



HARTFORD

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Message from the Superintendent

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Hartford Central School, a community of educators, students, parents, and friends, dedicates itself to developing citizens who are productive and compassionate, and who, through their creativity and responsibility, will be assets to the greater community.

The 2018-2019 school year is rapidly moving along and while it is hard to believe, the first trimester has been completed in the Elementary School and our Middle/High School classes are starting preparations for mid-term exams.

At this year’s first Superintendent’s Conference Day, the entire faculty and staff came together to participate in our “Opening Ceremonies” and that morning I discussed elements of successful teams and how the faculty and staff of the Hartford Central School District can be a successful team. My theme for the day was “One Team: One Pursuit,” and I discussed how successful and productive teams work together to achieve a shared goal and move forward by having common targets and collaborating to attain an established outcome. Using the famous quote by Martin Luther King Jr., “We may have all come on different ships, but we’re in the same boat now,” I challenged the faculty and staff to be organizationally aligned, to utilize our unique individual skills sets, trainings, and experiences for the greater good so that we can become a more unified team working toward a single purpose. For our students to truly succeed, we must be a team who is all working toward a common pursuit in which we provide the best educational experience possible for our students.



As you will notice in this newsletter, there is a lot of positive activity occurring in the district. We are continuing to explore ways in which we can improve the educational experience for all students by introducing new technologies, establishing community partnerships for student services (i.e. introducing a satellite mental health clinic), working to maintain and improve the building infrastructure, and many other new and exciting ventures, all while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

I am extremely proud to work for and represent the Hartford Central School District. It is my honor to work with our faculty and staff and to shape, mold, and cultivate our students. I truly believe that Hartford CSD is a community of educators who keep the interests of the students at the forefront, never settle for average, communicate with our stakeholders, including each other, and work together as a team under a shared vision, and I am extremely proud to be a member of this team.

CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE

On May 17, 2016, the qualified voters in the Hartford Central School District approved a \$3.9 million capital project to address the safety and maintenance items identified in the required Building and Condition Survey. Upon receiving approval from the voters, the district submitted the required architectural drawings to NYSED for review and approval, with the district receiving approval to begin the construction process late this summer. Working with the district's architectural and construction management firm, the members of the Board of Education then set a timeline for the bidding process and construction.

TIME LINE

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| Bids Due..... | 1/9/19 |
| Pre-Construction.. | 1/9/19-4/19/19 |
| Construction..... | 4/19/19-10/25/19 |
| Substantial Completion AEP..... | 7/3/19 |
| Substantial Completion K-12..... | 9/6/19 |
| Substantial Completion Bus Garage..... | 11/29/19 |
| Project Closeout..... | 10/28/19-11/29/19 |

DISTRICT ANNOUNCES MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC

Over the past two years, the Hartford Central School District has been working with representatives from Parson's Child and Family Services to receive approval from New York State to open a satellite mental health clinic. The NYS Department of Health approved the district's application and on Monday, November 5, the district's satellite clinic opened.

According to Superintendent Cook, "This project was a major commission for the district and something that I am incredibly proud to be able to bring to the students of Hartford. Unfortunately in today's society, many individuals are struggling with issues related to mental health and the availability of services in rural areas is sparse. Barriers such as cost, location, transportation, and availability can prevent individuals from receiving appropriate services. As a result, the district made the forward-thinking decision to bring the services to the students."

Through a partnership with Parson's, a mental health clinician has office hours in the school district for those students or families who would like assistance. Parents, family members, and/or school or personnel can refer a student to the program by completing a referral form. Once the referral is processed, an on-site clinician will schedule a time during the school day for the student to meet and receive the appropriate services. "This partnership has allowed the district to remove many of the barriers to receiving mental health services for our students. Students who are seeking assistance are able to receive services while they are at school," said Superintendent Cook.

There is no financial obligation for the program to the district. The district is providing in-kind services to the clinician (an office, telephone, internet access, etc.) and Parson's is then billing the student's insurance carrier, Medicaid, or Medicare for the services. "This is a win-win scenario for everyone," said Superintendent Cook.

If you or anyone you know might benefit from this service, please contact the Guidance Office at 518-632-5222.



