
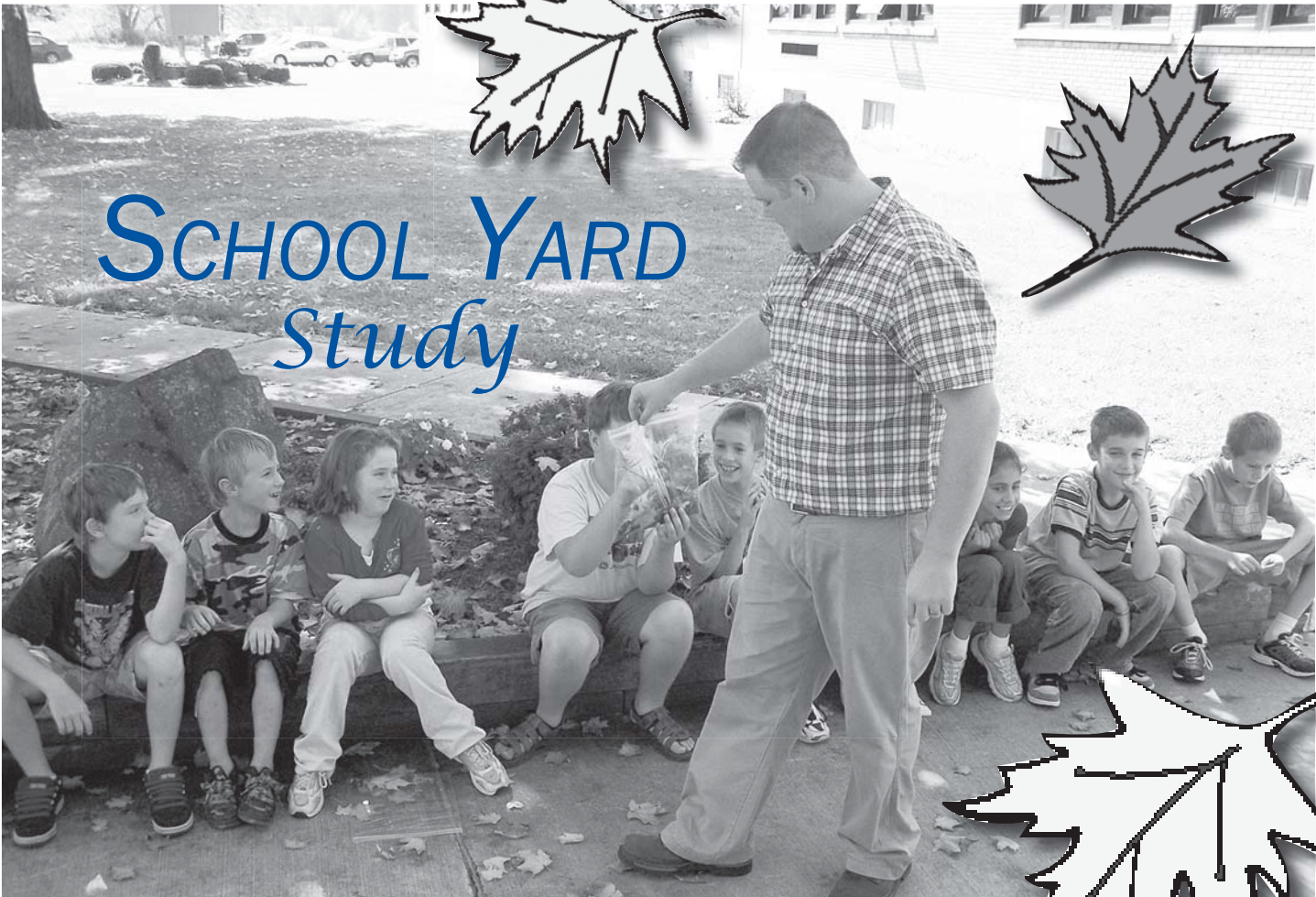


"Home of the Bobcats"



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SCHOOL YARD Study

Mr. Bauer and his third grade class take advantage of the beautiful Fall weather and have a science lesson outside entitled "School Yard Study." This lesson is a component of one of BOCES new science kits.

