The Hampton community and HHS Band come together to pay tribute to local veterans.
Welcome!

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A Tribute Honoring Veterans and Families

by Mary-Theresa Watson

While countless Americans looked hopefully to May 31st as the unofficial start to a post-pandemic summer, the day meant something far more significant to the large crowd gathered that morning outside Hampton Community Center: the township’s annual Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, hosted by American Legion Post 296, was back. Because last year’s ceremony was held privately due to the pandemic, this year’s in-person event felt extra special to the crowd gathered to honor local veterans.

Local attorney and U.S. Marine Corps veteran Hal English coordinated the event for the 16th year running, and once again he managed to order up a picture-perfect morning for the occasion. Hal welcomed visitors and guests, speaking with reverence as he honored Hampton veterans, both living and deceased. He also announced a new initiative that will add a Gulf War Veterans plaque to the Veterans Memorial Court, honoring all Hampton residents who have served from September 2, 1990, to the present.

Nearly 40 Hampton High School marching band members took part in the ceremony, playing patriotic music under the direction of band director Chad Himmler. Due to the impact of Covid-19 and the extended school closures last year, band members were unable to participate in the private ceremony in 2020. Not surprisingly, then, this year’s group of volunteers were thrilled to return, happy to give a few hours of their day to honor those who have given so much.

“Members of the marching band have been playing for this ceremony for at least the last 30 years,” Chad proudly explains. “It is a volunteer group of band members, and most years we have around 40 students who sign up to play.”

In a particularly moving moment during the service, the hushed crowd listened to a (Continued on page 6)
haunting rendition of “Taps,” beautifully played by students Zach Harrington and Cassie Seipp. Zach stood and aimed his trumpet toward the memorial to offer his soulful verse first, followed by Cassie who played facing the empty fields and across the open grass, her mournful notes distantly echoing across the grounds.

Adding to the solemnity of the occasion was Hampton Township Council board member, Bethany Blackburn, who read The Gettysburg Address. Bethany noted that her great-great-great-grandfather, Mahlon Wattles, fought at Gettysburg in 1863 and survived the Civil War. His name is engraved on the Pennsylvania monument that stands at the battlefield to honor all who fought there. The ceremony closed with a benediction offered by Reverend Ted Martin of Hampton Presbyterian Church, followed by the solemn Retirement of Colors. All in attendance were reminded of the history behind Memorial Day, and as the crowd quietly departed, respect and gratitude hung in the air as a salute to those who paved the way for the freedoms we enjoy today.

Veterans

Perhaps the senior-most dignitary in attendance at the ceremony, Steve Bukovac is a decorated WWII Army veteran who was just 18 years old when he enlisted. In reflecting on his time in combat, Steve vividly recalls his experience in the Ardennes Counteroffensive, also known as the Battle of the Bulge. He describes riding in tanks along the Rhine River and approaching the Elk River where Germans were fleeing. He also remembers being so cold that he thought his hands and feet were going to fall off, but he calls himself one of the lucky ones because, unlike most, he did not lose limbs to gangrene.

When Steve returned home at age 20, he was not greeted by parades or grand celebrations; he has lived a relatively simple life, eventually becoming a driver for a local trucking company. There, he met Barbara, the young woman who would become his wife; Steve and Barbara recently celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary.

Also in attendance at the ceremony were Ed Giger, Korea; Harry LeFaver, Vietnam; Ted Hazlett, Korea; Heather Culley, mother of U.S. Navy sailor and Hampton graduate, Evan Cully, currently serving in Japan; Heather Koren, mother of U.S. Army soldier and Hampton graduate, Evan Koren, currently stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, awaiting deployment; and Barbara Holt, wife of Howard Holt, U.S. Navy, deceased. Barbara was not alone, however, as she proudly pointed out her grandson, Jacob Holt (HHS Class of 2021), who was one of the trumpet players in the band. Also on hand to address the crowd was former Hampton student, Sarah Rushmore, who recently graduated from the University of Pittsburgh as a member of the PA Army National Guard. Last May, Sarah was commissioned as a light infantry Army Officer, a position opened to women just five years ago. Sarah will spend the next five months at Fort Benning, Georgia, where she will complete the Infantry Basic Officer Leader course.
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Performing arts organizations were among the countless groups struggling to find balance while Covid-19 wreaked havoc worldwide. As hope blossoms for a return to “normal,” this fall, performers are joyfully stepping back onto their stages, eager to pick up where they left off in March of 2020.

