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HAMILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL *NEWSLETTER*

Hamilton Central School • A Professional Learning Community

Class Of 2023 - CONGRATULATIONS!

Hamilton Central School will celebrate its 125th commencement exercises this year. The graduation ceremony will be held in-person in our school auditorium on Friday, June 23rd at 7:00 p.m. For those who would like to view the ceremony but cannot attend in-person, we will be live streaming the event.

The members of the class, 40 in number, have distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities throughout their high school experience.

Special congratulations to our Class of 2023 Valedictorian Craig Arquiett and our Salutatorian Eliot Pendleton Witherspoon.

Craig Arquiett

Derick Goldby

Emily Neuenschwander

Lauren Barker

Ethan Hanmer

Lowell Nugent

Taylor Basher

Lily Hardin

Blake Perry

Nickolas Bondi

Hudson Idzi

Karisa Peters

Colby Campbell

Camille Kenyon

David Platt

McKinley Craven

Magdala Klein

Benjamin Reese

Morgan Craven

Gabriel Lawrence

Jaheal Ridgeway

James Daddio

Logan MacPherson

Reese Snyder

Kiley Delaney

Amaya Martin

Taylor Taiwo

Fiona Dosanjh

Logan Matthews

Paul Verbitsky

Noel Duclos

Rosalee McAllister

Peyton Werner

Heather Foster

Naomi Meyers

Eliot Pendleton Witherspoon

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Craig Arquiett
Valedictorian

Eliot Pendleton Witherspoon
Salutatorian

**Congratulations
to the Class of
2023!**





It is with great pleasure that I announce the Hamilton Central School Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the class of 2023. These students have done tremendous work throughout their years at HCS, both in the classroom and out. Their dedication to academic pursuits and their active involvement in our school community have continued the tradition of excellence that our students are known for.

Hamilton's class of 2023 Salutatorian is Eliot Pendleton Witherspoon. Eliot is the son of Hibi Pendleton and Ed Witherspoon, and the brother of Sebastian Pendleton Witherspoon and Eamon Pendleton Witherspoon. He is the 2022 recipient of the University of Rochester Bausch and Lomb Science Award, the RIT Innovation and Creativity Award, and the College Board National Rural and Small Town Award. Additionally, he has been named a Scholar-Athlete.

Eliot is active within the HCS learning community. He has been a dedicated member of Hamilton's soccer team throughout high school, and this past spring he joined the golf team. He has served as class vice president for the past three years and is the vice president of the National Honor Society. Eliot plays the alto saxophone in Jazz Band, spends his winters with the Ski Club, and is a competitive teammate on Athletics. He has shared his talents on stage through Masquers and has fostered the Masquers program by serving as a co-director of choreography for two middle school musicals.

Eliot's engagement continues outside of school. He participated in the Community Scholar Program, enrolling in college-level coursework at neighboring Colgate University. Eliot has extended his love of soccer to community youth by coaching and refereeing AYSO soccer. Over the summers, he volunteered in the Hamilton Recreation Program and eventually became an employee. In his downtime, he enjoys skateboarding and playing the piano.

Eliot's favorite classes at HCS have been government & economics with Mr. Snyder and his math classes with Mrs. Lehmann. His favorite high school memories are the senior class breakfast and when the senior class won the raider-ball tournament. His advice for younger students is to create a good work-life balance, and not to spend too much time on your phone.

Eliot would like to thank his parents for always being supportive and willing to help him out. Additionally, he'd like to thank his brothers for giving him advice and making him laugh.

Eliot will graduate in June with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors. He will be traveling to Cambodia for a gap year and will then attend Princeton University to study geoscience.

Hamilton's class of 2023 Valedictorian is Craig Arquiett. Craig is the son of Holly White and Mark Arquiett, and the brother of Owen Arquiett. He is the 2022 recipient of the Rensselaer Medal Award, the Xerox Award for Innovation & Information Technology, the RIT Computing Medal, and the College Board National Rural and Small Town Award.

