Hampton Township School District

Central Elementary School
Amy L. Kern, Ed.D.
Principal

September 17, 2026

Dear Central Families,

During the week of October 12th, we will train students on the ALICE procedures for school safety. ALICE stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate. We have used these procedures for the last several years and they are used in many school districts in Western Pennsylvania and across the nation. The students will be in their homerooms for this training and will learn about ALICE in a way that is developmentally appropriate for their grade level. All students will hear the story *I'm Not Scared, I'm Prepared,* by Julia Cook, which explains ALICE. They will then have an opportunity to ask questions about what they learned.

Following the training, the teacher will discuss three scenerioes and problem solve, as a class, the possible ways to react to each situation. During this time, students will use what they have learned about ALICE. It is our intention that by using this developmentally appropriate training, students will learn that ALICE is a tool that they could use to keep themselves safe in any location if the situation called for it. Great care has been, and will continue to be, taken to assure that this information is presented in a way that is empowering and not frightening for our students. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Amy L. Kern, Ed.D.
Principal

4100 Middle Road, Allison Park, PA 15101
Telephone: 412.492-6320 □ Fax: 412.486-1144 □ www.ht-sd.org

Car Rider Arrival and Dismissal Directions

We will assume that your child is riding District transportation unless you send a note with your child indicating otherwise. Please indicate if the change is permanent.

Car Rider Directions

Please read the following tips and directions to help us safely, seamlessly, and quickly conduct arrival and dismissal. We thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation.

AM (8:15-8:45) Student Drop-Off:

- Cars should use the North entrance and drop children off at the side lobby doors by the cafeteria. ***Please do not leave children outside the school unattended prior to 8:15.**
- **If for any reason your child cannot unload independently on the right side of the car, please skip the line and park in the parking lot and walk your child to the staff helping by the doors.**
- Staff will be outside directing about ten cars at a time into the loop area, we ask that you follow directions and pull all the way up to the end of the loop. **DO NOT** pass a car in front of you in the loop.
- Quick unloading: Please have students ready to **independently** unload, students should already have items in hand and be ready to exit the **right side** of the vehicle. **DO NOT** permit students to exit out the left side of the vehicle. If for any reason your child(ren) is not ready to unload when it is time for the group of cars to drive from the loop, please drive to the parking lot and walk your child(ren) to the side doors.
- Please understand that many are dropping off students and going to work, so we ask that everyone is respectful and helps to keep our drop off line moving and safe.
- **If arriving after 8:45 am**, you must park in the front of the building and bring your child(ren) into the front (blue) doors.
- **If arriving after 8:55 am,** students will need a note explaining the reason for tardiness.
  ***Excused reasons for tardiness are documented in the Family Handbook on our website.

PM Student Pick-Up

All students must have a written note from home to be picked up from school.

- At the start of the year, if your student is going to be a regular car rider, please send a note to inform us of your plan. We will issue a sign that you will show to expedite the process.
- If your student will be a car rider on a specific day, please send a note in the morning and include the name/relationship of the person picking up your child. Driver's license should be ready for proof of identification.

Dismissal begins at 3:30 pm. Students being picked up will be called to the Cafeteria Lobby. When picking up children, parents/guardians should park in the left side lot and wait outside the double doors. A staff member will be in the Cafeteria Lobby with the list, compiled daily based on student notes received from home, and will unite you with your student.

♦ Important: the office must be notified by 2:15 pm of any changes to a student's dismissal, otherwise dismissal changes cannot be guaranteed. *Also, please note, all early dismissals must occur prior to 3:15 pm.*

Tips:

- Regular pick-ups, please display your school issued sign to help expedite pick-up.
- Occasional pick-ups, please have driver's license in your hand to show immediately.
- Once Central staff has matched you up with your child please go directly to your car and open up a parking spot for other waiting parents.

Attention Grades 3, 4, and 5 Students:

You are invited to participate in the Central Elementary Spelling Bee!

Central Elementary School will be participating in the Scripps National Spelling Bee on December 3, 2026!



Facts about the Bee:

- ★Third grade students will compete in a separate Bee.
- ★Fourth and Fifth grade students will compete in a combined Bee.
- ★The winner of the 4th/5th bee will advance to the Regional Bee.

Interested students should complete the form below and return it to school by October 2, 2026. Students will receive a packet of study words, spelling tips, rules, and other information about Central's Spelling Bee.

---------- Please detach and return to Mrs. Fitzpatrick. ----------

YES! We are interested in participating in the Spelling Bee.

Student Name _____

Grade _____ Teacher _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Email _____

For more information visit: www.Spellingbee.com

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A Tradition of Excellence

We're Hiring!

