

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

215 HARRY HOWARD AVE., HUDSON, NY

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



Dear Hudson City School District Community,

Can you believe it's December already? As the first half of the 2023-24 school year concludes, I would like to take a moment to acknowledge some of the amazing things happening right here in Hudson.

Our students have gone above and beyond in the classroom and in extracurriculars, embracing their Bluehawk pride every step of the way. I look forward to continued success in classes, athletics and the arts, with several entertaining winter concerts and matchups scheduled.

The Hudson City School District staff has embarked on this new journey of #HudsonTogetherWeCan with smiling faces and a passion to provide the best educational experience possible for our students. Participating in Spirit Week theme days, staying late for extra assistance and finding ways to support each other have not gone unnoticed.

From an administration standpoint, we continue to implement our new culture. Collaborative efforts in Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School, Hudson Junior High School, Hudson Senior High School and the District Office can be seen on a steady basis. Effective communication, community integration and implementation of policies and protocols are among the top priorities we are focused on.

As for me, there's been a healthy dose of being busy with overseeing operations, conducting meetings with staff from all buildings and transitioning weaknesses and conflicts into strengths and resolutions. I feel great satisfaction in chronicling "Pennyman's Pen," a bi-weekly one-page document describing happenings and events taking place in our progressive district. Additionally, "Conversations with the Superintendent," a monthly forum for the public to bring ideas, comments and concerns to me in-person, are at the Hudson City Department of Youth every third Thursday of each month. This allows me to hear directly from you! I invite you to attend the next session on Dec. 21, 2023.

I ask that you keep an eye on the health and safety of yourself and our youth. Use the holiday spirit as a reason to be a part of something bigger than yourself, even if you don't realize it initially. As always, I can be reached via email at pennymanj@hudsoncsd.org.

Thank you for your time and have a fantastic holiday season!

Sincerely,
Dr. Juliette Pennyman
Superintendent of Schools
Hudson City School District

JOIN "CONVERSATIONS WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT" ON DEC. 21

Have a question or concern to share with Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman? Dr. Pennyman wants to hear from YOU about where the District can improve!

Join her for "Conversations with the Superintendent" from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. every third Thursday of each month at the Hudson City Department of Youth, 18 South 3rd St., Hudson, NY 12534.

The next meeting is scheduled for Dec. 21, 2023. See you there - and bring others interested in our schools!



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NOW YOU CAN WATCH BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS ON YOUTUBE – LIVE OR WHENEVER MOST CONVENIENT

The Hudson City School District Board of Education is pleased to announce that its meetings will be broadcast live on the school district's YouTube channel.

The first broadcast will be Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. [Click here](#) to visit YouTube and click "Live" to watch. [Click here](#) for the agenda; if it is not immediately available, please check again closer to the meeting time. The public also is invited to attend the meeting in person at the Hudson Senior High School library.

The decision to broadcast Board of Education meetings is in response to community requests. It's also representative of the Board of Education's commitment to transparency and partnering with the community.

"We know our community greatly cares about actions by the Board of Education, and how those discussions and decisions affect our students, faculty and families," said Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman. "Families have busy schedules and work commitments, sometimes making it difficult to attend Board meetings in person. While in-person attendance is always welcome, broadcasts that are recorded and posted on YouTube provide the ability to watch online, when most convenient, at any time day or night."

Board of Education President Willette Jones said, "Broadcasting the Board's meetings is another way to engage with our community – and for our community to engage with the Board. Now, families will have the ability to watch meetings whenever most convenient, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That's very important for families that are constantly on the go."

Public Comment segments of Board of Education meetings provide an opportunity for the community to speak to the Board. Currently, online viewers will not be able to participate. However, comments emailed to the board clerk at gaffneyt@hudsoncsd.org will receive a written response.

Streaming is not new to the Hudson City School District. The Board of Education broadcast its meetings online during the Covid pandemic, and Hudson Senior High School's graduation ceremonies have been streamed for three years.

Meet members of the Board of Education [here](#). Board meetings typically are held every other Tuesday. View a meeting schedule [here](#).

Thank you.

HUDSON CSD 2023 WINTER CONCERT SCHEDULE

Winter Concerts are here! Here is the schedule for winter concerts in the Hudson City School District:

Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School: 4th/5th Grade Choir and Band: Friday, Dec. 1, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School Auditorium.

Hudson Junior High School: Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 (Inclement-weather date is Thursday, Dec. 14). Concert starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior Senior High School Auditorium.

- Warm-ups for 6th/7th/8th Grade Band: 5:45 p.m. in the Junior High School Band Room.
- Warm-ups for Junior High School Choir: 5:45 p.m. in the Choir Room.

Hudson Senior High School: Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023 (Inclement weather date is Thursday, Dec. 21). Concert starts at 7 p.m. in the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium.

- Warm-ups for Senior High School Band: 6 p.m. in the Senior High School Band Room.
- Warm-ups for Senior High School Choir: 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.



MCSES DRAMA CLUB'S MUSICAL: DISNEY'S "THE LION KING KIDS"

The Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School Drama Club's performance of Disney's "The Lion King Kids" will take place Dec. 15-16 at 7 p.m. in the Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School Auditorium! Admission is free! Hope to see you there!