For the Hampton band program, the pandemic presented challenges few ever expected to face. To ensure the safety of everyone involved, band classes and performances were modified, resulting in a far-from-normal band experience.

Hampton High School Band Director Chad Himmler explains, “A typical band class was divided in half for scheduling purposes, and then halved again due to hybrid learning. The students were positioned ten feet apart, and they wore performance masks and bell covers...The kids were great, though!” he proclaims. “They never complained, they followed instructions well, and they expressed gratitude for being able to do what we did.”

Outside of the classroom, the Fall 2020 marching band faced challenges as well, and the solutions required ingenuity. When outdoor gathering restrictions were set at 50, that number applied to the entire high school campus. Of course, artists are known for their creativity, so the band directors and members used imagination to find a way to make music together: the dance team and color guard practiced at the ball field behind Central Elementary, the percussion players rehearsed at the Hampton Middle School parking lot, and the directors held three separate rehearsals for brass and woodwinds on the field in front of the high school. While this impressive display of dedication gave the students a semblance of a normal band season, restrictions made it necessary to postpone the previously planned band show to the 2021 season. By mid-September of 2020, the group was permitted to rehearse together, so they learned ten sets of drill and played three songs by the band, Queen.

“To guarantee all parents could see their kids,” Chad shares, “we performed five times in one night in early October. Each audience group could not exceed 75 people, but even with all of the challenges,” he says proudly, “the students participated with a positive attitude.”

In December, the students performed a virtual concert for friends and family. While they were happy to perform in any way possible, the students were visibly excited when in-person concerts resumed in March, happily grabbing at every bit of “normal” they could.

As Chad explains, “We were able to perform in the HHS auxiliary gym in March and May with a limited audience. It was so emotional to hear a full band—it had been almost a year since we’d experienced something similar.”

Exuding pride in his students, Chad proclaims, “Whether it was marching band or concert band, I never heard a single band student utter a complaint. I know the loss of the season was very hard for them, but when on site and engaged in the activity, the students were pleasant, on-task, mature, and grateful for being able to do ‘something’ versus ‘nothing.’ I was blown away by their ‘glass-is-half-full’ mindset this year.”

2021 HHS Band Show Honors All Who Serve

After participating in the township’s annual Memorial Day ceremony last May, the band’s tribute to veterans and their families will continue as the group begins work on the 2021 band show, Thank You. Originally intended for the 2020 marching season, Thank You was temporarily shelved due to the pandemic. With the prospect of a closer-to-normal marching band season on the horizon, however, students and staff alike are excited to finally have the chance to present this poignant show.

According to HHS Band Director Chad Himmler, “The show’s purpose is to remember, honor, and pay tribute to veterans and their families. We hope veterans will feel remembered and valued throughout this season, and I also hope the students’ awareness and appreciation for veterans and their families will grow.”

The show will be presented through a series of themes:
* Ceremonial Introduction, featuring a trumpet solo on original music inspired by “Taps”
* Basic Training, featuring “American Salute (When Johnny Comes Marching Home)”
* Loss and Camaraderie, featuring “Goodnight Saigon” by Billy Joel
* Tribute, featuring a new arrangement of songs of the Armed Forces
* Finale, featuring “American Soldier” by Toby Keith