Holiday Helper Food Drive

The guidance office would like to thank faculty, staff, students, and the community for your help in making this the best food drive EVER! Not only did we have enough food to give our families, but we also have a huge amount of food to donate to the local food pantry. Thank you for all that you to everyone's efforts and generosity.



MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

We are approaching the heart of the winter and the 2018-2019 school year is in full swing. Congratulations to all of our boys' and girls' modified, junior varsity and varsity sports programs. All programs worked hard all season and we are all proud of how well they performed.

Thank you to all of our parents and guardians who were able to attend our Open House on Thursday, September 20. As we all know parental involvement in our child's education is so important and our staff greatly appreciates all of your support!

The Hartford Central School District is continually looking for opportunities to increase our communication with parents and provide them with information to help each child reach their full potential. The School Tool Parent Portal is an internet-based program that allows parents and guardians access to their child(ren)'s schedule, attendance, and academic information. To access to this wonderful program, parents can pick up an application at any of our school offices or download a copy from our website www.hartfordcsd.org.

Here are a few highlights of the year so far:

- Key Club -13 members, along with Mr. Flower, volunteered at the 26th annual Taste of the North Country. With the guidance of Mr. Flower and Mrs. Barnard the Key Club organized a blood drive on October 23. Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and donated blood.
- FFA - Hosted a Chicken BBQ on October 5 and sold over 100 dinners (thank you Mr. Cook). The FFA hosted the District 3 meeting and attended the Adirondack Charity Stampede Rodeo.
- On September 20, the senior class hosted a spaghetti dinner and served approximately 150 dinners. During the week of September 24 – 28 the senior class and our booster club organized a spirit week with a theme for each day culminating in a pep rally on Friday, September 28, a varsity volleyball game dedicated to fighting cancer and our second ever soccer game under the lights.
- On Saturday, October 13, members of our senior class helped Mr. Jessen with the 33rd Annual Spud Run which included 39 participants. The race results can be found on page 14.
- On Saturday, October 14, our varsity volleyball team competed in the Power of Pink Volleyball tournament at Queensbury High School – 28 schools participated in the tournament and our school was #3 raising over \$1,400. Overall, the tournament raised over \$40,000!

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Brian George

Middle/High School Principal

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LUCAS CASEY SELECTED AS DAR GOOD CITIZEN



The district proudly announces that senior Lucas Casey has been selected as the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award recipient. Lucas was nominated by the faculty at Hartford Central and voted by his fellow class members as best exemplifying the characteristics of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Lucas is very active in school and has served as the class president since 6th grade. He has been an FFA member for seven years and is the current president. He has participated in senior chorus for five years; varsity soccer for four years; varsity basketball for three years; and varsity baseball for three years. He is a member of the Outings Club and Science Club. Lucas also serves his community as member of the Hartford Volunteer Fire Company.

Lucas has a strong work ethic and currently works at Stewart Farm. He has also worked at the Sky Zone, Yorkmont Farm and Hicks Orchard. His hobbies include snowmobiling, fishing, and tractor pulling.

Lucas is the son of Colleen and Tim Casey.

FLOYD HARWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

I would like to thank all of you who attended Open House on Thursday, September 20. We had an overall attendance rate of 81% for grades PreK-5. Involvement in your child's education will have positive long-term effects on their academic success. Research indicates that students with involved parents earn higher grades and test scores, attend school regularly, have a more positive attitude about school and better social skills, have fewer behavior problems, have increased self-esteem, consistently complete their homework, and are more likely to graduate and pursue post-secondary education. I encourage parents to share goals for their children with teachers and have conversations about how to be involved in school.

One of our goals at the elementary level is to recognize as many students as possible for their accomplishments. Kindergartners through fifth graders meet in the cafeteria on the last school day of each month and are recognized for upcoming birthdays, Citizens' of the Month, Bus Riders of the Month, Bucket Fillers, Soaring Tanagers, the class that has collected the most "bus hands" for positive behavior, The Chronicle's "School Views" entries, involvement in organizations and activities outside of school, participants in school-related events, Star Reporters for our elementary Newspaper Club, student successes, etc. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to recognize students and remind them about the great things they are doing to make our school and community a better place!

