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## A NOTE FROM THE EDITORS

Hello Neighbors!

If you missed the 50th anniversary celebration at the Depreciation Lands Museum in May, we have pictures on pages 6 and 7. The museum is a hidden gem for all ages that is worth the visit.

Summer is not over, so check pages 23 and 24 for more events like Pints in the Park, Farmer's Market, and Pool Membership Appreciation Day! There are plenty of fall programs coming up listed on pages 25-28. Congratulations to the 26 HHS Senior Scholars that are photographed on pages 42 and 43.

Do you have news you would like to share or a story idea you want to see covered in the fall edition? Send us your ideas! All submissions will be considered for coverage.

Respectfully, Laurie & John Rizzo



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## Depreciation Lands Museum Celebrates Milestone Year

*By Mary-Theresa Watson  
Photos by Kari Hilton Photography*

Marking a half century of bringing history to life right here in Hampton, the Depreciation Lands Museum is celebrating in style—18<sup>th</sup>-century style, to be exact. The official 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party took place during the annual Friendship Day event on a picture-perfect day in May, but the milestone year will be marked throughout the season. Entering the grounds nestled just off Route 8, visitors are welcomed to the colonial village of Talley Cavey, circa 1792, to enjoy a variety of demonstrations by costumed interpreters using authentic materials and techniques, offering patrons the chance to get a feel for life in the early days of the country.

Recently dubbed a treasure within the community by Hampton Township Council Vice President Bethany Blackburn, the living history museum has a full calendar of events planned for its semi-centennial year. While volunteers bring history to life every Sunday from May through October, the first Saturday of October is reserved for Hydref (the Welsh word for “autumn”), the biggest festival of the year. Slated for October 7, the Hydref Fall Festival and Market Faire will take over the village as skilled crafts people and re-enactors celebrate the season with traditional food, music, and activities. As the month and season close out, the ever-popular lantern tours and Beggar’s Day events will bring volunteers and visitors together to share experiences before winter sets in.

The area known as “The Depreciation Lands” was created in 1783 by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as compensation to those who served in the Revolutionary War, and much of the North Hills was part of the 720,000 acres set aside. Fast forward 190 years to 1973, and the museum as we know it today was first envisioned by a group of local history buffs who initiated an effort to preserve the Pine Creek Covenanter Church. Since then, thanks to committed volunteers, council members, and supporters, the museum has expanded and today, in addition to the Covenanter







Church building, visitors can explore the Armstrong Log House (the earliest surviving log house in Hampton), a replica one-room schoolhouse, a blacksmith shop, a mercantile, an artisan shop, a wood shop, a smokehouse, a wigwam, and a barn with its resident Kramer wagon.

During his Friendship Day presentation commemorating the anniversary, Township Manager Chris Lochner honored those deemed the heart of the museum as he recognized the volunteers who dedicate countless hours bringing history to life. Addressing all in attendance, Lochner smiled, saying, "Ladies and gentlemen, there are museums all over the world; some of them are very well known, and some of them are local facilities like this [which are so valuable to the community]. What makes this museum so special is that it comes to life. This is a labor of love, and the volunteers make it work every day. Back in 1973," he continued, "a group got together with a dream that this would become a reality, and look where it is today! And it's all thanks to these volunteers who can tell you [so much] about Hampton history and heritage."

Sharing similar sentiments, Ms. Blackburn explained that she attends the museum's monthly board meetings and, she explained, "I feel privileged that I get to see firsthand how dedicated the members are to ensuring the museum has interesting programming, engages with the community, and is really well taken care of."

Board members Carol Greiner and Jonathan Klemens were on hand for the festivities, and each smiled as they graciously accepted the compliments as well as an official citation presented by District 30 PA House Representative Arvind Venkat. Ms. Greiner, president of the board, humbly acknowledged and lauded her fellow volunteers for their dedication, saying, "It's not me, it's everybody else. Thank you," she said with a broad smile, "thank you all for coming; we truly appreciate it."

For the rest of that beautiful Sunday afternoon, visitors explored and learned some of the history of the area many of them call home. From traditional basket weaving and thread spinning to woodworking and blacksmithing, the villagers were quite busy as they demonstrated their talents. It was just one day of many that sees history come to life, and all are invited to join and explore from 1 to 4 p.m. every Sunday through the end of October. For more information, visit [www.dlmuseum.org](http://www.dlmuseum.org).





# A Meaningful Memorial Day

## The Hampton Community Gathers to Pay Respect

by Julie Mikus

A crowd dressed in red, white, and blue gathered on May 29, 2023 at the Hampton Community Center to honor United States military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The annual holiday has been observed since 1868, and stems from the American Civil War, which killed more than 600,000 service members - both Union and Confederate. Hal English presided over the event under a cloudless blue sky. Pastor Ted Martin delivered the invocation. The Hampton High School Band played tribute to the fallen, including 'Taps,' and 'Marches of the Armed Services,' with veterans in the crowd standing to acknowledge their branch of service. Boy and Girl Scouts were participants in the events of the memorial, while Senior Garrett Gess delivered a moving speech proudly reminding the crowd, "We remain the greatest force of freedom the world has ever known." LTC Elaine H. Berkowitz, DMD, U.S. Army Reserves, retired, was the keynote speaker at the event. She explained the origins of Memorial Day, "Many cities across the country claim to have held the first Memorial Day service. However, we all need to pause and pray out of respect."





## Veteran Spotlight: Mr. Norman Emmett

By Julie Mikus

Norman Emmett is a 92-year-old gentleman residing at Hampton Fields in Hampton Township. The father of four daughters was happily married for an incredible sixty-nine years. The remodeled dance hall at West View Park set the scene for Norm to meet Flo. "My wife knew how to dance! Me? I had two left feet," Emmett recalled.



Just one year after their first dance, the couple married and resided in the North Hills. Suddenly, one year later, Mr. Emmett was drafted into the military. "I cried like a baby... not because I was afraid, but because I knew my life was drastically going to change and I was newly married."

His next step was basic training at Camp Pickett, Virginia. Emmett was one of the 14 soldiers out of 450 who, after aptitude testing, were chosen for specialized military schooling. For Norman, this meant dental assisting schooling, where he learned to assist an oral surgeon, Dr.

Kelly Stewart. The dental team attended maneuvers throughout the country, delivering dental care to soldiers training for war. Some men he helped treat never made it back home as the Korean War continued through 1953. Ultimately, 36,000 service members were killed in Korea.

"Serving in the military was a great experience. I met people from all over the nation that I never would have the opportunity to meet...people from different backgrounds. I served with a diverse group," Emmett offered.

He also recalled his earlier years before being drafted. "I was a baseball player. A pitcher. I played in the Warrendale Butler Eagle County League. At age 18 years old I set records and ended up trying out for the Pittsburgh Pirates! Along with 98 other players, I was sent to rookie camp in Greenville, Alabama for seventeen days. None of the players were signed," Emmett said.

Reflecting on his life, Emmett expressed with tears in his eyes, "Family is the most important to me. I am so proud of my daughters. They take good care of me. I am not forgotten when so many of my peers are."

Mr. Emmett wants young people to restore a sense of pride in their country. "We live in a great country. We can thank our lucky stars that we live in America," he said. "I love America because it stands for freedom."



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## Shaler Hampton EMS: The Best of the Best

by Mary-Theresa Watson

At a time when emergency medical service (EMS) departments around the country are in crisis, Shaler Hampton EMS finds itself in the enviable position of being fully staffed by an exemplary group of providers who, in the words of chief Eric Schmidt, are the best of the best. The Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council seems to agree, as they recently recognized the team as the 2023 Agency of the Year in Pennsylvania.

"Our staff is engaged, professional, and exceptional at what they do," Eric states proudly. "They are valued, empowered members of the team, and it shows. The decisions we make every day impact them more than they impact me, so it's important for them to participate in making those decisions."

One such decision has made a big difference in the daily lives of the EMS workers. "In 2021," Eric notes, "we needed some new ambulances, so we put together an employee committee to work on a design. They came out with a design that was so on the mark that now, after two years of using [the new ambulances], we ordered two more with the exact same specifications... no changes whatsoever! In this job, that's pretty amazing."

As the committee undertook the task, members asked co-workers what they'd like to see incorporated into the new ambulances, and one paramedic suggested an extended cab to allow students to sit up front with the paramedics. This seemingly simple change has significantly improved the educational opportunities for students rotating through the A.W. Beattie public safety program and other paramedic training institutes around the region.

Eric explains, "When you're responding to a call or when you're coming back from the hospital, you're either making a plan about what you're facing or you're reviewing what you did. If the students are in the back," he continues, "they're not part of that conversation. But now they can be."

The cab also houses personal protective equipment (PPE) so, Eric explains, "If they pull up to a scene and need a ballistic vest, or a trap vest, or their extrication gear, it's all in the cab with them. This small change," he goes on, "cost \$3,000, and honestly, it's the best \$3,000 we've ever spent."

Acknowledging the department's enviable position of remaining fully staffed while so many companies around the country are in crisis, Eric emphasizes

how his team has embraced teaching others. Students get their hands-on experience with the Shaler Hampton EMS, and often these are the people who join the department.

"If you spend weeks with us training," he elaborates, "we know you really well. We see the guarded and unguarded moments, we see them take care of patients, and we see the compassion they bring or don't bring to the job. So when it comes time to hire, we really know them. We have 14 staff members who've come through the Beattie program, from our most senior full-time person down to folks who just graduated this year. That partnership is incredibly important to us."

Also crediting the board of directors and the invaluable community support the department receives, Eric seems both humbled and impressed with the way things have gone since he joined the team nearly five years ago. "We are so fortunate that 10% of our operating budget comes directly from community members, primarily through subscriptions. It's allowed us to stay at the forefront of pay, provide good benefits, and have good equipment. People who do what we do," he adds, "are passionate about it, and they want to have the right tools to take care of people."

With three crews on duty daily with shifts of 8, 16, or 24

hours, every day is different. Some days are busy while others may be very slow, but the one thing that never ceases to astound Eric and his team is how, he says, "Some days are Shaler days, some days are Hampton days, and some days are Etna days. For example, last night there were four calls, and every single one of them was in Shaler! Another day, it'll be Hampton or Etna...there's just no predictability."