“Several special moments are designed into the show,” Chad continues, “including some things we’ve never done before. We will be looking for ways to connect with veterans throughout the season to help bridge the civilian-military divide.” The musical tribute will be presented during halftime of Friday night football games this fall. While capacity limits are subject to change, the hope is for a return to full capacity so spectators can once again gather to support their favorite Talbots, whether they’re carrying a football or a flute.
Hampton in the Civil War,
The 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry
Captain Andrew Watson, Jr.
by Jeane Hoover Stetson

When the Civil War erupted in 1861, Pennsylvania answered the call for volunteers to quell the rebellion. On September 1, 1862, a 21-year-old sergeant named Andrew Watson, Jr. from Allegheny County left for war with the 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry (PVI), a regiment made up of men from Western Pennsylvania. A number of the men came from the North Hills and many of the names of the 139th PVI are familiar in the history of Hampton Township: Private John Black, Private George Ewalt, Sergeant Mathew Harbison, Private Richard Morrow, Private William Phillips, and Corporal Silas Sample survived the war while Private Joseph Dawson and 2nd Lt James Harbison died. 1st Sergeant William Dunlap, Sergeant John Wallace, Corporal Robert Anderson, Private Noble Allen, Private Joseph Grubbs, Private Samuel Lee, Private Robert McElwain, 1st Lt John Hieber and Hospital Steward John Hieber were also in the regiment.

The 139th PVI, part of the VI Corps, Army of the Potomac, was engaged in almost every major battle of the war. Watson rose up to the rank of Captain; he was severely wounded at Cold Harbor in 1864 and was initially left for dead on the battlefield. By the war’s end, 236 men of the 139th PVI had died, nearly 20% of the regiment.

Watson returned home to marry Frances Frethy and they lived for years in the Talley Cavey area of Hampton Township. When Andrew died in 1895 he was buried nearby in the Depreciation Lands Cemetery.

The Grand Army of the Republic Ladies Circle, Post #180 of Allison Park was named for “Captain Andrew Watson” and in 1947, the Ladies Circle commissioned a stone to commemorate local Civil War veterans.

A new book on the regimental history, “At the Center of the Storm, the 139th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry in the Civil War” will be published in autumn of 2021. Written by Arthur B. Fox and John B. Haltigan, the book includes many anecdotes about the men from the Hampton area.
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LAST DAY OF SEASON—October 31, 1-4 pm. Admission charged.
Hampton Alumnus Conveys Message of Hope

by Brooke Fuller, Intern

Dystonia, a movement disorder that causes involuntary muscle contractions in repetition, has no cure but treatment can help.

Hampton Class of 2000 graduate Ed Cwalinski has been paving the way for those suffering from the disorder after undergoing an experimental surgery 21 years ago. On March 31, 2000, Cwalinski underwent 10 hours of a life changing operation called Deep Brain Stimulation.

Following the surgery, Cwalinski was able to walk for the first time in two years, and proudly strode onstage at his graduation to accept his diploma. Within the next two years, he graduated from ITT Technical Institute with highest honors and an associates degree in Information Technology.

Cwalinski has been employed with the Allegheny County Bar Association since 2003, and feels that the surgery gave him his life back. That’s way today, he gives to those facing the disorder through fundraisers, public speaking, and interviews. Cwalinski uses social media as a platform to get his story to the public. He has been a guest on 20/20, Good Morning America, and TLC’s Amazing Medical Stories. It has been his goal to help others who are suffering. He does that as the co-leader of The Western PA Dystonia Support Group and as a member on the editorial board of the DMRF. He also serves on the National Zoo Walk Planning Company.

“Never give up,” Cwalinski said. “No one ever gave up on me and if you are fortunate enough, pay it forward.” This year, Hampton High School recognized Ed Cwalinski at the commencement ceremony as the distinguished alumni.

For more information please visit: www.dystonia-foundation.org.

To donate to the Virtual Zoo Walk visit: https://letszoothis.swell.gives/.

Kevin Green presented Ed Cwalinski with the Distinguished Alumni Award
The Hampton School Board recognized HAEE (Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence) Scholarship winners for 2021. Mrs. Midgley congratulated Austin Garrett for winning the Anna Kuhn Scholarship in the amount of $1,500. She also recognized Lindsey Schwarzbach and Richie Donoto for receiving the HAEE All Around Effort in Excellence Scholarship for $1,000 each.

