

High School Blue Pride Activities for October- 2015

National Merit Scholarship Commended Student

We have been advised by the National Merit Scholarship Program that Jordan Laundry has been awarded a letter of commendation in the 2016 program. Jordan is one of 34,000 commended students throughout the nation that are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise, representing the top 5 percent of the more than 1.5million students who entered the 2016 competition.

High School Student Club Activities for October - 2015

- Homecoming Parade – Friday, October 2nd
- Spirit Week – September 28th – October 2nd (Student Government worked hard and successfully promoting school spirit during the 2015 Spirit Week, events which included spirit themed dress days, as well as a pep rally and parade).
- Pep Rally – Thursday, October 1st
- SADD Game Night - Friday, October 9th (SADD held a successful Game Night October 9th with a Movie Night planned for October 23rd. Admission covers the cost for the night.)

Jump Start 10 Conference

Nearly all Homer High School 10th grade students participated in the Cortland Area Communities That Care Jump Start 10 Conference on Tuesday, October 20th. The goal of the conference was to assist students to think about and discover career and educational paths that best fit them and make health choices. Tenth grade teachers attended with students.

TC3 College Day

Over 80 Eleventh grade students attended TC3's College Fair on Tuesday, October 20th to gain information from various colleges present.

Homer High School participates in Go College NY College Application Week

Homer High School is one of over 420 High Schools and Community Organizations in New York State participating in College Application Week. Students and staff will participate in activities discussing and promoting applications to college seniors and families who are in the college application process will receive reminders to assist them as they continue applying.

Future Business Leaders of America Raises Funds and Awareness

The newly formed high school future business leaders of America (fbla) has worked throughout the month of October to raise funds and awareness on Breast cancer. This culminated in a wear pink day on October 20.

A Midsummer Nights Dream

A Midsummer Night's Dream continues to rehearse and prepare for it's public presentation on November 20&21. This work has all occurred at the Mc Evoy auditorium this fall. We appreciate the hospitality that BOCES has offered us.

Eagle Scout Projects:

Factory Brook Nature Area

This summer, Boy Scout and Homer High School student Neil Malakar, completed his Eagle Scout project at the Factory Brook nature area behind the Junior High. Neil's project was to build a bridge to connect two trails over a seasonal stream. The bridge had to be large enough to carry a substantial piece of equipment, which was no small task. With the help of his fellow scouts and leaders from Troop 79 as well as family members and friends, Neil constructed a fabulous new bridge that will enable our grounds staff to maintain the area. Neil had guidance from Mr. Barry and was helped with financial assistance from the Homer Education Foundation and the Junior High student council. Check out the pictures of his project from start to finish. Thank you, Neil, for a job well done! Click more for slide show - See more at:

<http://www.homercentral.org/districtpage.cfm?pageid=769#sthash.GE6N53Du.dpuf>

Preserving Local History

Chris DeLage, Homer High Sophomore, is completing the last hurdle toward earning his Eagle Scout Badge after repainting 30 of the 59 historical markers along Cortland County Roads. Chris worked with Cortland County Historian, Jeremy Boyland and his fellow scouts to preserve the historical landmarks. Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank in the Boy Scouts of America. To become an Eagle, a Scout must plan, develop and lead a service project that demonstrates both leadership skills and a commitment to duty. This specific project is called the Eagle Project. DeLage has been preparing for this project for two years, but the physical work was just completed this last summer.

**Homer Junior High
Blue Pride Spotlight Items
10/27/15 Board of Education meeting**

Region 3 Art Educator of the Year

Lauren Flood has been named as the Region 3 Art Educator of the Year by the New York State Art Teachers Association! Lauren was nominated for her outstanding service to students as well as her willingness to share her knowledge at state and regional conferences. Additionally, Lauren has been chosen to present a workshop at the upcoming NYSATA Conference ART EQUALS to be held in Rochester in late November. Congratulations to Lauren for her leadership in instilling a love of arts in our Homer students and for supporting the learning of art educators across the state.

Student Council News

Betsy Gray is serving as the advisor of the 2015-16 Student Council. The focus of this year's Student Council is to provide meaningful opportunities for student members to assume more responsibility for the operation of the school. This year's officers are: President- Andrew Fagerheim; Vice President- Marlena Kruman; Secretary- Madelyn Cotterill and Treasurer- Emma Anderson.

November 3rd Conference Day

Thirty-three members of the Junior High faculty will be attending a conference entitled: Grading & Reporting Student Learning with Thomas Guskey & Lee Ann Jung at the SRC Arena on the OCC campus on November 3rd. It will be a full day conference from 8:30 until 3:30. Guskey and Jung are nationally recognized as experts on this topic and will share insights that will help us to continue our discussions on standards based grading and how best to communicate student learning to parents. Those attending will be sharing information with the entire Junior High staff at upcoming faculty and team meetings.

Homer Intermediate School
Blue Pride Spotlights
October 27, 2015



1. Aaron Lener was recognized on October 22, 2015 in Albany for his research on Francis Carpenter by the NYS Archives. He was accompanied by his parents and grade 4 teacher, Mrs. Leach, to receive his FIRST place recognition. We hope to have Aaron visit the BOE to talk more about his exciting research project.
2. Students from Homer Intermediate School celebrated Character Education week by creating posters to showcase each word of the month that is celebrated at our school. Each class was assigned a word that the students practice throughout the year, then designed a poster that represents the meaning of the word and how they feel students can show the meaning of the word in action, not only at school, but also in our community. The posters were then hung in businesses around town in Homer, so the community can be given a chance to see the Intermediate School hard at work on creating a successful environment.
3. The Green Team has been back in action training ambassadors as well as 3rd graders about our composting and recycling program at the HIS. Thank you to Mr. Kirkwyland for leading our team.
4. Ms. Priscilla is back at the Intermediate School with grade 5 book clubs. Twenty-eight students will be meeting each week at lunch to discuss the book of the month. Students help to choose the books for their club. Author Shane Peacock will be visiting in November, thanks to Ms. Priscilla, so the students will be reading Mr. Peacock's work to prepare for his visit.
5. Thanks to the SCA for again encouraging student literacy with free books from Scholastic. The SCA gave each student in grades 4-6 the opportunity to pick a book from the book fair as a reward for summer reading.



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Elementary School



On Friday October 2, 2015 the Homer Trojan Varsity Football Team joined our Elementary School to celebrate our monthly character development theme and Student Citizen's of the Month. Coach P and his team helped introduce our theme of "Responsibility" by talking to our students about being responsible at school, at home, and in the community. As always Coach P. spoke passionately to our students about making good choices and led the students in the Homer Football cheer!

During this assembly the football team also took the time to have their picture taken with our Student Citizen of the Month award recipients (picture above for grade 1). 22 students in grades K-2 were recognized for being good friends to all and being a good citizen to our school. This year, students who earn the award get their picture taken in the principal's chair and that picture remains in our lobby showcase for the month. The pictures then get sent home to be prize moments that can be hung on the refrigerator!