MCSES PTO PRESENTS
**FESTIVAL OF WREATHS
VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR**
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH
10 AM- 2 PM

featuring

Locally owned businesses

free admission

Montgomery C. Smith Elementary school
102 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY 12534

**FESTIVAL OF WREATHS
VENDOR & CRAFT FAIR DEC. 9**

The Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School PTO hosts its 4th annual Festival of Wreaths Vendor & Craft Fair on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with FREE admission!

There will be local crafters and vendors, raffles, photo opportunities with Santa, food for purchase by Larry Walker (What's Really Good), and more - including buying raffle tickets to try to win wreaths, decorated by local businesses. The drawing for the wreaths will be on Dec. 20, and the winners will be contacted by a member of the PTO. Please join us to support our school and local businesses!

MOLLIE ZUCKER APPOINTED AS BLUEHAWK ACADEMY ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

The Hudson City School District Board of Education, at its Nov. 14 meeting, appointed Mollie Zucker, an individual with over 18 years of experience in education, to the position of Bluehawk Academy Associate Principal, effective Nov. 23, 2023.

In her transition from health and physical education teacher, Zucker will now oversee the progress of students in the Bluehawk Academy, a secondary program launched by the District in February to provide innovative educational opportunities to students.

Zucker will work directly with the Bluehawk Academy staff, consisting of Megan Amendola, a career guidance counselor; Michelle Donelley, a dedicated expert in social work; Larry Walker, a professional focused on restorative justice; and Darnell Harris, a passionate driver and monitor for the program.

"On behalf of the Hudson City School District, I am excited to welcome Mollie Zucker into the field of administration," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Juliette Pennyman said. "Mrs. Zucker has proved herself as a friendly face with a passion for the educational experience in Hudson and supporting students and staff alike."

Zucker received her bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies, Health and Physical Education from Cairn University and her master's degree in Adventure Education from Prescott College. Her certification for her Advanced Graduate degree in Educational Leadership from Stony Brook University is pending.

Zucker holds an extensive background in education, serving in roles internationally, nationally and in New York State. She was introduced to the field as a physical education teacher at the American Academy for Girls in Kuwait and EduVenture, a college study-abroad program, serving as an adventure leader and instructor at the Fiji and Papua Indonesia campuses.

From there, Zucker served as the master guide for the wilderness therapy program at Adirondack Leadership Expeditions in Saranac Lake, N.Y. At Prescott College in Arizona, she was a Graduate Assistant for expeditionary learning and history-of-adventure education. For the last 11 years, Zucker has embraced Bluehawk pride in our Hudson City School District as a teaching assistant at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School and a health and physical education teacher at Hudson Junior High School.

"It is truly an honor and uplifting feeling to be trusted as an Associate Principal at the Bluehawk Academy," Zucker said. "I'm excited to continue my work with the amazing students and staff at Hudson Junior Senior High School and provide support and preparation for students in the Bluehawk Academy in their pursuit of life after high school."

In her free time, Zucker enjoys time outdoors with her three children, often building forts, camping, hiking and celebrating adventures with ice cream.



JUNIOR HIGH HYGIENE DRIVE

Hudson Junior High Hygiene Drive
organized by AVID 7/8

to support



Dates: December 1st - 20th
Students & Staff Encouraged to Donate!

Items in Need: Any size or brand will do! Unopened, new items only!

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Mouthwash
- Lotion
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Q-Tips
- Tissues
- Chapstick
- Feminine Products

Please drop off items with your **FIRST PERIOD** teacher.
AVID 7/8 students will be around to collect items periodically.
1st period in each grade level who donates the most will win a treat!



HIGH SCHOOL INTEGRATED SCIENCE CLASS FOCUSES ON PHYSICS

Much fun was had by students in the Integrated Science class with Mrs. Nowak! In this class, powered by the English as a New Language (ENL) Emerging Program, Hudson Senior High School students are communicated to by their teachers in their native language, as well as English.

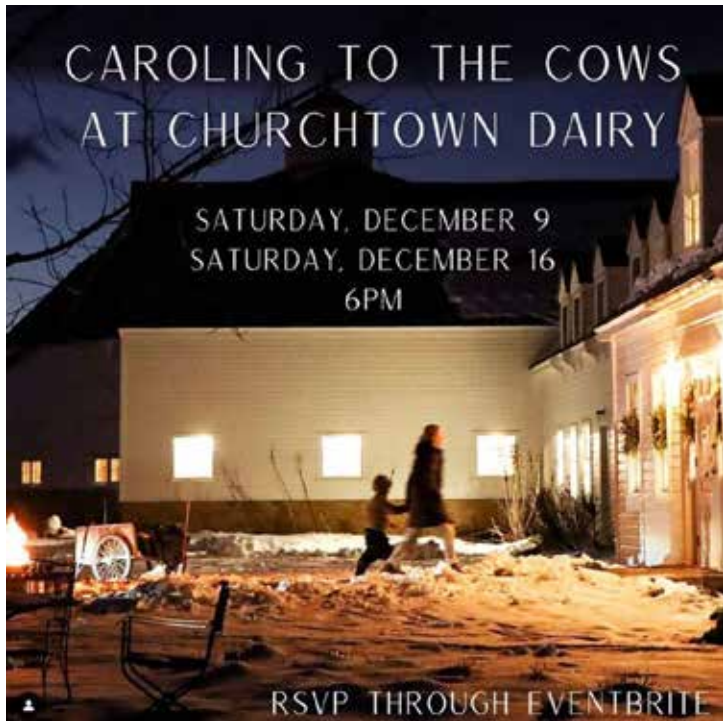
Here, students are using the sport of shot put as an example to track velocity, trajectory and better understand physics!



