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HAMILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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CLASS OF 2024 - CONGRATULATIONS!



Hamilton Central School will celebrate its 126th commencement exercises this year. The graduation ceremony will be held in our school auditorium on Friday, June 28th at 7:00 p.m. For those who would like to view the ceremony but cannot attend in-person, we will be livestreaming the event.

The members of the class, 44 in number, have distinguished themselves in academics, athletics, and extra-curricular activities throughout their high school experience.

Special congratulations to our Class of 2024 Valedictorian Chloé Filipowicz and our Salutatorian Emilija Morkevičius.

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VALEDICTORIAN



**CHLOÉ
FILIPOWICZ**

SALUTATORIAN



**EMILIJA
MORKEVIČIUS**

STEPHANIE BERNARD
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 DOMINICK NILES
 HENRY PECK
 CARTER PERRY
 RYAN PETERS
 EDWARD PLATT
 DALTON REID
 PARKER RICE
 EVAN SHARP-BALLINGER
 DARIA SHOKRI
 LINDSEY SPEER
 NOA STAHLBERG
 SHUNSEI YAMAMOTO
 WESLEY ZIEMER



Matter of Principal

It is with great pleasure that I announce the Hamilton Central School Salutatorian and Valedictorian for the class of 2024. 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 for which our students are known.

Hamilton's class of 2024 Salutatorian is Emilija Morkevičius. Emilija is the daughter of Valerie and Matas Morkevičius, and the sister of Ingrida ('25), Lukas ('28), and Jonas ('32) Morkevičius. She is the 2023 recipient of the St. Michael's Book Award, the RIT Science and Math Award, and the University of Rochester Xerox Award for Innovation and Information Technology.

HCS has been a huge part of Emilija's life so far: running Cross Country and Track, careening down Labrador with Ski Club, editing film clips for Tech Club, debating policy with the Model United Nations, and participating in every aspect of Masquers, from singing and acting in high school shows to helping direct middle school productions. She's also been lucky enough to serve as Senior Class President, Co-Tech Club President, and as a member of Student Council. Additionally, she has enjoyed playing in band and singing in choir, including participating in the NYSSMA solo festival, the All-County Choir, and the Area-All State Choir.

Outside of HCS, she earned second place in the U16 Lithuanian Alpine Skiing Cup, often sang with the St. Thomas Episcopal Church Choir, learned about health care with the Hamilton Hospital Explorer Group, volunteered with Friendship Inn, and worked at the Hamilton Movie Theater. Her favorite memories include traveling to Montréal with Model UN, hiking to the top of Blue Mountain with the girls' Cross Country team, and participating in Mamma Mia!

Emilija offers the following advice to younger students: "Don't be afraid to try new things and branch out!"

She would like to thank her parents for always being there, her siblings for keeping her grounded and in tune with her inner child, her friends for being her partners in crime on years of adventures together, and Millie Franklin for inspiring her to stay curious and share love.

Emilija will graduate in June with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors. In the fall, she will attend Harvard University.

Hamilton's class of 2024 Valedictorian is Chloé Alexandra Ingram Filipowicz. Chloe is the daughter of Krista Ingram and Allan Filipowicz, and the sister of Claire Filipowicz ('26). She is the 2023 recipient of the Science Medal from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Chloé has participated in varsity soccer and track, competing in both soccer semifinals and track sectionals in 2022 and 2023. She is a member of Ski Club, Tech Club, Masquers drama club, Model UN, Athletics, Language Club, the Buddy program, and the new Varsity Leaders club. She is currently the vice president of Student Council, a student representative for her class, and the vice president of the National Honor Society. She plays the flute in the HCS band and sings for the HCS chorus.

Chloé has been on the High Honor Roll and received an award for Outstanding Academic Achievement every year at HCS. In 2023, she was awarded Scholar-Athlete of the Year at HCS and the College Board Award for Outstanding Achievement. Chloé was awarded All-County honors for voice for two years and All-State Treble Choir honors in 2023. She was a member of the HCS chorus that was awarded the NYSSMA Bronze Medal in 2023 and a Silver Medal in 2024.

