

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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APRIL/MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER



Dear Hudson City School District Community,

This month's letter comes to you with great appreciation and gratitude for all Hudson City School District community members, with a special emphasis on the teachers, administrative assistants and school nurses who we celebrated over the last few weeks. The work our talented staff does every day for the betterment of our students and their colleagues is incredible to

witness, and I am grateful for their contributions. I also would like to take a moment to acknowledge some of the amazing things happening in our District.

From an administration standpoint, we are thankful for the school community's participation in the 2024-25 Hudson City School District budget vote and Board of Education election on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. This budget process has been a diligent effort on multiple fronts and I would like to thank you all for your continued support in providing our students and staff opportunities to excel.

It is with great excitement that we announce the Hudson City School District's top-level recognition by Utica National Insurance as a 2024-25 "School Safety Excellence" award recipient, as well as a \$5,000 grant award recipient of the American Farmland Trust's project, Farm to Institution New York State. These recognitions go a long way in ensuring that the District continues to pursue its goal of maintaining a healthy and safe learning and working environment, while also involving the community in District efforts.

Collaborative actions at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School, Hudson Junior High School, Hudson Senior High School and the District Office continue to be steadily seen. Teamwork, community integration and effective strategies being applied are among the top priorities we are sustaining.

As always, I appreciate each of you and welcome your continued support of our students and staff at District programs, activities and events. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me at pennymanj@hudsoncsd.org.

Sincerely,

Dr. Juliette Pennyman
Superintendent of Schools
Hudson City School District

#HudsonTogetherWeCan

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-25 BUDGET PASSES, TWO BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED

The Hudson City School District is excited to announce the results of the 2024-25 budget vote and Board of Education election that took place from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at designated voting locations at the Hudson Central Fire Station, the Greenport Community Center and the A.B. Shaw Fire Station in Claverack on May 21, 2024.

The proposed 2024-25 Hudson City School District Budget in the amount of \$55,602,026 has been approved by the following vote:

464__ YES
231__ NO

The top two vote-getting Hudson City School District Board of Education candidates were elected to three-year terms (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027):

91__ Micaela McClinton (Candidate)
382__ **Amanda Grubler (Candidate)**
300__ Daryl Blanks (Candidate)
96__ Selha Graham (Incumbent)
430__ **Matthew Mackerer (Candidate)**
3__ (Write-in Candidates)



Amanda Grubler



Matthew Mackerer

"On behalf of the Hudson City School District administration team and the Hudson City School District Board of Education, I would like to formally thank the Hudson City school community for exercising their right to vote and approving the 2024-25 budget," said Hudson City School District Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman. "I congratulate and look forward to working with the newly elected Board of Education members, along with those currently serving on the Board, in embracing the District's vision of creating a healthy and forward-moving place to work, learn and accomplish goals."

HUDSON SENIOR HIGH ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2024 VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN

Hudson Senior High School Class of 2024



**Valedictorian
Olivia Hoffnagle**



**Salutatorian
Angelina Tamburro**

Hudson Senior High School is pleased to announce its Class of 2024 Valedictorian and Salutatorian. Principal Derek Reardon, along with school counselors Jeanine Patsko and Vernon (Rocky) Payne, proudly reveal that Olivia Hoffnagle has achieved the Valedictorian position, while Angelina Tamburro has attained the Salutatorian title.

“Both Olivia and Angelina have demonstrated their academic excellence and impressive involvement in extracurricular activities, community service and athletics,” said Reardon. “The Hudson Senior High School community is proud of their outstanding achievements and wishes them both success in their future endeavors.”

Hoffnagle has achieved an impressive 100.695% overall average while studying a range of challenging courses, including Advanced Placement (AP) Biology, AP United

States History and college courses in various subjects such as Pre-Calculus, Composition, Literature, General Psychology and more. She has also received the AP Scholar distinction and has consistently maintained a position on the High Honor Roll throughout her time at Hudson Senior High School.

Hoffnagle, a National Honor Society member, is not only an exceptional student academically, but also an active participant in extracurricular activities and athletics, such as serving as a class officer, position of secretary, participating in the Model UN Club, being a perennial member of the band and contributing to the High School newspaper, The Owl.

Additionally, Hoffnagle was a valuable team player on the Varsity Volleyball team throughout high school. She has also served on the Student Council, contributing many hours to community service,

and has maintained a job at the Lunchbox (food truck) and the ice cream parlor I've Got Chillz, as a front end attendant/clerk. Furthermore, Hoffnagle is skilled in American Sign Language and dedicated her time in signing the National Anthem at all high school football games.

With an eye on life after graduating from Hudson this summer, Hoffnagle applied to various prestigious institutions and made her decision to attend the University of South Carolina. She plans to study Pharmacy during the upcoming fall semester.

Likewise, Tamburro has done well academically with a cumulative average of 100.557%. Each year, Tamburro has taken on a challenging curriculum consisting of Honors, AP and college level classes. The college classes that she has taken, and are currently taking, include Wind Ensemble, Critical Issues in Health, American Sign Language 4, Precalculus, Calculus, General Psychology, Introduction to Sociology, Composition, and Composition and Literature.

Impressively, Tamburro has earned her Seal of Biliteracy for American Sign Language and English. She also has demonstrated her proficiency by performing the National Anthem in sign language during sports events. Tamburro has earned the distinction of being named an AP Scholar and will earn her Regents Diploma with

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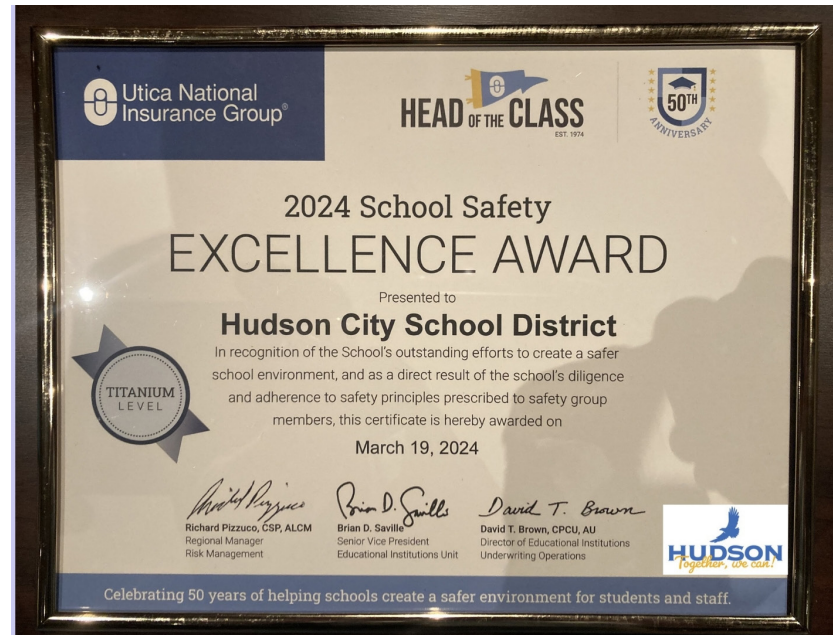
an Advanced Designation upon her graduation in June 2024.

Tamburro has been active in athletics as a member of the varsity Volleyball and Track and Field teams. Tamburro has utilized excellent time-management skills, enabling her to be involved in various extracurricular activities. This is indicative of her membership in the National Honor Society, Marching Band and the school newspaper, The Owl. As a testament to her leadership abilities, Tamburro serves as treasurer for the Class of 2024. She also has been recognized for her success by receiving the Bluehawk and Scholar-Athlete Awards.

With her satisfaction for helping others, Tamburro has been consistently active in school fundraisers, leading to the recognition of her scholarship by being a recipient of the Elmira Key Award from Elmira College last year. In addition to maintaining a busy schedule, Tamburro has worked as a counselor-in-training for the Hudson Bluehawk Nation After School Program. She also has worked as a cashier/food server for a local ice cream vendor.

Tamburro has been accepted to the Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and will pursue a Doctorate of Pharmacy degree.

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT EARNS UTICA NATIONAL INSURANCE GROUP'S 2023-24 SCHOOL SAFETY EXCELLENCE AWARD



The Hudson City School District has received the highest level of a prestigious safety award from Utica National Insurance Group, the 2023-24 School Safety Excellence Award, Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman announced recently.