Hudson Junior High School students and staff are encouraged to donate to the AVID 7/8 Hygiene Drive to support the Salvation Army. The drive takes place through Dec. 20, 2023! Numerous items are needed -- any size or brand will do! Unopened, new items only, please!

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap
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CAROLING TO THE COWS AT CHURCHTOWN DAIRY

Come support Hudson Choir students as they "Carol to the Cows" at Churchtown Dairy! The event will take place on Saturday, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16 at 6 p.m.



YOUTH THEATRE AFTER-SCHOOL WORKSHOP SERIES

On Dec. 2, Columbia County Youth Theatre Director Edgar Acevedo and Hudson City School District dance instructor Omonike Akinyemi led students in an improvisation that told of three gossipers confronted by someone who opposes gossiping. They come together in an activity that supports collaboration. Ngounga Badila accompanied on the drum.

Additionally, fight choreographer Erin Hebert returned for another lesson in fencing and swordplay on Nov. 30.

Workshops will continue at Hudson Senior High School throughout December. Contact Edgar Acevedo at info@cct.org for more information. This CCYT program is funded by the New York State Council on the Arts. [Watch a video here.](#)



CHANUKAH MENORAH LIGHTING AT 7TH STREET PARK

There will be a Chanukah menorah lighting and gelt drop at 7th Street Park on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 4:30 p.m. Come join the community at this free event featuring latkes, doughnuts, a fire performer and more!



CLASS OF 2025 BROOKS BBQ FUNDRAISER



Thank you to all who supported the Class of 2025's Brooks BBQ fundraiser!



MRS. NOWAK'S INTRO TO AG CLASS ENTERS MAC & CHEESE CHALLENGE

Mrs. Nowak's Introduction to Agriculture class participated in the New York State Agriculture in the Classroom Mac & Cheese Challenge!

According to the New York State Agriculture in the Classroom program, "the Mac & Cheese Challenge allows students to develop perfect macaroni & cheese recipes, create marketing materials for their products, and learn about the dairy-processing industry in their community. This cross-curricular experience reinforces core curricular concepts in math, science, English Language Arts and exposes students to career opportunities in our food system." Hudson Senior High School is hoping to earn an award!

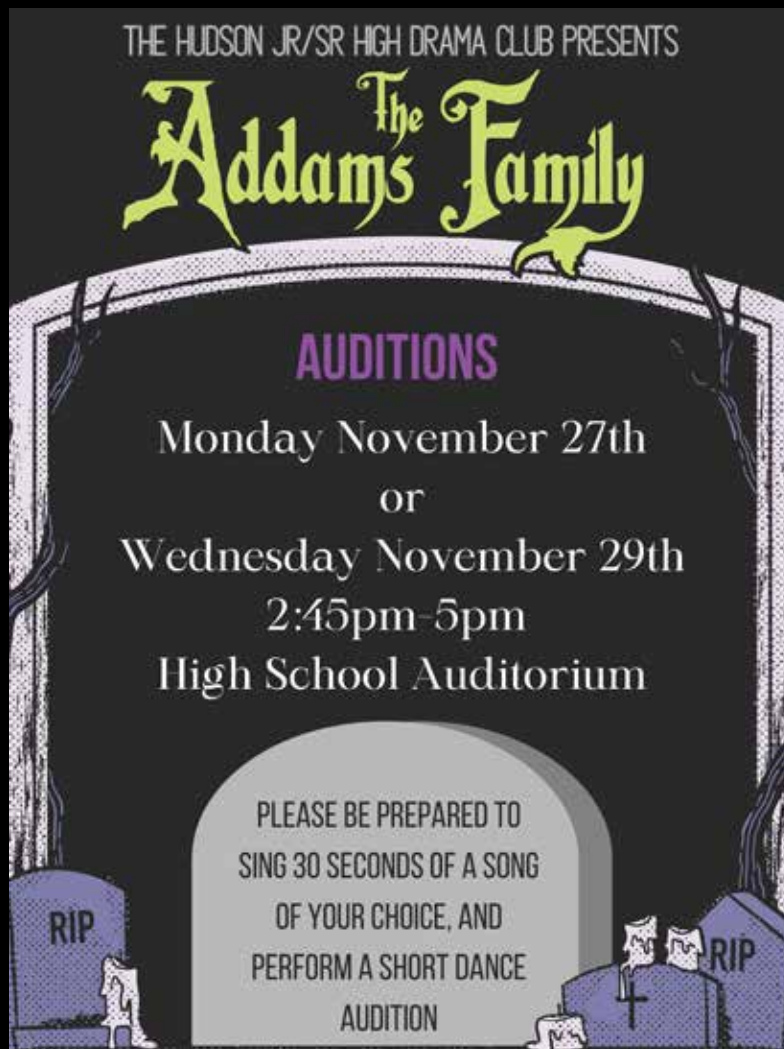


Mrs. Nowak reached out to Stewart's Shops for dairy donations. The students thought it would be an excellent idea to use Stewart's milk since Stewart's often touts that it has the "Best Milk" in New York. Jennifer Frame, Director of Corporate Philanthropy, quickly contacted the school and donated four gallons of milk, three containers of butter, and a \$10 gift certificate.

