

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.

Welcome to 2020! The 2019-2020 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 joined together to participate in our "Opening Ceremonies" and usher in the start of the new school year. As part of our opening day, I try to advance a yearly theme for our faculty and staff. This year my theme was "Respecting Everyone's Story." I challenged the faculty and staff to reflect on the philosophy and mission statement of one of the most successful fast food restaurants in the world; Chick-Fil-A, and consider how we could apply those principles to the Hartford Central School Central District.

Chick-Fil-A produces quality meals at a reasonable price, but their success is rooted in their customer service platform of 'going the second mile.' Chick-Fil-A has built their enterprise on transforming their customer service model from one in which the customer is the object of sale, to one where the customer is the subject of an experience. They believe that when a customer enters their restaurant, you never know what is going on in their life, or what path they took to get to there, and then focusing their attention to the customer and their experience. This philosophy is reflective of Henry David Thoreau's famous quote "Could a greater miracle take place than for us to look through each other's eyes for an instant?" Chick-Fil-A asks their employees to respect their customer's stories, to put themselves in their customer's shoes, and create a lasting and positive experience that goes beyond a good chicken sandwich. To that end, I challenge our faculty and staff to take this idea and apply it to our district.

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ALEXANDER HOLCOMB SELECTED AS DAR GOOD CITIZEN



The district proudly announces that senior Alexander Holcomb was selected as the recipient of the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award. Alex was nominated by the faculty and voted by his fellow class members as best exemplifying the characteristics of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism.

Alex is an active member of the school and surrounding community. He is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, varsity soccer, varsity basketball, and varsity baseball teams.

Alex served as a student planner for the annual WSWHE Student Leadership Conference for multiple years, and delivered the welcoming remarks for the 2019 conference. (See story on page 11).

Alex is the son of Phillip and Tammy Holcomb.

WELCOME NEW TEACHERS



Megan Headwell 5th Grade ELA Teacher

Ms. Headwell spent the past two years with Hudson Falls Central School District as a resident of the Classroom Academy Teacher Prep program, where she primarily worked in a second grade classroom. She also worked a rotation in sixth grade ELA and served as an LOA Reading Specialist. Ms. Headwell earned her Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from St. John Fisher College, and her Master's Degree

in Childhood Education from SUNY Plattsburgh. Ms. Headwell is a native of Cambridge and the oldest of three sisters. In her free time she enjoys spending time with her family and her dog, Bullet.

Megan Marshall ELA Teacher

Ms. Marshall previously taught at St. Mary's-St. Alphonsus for nine years. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Adolescence Education in English 7-12 from the College of Saint Rose, and her Master's Degree in Education and Literacy from the University of New England. She resides in Glens Falls with her cat, Maximus. Megan said she is enjoying getting to know the Hartford community and attending school events. In her free time Megan enjoys reading, hiking, skiing, playing golf, attending concerts, and traveling.



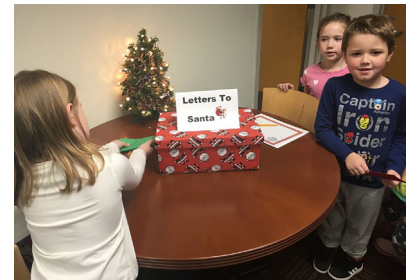
MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT (CON'T)

Everyone in the Hartford CSD community; students, faculty, staff, visitors, parents, etc. all come together with different experiences, histories, and stories to form the foundation for the Hartford Central School District. Each one of our stories is unique and special to the individual, and it is important for us all to respect and value everyone's story. By doing this, we can become the beacon. We can create positive experiences for everyone in the district; especially our students.

As you will notice in this newsletter, there are plenty of positive activities in the district. The district is continuing to explore ways in which we can improve the educational experience of all students. We are introducing new technologies, establishing community partnerships for student services, working to maintain and improve the building infrastructure, and many other new and exciting ventures, 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.

Andy Cook



First grade students in Mr. MacDougall's class practiced their writing skills by writing letters to Santa. They mailed them to the North Pole via the mailbox in the Elementary Office provided by Mrs. Nims.

The holiday giving spirit was in the air at HCS. Members of the National Honor Society assisted elementary students in creating holiday cards. The cards were delivered to patients in the cancer unit at Glens Falls Hospital.



Holiday Helper Food Drive

The Guidance Office would like to thank faculty, staff, students, and community for all of the help in making the food drive a huge success. We were able to assist 34 families and 99, students with enough food left to donate to the local food pantry thanks to the generosity of members of our school and community.



MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL MANNIX

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

I would like to thank all of you who attended Open House on Thursday, September 26. We had an overall attendance rate of 83% for grades Pre-K-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 grade students 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, Chronicle entries, involvement in organizations/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 are off to a great start in recognizing many students during these first four months of school.

We had some visitors in the building in October to discuss fire safety, as October is Fire Prevention Month. Thank you to the Hartford firefighters who provided demonstrations and valuable information about fire safety on Friday, October 11. (See photos on page 15). 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 firefighters for their dedication to our community and the time they volunteer, especially in teaching our youngsters about fire prevention.

On Wednesday, December 4, over 170 grandparents joined us for Grandparents' Breakfast. (See photos on page 5). This is a wonderful event with musical performances by kindergarten through fifth grade students. Thank you to Mrs. Dougher and Ms. VanderVoort for preparing the students to sing and play instruments, the faculty and staff for providing food items, and of course the PTA for organizing the event. It was great to see all of the grandparents!

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!

Have a wonderful New Year!

Sincerely,
Bethellen C. Mannix
Elementary Principal/Special Education Chairperson
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Students are encouraged to wear their red and black on Tanager Pride Days.



Our students really showed their school spirit at our annual pep rally!

Grandparents' Breakfast



(L. - r.) Sophia LaCrosse, Laurie Weeks, Brenda LaCrosse



(L. - r.) Audrey Fiske, Bill Townsend



(L. - r.) Noah Morrison, Linda Morrision, Abigail Morrison

Tanager Pride Party

On Tuesday, December 11 and Wednesday, December 12, the first Tanager Pride Party of the school year was held. Students who are respectful, responsible, and ready to work were invited to attend.



MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUPUIS

The first four months of the 2019-2020 school year have quickly come and gone. I am thoroughly impressed by the work of our students, teachers, administration, and staff on a daily basis. At Hartford Central School District the acronym **TEAM** truly applies - **T**ogether **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore. Students at HCSD are very fortunate to have the opportunity to participate in a variety of academic courses and extracurricular activities. One thing I have learned this school year, is that HCSD is a busy place with many wonderful lessons, programs, and activities happening daily. Here are a few of the highlights of the 2019-2020 school year thus far:

Classroom News:

- The Middle/High School Life Skills class held their annual turkey dinner/feast on Tuesday, November 19. The two classes prepared a delicious Thanksgiving feast for their guests. (See photos on page 13).
- First quarter has ended and congratulations to our students who received Honor Status. Principal's List (26 students), Honor Roll (51 students), and Merit Roll (58 students) status. All student names can be found on the website www.hartfordcsd.org.
- After a unit on topography and creating our own topographic maps of mountains we built, the 6th grade class hosted a guest speaker. Mr. Joe Happy joined the class to discuss his surveying equipment and show actual maps of topography that were created using his equipment. Students asked great questions and took a close look at printed topographic maps of projects that Mr. Happy's company is working on.
- The art department hosted a guest speaker from Maine College of Art and Design to present information about their school and various careers in art.
- 8th and 9th grade students joined over 2,000 students from the Saratoga/Washington County for the third annual Career Jam. Students explored various industries and learned about the education and training requirements needed for local job opportunities. Career Jam is designed as a hands-on career exploration event targeting 8th and 9th grade students from the local public schools throughout the region. Employers representing diverse "Career Clusters" provided valuable interactive activities as well as industry and company specific information designed to engage and inform students while piquing their interest to pursue the abundance of promising job and career possibilities available in the region.
- SRO Officer Glenn gave a presentation to all classes grades 8-12 about the dangers and misconceptions of vaping.

Sports News:

- The JV/Varsity volleyball players held a youth clinic on Tuesdays and Wednesdays during October for students in grades 4-6. There were 8 sessions in which players helped students learn the fundamentals of volleyball and 19 students participated. The athletes did a great job coaching and mentoring.
- The Fall sports season ended and we celebrated and honored all of our Fall athletes on Wednesday, November 6 at the Awards Night. A total of 89 students participated in the Fall season. The varsity volleyball team and varsity girls' cross country team both qualified as Scholar Athlete Teams. Congratulations athletes and coaches on a successful Fall season.



On October 22, our 8th grade students attended Career Jam held at the City Center in Saratoga Springs. It was a great opportunity for the students to explore our local employers, and learn what skills are needed for the future.

