for more impressive 3D works from this year's talented sculptors!





# Jr/ Sr High School

## Honoring Through Art: A Creative Tribute with Memorial Projects

The Studio Art class commenced the school year with a thought-provoking project centered around the theme of remembrance and the question, "How can art help us process?" This journey began with a study of the National September 11 Memorial and Museum, complemented by a live broadcast from the memorial park on September 11, 2024. Students examined the "Lady Liberty" sculpture and the many mementos that were placed on this replica of the Statue of Liberty, which stood as a sentinel outside a firehouse on Eighth Avenue and West 48th Street in Manhattan following the tragic events of 2001. The class engaged in discussions about other memorials they have encountered in their communities and explored memorial artworks throughout history. The project culminated in the creation of individual memorial artworks, each designed by the studio artists to honor a special person, pet, or place that is no longer a part of their daily lives. These heartfelt creations, along with many others, are currently on display in the triple door vestibule area of the high school.

We invite the community to visit and reflect on these meaningful expressions of remembrance.



## 'Door to Door' Takes Stage at the High School

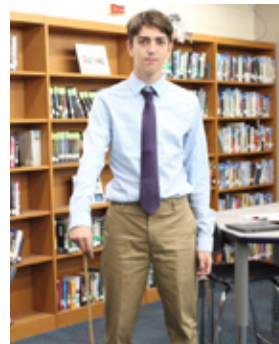
We are excited to kick off this year's season with a thrilling production that is sure to captivate audiences. This fall, IMAG proudly presents "Door to Door," a compelling melodrama by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus, scheduled for Nov. 15 and 16 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:15 p.m. Get ready for an unforgettable evening of theater!



# Homecoming Weekend

## Spirit Week!

The week leading up to Homecoming was packed with exciting activities across the schools. Each day featured a unique theme, and the students and staff did not disappoint with their creativity! Monday – Dynamic Duos, Tuesday – Movie Character Day, Wednesday – Wacky Switch Day, Thursday – Oscars Day, and Friday – School Spirit Day.



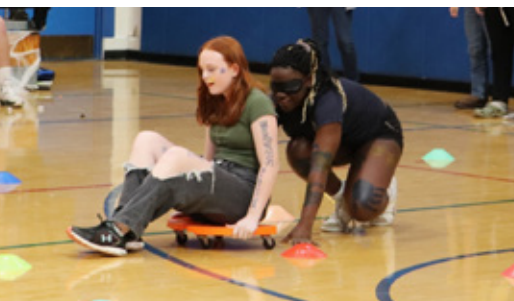
## WAO Pep Rally

The WAO Hive was 'buzzing' with excitement as the students' brought tons of energy to their pep rally, enthusiastically participating in games and fully embracing school spirit!



## Jr/Sr High School Pep Rally

The Harpursville Jr/Sr High Homecoming Pep Rally was an absolute blast! Students and staff came together to celebrate with tons of school spirit, exciting games, and high-energy performances, creating an unforgettable atmosphere of fun and unity. Go Hornets!





# Homecoming Weekend

## Parade Day

A heartfelt thank you to the entire Harpursville community for your incredible support and efforts in making this year's Homecoming parade a success. From the creative floats to the enthusiastic cheers, your participation truly made the day special. We appreciate everyone who helped bring the spirit of The Hornets to life!



## The Big Game

What an amazing Homecoming weekend in Harpursville! Saturday's game was made even more special by the beautiful weather, as fans gathered to cheer on the Hornets. A huge thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate and show their support! Congratulations to Middle and High School Dances where we crowned our Homecoming King, Queen, Duke, and Duchess. Congratulations to our King- Max Allen, Queen-Lily Barriger, Duke-Jaxon Yereb, and Duchess-Kelsey Brewster.







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## Notable Dates

Cherrydale Fundraising: Senior Class – November 1st – November 28th

Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.) – November 8th

Veteran's Day, NO School – November 11th

Parent/Teacher Conferences, Early Dismissal (11:30 a.m.) – November 25 and 26th

Thanksgiving Break, NO School – November 27 – 29th

Flower Power: French Club – January 16th – January 30th