Thank you so much, Stewart's Shops, for supporting Hudson Senior High School!



**DRAMA CLUB
HOLDS AUDITIONS FOR
“THE ADDAMS FAMILY”
(SCHOOL EDITION)**



Preparing for the annual Spring musical, auditions for the Hudson Junior/Senior High School Drama Club's "The Addams Family" (School Edition) took place on Nov. 27 and Nov. 29 in the Junior/Senior High School Auditorium. Callbacks took place on Friday, Dec. 1.

Students in grades 6-12 who wished to audition only needed to attend one audition day and were asked to sing 30 seconds of a song and to be ready for a short dance audition.

**Save the dates for "The Addams Family" (School Edition),
hitting the stage March 21-23, 2024!**



KINDNESS CLUB STUDENTS DELIVER SUPPLIES TO THE HOLIDAY PROJECT

To kick off the holiday season, several students in the Kindness Club at Hudson Senior High School delivered over 3,000 square feet of wrapping paper, gift tags and tape to support the Holiday Project that blesses local Hudson families in need!

JUNIOR HIGH LIFE SKILLS CLASS ADOPTS GHENT ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENT FOR HOLIDAYS

Students in Mrs. McCagg's Life Skills class at Hudson Junior High School have been learning about helping others in our community. The students adopted a resident of Ghent Assisted Living for the holiday. Students and parents were involved in making this good deed happen.



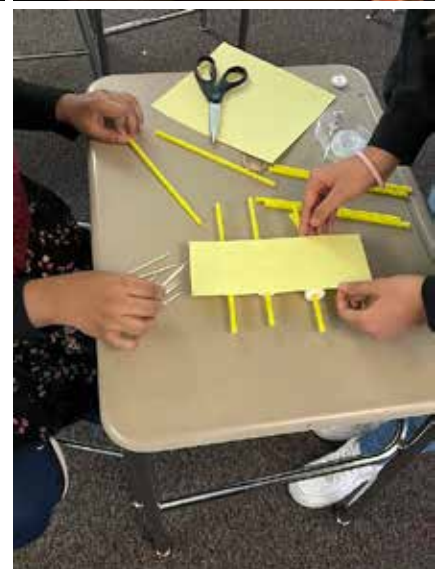


LIFESAVER GO-KARTS IN JHS AVID CLASS



In Mr. Hoolihan's 8th grade AVID class, students practiced collaboration, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills while building Lifesaver go-karts.

Each group was given Lifesavers, toothpicks, straws, tape and paper to construct a go-kart that would travel the farthest by wind power. A successful, collaborative effort by all involved!



2023-24 HUDSON SHS QUARTER 1 HONOR ROLLS

The Hudson City School District is excited to announce and congratulate its Senior High School High Honor Roll and Honor Roll members for the first quarter of the 2023-24 school year.

To earn honor roll recognition at Hudson Senior High School, students must meet the following academic qualifications:

High Honor: the overall average for the quarter must be at least 90%, with no mark lower than 80%.

Honor: the overall average for the quarter must be at least 85%, with no mark lower than 75%.

Merit: the overall average for the quarter must be at least 80%, with no mark lower than 70%.

To qualify for any rank, a student taking a course that has a pass/fail grade must receive a Pass in that course. Any student with a mark of F (fail), NM (loss of credit due to excessive absences), or I/INC (incomplete) is disqualified from all Honor Rolls.

9th Grade

High Honor Roll: Tisi Bishop, Gavin Boushie, Kaleigh Brodowski, Joshua Calderon, Kianjah Chan, Ryan Conte, Amelia Edwards (Tech Valley), Jordan Francis, Edwin Gomez, Athena Haldane, Joie Hall, Matthew Higgins, Abdullah Hossain, Sumaiya Islam (Tech Valley), Sadia Jahan, Sydney Keeler, Viki Li, Laiba Liton, Duray Maddox Jr., Jarin Mahi, Addison Mann, Elizabeth Marsh, Juan Molina Duran, Mickey Ouru, Matthew Pierro, Noah Porreca, Muaj Rahman, Aliya Ruiz, Robert Seaton, Noelle Simmons, Terell Slowinski, Niyohna Smith, Skyler Sweet, Mason Tamburro, Manuel Vargas-Garcia, Aiden Visage (P-Tech/HVCC), Elijah Walker and Angel Williams.

Honor Roll: Emadul Chowdhury, Tahmid Chowdhury, Madison Crowe (P-Tech/HVCC), Vanessa Drabick, Cerenity Fowler, Lamia Hotbani, Josh Jerome, Likkiyrah Johnson, Schuyler Phillips, Malachi Robinson, Terrance Robinson Jr., Sergio Rodriguez-Romero and Klaudia Vitale.

Merit Roll: Trenise Bryan, Charly Delacruz-Cruz, and Maliya Morrison.

10th Grade

High Honor Roll: Nafiza Ananya, Sumiya Begum, Jaidyn Bertoldi, Nazmun Bhuiyan, Hafsa Chowdhury (Tech Valley), Morgan Curran, Meghan Daly, Sebastian Dermott, Radiya Fabiya, Griffin Foster, Oscar Giovannucci, Josue Gomez, Kianie Guerrero, Asia Johnson, Abira Khair, MST. Warda Mahamud, Kaelin Martin, Emily Membreno, Sahd Miah, Charlie Molinski, Labonna Prova, Oliur Rahman, Keith Robinson, William Schmitt, Brody Schunk, Madison Sickler, Tallulah Stinson, Dante Troy, Pearl Turner, Cadence Weiss. and Eliana Wright.