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUPUIS (CON'T)

Club News:

- The Senior Class was very busy this Fall. They hosted a ziti dinner, organized spirit week, pep rally, and homecoming dance. Seniors also assisted Mr. Jessen with the annual Stewart's Spud Run. (See results on page 8).
- The sixth grade pig roast and auction had a wonderful turnout and response from family members and community businesses. Thank you to all who donated items or helped with the dinner in any way. The event was a huge success!
- This year so far the great students of the Hartford Key Club have contributed over 100 hours of service since September. We are proud and grateful to have a group of fantastic students who are willing to volunteer their time in the community.
- The Class of 2025 (7th grade) collected personal hygiene items for the Hartford Food Pantry as part of their school year fundraising efforts. All the items collected were delivered to the food pantry the week of November 25.

Parental interest and support of our programs are key components in student success. If you have not already signed up for the Schooltool Parent Portal, please contact the Guidance Office. The parent portal allows parents/guardians access to their child(ren)'s schedule, attendance, and academic information.

If you have any questions about any of our academic programs, clubs, or sports teams, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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On December 10, our 6th grade students visited the New York State Museum to participate in the Minerals Rock! program.

FFA STUDENTS ATTEND 92nd ANNUAL NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION & EXPO



Front row (l. – r.) Briann Tyler,
Hannah Monroe
Back row (l. – r.) Gavon Darfler,
Brandon Harrington, Thomas MacDuff, Jr.

Hartford FFA students attended the 92nd Annual National FFA Convention & Expo held in Indianapolis, Indiana.

They traveled through five states in six days. Along the way they visited Niagara Falls; toured the Louisville Slugger Museum and Factory; toured historic Churchill Downs and watched a horse race; and toured the Indianapolis Speedway.

The keynote speakers at the convention included NY Times best selling author, Bob Goff, and entrepreneur, Michelle Poler. The students experienced numerous FFA convention sessions in the Colts Lucas Oil Stadium. They explored the expo, where hundreds of colleges and agricultural vendors had displays. This year's convention entertainment included a concert performance by Old Dominion held at the Pacers Bankers Fieldhouse, and a rodeo at the Indiana State Fair Coliseum.

COACH ANDEW CAPONE SELECTED AS TCT'S TEACHER OF THE WEEK



(L. - r) Middle/High School Principal Shelley Dupuis, Coach Andrew Capone, TCT Community Relations Director Irv Hilts

Congratulations to Coach Andrew Capone who was selected as TCT's Teacher of the Week, the week of September 30, 2019. Coach Capone wears many hats as the District's athletic director, health teacher, and physical education teacher.

Here is Coach Capone's winning nomination:

Mr. Capone inspires the students through his actions and emphasizes that to obtain their goals, they are ultimately responsible for the path that leads to success. He always has an open-door policy allowing his students to reach out to him at any time and with his duties as a Health Teacher, Physical Education Teacher, and Athletic Director. Mr. Capone is an important part of the Hartford Central School family.

Thanks to Mr. Andrew Capone for all that he does for our students.

Stewart's Spud Run 5K Results



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The 34th annual Stewart's Spud Run, benefitting the Class of 2020, hosted a field of 36 runners on Saturday, October 19, 2019. The race has been directed all 34 years by Board of Education member, Mr. Phil Jessen and his wife, Marion.

Place	Name	M/F	Age	Time
1	Caleb Sears	M	17	19:56
2	Micah Sears	M	16	20:46
3	Samuel Sears	M	20	21:27
4	Patty Moore	F	53	22:35
5	Karen Linendoll	F	48	23:05
6	Susan Keely	F	54	23:13
7	Ethan Farley	M	46	23:32
8	Jane LaBombard	F	46	24:24
9	James Goodspeed	M	68	24:25
10	Mark Sager	M	69	24:52
11	Joseph Macura	M	35	25:18
12	Gabriel Stowski	M	10	25:55
13	Alyssa Fineguard	F	15	25:58
14	Mark Schachner	M	64	26:47
15	Sean Farley	F	54	29:07
16	Tracy Watson	F	49	29:47
17	Silver Stewart	F	9	30:57
18	Landon Cook	M	10	31:50
19	Lance Corey	M	9	31:56
20	Andrew Cook	M	38	32:00
21	Elizabeth Cook	F	38	32:01
22	Martha Mishko	F	69	32:41
23	Krissy Stewart	F	38	32:53
24	Timothy Clark	M	37	33:00
25	Morgan Clark	F	37	33:01
26	Wes Clark	M	67	33:08
27	Candi Schermerhorn	F	73	36:33
28	Larry Peleggi	M	62	36:46
29	John Pelton	M	80	38:17
30	Jodi MacDuff	F	44	38:54
31	Thomas French	M	38	38:55
32	Debbie Sears	F	48	41:26
33	Joel Sears	M	53	41:27
34	Emily Macura	F	33	42:55
35	Raymond Lee, Jr.	M	76	43:03
36	Taylor Vlad	F	21	44:56