We had some visitors in the building in October to discuss Bus Safety and Fire Safety, as October is Bus Safety and Fire Prevention Month. Thank you to our bus drivers, Mark Miller and Chip Baker, for delivering presentations to kindergartners through fifth graders. We appreciate their time and hope this helps remind students about the importance of following bus rules to keep everyone safe. Ten Hartford firefighters visited our PreK through grade 5 students on October 5. I hope every family takes the time to create a home fire escape plan, check their smoke detectors and remind children about important fire safety rules. We greatly appreciate the Hartford fire fighters for their dedication to our community and the time they volunteer, especially in teaching our youngsters about fire prevention.

On Wednesday, October 10, third through fifth grade students visited the Adirondack Experience Museum in Blue Mountain Lake. This was an incredible experience for our students made possible through grants provided by the museum. I am so proud of our students, as they represented Hartford School in such a positive manner!

I hope every parent was able to attend their Parent-Teacher Conference in December to learn more about their child's/children's progress in meeting grade level Learning Standards. Your involvement at home is greatly appreciated and definitely enhances progress in the classroom.

Thank you to all grandparents who were able to join us for Grandparents' Breakfast on December 12. It was a wonderful morning and everyone enjoyed the musical performance from our Kindergartners through grade 5 students. Thank you to PTA for sponsoring this event.... it certainly would not be possible without their support! As always, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, ideas, concerns, or thoughts. I believe that together we can make a difference!

Sincerely,

Bethellen C. Mannix

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Elementary students are recognized each month for various accomplishments at the Citizens' Meeting.

IT'S ALL ELEMENTARY

Here are a few snapshots of what our elementary students have been doing. You can view more photos by following us on Facebook or visiting the "Photo Gallery" located on the school's website www.hartfordcsd.org.



September 26 was NYS School Lunch Day. All elementary students were served a free breakfast in their classrooms by school administrators.



Students grades 3-5 took a field trip to the Adirondack Experience Museum in Blue Mountain Lake.



Students braved the chilly temperature to participate in the annual Turkey Trot. Each student earned a food item just in time for Thanksgiving.



The PTA hosted a grandparent's breakfast. Nigel Fehl enjoys breakfast with his grandparents Judy & Jim Fehl.

TANAGER PRIDE PARTY

The first Tanager Pride parties of the 2018-2019 school year were held on December 11 & 12. Students who are responsible, respectful, and ready to learn were invited to attend. The next party will be hosted in mid-March.



Alyssa Arlen - School Nurse



Mrs. Alyssa Arlen, MSN, RN earned her bachelor of science in nursing with a minor in psychology from Russell Sage College and her MSN from Walden University.

Nurse Arlen brings a wide range of medical and practical experience with her. For ten years she worked as a registered nurse in hospital-based setting, with her experience ranging from geriatrics to pediatrics. She has also worked as a nurse educator teaching other nurses, nursing students, medical students and other medical providers. In 2014 Nurse Arlen transitioned to the school setting which entailed working and traveling as a school nurse in Vermont. During that time she also taught nursing students for WSWHE BOCES and SUNY Adirondack. In 2015 she began spending her summers as a nurse at the YMCA's Camp Chingachgook. Most recently she served as the district nurse for the Mill River Unified USD in Vermont.

Nurse Arlen is very embedded in the community as she is a Hartford alumni and currently serves as the secretary of the HSC Alumni Association, and she is a volunteer flute player in the Hartford Community Band. She resides in Hartford with her husband, two daughters, and dog. They enjoy family cookouts and camping. Her goal is to get to know all of the students by name.

Sarah Duffy - Verification Official and Head Cashier



Mrs. Duffy is a native and graduate of the Tupper Lake Middle/High School, and she earned a two-year certificate in child development from WSWHE BOCES. Mrs. Duffy is the youngest of five in a very close family which she cherishes. Her parents have been married for 53 years. She and her husband, Devin, of ten years have been together since they were 17 years old.

Mrs. Duffy's education and experience in retail, hospitality, and a stay-at-home mom make her the perfect fit for interacting and providing customer service to our students, while maintaining cafeteria compliance as the verification official. Mrs. Duffy and her family moved from Lake Placid to Hartford in 2007. The Duffy's love the community and describe their move as one of the best decisions they ever made. Their two sons Landon (age 8/grade 3) and Connor (age 5/kindergarten) both attend Hartford.