Craig has participated in many activities during his time at HCS. He is the president of the Tech Club, the treasurer of Student Council, and an editor of the Emerald Press. He is a member of the National Honor Society and Ski Club and a five-year member of Athletics. He is also an active Masquers participant. He has acted in all of the school musicals since 4th grade, and this year he played the lead role in Hamilton's production of *Big Fish*. Additionally, he has volunteered his time to help the younger students in the Masquers program. Over the past two years, he has been a co-acting director for the middle school productions of *Beauty and the Beast* and *Matilda*.

Craig is also involved in activities outside of school. He participated in the Colgate Seminar Program for the past two years, and he completed three computer science courses at Utica University this year. He works part-time at the Hamilton Movie Theater, and he has spent three summers with the Hamilton Recreation Program, first as a volunteer and then as a staff member. In his spare time, he likes playing guitar, skateboarding, and working on coding projects.

Craig's favorite classes at HCS have been government & economics with Mr. Snyder and all his math classes with Mrs. Lehmann. His favorite high school memories are acting in and directing the school musicals, skateboarding and exploring Anvil Square with Eliot and Owen, working at the theater with Jimmy, working at Summer Rec, and doing restaurant reviews in New Hartford with Hudson, Jimmy, Eliot, Logan, Reese, and Peyton. His advice for younger students is to join activities where you'll get to know new people, and even if you already have a great group of friends, be open to making new ones. Craig's favorite quote is "War is over if you want it," by Yoko Ono and John Lennon.

Craig would like to thank all the teachers he has had over the years at HCS. Also, he would like to thank his parents for believing in him, encouraging him to try his best, and always being there to support him.

Craig will graduate in June with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors. In the fall, he will attend Colgate University, majoring in computer science.

Eliot and Craig, congratulations on this wonderful achievement. We are all very proud of your accomplishments, and of the role you have played in making HCS a special place to learn and grow.

Mark Arquiett

Mark Arquiett • Secondary Principal
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FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear HCS Families & Community Members:

As we bid farewell to another school year, I would like to convey my gratitude and admiration for our students, faculty, staff, and families. Your dedication to one another and to our mission of “educating every student, every day” has made for another outstanding year at HCS. It has been a year filled with numerous accomplishments, outstanding achievements, and unwavering dedication from our entire learning community.

First and foremost, congratulations to our graduating seniors! The Class of 2023 is composed of capable individuals ready to take on the next chapter of their lives. We applaud their achievements and wish them success in all their future endeavors.

Our entire student body has once again demonstrated their exceptional talents and commitment to excellence. From academic achievements to extracurricular accomplishments, our students have showcased their talents and skills. These achievements are a testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and the tremendous support of their teachers, advisors, coaches, and families.

I would also like to express my deepest gratitude to our teachers, administrators, and support staff who have consistently gone above and beyond to provide our students with a caring and enriching learning environment. Thank you for your tireless efforts and commitment.

As we reflect on the 2022-2023 school year, let’s celebrate the learning that took place, the friendships that were formed, and the struggles that were overcome. Together, we will take the lessons we’ve learned and carry them forward, knowing that we’re better equipped to face the challenges of the future.

Looking ahead to next school year, I am excited to welcome new students and staff members into our HCS family. Our commitment to providing the highest quality education in a safe and inclusive environment remains our number one priority, and we will continue to collaborate with students, parents, and guardians to achieve our shared goals.

In closing, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your ongoing support and engagement throughout this academic year. The success of our district is a testament to the collective efforts of our entire community.

I wish you all a terrific summer and I encourage everyone to take time to relax, recharge and enjoy your summer experiences with family and loved ones.

Thank you again for your dedication and commitment to our students’ education. Together, we are #HCSstrong!

William Dowsland

William Dowsland • Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education News

We would like to thank Ellen Larson for her nine years of service on the Board of Education and Travis Ames for his three years of service on the Board of Education.

Their dedication and commitment to the students, staff, and community is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Amanda Phillips and Sunghwan Choe for being elected as board members for a three-year term starting July 1, 2023.