TURKEY TROT RESULTS

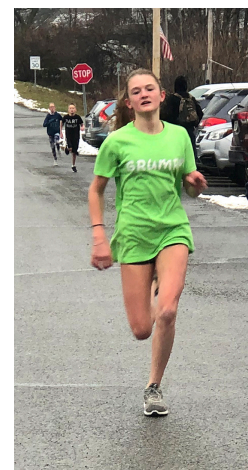
On Wednesday, November 20, a total of 44 students grades 3-8 braved the elements to participate in the annual Turkey Trot fun run. The overall male and female and first place male and female in each grade level received a turkey; 2nd place male and female in each grade level received potatoes; and all other participants received canned vegetables. A big thank you to those who donated the turkeys, potatoes, and canned food items and to all who helped Coach Capone with the fun, festive, and healthy event.



1st Place Overall Male & Female

Bryton Mandigo

Raeghan Liebig



Overall winners Bryton Mandigo and Raeghan Liebig finished strong!

Grade 3 - 1st Place Male & Female

Nicholas Abbott

Isabelle Crum



Eastyn Mandigo and Mollie DeLaCruz revel in the pure joy of their accomplishment!

Grade 4 - 1st Place Male & Female

LeRoy Wilson

Liberty Crum

Grade 5 - 1st Place Male & Female

Nolin LaCross

Audrey Fiske

Grade 6- 1st Place Male & Female

Joey Happy

Brynn Tyler

Grade 7 - 1st Place Male & Female

Anthony Fioretti

Lily Stokowski

Grade 8 - 1st Place Male & Female

Hunter LaCross

Cassandra Wade



Mrs. Pollack braved the elements in encouraging students!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



We are excited to feature our first husband and wife alumni, John Wright and Sarah (Benas) Wright. They graduated from Hartford in 1999 and 2001 respectively. John is a Principal Attorney at the law firm of Bartlett, Pontiff, Stewart & Rhodes, P.C. in Glens Falls. Sarah is the Chief Financial Officer at the Adirondack Health Institute, also located in Glens Falls. The couple were friends in high school but did not date. They reconnected over a school break while John was in law school and Sarah was in college.

John Wright

John graduated from Virginia Tech in 2003, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Accounting Information Systems. He then went on to attend the University of Richmond T.C. Williams School of Law and graduated in 2007 upon earning his Juris Doctor Degree. He decided to pursue a career in law after attending some classes with his brother Steve (Hartford Class of 1994) at Vermont Law School.



John's advice to Hartford students is to take time to appreciate the people and things you have in life in the here and now. Set goals, and accomplish at least one thing every day that is a step toward those goals. Be patient with yourself in terms of seeing results – big things rarely happen overnight. Make the effort to keep in touch with your Hartford CSD friends.

Sarah (Benas) Wright

Sarah graduated from Siena College in 2005, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration in Accounting and is now a Certified Public Accountant in New York State. She chose the accounting/business field as it seemed like a good fit with her personality, and she believes her first job in public accounting (with PricewaterhouseCoopers) provided a great foundation to implement her skills and education in various industries.



Sarah has several fond memories of Hartford CSD, including Mrs. Thomas's art class; friendships; but her fondest memories are the sports. Sarah and her friend Erin Swezey were among only a few girls at the time who played on the boys' soccer team in the Adirondack League. Sarah said "We always had a lot of fun and enjoyed the difference in the team dynamic. I get nostalgic as I start to watch my own children play sports, remembering how much fun it was, and the friends I made playing - basketball season was my favorite!" Her advice to Hartford students is to enjoy the small atmosphere and take advantage of every opportunity possible. "Whether you think you can, or you think you can't, you're right" – Henry Ford

John and Sarah reside in Queenbury with their children: Caroline (age 8); Claire (age 7); and Charlie (age 4); and their dog, Maverick. They both are very active and attend CrossFit, and of course enjoy spending time with their young family.