Marisa Dwyer - 6th Grade Special Education Teacher



Ms. Dwyer earned her bachelor's degree in childhood education grades 1-6 from SUNY Oswego in 2012, and her master's degree in students with disabilities grades 1-6 from the College of Saint Rose in 2014. She brings experience as a 12:1:12 self-contained teaching assistant grades 4-6, and grades 1-2 teaching assistant.

Ms. Dwyer said she was drawn to the district because of her desire to work in a rural school comprised of caring and supportive staff members, with a close tight knit community much like her hometown of Cambridge, New York. One of her many goals it to help her students become successful life-long learners.

Ms. Dwyer has two cats, Gimli and Little; she is an avid reader and an outdoor adventurer. She enjoys dressing up for Renaissance fairs and Victorian strolls.

KC Glenn - School Resource Officer



Officer KC Glenn joins the district as its first ever School Resource Officer. Previously, Officer Glenn was a police officer with the Warren County Sheriff's Department. He retired from the department after 23 years of service in 2016. Officer Glenn was attracted to serving as an SRO as it combines his law enforcement experience with his desire to educate. He can be seen daily greeting students, as one of his many goals is to create a trusting and positive relationship with our students of all ages. So far this school year, Officer Glenn has given presentations to elementary students about school bus safety, Halloween safety, bullying, and will be presenting information to the middle/high school students about distracted driving, and the dangers of vaping. Officer Glenn recently spoke to seniors in Mrs. Winchester's class during the career exploration unit about jobs in law enforcement. You can read about this on page 13. Officer Glenn is a native of Lake George and has two children in the Hartford school district.

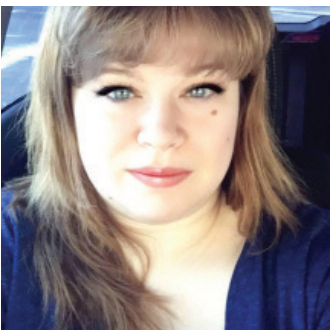
Andrea Mitchell - 7th & 8th Grade ELA Teacher



Miss Mitchell is not exactly a new face to our district as she joined us midway of the 2017-2018 school year as a long-term substitute. Miss Mitchell earned her bachelor's degree in philosophy and a bachelor's degree in English literature from Union College in 2005 and 2007 respectively. She then earned a master's degree in 7-12 English from Clarkson University in 2008. Her previous experience includes two years of teaching English in South Korea. She also spent two years teaching content and techniques of political organizing to young adults in Seattle and Spokane. Miss Mitchell said she really likes the small size and community Hartford offers and is pleased to be teaching in the district again this year.

Miss Mitchell resides in Fort Ann with her partner and dog, with her parents residing in nearby Hebron. She enjoys traveling, especially on adventures in which her dog is included. She also enjoys carpentry and aspires to be a free range carpenter.

Jennifer Nims - Elementary Secretary



Mrs. Nims has previously worked as tax preparer for 15 years. Prior to accepting the position as elementary secretary, she was deeply embedded in the district as a member of the Hartford PTA and the Hartford Booster Club. Mrs. Nims grew up and graduated from Argyle and resides in Hartford with her husband and three daughters in the district. Mrs. Nims' office experience and skills and commitment to the community, makes her an ideal fit to be the face of the elementary office.

Portia Studenroth - High School Special Education Teacher



Ms. Studenroth earned her bachelor's degree from Alfred University and recently earned her master's degree in special education at SUNY Plattsburgh. Ms. Studenroth spent many years as a substitute teacher in Hartford and other area school districts. She is also a coach at Rocksport Indoor Climbing Gym in Queensbury. One of her many goals this school year is to inspire her students to love learning as much as she does, and to cultivate their curiosity as well as their ability to take charge of their own learning.

Ms. Studenroth grew up in Saratoga Springs and Wilton, and graduated high school in Saratoga. She moved to Glens Falls in 2006 where she resides with her Newfoundland dog, Leif.

Madeline Vandervoort - Band Director



Miss Vandervoort earned her bachelor's degree in music education from SUNY Potsdam. Her previous experience includes teaching general music to grades K-3 at Como Park Elementary School and was the grade 5-8 band director at Heim Middle School.