The honor recognizes school districts' safety efforts as they work to help keep students, staff and visitors safe. Hudson's award was presented at Utica National's 42nd school safety seminar. Utica National insures more than 300 school districts in upstate New York.

"There is nothing more important than the safety of our students, faculty, staff and visitors, and we're proud that this honor recognizes the culture of safety and security that our entire school district meticulously cultivates every day," Dr. Pennyman said.

Utica National's School Safety Excellence Award Program has three levels: titanium, platinum, and gold. Data is used to determine honorees. Areas of review include playground safety, anti-bullying programs, surveys and prevention efforts, Utica National said.

"Safety and health concerns continue to be a priority in our school districts," explained Brian Saville, Senior Vice President in Utica National's Educational Institutions Unit. "Districts that go above and beyond to provide a safe, healthy and focused culture for learning are to be applauded, and we're pleased to count the Hudson City School District among them."



HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AWARDED 2024-25 NEW YORK FARM TO SCHOOL INSTITUTE GRANT

The Hudson City School District is proud to be named a 2024-25 New York Farm to School Institute grant award recipient in the amount of \$5,000 through the American Farmland Trust's project, Farm to Institution New York State (FINYS).

The funding is required to be applied to year-long professional development opportunities for food service staff, educators, administrators and community partners within New York schools to develop and refine Farm to School programs, and to help bring more New York-grown food into the cafeteria and classrooms.

"The Hudson City School District is excited to be selected as an award recipient for the 2024-25 New York Farm to School Institute initiative," Hudson City School District Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman said. "Considering the vast amount of agriculture in our region, the opportunity to collaborate with local producers is an endeavor the District is pleased to explore, with the goal of informing the student population of the significance and impact of local agriculture as a resource and model for sustainable healthy lifestyles and career opportunities."

For the 2024-25 school year, the District aims to develop increased relationships with local farmers and agriculture-related industries to enhance student-internship opportunities, college-in-high-school agriculture-related courses and career and technical education program development. In addition, it will seek to procure additional local produce within public school budgetary constraints, continue to develop Farm to School programs, and network with other schools to collaborate on program and resource development.

Led by Hudson City School District Consultant Stephanie Forsyth and Food Services Director Lisa McGovern, the District will be assembling a team of District administrators, faculty, staff and community members to oversee the goals and implementation of Farm to School initiatives. Once formed, the team will attend an all-expense-paid two-day kickoff retreat Aug. 13-14, 2024 at the Mabee Farm Historic Site in Rotterdam Junction, N.Y., courtesy of the New York Farm to School Institute grant. Individuals will also participate in bi-monthly workshops, receive coaching and peer networking for one year and will be invited to a celebratory gathering in Spring 2025.

"The Hudson City School District's partnership with FINYS and local community partners transcends the capacity of serving and informing Bluehawks of locally grown and sourced food for healthy meals and nutritious habits," said Forsyth. "I am incredibly grateful and excited to continue the implementation of the Farm to School initiatives within the Hudson City School District community this coming school year."

Securing the grant award continues the District's efforts of incorporating Farm to School practices. Currently in all three buildings, locally sourced products are served for breakfast, lunch snacks and afterschool programs. Additionally, the District includes food and nutrition in its curriculum, with trips to local agriculture producers, along with guests in classrooms to teach recipes and healthy lifestyle approaches.

For more information on FINYS, visit <https://www.finys.org/institute>.

HUDSON SENIOR HIGH TEACHER LAURA BENDER EARNS “DISTINGUISHED EDUCATOR IN PERSONAL FINANCE” RECOGNITION FROM NEXT GEN PERSONAL FINANCE

The Hudson City School District is proud to announce the recent recognition of Hudson Senior High School Social Studies Teacher Laura Bender as a lifetime “Distinguished Educator,” as deemed by a national non-profit organization, Next Gen Personal Finance.

“Laura Bender has been recognized as a ‘Distinguished Educator’ by the national non-profit Next Gen Personal Finance (ngpf.org) for outstanding commitment to professional development in real-world personal finance topics,” said officials from NGPF. “Laura has earned 6 NGPF Certifications, each of which requires 10 hours of live, collaborative coursework on a key personal finance topic and passing a one-hour certification exam.”

Bender, an integral part of the District for 11 years, was honored after becoming certified in the financial topics of Advanced Investing, Career, Credit, Investing, Paying for College and Taxes.

Her determination to obtain certifications to assist Hudson Senior High School with financial planning and help prepare them to be college- and career-ready are a testament to her character, Hudson Senior High School Principal Derek Reardon said.



“Laura Bender is a hard worker and a great teacher who believes in her students. She really does look into the needs of each student she teaches and finds ways for them to adapt and learn. I wish I had 40 more teachers just like her,” said Reardon. “She took the bull by the horns and went full steam ahead in incorporating financial literacy in the economics curriculum.”

Known for her dedication for providing opportunities and insight to Hudson Senior High School students, Bender, who also serves as the co-advisor for Student Council and the facilitator for the Student Tech Crew with the Instructional Technology Department, said it has been a personal goal of hers to advance her students’ understanding

of financial responsibility and accountability.

“Since I started teaching economics in Hudson over a decade ago, it has been my objective to enhance my students’ knowledge of financial literacy. I built my class around this goal, including important topics such as job-search skills, banking, budgeting, investing and building and utilizing credit,” said Bender. “The NGPF certification courses I completed this year have helped me broaden my knowledge in many areas, allowing me to build more robust units in personal finance for the seniors that I teach. It is my goal to eventually complete all of NGPF’s certification offerings so I can continue to offer my students a high-quality education in financial literacy that will prepare them for the real world after graduation.”

Bender received a plaque acknowledging her depth of knowledge and commitment to education about personal finance and an exclusive, personalized badge to be showcased in her email signature.

[Click here](#) for more information on the instructors nationwide who received “Distinguished Educator” recognition from NGPF.

TEACHERS AND NURSES APPRECIATION WEEK (MAY 6-12, 2024)

The Hudson City School District proudly recognizes our talented and dedicated teachers and nurses, celebrated during Teachers Appreciation Week and Nurses Appreciation Week, both during May 6-12, 2024!



HAPPY NATIONAL PRINCIPALS DAY

MAY 1, 2024 IS NATIONAL PRINCIPALS DAY AND WE AT HUDSON CSD ARE SO PROUD TO CALL THESE INDIVIDUALS OUR PRINCIPALS AND THANK THEM FOR THEIR DEDICATION TO OUR STUDENTS, STAFF AND COMMUNITY!



Hudson SHS
Principal
Derek Reardon



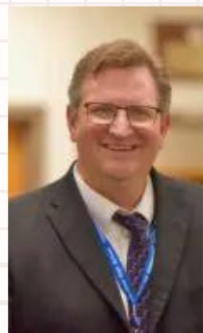
Hudson JHS
Principal
Rhode Cooper



MCSES Principal
Mark Brennehan



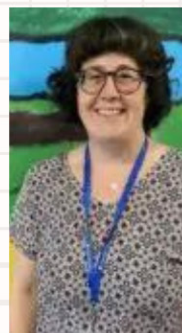
Hudson Bluehawk
Academy Principal
Mollie Zucker



Hudson SHS
Associate Principal
Phillip Campbell



Hudson JHS
Associate Principal
Kenneth Behr



MCSES Associate
Principal
Carrie Patch



MCSES Associate
Principal
Kristen Strothmann

NATIONAL PRINCIPALS DAY 2024 (MAY 1, 2024)

May 1, 2024 was National Principals Day! The Hudson City School District is proud to call these individuals our principals and the District thanks them for their dedication to our students, staff and community!

HUDSON CSD STUDENTS AND TEACHERS RECOGNIZED FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Congratulations to the following Hudson City School District students and teachers who were selected by the Capital Area School Development Association as 2024 Capital Region Students and Teachers Who Make a Difference!

- Alyssa Harp (Student) and Ms. Ilse (Teacher)
- Tanjina Rahman (Student) and Mr. Antonelli (Teacher)
- Magdalena Ramos (Student) and Mr. Antonelli (Teacher)
- Vivi Li (Student) and Mr. Antonelli (Teacher)

[Visit this link](http://www.casdany.org/2024-recognition) for the nominations of our amazing Bluehawks who were recognized!