2-Hour Elementary Lunch & Recess Monitors

Paraeducators

APPLY TODAY!

ht-sd.org/careers



Welcome back 2026-2027

DEAR FAMILIES,

WE'RE EXCITED FOR ANOTHER GREAT SCHOOL YEAR AND HAVE BEEN BUSY PLANNING MANY FUN AND EXCITING PTO ACTIVITIES!

SUPPORT THE PTO!

Please consider becoming a PTO member today! PTO dues for for the 2026/27 school year are **$33.**

If you are a new family or if dues would be a financial hardship, please reach out to **hamptoncentralpto@gmail.com** to request a waiver.

NEW THIS YEAR!

We're thrilled to announce our new PTO membership website and platform! 🎉

centralpto.membershiptoolkit.com

This will be your one-stop shop for PTO membership, dues payments, our PTO directory, volunteer opportunities, the PTO event calendar, and important announcements!

WE NEED YOU!

Interested in volunteering for a committee or helping at an event? Check out our PTO flyers in the Scoop or the website for more details!

PTO MEETING DATES

9/15 - 7pm - Central Cafeteria
11/12 - 9am - Zoom
2/11 - 9am - Zoom
4/8 - 7pm - Central Cafeteria
5/20 - 7pm -Central Cafeteria

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join our first two events of the year!

Popsicles on the Playground
Firday, 08/28 - 4pm - 5pm
Central Playground

Family Bingo
Friday 08/28 - 6:30pm - 8pm
Cetral Cafeteria

SEE THE SCOOP OR OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS!

WE CAN'T WAIT TO KICK OFF ANOTHER GREAT SCHOOL YEAR TOGETHER!

Purchase your yearbook NOW for 10% off!

Central Elementary School, Allison Park



Visit www.treering.com or scan the QR code to purchase

Hampton Community Library
A World of Possibilities

NEWS, PROGRAMS & RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY



PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

Story Times start September 1:

What a Wonder-Fall World
Tuesdays & Thursdays
10:00am - 11:30am
All ages & abilities

Books & Babies Lapsit
Wednesdays
10:00am - 10:45am
Birth through early walkers

Everybody Dance Now
Fridays
10:00am - 11:00am
Toddlers & pre-schoolers

PROGRAMS FOR TWEENS & TEENS

Magical Kitties Save the Day
Select Thursdays: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17
4:00pm - 7:00pm
Tweens, age 10-14.
Registration required.

Dungeons and Dragons for Teens
Select Saturdays: 9/19, 10/17, 11/21
1:00pm - 3:00pm
Teens, age 13-18

Teen Volunteers
Teens (9-12 grade) can complete volunteer hours at the library. Visit the library to sign up & make a difference in your community!

HOURS & HOLIDAYS:

The Library is CLOSED for Labor Day weekend:

September 5 - September 7

Have a safe and happy holiday!

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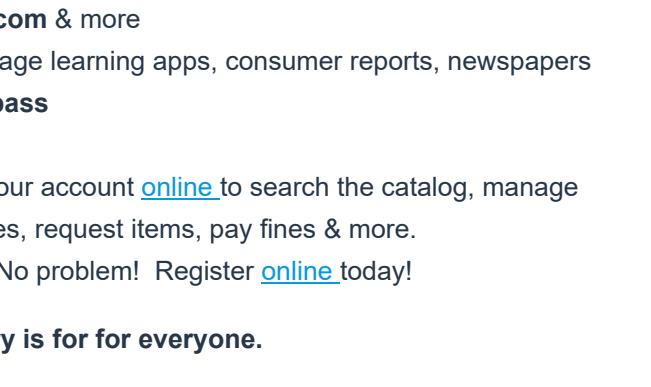
Regular Hours

Sunday: Closed
Monday: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Tuesday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Wednesday: 11:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Thursday: 9:30 AM - 7:30 PM
Friday: 9:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Saturday: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

SAVE-THE-DATE FOR A STAR PARTY

Thursday, October 8 at 7:00pm

HCL and the Amateur Astronomers Association of Pittsburgh are hosting a Star Party in the Hampton Community Park! Bring your curiosity and questions as we explore the cosmos together in this fun, educational, and free event for all ages and abilities!



NEW & EXCITING PROGRAMS FOR ADULTS

- Mahjong, card club & game night
- Genealogy, TTRPG, crafting club
- Author talks & more!

PRACTICE BUILDS CONFIDENCE.

Families, Scout troops, caregivers, churches, clubs and organizations can prepare to help loved ones, neighbors and community members.

Through a partnership with Shaler Hampton EMS, Hampton Community Library, and Shaler North Hills Library you can now learn “HANDS-ONLY CPR” anytime using Big Red.

What is Hands-Only CPR? A simple, two-step method that involves calling emergency services and performing chest compressions without rescue breaths.
Call or visit the library to borrow Big Red.

