



# HANNIBAL

## Central School District

### HCS D students display work at open house events



Second-grader William Reddy smiles for a photo with teacher Emily Casper during Fairley's open house.

Hundreds of Hannibal Central School District families recently filled the hallways of each school building during separate open house events.

At Dennis M. Kenney Middle School, students and parents had an opportunity to talk with teachers, tour the building and explore some of the vendor tables set up near the gymnasium. Various community agencies as well as the district's food service department, the DMK guidance team and the Hannibal Sports Boosters were all on hand to distribute resources to interested families.

One week after DMK's successful event, Fairley families had an opportunity to see what was happening in elementary classrooms during its open house. Students showed their parents and siblings some of the class projects they had been working on, from artwork to writing samples.

"This is a great turnout," said Fairley Principal Amy Bird. "The students are so excited to show off their work, and it's a chance for families to connect with staff members."

Following the success of the DMK and Fairley events, the high school held its open house in conjunction with a pork roast and financial aid night. The hallways, auditorium and gymnasium were filled with students and parents Sept. 26 as they met with teachers, engaged in conversation and received answers to curriculum-related questions.

For more information about upcoming events in the district, visit [www.hannibalcsd.org](http://www.hannibalcsd.org).



Andrew Foulz and his son, Carter Foulz, tour the fifth-grade wing and meet DMK teachers at open house.

### Hannibal CSD introduces NutriSlice app

A new application being utilized by the Hannibal Central School District is making breakfast, lunch and nutrition simpler and more efficient. NutriSlice, which is available online and through mobile devices, will help Hannibal parents and students know what's on the menu, obtain nutritional information and receive announcements on any changes or promotions.

There is a separate menu available for all three HCS D schools. HCS D Director of Food Services Nancy Younglove described the system as easy to use and noted there are several features that will benefit students, including information like calorie and carb counts along with other nutritional facts.

"In my opinion, one of the most important features this program has to offer is providing nutritional information for the menu items we are serving," said Younglove. "There is more and more need for people to see nutritional information in the food they are eating and for parents to help their child plan their daily food intake."

The software also has translation software from English to Spanish for those who need it.

To check out the new software, visit [hannibalcsd.nutrislice.com](http://hannibalcsd.nutrislice.com).

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## Special Patrol Officers join school security team

The Hannibal Central School District welcomed two special patrol officers (SPO) to join its school security aide this year as part of ongoing safety efforts.

Mike Goudy, a retired officer from the Syracuse Police Department, and Dave Brown, a retired lieutenant also from the SPD, will handle several responsibilities in their new SPO positions. They will work in collaboration with school security aide Ed Brisson – a retiree of the Onondaga County Sheriff’s Department -- to ensure student, school and staff safety, while also building positive relationships with students across all grade levels.

“We want students to know that they can trust us and come to us with any issues or just to say hello,” Goudy said. “I’m sitting with them at lunches and making myself relatable to them, and I think that’s important.”

Goudy will spend his days at Fairley Elementary School while Brown and Brisson will rotate between the middle and high schools. Having coverage at all three buildings provides added resources for students and staff alike.

“These retired police officers are making meaningful connections with our students while providing an extra layer of security,” said Superintendent Christopher A. Staats. “Student and staff safety are paramount, and we are so grateful to the HCSD Board of Education and the Oswego County Sheriff’s Department for enabling us to bring these SPOs into our schools.”



Ed Brisson



Dave Brown



Mike Goudy

## HCSD, community unite for Stuff-a-Bus distribution event

An annual supply distribution effort benefited hundreds of Hannibal Central School District families this year as back-to-school supplies were awarded to local students.

The Stuff-a-Bus campaign, spearheaded by United Way of Greater Oswego County, provides school supplies for students in each of the nine school districts in the county. Members of the Hannibal Faculty Association led the effort on the district-

level and helped sort hundreds of backpacks, pens, pencils, glue sticks, rulers, notebooks, binders and other items that were then bagged and distributed to students in late August.

According to HCSD teacher and HFA member Cindi Clover, countless people came together to ensure the effort was a success. She expressed her gratitude to the United Way, community donors such as Eastern Shore Associates, and HFA members for their contributions.



Lillieonna Bonnell holds a binder that she received during the HCSD’s Stuff-a-Bus distribution event.



Members of the Hannibal Faculty Association are all smiles after teaming up for another successful Stuff-a-Bus event.