HUDSON HIGH SCHOOL INDUCTS 2024 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY MEMBERS



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE
2024 HUDSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY
INDUCTEES!
WAY TO GO, BLUEHAWKS!**

[Video link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-oJXZ1FKAs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k-oJXZ1FKAs)

Photo and video courtesy of Lance Wheeler and the Hudson Senior High School Audio/Video Club



HIGH SCHOOL'S CLASS OF 2025 OFFICERS RECEIVE "ALPHA HAWK" AWARD

Congratulations to the Hudson Senior High School Class of 2025 Officers -- President Olivia Mann, Vice President Moriah Walker, Secretary Halimah Hotbani and Treasurer Ummay Chowdhury -- for receiving the "Alpha Hawk" Award! The four students received this award for going above and beyond all expectations in academics, athletics and extracurriculars.

In February, these students organized the "Queen of Hearts" dance, a student-led and planned event. All four students are involved in school sports, clubs and are active in many community events. They make the whole Bluehawk community proud!



HUDSON SHS GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER

HUDSON HIGH CLASS OF 2025

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Location: Copake Golf and Country Club

Registration Fee: \$100 per player
Registration is @8am
Shotgun start @9am
Four man scramble
Includes 18 holes, cart, lunch

Raffle Prizes, 50/50:
Putting contests and course games
Proceeds to Benefit the HHS Class of 2025
Sponsorship donations accepted

Registration/Payment due: August 1, 2024
Checks payable to: HHS Class of 2025
Mail to: 215 Harry Howard Ave Hudson NY 12534
Attn: Tabitha Brash

SCAN ME

MONDAY, AUGUST 19, 2024

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The Hudson Senior High School Class of 2025 is hosting a golf tournament fundraiser on Monday, Aug. 19, 2024 at the Copake Golf and Country Club!

Registration is at 8 a.m. and there will be a 9 a.m. shotgun start for the tournament. There is a \$100 registration fee with proceeds benefiting the Class of 2025. Sponsorship donations will be accepted.

Registration and payment is due on Aug. 1, 2024 with checks made payable to HHS Class of 2025. Checks can be mailed to 215 Harry Howard Avenue, Hudson, NY, 12534, attn. Tabitha Brash.

Scan the QR Code or [visit this link](#) to register today!

HUDSON HIGH SENIOR ZACHARY ZIBELLA TO EARN SEAL OF CIVIC READINESS

The Hudson City School District is excited to celebrate Zachary Zibella for being the first student to complete a Capstone project for the New York State Seal of Civic Readiness initiative!

The New York State Education Department has permitted the Hudson City School District to offer the Seal of Civic Readiness. This seal serves as a mark of distinction to acknowledge students who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to enhancing the public life of our communities. It underscores a holistic approach to civic engagement, encompassing not only knowledge and skills, but also attitudes and real-world experiences.

The Seal of Civic Readiness, bestowed by the New York State Education Department, holds considerable significance for students, their families, prospective employers and college admissions officers. It stands as a tangible testament to a student's achievements and contributions, carrying weight on both their high school transcript and diploma. This recognition validates the dedication and efforts of students in fostering positive change within their communities.

One notable avenue for students to earn credit toward the Seal of Civic Readiness is by undertaking a Capstone project. Zachary Zibella, a senior at Hudson Senior High School, has emerged as a trailblazer in this regard, becoming the first to

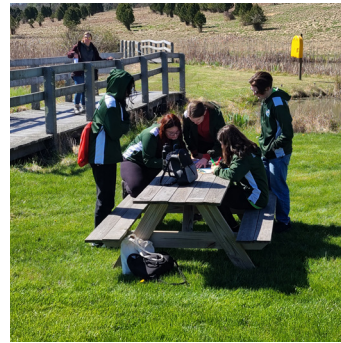


complete such a project. Zachary's remarkable achievement involves overseeing the planning and execution of a concrete walkway at the American Legion Post 184, as his Eagle Scout project. This endeavor not only showcases Zachary's leadership and organizational skills, but also exemplifies his commitment to serving the community. By providing safer access to a memorial garden for veterans, Zachary's project embodies the spirit of civic responsibility and underscores the transformative impact of civic engagement initiatives.

Way to go, Zachary!



HUDSON HIGH'S ENVIROTHON TEAM ACCOMPLISHES FIRST-TIME-EVER FEAT



The Hudson Senior High School Envirothon team competed and shined at the 2024 Capital Region Envirothon on April 25, 2024!

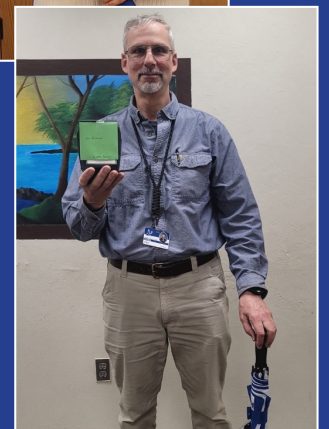
One of our teams (consisting of Autumn Hopkins, Anthony Cozzolino, Tessa Goldstien, Maggie Ramos and Sarai Chung, with alternate Anthony Florio) finished with the top score in Columbia County, the top score in the Capital Region, AND the top score in EVERY category (aquatics, current issue, forestry, oral presentation, soils and wildlife) out of 15 teams in the competition! This is the first Hudson team to achieve this feat! The students

now move on to the New York State Envirothon, held at SUNY Cortland.

Our second team (consisting of Labonna Prova, Nazmun Bhuiyan, Morgan Curran, Asia Johnson and Warda Mahamud, with alternates Sebastian Dermott and Abira Khair) also had success, finishing in fifth place -- including the second highest scores in the current issue and the oral presentation. These students have put in an incredible amount of time, coming in twice a week for over an hour each day since September.

Way to go, Bluehawks!

HUDSON SHS STAFF PBIS WHEEL OF WINNERS



A huge shout-out to our monthly Hudson Senior High School Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) winners, Ms. Flint and Mr. Renner! Winners were chosen randomly on the "Wheel of Winners" during the Senior High School's Faculty meeting. Names of faculty supporting PBIS initiatives by writing positive referrals and using "Kindness Currency" are added to the wheel.

Thank you to all of our faculty for recognizing students who are following the pillars RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE. Ms. Flint and Mr. Renner each received a Hudson Bluehawk umbrella to use on those rainy, spring days!

HUDSON HIGH'S KINDNESS CLUB RECEIVES KINDNESS FROM AMERICAN LEGION



The well-known adage “Kindness spreads Kindness” was a reality on March 26, 2024 when The Kindness Club of Hudson Senior High School was treated to a special visit from Hudson’s American Legion Post 184 Commander Eric De Kraai.

Commander De Kraai and his Post wanted to thank The Kindness Club for its work in supporting local veterans, specifically the veteran-recognition event the Kindness Club helped organize at High and Mighty Therapeutic Riding and Driving Center.

Commander De Kraai brought homemade cookies and Easter baskets for each of the students. The students thoroughly enjoyed talking to Commander De Kraai -- and devouring the goodies!

SIX HUDSON SHS STUDENTS RECEIVE COLLEGE-IN-THE-HIGH SCHOOL RECOGNITION FROM COLUMBIA-GREENE COMMUNITY COLLEGE



Photo courtesy of Bluehawk Academy Principal Mollie Zucker

Congratulations to Hudson Senior High School students recognized at Columbia-Greene Community College’s “College in the High School Celebration of Excellence Event” on April 16, 2024!

This event celebrated students who have taken at least six “College in the High School” (CIHS) courses and made the Dean’s List.

Pictured left to right: Hudson Senior High School Counselor Rocky Payne, Sophia Morrison, Angelina Tamburro, Vivi Li, Katharine Antonelli, Fathima Chowdhury, Salmi Jaman and Hudson Senior High School Counselor Jeanine Patsko.

HIGH SCHOOL'S AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE STUDENTS AND STAFF VISIT WASHINGTON, DC

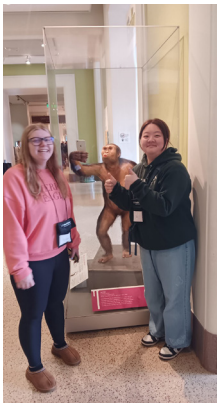
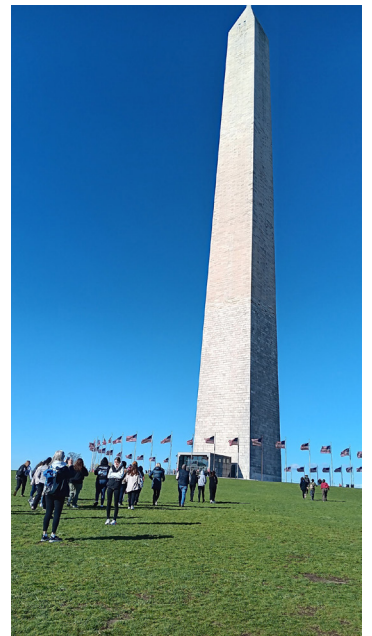
Hudson Senior High School American Sign Language (ASL) students and staff members had the opportunity to visit Washington, D.C. during Spring Break!