2021 Scholarship Winners left to right
Lindsey Schwarzbach
Austin Garrett
Richie Donoto

29th Annual HAEE 5K Race/Walk, Saturday, October 9th, Hartwood Acres
Register: www.hamptonalliance.org
Girl Scout Camp  
2021 Theme: Ecology

Hampton Community Park was filled with scouts on June 16-18. Scouts of all ages, along with the help of the volunteers and leaders, worked tirelessly planting flowers which were donated by the community members and scouts.

The beautiful variety of perennials can be found around Hampton Community Park near the soccer concession stand, baseball flagpole, and in the valley across from the swimming pool. If you find yourself passing through, feel free to stop to water, weed or simply smell the flowers!

Girl scout camp director Liz Perrone on left and scout leader Lisa Towers.

After 7 years as camp director, Perrone hands over the torch to Ruth Cramer. 2022 will mark the 25th anniversary of the Hampton Girl Scout Day Camp.
Back in business! With state and county restrictions being lifted, the Hampton Community Library was very pleased to offer an array of programming for its patrons this summer. The response has been amazing! Over 500 children and adults registered for our in-person summer reading program Tales and Tails! Young children have been “Wagging their Tails” with Miss Suzy on Tuesday mornings and stretching their minds with stories with Miss Annie on Thursday mornings. Wednesdays have been “knighted” as the best day to come to the library and play chess, thanks to our volunteers! Children ages 5 – 12 are learning how to play chess or mastering their skills. The DCS Playcamp kids were excited to be back in the library looking for books and playing games with Miss Annie and the PlayCamp Staff. Books were being discussed, debated and recommended at our Mystery and Betty’s Book Buzz Discussion Groups. Friendships are being renewed and our love of food keeps growing stronger as the Cooks-N-Books group shares recipes and tales from their kitchens! We are excited for the fall and look forward to making new friends and sharing summer tales with old ones!
When Beautiful Minds Compete

A virtual reality app that features a mouth tracker for enhanced technical integration. An aerial drone photography business that will revolutionize commercial industries. Multi-faceted online marketing integration for small businesses. And a hands-on science lab to get young girls excited about all kinds of experiments. They sound like the next proposals for the popular Shark Tank television series. In reality, they were all the proposals of Hampton High School entrepreneurs who pitched their ideas in the “Talbot Tank,” a competition sponsored by My 4-Year Plan College Planning and the Hampton Magazine.

In the end, it was Megan Baker’s “Science with Megan” that took home the winning prize, which included a check for $500 from My 4-Year Plan’s Cathy Lueers and a morning of free professional business coaching from a marketing vice president. All contestants also received a Visa gift card provided by the panel of judges from Hampton that included Liberty Weyandt, Meredith Gannon, and Matt Scoletti.

“Science with Megan” is unique because she specializes in a wide variety of scientific implementation from construction. At the end of the session, the girls take home a packet of the experiments that are done together that includes materials, the steps of the experiment, and what was happening in the experiment. The goal of her service is to reach young girls in science to get them excited about the world of STEM.

Megan describes, “It’s not just robotics, not just chemistry, not just engineering, but we explore all areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.”

Owen Barger’s Facebook/online marketing company seeks to capitalize on the huge shift to businesses integrating online marketing, but his focus specifically targets small businesses and he is excited to start this summer with businesses in Hampton.

VR Face tracking with Anthony DiMaria recognizes there are currently 16.4 million VR headsets in use, and it’s forecasted that 6.1 million more will be sold in 2021. People want more immersion, and face tracking is a good way to increase immersion in popular social VR platforms, like VR chat.

With Gary Farrell’s Bird’s Eye View Aerial Photography, which has already “taken off” with family and friends, the main customers of his product and service would be home owners and real estate agents, and he plans to expand to churches, roofing companies, and home inspections as well.