Outside of HCS, Chloé has a passion for performing on stage. She has had leading roles in ten musicals and four plays, including Wednesday in the Addams Family, Crystal in Little Shop of Horrors, and Madge in Picnic at Morrisville State University theater. She has also starred in HCS Masquers productions, including Miss Scarlett in Clue and the Dynamo Tanya in Mamma Mia! during her senior year, and she enjoyed her time as a vocal director and costume director for middle school productions. She has also taken dance lessons for twelve years, including ballet, lyrical, and musical theater dance. During the summers, Chloé is a certified sailing instructor, teaching sailing to children on the coast of Maine, in an area known for great white shark visits!



She would like to thank her parents who always supported and motivated her to do her best, her sister, Claire, for being the best little sister a big sister could ask for, and her teachers for sparking interest in multiple subjects and sharing their passion and knowledge every day. She would also like to thank her friends for making every day at HCS a joy and the workers at Dunkin Donuts without whom she would not be awake for school! Special shoutouts go to Ms. Inman and her patience with consistently late applications and to Mr. Larson for his never-ending support and his contributions to theatre productions. Her favorite memories include her French 4 family, Ski Club escapades, and Masquers productions. Her advice for younger students is to be a part of everything you possibly can be—you'll have so much fun, learn new skills, and make a ton of new friends. As Maya Angelou said, 'Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it.

Chloé will graduate in June with a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors. In the fall, she plans to attend Middlebury College to study environmental biology and languages. She plans to forge a career preserving marine ecosystems for future generations.

Emilija and Chloé, 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
MS/HS Principal



From The Superintendent

Dear Parents, Guardians, Students, and Staff:

As we conclude another school year, I want to extend my appreciation to our students, faculty, staff, and families. Your unwavering commitment to our mission of “educating every student, every day” has made this year at HCS exceptional.

First and foremost, congratulations to our graduating seniors of 2024! This year’s class of 44 graduates embodies the traits needed for success beyond HCS. We celebrate their achievements and wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Throughout the year, our students have consistently demonstrated exceptional talent and a commitment to excellence. Whether excelling academically, participating in extracurricular activities, or delivering outstanding performances in the arts, our students continually showcase their abilities and skills. These accomplishments reflect their dedication and the support provided by our faculty, staff, advisors, coaches, and families.

I deeply appreciate our faculty, administrators, and support staff for their commitment to providing a caring, enriching learning environment. As we reflect on the 2023-2024 school year and its growth, friendships, and challenges, we carry forward valuable lessons.

I express my sincere gratitude for your continued 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 wonderful summer ahead. Take this time to unwind, recharge, and create lasting memories with your families and loved ones. Thank you once again for your dedication and commitment to our learning community. Together, we are #HCSstrong!

William Dowsland
Superintendent of Schools



French 2

In April, students in Beth Amir's French 2 class enjoyed lunch at Flour & Salt in Hamilton, wrapping up a multi-week unit on Francophone cuisines and ordering in a café or restaurant. Students were treated to a near-authentic experience as they ordered their lunch choices from a French-speaking staff member who used to live in Québec. Students presented co-owner Brendan O'Connor with a translated version of the café's menu, so the next time you're at Flour & Salt, please ask for "la version française!" *Bon appétit!*



Honoring Those Who Served

To honor Memorial Day and those who have served in the military, the AP World and U.S. History classes volunteered to place flags on gravestones in Woodlawn Cemetery, located in the Village of Hamilton. This community service project was organized by the cemetery's Board of Directors. This opportunity helped to instill a deep appreciation for the sacrifices made by service members and the importance of honoring their legacy.



Achieving Tenure

Congratulations to Ms. Thomas, our Elementary Principal, Mrs. Latella, an Elementary Teacher, and Mrs. Hoople, our Music Teacher, on achieving tenure.



Center State Conference Meet

This image captures a moment from a track meet, showcasing the 4 x 400 relay team that achieved 2nd place at the Center State Conference Meet.



Women in Sports Summit

Softball team members who participated in the Women in Sports Summit.



Proud BCME District

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 25th 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!

First Grade Volunteers

By: Audrey Miller and Allison Farrar

Throughout this year, our first graders have been treated to monthly visits from two volunteers and their therapy dogs. Joyce Rienzo and Catherine Perry bring their dogs Bette and Penny to listen to first grade readers. Joyce alternates between her dogs, Bette and Una. First grade readers have enjoyed the visits and have grown as readers. We are lucky to have these devoted volunteers.



