



HANNIBAL

Central School District

Welcome Back

The 2022-23 school year got underway Sept. 7 as students returned to school. Pictured are Fairley students as they prepare to enter the building on opening day.



Hannibal schools host open house events

The hallways of each Hannibal Central School District school building were abuzz with excitement as students and families attended open houses.

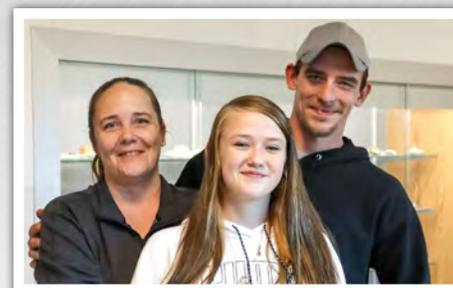
Teachers and administrators were on hand at each building to welcome and connect with Warrior families. Attendees had an opportunity to tour the respective school, meet with teachers in various subject areas, learn about community resources, and see student work on display.

Each school will host several events throughout the school year to strengthen engagement with families. For a schedule of events, visit www.hannibalcsd.org/calendar.



Kindergartners tour apple orchard

Fairley kindergarten classes learned about agriculture during a recent field trip to Fruit Valley Orchard. Students learned proper apple-picking technique and interacted with baby goats and other small animals. The day also included story time and creating enormous bubbles.





Hannibal schools welcome 12 new staff members



Hannibal Central School District new staff members gather for a group photo outside of the high school. From left are Spencer Kranz, Wendy Hawkinson, Ginny Faunce, Kristen Clapp, Kathleen Hooper, Kaitlyn Ryder, Molly Laxton, Kaylee Greene, Rebecca Familo, Rachele Raymond (back), Michael Vargas and Emily Holst.

The 2022-23 school year got underway in the Hannibal Central School District with a dozen new staff members as part of the Warrior family.

Each new staff member attended an orientation over the summer in which they became acclimated with the school building as well as the goals, initiatives and mission of the district. Veteran teachers also connected with the new employees and will serve as mentors throughout the year.

"As a district, our goal is to put students first, and these new hires embody that mission," said HCSD Assistant Superintendent Dee Froio. "We are thrilled to add these caring, passionate and well-rounded educators to our team!"

Fairley students combine science, careers in unique lesson



A Hannibal fourth-grader strikes a rock to examine its different layers during a recent science exploration day at Camp Hollis.

A fourth-grade science unit recently culminated in a multifaceted learning opportunity for Fairley Elementary students.

The field trip gave students an opportunity to explore the grounds of Camp Hollis where they participated in different science and career learning activities. The students learned about ecosystems, geology, nature and related careers during the daylong immersive experience. Students spent time at different stations, examining layers of rocks while on the shores of Lake Ontario, identifying nature shapes during a walk through the trails, examining ecosystems along the pond, and conducting experiments under the pavilion.

"Throughout the day, the students did a lot of hands-on learning and asked great questions," said HCSD Career Resource Specialist Meg Welling. "They learned

about the scientific process and about the many career opportunities in the field of science. We connected it to what we are learning in school and real life!"

High school Career Center offers resources for Hannibal students

As Hannibal High School juniors and seniors begin thinking about their futures after graduation, the school's Career Center provides several resources to guide them along their journey.

Students can learn about potential job opportunities, college options and military careers during a visit to the Career Center, located next to the main office. According to Steve Dunn, high school principal and career resource specialist, students can start by taking the Myers Briggs Personality Type Inventory and the Strong Interest Inventory.

"The results from these inventories help students better understand themselves," Dunn said. "Once they understand themselves, they are more equipped to decide what career opportunities they might like to explore."

In addition to administering the personality and interest inventories, the Career Center also facilitates college visits and helps students fill out college applications and financial aid reports. Another key resource is the database of current job openings. The comprehensive list gives students a glimpse at the opportunities that are available in their own community.

"When a student finds a job that they want to apply for, I am here to help ensure their application is filled out correctly and provide support for interviews," Dunn said. "Basically, the Career Center provides a ton of tools to

prepare students and help them better develop a plan for the day after they graduate from high school."

Although the Career Center was implemented only a couple years ago, its impact has been significant. Dunn noted that there have been countless examples of students who have benefited from the resources that the Career Center provides.

"Success stories come on a daily basis and can look/sound like many different things, Dunn said. "I've seen it in many forms, such as a student stopping in the tell me they got an interview, a student completing their college application, students discovering what they would like to do, students realizing their grades can determine what opportunities are open to them and students following through with performance to attain a goal."



Students meet with Principal and Career Resource Specialist Steve Dunn in the high school's Career Center.

WHAT IS THE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER CENTER?

A one-stop shop to help our students prepare for the future.

WHERE IS THE HIGH SCHOOL CAREER CENTER?

In the high school next to the main office.

WHAT ARE THE HOURS OF OPERATION?

The Career Center is accessible all day, every school day. Students can also make specific appointments by stopping into the center or through the counseling office.