Valedictorian, Craig Arquiatt,
with his family



Salutatorian,
Eliot Pendleton Witherspoon,
with his family

2023 Student Achievement Awards



The Oneida-Madison-Herkimer Counties School Boards Institute recently presented its 2023 Student Achievement Awards and Distinguished Service Awards to students and school officials in the region.

The students and school officials were joined by their nominators, families and local board members to be honored and share their stories during the annual event. The O-M-H SBI Awards and Annual General Membership Meeting took place on Thursday, May 11, at the Twin Ponds Golf and Country Club in New York Mills. The O-M-H SBI includes 35 school districts in the Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES, Oneida-Herkimer-Madison BOCES and Madison-Oneida BOCES regions.

The Student Achievement Awards are presented to high-school juniors who have demonstrated a positive attitude, which reflects initiative, a sense of responsibility and an ability to interact with others, including peers and faculty. Recipients also perform academically to the best of their ability, have overcome a significant adversity and participate in extracurricular and community activities. Other criteria include strong character values and a post-graduate commitment toward a career goal or higher education.

Daria Shokri was nominated by Victoria Daoust and is a recipient of the award.



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HCS News from the Science Wing

Dr. Astrid Helfant

High School Science Teacher Astrid Helfant started a YouTube Channel in which she shares her inquiry-based science lessons with other science teachers. One of her recent videos on types of chemical reactions showcases gif animations and videos that were recorded in her classroom together with her chemistry students and is titled “7 Must-Know Chemical Reactions.” Dr. Helfant also implemented Storyline Teaching in her classroom and thanks the HCS District for providing some funding over the past summer to help implement the curriculum from the Next Gen Science Storyline website. To learn more about Storyline Teaching and get a summary of the storyline completed in her classroom titled: Why do some things get colder (or hotter) when they react?, go to Dr. Helfant’s Science Exploration Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/@astridhelfant/videos>. Please note that all the required safety precautions were upheld during these lab investigations.





FFA Message

Breanna Craven • 2022-2023 Hamilton FFA Reporter

Not only has Hamilton FFA been very busy, a very special member of our chapter has completed a whole year of service for the New York State FFA Organization! Morgan Craven, a senior at Hamilton Central School, served as the 2022-2023 New York State FFA Sentinel! Throughout her year of service she accomplished many things, let's take a look back at her whole year of service!

In May of 2022 she was installed as the New York State FFA Sentinel in Syracuse with members of the Hamilton FFA Chapter all watching and cheering her on. In July, Morgan attended Camp Oswegatchie as a state officer and not just a camper! She led leadership activities with campers through workshops and mentoring activities! Morgan then flew to Washington, D.C. for the State Officer Summit, with State Officers from all over the country! She represented New York State FFA at our nation's capital! In the months of August and September she was at the Great New York State Fair! She met New York State Governor Kathy Hochul, the New York Agriculture Commissioner, and had the chance to award many members and chapters around New York State! Also in September, she attended the Big E in Massachusetts! At the Big E she had the opportunity to serve as banquet officer alongside New York State FFA President, Maya LaFave. In the month of October, she and the rest of the amazing New York State FFA Officer team had a state officer tour! During this week she hosted workshops and gave speeches to members, advisors, and supporters! Later in October she went to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana! A great experience, where she participated in leadership workshops, served as a NY FFA delegate and met so many new people from all around the US! In January she was part of the Member Leadership Series for FFA members throughout NYS! She helped to deliver leadership sessions and they revealed the 2022-2023 New York State FFA Convention theme! Next up in February, she was in Albany with members from our chapter at the State Leaders Experience! She led members to represent NYS FFA to our legislators, ran workshops and helped to advocate for NY agriculture! And soon enough May rolled by and it was time for her big moment! The 2022-2023 New York State FFA Convention in Buffalo, NY! She chaired sessions, gave her retiring address to more than 2,300 FFA members and guests, and installed the new New York State FFA Sentinel and New York State FFA Secretary!

We are so proud of all the amazing accomplishments that Morgan has achieved throughout her year of service. She met so many wonderful people and made many FFA members' journeys memorable. Thank you Morgan for representing Hamilton FFA, and Hamilton Central School, with such confidence and pride!