New Reporting System

Dear HCS School Community,

As part of our continuous commitment to fostering a safe and protected learning environment, we would like to announce the **implementation of a new reporting system at HCS**. This system is designed to streamline the process of reporting bullying, harassment, and any safety concerns or disruptive incidents. Our overarching objective is to cultivate an atmosphere where individuals feel comfortable expressing their concerns and sharing information that enhances the safety and well-being of our school community.

The bullying incident and See Something, Say Something reporting forms are now available to all HCS school and community members. This confidential and convenient tool allows anyone to report information about situations that may affect the safety and well-being of our school community. We understand the importance of providing a secure and accessible channel for reporting, and this new system will allow reports to be submitted at any time of the day or night.

You can use the reporting forms to bring attention to concerns related to various issues, including but not limited to:

- Bullying
- Harassment
- Drug or alcohol use/abuse
- Weapons
- Threats
- Any suspicious activity that may affect the safety of the school community

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority, and your cooperation in utilizing this reporting system will play a crucial role in maintaining a secure and positive learning environment for everyone.

To access the reporting forms, please visit the Hamilton Central School website (www.hamiltoncentral.org). Under Quick Links, located on the right-hand side of the homepage, click on the "Report Bullying" tab. From there, you can choose to fill out either the Bullying Incident Reporting Form or the See Something, Say Something Reporting Form to submit your concerns. Additionally, you can click on the See Something/Say Something icon located in the lower right corner of the website homepage.

Additionally, this site contains Suicide Prevention resources and helplines for Domestic Violence, Addiction/Substance Abuse, and Runaways/Human Trafficking.

We appreciate your commitment to supporting the safety and welfare of our HCS school community.

HCS Administrative Team



Fostering Growth and Connection - Social Emotional Learning at HCS



A 12th Grader Reads 'Don't Feed The Worry Bug' to 4th Graders



A 7th grader from Leadership Class, Making a Connection With a Younger Student



Taking a Break: A Second Grader Finds Comfort in the SEL Room's Coziest Chair



Pawsitive Comfort: A 4th Grader Snuggling With Oliver in the SEL Room



Teen Mental Health First Aid in 10th Grade



Crafty Tuesdays: Joining Hands With HFBC Volunteers for Craft Club

HAMILTON CENTRAL SCHOOL 2024-2025 CALENDAR

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May					Student Days					Staff Days					Student Vacation Days				
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5	6	7	8	9	Nov. 17	Apr. 16	Nov. 17	Apr. 16	November 11	Veterans' Day									
12	13	14	15	16	Dec. 15	May 21	Dec. 15	May 21	November 27-29	Thanksgiving Recess									
19	20	21	22	23	Jan. 18	June 19	Jan. 18	June 19	December 23-3	Winter Recess									
26	27	28	29	30	Total Student Days: 180	Total Staff Days: 184			January 20	ML King Day									
June					Regents Test Days					PK-12 Half Days = Orange					Superintendent's Conference Days				
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Jan. 21-24	PK-12 Half Days = Orange	September 3 & 4	Superintendent's Conf. Day											
2	3	4	5	6	June 4, 10, and 17-27	PK-5 Half Days = Yellow	October 11	Superintendent's Conf. Day											
9	10	11	12	13	June 26-27 Rating Days	PK-6 Half Days = Purple	March 14	Superintendent's Conf. Day											
16	17	18	19	20	District is closed (All offices and programs)														
23	24	25	26	27	*September 5 - First Day of School for the Students														
30					*June 16 - Last Day of Regular Classes for 7-12 Students														
					*June 27 - Last Day of School for PK-6 Students														
					*June 27 - Commencement														





Elementary News

Dear Hamilton Learning Community,

As the school year draws to a close, I am delighted to share the many wonderful accomplishments and events that have made this year truly special at our elementary school. Our students, teachers, and community members have come together in remarkable ways, and I am proud to highlight some of the key initiatives and activities that have taken place.

This year, we successfully implemented the new math curriculum, Eureka Squared. Our students have embraced this engaging and comprehensive program, and we are already seeing significant growth in their mathematical understanding and problem-solving skills.