In the picture, Mr. Bauer is showing his class his nature collection. Among his specimens in the bag are: a spider, various leaves, a crysalis and more.

Mr. Bauer explained to his students how to collect nature samples with care and kindness.

Students were split into groups to collect their own nature samples, then they went into their classroom to do some observation with magnifying glasses. All of the insects, creatures and other living matter were returned to nature by the students.



Administration Area

Notes from the Superintendent

Please join us at our child fair on Nov. 19

As was announced in the October newsletter, we will again have a health fair at HCS this year, but with a focus on infants and young children: "Healthy & Bright, A Baby and Young Child Fair." On November 19 from 2 to 6 p.m., representatives of a number of area organizations and agencies will be available in the upper gymnasium and ready to give advice and assistance on the health, nutrition, safety, and early learning development of infants and young children.

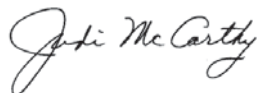
Please join us, whether you are a parent, grandparent, or just thinking of starting a family. There are many services available here in the Southern Tier and we think the information offered will be valuable to you and your youngsters!

Co-sponsored by the Olean General Hospital and Cattaraugus United Way, representatives invited to attend this event include the following:

Cattaraugus County Health Department
Olean General Hospital, Pediatrics & Obstetrics
Southern Tier Health Care System
Project Head Start
United Way of Olean
Cattaraugus County Youth Bureau
Parent Education Program
Cattaraugus County Early Intervention Coordinating Council
Literacy Volunteers of Catt. County
Olean Public Library
Healthy Families Cattaraugus
Olean Child Day Care Center
Child and Family Resources
Center for Resolution and Justice

Asthma Coalition
Center for Family Unity
Audiologist Testing
Healthy Community Alliance
Friendship House
Tops Market
Hinsdale Fire Department
Cattaraugus County Sheriff—Canine Unit
Cattaraugus County Sheriff—Safe Kids Program
Gundlach Dental Clinic
ACCORD Child Care Resource
NYS Police
Cattaraugus County Community Services
Cornell Cooperative Extension
The Southern Tier Child Advocacy Center

Child Health Plus
Sincerely,



Judi McCarthy,
Superintendent of Schools



Computer lab open for adults and secondary students

The HCS Computer Lab in Room 64 will be open for Hinsdale residents to use—both secondary students and adults—from 3 to 4 p.m. each Monday afternoon, starting Oct. 29.

There will not be a "users class," so basic understanding of computer usage would be necessary. However, with high-speed internet access available, both adults and students may find this to be invaluable in finishing assignments, as well as experiencing the world-wide web!

Please check the HCS calendar sent out in August for vacation and holidays when the school is not open.



Learning about owls and ecology

We are off to a wonderful start to our school year in science. The fifth-graders have done a great job adapting to our schedule and routines in the fifth- and sixth-grade wing.

We began the school year working on an ecology unit. We recently dissected owl pellets (*shown in photos above and right*) to discover the role owls play in an ecosystem. The students sorted and classified the bones and glued them on posters. These projects will be on display during parent teacher conferences.





JCC to host Career Horizons on Nov. 15

Jamestown Community College's Cattaraugus County Campus, the Cattaraugus County Counselors' Association, and Cattaraugus County Onestop Career Center will host Career Horizons, an evening of career exploration, from 6 to 8 p.m. on November 15 at JCC's College Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Professionals from nearly 50 different occupations - representing local businesses, industries and labor unions - will be available to talk to high school students, their parents, as well as adults about various careers. The event will provide an opportunity for the public to discuss career options, requirements, and outlooks with specialists in fields such as business, education, medicine, science, law enforcement, computers, trades, journalism, art, and many more.

"Career Horizons is an ideal community event for those who want to explore their career options with individuals who can provide first-hand information about their respective vocation," said Margie Litteer, admissions/recruitment specialist at JCC. "We are pleased to partner with the Cattaraugus County Counselors' Association and Cattaraugus County Onestop Career Center to make this event possible."

For more information, contact Margie Litteer, at 716-376-7528.