Our Bluehawks had an amazing time soaking in the history of our nation at historic landmarks and museums. They also visited Gallaudet University, the only deaf university in the world, to meet student leaders. They even had the opportunity to stop in at the "Signing Starbucks" to practice their ASL skills!

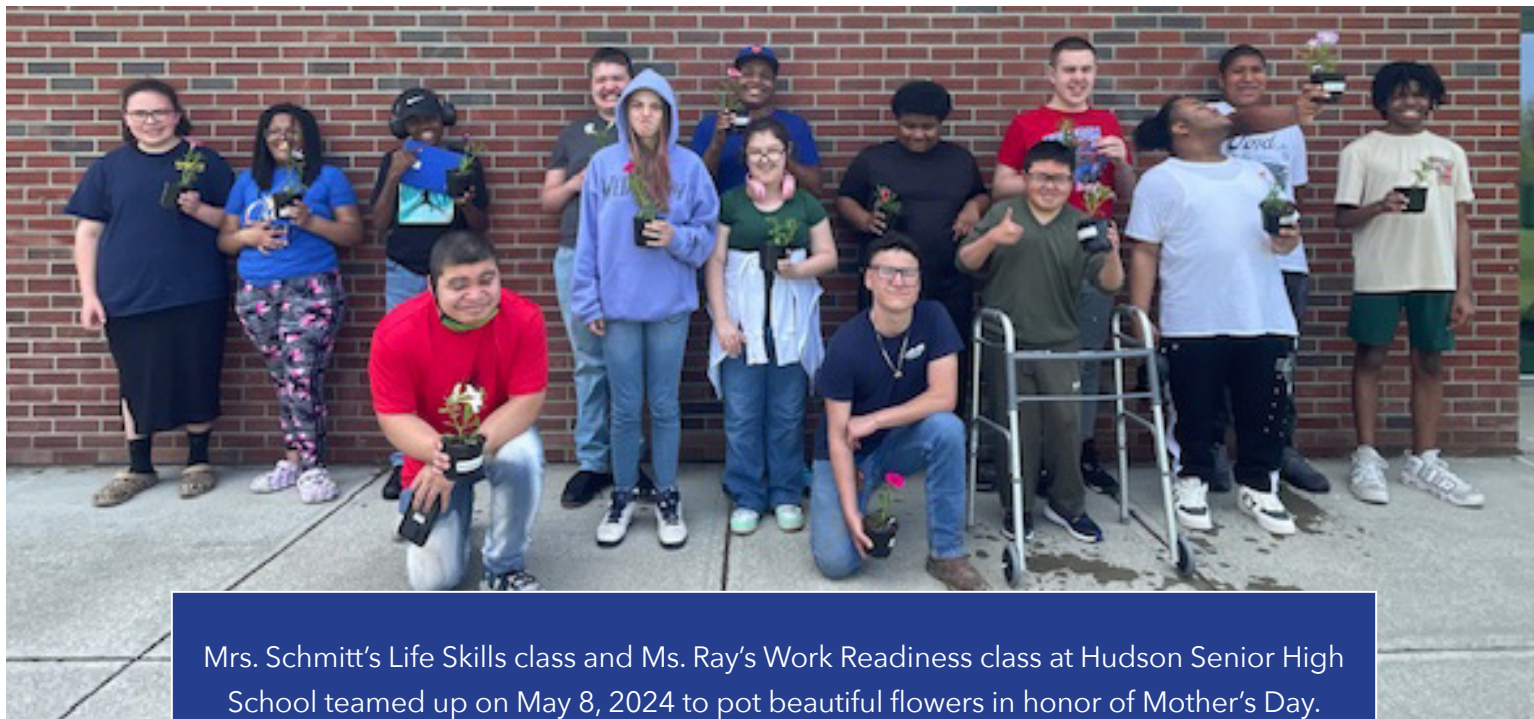


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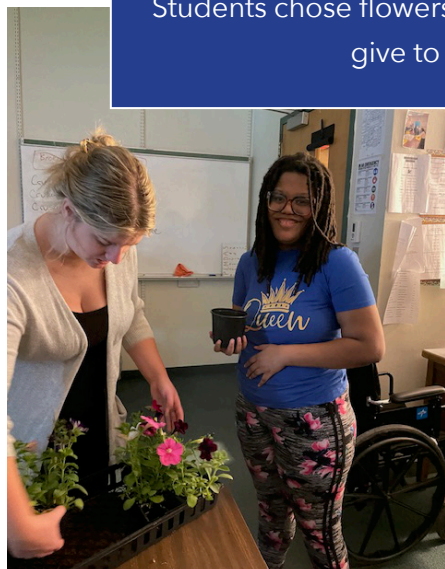




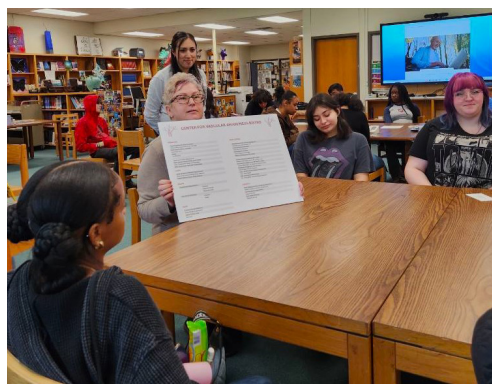
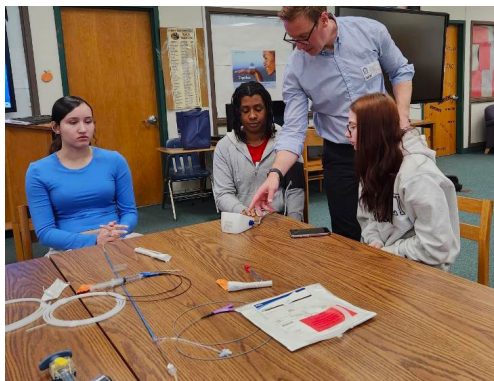
HUDSON SHS LIFE SKILLS AND WORK READINESS CLASSES TEAM UP WITH FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY



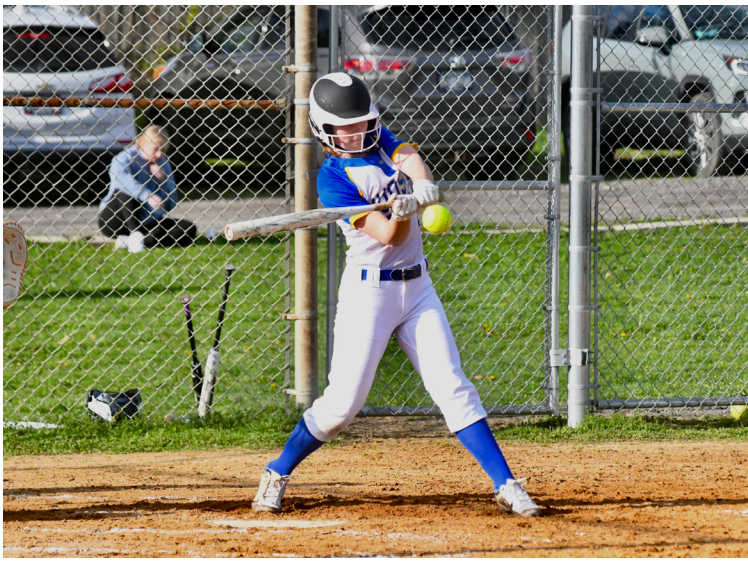
Mrs. Schmitt's Life Skills class and Ms. Ray's Work Readiness class at Hudson Senior High School teamed up on May 8, 2024 to pot beautiful flowers in honor of Mother's Day. Students chose flowers, scooped potting soil and watered their plants to take home to give to someone special. Students and staff had a blast!