Honor Roll: Josell Antoine, Rihanna Brandt, Ayesha Chowdhury, Preston Concra-Porreca, Alexia Fairbairn, Gabrielle Hodges, Kinar Islam, Naomi Jackson, Armani Mack, Evangeline Medina, Marc Mena, Katie Moore, Matthew Plaia, Mymona Tuly and JaeLynn Workman.

Merit Roll: Conor Bryant, Mallory Buchan, Madeline Carr, Eli Conte, Tiernan Cottle, Jason Francis, Kayla Hopwood, Diana Lemus, Ahmorae Lewis, Donnovane Onyango, Damian Ramirez-Rodriguez, Christian Rodriguez, Emily Stoddard, Shaun Terry and Valencia Virgo.

11th Grade

High Honor Roll: Mariah Acosta Simmons, Neyam Affan, Lynn Carr, Ummuy Chowdhury, Wyatt Christie, Deja "Devyn" Davis, Kayla Davis, Tessa Goldstien, Autumn Hopkins, Halimah Hotbani, Russell Huang, Samiha Huda, Daija Jones, Makayla Kudlack, Amilcar Lopez, Rafid Al Mahmud, Olivia Mann, Joseph Medina, Lena Meicht, Zachariah Moore, Logan O'Connor, Thomas Orbinski, Jacob Petersen, Ayesha Rahman, Alvira Sarker, Kristen Steils, Ashley Tampasis, Zeniah Vaughan and Emilie Weig.

Honor Roll: Anthony Cozzolino, Natasja Dooling, Evan Propst and Brisa Trujillo

Merit Roll: Jahvar Cole, Guinnevere Dermott, Samiul Eric, Raelis Foster-Smith, Nahid Hassan, Morgan Hickey, Moniece Jones, Matthew Long, Sunny Miah, Joshua Ortiz, Moriah Walker and Neveah Wilson.

12th Grade

High Honor Roll: Katharine Antonelli, MD Ahsan Anwar, Lexi Beaumont, Cael Bradway, Anthony Bruni Jr., Daisy Castellanos, Fathima Chowdhury, Sarai Chung, Rayvon Foster-Smith, Jackson Fuchs (P-Tech/HVCC), Samuel Gomez, Emma Gower, Sara Hanley, Alyssa Harp, Olivia Hoffnagle, Lance Hopwood, Anastasia Hotaling (QIII-Career Academy), Ashton Hotaling, Nathalia Ibouadilene, Kenneth Jackson, Lucas Katz, Most Kakoli Khatun, Vivi Li, Nabila Miah, Sophia Morrison, William Morrison, Lynval Palmer, Joshua Racine, Tanjina Rahman, Magdalena Ramos, Logan Rivenburg, George Schmitt II (Tech Valley), DeViniece Scott, Victoria Steils, Angelina Tamburro, Mahim Wali and Julianna Weig

Honor Roll: Tahfizul Abir, Enam Ahmed, Mahiul Alam, Ehasan Arafat, Dejuan Bailey, Jordan Cunningham, Jalyn Dominguez, Amya Givens (QIII-Career Academy), Tatyana Harris, Salmi Jaman, Amani Kanaga, Aidan Nedwick, Gabriel Quirk, William Savulich and Quynn Vertetis

Merit Roll: Reese Bernockie, Yojana Berrios-Diaz, Isabelle Clark, Trevon Collins, Cruz Cora, D'Jahnae Dowding, Michael Howard, Kaden Jennings, Kevin Krein (QIII-Career Academy), Alwyn Lewis (QIII-Career Academy), Gabriella Logue, Dylan McDonald, Aleyna Parker, Cecilia Perez, Chanelle Perkins, Hannah Race, Tuhinur Rahman, Rhianna Rosario, Tatiana Williams and Zachary Zibella.



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- Honor Roll: No grades below 80 for the quarter.

To qualify for any honor roll, a student taking a course that has a Pass/Fail grade must receive a Pass in that course. Any student with a mark of F (Fail) or I (Incomplete) is disqualified from all honor rolls for that quarter.

Grade 8 High Honor Roll

Marilyn Ajpacaja-Chavaloc, Nashat Albin, Nevaeh Benschop, McKenna Boushie, Aniya Cottle, Jorge Gonzalez, Logan Hoffman, Trenten Keller, Alexandra Larsen, A'yana Mosby, Sinane Najat, Maysie Skoda, Enzo Turner and Kashawn Wilson.

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Adelaide Alvarez, Dominic Florio, Emmie Keeler, Abigail Konow, Farjan Mim, Amarion Perry, Bailiegh Rivenburgh,

Lilliana Rustick, Natalie Sherman, Alexandra Shores, Jack Silcock, Joseph Simmons, Juliana Troy, Madelyn Wheeler and Khaleah Wilson.