YOUR LIBRARY LOVES YOU:)

Consider donating to the library in September to maximize your impact! September is Love Your Library month and ALL donations are generously matched on a prorated basis by the Jack Buncher Foundation.

CLICK HERE TO DONATE SECURELY ONLINE

Visit our website for the full calendar of events, sign up for the newsletter, browse the collection & more!

Hampton Community Library
3200 Lochner Way
Allison Park, PA 15101
Phone: 412-684-1098
Email: hampton@einetwork.net
hamptoncommunitylibrary.org

The Allegheny County Library app is in the app store:

- Search for “*Allegheny County Libraries*”
- Digital Barcode
- Manage account, holds, fines, view library hours, announcements & book recommendations

A Library card connects you with more:

Explore 24/7 access to the eResources library:

- Databases including **ancestry.com, creative bug, tutor.com** & more
- Language learning apps, consumer reports, newspapers
- RAD **pass**

Login to your account online to search the catalog, manage preferences, request items, pay fines & more.
No card? No problem! Register online today!

The library is for for everyone.

Download **Libby** app for instant access to digital content including ebooks, audiobooks & magazines

GO HAMPTON TALBOTS!

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SPIRIT WEAR SALE!



ORDER BY SEPT 20 FOR DELIVERY BY HOMECOMING!

Every item is made to order, so don't wait! Orders come home with your student through their homeroom teacher.

Suit up, Talbot fans! Many items can be personalized with your child's name. Look for the option on the product page!

FAN FAVORITE!



Youth Banner Hoodie



Personalize It!

ADD A NAME!



Talbot Dog Tee

GAME DAY ESSENTIALS

Gear up for the stands!



Sideline Beanie



Gameday Scarf



Spectator Gloves



Pom Poms

Plus caps, bucket hats, tees and more!

STAY COZY

while supporting the Talbots!



Wearable Blanket



Flannel Pants



Quarter Zip



Travel Blanket

Plus hoodies, crewnecks and holiday long sleeves!

YOU CAN HELP!

A portion of the proceeds from every purchase supports the **Central PTO**, funding fun for our teachers and students all year long.

MAKE IT YOURS!

Add a name to hoodies, tees, blankets and more. Personalized spirit wear makes the perfect gift for grandparents and fans of all ages.

SCAN TO SHOP. GO TALBOTS!

waterfrontembroidery.com/product-category/hampton-central-elementary/

Select local pickup at checkout. All sales are final. Items are made to order, so please check the size guide before ordering. Questions? Call Waterfront Embroidery at 412.464.1063 before placing your order.

WHICH SCHOOL WILL WIN THE ALLIANCE CUP?

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WYLAND

P

POFF

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CENTRAL

SIGN UP AT HAMPTONALLIANCE.ORG/RACE

JOIN US FOR THE HAEE 5K!



Join us on October 11th!

The HAEE 5K Run/Walk raises funds to allow HAEE to fund new, exciting, and innovative programs in the Hampton Township School District.

REGISTER BY SEPT. 11 TO GUARANTEE A SHIRT!

REGISTER HERE:

https://www.hamptonalliance.org/race

SUNDAY, OCT. 11

9:00 AM

HAMPTON COMMUNITY PARK

Are you looking for something cozy to bring to football games, bonfires, or other fall and winter activities? **Support the Hampton High School Senior Class by purchasing a Hampton Talbot blanket!**

The blankets are 60" x 80" — large enough to keep you warm in the stands or keep you cozy on the couch while watching a movie or reading a book! Funds raised will help support the Senior Class celebrations and experiences, including the Senior Dinner Dance, Senior Picnic, and Cedar Point trip.

Thank you for supporting the Hampton High School Class of 2027! 💙💛

Heather Dietz and Hannah Dunlap, Class of 2027
Co-Sponsors

Use the QR code to order:



HAMPTON TOWNSHIP GIRLS LACROSSE CLUB

PLAY • LEARN • BELONG

FALLING IN LOVE WITH LACROSSE CLINIC



OCTOBER 10TH

FRIDLEY FIELD

8U/10U
10–11

12U/14U
11–12:30

Equipment available to use, bring a mouthguard

REGISTER AT HAMPTONGIRLSLACROSSE.COM

• OUR GIRLS LOVE LACROSSE •

HAMPTON BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

FALL 2026 NEWSLETTER

FALL OPEN GYMS

@ CENTRAL ELEM GYM



BOYS

Mondays
6th: 7:30–9:00

Tuesdays
4th: 6:00–7:30
5th: 7:30–9:00

Thursdays
3rd: 6:00–7:30

GIRLS

Mondays
3rd: 6:00–7:30

Wednesdays
4th: 6:00–7:30
6th: 7:30–9:00

Thursdays
5th: 7:30–9:00

PARENT MEETING

Monday, September 14
7:30 PM @ Drake Pavilion

1ST & 2ND GRADERS! FREE CLINIC

WEDNESDAY, September 16
6:30–7:30PM
HS Aux Gym
SCAN BELOW to Register Today!