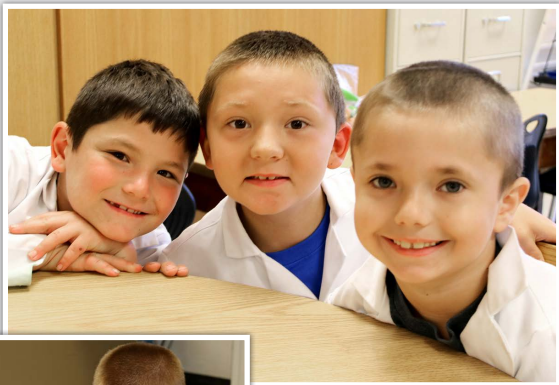
## Lego Camp provides summer enrichment opportunity for Hannibal students

Although school is out for the summer, that didn't stop 75 Hannibal Central School District students from engaging in a weeklong STEM learning opportunity.

Students in kindergarten through fourth grades attended Lego Camp at Fairley Elementary School, where they explored architecture and engineering principles through hands-on projects. Classrooms in the second-grade wing of the building featured different activities for participants, including coding, science experiments and robotics. Throughout the week, students conducted motorized builds, created slime, wrote computer code and learned about the science behind each project.

"I am delighted that we were able to offer an engaging and fun opportunity for our students to be able to unleash their creativity this summer," said Nancy Dingman, HCSO Executive Director for Business Administration. "They learned so much and they were able to spend time with friends. We would love to continue this program in the future."

To commemorate the weeklong enrichment opportunity, each participant received a Lego Juniors kit, thanks to a donation from the NYSIR Insurance company.



**Top:** Decked out in lab coats, three "mad scientists" prepare to make volcanoes after learning about chemical reactions during the Hannibal Central School District's annual Lego Camp.



**Left:** A Fairley student builds a motorized Lego creation during the district's recent Lego camp.

## Kenney Middle School's personal finance, career exploration courses open doors to future

Two new courses at Dennis M. Kenney Middle School are providing students with skills and knowledge to prepare them for life beyond school.

Under the leadership of teacher David Meeker, the new "personal finance" and "career exploration in STEM" classes are helping students learn lessons with real-world implications. Meeker, a longtime educator at the high school with the statewide distinction of master teacher, said he is excited to be teaching these courses to students at an earlier age.



*Teacher Dave Meeker reviews some STEM related careers with his students during a recent class.*

"I think middle school is the perfect time for students to be aware of personal finance and begin thinking about potential careers," Meeker said. "I feel like it's too late to start talking about some of these things if they're juniors or seniors when they first learn about it."

The personal finance course, for eighth-graders, spans 10 weeks and covers a variety of topics related to financial management. Students will learn about budgeting, income and expenditures.

"We're going to talk about making money, spending money and saving money," Meeker said. "I want them to walk away from this class with a better awareness of all things money related."

While eighth-graders are learning about finances, seventh-graders are learning how to make money, through their career exploration class. Students will spend a portion of the 20-week course taking interest surveys, exploring interest-related jobs, researching careers that match their interests and thinking about the education and skills needed for particular employment opportunities.

"I'm already starting to see kids get really interested in different careers and realizing right now that if they want to do this, they have to start studying," Meeker said. "I tell them to dream big. I tell them that no one is allowed to tell them they can't do something. Those are some of the rules we're working under."



## Hannibal schools welcome 12 new staff members to the district

The Hannibal Central School District welcomed 12 new staff members to its ranks for the start of the 2019-20 year.

To become acclimated with the district and its mission, new staff attended a two-day orientation in late August. Members of the district’s administrative team were on hand to greet the new teachers and welcome them as Hannibal Warriors.

“The first day provided them with a rundown of what we do as a district: our vision, our mission, board of education goals and initiatives,” said Assistant Superintendent Dee Froio. “We also paired the new staff members up with veteran teachers who will serve as their mentors throughout the year.”

In addition to meeting their mentors, new staff also had an opportunity to ask questions to a panel of veteran teachers, where they gained insight into day-to-day procedures. They also explored best practices and toured each building to gain a better understanding of the district as a whole.

“The most important part of orientation is that the new staff members realize that our mission and all of our decision-making is designed to put students first,” Froio said. “That is at the forefront of everything we do as educators.”



*New staff members in the Hannibal Central School District are eager to start the school year. In front, from left, are Nellie Owens, Candice Clark, Melissa Ramos, Mary Lou Green and Marissa Bacon. Standing in back, from left, are Michael Stebbins, Breanna Burrows, Haley Georgia, James Schwartz, William Page, Seth Rasmussen and Anthony Tusio.*

## Hannibal Central School District welcomes new administrative intern



*Chrissy Rode, the new administrative intern for the Hannibal Central School District, will tackle several duties throughout the year.*

In the Hannibal Central School District, a new administrative intern has hit the ground running with a variety of initiatives to promote college, career and workforce development.