Pep Club spreads school spirit

The Pep Club has been spreading a little school spirit. Tristan Slocum, Ryan Baker, and Alaya Crawford have been busy making signs for the football, volleyball, and soccer teams. Bobbie Kent's artistic talent has been put to great use when designing banners. Libby Lovell and Dustin Stebbins painted Bobcat prints to mark the path to Bobcat Territory with a little help from Brittany Fair. Keep your eyes peeled for the spread of Hinsdale Spirit throughout the year!



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**5th and 6th Grade Fundraiser
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Student's Name _____

Phone _____

Teacher _____

CHILD SIZE	Quantity of Short Sleeve 100% Cotton Tees @ \$9.00 ea.	Quantity of Long Sleeved 50/50 Tees @ \$13.00 ea.	Quantity of 9.3 oz. Youth Sweats @ \$17.00 ea.	Quantity of 9.3 oz. Youth Hoods @ \$23.00 ea.	Total
SM (6-8)					\$
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XXL	ADD \$2 - XXL	ADD \$2 - XXL	ADD \$2 - XXL	ADD \$2 - XXL	\$
GRAND TOTAL					\$



Yearbooks on sale now!

Buy your yearbook now! The 2008 yearbooks are now for sale at the presale price of \$42 until the end of the year. You can either bring in cash or check to Mrs. Wick in Room 78, or purchase your books online using the link at www.hinsdale-bobcats.org. This year's "Panorama" is turning out PRICELESS. Don't miss your chance at purchasing one.

Teacher qualification notification

According to No Child Left Behind legislation, parents have the right to request the qualifications of their child's teachers if the school receives Title I funds.

As HCS does receive these funds, all parents/guardians of children attending HCS have the right to request information from the business office regarding the certification of their children's teachers, specifically the grade and subject level, whether or not the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status, the baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree, and the field of discipline of certification or degree.

If a parent or guardian would like to request such information, please call Mrs. Clayson in the business office, 557-2227, ext. 401. It will be provided within two school days.

Spaying/neutering available

Joyful Rescues located on Jollytown Road in Hinsdale has received a grant to spay/neuter dogs belonging to people with low incomes, or for dogs that would not have this opportunity. For more information, please call Joye Turock at 716-372-3661, or visit their Web site at www.joyfulrescues.com.

Celebrate National Family Literacy Day: Read Together

Thursday, Nov. 1, is National Family Literacy Day. The family is the most powerful influence on a child's ability to succeed. Literacy is the foundation on which all learning is based.

Research shows that family literacy leads to earning a high school diploma, higher job-related goals which leads to positive financial impacts. Family literacy teaches families that they can learn together, that learning is a mutual process, and that learning is fun.



Here are some tips for reading with your child.

- Spend time with your child talking, telling stories and singing songs.
- Read to and with your child every day
- Let your children choose the books you read together. This will help keep your children's interest.
- Find a comfortable place to read and sit close to your children. This helps create a special feeling at reading time.
- Change your voice and the pace that you read to fit the story. This makes the story more interesting for your children.
- After reading a book, talk about the story. Discussing the pictures and the main ideas in a book helps develop understanding.
- Let your children see you reading books, newspapers, and magazines. This sets an example for children that you enjoy and value reading.
- Take your children to the library regularly. Libraries are a wonderful place to find books and so much more.



Winter soccer sign-ups Dec. 11-12

Thanks to all who helped with summer soccer. Now it's almost time for our winter season. Sign-ups will be held Dec. 11 and 12 from 6-7:30 p.m. in the front lobby of the school. Anyone who missed turning in their jersey from last session can bring them to sign-ups. Any questions, please call Stacy Giberson at 557-2466.