Miss Vandervoort is a native of Rochester/Buffalo area where her five brothers and sisters still reside. Miss Vandervoort was drawn to the area upon visiting it and applied for the position. Her goal for this school year is to increase the number of students in the band program. The students currently participating absolutely love doing so and she would like more students to experience the same feeling of accomplishment.

Danielle Zeno - Special Education Teacher



Mrs. Zeno earned her master's degree in special education and literacy at the University at Albany and her undergraduate degree in childhood education from SUNY Plattsburgh. She spent the last two years as a special education teacher in Pownel, VT, where she worked with 2nd and 3rd grade students. Prior to that she worked at Burnt Hills Ballston Lake CSD. She has also been a substitute teacher in area schools since the 2012-2013 school year.

Mrs. Zeno and her husband, Evan were married in June 2015. Their family grew in June with the birth of their son Bodhi. They also have a dog, Duke, who has welcomed the new family member.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Chef Nicholas Zwart is a class of 2008 graduate. During high school he was enrolled in the culinary program at the WSWHE BOCES Southern Adirondack Education Center (SAEC). Upon graduating he earned his associate's degree in culinary arts and restaurant management from The Culinary Institute of America and his vocational teaching certification from Oswego. Chef Zwart is putting his skills and education to work as a culinary teacher in the CTE program at WSWHE BOCES Myers Center.

“Food brings people together, and growing up dinner time was always spent together with family, no matter how busy we were. I knew that I would end up in the food service industry when I was a

junior in high school attending the Culinary Arts program at WSWHE BOCES.”

Ironically, Chef Zwart now holds the position his instructor and mentor Chef Charles Jones had when he was a student. Chef Zwart said Chef Jones was like no other. His passion, and charisma could make anyone fall in love with whatever he was teaching. “If it were not for him, I don't think I would be where I am today. He is also the one who helped me get involved with teaching after I graduated college,” Chef Zwart said.

Chef Zwart takes great satisfaction in sharing his passion for food with his students and watching them take information, apply it, and grow as leaders is something not found working in a restaurant.

Chef Zwart said he has many fond memories of Hartford but his fondest are the friendships built, and participating in chorus his entire high school career.

My advice to my students and all young people is to take advantage of every opportunity you can. Have no regrets because once you graduate you don't want to look back and say, “I wish I did....”



SUPPORTING OUR GOALS - SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS

One of the district's goals is to ensure that technology is used to support instructional goals and students will be proficient in using technology tools for information gathering, processing, and knowledge construction. In support of this goal, and through the district's Smart Schools Bond Act allotment, the district installed interactive televisions in all instructional classrooms. The screens are actually an interactive computer, similar to a tablet or iPad, and allow for teachers to develop hands-on lesson plans to engage and interact with the students.

Another use of technology is via our distance learning (DL) classrooms. Over the summer, the district installed a second distance learning classroom that allows for students to receive classes they would not otherwise have the opportunity to take. Hartford was one of the first school districts in Washington County to build a second DL classroom and our students have been taking advantage of the opportunity by getting a head start earning their college degree by enrolling in courses offered from Hudson Valley Community College, Fulton-Montgomery College, and SUNY Adirondack.



Mr. MacDougall and first grade students welcome new students with a message on their flat screen.



Hartford students Matt Mulhall and Kim Stone receive the history of American sports from the Cambridge CSD. The photo on the left is from the Hartford classroom, and the photo on the right is the same class, with the photo taken in Cambridge.



WSWHE BOCES STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

The annual WSWHE BOCES Student Leadership Conference was held at the Six Flags Great Escape Lodge and Indoor Waterpark on November 28, 2018. At the conference, over 200 students from 28 school districts attended, and the conference was organized by a committee of students from Hartford, Fort Ann, Granville, Warrensburg and Whitehall. The planning committee members from Hartford Central School District were Alexander Holcomb (grade 11) and Kathryn Smith (grade 11) with Middle/Senior High School Principal Brian George serving as a lead facilitator. In addition to the two students who served on the planning committee, six other students from Hartford attended the conference. They were: Megan Tyler (grade 12), Brandon Harrington (grade 11), Envy Geroux (grade 10), Kailey Gayton (grade 9), Raymond Harrington (grade 8), Mia Amato (grade 7), and Spencer Fehl (grade 6).