Another common anomaly occurs when the crews are having a very slow few hours, but then suddenly within five minutes, all three ambulances are out. "It's the unknown of what we do," he explains. "But the crews have to be prepared for everything and every type of patient, whether it's a car crash or an illness."

Fresh off a busy weekend spent covering a giant music festival at Hartwood Acres, Eric smiles as he shares, "I am so grateful to be working within this outstanding community with this exceptional ambulance service. The support we receive is, quite frankly, a game changer. You see," he shares with a knowing look, "I wear another hat as chairman of the Allegheny EMS Chief Association, so I know who gets support and who doesn't. We are so incredibly fortunate here, and that's something we should never take for granted."



*Proudly serving residents at the Independence Day celebration at Hampton Community Park. Left: Marissa Wiesenbach, David Gallagher, Amanda Woomey, Chief Eric Schmidt, Justin Karolski, and Dalton Crump*



*Left: Mike Mahoney, Mo Pittser, Tom Kappert, and Supervisor Brian Schutzman*



## Friendship Benefits All

By Jackie Smith

There's no denying the importance of acceptance and friendship for both children and adults. Although it sounds simple, friendship doesn't always come easy - particularly for people with special needs. Best Buddies and their programs are working to help bring friendships to fruition in the most organic way possible.

Best Buddies is the world's largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economical isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Founded in 1989, the organization has grown from one original chapter to nearly 3,000 worldwide.

Dustin Defebo has been involved with Best Buddies for over 10 years now, and he currently serves as the board chair. Dustin stated, "Our evolution locally has been impressive, as we have expanded our programs at many local schools. We have programs in elementary, middle, high schools and colleges across Western Pennsylvania." Our 2 flagship community events are the Friendship Walk and Tastebuds, a chef showcase event where our buddies are paired with local chefs to create and serve a dish to over 1000 attendees," advised Defebo.

The Best Buddies Friendship walk is the number one walk in the country raising awareness and funds to support individuals with IDD. This year's walk was held on May 21st, and Hampton had a team of over 20 walkers! Hampton's program is in its infancy stage; in the 2023-24 school year, HHS counselor Terri Koprivnakar will be taking the administrative lead. Koprivnakar believes, "The Friendship Walk is an amazing event; I would love to see more students participate. That is one of my goals for the upcoming year. I am very excited to be taking the lead, and I hope we can expand our program to help develop lifelong friendships with all of our kids!"

Nicole Lichtenfels was the student secretary of Hampton's

program last year, and she plans to hold the same position during her senior year. According to Lichtenfels, "Becoming involved in Best Buddies was by far one of the best decisions I've made! Through karaoke, bracelet making, dancing, and so much more, the program has given me an opportunity to develop lifelong friendships."

Both Koprivnikar and Lichtenfels were participants in this year's Friendship Walk. "The walk really gave us an opportunity to put these friendships into real life activities - outside of the school environment, said Nicole. "It was a great opportunity for teamwork, laughter, companionship, and love."

Dustin would love to see more community involvement. "We have started to gain some notoriety for Tastebuds and having our walk at a premiere location like Highmark Stadium," he said.

Mrs. Koprivnikar advised, "We would love to see more participation next year - not just from the school, but from the community as well. The walk is so much fun, and the benefits are life changing."

Having been a part of the program for so long, Dustin believes, "The best part is seeing the camaraderie between the buddy pairs and having one of our buddy ambassadors speak and inspire the crowd of over 1000 attendees. Leadership

training and development is a pillar of our programs and our ambassadors become amazing communicators of the mission and their experience with Best Buddies. Until you hear one of those speeches, it's hard to understand how life changing the program is for everyone participating; it's a powerful thing."

Defebo also advised, "Best Buddies, as an organization, also has a jobs program, which we are eager to launch in Pennsylvania; the program requires an employer sponsor. We need to get the word out, as I'm sure there are employers out there with a need for exceptional and dedicated employees!"

If you are interested in more information regarding the Best Buddies program, visit <https://www.bestbuddies.org/pennsylvania>.



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## Launchpads, Playaways, Wonderbooks, Oh My!

By Suzanna Krispli

Hampton Community Library (HCL) continues to innovate and grow with new technologies! Thanks to a generous local donation, (you know who you are-thank you again!) HCL was able to invest in these new items for children and adults.

**Playaways:** In 2022 HCL started investing in what are called Playaways. These preloaded devices come with a story fully loaded on them. Put a battery in, plug in some ear phones and you are on your way! With books on CD slowly becoming limited and many older adults not ready to deal with the downloading of e-audiobooks onto a phone, this has become the answer. They are small and lightweight. You can put one in your pocket, hit play, and before you know it you are walking alongside Maisie Dobbs in London or traveling with Kristin Hannah in France in the "Nightingale!" HCL also has Playaways



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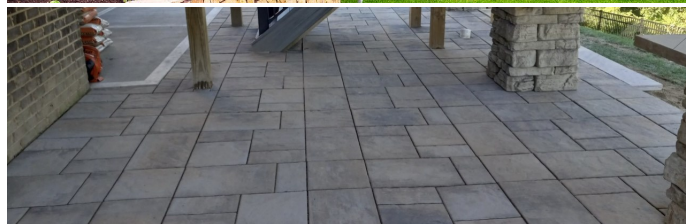
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## Rotary Keeps on Giving

Four Hampton High School seniors each received a \$2,500 scholarship from the Hampton Rotary. Congratulations to the winners: Brennan Murray, Anyanka Beichner, Addison Gindlesperger, and Hannah Dietrich.

Scholarships are funded from participants and sponsors of the annual Hampton Rotary Firecracker 5K.

The 18th annual Firecracker Race was held on Tuesday July 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. in Hampton Community Park.



Rotary President Hal English, Hampton School District Assistant Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Cunningham, HHS Principal Dr. Marguerite Imbarlina, Anyanka Beichner, Hannah Dietrich and Rock Kernick. back: Brennan Murray, Addison Gindlesperger, and Jon O'Data.

## Participants at the Firecracker 5K



## Halloween Costume Party

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Hampton Community Association (HCA)

### What:

ADULT (21+) Halloween Costume Party Fundraiser

**When:** Saturday, October 21, 2023

**Time:** 7-10 pm

**Where:** Hampton Community Center

DJ Rick, Beer, Wine, Pizza and Prizes and a Spooktacular night of fun!

You are invited for a spooktacular night of fun at the HCA Adult Halloween Costume Party Fundraiser! Dress up in your most creative costume for a night of music, dancing, and Halloween-themed activities with prizes!

Food and drinks will be available for purchase. For more information and to purchase tickets in advance: <https://Hampton-community-association.ticketleap.com/halloween-party-21/>

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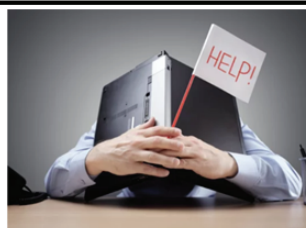


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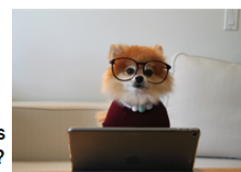
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## Spring Sports Wrap Up

### SOFTBALL

The Hampton softball team has found its winning formula at the top of the lineup this season. The 1-2-3 hitters, Charlotte Lomb, Mackenzie Reese, and Addy Maguire, have been instrumental in propelling the Talbots to their fifth consecutive appearance in the WPIAL playoffs. Despite their youthfulness, with only one senior on the 17-player roster and several freshmen and sophomores in the starting lineup, the trio has shouldered the offensive load for the team, boasting an impressive record of 13-6 overall and 7-5 in Section 3-4A.

Lomb in particular showcased her hitting prowess by smashing a grand slam in a hard-fought loss against defending WPIAL Class 4A champion Beaver, and she consistently produced three-hit games in dominant wins over Knoch, Ambridge, North Catholic, and Blackhawk. Sophomore pitcher Cassie Vidic and freshman first baseman Gianna Nelson played pivotal roles in crucial victories throughout the season.

As a young team, the Talbots have experienced some inconsisten-

By Garrett Gess, '23 HHS Senior  
Photos by Madia Photography

cies. Costly innings proved detrimental in losses against Beaver, Montour, and Chartiers Valley. Despite these setbacks, the Talbots have shown tremendous potential and resilience throughout the season. In the second to last game of the season, Hampton rallied back from a 6-1 deficit against Highlands, winning 9-7. McKenzie Reese was 3/3 with 2 RBIs, while Aliza Michelle was 3/4 with 2 triples and 3 RBIs. The Talbots then routed Freeport 15-5.

Hampton qualified as the 8-seed in the 4A WPIAL playoffs. The Talbots defeated Greensburg Salem 6-1 and faced 1-seed Elizabeth Forward in the Quarterfinals. The Talbots scored three runs in the top of the first inning, but failed to keep the momentum going, ultimately losing 9-3.

Head coach Ron Fedell is stepping down after 23 years, after leading the girls to over 200 wins.



### BASEBALL

The Hampton baseball team faced a challenging phase midway through their season. After a 10-6 loss to Montour on April 20, the Talbots' overall record dropped to 3-8, with three consecutive losses in Section 4-4A games, leaving them at 2-4 in conference. Despite this setback, the Talbots rallied and embarked on a remarkable turnaround, ultimately earning a spot in the WPIAL Class 4A tournament with an impressive five-game winning streak. Their outstanding performance in the playoffs led them to their first postseason victory in five years.

As the 9th seed in the tournament, the Talbots delivered a resounding 9-0 victory against the 8th seeded Ringgold on May 17 in the WPIAL Class 4A first round. This elusive playoff triumph provided a much-needed boost, although they eventually fell to the top-seeded Montour with a score of 2-0 in the quarterfinals. Nevertheless, the Talbots finished the season with a 9-10 overall record, showcasing an impressive 6-2 performance in the latter part of the season.

Ryan Apaliski, a standout left-hander and James Madison recruit, delivered exceptional performances in both playoff games. He carried a no-hitter into the seventh inning and struck out 17 players in the game against Ringgold. A notable storyline from the season was Matt Moser's triumphant return. After tearing his ACL as a junior, Moser faced another knee injury just before the start of spring practice. Knowing that undergoing surgery would end his chances of playing, Moser opted against it and rejoined the team a month into the season, pitching with a knee brace. He concluded the season with one save and an exceptional 1.00 ERA in seven innings.