Grade 7 High Honor Roll

Gavin Abitabile, Anahi Ashraf, Shania Baker, Dontavies Beebe, Sean Buchan, Victoria Carius, Cristina Castro-Guerrero, Jah-Majesty Chan, Jordan Cobbins, Evan Conte, Arnob Datta, Chloe Gilzene, Grant Maresco, Jonathan Marsh, Taylor Miller, Nathaniel Mingua, Arieonna Muniz, Guy Scoffier, Mackenzie Steuhl, Lucas Trinka, Luke Visagie, Amaria Williams, Jonathan Williams and Zoe Wise.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Jackson Cutler, Jayden Duncan, Jared Duntz, Sabiel Fernandez-Pena, Tashana Gordon, MD Sakin Hasan, Nicholas Hodges, Brendan Laurange, Vanness Li, Flor Membreno-Romero, Shujath Miah, Cody Michael, Brady Molinski, Austin Ringer, Grace Walker and Santiago Vargas Garcia.

Grade 6 High Honor Roll

Brayden Barrett, Michael Camarillo, Parker Chmielewski, Sindid Chowdhury, Camryn Clark, John Davi Jr., Macklin DePace, Olivia Fawcett, Sherrae Fearon, Kaelyn Hibbert, Shakila Huda, Curtis Johnson, Tate McCrady, Kamran

Miah, Alexa Middleton, Preyash Patel, Jessica Pepoon, Jackson Pullen, Hailey Raymer, Raihan Sarker, Makayla Shores, Alida Simmons and Jayden Toyloy.

Grade 6 Honor Roll

Kajsa Hunt, Helena Maresco, Ryder McClary, Rodney Peck Jr., Jameson Race, Mi-Kel Robinson, Ethan Ryder, Natalya Santiago, Meghan Simmons and Alfredo Vargas Garcia.

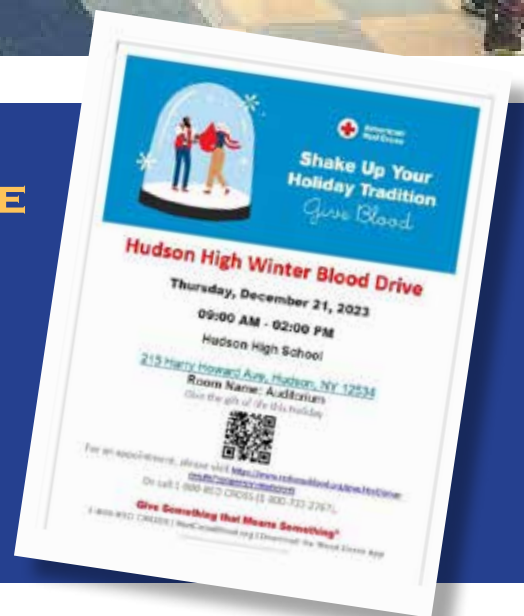




AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE COMING TO HUDSON CSD DEC. 21

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, Dec. 21 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Hudson Junior/Senior High School Auditorium.

To register, please [click here!](#)



HUDSON BLUEHAWK NATION ASP ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. at MCSES for the next MHACG Hudson Bluehawk Nation Afterschool Program Advisory Board Meeting.

- Please enter through the front entrance where our staff will greet you!
- Light refreshments and child care will be provided.
- Please RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 5, 2023 with Joanne Donohue: 518-828-4360, EXT. 3193 or email alliej@hudsoncsd.org.
- Please advise if you will need child care during the meeting
- We look forward to meeting with you and sharing ideas!



AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM ADVISORY BOARD MEETING ON DEC. 7

Please join us on Thursday, Dec. 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School for the next Mental Health Association of Columbia and Greene Counties Hudson Bluehawk Nation Afterschool Program Advisory Board Meeting.

Please enter through the front entrance, where staff will greet you. Light refreshments and child care will be provided.

Please RSVP to Joanne Donohue: (518) 828-4360, ext. 3193 or alliej@hudsoncsd.org.

Please advise if you will need child care during the meeting. We look forward to meeting with you and sharing ideas.

SHS PBIS PIZZA PARTY AND DOUGHNUT RECOGNITIONS

On Nov. 21, the Hudson Senior High School Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) team celebrated 93 students that were nominated by 43 teachers and staff with a pizza luncheon. A special thank you to Scali's Pizza for its generous support!

The Hudson SHS PBIS team proudly recognized 77 students who were nominated by 31 faculty, staff and administrators for meeting the behavioral expectations of being RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE on Nov. 30. Students received a certificate and were treated to a doughnut!



ANTONELLI, TURNBULL NAMED HUDSON SHS PBIS "WHEEL OF WINNERS"



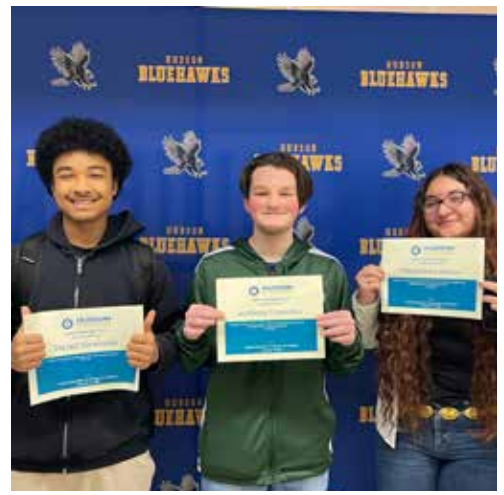
HUDSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL MONTHLY PBIS WHEEL WINNERS



A huge shoutout to our monthly Hudson Senior High School PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) winners: Mr. Antonelli and Mr. Turnbull!