Megan Baker develops hands-on projects for her Science with Megan participants.
Talbot Athletic Fall Ticketing

Fridley Stadium once again will be welcoming spectators for the Fall 2021 Athletic Season! The Hampton Athletic Department is using electronic ticketing for all fall athletic events. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time online at https://hamptonathletics.org. All football tickets purchased at the gate are $7.00 and payable via credit/debit card. *No discounts at the gate.*

Please visit https://hamptonathletics.org to advance purchase your adult and discounted student tickets. Football tickets are $7.00 for adults and $2.00 for students. All other athletic tickets (soccer, volleyball, basketball, swimming, wrestling and lacrosse) are $6.00 for adults and $2.00 for students. Tickets will go on sale 8/20/2021. School employees and Gold Card Members please contact Brigette Gibbons (gibbons@ht-sd.org) for ticketing information.

Fall Athletic Spirit Wear
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Let’s go Talbots!

Hampton Rotary Club awarded the following students a $2,000 scholarship grant:

Emilia "Emmy" Chismer- College of William & Mary
Rhiannon Wagner - Rochester Institute of Technology
Avery Gross- University of Georgia
Adam Rothenberg- University of Delaware
The COVID-19 pandemic affected every aspect of our lives for more than a year. While Pennsylvanians were willing to make the sacrifices necessary to protect their families, neighbors and co-workers, they were not willing to live under the unilateral control of one elected official indefinitely. The COVID-19 disaster emergency declaration had been in place since March 6, 2020, and had been renewed five times. During the Primary Election, the voters were given the opportunity to decide if they wanted to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to change how the state handles emergency declarations. Pennsylvanians voted in favor of change.

The amendments approved on May 18 restored the system of checks and balances envisioned by our forefathers. The first Constitutional amendment empowers the General Assembly, by a majority vote, to end a disaster emergency declaration without approval of the governor. The second Constitutional amendment allows a governor to declare a disaster emergency for up to 21 days. If a governor feels the declaration should be extended, he or she would have to make the case and gain approval of the General Assembly.

Responding to the will of the voters, I joined with the majority of my colleagues to fully terminate the governor’s COVID-19 disaster emergency declaration. The measure was also approved by the Senate and was effective immediately.

The termination brings to a close the governor’s ability to tell private businesses if they may remain open or how many people they can have walk through their doors. It also ends his ability to command people to stay at home.

With the emergency declaration behind us, we are focused on reviewing the hundreds of regulations that have been waived or suspended during the pandemic. We passed legislation to keep those regulatory suspensions in place through no later than Sept. 30, so things like fully reimbursable telehealth appointments and outdoor dining areas for restaurants will remain in effect while we determine what changes should be made permanent.

My district office, located at 4284 William Flinn Hwy., Suite 105, Allison Park, continues to provide constituent services by phone, online and in-person. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. We may be reached by visiting RepMizgorski.com, or calling 412-487-6605.
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- Classes do fill quickly and registration is on a first come, first serve basis starting the first day of registration.
- First fee listed is for Hampton Residents / second fee listed is for Non-Residents.
- Fees subject to change without notice.
- We try our best to accommodate everyone; however, please do not ask us to exceed class size limits or to put your child in the wrong age, skill level, or class. Programs are designed according to age levels and instructor to student ratios that will benefit the students.
- Cash refunds are NOT given. However, credits to Department of Community Service online accounts will be issued.
- Registrations for memberships or programs can be done online at www.hampton-pa.org or in person at the Community Center Service Desk or kiosk.
- All participants must create an online account in order to register for programs or memberships online or in person.
- Online transactions must be paid by credit card only. In person transactions can be paid by cash, check, or credit card.
- All credit card transactions online and in person will be subject to a 2.95% convenience fee.
- If a class becomes full, we will not be permitted to accept any additional participants. No exceptions.
- Please note some of our programming that have been advertised in the previous Fall Highlights are not published in the 2021 Hampton Highlights. This does not necessarily mean the program will not be offered. When additional information for programs or events becomes available, the most up to date information will be available on our website at www.hampton-pa.org and in our monthly Hampton Happenings e-newsletter.
COMMUNITY CENTER INFORMATION

COMMUNITY CENTER FALL HOURS OF OPERATION

Dates: September 7th - December 31st
Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Monday & Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

*Hours are subject to change without notice.*

COMMUNITY CENTER FACILITY RULES

All members and guests must enter through the main doors of the Community Center. All members should scan their membership ID card at the Service Desk. All guests must check in at the Service Desk for assistance.