Chrissy Rode, who holds a resume with diverse experience

in culinary arts, vocational and high school education, said she has been welcomed into the district with open arms. This year, she will serve part time as assistant principal in the middle and elementary schools and part time as the workforce development administrator.

In her capacity as assistant principal, she will help ensure smooth day-to-day operations and handle student referrals, among other duties. During the other portion of her day, Rode will be implementing various college, career, and workforce development initiatives throughout the district.

“My goal is to help students pick out a career pathway that might be of interest to them and help get them started in researching the career,” Rode said.

She is planning several visits to colleges and businesses to provide an opportunity for students to explore their options. Upcoming events include a visit to SUNY ESF, Construction Days at the Fairgrounds and Manufacturing Day at CiTi BOCES.

“I’m working to really cater to all audiences: college bound, career pathway bound and also those who are interested in going directly into the workforce,” Rode said. “I want to make sure they have the employability skills to be successful to find a really good job.”

Although the workforce development efforts are just beginning, Rode sees the potential impact of the initiative. Ultimately, she envisions a career resource center where students can develop their skills and have access to tools needed to be successful. She stressed the importance of giving students the skills and confidence to pursue their passion.

“The big goal is to make sure that every student is supported in dreaming big and beyond what they think that they might be capable of,” Rode said. “We are putting the supports in place to make that happen.”





## Students utilize distance learning for college credit

Hannibal High School's distance learning courses are offering students an alternative learning environment with the added perk of receiving college credit.

Karen Upcraft, high school distance learning coordinator, said several interactive video conferencing (IVC) and online classes the district has offered in collaboration with both Onondaga and Cayuga community colleges, have enabled HHS students to familiarize themselves with class enrollment, schedules, college textbooks, time management and other key factors in becoming a successful college student.

course work while simultaneously earning three or four college credits per course. All classes are offered at no charge to HHS students, which helps decrease the financial burden of higher education.

The IVC and online courses follow both the CCC and OCC semesters and are arranged such that spring courses are a continuation of their fall counterparts. Sixteen IVC classes, such as American sign language and biology, are offered during the school year. Psychology, sociology, business communication and human communication are some of the online courses also offered. In total, there are 27 college course offerings at HHS.



*Hannibal High School students learn about the different chambers of the heart during a recent distance learning class.*

"I feel that it is important for a student to be able to try something to see if they want or are able to do it," she said. "(Distance learning) enables this; it's an important learning tool."

Students who participate in those opportunities earn high school credit for

Upcraft said the district prides itself on the diversity of courses offered and the flexibility of the program because it can "meet the individual student's interests and needs." The interactive experience has also afforded HHS students the opportunity to participate in discussions with other students who take the class outside of the district.

Students also communicate any issues with the associated professor.

The successes of the HHS distance learning program have been remarkable, Upcraft said, as several HHS students who were enrolled in American sign language courses, for example, became interpreters.



*Updates to the Fairley Elementary School Library transformed the learning space during the summer months.*

## Fairley library receives makeover

Roof, boiler and athletic field renovations were not the only upgrades to take place in the Hannibal Central School District during the summer.

The Fairley Elementary School Library received a makeover in July and August, and students were delighted to return to the facility in September. Students noticed updated seating in the instructional area, along with a fresh coat of paint on the walls and new carpeting. New bookshelves and fixtures, plus upgrades to the computer lab, tied everything together to create an ideal learning space.

Library media specialist Marie Smith said the changes have completely transformed the library and created a welcoming instructional environment for all students.

## Warrior Wardrobe





Harper Prall and her mother, Kim Hosmer, are all smiles during a recent ice cream social for Fairley kindergarten students.



Hannibal High School freshman Jacob Remillard and his mom, Renee Dawalga, were two of the many attendees during the school's recent orientation.



Fairley art teacher Chelsea Allen welcomes students Isabelle Webster and Elizabeth Webster during meet-the-teacher day.



DMK fifth-graders navigate through the building during orientation held in late August.

## Electives at Hannibal High School offer diverse options

In addition to a full slate of core classes, Hannibal High School students have an opportunity to explore more than 40 elective courses this year.

The diverse offerings cover every subject area, from music and art to social studies and technology. Students can enroll in unique courses such as "Active Physics: Driving and Sports" as a science unit or "Drones in Today's Society" for math credit.

According to high school counselor Brooke Finland, the range of courses provides ample opportunities for students to earn their required credits.

