



HAMMONDSPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL

Laker Lines

February 2010

D-Day Paratrooper Speaks at HCS

On Thursday, January 14 students in the global studies classes at HCS received a real treat. World War II Paratrooper Richard Falvey shared with the classes a first person account of the D-Day invasion.

At age 21, Mr. Falvey was one of 13,000 paratroopers who jumped into Normandy, France at 1am on the morning of June 6, 1944. The line of planes that held these paratroopers was 300 miles long and nine planes wide. He relived the moments before he and his fellow paratroopers made their jump. He remembers it being very quiet when suddenly "all hell broke loose" and they came under anti-aircraft fire. A plane a few miles ahead of his burst into flames and fell to the ground. Mr. Falvey provided a very moving account of the moments leading up to and after he and his fellow paratroopers made their jump, including what was going through his head, what he saw and how he felt. At the conclusion of his talk, Mr. Falvey fielded several questions from the students.

Mr. Falvey was born in 1921 in Yonkers, NY. He received his basic training at Camp Toccoa in Georgia, a site made famous by the *Band of Brothers* film. Mr. Falvey currently lives in HammondSport and actively shares his WWII experiences at many venues.

WWII Paratrooper Richard Falvey fields questions from HCS global studies students.



HCS Mission

The mission of the Hammondspport Central School District, a high-performing unique learning community, is to provide a dynamic, quality education to a close-knit and diverse population, and to ensure that all students are prepared to compete in an ever changing global society by challenging each student through superior, innovative educational opportunities while promoting responsible citizenship through strong character and moral development.

District Objectives

100% of our students will meet their graduation requirements.

100% of school community members will contribute to a safe, secure, student centered environment.

100% of students will meet proficiency with the continued goal of achieving mastery.

100% of the school community will rate the internal/external communications of the district as satisfactory.

Aiming High

News from Hammondspport Central School District Superintendent Kyle Bower

It is difficult to believe that this edition of Laker Lines marks the halfway point of another school year. As the days continue to fly by, sometimes we forget to “stop and smell the roses” and realize what we have. It seems the news is filled with earthquakes, floods, unemployment, and personal tragedy on a daily basis. As we prepare for another difficult budget year, the focus often turns to what will be cut and how much money we will lose. However, in the end, Hammondspport will always be defined by the quality of what we do have and not the longing for what we once had. Quality comes from character, consistency and a commitment to excellence. As we navigate what is wrong with the world, it provides a sense of comfort that what defines us can't be controlled by others and won't be left up to chance.

Highlights from the January 2010 Board of Education Meeting

- Minutes of Regular Meeting of December 16, 2009 and Special meeting of January 7, 2010 accepted.
- Accepted donations of band instruments from Mr. Dick Davis, in memory of his wife, Beverly Davis; and also from Josh Malone.
- Adoption of 12 previously read policies.
- Approval of first reading of nine separate policies.
- Approved appointment of Mallory Elliot as Long Term Substitute Teacher.
- Continued discussion on budget development for 2010-2011 school year.

Kindergarten Registration

Hammondspport Central School's Kindergarten Registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held in the Hammondspport Primary Office on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM and 6:00 – 8:00 PM. To register, parents will need to show documentation (a birth certificate) that their child will be at least 5 years old by December 1, 2010 and provide the child's immunization records. The immunizations required for public school attendance must be completed before entering school. For more information, contact Ms. Darcie Groves in the Primary Office at 569-5200 ext. 5233.

Laker Lines is the official newsletter of the Hammondspport Central School District. It is distributed to all district residents. HCS Board of Education members include: James Zimar, President; Frank Curran, Vice President; Richard Drain, Nancy Torp and Christine Kolo.

The Board meets the third Wednesday of each month in the Library of the Main Street School.

Superintendent of Schools: Kyle Bower

Newsletter Editor: Julie Amsden

From the Desk of H.S. Principal Tad Rounds

February commences the start of the second semester. Please congratulate your child for his or her hard work during the midterm exam week. The Guidance Department will begin scheduling students for the 2010-2011 school year after winter break. Please review the course offering book with your child and contact Mr. Derr with any questions.

Next year will be the inception of the Middle School Program at Hammondsport Junior-Senior High. Our sixth, seventh and eighth grade teachers will be integrating their curriculum and meeting as grade level teams to align our program with the *Essential Elements of Middle School Education*. The sixth grade program will include instruction in the traditional content areas: English, math, science, social studies, art and physical education; plus ten week exploratory courses in computer applications, technology, Spanish and study skills. Thank you to the Middle School Committee for their work on this project. Parent and student orientations, for both the current fifth grade and sixth grade classes, will be scheduled in the spring to explain student schedules and instructional programming at the Junior High.