MINUTES

- Approved minutes of Business Meeting of August 22, 2007 and Workshop Meeting of September 12, 2007

FINANCIAL

- Approved Warrant for the A-Fund
- Approved Warrant for the C-Fund
- Approved Warrant for the F-Fund
- Approved Budget Status
- Approved Treasurer's Report for August 2007
- Approved Extra Classroom Activity Fund

PERSONNEL

- Approved Phillip Wilson, Jacob Mattern and Renee Piechota as teacher substitutes
- Approved Robert Mower as a substitute bus driver

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Approved CPSE recommendations and placements
- Approved CSE recommendations and placements

DISTRICT

- Approved Revised Policy #8260 – "Title I Parent Involvement Policy"
- Second reading of Policy #7532



- "Child Abuse and Neglect/ Maltreatment"
- Second reading of Regulation #7532R – Child Abuse and Neglect/ Maltreatment
- Approved transportation for Autumn Wagner to Southern Tier Catholic School for the 2007-08 school year
- Approved Rachael Murray, Ashley Murray, and Nicholas Stives as "Non-Resident Students" for 2007-2008 school year
- Approved transportation for Ruth & Hannah Jenks to Portville Baptist School for the 2007-08 school year
- Approved disposing of three old televisions
- Accepted the bid of \$700 from Larry

- Skinner for Chevy Venture Van
- Approved Class Advisors for 2007-2008
- Approved Policy #7532 – "Child Abuse and Neglect/Maltreatment"
- Approved Regulation #7532R – "Child Abuse and Neglect/Maltreatment"
- Tabled the resolution for the August 3, 2007 Report from Nichelle James, Internal Auditor
- First reading of Revised Policy #7410 – "Academic Eligibility For All Extracurricular Activities"

SUPERINTENDENT

- A successful 2007-2008 school year opening
- Staff Development on 9/4/07; teachers attending various professional development opportunities in the next few months
- Update on After-School Study Center
- Mrs. McCarthy will attend the NYS Council of Superintendents Conference
- Agenda for Staff Development Day
- Recap of Homecoming Week

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- Adjourned to Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT

- Returned to the Meeting and Adjourned



Labels do make a difference

Keep those Campbell UPC labels and Box Tops for Education labels coming in! They are worth money for our school.

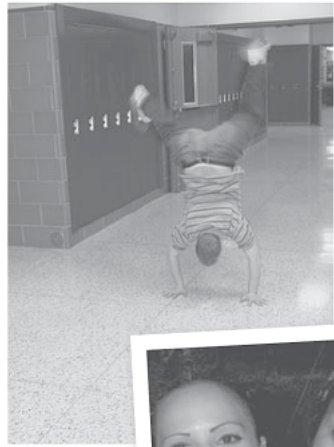
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Call 557-2227, ext. 400,
for more information or to sign up.

Image Share



Yearbook It!



Get your pictures in the yearbook!

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them.

Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online—

Log on to: images.jostens.com

Enter Login ID: 1141501

Password: bobcats

- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, click on "Image Share".
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today!

The last day to submit photos is March 9, 2008

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.



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CAFETERIA NEWS

Student Picture ID Cards

Shortly, all students will be receiving a picture ID card. Beginning Nov. 1, all students who enter either lunch line will be asked to have their ID card in hand to present to the cashier. Any student who does not show a card will be asked to go to the end of the lunch line. The reason for this is to help prevent unauthorized use of a student ID number, the inadvertent entering of the wrong ID number by the cashier, and to help speed up the serving lines.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications

Free and reduced meals are available based on family income. To ensure that your child, if eligible, receives a free or reduced price meal, you must fill out a new application every year. Applications must be filed in the district office by Sept. 30. We cannot serve your child free or reduced meals after Sept. 30 without approval! You are also responsible for all meal charges your child accumulates until this application is received and processed.

Pre-Paying on lunch account

It is best to prepay on your account by giving the cashier money ahead of time. Parents may send in a check or money in an envelope, provided by the cafeteria. On the check or envelope, please write the name and grade or ID number, if known.

- All monies go on the account and the cashier will access your account at the time of purchase. All students are encouraged to use this account through their picture ID card. The cards are used like

a debit account at the bank. You must have money in the account to use the card. When you eat a meal, the computer deducts the amount from your account.