VASCULAR HEALTH DAY AT HUDSON SHS



For Vascular Health Day, Hudson Senior High School students welcomed volunteer medical professionals to speak about the importance of vascular health, healthy habits and nutrition. Even Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman participated by having her blood pressure taken!



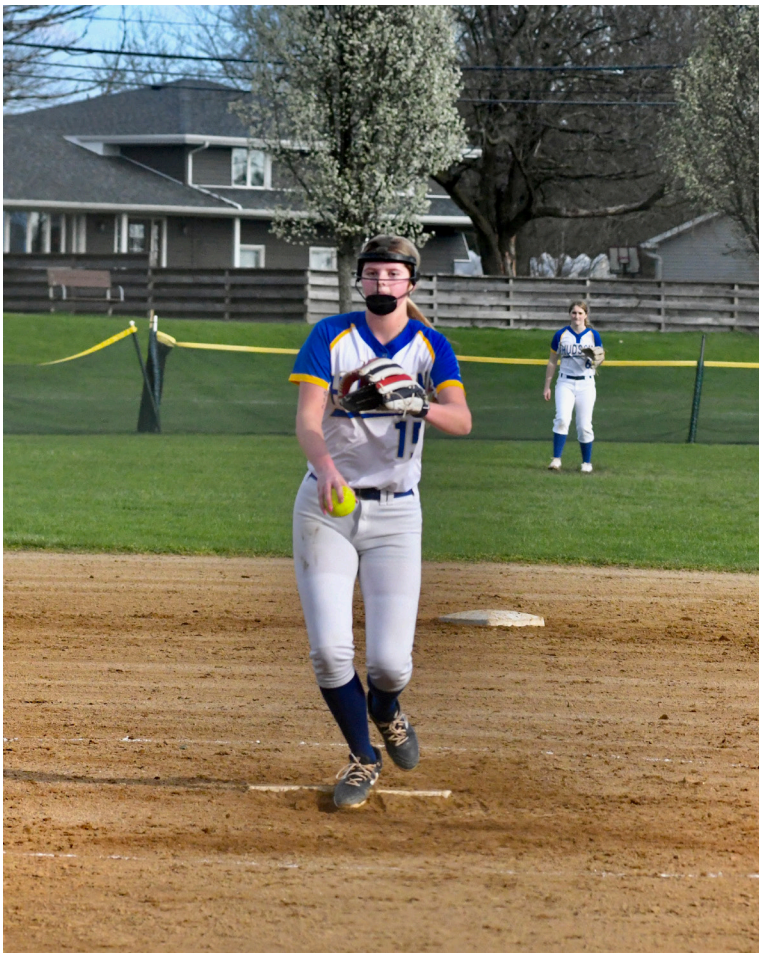
Varsity Softball and Modified Track and Field in Action

With the warmer weather making its way to Hudson, our Bluehawks have been shining! Check out the Varsity Softball and Modified Track and Field Teams in action!

Photos courtesy of Lance Wheeler and the Hudson Senior High School Audio/Video Club.



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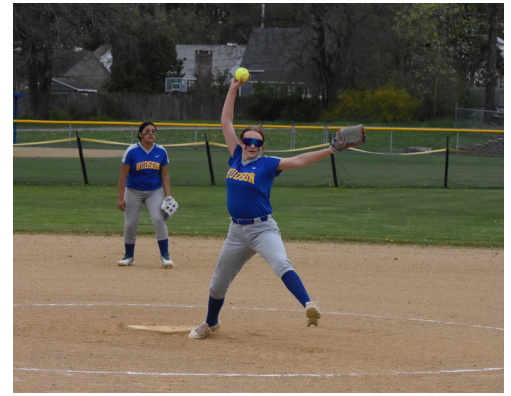


HUDSON SHS PE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

The Hudson Senior High School Physical Education department hosted its annual Badminton Tournament during the last week of school prior to Spring Break. Twenty teams competed. Congratulations to Russell Huang and Mr. Briscoe for winning the Student/Staff Tournament and Russell Huang and Dejuan Bailey for winning the Open/Mixed Tournament!



HUDSON MODIFIED BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SHINE IN THE SPRING



The Hudson Modified Baseball and Softball teams recently hosted the Rensselaer Rams for games, embracing the wonderful Spring weather! Way to go, Bluehawks!

Photos courtesy of the Hudson Senior High School Audio/Video Club.



HUDSON HIGH'S WORLD CUP 2024 SOCCER TOURNAMENT (MAY 20, 2024)

The Hudson Senior High School Varsity Club is hosting the 2024 World Cup Soccer Tournament at the Hudson Junior/Senior High School turf field from 5-8 p.m. on Monday, May 20, 2024!

Each team must have at least seven players and can have one substitute player. Registration is \$10 per team. Each team will be required to wear a color while playing in 10-minute games! To sign up your team, please scan the QR code or [use this link!](#)

For more information, email Ms. Flint at flintj@hudsoncsd.org.

HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE DEPARTMENT'S "HARVEST OF THE MONTH" FOR MAY 2024 IS ASPARAGUS!

The Hudson City School District Food Services Department is launching its "Harvest of the Month," featuring locally grown food items each month. New York-grown asparagus is the "Harvest of the Month" for May 2024. Check out the images for fun facts about asparagus, which will be featured in lunches.

IN THE UNITED STATES, THE MAJORITY OF ASPARAGUS IS GROWN IN JUST 3 STATES: CALIFORNIA, WASHINGTON, AND MICHIGAN WITH CALIFORNIA ACCOUNTING FOR ABOUT 70% OF THE NATION'S ASPARAGUS PRODUCTION ... ASPARAGUS MUST TRAVEL 2,600-3,600 MILES TO REACH BUFFALO.

All commercially grown asparagus must still be harvested by hand.

OUR NYS GROWN ASPARAGUS ONLY HAS TO TRAVEL 100 MILES TO REACH OUR CAFETERIAS!

The European Asparagus Museum in Bavaria is dedicated solely to asparagus.

Fat Free
Cholesterol Free
Sodium Free
Gluten Free

3 varieties grow in New York State:
Jersey Knight
Jersey King
Jersey Giant

ASPARAGUS CAN BE PINK WHITE GREEN PURPLE

USE QUICKLY AND STORE IN FRIDGE WITH STALKS IN A CUP OF WATER IF NOT USING THE SAME DAY.

Pick asparagus that are thin and green-purple in color. Select ones that are crisp with tightly bunched heads.

ASPARAGUS CAN BE EATEN RAW OR STEAMED, POACHED, GRILLED OR BAKED!

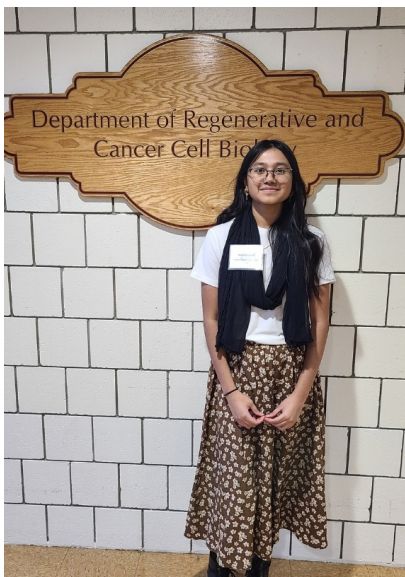
Rich in antioxidants

It generally takes 3 YEARS from the initial crown planting before a grower can harvest the crop.

Under ideal conditions, an asparagus spear can grow 10" in a 24-hour period.

Perennial = sprouts up every year!

Well cared-for asparagus beds generally produce for 15-20 YEARS



HUDSON SHS STUDENT SHINES AT ALBANY REGIONAL BRAIN BEE

In March, Hudson Senior High School student Warda Mahamud competed in the 9th Annual Albany Regional Brain Bee at Albany Medical College, finishing in fourth place among 17 students participating.

The Brain Bee tests students' academic knowledge of neuroscience, as well as their neuroscientific skills via

neuroanatomical, neurohistological, MRI and patient-diagnosis applications.

Hosted by the Department of Neuroscience and Experimental Therapeutics since 2016, the Albany Regional Brain Bee offers students the opportunity to learn about the brain and its vital functions, and to meet and network



with other students interested in neuroscience, as well as neurologists, neurosurgeons and neuroscientists.

This was Warda's first year in the competition, so finishing in fourth place is very impressive!