In grades Kindergarten through 2nd grade, we introduced the New Reading and Writing Units of Study to our phonics program, Foundations. This has provided our youngest learners with a robust foundation in literacy. This initiative has fostered a love for reading and writing, setting the stage for future academic success.

We also transitioned to the Computer Based Testing (CBT) model for New York State Assessments in grades 3-5. This approach to testing has not only streamlined the assessment process but also better prepares our students for the technological demands of the future.

Our intermediate grades have delved into the exciting world of New York State Science Investigations. Through hands-on experiments and inquiry-based learning, our students have developed a deeper understanding of scientific concepts and the scientific method.

One of the highlights of the year was our community common book read of “Fenway and Hattie” by Victoria J. Coe. This shared reading experience brought students, families, and staff together, fostering a sense of community and a love for literature.

We had the privilege of working with Cornelius Minor for teacher professional development. His expertise and passion for improving student engagement have inspired our teachers to create more dynamic and interactive instructional lessons, greatly benefiting our students.

Our students showcased their musical talents in elementary chorus, band, and orchestra concerts. Additionally, the Elementary Musical “Finding Nemo” was a spectacular success, highlighting the incredible dedication and creativity of our young performers.

Career Day was a memorable event, with parents and community volunteers sharing their professions and inspiring our students to explore various career paths. Wellness Day, also supported by community volunteers, emphasized the importance of physical and mental well-being through a variety of activities and workshops.

Family Science and Family Technology Night provided opportunities for families to engage in interactive and educational activities together, while Screen-Free Week encouraged students to unplug and explore alternative forms of entertainment and learning.

The Global Day of Play was another highlight, promoting unstructured play and creativity among our students. This day reminded us all of the importance of play in the development of social and cognitive skills.

As we reflect on this incredible year, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers, supportive families, and community members who have contributed to our students’ success. Together, we have created a vibrant and nurturing learning environment where our students can thrive.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We look forward to building on these successes in the coming year.

Warm regards,

Heather Thomas

Elementary Principal

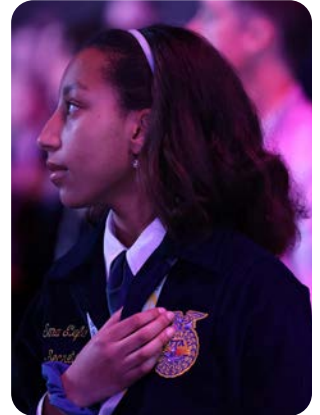


Junior and Senior FFA

In the beginning of May, Hamilton Junior and Senior FFA members attended the 99th New York State FFA Convention in Buffalo, New York! Not only did we have members competing in numerous competitions at states, but we also had two members move on to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana in October! Our Junior Quiz Bowl team, consisting of 8th grader Bre Hoke, 7th grader Sena Etefa, and 6th graders Kiley White and Dora Palmer, moved on to the quarter finals for their competition! Junior FFA members had to answer questions regarding FFA and general agriculture in a head to head tournament contest which is held annually at the New York State FFA Convention! Junior Breanna Craven competed in the Discussion Meet competition, and contributed to a conversation about autonomous equipment and drone technology challenges for farmers and ranchers. The Discussion Meet is an activity designed to build crucial skills in young, active agriculturalists. By participating, members build basic discussion skills, develop a keen understanding of important agricultural issues and explore how groups can pool knowledge to reach consensus and solve problems. This event is based upon the rules and standards of the Farm Bureau's Young Farmer Discussion Meet Event. Senior Stephanie Bernard competed in not one, but two competitions at the state convention! She first gave her speech about Food Insecurity and Food Security in the Senior Prepared Public Speaking competition and placed 4th overall. During the Prepared Public Speaking Leadership Development Event (LDE), members will write and deliver a six to eight-minute speech about a current agriculture-related topic. Members research a topic of interest and then put together a creative, informative speech. The speech is then presented to a panel of judges, who score the student based on the

speech's content, composition and delivery. She then competed in Senior Extemporaneous Speaking and chose the topic of the importance of agricultural education in elementary school.