- Charging of meals is only allowed for three meals. After that you must pay off the balance due and either prepay additional funds or have money at the time of purchase. If the charges are not paid, the student will still receive a lunch, but it will be a peanut butter or cheese sandwich and milk. Students may not charge ala carte or snack items. The money in a student account cannot be used to purchase ala carte or snack items. Such funds are to be used to purchase National School Breakfast and Lunch Program Meals only. You must have money in hand at the time of purchase.

Tips for keeping track of your child's meal account:

- Mark your calendar when you send money for your child's account and note how much you send.
- Sending the recommended amount of \$40 will pay for 20 lunches and 20 breakfasts. If you meet the eligibility guidelines for the reduced price lunch and breakfasts \$10 will pay for 20 lunches and 20 breakfasts.
- Contact the cafeteria as needed to check your child's balance.

How to contact the cafeteria manager

If you have any questions about the food service program at Hinsdale Central School, please contact:

Vincent Autieri
Cafeteria Manager
557-2227, ext. 404
vautieri@hinsdale.wnyric.org

Cold and flu season is here!



The following are some guidelines to help you decide when to keep children home from school.

Your child should stay home from school if they have had any of the following symptoms and are still not feeling well in the morning before school.

1. Fever of 100.5 or higher in the past 24 hours.
2. Vomiting or diarrhea in the past 24 hours.
3. Sore throat accompanied by fever, chills and body aches.
4. If your child has a cold and has lost significant sleep, his/her nose is constantly running or they have a persistent bad cough.
5. If your child may have "Pink Eye." Symptoms are: the white part of the eye looks pink/red with watery drainage noted or they awaken with dry, crusty drainage on eyelashes. Pink Eye is very contagious. It requires a physician visit and antibiotic drops for at least 24 hours before returning to school.

Please contact the school in the morning if your child is going to be staying home that day. It is also essential that the school have working telephone numbers to reach you in case of an emergency or illness during the day. Please notify the school of any changes in telephone numbers or emergency contacts.

HCS musicians earn Area All-State selection

We are pleased to announce the Hinsdale Central School musicians selected for the 2007 New York State School Music Association Junior and Senior High Area All State Festivals. These festivals are held in November all around the state. Students are chosen from hundreds of applicants based on their previous ratings at Solo Festival. We are very proud that HCS will be represented by the following excellent musicians!

Junior High Band:

Grade 9 Molly Petrinec – Clarinet III

Senior High Mixed Chorus:

Grade 10 Katie Fitzpatrick - Soprano I
Grade 10 Shaughn Bryant - Tenor II

Senior High Band:

Grade 10 Nadine Dyskant-Miller - Flute I
Grade 12 Jade McCutcheon - Flute II
Grade 10 Leigh Ann Cledgett - Flute II
Grade 12 Crysania Linderman - Clarinet I
Grade 12 Chelsea Fitzpatrick - Tenor Sax
Grade 12 Stephen Cledgett - Trombone I
Grade 10 Devin Kinney - Tuba
Grade 12 Ashley Keesler - Percussion 1st
alternate

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

Letter from the Athletic Director

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the fans at HCS for improving the level of sportsmanship from the stands this season. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed and are very much appreciated. Keep up the good work.

As I write this, our fall season is coming to a close and we are facing playoffs for several of our teams. Good luck to our football team, varsity girls' soccer, varsity boys' soccer and varsity volleyball team as they enter the playoffs. Go Bobcats!

Parents, please talk with your son or daughter and find out if they will be playing basketball or plan to be on the bowling team. If so, please contact the school nurse to make sure their physicals are up to date. In addition, talk with the coach, get a schedule, and please try to arrange (if possible) things such as dental and doctors visits so they will not interfere with a particular practice schedule. I know this is not always possible, but your efforts will be appreciated by the coaches.

In an effort to make our end-of-season sports banquets more meaningful to the athletes, we have decided to try something different with the scheduling of the banquets.

For the 2007-2008 athletic year, we will have one large sports banquet at the end of the year. This change is, of course, on a trial basis. We may also be changing the location (TBA), and there will definitely be a change in food choices.