The entire conference was planned and executed from start to finish by the students with many of the decisions based on student input following the previous year's conference. The planning process for the conference begins in the prior spring with the selection of students who have demonstrated leadership, academic excellence, and are positive role models. The planning committee then selects a theme for the conference and a keynote speaker.

The conference design is to have students interact and collaborate with their peers from other schools. Even the table seating is purposely designed to bring students from other districts together and break away from the comfort of friends and familiarity. Throughout the morning students participated in a number of activities, including a 'rock, paper, scissors' competition, and a team building activity with the goal of each team to build the highest spaghetti tower possible, using limited supplies. This year's theme was "Helping And Leading Others" (HALO) and featured keynote speaker Mr. Jesse LeBeau. The students learned invaluable lessons on achieving and succeeding with a key take away being, "If you're tired of starting over, stop giving up."



(l. - r.) - Envy Geroux, Kathryn Smith, Megan Tyler, Raymond Harrington, Brandon Harrington, Mia Amato, Kailey Gayton, Alexander Holcomb, Spencer Fehl

MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HOST SWEETHEARTS & HEROES



On Monday, December 3, Hartford middle and high school students hosted “Sweethearts and Heroes.” This engaging, energetic and interactive presentation focuses on bullies, their targets, and the bystanders empowered to make a difference. The crux of the “Sweethearts and Heroes” presentation is five specific “Bully Buttons” which combine calls to action to combat bullying behaviors and provide compassionate empathy to others. The program was developed by former mixed martial artist (MMA) competitor, Mr. Tom Murphy, of St. Albans, VT; and co-developed with Mr. Jason Spector, a teacher and coach in South Glens Falls.

The presentation includes a segment from H.O.P.E (Hold On Possibilities Exist) expert Sgt. Rick Yarosh. Sgt. Rick Yarosh is an Army veteran who suffered burns to 60% of his body when an IED hit the Bradley he was riding in while serving in Iraq. Sgt. Yarosh lost his right leg, fingers, ears, and part of his nose. What Sgt. Yarosh did not lose was HOPE. He shared his story of the horrible pain he felt and inability to see while his body was engulfed in flames. He knew he could die, or he knew he could fight to live. He shared his dislike of going out in public after his horrific experience not because of how he looked, but because of how he made small children react, usually frightened. That all changed one day when he was sitting in a restaurant (still in a wheelchair and heavily gauzed) when a child about five years old kept staring at him. Her grandfather noticed and said to her, “Go say hello to him.” She was hesitant, but said hello and then was overheard saying to her grandfather, “He’s nice.” That kind and simple comment gave Sgt. Yarosh the hope he needed.

Part of the presentation included role playing as well as some other exercises which required student volunteers. The students learned about H.O.P.E., bystander empowerment, changing perspective, and more. After the assembly there were plenty and high-fives and hugs.



Army veteran Sgt. Rick Yarosh tells his story and explains the importance of H.O.P.E. (Hold On Possibilities Exist).



Via Saunders prepares to play the superhero in a role playing exercise.



Cody Baker promises to give 110% in an audience participation exercise.



Kyle Eastman gives his 110% in an audience participation exercise.

MUSIC NOTES

Several Hartford Central School District chorus members participated in the All-County Vocal Music Festival on Friday, November 2 and Saturday, November 3. The students were selected by their teacher, Mrs. Lynnette Dougher, to proudly represent Hartford. This year's participants were:



Elementary Chorus

(l. – r.) Trevor Baker, Bryton Mandigo, Justin Lundy, LeAnne Wilson, Lily Stokowksi, Ava Nadeau



Junior Chorus

(l. – r.) Mia Amato, Isabelle Reynolds, Arianna Breault, Sophia Anderson, Samantha Cooper, Kassaundra McNall



Senior Chorus

(l. – r.) Jacob Carpenter, Charles White, Jr., Kim Stone

REAL LIFE SKILLS

On Wednesday, November 14, the Life Skills class cooked and served a Thanksgiving dinner. They learned about food preparation, safety, as well as the planning and timing cooking requires. Family members, faculty, and staff were invited enjoy the labor of their efforts.



The students were involved in all aspects of the Thanksgiving meal from planning to preparation that included a field trip to Market 32 to select the groceries.



The students worked as a team in preparing the feast.



Each student designed a place mat for their guest depicting what they are grateful for.