During this event, participants draw from 18 agricultural topics then select three of interest. From those three, a member selects the topic of their speech and has 30 minutes to prepare using five resources. Participants then present a four to six-minute speech on their topic to a panel of judges. After their speech, members answer five minutes worth of questions on the topic they just presented. Congratulations to Stephanie on a very successful last state convention! Stephanie also placed first in her proficiency! Agricultural Proficiency Awards honor FFA members who, through supervised agricultural experiences, have developed specialized skills that they can apply toward their future careers. Stephanie's SAE is poultry (chickens), where she raises and cares for 10 free-range chickens and sells her eggs at the local farmers market and to local community members! Stephanie gets to go to the National FFA Convention with her proficiency award and compete against winners from all over the country. And finally, Breanna Craven will be moving on to the National FFA Convention in the fall for the Talent competition! She competed in the Talent CDE and placed first and got to perform her song in front of more than 2,000 people twice! Look out for Bre in Indianapolis!





A Message from the Director of Pupil Personnel Services

Hello Hamilton Families,

As we navigate the importance of social-emotional learning and understanding anxiety, I wanted to share some valuable resources and tips to support your child's well-being, especially during the summer months.

1. **Encourage Open Communication:** Create a safe space for your child to express their feelings and concerns. Listen attentively and validate their emotions, letting them know it's okay to feel anxious or worried at times.
2. **Practice Mindfulness and Relaxation Techniques:** Introduce simple mindfulness exercises or relaxation techniques to help your child manage stress. This could include deep breathing exercises, guided imagery, or progressive muscle relaxation.
3. **Establish Routines and Structure:** Consistent routines can provide a sense of stability and security for children. Set up a daily schedule that includes time for play, relaxation, and social interactions, as well as regular bedtime routines to ensure adequate rest.
4. **Limit Exposure to Stressful Situations:** Be mindful of your child's exposure to stressful or triggering situations, such as excessive screen time, news coverage of distressing events, or over-scheduling activities. Encourage breaks and outdoor play to balance screen time.
5. **Seek Additional Support if Needed:** If your child's anxiety persists or significantly impacts their daily functioning, consider seeking support from a mental health professional. They can provide tailored strategies and interventions to address your child's specific needs.
6. **Be the Role Model Your Children Need:** It has been said that our children are mirror images of who we are. If they see us practicing the above tips, they will be more likely to do the same.

Remember, you are not alone in supporting your child's social-emotional well-being. We are here to assist and provide guidance whenever needed. You can reach out to any of our team members to help meet our students' social and emotional needs.

- **Director of Pupil Personnel Services:** Kevin Ellis
- **Elementary School Counselor:** Sheri Houck
- **Middle School Counselor:** Gina Torre
- **High School Counselor:** Victoria Pustay
- **Coordinator of Social and Emotional Learning and Family Engagement:** Renee Merkt
- **School Psychologist:** Jared Dart
- **Madison County Mental Health Counselor:** Alaina Maine

During the school year, 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. Although a school district is primarily designed to support students' academic needs, we can also be a place for helping students to overcome social and emotional challenges. Please don't hesitate to reach out to one of your team members listed above.

Kevin Ellis
Director of PPS

2024-2025 SPORTS INFORMATION

- Fall JV/Varsity Sports start on August 26th
- Fall Modified Sports start on September 5th