We believe one night of recognition would indeed be a little more special and much more memorable to the kids, and would perhaps encourage greater attendance among athletes and parents. We understand that change in itself may be difficult for some, but please be patient with us while we try new and different things to improve this event for the athletes.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours in Sports,

Mark T. Crino,
Director of Athletics at Hinsdale Central School



To all parents in the Hinsdale Central School District,

The Hinsdale Fire Department's Annual Christmas Party this year is scheduled for Dec. 15 from 2-4 p.m., for children ages birth to 12. We are asking parents to please pre-register all children who are coming to the party. Please fill out the return slip, or contact Cindy Nupp at 378-7227 or Mary Deibler at 557-2264. Please have all registrations in by Dec. 1.

Thank you,
Greg Church, Hinsdale Fire Department,

**REGISTRATION due by DEC. 1.
Bring your camera and camcorder. Let's have fun!**

Child's Name: _____

Age: _____

Male/Female: _____

Breakfast/Lunch Menu for November 2007

Assorted fruit juice served w/breakfast. Milk (2% white, 1% chocolate) available daily. Grab-and-Go Breakfast available daily. Regular or flavored coffee and hot chocolate available mornings for high school students only. Subs and salads available daily for middle and high school. Salad bar, fruit & yogurt available daily. Prepaid lunches available in cafeteria. Menu subject to change without notice. Lunch prices: K-12 \$1.25; Adults \$3.50; a/c carte pricing to all. Breakfast: Regular - \$.75. Reduced (must qualify) lunch \$.25, breakfast \$.25.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY



In the operation of programs that feed children, no child will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, age or disability. If you believe that you have been discriminated against, write immediately to Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250

5 Cereal, Toast, OJ Chicken Burger, French Fries, Salad, Fruit	6 Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Cereal, Toast, OJ Philly Cheese Steak Sub, Salad, Vegetable, Fruit	7 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, OJ Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Salad, Fruit	8 Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Cereal, Toast, OJ Goulash or Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Salad, Vegetable, Fruit	9 French Toast, Sausage, Cereal, OJ, Toast Pizza, Salad, Vegetable, Fruit
12 No School Veterans Day	13 Cereal, Toast, OJ Scalloped Potatoes & Ham, Roll, Vegetable, Salad, Fruit	14 Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, OJ Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Salad, Fruit	15 Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Toast, OJ Hot Dog, French Fries, Salad, Fruit	16 French Toast, Sausage, Cereal, Toast, OJ No Lunch - Early Dismissal
19 Cheese Omelet, Cereal, Toast, OJ No Lunch - Early Dismissal	20 French Toast, Sausage, Cereal, Toast, OJ Turkey, Mashed Potatoes, Gr. Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Pumpkin Pie No Deli Line Today	21 No School Thanksgiving Break	22 No School Thanksgiving Break	23 No School Thanksgiving Break
26 Cereal, Toast, OJ Chicken Burger, French Fries, Salad, Fruit	27 Breakfast on a Stick, Cereal, Toast, OJ Bobcat Burger, French Fries, Salad, Fruit	28 Bagel w/Cream Cheese, Cereal, Toast, OJ Chicken Nuggets, French Fries, Salad, Fruit	29 French Toast, Sausage, Cereal, OJ Chili, Roll, Salad, Vegetable, Fruit	30 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Toast, OJ Fish Sandwich, Macaroni & Cheese, Salad, Vegetable, Fruit

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Congratulations, Poppy Poster winner!

Emily Waltos is pictured above with a plaque that was presented to her at the Hinsdale American Legion Dinner held Oct. 6. Emily was a winner in the Legion's annual Poppy Poster Contest. Congratulations to both Emily and Patrick Folland (photo not available) for their winning drawings!

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



- 6 First Marking Period Ends
- 7 Second Marking Period Begins
- 8 Bookmobile, 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.
- 12 No School – Veterans Day
- 14 Board of Education Workshop Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences, 3-7 p.m.
- 16 Early Dismissal for Grades Pre-K to 12, 11 a.m.
- 19 Early Dismissal for Grades Pre-K to 12, 11 a.m.
Parent-Teacher Conferences, Noon – 3 p.m.
- 21-23 No School – Thanksgiving Break
- 28 Board of Education Business Meeting, 7 p.m.