Looking ahead, the team has key returning players who will contribute to their future success. Pitcher Caleb Custer, pitcher/outfielder Matt Erka, infielder Brady Long, and outfielder Sean Sullivan, as rising seniors, along with junior catcher Justin Dubee and third baseman/DH Brady Smith, are expected to play pivotal roles in the upcoming seasons.





## BOYS LACROSSE

Talbots boys lacrosse started off with an impressive six-game winning streak this season, boasting a solid 6-1 record in their section. Their sights were set on securing a high seed for the playoffs, and with a roster that included 12 seasoned seniors, they had every reason to feel confident about their prospects.



Leading the charge on offense were senior midfielders Luke Hartle and Maddox Lohr, plus senior attacker Jacob Krempasky. Last season, this trio combined for an impressive total of 88 goals and 48 assists, solidifying their status as key offensive threats.

Hampton boys lacrosse has a rich history of success, having advanced to the WPIAL Class 2A finals eight times between 2009 and 2019 and clinching four championships along the way. With an impressive track record of reaching the postseason 13 times in the past 14 years, the Talbots made another postseason run. Placing 3rd place in the WPIAL, Hampton qualified to the PIAA playoffs but were defeated by Lampeter-Strasburg HS of Lancaster County.

## TENNIS

The Hampton boys tennis team may have finished the season with an 8-8 record, but it was undeniably a season filled with triumphs. With a 4-1 performance in Section 3-2A, they secured their spot in the WPIAL quarterfinals for the first time in five years. Along the way, they also clinched the section doubles championship, a feat achieved only twice in the past two decades. They delivered a stunning upset in the WPIAL Class 2A singles tournament, making a big mark.

In the WPIAL Class 2A first round on May 4, Hampton emerged victorious with a 4-1 win over Montour at Hampton Community Park. This victory served as redemption after a 5-0 loss to the same opponent two weeks prior and propelled them to the quarterfinals for the first time since 2018.

Seeded second at the WPIAL Class 2A doubles championships on April 25 at North Allegheny, juniors Ben LaRusse and Vitaliy Pikalo fought their way through the first round with an intense 11-10 (4) win against Kyle Siler and Rylan Barr of Thomas Jefferson.

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## GIRLS LACROSSE

The Lady Talbots lacrosse team had to start the season with seven less leaders, who graduated in 2022. Last season Hampton did extremely well, but fell to Mars in a 13-9 contest in the WPIAL Semifinals. But the 2023 season proved to be no rebuilding season.

Vassar College commit, Emi DiLiberto emerged after the successes of last season and was voted unanimously to the All-WPIAL girls lacrosse team. Taylor Whitman (First Team), Sienna Rex (Second Team), Kelli Gibson (Second Team), and Liv Graswick (Honorable Mention) were also recognized.

Hampton finished 13-5 in the regular season. One of their best victories was their victory over 3A North Allegheny 14-10 on Hampton's Senior Night. Hampton earned the 4-seed in the 2A WPIAL playoffs, but were upset at home to 5-seed Chartiers Valley 10-7. Nonetheless, it was a great season!

Looking to next season, this year's vital supporting players like rising seniors Lindsay Fiscus, Greta Hamlin, and Elena Herchenroether, who've built a strong connection, will be called to step up. Rising sophomore Ellie Alexander and rising junior Lizzy Saponsky will also progress into bigger roles.





## Hampton Talbot Athletic Fall Ticketing 2023



Hampton Athletics is gearing up for the 2023-2024 school year. We look forward to the fall and welcoming our friends, family, and fans to cheer on the Talbots. We use electronic ticketing for our athletic events, but with a few upgrades to help with individual and group ticketing.

Tickets can be pre-purchased online at <https://hamptonathletics.org/> or purchased at the gate via credit card or cash.

Football tickets are \$7.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students; all other athletic tickets are \$6.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

Please visit <https://hamptonathletics.org/> to advance purchase your adult and student tickets. Fall tickets will be live on 8/14/2023.

Do you need new spirit wear? You are in luck! Please visit our spirit wear sale at <https://hamptonathletics.org/>. The sale runs 7/10/2023 – 8/15/2023. Orders will be processed and ready for fall. Save on shipping costs and have your orders delivered to your child's school or have them shipped to Hampton High School for free pick-up.

Help support the Greater Food Bank of Pittsburgh Food Drive. The Dawg Pound is selling t-shirts, and proceeds go to the WPIAL Food Drive. Support the Talbots and the community with a t-shirt purchase. Dawg Pound shirts can be purchased through the spirit wear link and are available throughout the fall season.

## Tennis

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Unfortunately, they fell to Latrobe's seventh-seeded seniors, Josh Havrilla and August Lawrence, with a score of 10-3 in the quarterfinals.

Earlier in the month, Pikalo, who played as the Talbots' No. 1 singles player, qualified for the WPIAL Class 2A singles championship. He achieved a memorable victory as the 13th seed by defeating the fourth-seeded Havrilla with a score of 11-9 in the first round. Looking ahead, the Talbots have a promising future. With only one senior, Luke Proviano, graduating from the 10-man varsity roster, the team retains a talented group of juniors, including Pikalo, LaRusse, No. 3 singles player Matthew Mason, and doubles players Hayden List, Brandon Pascucci, and Garrett Wesley.

## 2023 Hampton High School Football Schedule

8/25	Knoch
9/1	Shaler at Fridley Field
9/8	Central Valley
9/15	Kiski at Fridley Field
9/22	Armstrong
9/29	Connellsville at Fridley Field
10/6	North Catholic at Fridley Field
10/13	Indiana
10/20	Mars at Fridley Field
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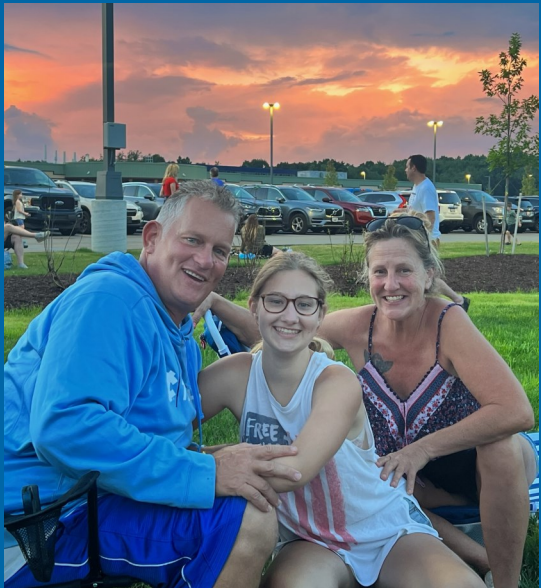
Opening Day at  
The Hampton Pool



First patrons on opening day 2023

Left to Right: Sheila Omecene,  
Alice McLaughlin, Richard Bruehlman

July 3rd in the Park







## Let's Talk Trash...Again

Now that we've survived the first half of this year regarding automated trash service, the Township office still receives telephone calls from residents asking certain questions. Listed below is information that we find residents have called asking questions about. As always, however, do not hesitate to contact us if you need any assistance.

### Participation in Trash/Recycling Collection is Mandatory

Under Pennsylvania law, the Allegheny County Solid Waste Plan and by Township ordinance, residents of Hampton Township are required to utilize the residential collection service provided by the Township. If a resident is found to not have an active account with Waste Management (WM), the Township and WM will begin to pursue citations and possible fines. Also, dumping trash in the dumpsters at the Municipal Complex, in local commercial business dumpsters, or along township roadways is illegal; you will face fines if caught. Please do the right thing and discard your trash/recyclables properly. If you need to establish service, contact Waste Management at 1-800-451-3060.

### Properly Using and Storing Trash/Recycling Carts

With the new service, **ALL MATERIAL MUST BE PLACED INSIDE THE CART AND THE LID CLOSED.** Otherwise, WM will not empty the cart. Trash/garbage must be bagged and placed in its cart, while recyclables have to be loose in its cart. Waste Management will not collect extra trash bags beside the cart during bulk waste collection. If you need additional trash carts, please contact Waste Management to purchase up to two additional carts for a one-time fee.

By Township ordinance, trash/recycling carts are not to be placed at the curb or collection point or side of the road before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the pickup and removed no later than twenty-four (24) hours the day after.

### Bulk Waste

Waste Management will collect one bulk item once per month during the 4<sup>th</sup> full week of the month at no additional charge. You only have to call WM to schedule and pay for a bulk pickup when you have more than one item that month. A bulk item is an appliance, piece of furniture, or some other residential item that is too large for a trash cart. Please check the Customer Handbook that was mailed to residents (Handbook can also be found on the Township's website) for items considered bulk waste as well as the calendar listing the bulk waste collec-

tion days. **Do not place a bulk waste item at the curb before 5:00 p.m. on the day prior to the pickup.** Trash bags and small household items (buckets, small chairs, boxes, etc.) set outside of the trash cart during bulk collection week will not be picked up; they should be placed in your trash cart.

### Volume Pickup

If you have large quantities of bagged excess waste from cleanouts of attics, basements and garages, provided the waste meets the definition of acceptable waste, Waste Management will collect it based on a unit charge that includes collection and disposal. Multiple appliances and/or bulk items will be billed at their individual rate and will not be included in a volume pickup rate.

Another option for excess garbage is a bagster. You can buy the bagster at home improvement stores, fill with construction debris, household junk or yard waste, and schedule and pay for collection. For more information, visit [www.thebagster.com](http://www.thebagster.com) or call 1-877-789-2247.

### Recycling Glass and Cardboard

**Glass (bottles and containers only) is again a recyclable item in Hampton Township.**

We see that residents are using the cardboard recycling dumpsters at the Municipal Complex (behind the salt storage building) to the point where they are constantly full. Please break down your cardboard when dropping off and do not contaminate these dumpsters with any other trash. Your other option is to break down your cardboard and place in your at-home recycling cart. We realize residents are ordering more items from home and we are looking for additional options for cardboard recycling.

(Other recyclables accepted in your at-home cart include aluminum food and beverage cans, plastic bottles, jugs, jars and tubs, as well as paper and paperboard.)

