



HANNIBAL

Central School District

NHS Sadie Adamy Chapter Welcomes 18 Students

Eighteen Hannibal High School students recently joined elite company when they were inducted into the Sadie Adamy chapter of the National Honor Society.

The new inductees were lauded for their scholarship, leadership, service, citizenship and character, as Principal Stephen Dunn offered words of encouragement. He noted that each inductee was well-rounded and exemplified the pillars that are required for NHS membership.

"Thoughts generally go toward academics during this ceremony," Dunn said. "But the NHS is more than that. These students have much more going for them than just the ability to get good grades."

NHS co-advisers Carol Burch and Lisa Mason said the inductees exhibit good citizenship and participate in several volunteer service activities throughout the year. They coordinate a Red Cross Blood drive three times a year, lend their time at the annual Christmas Bureau Carnival, deliver Christmas baskets to HCSD families, and each spearhead an individual service project.

"I've had the opportunity to watch you grow into fine citizens," said HCSD Superintendent Christopher Staats. "You're amazing people. I'm so proud to call you a fellow Warrior."

The new inductees were: Steven Baker, Krystina Carnifax, Christina Cole, Jillian Hall, Katherine McCraith and Makayla Zapanta (seniors); and Joseph Cerrillo IV, Kelsey Combes, Nathan Crego, Savannah France, Hannah Heald, Jacob Kelly, Noah Kuc, Ryan Nosko, Dillon Plantz, Zachary Shortslef, Erica Stauring and Bradley Wiggins (juniors).



At top: Hannibal High School senior Steven Baker lights a candle signifying his membership into the National Honor Society. Above: The 18 new inductees into the Hannibal chapter of the National Honor Society pose for a photo.



'Imagination Library' Gives the Gift of Reading

The Hannibal Central School District's focus on early literacy recently received additional support thanks to funding for books through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

"Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is a book gifting program that mails free, high-quality books to children from birth until (their fifth birthday), no matter their family's income," according to the Imagination Library's website.

The program will be introduced to Hannibal's youngest Warriors after extensive behind-the-scenes work among the district, the Literacy Coalition of Oswego County (LCOC) and the United Way.

Registration for the program is underway and ongoing. Official registration brochures are available at the United Way of Greater Oswego County, the Hannibal Public Library or in the district registrar's office at the Hannibal High School. For more information, visit www.hannibalcsd.org and click on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library page under the District Office tab.

PURPLE PRIDE IS DISTRICT WIDE!



Farm to Table Course a Hit at DMK

A new elective course at Dennis M. Kenney Middle School is changing the way students look at their food.

Students in Dr. Christine Lamont's farm to table course are conducting experiments, planting seeds, growing plants and learning a "little bit of everything" in the hands-on class. They are implementing the scientific method while analyzing data and gauging chemical reactions throughout the process.

"They are learning the science of food and the science of growing," Lamont said. "They're coming away with a better connection between farming and agriculture."



Ethan Fowler and Aislinn Osborn measure the temperature of warmed milk as they prepare to make yogurt.

Some of the class projects include growing grass and beans. The students are tasked with developing controlled experiments from start to finish. They plant the seeds, measure their growth and record the information in data tables.

"Using simple science activities, students investigate the origin and nutritional content of common foods," Lamont explained. "The structure and function of food crops, the impacts of fertilizers, light, and grazing on plant

growth, along with the role of pollinators and bacteria in food production are explored."

While the content may seem daunting, Lamont noted that the students are enjoying the hands-on aspect of the class. She said the class goes beyond memorization and encourages students to be active participants in their education.

"This is all learning by doing," Lamont said. "It's not handing them a textbook and asking them to remember what they've read. They're engaged and they like doing this stuff."

The farm to table course is a half-year elective class available to seventh and eighth-graders.



Computer Science in Focus

The Hannibal Central School District is embracing coding at all grade levels, and students recently participated in various activities during Computer Science Education Week in early December.

At Fairley, librarians Monica Gage and Marie Smith worked with students on different coding projects on code.org. Throughout the experience, students worked on their problem-solving skills while following instructions to accomplish different tasks.

"Students are given activities that are asking them to think ahead to solve a problem," Gage explained. "As the students move on, they use map skills -- to identify directional points -- and math skills -- like subtraction and addition -- to solve the problems."

By introducing students to computer science at the elementary level, they are better prepared for more in-depth studies as they move on to the middle and high schools. Currently, middle school students are exploring HTML language to develop their own website. They recently wrapped up a unit using Sphero robots in which they created code to move the spheres in certain directions.

The skills acquired in these classes can be implemented beyond the school setting. With increasing opportunities in science and technology-based fields, students are better equipped for potential job opportunities after graduation.

"We believe it is important to introduce these concepts to the younger students because so many jobs are computer based," Gage said. "By understanding how a computer works, they will be prepared for life outside of school."



Responsibility is a key focus in our schools, and our Fairley students learned all about the character trait during a recent assembly. The high school wrestling team stopped by to discuss all the ways they act responsibly in school, on the bus, in the cafeteria and at home. What great role models!



District, Community Unite for Annual Christmas Bureau

A holiday fundraising tradition continued this year as the Hannibal Central School District hosted its annual Christmas Bureau carnival.