The students treated the guest to a “Reader’s Theater” and read a Thanksgiving story aloud.

CAREER EXPLORATION

One of the focuses in Mrs. Winchester's English 12 class has been exploring various career opportunities by hosting a variety of guest speakers representing various fields and by completing a career exploration unit. Although many of the guests were able to visit the students in-person, the students were able to interact with interior designer Fancie Jay of Tulsa, OK through distance learning technology. Ms. Jay was able to share a web portfolio of her work. In addition to Ms. Jay, the students were visited in-person by:



Interior designer Fancie Jay, visits students from Tulsa, OK via the distance learning lab.

- Registered Nurse Kate McLemore of Saratoga Springs, who discussed careers in health care while students completed a guided note-catcher.
- Will Springstead of The Post-Star shared his experiences as a sports reporter, editor, and page designer.

- Sgt. Adam Burgdorfer of the U.S. Air Force discussed careers in the armed services.
- Clinician Tara Booth, who works through the counseling division at SUNY Adirondack and the Parsons Child and Family Center, spoke about careers in counseling. Ms. Booth also has office hours at the school to provide free mental health services. (You can learn more about this new service on page 2).
- Former Army Captain David Sherwood and Army Specialist Amanda Petteys, who are siblings, spoke about their experiences in military.
- Hartford class of 2016 graduate Jacob Nix spoke about his experiences after graduation. He attended SUNY Adirondack for a year before joining the workforce. He has also been working part-time as a welder and as a clerk at Stewart's. He then enlisted in the Army Reserves, which he said gave him financial stability. Nix recently participated in his first drill exercises.



Sgt. Adam Burgdorfer leads a student participation exercise.

- Hartford CSD School Resource Officer KC Glenn shared his many years of experience as a police officer with the Warren County Sheriff's Office.
- Hartford CSD school nurse Alyssa Arlen MSN, RN spoke about careers in nursing. Several seniors were matched with a career in the health care field.
- Hartford CSD K-7 guidance counselor Mrs. Trisha Shaw and grade 7-12 guidance counselor Mrs. Wendy Harrington discussed careers in counseling.
- Matt Oberkrieser shared his experiences as a small business owner. He and his wife have operated a Josten's franchise in Queensbury for many years.



Senior Andrew Euber gives Officer Glenn's presentation a thumbs up.



TANAGER PRIDE DAYS!



Remaining Tanager Pride Dates

January 25

February 15

March 9

March 29

April 18

May 31

June 26



Members of the Key Club volunteered at the 26th Annual Taste of the North Country. The event is organized by the Glens Falls Kiwanis Club, with all proceeds benefiting their community projects.

Stewart's Spud Run 5K Results



Photo credit: Brian Teague/Fateague Photos

The 33rd annual Stewart's Spud Run, benefitting the Class of 2019, hosted a field of 39 intrepid runners on the morning of Saturday, October 13. The race has been directed all 33 years by Board of Education member, Mr. Phil Jessen and his wife, Marion.

| Place | Name | M/F | Age | Time |
|-------|--------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| 1 | Josiah Aubrey | M | 15 | 18:39 |
| 2 | William Venner | M | 59 | 19:31 |
| 3 | Joshua Sears | M | 18 | 19:54 |
| 4 | Caleb Sears | M | 16 | 20:20 |
| 5 | Micah Sears | M | 15 | 20:59 |
| 6 | Mike Smith | M | 55 | 21:44 |
| 7 | Susan Thompson | F | 52 | 21:57 |
| 8 | Samuel Sears | M | 19 | 22:05 |
| 9 | Elizabeth Cook | F | 37 | 22:07 |
| 10 | Patty Moore | F | - | 22:28 |
| 11 | Bryan Crosier | M | 53 | 23:00 |
| 12 | Susan Keely | F | 53 | 24:09 |
| 13 | Christian Hanchett | M | 63 | 24:20 |
| 14 | Jason Wade | M | 14 | 25:33 |
| 15 | Mark Schachner | M | 63 | 25:44 |
| 16 | Edward Ward | M | 50 | 26:47 |
| 17 | Derek Lachapelle | M | 15 | 28:26 |
| 18 | Mary MacNeil | F | 36 | 28:49 |
| 19 | Deena Lazore | F | 31 | 28:50 |
| 20 | Jill Pederson | F | 60 | 29:21 |
| 21 | Jim Moore | F | 78 | 29:25 |
| 22 | Kara Gutowski | F | 35 | 29:53 |
| 23 | Tracy Watson | F | 48 | 29:58 |
| 24 | Judi Brown | F | 53 | 30:14 |
| 25 | Noah Bernard | M | 11 | 30:41 |
| 26 | Brooke Morgan | F | 42 | 30:45 |
| 27 | Sue Nealon | F | 68 | 31:42 |
| 28 | Wes Clark | M | 66 | 31:54 |
| 29 | Jodi MacDuff | F | 40 | 33:10 |
| 30 | Thomas French | M | 37 | 33:10 |
| 31 | Donald Yeaton | M | 67 | 34:13 |
| 32 | Raphael Sanok | M | 11 | 35:38 |
| 33 | Gerianne Sanok | F | 37 | 35:38 |
| 34 | John Pelton | M | 79 | 39:47 |
| 35 | Joel Sears | M | 52 | 41:26 |
| 36 | Debbie Sears | F | 47 | 41:26 |
| 37 | Cathy Biss | F | 70 | 43:23 |
| 38 | Shirley Venner | F | - | 51:45 |
| 39 | Doris Nichols | F | 60 | 51:52 |