### Yard Waste

Yard waste is collected the 3<sup>rd</sup> full week of each month, April through November. Please refer to the calendar in the Customer Handbook and on the Township's website for actual dates.

Because there was some confusion at the beginning of the year, grass clippings can either be placed in paper biodegradable bags for yard waste, or in plastic bags and placed in the trash carts. Waste Management will not pick up plastic bags full of grass clippings outside of the trash cart. Other acceptable yard waste includes: leaves in paper biodegradable bags; branches



and tree limbs under 4" diameter and up to 4' in length; and brush; plants, flowers and shrubbery with soil taken off.

The Township recognizes that for most property owners, storing leaf bags for once a month collection can be very difficult. This being the case, Township road crews will collect leaf bags only (in paper biodegradable bags) **during peak fall leaf season only**. This collection will take place on the off weeks that Waste Management does not collect yard waste. Visit the Township's website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org) or the Township's Facebook page in the fall of each year to determine the last week of collection.

#### **Electronics and Other Household Hazardous Waste Disposal**

Included with your service at no extra charge is the At Your Door Household Hazardous Waste and E-Waste Collection Program through Waste Management. Acceptable items through this service include televisions, certain computer equipment, paint products, fluorescent tubes, and miscellaneous household products. To schedule a collection, you can call 1-800-449-7587, email [AtYourDoor@WM.com](mailto:AtYourDoor@WM.com), or go to [www.WMAtYourDoor.com](http://www.WMAtYourDoor.com). For more detailed information regarding this program, please refer to the Customer Handbook you received at the beginning of the which, which can also be found on the Township's website.

#### **Waste Management Customer Service and LISA!**

If you've had to reach out to Waste Management customer service (1-800-451-3060) this year, you know who "LISA" is...and yelling at her will not help you. LISA is an interactive voice response system implemented by Waste Management due to staffing issues. LISA is designed to guide the customer through a self-service journey that will empower them to schedule pickups, pay bills, receive ETA, and much more. We realize that when calling WM seeking assistance, it has been difficult to maneuver through this automated system to get where you need to go.

LISA is programed to identify customers through several methods, including your phone number tied to an account, customer ID number, or service address. If you can't get through that way, just say "I don't have one". Once she has established an account and address, she will ask you to identify the intent of the call. Examples of some of the more common intents are as follows:

<i>Schedule a pickup</i>	<i>I need a repair/replace</i>
<i>Question regarding my bill</i>	<i>I need a service change</i>
<i>I need to discontinue/ cancel my service</i>	<i>I need a haul away pickup</i>
<i>I need a bulk pickup</i>	<i>Everything else</i>
<i>Calling for new service</i>	<i>Agent</i>

You can also visit Waste Management's website at [www.wm.com](http://www.wm.com) for assistance.

If you have any questions that haven't been answered here, please feel free to contact the Township office at 412-486-0400 ext. 1303.

We understand that the transition to automated trash service has been difficult for a lot of residents and we greatly appreciated your patience in navigating through this process!

## **Hampton Community Association and Hampton Shaler Water Authority Golf Outing Fundraiser a Success**

Hampton Township and the Hampton Shaler Water Authority teamed up to host a golf outing fundraiser on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Pittsburgh North Golf Club on behalf of the Hampton Community Association. This golf outing was well attended with approximately 140 golfers and raised \$8,600. The HCA exists to support the Township of Hampton in the establishment, maintenance and improvement of parks, recreational and cultural facilities for the benefit of the Hampton community. This year's outing was to help raise funds for a Gulf War Plaque at the Veterans Memorial Court as well as shade structures for the Community Park Playground.

If you are interested in donating to help raise money for the plaque, please make your check payable to the "Hampton Community Association", and forward to the Township of Hampton, c/o HCA, 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.

A big THANK YOU to those who sponsored this event, which included: **\$750 Hole Sponsors** – Cleveland Brothers Equipment Co., Dollar Bank, Gateway Engineers Inc., GTN Law, Hampton Shoppes by Sirera Properties LP, Hampton Beer Outlet, Jeff Zillweger Landscape, KLH Engineers Inc., Kress Restoration, Pumpman Pittsburgh, PVE LLC, Sal Leo's Tree Service Inc., Trinity Automated Solutions **\$200 Hole Sponsors** – Suburban Home Improvement, Teamsters Local 205, Zang Auto Body **\$100 Hole Sponsors** – All Lines Technology, Allegheny Installations, Benze's Blue Goose Saloon, connecTel Inc., Corace Excavating, Kevin Corace, Deems Plumbing Inc., E-Z Excavating LLC, Falling Timber Landscaping, Ferguson Waterworks, Glade Mill Supply Inc., Hunter Truck Sales, Jeff Zillweger Landscape, JML Landscape Management, LB Water, Chris Lochner, McDonald's-Hampton Township, Mon-D-Aid & Cleanit, North Hills Lock & Safe, Premier Dance Academy, Scherer Outdoor Lighting Crane Service & Excavating LLC, Shults Ford Wexford, Slagel Insurance Agency, Ken Slone.

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**Around Hampton Restaurant Gift Card Auction Basket** – Bruster's Ice Cream, E Town Bar & Grill, Caliente Pizza & Drafthouse, McDonald's – Hampton Township, Middle Road Inn, Nox's on 8, Old Thunder Brewing Co., Simply Subs, Vocelli Pizza.









# HAMPTON HIGHLIGHTS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES PROGRAM INFORMATION



FALL 2023

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### FALL PROGRAMMING

**Resident registration begins August 14th and Non-Resident registration begins August 28th. Please refer to program information for their registration periods for both Residents and Non-Residents. For further questions on registration dates please call the Community Center service desk at 412-487-7870 ext. 1370.**

- Hampton Residents will be given priority.
- Classes do fill quickly and registration is on a first come, first serve basis starting the first day of registration.
- First fee listed is for Hampton Residents / second fee listed is for Non-Residents.
- Fees subject to change without notice.
- We try our best to accommodate everyone; however, please do not ask us to exceed class size limits or to put your child in the wrong age, skill level, or class. Programs are designed according to age levels and instructor to student ratios that will benefit the students.
- Cash refunds are NOT given. However, credits to Department of Community Service online accounts will be issued.
- Registrations for memberships or programs can be done online at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org) or in person at the Community Center service desk or kiosk.
- All participants must create an online account in order to register for programs or memberships online or in person.
- Online transactions must be paid by credit card only. In person transactions can be paid by cash, check, or credit card.
- All credit card transactions online and in person will be subject to a 2.95% convenience fee.
- If a class becomes full, we will not be permitted to accept any additional participants. No exceptions.
- For the most up to date information on Department of Community Service programs and events visit our website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org)!
- In addition to the Hampton Highlights, the Township of Hampton electronically distributes a monthly e-newsletter highlighting different activities and events going on each month! Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter direct to your inbox? Register by going to [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org) and clicking the Recreational Registration button to create an account today!
- Please note programs and events advertised in this magazine edition are subject to change based on staff availability. Please stay up to date with programming and events by visiting our website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org).



## COMMUNITY CENTER INFORMATION

### COMMUNITY CENTER SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION

Dates: May 28th - September 4th  
Sunday: **C L O S E D**  
Monday - Friday: 6:00 am - 8:00 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

**Hours are subject to change without notice.**

*Hours may be adjusted due to holidays.*

*Administrative hours are 8:00 am - 5:00 pm;*

*Monday - Friday.*

### INDOOR TRACK

The three - lane walking and jogging track is open during normal Community Center hours unless otherwise posted. Thirteen laps around the track equals one mile. Appropriate footwear is required while using the track. Please follow the direction signs located above the track area.

Use of the indoor track is included with your Community Center or Fitness membership. If you do not have a current membership and would like to use the track a daily guest fee of \$6 can be paid at the Service Desk.

### COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD MARKET

A self-serve, self-pay food market is located on the lower level of the Hampton Community Center! Patrons can enjoy a vast assortment of beverages, both hot and cold, as well as a great variety of snacks and food items. Enjoy a light healthy snack to wind down after your workout or a fresh espresso to start off your day! It's a great option for an after school snack spot for children using the basketball courts or the perfect breakfast place before going to the Library for story time.

Food items will be replenished weekly so all items are guaranteed to be fresh! The market is a self-pay area which is monitored closely by cameras. Simply select the items you desire to purchase and scan them at the pay station as you would at any other self check-out kiosk. After your payment has been processed your transaction is complete. Payments accepted include credit or debit card and VIBE cards (which can be picked up at the Community Center service desk).



## COMMUNITY CENTER MEMBERSHIPS

Yearly Membership Includes Use of Track & Gymnasium Courts

Adult Memberships: \$32 / \$63

Youth Memberships: \$19 / \$38



## SPECIAL EVENTS

### PINTS IN THE PARK

Join us on Friday, August 11th & September 29th from 5-9 pm in the Community Center parking lot for the Pints in the Park event!

The vendors for August 11th include Strange Roots Experimental Ales and Narcisi Winery. Food Trucks in attendance will be Pita My Schwarma, Kona Ice and Brisketburgh.

Additional vendors include live music by Derrick Beattie and Magnolia on Main. The Hampton Community Library will also be here for a fun activity with the kids!

*Please note vendor line-up is subject to change.*

### FARMER'S MARKET

The Farmer's Market will conclude on Wednesday, October 11th for the 2023 season.

Thank you to all of our wonderful vendors and guests for making this year's market such a success!



The most up to date information regarding the Farmer's Market will be available on our website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org).

### HALLOWEEN EVENT & PARADE

The annual Halloween event will take place on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 11 am - 1 pm\* in the Hampton Community Park.

Join us this day for a costume contest for children 10 years of age and under, candy, cookies and treats for all, a haunted hayride through the upper orchard of the park, a Build-A-Bear raffle and much more!



**Pre-registration is required for this event to better prepare supplies for the amount of attendees. Registration will be available in early September and registration will close on Thursday, October 12th. Please plan accordingly - walk-in registration will no longer be available for this community event.**

Due to the ever growing popularity of our family-friendly holiday events, please note that the Community Park will be closed to the general public this day to accommodate for additional traffic and ensure the safety of all of our event guests. Pavilions, sports fields including the soccer fields, and access to the upper orchard will be unavailable until the event concludes. The Community Center parking lots will also be unavailable to use until the event concludes. The Community Center will remain open during this event; however the event will be held outdoors, rain or shine!