Way to go, Warda!

EAT PLANT-BASED SAVE THE PLANET



We're in a food fight - to save the world, one meal at a time.
A delicious way to address climate change? Choose a plant-based alternative to your daily meal! Animal agriculture generates nearly 15% of total global greenhouse gas emissions*, which is greater than all the transportation emissions combined.

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*Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

SPECIAL EARTH DAY LUNCH OFFERING

In recognition of Earth Day on Monday, April 22, 2024, the Hudson City School District Food Services Department served a special plant-based protein chicken tender lunch at all buildings!

Seeking a delicious way to address climate change? Choose a plant-based alternative to your daily meal! According to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, animal agriculture generates nearly 15% of total global greenhouse gas emissions, which is greater than all of the transportation emissions combined.

Thank you for your consideration and support of our planet!

HUDSON HIGH STUDENTS PLANT DONATED FLOWERS



Thanks to a generous donation from Hudson City School District Consultant Stephanie Forsyth, students in Mrs. Nowak's and Ms. Rom's Agriculture classes at Hudson Senior High School added some fabulous color to the front planters! Our students take pride in making their school look beautiful!



HUDSON JHS LAUNCHES QUARTERLY NEWSPAPER: "THE DAILY HAWK"

Starting in Quarter 3 of the 2023-24 school year, Hudson Junior High School launched a quarterly newspaper, "The Daily Hawk"! The newspaper features stories and articles from students who were advised by staff members, and news about upcoming events and more! Click here to read the first edition of "The Daily Hawk".



HUDSON SHS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED FOR PBIS EFFORTS

On May 3, 2024, The Hudson Senior High School PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) team proudly recognized students nominated by faculty, staff and administrators for meeting the behavioral expectations of being **RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and SAFE**. Students received a certificate and were treated to a cupcake.



HUDSON JHS ANNOUNCES 2023-24 THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLLS

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

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

High Honor: No grades below 85 for the quarter.

Honor: No grades below 80 for the quarter.

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

Grade 8 High Honor Roll

Marilyn Ajpacaja-Chavaloc, Nashat Albin, Nevaeh Benschop, McKenna Boushie, Jorge Gonzalez, Logan Hoffman, Emmie Keeler, Kayden Morrison, Sinane Najat, William Polito, Mir Saikat, Maysie Skoda, Enzo Turner and Kashawn Wilson.

Grade 8 Honor Roll

Adelaide Alvarez, Aniya Cottle, Lucia Fraboni, Abigail Konow, Alexandra Larsen, Amarion Perry, Bailiegh

Rivenburg, Natalie Sherman, Alexandra Shores, Jack Silcock, Juliana Troy, Madelyn Wheeler, Khaleah Wilson and Nevaeh Wilson.

Grade 7 High Honor Roll

Gavin Abitabile, Anahi Ashraf, Dontavies Beebe, Victoria Carius, Jah-Majesty Chan, Arnob Datta, Tashana Gordon, Grant Maresco, Shujath Miah, Nathaniel Mingua, Woodeline Monestil, Guy Scoffier, Makenzie Steuhl, Amaria Williams and Jonathan Williams.

Grade 7 Honor Roll

Sean Buchan, Jordan-Matthew Cobbins, Evan Conte, Jayden Duncan, MD Sakin Hasan, Reggie Jenkins, Imtiyaz Malik, Arieonna Muniz, Skylar Seymour and Grace Walker.

Grade 6 High Honor Roll

Brayden Barrett, Sindid Chowdhury, Camryn Clark, John Davi Jr., Macklin DePace, Ezekiel Herishko, Shakila Huda, Curtis Johnson, Delilah Lopez Huerta, Helena Maresco, Tate McCrady, Curtis McLaughlin, Kamran Miah, Rodney Peck Jr., Jessica Pepoon, Jameson Race, Raihan Sarker, Makayla Shores, Meghan Simmons and Jayden Toyloy.

Grade 6 Honor Roll

Parker Chmielewski, Sherrae Fearon, Ryder McClary, Alexa Middleton, Jackson Pullen, Remy Ruiz and Alida Simmons.



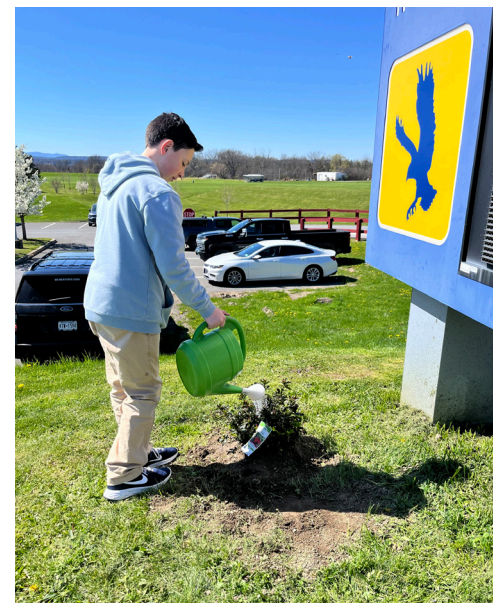
MS. HART'S 8TH GRADE ELA CLASSES SHOW OFF CREATIVITY

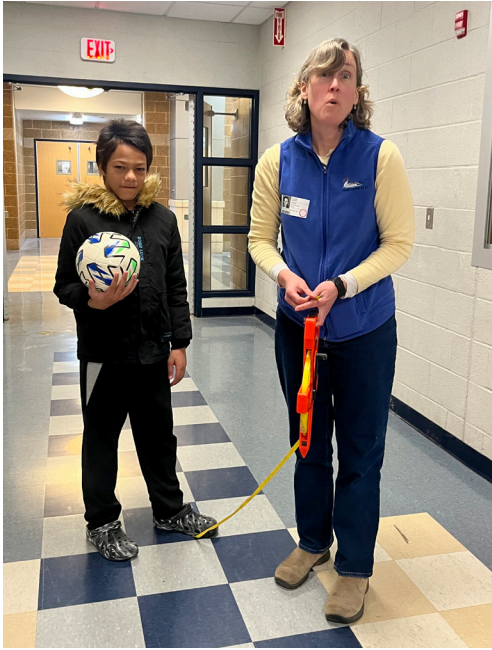
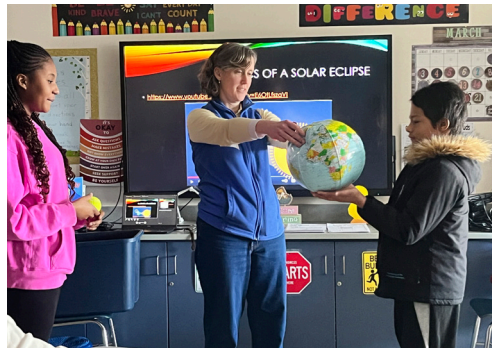
Ms. Hart's 8th grade English Language Arts classes at Hudson Junior High School have been creative while reading "The Tell-Tale Heart" by Edgar Allan Poe and several works by William Shakespeare!

HUDSON JHS STUDENT COUNCIL PLANTS FLOWERS FOR EARTH DAY

To celebrate Earth Day on April 22, 2024, members of Hudson Junior High School Student Council planted two large pots filled with hyacinths, violas, tulips, daffodils, pansies, and more at the two Hudson Junior High School main entrances.

The students also planted two azalea bushes in front of the Hudson City School District electronic board. The students in the student council wanted to help beautify our school and Earth Day was the perfect day to start!