Wellness Day

Middle school students learn to prepare fresh salsa and guacamole with local chef and restaurateur Michael Latreille during Wellness Day on May 26.





Sixth Grade Food Drive

Ms. Chamberlain

Recently my 6th grade PBL class organized a HUGE donation for our local food cupboard of high needs items like milk, eggs, yogurt, cheese, and heavy cream.

We gathered donations from Curtis Lumber, Chobani and Collins Creamery. We were able to donate 125 half gallons of fresh milk, 15 dozen eggs, 40 flats of yogurt and 25 cases of drinkable yogurt, among other things.



HCS Robotics

Our Hamilton High School Robotics Team began its competitive journey this year. For those who have been in the district for a while, you may likely remember the Hamilton FIRST Lego Robotics team, which ran a few years ago. This entry into competitive robotics is still a FIRST competition, however we've moved up to the FTC level and are competing in a more technical and advanced competition.

FIRST hosts the following competitions:

- FIRST Robotics Competition
- FIRST LEGO League Challenge
- FIRST LEGO League Explore
- FIRST LEGO League Discover
- FIRST Tech Challenge.

With only 3 months of experience in robotics we have placed 16th out of 23 at the MVCC FIRST qualifiers, and 14th out of 23 at the Clarkson University FIRST qualifiers. Our robot has gone through many changes and rigorous challenges throughout the year. We look forward to competing in next year's competition and can't wait to face next year's challenges. Next year we hope to qualify for the regional FIRST championship.

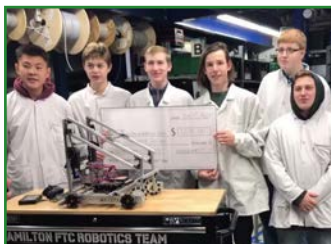
Other highlights from our year included:

- Teaching Elementary school students about engineering, design, coding, and robotics.
- Presenting at a School Board Meeting earlier this year.
- Presenting to our local Rotary Club.
- Securing a sponsorship from Marq4 Engineering in Cazenovia who helped to fund our robot and provided us with amazing tool storage (including tools).

Working with our fantastic Engineering Partners at Marq4 to build an amazing adaptive gripper arm for our robot.

This year's Hamilton Robotics Team consisted of 6 members: Joseph Berry, Ben Reese, Elijah Meyers, Nicholas Catania, Shun Xin Zheng, and Logan Matthews, some of whom will be returning for next year.

Next year's projects include an integration with our Agriculture program to implement FarmBot, a robotic farming assistant, working with our arts departments to integrate more Arts into the STEAM portion of our program, and hope to succeed in our competitions to grow Hamilton Robotics!





Elementary News

Dear Hamilton Learning Community,

As we near the end of another fantastic school year, it is with great joy and pride that I share some of the remarkable achievements and memorable moments from our elementary school in this month's newsletter. Our students, teachers, staff, and parents have truly outdone themselves, and it's an honor to witness the growth and success of our community.

First and foremost, I want to congratulate our incredible graduating class of fifth graders! These young leaders have completed their elementary school journey with determination, resilience, and a thirst for knowledge. We are immensely proud of their accomplishments, and we have no doubt that they will flourish in middle school and beyond.

On the topic of accomplishments, I am pleased to share that our elementary students have excelled in various academic areas throughout the year. Our Kindergarten through Second Grade teachers have implemented the new primary Units of Study in Reading which offers teachers an explicit way to bring science of reading research into engaging workshop classrooms. Our school has partnered with a regional education provider to support the delivery of our science curriculum in alignment with the New York State Science Learning Standards. Additionally, the elementary school team has already begun investigating some further updates to our math curriculum. Learning abounds as the dedication of our students and the guidance of their teachers come together in the classroom.

Our elementary school is dedicated to providing a well-rounded education and a vibrant learning environment for our students. Throughout this academic year, we prioritized increasing the range of events that were offered both during and after school to address various interests and foster personal growth.

Our dedicated faculty advisors provided a host of after school clubs for students featuring topics including ukuleles, art, math, legos, comic books, recreational activities, running, and kickball among others. In total the elementary school provided two dozen different offerings throughout the school year for varying grade levels.