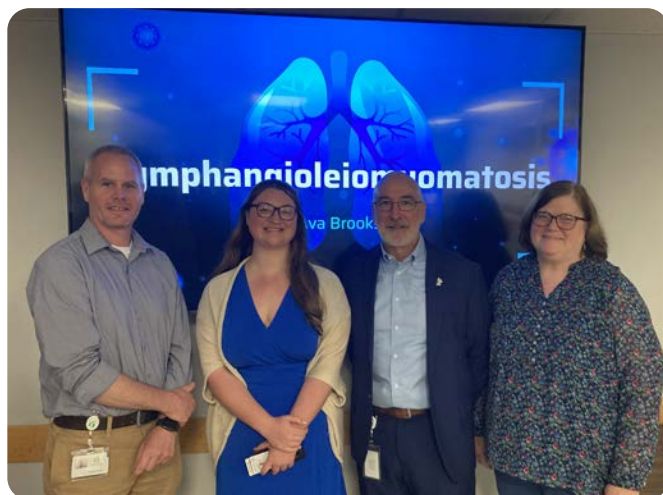
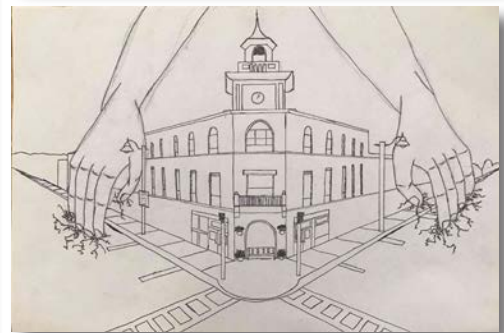
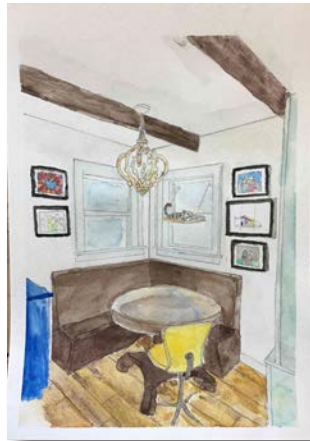
A reminder to sign up on Family ID will be sent through ParentSquare this summer.

*Please note, April break is late next year.
There may be games scheduled during that week.*





Celebrating Our Graduates:
A Showcase of Exceptional Artwork
From Some of Our Seniors



Ava Brooks gave a final presentation for her New Visions - Allied Health Program at Madison-Oneida BOCES.



Andrew LaFrance and Isaac Alfonso, HCS Class of 2029, collected cans/bottles for the school during their 7th grade Ag class.



Senior Citizen Breakfast

On May 17th, HCS welcomed district residents to a special Senior Citizen Breakfast. Students from the National Honor Society and Junior Honor Society volunteered, warmly greeting and serving attendees. Adding to the ambiance, members of the 4th and 5th grade chorus, elementary trombone choir, and 5th grade string quartet provided delightful entertainment. It was a morning filled with joy and community spirit!



Family Science and Technology Night and Touch a Truck Event

On May 22nd, HCS hosted a Family Science and Technology Night alongside a Touch a Truck event. Students and families enjoyed an evening filled with interactive science and technology stations, offering hands-on learning experiences for all ages.

Adding to the excitement, a variety of trucks and equipment were on display, captivating the imaginations of attendees as they learned about the machinery that plays vital roles in our communities. From fire trucks to construction vehicles, each one provided a unique opportunity for learning and discovery.

The event inspired young minds and inspired conversations about the endless possibilities of science and technology.



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Retirement News

After an incredible 32 years of dedicated service, Mrs. Miller, our beloved 1st-grade teacher, is retiring from HCS. While she leaves us to spend more time with her family, gardening, and antiquing, her impact on our community will be everlasting.

Mrs. Miller joined our district 32 years ago with a passion for education and a heart full of love for her students. Throughout her tenure, she fostered a love of learning in hundreds of students, inspiring them and witnessing their growth as they journeyed through our school. Remarkably, she often experienced the full circle of her influence as former students returned to her classroom, not as students, but as parents to a new generation of young minds.

*You will truly be missed by all.
Happy retirement, Mrs. Miller!*

PLEASE NOTE...

2024-2025 School Tax Bill Collection

Please note that the phone number, location and in-person collection hours are 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 and Thursday 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

*NO IN-PERSON COLLECTION HOURS
ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH*

Special hours for in-person collection will be held on Monday, September 30th (last day to pay without penalty) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The above information will also be noted on your tax bill.

Hamilton Central School Hall of Honor

For the first time since the pandemic, the Hamilton Central School Hall of Honor will be inducting its new 2024 class. Please join us on Saturday, July 6, 2024 at 10:00am in the HCS auditorium as we welcome distinguished HCS alums Doug Marcellus, '69, Eric Cochran, '78, Luke Graham, 2000, and long-time HS English teacher-Musical Theater director Dale Soderberg into the Hall. After the ceremony, join the inductees at the All-Class Reunion Picnic at the Eaton Street Pavilion starting at 11:00am. This is a free event, so come out and support the Hall of Honor by celebrating our latest class! Donations to support the Hall are always welcome and appreciated!