The event collects new toys, nonperishable food donations and raises money to help fill baskets full of gifts and necessities for HCSD families in need. Once the items are collected, Hannibal National Honor Society students and staff members package the items and deliver them to families in time for the holiday season.

This year's carnival was held at the high school and offered games, facepainting, a magician and other activities for children. There were also basket raffles that included several big-ticket items. Overall, the carnival generated \$4,940 for the Christmas Bureau.

According to Hannibal High School teacher Karen Upcraft, who helps coordinate the donation effort, it takes a team to pull everything together.

"Many hands go into the planning, coordinating, shopping, packing, and delivery of the boxes," she said. "It is truly a community event! Our staff and students put in countless hours, making boxes, sorting gifts, labeling and packing the boxes and helping on the day of the delivery. Community volunteers use their personal

vehicles, and with student help, deliver the boxes to recipients' doors or recipients come in and pick them up."

She noted that the Christmas Bureau provided baskets for 167 families last year, with a similar number of recipients expected this year. Baskets will be delivered Dec. 19.



Students Shine During Holiday Concerts

Sounds of the season filled Lockwood Auditorium during several holiday concerts. From top to bottom: members of the senior high band perform "White Christmas"; the Life Skills class shows off their drumming skills; and members of the DMK chorus sing a holiday tune.

Winter Safety Tips

Keeping students safe is a top priority for the Hannibal Central School District, and with winter weather bearing down on us, it is important to take extra measures to ensure student safety at all times.

The district asks that students practice safe habits while waiting for the school bus. As snow banks build, it becomes harder for drivers to see children waiting to be picked up. To create a safe environment, students should stand away from where the bus stops. Buses need extra room to stop when there is snow and ice. With slick roads it is especially important that students watch for their bus driver's signal, looking both

ways before crossing.

Students should also allow extra time to get to their bus stop and arrive with books and lunches stowed away in their backpacks. This makes it easier to walk through the snow and safer to board the bus when students' hands are free to use the handrail.

Coats, hats, mittens and boots are essential this time of year. Children should be dressed appropriately for the cold and wintry weather. Students should leave their home with their jacket zipped, as dangling drawstrings or straps could present a danger.

We must all do our part to keep our students

safe and healthy this winter. Drivers should always be mindful of student unloading and loading zones, and should take extra precaution at or near schools and bus stops during winter months.

Parents must be visible when the bus drops off their child in the afternoon for students in Fairley Elementary. The driver will not let a student off the bus without visibly seeing an adult or older sibling at the home. For the child's safety, it is required that all UPK through second-grade parents meet the bus and assist getting their child off the bus.

For more information about bus safety, contact the bus garage at 315-564-8140.



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Hannibal Earns 3rd Place in Academic Competition

In the second Oswego County Academic Youth League competition of the season, Hannibal Central School District took third place as they explored the rebirth of human knowledge that took place from the 1300s-1600s in Europe and beyond. Team members were Payton Gorman, Hannah Heald, Velvet Howland, Hannah Kuc, Rebecca Marsh, Sean Mason, Mackenzie Rice and Faith Smith.

History Lesson Comes to Life at Fairley

Fairley fourth-graders recently took a step back in time as they revisited the ideological and military battles of 1862.

As part of a social studies unit, students learned about slavery, the Women's Suffrage Movement and the Civil War. Those classroom studies culminated in a performance of "The Keeper's Voice," in which students interacted with actors from Merry-Go-Round Playhouse and acted as members of the Five Nations.

The performance put students at the center of the action, as they represented members of a Haudenosaunee village while they listened as an actress, portraying suffragist and abolitionist Matilda Gage, discussed her views on Civil Rights. Throughout the performance, students reflected on Haudenosaunee culture and how their beliefs and values align with Gage's.



Fourth-graders represent one of the Five Nations as they gather around a "campfire" during a recent lesson.

A Message from the Superintendent

The holiday season and the beginning of a new year offer an opportunity for reflection and appreciation. We are truly grateful, in the Hannibal Central School District, to have so many student achievements to celebrate year-round. Our students continue to excel academically, athletically, musically and in other ways that make us all proud to be members of the Warrior family.

On the stage, our student musicians are performing at elite levels. We had several students who qualified and participated in Area All-State and Area All-County festivals. Additionally, our seniors put on a fun-filled performance with this year's fall production of "Wizard of Oz: The Deleted Scene."

We are also incredibly proud of our student-athletes who demonstrated sportsmanship and purple pride throughout the fall season while maintaining a commitment to academics. Several of our teams achieved scholar-athlete status, posting team averages of a 90 or above. Their commitment to our athletic program and academic success is remarkable!

In the classroom, our students are working hard and participating in lessons that integrate technology and create 21st century learning environments. Distance learning connections, videoconferencing and online courses provide innovative ways for our students to become active participants in their education, and they are thriving!

We have seen so much growth and have celebrated many achievements since the beginning of the school year. This holiday season, it's important to reflect on these accomplishments and encourage our students to continue to strive for success. Have a happy holiday season and a fantastic 2019.

Sincerely,
Christopher A. Staats