Our fall Technology Night and a spring Family Science and Technology Night provided an opportunity for families to gather to participate in a variety of interactive science and technology activities featuring robotics, biology, engineering, agriculture, and health sciences. Additionally, our sixth grade team organized a Touch a Truck event that was fun for all.

During the play, "Channeling Grimm," our young stars took the stage and brought to life a variety of favorite fairy tales with an updated humorous twist. This was followed by a production of "Aladdin" as our students transported us to another world to depict this timeless tale. From our music department, students showcased their musical growth and talent at two band, chorus, and orchestra concerts featuring a variety of musical genres. As the curtain closes on the school year, it is with gratitude for all of the efforts of our faculty advisors, student commitment, and community volunteers that have assisted with our musical concerts and theatrical productions.

Wellness Day emphasized the importance of overall well-being and teaching our young learners the importance of taking care of their minds and bodies. Our students enjoyed a range of presentations from our faculty and community members, including dental health, nutrition, martial arts, mindfulness, yoga, and healthy habits.

With support from our PTO, our entire learning community participated in the HCS Reads program. This initiative provided a collective experience where everyone in the school community and families at home had the opportunity to read the book, "Ways to Make Sunshine" by Renee Watson. As each chapter was read, the teachers provided students with activities and discussions that corresponded with the chapters in the book.

The elementary physical education department organized Screen-Free Week for elementary students and families during the first week of May. Teachers, staff, and the Hamilton Public Library provided evening events for families featuring literacy, art, physical activity, and recreational activities.

Career Day offered our students an opportunity to explore various professions and gain insights into the wide array of occupational possibilities that lie ahead. Professionals from different fields shared their experiences, knowledge, and advice, sparking curiosity and inspiring our students to dream big. I'd like to extend a huge thank you to the community volunteers that shared their time and expertise with our elementary school.

During our annual Art Show, the school was transformed into a gallery with colorful paintings, sculptures, intricate drawings, and mixed-media creations. Their artistic achievements were evident in the captivating and creative exhibits enjoyed by all.

As we reflect on the 2023-2024 school year, I want to recognize the invaluable support and partnership of our parents and families. Your involvement in school activities, volunteering, and engaging in open communication has fostered a strong sense of community and has greatly enriched the educational experience for all. I am grateful for your continued support and collaboration. It is through our collective efforts that we continue to thrive as a community dedicated to nurturing young minds and inspiring lifelong learners.

Wishing you all a safe and rejuvenating summer break filled with adventures and cherished memories.

All the best,

Heather Thomas

Heather Thomas • Hamilton Elementary Principal



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EBOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS

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MAY 15 - AUGUST 28

Summer Reading Program

From SORA by Overdrive. "Join us this summer with OverDrive's annual reading program. Sora Sweet Reads is designed for schools to encourage students to keep reading all year long. We're offering a collection of free and simultaneous use juvenile and young adult ebooks (and select audiobooks). These titles will be available to participating schools and prominently displayed in Sora so it's easy for students to find their next sweet read."

Girls on the Run Community Impact Project

Girls on the Run is an organization that supports social emotional learning, personal goal setting and community identity. This spring, in addition to preparing to run a 5K, the HCS 3-5 grade GOTR team chose to help pollinators and their own school community. The girls planned and held a bake sale to raise funds. Then they selected perennials that would support local pollinators. They weeded the school garden and planted the perennials they purchased with the bake sale funds.



Fall Elementary Art Club

Fall Art Club for grades 3-5 ran for 8 weeks and concluded on Wednesday, December 7th. Azure Nelson, third grade, designed an Art Club Logo that we were able to have printed on shirts. Students explored photography, painting, clay, they collaborated on a landscape painting, and decorated Mrs. Whalen's door for the door decorating contest. It was a great eight weeks.



Elementary Student Council News

Our wonderful community's generosity exceeded the Elementary Student Council's goal this December! Student Council, consisting of 12 third through fifth grade students, held a food drive to benefit the Hamilton Food Cupboard. They were thrilled that four totes worth of non-perishable food items were kindly donated by elementary students' families. Thank you to everyone who participated to make this food drive a huge success!