WSWHE BOCES STUDENT LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Alexander Holcomb provided the welcoming remarks.

The annual WSWHE BOCES Student Leadership Conference was held at the Six Flags Great Escape Lodge and Indoor Waterpark on Thursday, November 14, 2019. Over 200 students from 28 school districts attended. 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 Emmaline Barker (grade 10), Alexander Holcomb (grade 12), James Lavin (grade 10), and Kathryn Smith (grade 12). In addition to the four students who served on the planning committee, Hartford students Abigail Barker (grade 6), Jacob Fish (grade 11), and Reagan Gebo (grade 7) attended the conference. Alexander Holcomb, who attended and served on the planning committee for several years, was selected to provide the welcoming remarks this year.

The conference is designed to have students interact and collaborate with their peers from other school districts. 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 team building activities.

This year's theme was "You Paint The Way" with keynote speaker Ben Glenn. Mr. Glenn spoke about his dyslexia and other learning disabilities that he was diagnosed in grade school, and being different from his peers. Mr. Glenn learned how to channel his artistic abilities to express himself. He amazed the students in creating and completing a bed sheet size chalk drawing in just thirteen minutes.



Ben Glenn standing in front of his chalk drawing he completed in thirteen minutes.



Photo opp fun!



**Front (l. - r.) Abigail Barker, Emmaline Barker, Reagan Gebo, Principal Shelley Dupuis
Back (l. - r.) Ben Glenn, Katherine Smith, Alex Holcomb, Jacob Fish, James Lavin**

HANG UP AND DRIVE



SRO K.C. Glenn shows Jacy Good the "It Can Wait" messages that have been placed throughout the school.



Students grades 10-12 attended the "Hang Up And Drive" presentation.



(L. - r.) Lauren Zimmerman-Meade, School Resource Officer K.C. Glenn, Jacy Good, Steve Johnson

On Wednesday, December 3, Hartford CSD students grades 10-12 learned about the dangers and consequences of distracted driving. Jacy Good and Steve Johnson, who are advocates for distraction-free roads, travel to schools and other public forums to share their heart-breaking and life altering tragedy as a result of a distracted driver. To date they have delivered their "Hang Up And Drive" message approximately 1,046 times in 41 states and 3 countries.

This is their story - On May 18, 2008 after leaving Jacy's college graduation ceremony, she and her parents were traveling home together. They approached a green light on a relatively busy one-lane highway while an 18-year-old man talking on his cell phone approached the red light at the intersecting road. Unfortunately, he was paying more attention to his cell phone conversation than his driving environment and failed to notice the red light. As he entered the intersection, an oncoming tractor trailer swerved to miss the distracted driver, but hit the Good family's car with full-force instead. The impact killed Jacy's mother Jean, and father Jay. When the paramedics arrived Jacy wasn't breathing and was resuscitated by an EMT who was in close proximity and heard the horrible crash. Once transported to a hospital, Jacy was given about a 10 percent chance of surviving the night. She defied the odds and slowly recovered from her numerous injuries including multiple broken bones, a lacerated liver and a traumatic brain injury. Even after multiple surgeries and physical rehabilitation Jacy is partial paralyzed with limited use of the left side of her body.

Jacy spent about four months in the hospital with her college sweetheart and now husband, Steve at her side, as well as her older and only brother, Jerrod. Once out of a coma, she awoke to learn that with the loss of her mother and father, her family had been cut by half. She said she had no memory of the accident and was not aware of any details. She conducted a Google search of her name and was horrified to find out that the crash was caused because a driver was on his cell phone. It should be noted that when Jacy and Steve tell their story, they refer to it as a crash rather than an accident. "This was no accident. This was totally preventable and a result of poor judgement," said Steve. The husband and wife team also identified other forms of distracted driving. "Distracted driving is anything which takes the mind off the road. Our brains are not designed to multi-task. Scientifically, the brain can only multi-toggle," stated Jacy.

The presentation was coordinated by the Washington County Sheriff's Office and Lauren Zimmerman-Meade, New York State Coordinator for SADD. The funding is provided by the New York State Governor's Traffic Safety Commission.

MUSIC NOTES

Hartford was well-represented at the 73rd WCAMTA All-County Vocal and Jazz Band Music Festival. The annual festival was hosted by Whitehall Central School District. Students rehearsed on Friday, October 25, and again on the morning of Saturday, October 26, to present a collaborative performance Saturday afternoon.