Additional information regarding registration for this event will be available in September, on the Township website and in the September Hampton Happenings.

*\*Please note the time change of this event. The event was previously advertised from 1 - 3 pm in the annual Township Community Events postcard mailer.*

**NEW DATE ADDED!**  
**SEPTEMBER 29TH!**

**PINTS IN THE PARK**  
**5 - 9 PM**  
**HAMPTON COMMUNITY PARK**





## SPECIAL EVENTS

### POOL MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY

We would like to say THANK YOU to our loyal pool members on Wednesday, August 16th, with our annual Pool Member Appreciation Day!

The fun begins when you enter the pool for the day! Any person who has a valid 2023 pool membership will be entered to win a FREE POOL MEMBERSHIP for the 2024 pool season!

Food Trucks will also be located with the Farmer's Market from 3 - 7 pm this day!



We also have a very special guest joining us for today's event, Ariel the Little Mermaid! Be sure to bring your camera to the

pool today for a photo opportunity with the Little Mermaid in the zero-foot area of the pool!

### TOWNSHIP HOLIDAY EVENT

Santa Claus will be coming to our Township on December 7th at 7:00 pm with the help of the Hampton and North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments!



Join us this evening at the Hampton Community Center for festive fun with your family, neighbors and friends! Complimentary photos with Santa as well as a festive fireworks display are just a few of this year's event activities!

Detailed information on this year's holiday event will be available on our Township website mid-Fall as well as in our monthly Hampton Happenings Newsletter!

In addition to our holiday event, Happy the Elf will be returning to the Community Center for the Elf on the Shelf Search. When you are searching for Happy be sure to stop by our Santa Mailbox to mail your letter to Santa, too!

### PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

We cannot believe how creative everyone is each year with the awesome pumpkins they submit to our contest!

This year we will once again host a pumpkin carving contest in October! Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are welcomed as long as they are not fake (no foam or craft pumpkins). All pumpkins entered must be already carved or painted prior to dropping off outside of the Community Center.

Online registration for this activity will begin October 2nd. Your contest number will print on your registration receipt. This is the number you must place on your pumpkin to be judged. Pumpkin judging will take place Friday, October 20th.

We cannot wait to see what everyone comes up with this year!



TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON

TRICK OR TREAT

OCTOBER 31ST FROM 6-8 PM



## FALL PROGRAMS

### ADULT PICKLEBALL

Pickleball is an easy game for all ages to learn. The game is a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The sport is played on a badminton court, with the net a little lower than a tennis net, and played with a hard paddle and a smaller version of a wiffleball. All levels are welcome to walk in and play pickleball. Pickleballs are provided but every participant must bring their own racquet.

AGES: 18 & up  
DATES: September 5th - December 22nd  
DAY & TIMES: Monday / 8:00 - 10:30 am  
Tuesday / 8:00 - 10:30 am & 12:00 - 2:30 pm  
Thursday / 8:00 - 10:30 am & 12:00 - 2:30 pm  
Friday / 8:00 - 10:30 am  
LOCATION: Community Center Gymnasium  
*Courts will vary daily*  
FEE: \$5 per person / per session



### ADULT VOLLEYBALL

Volleyball is a walk-in program for beginner to intermediate skill level players. Teams are formed each night and players rotate into games throughout the program.

AGES: 18 & up  
DATES: September 7th - December 21st  
DAY & TIMES: Thursday / 7:30 - 9:30 pm  
LOCATION: Community Center Gymnasium  
Courts A, B, C & D  
FEE: \$5 per person; daily

### ADULT BADMINTON

This is a walk-in program for those of all skill levels who enjoy the finer points of the game. Birdies will be provided, but please bring your own racquet.

AGES: 18 & up  
DATES: September 5th - December 19th  
DAY & TIMES: Tuesday / 7:30 - 9:30 pm  
LOCATION: Community Center Gymnasium  
Courts A, B, C & D  
FEE: \$5 per person; daily

### FAMILY, SENIOR & ADULT SWIM

During this program, half the pool will be for adult lap swimmers and half for families and seniors to swim and enjoy themselves! This is a walk-in program and the daily fee is paid at the door each evening. Children under 3 years of age are FREE. *Program dates subject to change.*

AGES: All Ages  
DATES: October 2nd - April 24th  
DAY & TIMES: Monday & Wednesday / 8:15 - 9:15 pm  
LOCATION: Hampton High School Indoor Pool  
FEE: \$4 per person; daily (ages 3 & up)

A close-up photograph of a Wilson basketball, showing the brand name and the 'SIC' logo. The ball is orange with black lines.

# OPEN GYM

HAMPTON COMMUNITY CENTER

# \$3 ADMISSION

DAYS AND TIMES VARY  
PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO  
VIEW THE OPEN GYM CALENDAR



## FALL PROGRAMS

### YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE (110301 - 110308)

Youth Basketball is open to all boys and girls in grades 3 - 12. This league focuses more on instruction and team play rather than competition.

All teams will be selected by the coaches during the players draft that is held during the pre-season meeting at the Community Center. All head coaches should attend this meeting and draft. Assistant Coaches will be selected after the draft, and do not need to attend the pre-season meeting. Please keep in mind we cannot guarantee a specific night of practice to a specific player. Practices, which take place Monday - Thursday, are scheduled by the team's head coach. All practices take place at the Hampton Community Center. Please also keep in mind siblings will not automatically be put on the same team, but will be drafted individually. If a parent chooses to coach the league, their child will be placed on their team. Practices will begin mid-November with games beginning in early January. Your team coach will contact you regarding a practice schedule.



#### The league teams will be as follows:

Girls Teams: Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 - 12

Boys Teams: Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 - 12

#### Basketball Registration Fees

Regular Fee (August 21st - October 27th): \$93 / \$111 per child

Late Fee (October 28th - November 3rd): \$116 / \$134 per child

Wait List Fee (November 4th & After): \$139 / \$157 per child

\*\*\* Registration may be limited for this season. Be sure to register early! \*\*\*

#### New Player Evaluation (Grades 3 - 12)

All new players in grades 3 - 12 should attend the player evaluation on Saturday, November 4, 2023 at the Hampton Community Center. Please see below for specific times. Returning players are already rated and do not need to attend the evaluation, unless they choose to. **Registrations will not be accepted at the player evaluation. Please register ahead of time.**

9:00 - 10:00 am: Boys (Grades 3 & 4)

10:00 - 11:00 am: Girls (Grades 3 & 4)

11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Boys & Girls (Grades 5 & 6)

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Boys & Girls (Grades 7 - 12)

#### Coach Pre-Season Meeting (Grades 3 - 12)

The pre-season meeting / players draft will take place during the following times. All head coaches will be notified by the Program Supervisor, Bill Ryder, prior to the meeting.

Monday, November 6th: 6:00 pm - Boys Teams (Grades 3 & 4) / 7:30 pm - Girls Teams (Grades 3 & 4)

Tuesday, November 7th: 6:00 pm - Boys Teams (Grades 5 & 6) / 7:30 pm - Girls Teams (Grades 5 & 6)

Wednesday, November 8th: 6:00 pm - Boys & Girls Teams (Grades 7 & 8) / 7:30 pm - Boys & Girls Teams (Grades 9 - 12)

### DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE (GRADES 1 & 2) (110309)

In addition to the Youth Basketball League we also offer a Developmental League for those who are in first and second grade, where they can learn instruction and fundamental skills such as dribbling, ball handling, shooting and passing. This program includes drills and small 3 on 3 games that will progress to full court games of 5 on 5. No evaluation or draft is done for the developmental league and boys and girls play together on the same teams.

DAYS & TIMES: Saturdays from 9 - 10 am and 10 - 11 am

DATES: November 11th - February 24th

FEES: \$82 / \$100 per child



## FALL PROGRAMS

### RECREATIONAL DANCE PROGRAM

The Township of Hampton offers a Recreational Dance Program for all ages. Classes will be held on Monday, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the Hampton Community Center.

Classes will begin the week of September 5th and will continue through December 15th. A dance performance is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 16th for participants and their families to enjoy!

For additional information regarding this program please email [hamptondanceprogram@gmail.com](mailto:hamptondanceprogram@gmail.com) or visit our Recreational Dance Program section of our website.

Registration for the Dance Program can be done online at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org) or by visiting the Community Center Service Desk. **Resident registration begins July 24th and Non-Resident registration begins August 7th.**



### DANCE CLASS SCHEDULE

<b>Monday Classes:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Class Time:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>
Ballet & Tap	3 - 4 yrs.	4:30 - 5:30 pm	\$90 / \$105
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	5 - 7 yrs.	5:30 - 7:00 pm	\$135 / \$155
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	8 - 10 yrs.	7:00 - 8:30 pm	\$135 / \$155
<b>Tuesday Classes:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Class Time:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	4 - 5 yrs.	4:30 - 6:00 pm	\$135 / \$155
Acro	5 - 8 yrs.	6:00 - 6:30 pm	\$55 / \$65
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	6 - 8 yrs.	6:30 - 8:00 pm	\$135 / \$155
<b>Wednesday Classes:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Class Time:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>
Ballet & Tumbling	2 - 3 yrs.	10:00 - 11:00 am	\$90 / \$105
Ballet & Tumbling	2 - 3 yrs.	4:30 - 5:30 pm	\$90 / \$105
Ballet & Tap	3 - 4 yrs.	5:30 - 6:30 pm	\$90 / \$105
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	6 - 8 yrs.	6:30 - 8:00 pm	\$135 / \$155
<b>Thursday Classes:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Class Time:</b>	<b>Fee:</b>
Ballet & Tap	3 - 4 yrs.	10:00 - 11:00 am	\$90 / \$105
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	4 - 5 yrs.	4:30 - 6:00 pm	\$135 / \$155
Ballet, Jazz & Tap	9 - 12 yrs.	6:00 - 7:30 pm	\$135 / \$155
Adult Class (Ballet & Tap)	18 & up	7:30 - 8:30 pm	\$100 / \$120

### DANCE PROGRAM ATTIRE INFORMATION

Leotards and tights are suggested but not required as long as their clothing is easy to move in and not loose fitting. Hair should be pulled back in a ponytail or bun. No jewelry. As for shoes, participants will need black tap shoes, white ballet shoes and foot underwear for the show at the end of the session. You may purchase shoes and tights from Premier Dance Academy, Target, Walmart or All That Jazz. If you choose to buy them through Premier Dance Academy, they will measure for the shoes, order and deliver the shoes to the Community Center. You will be billed separately for your shoe order.