A Message From The Director Of Pupil Personnel Services

Hello Hamilton Families,

As most of you know, mental illnesses are increasing worldwide. Statistics support this claim. Currently, more than 20% of the population is experiencing some form of mental illness. That includes a 25% increase since 2019. This trend has been on the rise for quite some time. From the years 2007 to 2017 there was a 13% increase in mental health conditions and substance abuse disorders.

As the general community continues to see increased levels of social and emotional needs, schools are also experiencing the same trends. Traditionally, schools were a place for academic learning to take place. Teachers were trained to teach students how to learn.

What we have learned recently is that even the brightest of students are “unable” to learn when their minds and bodies are preoccupied with social and emotional needs. Here at Hamilton Central School, we believe that we must provide all students with a safe, trusting, and supportive environment first; then students will be better able to access their learning potential.

Over the past year, we have put together a team to help meet the needs of our students’ social and emotional needs.

- Director of Pupil Personnel Services: Kevin Ellis, kellis@hamiltoncentral.org
- Elementary School Counselor: Sheri Houck, shouck@hamiltoncentral.org
- Middle School Counselor: Gina Torre, gtorre@hamiltoncentral.org
- High School Counselor: Victoria Daoust, vdaoust@hamiltoncentral.org
- Coordinator of Social and Emotional Learning and Family Engagement:
Renee Merkt, rmerkt@hamiltoncentral.org
- Behavior Support Specialist: Rachel Nassimos, rnassimos@hamiltoncentral.org
- School Psychologist: Jared Dart, jdart@hamiltoncentral.org
- Madison County Social Worker - currently we are in the process of rehiring for this position

The SEL Team meets multiple times a week to discuss the wellness of individuals in need. We also meet once a week to discuss what we can do to support the students, staff and community with the best services and resources.

Some of those services include, but are not limited to: writing behavior plans, safety plans and crisis plans; data collection and analysis; student observations and teacher conferences; planning and delivering professional development; counseling for individuals, groups of students, and families.

Academics will always be the priority of our schools, but it has become increasingly more important for schools to be a large part of the social and emotional development and assistance for our students. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like our assistance, please don’t hesitate to reach out to any member of our team.

Kevin Ellis

Kevin Ellis • Director of Pupil Personnel Services, Co-CSE Chairperson

District Art Show

The Visual Arts Department celebrated Youth Art Month and our 2023 District Art Show this Spring! During the month of March, Mrs. Whalen and Mrs. Kowalski collaborated on multiple school-wide projects including a large-scale paper quilt with squares created by every student in art K-12 and a sticky



note project where students used their voice to show the value of art in their lives. On May 17th, both art teachers celebrated the talents of our students in a district-wide showcase of their artwork. There was an exuberant reception with drinks, snacks, and live music by several Strings students and Miss Giddings.





HAMILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL 2023-2024 CALENDAR

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Music Education

Hamilton Central School has been honored by The NAMM Foundation (National Association of Music Merchants) with being designated as one of the "Best Communities for Music Education" for its outstanding commitment to music education.

Now in its 24th year, the Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in efforts to provide music access and education to all students.

Congratulations to Hamilton Central School!



Dignity For All Students Act (DASA)

The Dignity Act impacts the following SAVE requirements: Code of Conduct, Harassment, Discrimination, Civility, Citizenship, Character Education, Reporting.

Mr. Chris Rogers, Mr. Kevin Ellis, Mr. Mark Arquiett, and Ms. Heather Thomas are the DASA Coordinators. Please feel free to contact them with concerns that you may have.



NOTIFICATION TO PARENTS

Pursuant to the federal No Child Left Behind Act, the school district must disclose to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, upon request, the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our high school students. However, the district must also notify parents of their rights and the rights of their children to request, in writing, that the district NOT release such information if it is requested.

For the 2023-24 school year, parents, or students who are at least 18 years old, wishing to exercise their option to withhold their consent to the release of the above information to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning, must sign and return the form attached below to the High School office. Please return by July 1, 2023.