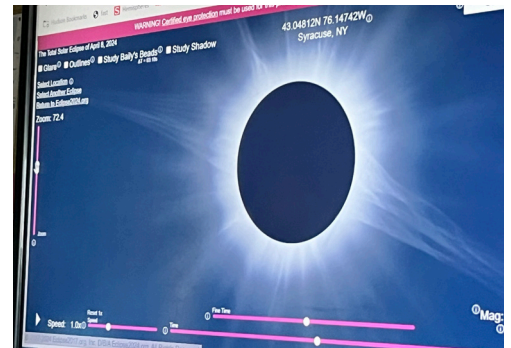




HUDSON JHS LIFE SKILLS CLASS LEARNS ABOUT SOLAR ECLIPSE

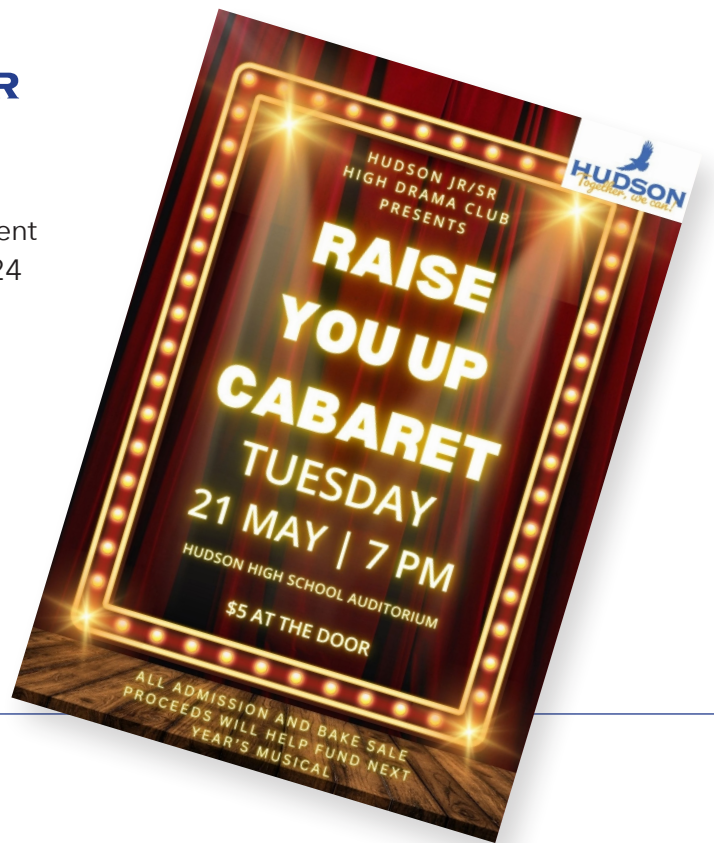
Leanna O’Grady of Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center visited Mrs. McCagg’s Hudson Junior High School Life Skills class and talked to students about the solar eclipse that took the region by storm on April 8, 2024. The class acted out how the sun, earth, and moon line up using different sized objects and a flashlight. The students made their own moveable eclipse diagrams and measured out in the hallway how an eclipse looks, along with the distance between the sun, earth and moon.

Additionally, the class looked at a simulation of what the eclipse would look like in Hudson and compared it to what it would look like in Syracuse. Students were presented the opportunity to try on eclipse glasses and were given their own glasses to wear!



CABARET AT HUDSON JUNIOR HIGH (MAY 21, 2024)

The Hudson Junior/Senior High School Drama Club will present the "Raise You Up Cabaret" at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 in the Hudson Junior/Senior High School Auditorium. After voting for the 2024-2025 Hudson City School District Budget and Board of Education election, come see performances from the stars of this year's musical, "The Addams Family," and more. Hear students sing and dance to songs from some of your favorite musicals like "Hamilton," "The Sound of Music," "Waitress," "Cinderella" and more!



GLOBAL 10 & ELA 10 CLASSES COLLABORATE



Mrs. Near and Ms. Sullivan's English Language Arts 10 classes finished Night and a unit on the Holocaust in Global 10 at Hudson Senior High School.

The 10th graders completed a research project on Human Rights Violations and wrote an "Enduring Issues: Human Rights Violations" essay. Students researched Human Rights Violations ranging from the genocide on the Congo, the genocide on Cambodia, and the Holodomor, and wrote research papers based on their findings.



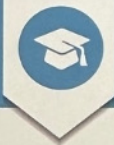
Throughout the year, sophomores have participated in collaborative units using historical fiction and biographies in ELA, supported by the Global 10 curriculum in the history classes. The goal is to deepen student knowledge by having students work with the same material in two classes.

“DYNAMIC DUO” DAY AT HUDSON JHS

Just before Spring Break, Ms. Pullen and one of her Hudson Junior High School students in Math 7 made sure to take a selfie, as they embraced “Dynamic Duo” day for Spirit Week!



AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE AT HUDSON SHS ON MAY 30



HOPE begins with you.

Blood Drive Hudson High School

215 Harry Howard Ave., Hudson, NY 12534
Auditorium

Thursday, May 30, 2024
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Please sign up in S100, see a member of the Varsity Club or scan the QR code below

New Donors Needed to Help Save a Life!

Be sure to get a good night's rest, eat a good breakfast, and drink plenty of fluids.



Build the blood supply: Come give 5/20 to 6/9 for an exclusive Tetris and Red Cross shirt, ltd. qty.



RedCrossBlood.org | 1-800-RED CROSS | 1-800-733-2767 | Download the Blood Donor App

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Hudson Senior High School will host an American Red Cross Blood Drive in the auditorium from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024! To register, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or scan the QR code on the poster.



FOOD SERVICES DIRECTOR & INTRO TO AGRICULTURE CLASS HARVEST BASIL FOR MARGARITA PIZZAS



Lisa McGovern, the Hudson City School District's Food Services Director, visited Mrs. Nowak's Introduction to Agriculture class at Hudson Senior High School on March 25, 2024 to harvest basil!

The basil is grown in hydroponic grow towers. Students are responsible for caring for plants in the classroom. The classroom also has a compost tower with 200 Red Wiggler worms. The students will soon have more herbs and vegetables to share with the school cafeteria. This is a great example of a working urban sustainable garden. Mrs. Nowak is so proud of all her students!



The harvested basil was used by the Food Services staff to make a Margarita Pizza for Hudson Senior High School students on March 28, 2024.



ALUMNI FROM COLUMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SPEAK TO BLUEHAWK ACADEMY



Hudson Bluehawk Academy students received a special visit from two Hudson Senior High School alumni! Columbia County Sheriff's Office Sheriff Donald J. Krapf and Undersheriff Jacqueline Salvatore spoke to students about their career path and positive decision-making!

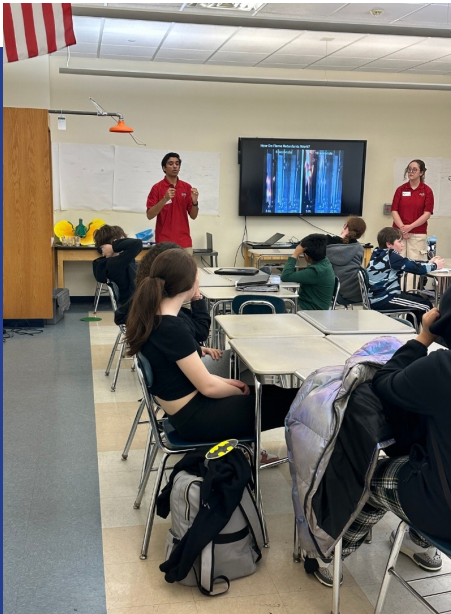
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HONEY TASTING IN Ms. LOCKMAN'S CLASS

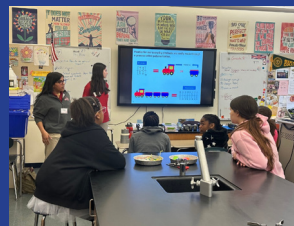
Over the course of two weeks, Ms. Lockman's Adaptive Science class participated in a unit on honey making and pollination. Here we see students and staff tasting honey from around the world and studying a local honeycomb frame. The local honey, frames and combs were sourced and donated by Diana Howard, one of our Hudson Junior High School science teachers!



RPI ENGINEERING AMBASSADORS VISIT HUDSON JHS

Prior to Spring Break, Hudson Junior High School students received a special visit from engineering ambassadors from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy!

Following a partnership established with RPI and the Hudson City School District, navigated by Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Manager Dr. Tia Pressey, Hudson students in all grades will receive interactive presentations and hands-on activities in-district from RPI engineering ambassadors!



BOOK TASTING IN ELA-7 AT HUDSON JHS

Mrs. Pitts' ELA 7 class at Hudson Junior High School participated in a "Book Tasting" on April 23, 2024! Stations were set up for students to look at different books and choose what they would like to read for their next novel.



INCOMING 4TH GRADE BAND INFORMATION NIGHT

There will be an incoming 4th grade band information night for Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School students and families on **June 3, 2024** from 6-7 p.m. in MCSES band room, N-109. Come learn about the band program and receive rental information from John Keal Music.

Please contact Leah Phillips (phillipsl@hudsoncsd.org) with any questions and/or for more information!