TRYOUT SCHEDULE

ALL TRYOUTS @ CENTRAL ELEM

BOYS

6th: Monday	9/28	7:15–8:30
5th: Monday	9/28	5:30–6:45
4th: Monday	10/5	7:15–8:30
3rd: Monday	10/5	5:30–6:45

GIRLS

6th: Tuesday	9/29	7:15–8:30
5th: Tuesday	9/29	5:30–6:45
4th: Wednesday	9/30	7:15–8:30
3rd: Wednesday	9/30	5:30–6:45

@HamptonBasketballAssociation

@HamptonYouthHoops

HAMPTON WRESTLING

YOUTH REGISTRATION



2 WEEK TRIAL
BEGINNING
11/3

BUILDING STRONG KIDS. ON AND OFF THE MAT.

WHY JOIN WRESTLING?

BUILDS CONFIDENCE & RESILIENCE
Kids learn to push through challenges and believe in themselves.

TEACHES DISCIPLINE & WORK ETHIC
Wrestling builds habits that lead to success in all areas of life.

IMPROVES FITNESS & HEALTH
Develop strength, speed, agility, and overall athleticism.

DEVELOPS PROBLEM SOLVING
Wrestling is chess in motion—kids learn to think, adapt, and strategize.

BUILDS CHARACTER & ACCOUNTABILITY
Kids learn respect, responsibility, and the value of showing up for their teammates.

BE PART OF A TEAM & COMMUNITY
Wrestling creates lifelong friendships and a supportive family.

PRACTICES FOR ALL LEVELS!



ADVANCED & NOVICE PRACTICES
TO FIT THE ABILITIES OF KIDS

Whether your child is new to the sport or has experience, we provide the right training and support to help them grow.

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER!

Use your phone camera to scan the QR code or go to the link to complete the registration survey.

MEET OUR COACHES

WES METCALF | **ETHAN HEADLEE** | **KENNY DOWNING** | **AL MURRAY**

WORK HARD. BE TOUGH. HAVE FUN. ★ *IRON TALBOTS*

HAMPTON HS CHEERLEADERS

PRESENT THE

2026 FOOTBALL Cheerleading Clinic



WHO: Hampton Township Students in Kindergarten through 5th grade

WHAT: Learn Cheers taught by the Hampton HS Cheerleaders, then Cheer at the Varsity Football Game

WHEN:
Practice 1: TUESDAY, October 6th, from 6:30-8:00PM Central Elementary

Practice 2: THURSDAY, October 8th, from 6:30-8:00PM Central Elementary

Game Night: Friday, October 9th @ 6:00 at Fridley Field

COST: $50 for 1 child / $75 for 2 children / $100 for 3 children
(Fee includes cheer clinic and game night performance, certificate of participation, t-shirt, hair bow, paw print, tattoo, and pom pom)

QUESTIONS? Contact Kerri Lange
Lange@consolidated.net 412-417-3240

Learn it. Cheer it. Love it!



REGISTRATION and PAYMENT MUST BE COMPLETED BY SEPTEMBER 18TH TO HAVE SHIRTS IN TIME FOR THE GAME

NEW THIS YEAR!!

PLEASE USE THE BELOW GOOGLE FORM LINK TO SIGN UP!!!

SCAN TO REGISTER!

SCAN ME

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

ZELLE: HamptonHSCHEER@GMAIL.com

CHECK: HHS CHEERLEADING BOOSTERS

CASH

IF PAYING WITH CASH OR CHECKS please Send **PAYMENT** to your child's school with **BELOW INFORMATION BY SEPTEMBER 18th.**

- CHILD's: FIRST AND LAST NAME, SCHOOL, GRADE
- PARENTS FIRST AND LAST NAME, Cell Number, Email Address

or mail to Amber Mertz
2793 Drake Ct Gibsonia Pa 15044

HAMPTON DOLPHINS

SWIM MINI CAMP

Come see what it's like to be a Hampton Dolphin!

Join the Hampton Dolphins for a fun and engaging Swim Mini-Camp. Experience a team practice, improve your skills, meet our coaches, and see if competitive swimming is the right fit for you.

The mini-camp also gives our coaching staff an opportunity to evaluate swimmers for placement in the appropriate practice group if they decide to join the team.

Email Coach Chris at hdheadcoach1@gmail.com to secure your spot!



SEPT 14, 16, & 18

(COME TO ANY OR ALL DAYS)

7-8 P.M.

HAMPTON HS

NO COST!!



T-Shirt Online Store will Open in September (more details coming soon)

Tailgate Chair: Ginamarie Potter 724-487-9181