National Honor Society selection will occur in February and the formal induction ceremony will be held in March. All students in the junior and senior classes are given an application to be considered for the selection process. Please contact me with any questions, or concerns.

ATTN: HCS SENIORS
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS ARE DUE
APRIL 1 TO THE GUIDANCE OFFICE

Malone to Attend West Point Leader's Seminar

Joshua Malone, son of Doug and Connie Malone and member of the Hammondsport Class of 2011, has been selected to participate in the Summer Leader's Seminar at West Point. Invitations to the seminar are awarded on a competitive basis with emphasis on academics, athletic and extra-curricular successes. Only 500 students are selected to attend from around the country. The seminar is a fast paced program of academic classes, military training, physical fitness training and intramural athletics. Josh will participate in activities coordinated by West Point cadets in their final year at the academy. Through his participation in the program, Josh will begin the application process for consideration of an appointment to West Point.

Elementary News

by Elementary Principal Michelle Sincerbox

The students and staff have been working to continue emphasizing the importance of being a leader. Our Leading Lakers program is one way we encourage students to exhibit leadership characteristics. Each week two students are chosen as Leading Lakers. Please talk to your children about being a leader and about our LAKERS motto. For those who need a refresher, L stands for students who are always ready to learn and who allow others to learn; A stands for students who have a positive attitude; K stands for students who are always kind and respectful; E is for students who enjoy school and allow others to enjoy it as well; R is for responsibility, taking responsibility is important to all; and last but not least S is for Safety, being safe and assuring the safety of others. We will be holding a Lakers Assembly to remind our students of the motto on February 26.

January has been a cold and busy month for us at Glenn Curtiss Elementary. Students are ready for warm weather and more time outside. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside weather. Thank you all for a fairly smooth January and have a wonderful February.

You've Been Accepted!

The past few months have been very busy for our seniors as they prepare for life after HCS. After countless hours researching, visiting and applying to colleges, their hard work is starting to pay off. Listed below are the names of some of our seniors along with the college to where they have been accepted.

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| Brandon Allen | Niagara University |
| Ashley Hulse | Alfred State College |
| Annalee Mishrell | St. Bonaventure University (Academic Scholarship) |
| Kristin Cornish | SUNY Potsdam |
| Diana Derr | Juniata College (Academic Scholarship) Sienna College |
| Josh Snyder | SUNY Brockport |
| Eric Weaver | Coming Community College |

February/March Calendar Items

| February | |
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| 1 | No School, Conference Day |
| 2 | Marking Period 3 Begins |
| 9 | Parent Advisory Meeting, 6 pm, Elementary Library |
| 10 | Hammondsport Solo/Prism Concert, 7 pm; BOE Meeting, 7 pm |
| 15 | No School, Winter Recess |
| 16 | No School, Winter Recess |
| 17 | No School, Winter Recess |
| 18 | No School, Winter Recess |
| 19 | No School, Winter Recess |
| 23 | Kindergarten Registration, 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm |
| 26 | LAKERS Assembly, 1 pm |
| March | |
| 3 | Parent Night -Enough With the Acronyms, 6 pm |
| 5 | ACT Registration |
| 17 | BOE Meeting, 7 pm |
| 18 | Early Dismissal |
| 25 | ACT Registration |

Valentine's Day Brunch

Sunday, February 14, 2010

Hammondsport Fire Hall

10 am - 1 pm

\$7 Adult; \$4 Children under 10



Pre-sale tickets available - see any Spanish Club student to purchase

Buy a chance to win your favorite item at our Chinese Auction

Sponsored by HCS Spanish Club

Enough With the Acronyms!

AIS, RTI, Title I, Special Education

What does it all mean and how does it affect my child?

Parents and community members are invited to attend an Informational Night

When: March 3 from 6-7:30 **Where:** HCS Auditorium

Come learn more about these programs at the elementary level.

Child care will be provided by Student Council

Light refreshments will be available

Bus Safety Reminders

Remembering to follow these rules will help make sure your bus ride is a safe ride:

- Follow your driver's directions the first time they are given.
- Stay in your seat.
- Keep head, hands and feet inside bus and to yourself.
- No drinking, eating, cursing, or loud talking.
- Be at your pick-up point on time.

~ from your friends in the Transportation Department.

December Laker Leaders



Front row from left: Hayley Copp (2nd), Ian MacDonald (2nd), Natalie Lowin (3rd), Maizie Grundwalt (3rd); Back row: Clarissa Campbell (4th), Karigan Wright (4th).



We Need You!

Throughout the year, Hammondsport Central School is in need of community members and parents to serve on a variety of District level committees such as Comprehensive District Educational Planning, Safety, Title I Advisory, Communications, etc. If you are interested in serving on a Hammondsport Central School District committee, please contact Kyle Bower at #569-5200 ext. 5240 or kbower@hport.wnyric.org.

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