NOTIFICATION TO SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: Hamilton Central School Main Office

Re: Reservation of Consent for the Release of Certain Student Information under the No Child Left Behind Act

Please DO NOT release the name, address or telephone number of _____ to military recruiters or institutions of higher learning.

Date

Parent Signature

**TITLE I PROGRAM
NOTICE TO PARENTS OF RIGHT TO RECEIVE INFORMATION
REGARDING PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OF TITLE I TEACHERS**

Per Title I parental notification requirements, parents have the right to receive, upon request to the District, certain information as authorized by federal law regarding the professional qualifications of the child’s classroom teachers. Upon the District’s receipt of the request, in a timely manner, the following information will be provided.

- 1) Whether the teacher has met New York State Education Department qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas he/she teaches.
 - 2) Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which New York State Education Department qualifications or licensing criteria have been waived due to special circumstances.
 - 3) The teacher’s college major (undergraduate level); whether the teacher has any graduate certifications or degrees and, if so, the field of discipline of the certification or degree.
 - 4) Whether your child is provided services by any teaching assistants and, if so, their qualifications.
- If you wish to receive this information, please contact the elementary or high school office.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

New York State law requires that schools and BOCES maintain a list of staff and parents who wish to receive written notice 48 hours prior to a pesticide application at our facility. If you wish to be included on the School District Notification List, please contact the District Office at 824-6310. You will then receive advance notification of an application of a pesticide product covered by notification requirements, except in the event of an emergency application in response to a threat to public health.

TITLE IX

Hamilton Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs or activities which it operates and it is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 not to discriminate in such a manner. This policy of non-discrimination includes the following areas: recruitment and appointment of employees, employment pay and benefits, counseling services for students, access by students to educational programs, course offerings and student activities.

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HAMILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL

ALL CLASS REUNION

At the **EATON STREET PAVILION** by the ball park
A covered outdoor facility, much safer if the virus is still
around OR possibly at the school

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023 11:00 - 1:30

MANY LUNCH CHOICES - Hamburgers, Hot dogs, shaved rib eye, Crab cake,
Cheese steak, Ratatouille sandwich - vegan, Chicken cheese steak

Chili - vegan, chicken or steak, assorted sides Soft drinks and bottled water

Catered by Doug Kane, HCS '97, www.oscarsdiner.com

Doug now owns the brick and mortar restaurant "Oscar's Hometown Diner" in
Bouckville. Great food, stop in soon and say hello to a fellow alum.

No reservations required, just drop in.

DETAILS ON THE HALL OF
HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY
WILL BE ANNOUNCED LATER.

ALL CLASSES ARE ENCOURAGED
TO HOLD A MAJOR REUNION
EVERY 5 YEARS
AND MAKE THE ANNUAL ALL CLASS
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*Art Zimmer, Class of 56, Chairperson, zimmer123@twcny.rr.com
Suzanne Morton Collins, Class of 79, Co-chair*

Plan now to attend next year's reunion, Wednesday, July 3, 2024

For more information about the reunion, Hall of Honor and school, please visit:
<https://www.alumni.class.com/hamiltonseniorhighschool/reunion-events?r=68371>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/44451428948/>

www.hamiltoncentral.org
www.thisishamiltonny.com

2023-24

School Tax Bill Collection ~ CHANGES ~

*Please note that the phone number, location and
in-person collection hours have changed as follows:*

Phone Number: 315-824-6315

Email Address: dkirley@hamiltoncentral.org

Location: HCS Entrance Lobby

In-person Collection Hours:

Tuesday & Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon;

Thursday 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

**NO IN-PERSON COLLECTION HOURS ON
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH**

Special hours for in-person collection will be

held on Monday, October 2nd

(last day to pay without penalty)

and Tuesday, October 31st

(last day to pay with 2% penalty)

from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

*The above information will also be noted on
your tax bills.*

2023-2024 Sports Information

Fall JV/Varsity Sports start on August 21st Fall

Modified Sports start on August 28th

A reminder to sign up on Family ID will be sent through ParentSquare this summer.
Please note, April break is late next year. There may be games scheduled during that week.