## FALL PROGRAMS

### INTRODUCTION TO IMPROV (110603)

For anyone curious about what improv is, or just wants to try something new. Students will learn about short form improvisation starting with the basic rules of improv through a variety of fun games and improv exercises. Classes will build a base of skills that students can use to not only be creative and have fun, but also skills that they can use in their everyday lives as they grow. No experience of any kind necessary! Instructor: Sarah McChesney

#### Elementary Edition

##### **Section: 1**

AGES: 7 - 10 yrs.  
DATES: September 13th - October 18th  
DAY & TIMES: Wednesdays / 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
LOCATION: Community Center Adult Lounge  
FEE: \$75

#### Middle School Edition

##### **Section: 2**

AGES: 11 - 13 yrs.  
DATES: September 9th - October 14th  
DAY & TIMES: Saturdays / 1:00 - 2:30 pm  
LOCATION: Community Center Adult Lounge  
FEE: \$85

#### High School Edition

##### **Section: 4**

AGES: 14 - 18 yrs.  
DATES: September 9th - October 14th  
DAY & TIMES: Saturdays / 3:00 - 4:30 pm  
LOCATION: Community Center Adult Lounge  
FEE: \$85



##### **Section: 3**

AGES: 11 - 13 yrs.  
DATES: September 11th - October 16th  
DAY & TIMES: Mondays / 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
LOCATION: Community Center Adult Lounge  
FEE: \$85

##### **Section: 5**

AGES: 14 - 18 yrs.  
DATES: September 12th - October 17th  
DAY & TIMES: Tuesdays / 3:30 - 5:00 pm  
LOCATION: Community Center Adult Lounge  
FEE: \$85



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& packages



## EXERCISE PROGRAMS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY / DATES	LOCATION & TIMES	FEES	MIN / MAX DEADLINE
<b><u>Beginner Line Dancing</u></b> 121601	Put on your dancing shoes, learn a new type of exercise and have some fun! Ages 18 & up Instructor: Shirley Shultz	<b>Session 1:</b> Thursdays  Sept. 14th - Oct. 26th	Community Center Dance Room  1:30 - 3:00 pm	\$37 / \$42	8 / 22  Tuesday, September 12th
<b><u>Beginning Tai Chi</u></b> 131203	This gentle stretch exercise class aims to help increase flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and fitness. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat shoes. Ages 60 & up Instructor: Phil Jannetta	<b>Session 1:</b> Tuesdays  Sept. 19th - Nov. 7th  <b>Session 2:</b> Thursdays  Sept. 21st - Nov. 9th	Community Center Dance Room  12:15 - 1:15 pm  Community Center Dance Room  12:15 - 1:15 pm	\$28 / \$34   \$28 / \$34	8 / 18  Friday, September 15th  8 / 18  Tuesday, September 19th
<b><u>Continuing Tai Chi</u></b> 131201	Intended for those who have taken the Beginner Tai Chi class here and are ready for the next level. This gentle stretch exercise class aims to help increase flexibility, balance, muscular strength and fitness. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat shoes. If you are unsure of what class you should register for, please see the class instructor to see what level is best for you. Ages: 60 & up Instructor: Phil Jannetta	<b>Session 1:</b> Tuesdays & Thursdays  Sept. 19th - Nov. 9th	Community Center Dance Room  11:15 am - 12:15 pm	\$56 / \$68	8 / 18  Friday, September 15th
<b><u>Easy Yoga</u></b> 121401	Improve posture, strength and flexibility by doing Sun Salutations and various other yoga stances and moves plus learn breathing exercises to help relieve stress, calm the mind, and unify the body & mind. Bring sticky yoga mat, towel, and yoga block. Ages 18 & up Instructor: Angie Thomson	<b>Session 1:</b> Wednesdays  Sept. 20th - Nov. 8th	Community Center Exercise Room  10:00 - 11:00 am	\$40 / \$45	8 / 18  Friday, September 18th



## EXERCISE PROGRAMS

CLASS	DESCRIPTION	DAY / DATES	LOCATION & TIMES	FEES	MIN / MAX DEADLINE
<u>Easy Yoga</u> 121401	Improve posture, strength and flexibility by doing Sun Salutations and various other yoga stances and moves plus learn breathing exercises to help relieve stress, calm the mind, and unify the body & mind. Bring sticky yoga mat, towel, and yoga block. Ages 18 & up Instructor: Angie Thomson	<b>Session 2:</b> Fridays	Community Center Exercise Room	\$40 / \$45	8 / 18
		Sept. 22nd- Nov. 10th	11:30 am - 12:30 pm		Wednesday, September 20th
		<b>Session 3:</b> Saturdays	Community Center Exercise Room	\$40 / \$45	8 / 18
		Sept. 23rd- Nov. 18th <i>*No class Oct. 7th</i>	10:30 - 11:30 am		Wednesday, September 20th
<u>Fit for Life</u> 131701	Low impact aerobic workout to energize, increase flexibility, balance, coordination, and core strength. Bring your own mat, water bottle, elastic bands & light hand weights. Wear gym shoes for athletic support. Ages 60 & up. Instructor: Angie Thomson	<b>Session 1:</b> Wednesdays	Community Center Exercise Room	\$28 / \$34	8 / 18
		Sept. 20th - Nov. 8th	9:00 - 10:00 am		Monday, September 18th
		<b>Session 2:</b> Fridays	Community Center Exercise Room	\$28 / \$34	8 / 18
		Sept. 22nd - Nov. 10th	10:30 - 11:30 am		Wednesday, September 20th
<u>Zumba Gold</u> 131302	A low impact, beginner level, exercise class designed for active older adults who are looking for Zumba moves & music at a low intensity. Bring a mat for floor stretching. Ages 60 & up. Instructor: Angie Thomson	<b>Session 1:</b> Mondays	Community Center Exercise Room	\$28 / \$34	8 / 18
		Sept. 18th - Nov. 6th	12:30 - 1:30 pm		Friday, September 15th



## FITNESS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

The Fitness Area is located on the upper level of the Community Center. This area is open during regular Community Center hours unless otherwise posted. Currently there are twenty-one pieces of fitness equipment available; eleven cardio and ten weight training pieces including free weights with varying weights.

The Fitness Area does not have direct supervision. The on-duty Facility Manager will provide routine monitoring. However, if at any time you should have any questions, or require assistance, do not hesitate to speak with the service desk staff.



For the health and safety of our patrons, two Automatic Electric Defibrillator (AED) Units are located in the Community Center. Should a circumstance ever arise that these life sustaining devices need use, they can only be used by a trained Community Center staff member or patron.

Fitness Members should scan their membership ID card at the service desk upon entering the center.

### YEARLY FITNESS MEMBERSHIP FEES

Family Membership*:	\$217 / \$427
Married Couple:	\$117 / \$222
Adult (18 +):	\$67 / \$134
College Student**:	\$37 / \$74
Youth (ages 10 - 17):	\$56 / \$111

*\*Family Membership pricing is for up to four persons. Each additional family member will be billed for the individual rate.*

*\*\* College Students must provide valid college ID during initial membership and renewing of membership to receive the discounted college rate.*

If you do not have a current fitness membership or you are a fitness member and you have a guest with you, a \$6 daily pass may be purchased at the Community Center service desk. Any patrons using the fitness area for the first time (daily guest or member) will need to have a brief fitness area orientation at the service desk prior to using the equipment.

Fitness area information packets are available at the Community Center service desk as well as on our website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org).



## COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

Hampton Community Center offers various rooms and rental packages to fit every renter's needs! We accommodate parties such as birthdays, bridal or baby showers, themed parties, and weddings! Reservations can be made as early as two years in advance (Hampton Residents) or eighteen months in advance (Non-Residents). Below is pricing information for each room that we offer for rent. Don't see what you are looking for? Our on-site Rental Coordinator is happy to meet with you to discuss your desires and help create a wonderful experience for you! Our Rental Coordinator is available by appointment only. Any questions you have in regards to rental facilities, or date availability, please call our Rental Coordinator at 412-487-7870 ext. 1357.

### HOURLY RATES FOR FACILITY RENTALS

Great Room A or B	.....	\$85 / \$100 hour
Great Room A & B	.....	\$175 / \$198 hour
Gathering Area (after hours )	.....	\$48 / \$60 hour
Activity Room 1	.....	\$42 / \$55 hour
Activity Room 2	.....	\$48 / \$60 hour
Gymnasium (full)	.....	\$88 / \$100 hour
Gymnasium (half)	.....	\$48 / \$60 hour
Gymnasium (quarter)	.....	\$25 / \$40 hour
Dance & Aerobics Room	.....	\$42 / \$55 hour
Heat & Serve Kitchen	.....	\$220 per day

### PACKAGE RATES FOR FACILITY RENTALS

<u>Great Room A or B</u>	<u>Great Room A &amp; B</u>	<u>Gathering Area (after hours only)</u>
3 Hour Rate: \$230 / \$290	3 Hour Rate: \$465 / \$585	3 Hour Rate: \$115 / \$160
6 Hour Rate: \$465 / \$560	6 Hour Rate: \$700 / \$865	6 Hour Rate: \$205 / \$240
8 Hour Rate: \$585 / \$760	8 Hour Rate: \$815 / \$1,050	8 Hour Rate: \$290 / \$330

<u>Activity Room 1</u>	<u>Activity Room 2</u>
3 Hour Rate: \$110 / \$145	3 Hour Rate: \$115 / \$160
6 Hour Rate: \$175 / \$210	6 Hour Rate: \$205 / \$240
8 Hour Rate: \$260 / \$300	8 Hour Rate: \$290 / \$330

Birthday Party Packages includes 1/4 of the gym and either Activity Room 1 or Activity Room 2 for three hours.

