



HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TROJAN MESSENGER

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Homer Celebrates Two Hundred Years of Education at Historical Unveiling



Art Teachers Present Workshop at NYSATA Conference

Homer Junior High School Art teachers Lauren Nels and Brookley Spanbauer presented their workshop *Stick To The Point With Tape Murals* at the New York State Art Teachers Association Conference in Binghamton, New York recently.

The theme of the conference was *Media, Mind, and Method: Embracing Change*. The teachers' workshop was selected to showcase the exciting innovation in art as educators move toward the future.

"We had a whole list of teachers give us their contact information for us to send our presentation to," Nels said. "It was really fun to see the excitement from the teachers who attended and we look forward to seeing the beautiful art they create for their communities."

Completed murals from Nels and Spanbauer's classes are currently on display in the hallways of the Junior High School.

#HOMERPRIDE

The Homer Central School District honored its 200th year of state-approved education by unveiling a historical sign recently in a ceremony at Homer Elementary School.

The historical sign serves as a tribute to the educators, students and families that have kept the Homer Central School District prosperous over the past two hundred years.

The sign is a product of collaboration from the community. The William G. Pomeroy Foundation provided grant money to help fund the project and the Village of Homer installed the sign on the village green where it will be a permanent fixture for all to see. In order to do so, permission had to be granted by the First Religious Society of the Town of Homer who own the land where the sign sits.

"At an event like this we get to celebrate the history of education," Homer Superintendent Thomas Turck said during a speech at the unveiling. "But just as importantly, it gives us an opportunity to rejoice in the present as well as the unlimited possibilities for the future of education here at Homer."

Students in the second grade at Homer Elementary attended the ceremony and created artwork to depict what they think school was like for students two hundred years ago. The students proudly displayed their artwork for bystanders to enjoy following the unveiling of the historical sign.

"It was great to see the second graders participating in this event," Village of Homer Historian Martin Sweeney said. "This is what it's all about. It's for the children."

At the ceremony's conclusion, the school bell from the Academy of 1893 rang loud and proud in celebration of the rich tradition of education at Homer.





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Energy Performance Project

The Homer Central School District is undertaking an Energy Performance Project (EPP) to reduce our energy consumption throughout the district. This project is self-funding through the energy savings it creates, project related utility incentives as well as state aid reimbursement through the New York State Education Department.



- No tax impact on district taxpayers



- Enhanced learning environment for students
- New lighting and temperature controls district-wide



- Reduced carbon footprint
- Over 800 metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions reduced annually

VOTE!

WHEN:

Tuesday, February 4th
12:00 pm - 7:00 pm

WHERE:

Training & Education
Center at the Homer
Central School District
(HTEC)

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By seeking a community vote, Homer Schools has the opportunity to qualify for an additional 10% in State Aid through the New York State Education Department! A public vote will take place on Tuesday, February 4th from 12:00 pm - 7:00 pm at the Training and Education Center at the Homer Central School District (HTEC).

Homer Student-Athletes Sign Letters of Intent

Homer student-athletes Tasie, Dylan and Mattie recently signed letters of intent to play lacrosse at the collegiate level.

Mattie will be playing lacrosse at Cumberland University, Dylan will be playing lacrosse at Binghamton University and Tasie will be playing lacrosse at the University of the Cumberlands.

All three student-athletes received full scholarships for their talent.

"Mattie, Dylan and Tasie have put in the work and effort needed to be successful at the next level," Homer Athletic Director Todd Lisi said. "We couldn't be more proud and excited to watch them continue their academic and athletic careers at the collegiate level."



Engineering Students Redesigning Dugout for Baseball Team

Homer students are applying their engineering skills to improve facilities at Homer High School.

Students are redesigning the baseball team's dugout to make the space more efficient for the players. The students are creating 3D renderings of their dugout concepts as part of a three phase project that will directly implement their ideas in to a finished product.

"I think it's really cool that we have the opportunity to do something like this," engineering student Mattie R said. "Knowing that generations forward our kids could be using something we made is awesome."

Homer Musicians Participate in All-State Festival

The following Homer music students participated in the Junior High Area All-State Festival recently. Students were selected from schools across Upstate New York based on their NYSSMA solo scores earned last spring.

BAND

Hannah B.
Nik K.
Aaron L.
Mackenzie L.
Morgan R.
Nina S.

TREBLE CHOIR

Leah B.
Adia H.
Grace J.
Lily R.
Alyssa S.
Abby W.

MIXED CHOIR

Lavina C.
Stuart C.
Chris S.

Homer to Review Master Scheduling

Homer Schools will undergo a master scheduling review with scheduling consultant Elliot Merenbloom next week.

Merenbloom has worked with school districts across the country making recommendations to create more efficient scheduling for faculty and students.

The district plans to have new master schedules for the Elementary and Intermediate Schools. The district will also receive recommendations on schedule structures for the Junior and Senior High Schools whose master schedules are dictated by course selection.

There will be a public input session with Elliot Merenbloom on Tuesday, January 7th at 6:30 pm in the High School Auditorium.

Homer Students Inducted in to National Technical Honor Society

Congratulations to our students who were inducted in to the National Technical Honor Society recently!

AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION

Bryan H.
Tyler P.

AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Hunter A.
Vincent S.

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Dominick H.
Jackson M.

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

Dawson C.
Ethan K.

CULINARY ARTS

Angel B.
Princess Jeshenia S.

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Mya G.
Jerze J.

GRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS

Arielle B.

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Hannah W.

NEW VISION ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Jack F.

NEW VISION MEDICAL PROFESSIONS

Brooke A.
Caitlin B.
Olivia C.
Kaia H.

PHYSICAL THERAPY & REHABILITATIVE PROFESSIONS

Mallory B.
Faith H.
Grace J.
Nate J.
Allyson N.

WELDING TECHNOLOGY

Woody B.
Taylor N.
Hunter W.



Homer Launches Strategic Planning Committees

A school district is only as great as the community supporting it!

Homer Central Schools in conjunction with the Homer community have begun work with **three strategic planning committees**:

Social Emotional Task Force

*Facilitators: Doug Pasquerella, HS Vice Principal
Chris Moore, Director of Special Education*

The **Social Emotional Health Task Force** assesses current needs, analyzes and investigates current procedures and identifies protocols and curriculums to meet the social emotional health needs of the school community.

Community Engagement Task Force

*Facilitators: Josh Finn, Director of Technology
Tom Turck, Superintendent of Schools*

The charge of the **Community Engagement Task Force** is to analyze and investigate how the district currently communicates with all members of the school community and approaches used to engage community members resulting in increased, meaningful community engagement in all aspects of the district.

Student Engagement Task Force

Facilitator: Theodore Love, Director of Instruction

The Student Engagement Task Force reviews and investigates how the district engages students in the classroom and school community to ensure all learners are meaningfully engaged in classroom learning, have opportunities to participate in out of school activities and are involved in making decisions about student life.

Stay up to date on the latest committee meetings on our homepage at HomerCentral.org!