WHO SHOULD VISIT THE CAREER CENTER?

All students! At the high school, we provide services to all students who come to the Career Center.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT THE CAREER CENTER?

While the high school's career center provides plenty of opportunities for our older students, we have many resources for all grade levels! We also provide a discovery phase of career exploration with Meg Welling for students in pre-K through fifth grades, then career instructional support for students in sixth through eighth grades. There are resources at every level to ensure our students are better prepared for what's next.



PURPLE PRIDE

Our fall student-athletes were in the spotlight during the recent homecoming parade and pep rally! Members of the Warrior community stood along the parade route to cheer on the teams and celebrate all participants. What a great way to show Purple Pride! Pictured are the varsity teams, along with some candid shots from the pep rally.



Hannibal Christmas Bureau Carnival Set for Nov. 5

Basket donations sought to benefit HCSD families

In the Hannibal Central School District, a tradition of giving back and helping those in need has culminated in an annual fundraising extravaganza known as the Christmas Bureau Carnival.

This year, the fundraiser will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 5 in the Hannibal High School gymnasium. Volunteers and community members will unite for the fun-filled day with activities such as face painting, games, concessions and dozens of basket raffles. All proceeds from the event will go toward supporting HCSD families in need during the holiday season.

"We look forward to this event every year, and we love seeing our community come out to support one another," said HCSD District Learning Lab Coordinator and Christmas Bureau committee member Amy Gombas. "This community always answers the call to help, and I couldn't be prouder of this Warrior family!"

To donate a basket to the event, please email agombas@hannibalcsd.org or call 315.564.8130. Baskets may be delivered to the high school attendance office by Nov. 1.

"We would absolutely love any basket donations that people are willing to provide," Gombas said. "The basket themes can be anything . . . we have had movie day baskets, homemade blankets, Christmas decorations, gift certificates, coffee lovers' baskets, etc. People are very creative in coming up with themes for the baskets, and we are grateful for all donations."

WANT TO GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

Donate a basket to the Christmas Carnival!

Show off your creativity and run wild with your unique theme! All proceeds benefit the Christmas Bureau and HCSD families during the holiday season!

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A Message from the Superintendent

When the 2022-23 school year began, we had a renewed sense of optimism as things slowly returned to normal. That feeling of optimism has grown tremendously in these first months of school, as I've seen our students engaged in their learning and eager to develop new skills.

At the elementary level, our youngest learners have participated in field trips to reinforce the lessons taught in the classroom. They have applied their studies outside of the classroom and they continue to amaze us with their knowledge and critical thinking abilities.

Our older students have also taken ownership of their learning and are asking thought-provoking questions, engaging in meaningful conversation, and challenging themselves to think critically about complex subjects. From upper-level and college-credit courses to a new eSports program, our students have numerous opportunities to explore as Warriors.

With such a diverse range of academic and extracurricular programming offered to our students, it is imperative that they have the supports in place to help them thrive. And, here

at Hannibal, those support systems are clearly in place. Our staff, our families and our community are involved in our students' activities. We support one another and we are stronger because of it.

As we move forward this school year, let's continue to work together. After all, we are stronger as a Warrior family.

*Sincerely,
Christopher A. Staats*

DEPARTMENT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Thanks
TO OUR
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*for helping our schools be
"Student Ready" for opening day!*



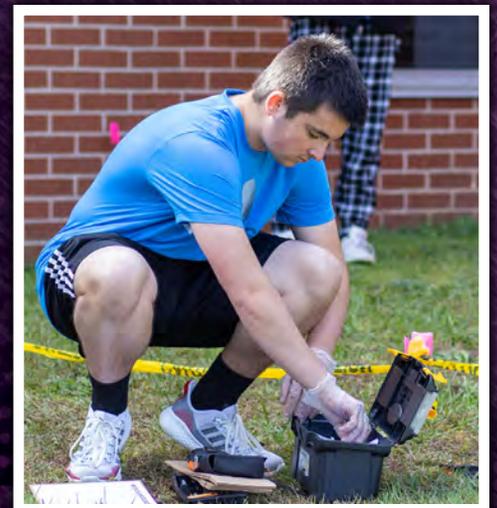
Forensics class offers CSI style learning for Hannibal students

The Hannibal High School courtyard was recently transformed into a scene out of the television show "CSI" during a SUPA Forensics lesson.

Students in Dawn Battles' upper-level course put their classroom studies to the test as they were tasked with processing a mock crime scene set up outdoors. Three groups of students worked together to comb through separate scenes, surrounded with police tape. Wearing gloves so not to contaminate any potential evidence, the students bagged and tagged evidence as they were careful not to disrupt the scene.

"This lesson really teaches the students how to process a crime scene just like an actual forensic investigator would," said Battles. "They identify the evidence, learn how to handle it, follow the chain of command, take measurements and sketch the scene."

Battles noted that later in the school year, students will learn proper fingerprinting techniques and additional tools to aid in a forensic investigation.



A SUPA forensics student processes a mock crime scene as part of a hands-on lesson.