Activity Room 1 Birthday Package: \$90 / \$140

Activity Room 2 Birthday Package: \$135 / \$190

Alcohol Beverage Consumption (ABC) Permit is also available for \$32

***Be sure to check out our newly renovated Great Rooms  
and Adult Lounge!***





## TOWNSHIP & GOVERNMENT CONTACTS

### **State Representatives:**

State Senator Lindsey Williams  
(38th District)  
5000 McKnight Road  
Suite 405  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-364-0469

State Representative Rob Mercuri  
(28th District)  
4375 Gibsonia Road  
Gibsonia, PA 15044  
724-939-6265

State Representative Arvind Venkat  
(30th District)  
9800 McKnight Rd. Building B / Ste 130  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
1-833-321-5520

### **County Representatives:**

Rich Fitzgerald, Chief Executive  
101 Allegheny County  
Court House  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-350-6500

Anita Prizio  
(District 3)  
Allegheny County Court House  
436 Grant Street - Rm 119  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-350-6490

### **District Magistrate:**

Tom Swan  
724-265-2380

### **Local Taxes:**

Jordan Tax Service  
(Property & Stormwater Mgmt.)  
102 Rahway Road  
McMurray, PA 15317  
724-731-2300  
412-835-5243  
custsvs@jordantax.com

Keystone Collections (Wages & LST)  
546 Wendell Road  
Irwin, PA 15642  
888-328-0558

### **Township Council:**

Carolynn Johnson, Council President  
Bethany Blackburn, Vice President  
Joe Dougherty  
Julie Fritsch  
Rock Kernick

### **Controller:**

Jerry Speakman

### **Monthly Meeting Dates:**

#### **Township Council**

7:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday\*

*\*Unless otherwise noted.*

### **Water Authority**

7 pm on the 4th Monday

### **Zoning Hearing Board**

7:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday

### **Hampton Community Association**

6 pm on the 3rd Tuesday

### **Environmental Advisory Council**

7 pm on the 2nd Tuesday

### **Planning Commission**

7 pm on the 2nd Monday

### **Federal Representatives:**

Senator Robert P. Casey, Jr.  
310 Grant Street, Suite 2415  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219  
412-803-7370

Senator John Fetterman  
200 Chestnut Street, Suite 600  
Philadelphia, PA 19106  
215-241-1090

Congressman Chris Deluzio  
11 Duff Road, Suite A3  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
202-225-2301

### **Police & Emergencies:**

Hampton Police, Fire &  
E.M.S. Emergencies: **Call 911**

Hampton Police Non-Emergencies:  
412-486-0400

### **Township Offices:**

Municipal Building  
3101 McCully Road  
Allison Park, PA 15101  
412-486-0400  
412-486-5019 (fax)

Hampton Community Center  
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Allison Park, PA 15101  
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#### **Land Use Administrator**

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#### **Water Authority**

April Winklmann...412-486-4867  
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State Senator  
**LINDSEY M. WILLIAMS**  
38th Senatorial District

Senator Lindsey Williams' office is here to help with state-related issues! We can assist with:

- Free notary services for most documents
- Unreadable license plate replacement
- Unclaimed property searches
- Property tax and rent rebates
- Pittsburgh Regional Transit Senior ConnectCards
- Disability placards and more!

Upcoming Events:

Free Shredding: September 9, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at North Park Ice Rink, 1200 Pearce Mill Road

Senior Fair: October 26, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm at Ross Community Center, 1000 Ross Municipal Drive

See all upcoming events at  
[SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Events](http://SenatorLindseyWilliams.com/Events).

Call us at 412-364-0469 with questions or stop by our office at 5000 McKnight Road, Suite 405.



Lindsey Williams



State Representative  
**Rob Mercuri**  
28th Legislative District of Pennsylvania



Rob Mercuri

Preparing our children for a prosperous future requires us to

think innovatively about our education system and be willing to take bold steps to support Pennsylvania students in new ways.

As part of the state budget, the 2022 school code established the Education and Economic Competitiveness Commission to innovate the future of education in Pennsylvania by 2030.

I am excited to have been selected to be a part of this important effort on behalf of the people of Pennsylvania and for our children's future.

We expect our students to graduate and be ready to take on a constantly changing job market and participate as stakeholders in society. Yet, we still rely on outdated methods and are falling behind the rest of the world on basic literacy and numeracy skills necessary to prepare our students for the next stage of their education, lives, and work.

The commission's goal is to create a shared, statewide, bipartisan vision for 21st century education that will prepare all students to be lifelong learners and compete in a globalized econo-

my reshaped by artificial intelligence. We aim to establish the policies and regulations necessary to give all school districts the support and flexibility they need to build world-class education systems.

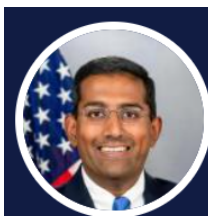
I am eager to embark on this important work for our children's generation and beyond. This isn't the only issue I am passionately working on for you. There is a wealth of information on my website, including information on signing up for my upcoming events.

My next event is all about replacing those rusted, faded and hard to read license plates with a new plate at no cost. This will take place on August 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm at the West Deer Volunteer Fire Company #3. West Deer and Northern Regional Police Departments will be there to assist. All participants will need to complete the MV-46.

My office will also be hosting two community-based events in September. On the 14<sup>th</sup> you can attend my Community Breakfast at the Pine Community Center, where we will be discussing how to inspire the next generation from 7:30am to 9am.

You can also attend my office's Community Health Fair on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 9am to noon at the AHN Wexford Health & Wellness Pavilion.

Please visit [www.reprobmercuri.com](http://www.reprobmercuri.com) or call 412.369.2230 to register for these events. I hope to see you there!



**Rep. Arvind Venkat**  
30<sup>th</sup> District  
Allegheny County

## Updates for Hampton Township Residents

by State Rep. Arvind Venkat

Hello Hampton Township residents! At the time of this writing, I'm busy working in Harrisburg to pass the state budget and other important legislation. By the time you read this, I hope that we will have passed a budget that increases funding for public education and mental health services. I am very proud that the Medical Debt Relief legislation (House Bill 78) I have sponsored and championed was passed by the House in a bipartisan vote. I now hope the Senate will pass the bill and provide relief to thousands of Pennsylvanians who are burdened by medical debt.

Here in the district, I co-hosted a Peeling Plate Event with AAA to help residents get new license plates if theirs are peeling, discolored or hard to read. The Allegheny County and Port Authority Police inspected plates and authorized the needed forms for new plates. This has been a problem for a great many motorists, so I am sure I will host another event soon. Be on the lookout for future announcements.

I was happy to join you all at Community Day on July 3. We were thankful that the rain cleared out and the afternoon sun made for an enjoyable day to gather with neighbors and friends. It was the perfect way to kick off Independence Day and celebrate the founding of our great nation.

I'm continuing legislative door knocking, trying to meet constituents and hear their views on what I should advocate for in Harrisburg when we return in the fall. I am always eager to hear from you either out in the community or at my office in McCandless. Please reach out if you have any thoughts to share with me.





# District Dispatch

Summer 2023

## A Letter from the Superintendent: The Future is Now



Dr. Loughead

### Dear Hampton Township Community,

Reflecting on the 2022-2023 school year at Hampton Township School District, I am reminded of a quote from one of my educational heroes, Fred Rogers:

*"To get somewhere new, we may have to leave somewhere else behind."*

Many of us grew up with the notion that libraries were synonymous with silence, strict rules, and towering shelves of books. However, the opening of Hampton High School's Gail V. Litwiler Media Center, a reimagined library and media space, symbolized the District's ongoing commitment to providing our students with learning opportunities for a constantly changing future — launching into "something new." The new Library Media Center emerged as a vibrant and dynamic hub that fosters collaboration and future-driven learning, featuring a Conceptual Thinking Lab, Cafe Area, Flex Studio, and additional classrooms.

The theme of this issue's District Dispatch, "The Future is Now," shares the same title as our Remake Learning Days celebration that was held on May 17th in the high school's Library Media Center. In this issue, you will read about the hands-on teacher and student-led demonstrations that took place during Remake Learning Days, which offered the community an opportunity to engage in the world class teaching and learning occurring in our schools every day.

The 2022-2023 school year at HTSD was filled with numerous achievements and highlights that we should all celebrate:

- Hampton High School's Talbot Thon fundraiser event in March raised over \$25,000 to support pediatric cancer research at the UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.
- Hampton Township School District secured the No. 4 spot among 105 school districts in Southwestern Pennsylvania for a second consecutive year, according to the 2023 Pittsburgh Business Times' Honor Roll ranking of regional school districts. Additionally, HTSD has moved up one spot to eighth out of 492 school districts across Pennsylvania in the PBT rankings.
- Hampton High School's fantastic spring musical "Something Rotten!" won a school record-tying six awards at the 32nd Annual Pittsburgh CLO Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater.
- The Hampton High School Marching Band's phenomenal show "Senior Prom: A Night to Dismember" received its highest-ever score and place at the

Pennsylvania Interscholastic Marching Band Association Championships in October.

- In athletics, Boys Basketball, Girls Swimming, Boys and Girls Cross Country, and Volleyball each captured the section title, while our Boys Cross Country team and Girls 4x800 Track Relay team became WPIAL champions this year. During the spring season, Hampton reached the WPIAL playoffs in Baseball, Softball, Boys and Girls Lacrosse, and Boys and Girls Track and Field, in addition to Dale Hall winning the 1,600-meter run state title.

To borrow the words of Eleanor Roosevelt, "The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams, while honoring the wisdom of their past." Here at Hampton, we hold our rich Tradition of Excellence and our tight-knit community in high regard. As Talbots, we have numerous reasons to take pride, and we embark upon the future with unwavering optimism. May you all enjoy a delightful summer break, filled with exploration, relaxation, and cherished moments with loved ones.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Michael Loughead  
Superintendent



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## Hats Off to the Class of 2023!







## Senior Class Stats

Eighty-two percent of the Class of 2023 will head off to a four or two year college this fall, and 4% will enter a Career and Technical School. Eleven percent of the class will go directly into the workforce, while two students are heading into the military.

**This year, 208 students graduated from Hampton High School!**

Of those, **73** graduated with honors:

- **25** students graduated Summa Cum Laude
- **25** students graduated Magna Cum Laude
- **23** students graduated Cum Laude

**Here's where they're headed next. . .**

Hampton graduates are off to colleges in 17 states across the country, from Vermont to Washington!