On October 5, members of the Hartford Volunteer Fire Company visited elementary students. They learned about fire prevention and safety through an interactive program. They had the opportunity to see a fire fighter in full gear, learned stop, drop and roll, and got to check out the fire trucks. They also explored the “hazard house” where they pointed out fire hazards that could be found in homes. Thank you to the volunteers for lending their time and expertise!



On October 23, elementary students attended a presentation and demonstration about school bus safety given by Mr. Baker, Officer Glenn, and Mr. Miller. The students practiced boarding and exiting the bus safely, safely crossing and staying out of bus danger zones.



Winter Safety Tips

1. Never play on snow banks on or near the road.
2. Never build snow forts or snow tunnels.
3. Never sled on snow banks or hills near the road.
4. Never assume ponds, rivers, or lakes are frozen even if they appear to be.
5. Dress properly. Wear bright clothing. Hats, winter coats and boots will keep you warm and safe from frost bite. Be sure to tuck in loose clothing such as scarves and strings.
6. Play outside with at least one other person. Be sure to answer adults/siblings/friends if they call for you.

Winter School Bus Safety Tips

1. Allow extra time to get to your bus stop.
2. Wear bright clothing so the bus driver can see you in the early morning and late evening.
3. Stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice.

Waiting at the Bus Stop

1. Don't play in the snow while waiting for the bus. Don't throw snowballs at the bus or anyone else.
2. Don't slide on the snow or ice patches in driveways or on the street.
3. Don't push or shove around the bus. Someone could fall down on the ice and get hurt.

Please be advised that the Hartford Central School District Transportation Policy prohibits our drivers from releasing a student in grades K-3 without a parent/guardian or appropriate sitter visible. If you would like a Request for Exception form for this policy, please contact Mrs. Getty at 632-5222 x101. Thank you for your cooperation and for understanding that this policy was designed for the safety of your child/children.

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| <p>Thursday, January 10, 2019 6-8pm</p> <p>F. Donald Myers Education Center 15 Henning Rd. Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 info: 518-581-3600</p> <p>Snow Date: January 29, 2019</p> | <p>Thursday, January 17, 2019 6-8pm</p> <p>Southern Adirondack Education Center 1051 Dix Ave, Hudson Falls, NY 12839 info: 518-746-3400</p> <p>Snow Date: January 31, 2019</p> |
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DON'T MISS THE

HCS Annual Basketball 2019 TOURNAMENT

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

When: Saturday, January 12, 2019

Where: Hartford Central School Gym

A big
THANK YOU
to all who supported our basket raffle at the open house from the Student Government,
the Middle School Science Club, Mr. Cournoyer and Mrs. Sprague.

The winners are: Missy Moore/car basket; Knessa Stone/kid's basket;
Barbie Fuller/coffee basket; Jeff Strainer/kitchen gadget basket

REMINDER!
Families can sign up for FREE & REDUCED LUNCH
any time during the year. Forms can be found on hartfordcsd.org or by
visiting the main office.