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No smoking inside the building. No loitering inside or outside of the building, and no skateboards or similar items are permitted to be used inside the building. Parking is not permitted around the area located in front of the Community Center, this area is a fire zone.

COMMUNITY CENTER FOOD MARKET

A self-serve, self-pay food market has is located on the lower level of the Hampton Community Center! Patrons can enjoy a vast assortment of beverages; both hot and cold, as well as a great variety of snacks and food items. Enjoy a light healthy snack to wind down after your workout or a fresh espresso to start off your day!

A great option for an after school snack spot for children using the basketball courts or the perfect breakfast place before going to the Library for story time.

Food items will be replenished weekly so all items are guaranteed to be fresh! The market is a self-pay area which is monitored closely by cameras. Simply select the items you desire to purchase and scan them at the pay station as you would at any other self check-out kiosk. After your payment has been processed your transaction is complete. Payments accepted include credit or debit card and VIBE cards (which can be picked up at the Community Center Service Desk).

INDOOR TRACK

The three-lane walking and jogging track is open during normal Community Center hours unless otherwise posted. Thirteen laps around the track equals one mile. Appropriate footwear is required while using the track. Please follow the direction signs located above the track area.

Use of the indoor track is included with your Community Center or Fitness membership. If you do not have a current membership and would like to use the track a daily guest fee of $6 can be paid at the Service Desk.

OPEN GYM

Open Gym time varies monthly depending on Department of Community Service programming and rentals. A tentative open gym calendar is published each month on our website with the available open gym times. In addition to the open gym calendar if you are interested in open gym availability please call the Community Center Service Desk at 412-487-7870 ext. 1370 during regular hours of operation.

Open Gym time is FREE with a valid Community Center or Fitness Membership or $3 per person / per day for non-members.

The gymnasium / basketball courts close 30 minutes prior to the close of the building for additional cleaning and sanitation.
**SUMMER EVENT INFORMATION**

**AUGUST FOOD TRUCK DAYS**
On August 4th and August 18th Food Trucks will be located in the side pool parking lot from 3 - 7 pm.

**August 4th Food Truck Lineup:**
Old School Italian Sandwich Shop
Pittsburgh Smokehouse

**August 18th Food Truck Lineup:**
Cool Beans Taco Truck
Emporio Meatball
Hott Dawgz
Leaning Cask Brewing Company

Food Truck lineup is subject to change.

**TOWNSHIP TOUCH-A-TRUCK**
New for 2021!
Join the Township for their first ever Touch-A-Truck event August 18th from 4 - 6 pm in the Community Park! Hands-on family fun that provides a unique opportunity to get behind a wheel, honk horns, hear sirens, and explore vehicles that are used by the Department of Public Works, Police, Fire, and EMS!

Adult supervision of children is required at all times during this event. Hand sanitizer will be provided for children to use prior to exploring vehicles.

**DOG DAY OF SUMMER (559901)**
Calling all pool member dogs of Hampton Township to show off their best “doggie paddle” at the Hampton Pool on Sunday, September 12th. Session 1 will be 12:00 - 1:30 pm and Session 2 will be from 1:45 - 3:15 pm. Registration is required for each puppy participant.

During this time the pool is open for dog swimming only; humans of all ages are asked to refrain from swimming or wading in the pool this day.

A current copy of your dog’s veterinary certificate to document rabies vaccination is required.