### College choices this year included:

- |                                     |                            |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| • Boston University                 | • University of Michigan   |
| • Carnegie Mellon University        | • University of Pittsburgh |
| • Case Western Reserve University   | • University of Virginia   |
| • Penn State University             | • Vanderbilt University    |
| • Rochester Institute of Technology | • Virginia Tech            |

Our new alumni heading into the military will serve within the branches of the Marine Corps and US Army, while those who are entering the workforce will start careers in industries such as carpentry, automotive, excavation, and cosmetology.

***Congratulations, Hampton High School Class of 2023, on your remarkable achievements and may your future be filled with endless opportunities and great success!***

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# HHS Spring Musical ‘Something Rotten!’ Earns 6 Gene Kelly Awards

For the first time in over 10 years, Hampton High School’s spring musical “Something Rotten!” twice sold out the six main sections of the high school auditorium. After months of tireless work, the students prepared for their performances on April 21, 22, 28, and 29, and their dedication and hard work paid off when the news arrived that their production of “Something Rotten!” had achieved outstanding success at the 32nd Annual Pittsburgh CLO Gene Kelly Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theater.

This year’s musical transported audiences back to London in 1595, following the Bottom Brothers, Nick and Nigel, two aspiring playwrights struggling to find success while living in the shadow of the renowned playwright, William Shakespeare.

Determined to make their mark, Nick sought help from the soothsayer Nostradamus, portrayed by senior Brooks Brady, to predict the next big hit in theater. To their surprise, Nostradamus foretold a future where singing, dancing, and acting would coexist in a single production. Motivated by this prophecy, Nick and Nigel embarked on writing the world’s very first musical.

The cast included talented performers such as senior Kai Suyama as Nick, junior Isaac Thatcher as Nigel, junior Andrew Kaehly as William Shakespeare, and senior Leah McConnell as Nick’s wife, Bea. Kai and Leah, who had portrayed husband and wife in a previous production, brought a strong chemistry to their roles.

Under the guidance of musical director Daniel Franklin, the energy among the students was electrifying as they prepared for the show. Franklin aimed to showcase to the audience that contemporary and innovative material could be explored, breaking away from the standard musicals of the past.

Hampton High School’s production stood out in the highest budget category (Budget Level IV), receiving a school record-tying number of Gene Kelly awards: Best Musical, Best Dance Ensemble, Best Scenic Design, Best Lighting Design, and Best Costume Design. Moreover, Brooks Brady’s portrayal of Thomas Nostradamus earned him the prestigious Best Supporting Actor award, while Leah McConnell was honored with a Gene Kelly Awards Scholarship for her artistic and academic excellence, symbolizing the vision and integrity of the Gene Kelly Awards.

“These kids have been working together as long as I’ve known them since ninth grade, and they collaborate exceptionally well,” said Franklin. “They possess a wealth of experience on stage, drawing energy from one another and supporting each other. What’s remarkable about these kids is that many of them share a strong bond off stage as well.”

This accomplishment marked the third time Hampton High School has won six Gene Kelly Awards, with previous victories in 2014 for “Young Frankenstein” and in 2017 for “Big Fish.”





# HMS Building Positive School Culture through PBIS

Creating and fostering positive school culture has been a fundamental part of Hampton Middle School's efforts in implementing elements of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports this past year. The main goal of PBIS is to promote positive behavior among students and provide explicit instruction on what positive behavior looks like in different school settings.

The implementation of PBIS at Hampton Middle School started with a focus on positive behavior in the hallway. Following winter break, teachers and staff members began rewarding students with tickets when they observe positive behavior, and these tickets are then entered into a weekly drawing for various rewards. Students have expressed excitement about the program and have been choosing from a range of special awards such as spending time with a therapy dog, watching a TV or sports game during lunch with friends, creating the morning playlist, choosing a snack from the lunchroom, receiving coupons, office supplies, snacks, and more.

"PBIS has been such a positive program for our school culture! I would look forward to each Friday morning when we would draw the weekly winners to reward the students for displaying the expected behaviors. Students would be cheering for one another in their homerooms, and teachers would always smile when we came to visit their classrooms," said Dr. Marlynn Lux, HMS Principal.

HMS has also placed an emphasis on teaching respectful, responsible, and motivated behaviors in the cafeteria. Overall, PBIS aims to create a positive and supportive school environment where all



students can learn and grow, and Hampton Middle School is implementing various strategies and incentives to reinforce positive behavior.

"I believe this program is very important for middle school students, since we take time to explicitly teach preferred behaviors; students do not always know what is expected of them without the time and attention centered around it," said Dr. Lux. "I am very appreciative of the PBIS Core Team for helping with the design and implementation of this program."

## Artistic Talent Showcased at Senior Art Exhibition

Twelve students showcased their artistic talent at the Senior Art Exhibition, held on May 4 in the HHS lobby. Each student displayed a selection of 6-12 pieces from their portfolio, spanning their creative journey over the past four years.

The seniors who contributed to the exhibition represented a diverse range of artistic mediums, including drawings, paintings, sculptures, and more. The talented students who exhibited their work were Tyler Welch, Haley Martin, Cassidy Kramer, Maddy McGrath, Anna Cutuli, Sadie Shelkey, Audrey Alling, Jessica Hickman, Kaden Herchenroether, Emma Homison, Marisa Vizzoca, and Hayes Chong. Seniors enrolled in AP Art & Design are required to participate, but participants may be from any art course.

Among the impressive artworks on display, Homison's watercolor piece entitled "Everything But the Kitchen Sink" was chosen by her peers to be included in the school's permanent art collection. What makes this achievement even more notable is that Emma's mother, Gretchen Homison (Class of 1989), received the same honor with her artwork when she attended HHS.

Emma's captivating work featured imagery depicting commonly used idioms such as "crying over spilled milk," having one's "head in the clouds," and being "caught red-handed."

When asked about the inspiration behind her piece, Emma explained, "I wanted to capture a collection of idioms in a single artwork. I envisioned a bustling dinner scene where numerous individuals interacted. Initially, I portrayed all the characters as pictures of myself, but later I integrated some of my friends and family members who appeared in my other works."

HTSD extends heartfelt congratulations to Emma and all the students who participated in the Senior Art Exhibition, and we wish them the best of luck in their future artistic endeavors!







## Remake Learning Days: A Celebration of Future-Driven Learning

Education met the future head-on during Hampton's Remake Learning Days celebration held on May 17, captivating students, parents, and community members of all ages with an evening of engagement in world-class teaching and learning opportunities.

This year's event, themed "The Future is Now!" was held at the Gail V. Litwiler Media Center in Hampton High School, drawing in more than 200 attendees, with over 40 student volunteers demonstrating various K-12 innovative learning experiences happening in each school.

The event showcased various hands-on student and teacher-led demonstrations, including captivating AP Research presentations by senior students; real-world problem solving using pocket-sized computers; Mandarin lessons; and elementary lessons that combined social studies, writing, art, STEM and library research. The event also featured the popular Reality Fair, where attendees

had the opportunity to participate in a virtual experience, offering them a glimpse into future career possibilities.

For those attending Remake Learning Days at Hampton High School, the event also served as an opportunity to explore the new Litwiler Media Center. This state-of-the-art facility, equipped with the latest technology and resources, demonstrated the District's commitment to providing students with a future-ready learning environment.

The success of Remake Learning Days at HTSD was made possible through the generous support and participation of local organizations. HTSD extends its gratitude to Advanced Construction Robotics, Carnegie Robotics LLC, Clearview Federal Credit Union, and the Hampton Township Police Department for their participation in the event.





# How to Help Your Children Stay Physically Active this Summer

In an effort to promote physical activity among children and youth, Hampton's three elementary schools — Central, Poff, and Wyland — participated in Project ACES (All Children Exercise Simultaneously) during the month of May.

Project ACES is a global movement launched in 1989 that promotes physical activity and healthy lifestyles among children and youth. The idea behind Project ACES is simple – to inspire kids to become more physically active and to make exercise a habit in their daily routine.

“By engaging in regular physical activity, children can improve their physical health, mental well-being, and academic performance,” said Mr. Dainen Holler, Central Elementary School physical education teacher.

In the summer months, motivating children to stay active during school breaks can pose a challenge for parents. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children ages 3 to 5 need to be active throughout the day, while children and adolescents ages 6 through 17 need to be active for 60 minutes every day.

“There are many great ways to stay active during the summer,” said Mr. Holler. “Finding activities offered throughout the community with people who share similar interests can be a great way to stay active and connected to others.”

Helping children have healthy bodies and minds is more important than ever. According to the CDC, parents can support their children's physical and emotional well-being by giving them opportunities to:

- Play games that encourage movement.
- Learn a fun dance move or try a new sport.
- Try aerobic, muscle- and bone-strengthening physical activities.
- Plan exercise around your day.
- Discover a fun new activity.
- Explore nature.

Encouraging kids to stay active can be as simple as involving them in household chores. Tasks like washing the car, tidying their rooms, or raking leaves in the yard not only contribute to their physical activity but also lighten parents' and guardians' workload.

To promote emotional well-being during the summer, the CDC recommends that children:

- Get plenty of sleep each day. Kids ages six to twelve need 9 to 12 hours of sleep a night, while teens ages thirteen to eighteen need 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night.
- Practice positive thinking. Teach your child ways to think positively, like being grateful, to help reduce stress and feel better.
- Include others in activities.
- Reduce screen time.



*For more ideas to help keep your children physically active this summer, visit [www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/features/active\\_summer.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/features/active_summer.htm)*



## Senior Scholars

Seniors recognized as Summa Cum Laude obtained at least a 4.40 QPA and earned a minimum of 28 credits through courses offered at Hampton High School.



Emma An



Madelaine Andersson



Hannah Dietrich



Emilia DiLiberto



Addison Gindlesperger



William Girard



Erica Gynn



Kaden Herchenroether



Emma Homison



Amiya Johnson



Claire Kamel



Rita Khoury



Kaitlyn Laffin



Laynie Loebig



Aja Lynn



Giulia Mauro



Leah McConnell



## Senior Scholars



**Garrett Michaud**



**Tess Restori**



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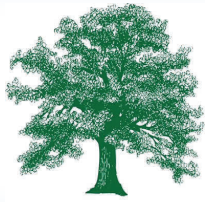


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