"Students need 3.5 electives to graduate, but the vast majority graduate with much more than that," she said.

Music teacher Denise Ellis noted her students have capitalized on the chance to participate in elective courses. The classes, she said, help students develop music knowledge and soft skills while tapping into an array of interests.

"They appreciate an environment that exposes them to different experiences, exploring different cultures, customs and traditions through art, music, literature, sport, food, etc.," Ellis said. "They also said that their likes and interests span a wide range, and they would like to be able to explore as much as possible."

Students are not the only ones who are thrilled by the many opportunities available. Social studies teacher Patrick Earley said he is pleased to offer new electives this year, such as "American History Through Art, Literature and Music" and "History Through Film."

"It's exciting to be able to offer courses where we can really dive in and focus on a more condensed time period or niche in history," Earley said. "There are so many topics that students show interest in ... these courses give them a chance to explore some aspects of history that do not fall within the traditional confines of our curriculum."

For more information about elective courses available at the high school, please contact the Guidance Department at 315-564-8130, ext. 4.

## HCSD welcomes students during orientation events

Students across the Hannibal Central School District were well prepared to begin the new year after attending recent orientation sessions and meet-the-teacher activities.

At the elementary level, the district's youngest Warriors were welcomed during an ice cream social and became acclimated to the school at orientation in late August. Fairley students also had a chance to check out their classroom and meet their teacher the day before school started.

"It's wonderful to see all these smiling faces return to Fairley," said Principal Amy Bird as she greeted students. "It's a great day to be a Warrior!"

The excitement exhibited at Fairley carried over to the middle and high schools during their respective orientation sessions for incoming students. Fifth-graders and freshmen students each had opportunities to tour their new building, review schedules and test locker combinations. At DMK, families enjoyed a school-wide barbecue during the last week of summer.

"We are looking forward to a great year," DMK Principal Shawn Morgan said.



# HOMECOMING







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## UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Oct. 9:</b>	BOE Meeting, 6 p.m., Fairley Library
<b>Oct. 14:</b>	Columbus Day, No School
<b>Oct. 17-18:</b>	Fairley School Pictures
<b>Oct. 23:</b>	Storybook Pumpkin Decorating, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Fairley Elementary
<b>Oct. 25:</b>	Hannibal Community Halloween Party, 6 p.m., HS
<b>Oct. 29:</b>	DMK Picture Retakes HS Picture Retakes/Club Pictures
<b>Oct. 31:</b>	End of 1st Marking Period Halloween Parade, 2:15 p.m., FES
<b>Nov. 1:</b>	Staff Development Day, No School
<b>Nov. 1-2:</b>	5/6th Grade All- County Band/Chorus 8/9th Grade All-State Band/Chorus
<b>Nov. 4:</b>	HS/MS Bus Safety Drill (Rain Date is Nov. 6)
<b>Nov. 5:</b>	Home & School Mtg., 6:30 p.m., FES Room 30 Fairley Bus Safety Drill
<b>Nov. 8:</b>	Report Cards Mailed Home
<b>Nov. 11:</b>	Veterans' Day, No School
<b>Nov. 12:</b>	NHS Induction Ceremony, 6 p.m., HS Auditorium Varsity Wrestling Starts
<b>Nov. 13:</b>	BOE Meeting, 6 p.m., DMK Library
<b>Nov. 14 &amp; 15:</b>	DMK & FES Parent Conferences, early dismissal

## A Message from the Superintendent

*Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year!*

Over the summer, our school buildings and grounds were bustling with construction activity as part of the voter-approved capital project. Roofs and boilers were replaced, energy-efficiency upgrades were completed and additional sitework was conducted. Some of the most visible work was to our athletic fields and track. New drainage, dugouts and backstops are in the process of being installed on the baseball and softball fields, while our track was completely resurfaced and two lanes were added.

In addition to the progress mentioned above, work recently began on the site for the new transportation center. Trees were cleared and construction is moving forward, with an anticipated completion date of fall 2020.

While we are thrilled by the progress of the capital project, we are even more excited about having our students back in school and ready to learn every day! High school and middle school students have been eager to take on new course offerings. A full slate of elective and distance learning opportunities are generating interest among our high school students, while seventh- and eighth-graders are tackling new career exploration and personal finance classes, respectively.

Although we are just a month into the new year, we have plenty to celebrate already! The open houses at each building were indicative of the incredible support our students receive from their families, the community and our staff. We are grateful for the support you provide our children, and we're looking forward to celebrating their triumphs with you throughout the school year!

*Sincerely,*

**Christopher A. Staats**