**INCOMING GRADE 4
BAND NIGHT**
MONDAY-JUNE 3, 2024

COME AND LEARN ABOUT THE BAND PROGRAM AND GET
RENTAL INFORMATION FROM JOHN KEAL MUSIC



6 p.m. - 7 p.m.
MCSES BAND
ROOM- N109

EARTH DAY 2024 AT MCSES



The annual Earth Day celebration at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School on April 22, 2024 was once again a major success!

A special thank you to guest speakers Superintendent Dr. Juliette Pennyman, City of Hudson Mayor Kamal Johnson, New York State Assemblyperson Didi Barrett and New York State Senator Michelle Hinchey for speaking to students in grades 3-5 about the importance of making positive decisions to protect the Earth!

Additionally, the District would like to thank the faculty, staff, Eden Solar, Ms. McClinton and Ms. Hanley for leading the way with interactive activities and presentations on the day!



“HEROES BREAKFAST” AT MCSES

Our students at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School were excited to celebrate with the heroes in their lives for a special “Heroes Breakfast” on May 3, 2024!

Watch a video here: <https://youtu.be/jXQ8czXgIIY>



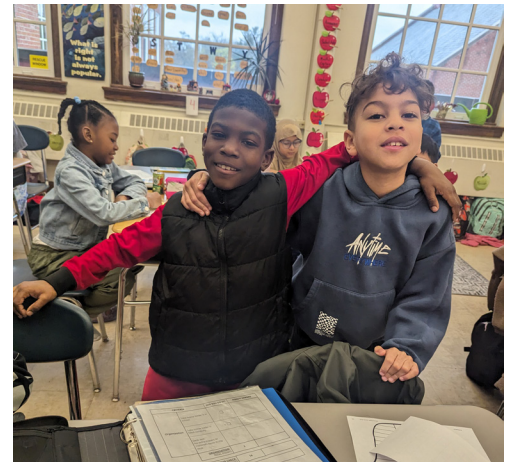


“EGYPT DAY” AT MCSES



Mrs. Quinion’s class at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School recently studied ancient Egypt by participating in Egypt Day! The students had fun learning how to wrap a life-sized mummy, making canopic jars and ushabti figurines, and writing in hieroglyphics. They also listened to Egyptian music and tasted Egyptian food!

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HUDSON
Together, we can!

**Hudson High
Spring Music**

Memorial Day Parade
5/27 @ 7th St. Park
9:15am lineup
10am Parade Starts

Six Flags Field Trip
5/31
Arrive @ 5:30am
We'll be back 8pm

Spring Concert
6/11 @ 7pm
Performers arrive at 6pm

Any Questions Email
Vorwalds@hudsonesd.org

HUDSON SHS MUSIC EVENTS FOR MAY-JUNE 2024

As the school year makes the final push towards summertime, be sure to check out Hudson Senior High School's event calendar for May and June 2024!



CRAFTS CLUB WITH MRS. COX

Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School students in the Crafts Club with Mrs. Cox have been busy completing various projects highlighting their amazing skill sets!

[More photos on next page »](#)



DINOSAUR DIG AT MCSES

Ms. Betke's class at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School recently finished up their unit on dinosaurs with a dinosaur dig! Students had the chance to act like paleontologists and dig through "fossils" for dinosaurs! They used chisels and brushes to uncover different dinosaurs and match them to information cards to learn about each one.



MRS. HANLEY'S MCSES CLASS VISITS FASNY MUSEUM OF FIREFIGHTING



Mrs. Hanley's class at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School recently had the opportunity to visit the FASNY Museum of Firefighting and learn about fire safety and the history of firefighting!



MARIO KART TOURNAMENT AT HUDSON SHS (MAY 21, 2024)

The Hudson City School District's Music Department is hosting a Mario-Kart Tournament for students on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at Hudson Senior High School! Registration in advance is \$5 and is \$10 at the door with prizes going to the first- second- and third-place finishers! All proceeds go toward the Hudson City School District Music Department's trips next school year.

To register, talk to your music teacher or [visit this link](#).

MENTAL HEALTH / PREVENTION MONTH MAY 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 COLOR FOR 15 MINUTES	2 GO TO BED AN HOUR EARLY	3 LET SOMEONE KNOW YOU CARE / THINKING OF THEM	4 DONATE/DECLUTTER UNWORN CLOTHES
5 LIST 5 THINGS YOU ARE GRATEFUL FOR	6 PRACTICE THINGS THAT MAKE YOU FEEL CALM	7 WEAR GREEN OR GREEN RIBBON	8 CREATE A CONVERSATION ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH	9 LIST WAYS TO RESPECT BOUNDARIES	10 TRY A GUIDED MEDITATION	11 EXERCISE - GET MOVING FOR 30 MIN. TODAY
12 SHARE SOMETHING YOU LIKE WITH SOMEONE	13 READ SOMETHING INTERESTING	14 TREAT YOURSELF TO A FAVORITE TREAT	15 CALL / FACETIME A FRIEND	16 TRY / LEARN SOMETHING NEW	17 SPEND 20 MINUTES OUTSIDE	18 PRACTICE POSITIVE AFFIRMATIONS
PREVENTION WEEK						
19 GO FOR A WALK	20 MAKE A HEALTHY SNACK	22 WATCH A FAVORITE MOVIE OR TV SHOW	23 UNPLUG FOR AN HOUR FROM COMPUTER, PHONE, OR GAMING	24 STAY HYDRATED!	25 FIND TIME TO RELAX / TAKE A BREAK FOR 10 MINS	26 MAKE A LIST OF STRENGTHS
27 CAPTURE A MEMORY / TAKE PICTURES	28 SPEND TIME WITH FAMILY	29 GO SOMEWHERE THAT MAKES YOU HAPPY	30 CREATE AN ART PIECE OR JOURNAL	31 LISTEN TO YOUR FAVORITE SONG	PREVENTION AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION TWIN COUNTY RECOVERY SERVICES, INC 428 W. MAIN STREET CATSKILL, NY 12414 (518)-943-2036	

MENTAL HEALTH/PREVENTION MONTH CALENDAR OF POSITIVE ACTIONS

In recognition of May 2024 being Mental Health/Prevention Month, the Hudson City School District is proud to share this calendar from Twin County Recovery Services of healthy, positive actions to take part in each day of May!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 21:** Budget Vote and Board of Education Election, from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- May 21:** Hudson Board of Education meeting at 6 p.m. in the Hudson Senior High School Library
- May 21:** Mario-Kart Tournament at 2:30 p.m. at Hudson JSHS
- May 21:** Cabaret at 7 p.m. in the Hudson JSHS Auditorium
- May 23-27:** Memorial Day Recess - No School
- May 24:** Hudson JSHS 4th Quarter Interim Ends
- June 4:** Hudson JSHS Algebra 1 Regents Exam
- June 6:** Hudson SHS Senior Awards Night
- June 11:** Hudson Board of Education meeting at 6 p.m. in the Hudson Senior High School Library
- June 11:** Hudson SHS Spring Concert
- June 13:** Hudson SHS Music Awards Night
- June 16:** Father's Day
- June 18-26:** Regents Exams
- June 18:** Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School Field Day (Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and 1st Grade)
- June 19:** Juneteenth (No School)
- June 20:** MCSES Field Day (4th and 5th Grade)
- June 20:** Hudson JSHS Earth Science Regents Exam
- June 20:** "Conversations with the Superintendent," 6 p.m. at the Hudson City Department of Youth
- June 21:** MCSES 4th Grade Awards Ceremony
- June 21:** MCSES Field Day (2nd and 3rd Grade)
- June 24:** Half-Day for Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
- June 24:** Hudson JSHS World Language Regents Exam
- June 24:** MCSES 5th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony (Rain Date: June 25, 2024)
- June 24:** Hudson JHS 8th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony (Rain Date: June 25, 2024)
- June 25:** Half-Day for Pre-Kindergarten through Eighth Grade
- June 25:** MCSES Kindergarten/First Grade Awards Ceremony
- June 25:** Hudson SHS Graduation Rehearsal
- June 25:** Hudson Board of Education meeting at 6 p.m. in the Hudson Senior High School Library
- June 26:** Half-Day for Grades Pre-Kindergarten-8th (Last Day of School and Regents Exams!)
- June 26:** MCSES 2nd/3rd Grade Awards Ceremony
- June 28:** Hudson Senior High School Graduation