**FARMER’S MARKET INFORMATION**

**FARMER’S MARKET**
This year’s Farmer’s Market will conclude on October 13th. Please continue to stop by and support our local vendors who participate in the market! Some of the great products that have been offered this year include fresh produce, homemade honey, olive oils, wine and so much more!

We would like to thank all of our vendors who have participated in our market. Without your dedication each week our market would not be as successful as it is!

Please continue to visit our website and follow us on Facebook for updated information regarding the Farmer’s Market!
EVENT SPONSORSHIP

The Township of Hampton hosts several family friendly events throughout the year, mainly around the holidays. The Halloween Parade, Holidays in Hampton Event and Easter Egg Hunt are all free to attend due to the generous sponsorship donations the Township has received from various businesses and organizations throughout the years.

If you, or your organization, are interested in information on event sponsorship with the Township please contact Township employee, Melanie Martino at Melanie.Martino@hampton-pa.org.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you in need of Community Service hours to fulfill a school or club requirement? Are you looking to spruce up your college application or resume?

The Township of Hampton will need responsible and reliable volunteers for the upcoming Halloween Parade (October 23rd) and Holidays in Hampton Event (December 2nd). Volunteers must be high school age and have transportation to and from these events. If you are interested in volunteering for either of these events, please contact Township employee, Melanie Martino at Melanie.Martino@hampton-pa.org.
ANNUAL HALLOWEEN EVENT & PARADE

We will be hosting our annual Halloween Parade for children again this year! This event will take place on Saturday, October 23, 2021 from 1 - 3 pm in the Hampton Community Park.

Join us this day for a costume contest for children 10 years of age and under, candy, cookies and treats for all, a haunted hayride through the Upper Orchard of the park, balloon twisting, a Build-A-Bear raffle and much more!

Registration for the costume contest is FREE and will be available on our Township website mid to late September.

Detailed information regarding this event will be in the September Hampton Happenings monthly newsletter as well as a direct link to register your children! This event will be held outdoors, rain or shine!

ANNUAL PUMPKIN CARVING CONTEST

We cannot believe how creative everyone is each year with the awesome pumpkins they submit to our contest!

This year we will once again be hosting a pumpkin carving contest in October! Pumpkins of all shapes and sizes are welcomed as long as they are not fake (no foam or craft pumpkins). All pumpkins entered must be already carved or painted prior to dropping off outside of the Community Center.

Online registration for this activity will begin October 1st. Your contest number will print on your registration receipt. This is the number you must place on your pumpkin to be judged. Pumpkin judging will take place Friday, October 22nd.

We cannot wait to see what everyone comes up with this year!

ONLINE DOG COSTUME CONTEST

New for 2021!

The Township will be hosting an online costume contest for dogs! Residents will be able to submit their furry friend in their fiercest costume and people will be able to vote for their favorite dog costume via the Township website.

The online form to register your pet will be available on October 1st!

Stay tuned for further information on this new edition for this year on our Township website and in our monthly newsletter, The Hampton Happenings!
HOLIDAYS IN HAMPTON

Santa Claus will be coming to our Township on December 2nd at 7:00 pm with the help of the Hampton & North Hampton Volunteer Fire Departments!

Join us this evening at the Hampton Community Center for festive fun with your family, neighbors and friends! Complimentary photos with Santa as well as a festive fireworks display are just a few of this year’s event activities!

Detailed information on this year’s holiday event will be available on our Township website mid-Fall as well as in our monthly Hampton Happenings Newsletter!

In addition to our holiday event, Happy the Elf will be returning to the Community Center for the Elf on the Shelf Search. When you are searching for Happy be sure to stop by our Santa Mailbox to mail your letter to Santa, too!

LITTLE MEDICAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS (210601)

Little Medical School® programming brings medicine, science and the importance of health to children in an entertaining, exciting and fun way. Both Little Medical School programs offered this fall aim to inspire children to aspire for careers in healthcare through demonstrations, crafts, and games! All Little Medical School programs are taught by a trained professional. Both programs will be held on Saturdays, at the Community Center, beginning September 11th - October 16th. Each child will receive a diploma as a graduate of the Little Medical School upon completion, too!