Winners were chosen randomly on the "Wheel of Winners" during the Senior High School Faculty Meeting. Names of faculty who support PBIS initiatives by writing positive referrals, nominating students for The Alpha Hawk Award and using Kindness Currency are added to the wheel.

Thank you to all faculty for recognizing students following the pillars RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE. The winners each received a four-pack of Cinnabons, supporting the Hudson City School District Band and Choir's fundraiser.



CRAYFISH STRUCTURE EXPLORATION

Every day, unique and amazing opportunities are presented to every student in each grade level at the Hudson City School District. For example, students in Mrs. Quinion's class at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School explored the structures of crayfish up close!



HUDSON HIGH ALUMNUS MAKING A DIFFERENCE WITH NYS PARKS AND RECREATION



Hudson Senior High School Class of 2023 graduate Patrick Tompkins has established a positive impact at Olana State Historic Site since being employed by the New York State Department of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

Tompkins is a former member of the Hudson Senior High School Life Skills program, led by teacher Lisa Schmitt. The program provides work-based learning opportunities to students. Tompkins said he has enjoyed his first months as a maintenance worker. Tompkins can be found keeping trails and facilities pristine, raking and blowing leaves and blowing out culverts to sustain proper water flow when it rains.

"I found this job because of my wonderful teacher, Mrs. Schmitt. I started out as an intern in her work-based learning program. She then got me hooked up with Workforce at Columbia Greene Community College, where I was paid over the summer to work here. My co-worker Bryan (Gerard) here at NYS Parks told me that there was a position open and my boss Tim (Dodge) recommended me for the position," Tompkins said. "I'm really excited

that I get to work outside. I was really excited to get the chance to work with Bryan and my other co-workers because they respect me and they are glad that I am here every day."

Hudson City School District Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman is proud of how Tompkins and Schmitt are setting a positive example for Hudson's youth.

"The Life Skills program at Hudson Senior High School is giving our students new outlets to expand and find their strengths as they mature. To see Patrick Tompkins contribute to a beautiful local location is a joy -- and an exciting prospect to see what future generations of students will do," Pennyman said.

Olana State Historic Site Director Amy Hausmann spoke about the connection made among herself, Olana State Historic Site and the Hudson City School District, as well as the positive production Tompkins has provided early into his career.

"Olana State Historic Site began our partnership with the Hudson Senior High School Life Skills Program/ Hudson Kindness Club in 2022.

Our goal for the partnership was to provide opportunity and cultivate the learning experience for local students, and to make them aware that New York State Parks, and Olana State Historic Site in particular, offers great prospects for training and employment right here in our local community," Hausmann said.

"We were impressed by teacher Lisa Schmitt and her team, and appreciated the cooperative and collaborative nature of the program they developed. Throughout the year, the Olana crew got to know and work with a group of truly incredible students. When the chance to host a paid summer internship for graduating senior Patrick Tompkins surfaced, we jumped at it, and he proved himself working with members of our small and mighty crew to maintain and care for Olana's 250-acre public park. After Patrick completed the internship, we were thrilled to offer him a full-time position working at Olana and we all look forward to seeing him learn and grow in his new role as a valued member of our team."

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HUDSON ALUMNUS PLANS TO GIVE BACK IN ZAMBIA



Hudson City School District alumnus and current Columbia-Greene Community College student Larry Walker Jr. is embodying #HudsonTogetherWeCan with his mission of going on a service trip to Zambia in the near future! [Click here](#) to read the Register-Star's article!

VARSIY CLUB HOSTING 2023 BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Hudson Senior High School Varsity Club is hosting the 2023 Badminton Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 9 in the Hudson Senior High School Gym from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Registration is \$15 per student/adult for competitive games. Registration is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students for recreational games.



Hudson High Alumnus Making a Difference... *continued*

Tompkins' co-worker, Bryan Gerard, said the partnership with the Life Skills class is beneficial for both sides, and that Tompkins has proved to be an asset.

"It's a good introduction for high school students and an opportunity for kids that wouldn't otherwise get a chance to experience this type of work here. It's an opportunity for them to get their feet wet in this kind of work. It helps them determine whether or not this is the kind of work that they want to do in the future," Gerard said. "Work-based learning gave Patrick an opportunity to showcase that this is the kind of place that he would like to work. Patrick has gumption and the desire to learn and progress. We find that some kids/workers want to avoid work. He really wants to learn."

Tompkins credits collaborating as a team to accomplish a common goal as one lesson from the Life Skills program that he applies to his workday. The opportunity to work with current Life Skills program students is also enticing, he said.

"I would like to get my commercial driver's license so I can drive the dump truck. I am now working to train students from Mrs. Schmitt's class and hope that maybe they can get a job here someday too," Tompkins said.



Varsity Club Hosting Candy Gram Fundraiser

The Hudson Senior High School Varsity Club is hosting a Candy Gram Sale through Dec. 20 during lunch periods. Candy Grams are \$1 each!



Winter Walk Youth Art Exhibition to Feature Hudson CSD Students' Artwork

The Winter Walk Youth Art Exhibition Gallery at Hudson Hall featuring artwork from Hudson City School District students launched on Dec. 2, 2023! The gallery is open to the public until Dec. 22.

Hudson Hall is located at 327 Warren St.

Call (518) 822-1438 additional information.



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PRINCIPAL BRENNEMAN ENJOYS 2023 TURKEY TROT WITH STUDENTS

It's safe to say the Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School Principal Mark Brenneman and students had a blast at the 2023 Turkey Trot!