Elementary Chorus

(L. – r.) Lilli Szall-Williams, Alexis McNall, Gabriel Stokowski, Mollie DeLaCruz, Gabriella Gordon, Madalyn Benson, Audrey Fiske, Landon Cook



Junior Chorus

Front row (l. - r.) Trevor Baker, Justin Lundy, Ava Nadeau, Ciara White, Natalie Keeley, Mia Amato, Lily Stokowski
Back row (l. – r.) Shelby Kelly, Austin Mandigo, Alawnah Dunda, Isabelle Reynolds, Arianna Breault, Kassaundra McNall



Senior Chorus

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

REAL LIFE SKILLS

On Tuesday, November 19, 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 efforts of their labor.



HISTORY CLUB NEWS



(L. - r.) Austin Wells, Spencer Granger, Kassie McNall, Levon Brooking. Lily Galietta also attended. Lucas Beecher contributed to drafting the bill but did not attend the event.

The History Club participated in the YMCA Youth and Government program held in Albany from Thursday, November 21 through Saturday, November 23.

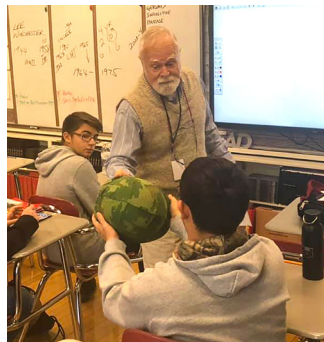
The event kicked off on Thursday at The Desmond Hotel, which included dinner and student introductions. On Friday they spent the day at the New York State Capitol building, where they presented a mock bill they drafted in advance, and presented it to approximately 350 students from across the state. Though their bill was defeated, they got to experience the process of preparation and public speaking. They also had the opportunity to listen to bills drafted and presented by students from other districts to debate and vote on. They toured the capitol building. Besides taking in the beauty of the architecture and grand spaces, they got to sit in the Assembly chamber, parlors, and hearing rooms. On Saturday, the event concluded with an awards ceremony.

Mrs. Suzynne Burch is the History Club's advisor.

LEARNING THROUGH LIVING HISTORY

Mrs. Bonnie Winchester's English 10 class hosted Mr. Lee Winchester as a guest presenter. Mr. Winchester was an Army combat platoon leader who served in Vietnam. His visit complemented the curriculum, as the students are just finishing "The Things They Carried," a collection of short stories about a platoon of American soldiers fighting on the ground in the Vietnam War, written by Tim O'Brien.

Mr. Winchester, a retired high school science teacher in Vermont, was right at home in front of the students. He began his visit by giving the students the history of what led up to the Vietnam War. Mr. Winchester was drafted upon graduating from college in 1966. At age 24, he was considered the "old man" in comparison to the soldiers he was responsible for. Mr. Winchester engaged the students by asking them to share the images and thoughts that come to mind about the war. The students asked many excellent questions such as means of travel, the weather and terrain conditions, the food, and more. They discussed what



Mr. Lee Winchester shows students his ARMY helmet worn during his Vietnam tour.

was going on politically, socially, and musically, and how these various elements all connected. They also discussed the struggles many soldiers faced when they returned home.

Mr. Winchester brought his Army helmet, which was surprisingly heavy, and many students deemed would be unpleasant to wear for any length of time. He also had a P38 can opener, issued in canned food ration boxes, which consisted of freeze dried and

canned foods which Mr. Winchester described as, "Delicious, so long as you were really hungry." The ration kits also included coffee, toilet paper, and other essentials for survival in the field. The students appreciated hearing about what they are learning in a book from a soldier who actually experienced and lived it.

Mr. Winchester is uncle to Mrs. Bonnie Winchester's husband.

SAFETY FIRST

On Friday October 11, 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 firefighter in full gear, learned stop, drop and roll, and got to check out the fire trucks. Thank you to the volunteers for lending their time and expertise!



Senior Brandon Harrington helps an elementary student lift his fire equipment.



Class of 2019 graduate Lucas Casey and Tyler Howe.

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.
2. Don't throw snowballs at the bus or anyone else.
3. Don't slide on the snow or ice patches in driveways or on the street.
4. Don't push or shove around the bus.

Please be advised that the Hartford Central School District Transportation Policy 705.04 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. Nims 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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REMINDER!

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