FLAGPOLE DONATION TO CEDAR PARK CEMETERY

Just prior to Veterans Day on Nov. 11, Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman, Chief Financial Officer Tabatha Biggane and Supervisor of Maintenance and Facilities Tyler Kritzman were honored to attend a ceremony at Cedar Park Cemetery where the flagpole at John L. Edwards Elementary School was donated to honor deceased veterans.

Joining the school officials were several officials representing New York State and the City of Hudson, including Assemblyperson Didi Barrett.





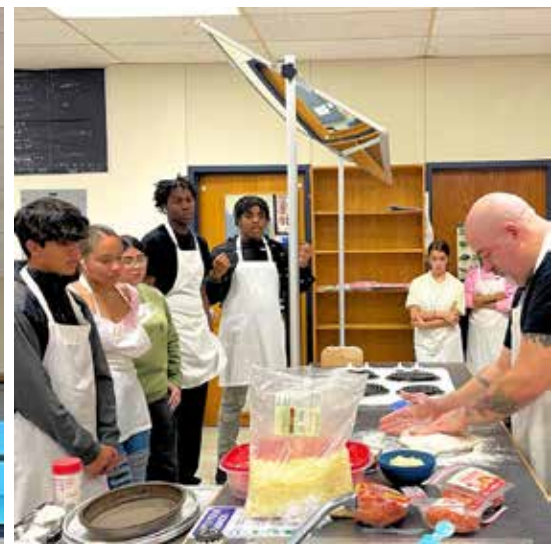
GOLF UNIT AT HUDSON SHS

Take a look inside the Hudson Senior High School golf unit! Ms. Millar, Mr. Turnbull and Mr. Briscoe created a nine-hole indoor miniature golf course for students. This allows the students to learn putting and scorekeeping in a fun way. The rest of the unit will be conducted outdoors where the students will practice using drivers, irons and wedges (if the weather holds!).



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GUEST CHEF FRANK CANZANIELLO SHARES TIPS FOR PIZZA MAKING

Mrs. Schmitt's high school Food and Nutrition Class welcomed Guest Chef Frank Canzaniello to help teach the class how to make professional grade homemade pizza!

Canzaniello is the father of Bella, a student in Mrs. Schmitt's class. He shared stories from when he worked as a youngster with his father, who emigrated from Italy to Queens, N.Y. in the 1970s.

QUESTAR III BOCES NEW VISIONS: MEDICAL PROGRAM PRESENTATION FEATURES HUDSON SHS STUDENTS



Students in the Questar III BOCES New Visions: Medical program presented their grand rounds to family and classmates at Hudson Valley Community College. Students discussed the clinical case of a fictitious patient and diagnosed them.

A special shoutout goes to Sarai Chung and Victoria Steils for their marvelous presentations and representation of Hudson Senior High School!



QUESTAR III BOCES AND HVCC STEM HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES

The Questar III BOCES and Hudson Valley Community College STEM High School will host in-person open houses for prospective students and families on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024 and Wednesday, Feb. 28, 2024 at Lang Hall at Hudson Valley Community College, 80 Vandenberg Ave. in Troy.



IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE

for Prospective Students, Parents and Families

Wednesday, January 17, 2024, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

TOUR THE QUESTAR III AND HVCC STEM HIGH SCHOOL!

- No cost to families
- Earn up to 63 college credits
- Pathways in Computer Info Systems, Engineering, Environmental Science and Health Sciences
- Workplace learning that includes mentoring, worksite visits, speakers and internships
- An opportunity to earn an Associate of Applied Science degree (P-TECH)

Families will be emailed directions and a map.
For more information, please visit www.questar.org/ptech-echs



IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSE

for Prospective Students, Parents and Families

Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

TOUR THE QUESTAR III AND HVCC STEM HIGH SCHOOL!

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SANDWICH TRIANGLES AT SMITH

Mrs. Cartwright's class has been learning about shapes in math and at lunch - and were excited to show Ms. Spinella their triangles!

THREE SISTERS STEW FEAST AT SMITH

Ms. Betke's class at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School celebrated Thanksgiving with a "Three Sisters Stew Feast." The "Three Sisters" is a vegetable medley of corn, squash and beans planted together by Native American, North American tribes so each plant can support and nourish each other just like our students and staff do every day! After enjoying the feast, students did the turkey dance!





SMILING MAKES THE SCHOOL DAY MORE FUN!

At Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School, our students and staff believe that a smile can go a long way to making someone's day!





HUDSON HIGH MARCHING BAND PARTICIPATES IN VETERANS DAY PARADE

A special shoutout goes to the Hudson Junior/Senior High School Marching Band on participating in the Hudson City Veterans Day parade! [Click here](#) to view highlights of the performance. (Photos/video courtesy of the Hudson Senior High School Audio/Video Club, Scott Vorwald and Lance Wheeler.)



HUDSON SHS STUDENTS CAROL AT ROSERY OPEN HOUSE

Did you stop by the Rosery Flower Shop before Winter Walk to see Hudson singers? Hudson Senior High School choir students caroled at the Rosery Open House on Dec. 2!



HUDSON SHS POWDERPUFF FOOTBALL GAME

A big shoutout goes to the Hudson Senior High School Photo/Video Club students for its coverage of this year's PowderPuff football game! Check out highlights by [clicking here](#).