Little Veterinary School will take place 10:00 am - 11:00 am and Little Doctor School will take place 11:30 am - 12:30 pm in Activity Room 1 of the Community Center.

Both programs are designed for children ages 5 - 9. Registration fee is for all 6 classes and includes the cost of all supplies and materials including your own stuffed pet to take care of! Registration will be available online or in-person as of July 26th!

During Little Veterinarian School, students will assume the role of a veterinarian and learn how to perform a nose-to-tail exam, the importance of proper nutrition, perform a tick check, and identify animal body language.

During Little Doctor School, students will assume the role of a doctor and learn how the body works, how to use medical instruments, administer first aid, and how to tie knots like a real surgeon.
FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

**YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE** (110301 - 110308)

Youth Basketball is open to all boys and girls in grades 3 - 12. This league focuses more on instruction and team play rather than competition.

All teams will be selected by the coaches during the players draft that is held during the pre-season meeting at the Community Center. All head coaches should attend this meeting and draft. Assistant Coaches will be selected after the draft, and do not need to attend the pre-season meeting. Please keep in mind we cannot guarantee a specific night of practice to a specific player. Practices, which take place Monday - Thursday, are scheduled by the team's head coach. All practices take place at the Hampton Community Center. Please also keep in mind siblings will not automatically be put on the same team, but will be drafted individually. If a parent chooses to coach the league, their child will be placed on their team. Practices will begin mid-November with games beginning in early January. Your team coach will contact you regarding a practice schedule.

**The league teams will be as follows:**
- Girls Teams: Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 - 12
- Boys Teams: Grades 3 & 4, Grades 5 & 6, Grades 7 & 8, Grades 9 - 12

**Basketball Registration Fees (2021 - 22 League)**
- Regular Fee (August 23rd - October 29th): $93 / $111 per child
- Late Fee (October 30th - November 5th): $116 / $134 per child
- Wait List Fee (November 6th & After): $139 / $157 per child

*** Registration may be limited for this season. Be sure to register early! ***

**New Player Evaluation (Grades 3 - 12)**

All new players in grades 3 - 12 should attend the player evaluation on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at the Hampton Community Center. Please see below for specific times. Returning players are already rated and do not need to attend the evaluation, unless they choose to. **Registrations will not be accepted at the player evaluation. Please register ahead of time.**

- 9:00 - 10:00 am: Boys (Grades 3 & 4)
- 10:00 - 11:00 am: Girls (Grades 3 & 4)
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm: Boys & Girls (Grades 5 & 6)
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm: Boys & Girls (Grades 7 - 12)

**Coach Pre-Season Meeting (Grades 3 - 12)**

The pre-season meeting / players draft will take place during the following times. All head coaches will be notified by the Program Supervisor, Bill Ryder, prior to the meeting.

- Monday, November 8th: 6:00 pm - Boys Teams (Grades 3 & 4) / 7:30 pm - Girls Teams (Grades 3 & 4)
- Tuesday, November 9th: 6:00 pm - Boys Teams (Grades 5 & 6) / 7:30 pm - Girls Teams (Grades 5 & 6)
- Wednesday, November 10th: 6:00 pm - Boys & Girls Teams (Grades 7 & 8) / 7:30 pm - Boys & Girls Teams (Grades 9 - 12)

**DEVELOPMENTAL BASKETBALL LEAGUE (GRADES 1 & 2) (110309)**

In addition to the Youth Basketball League we also offer a Developmental League for those who are in first and second grade, where they can learn instruction and fundamental skills such as dribbling, ball handling, shooting and passing. This program includes drills and small 3 on 3 games that will progress to full court games of 5 on 5. No evaluation or draft is done for the developmental league and boys and girls play together on the same teams.

**DAYS & TIMES:** Saturdays from 9 - 10 am and 10 - 11 am
**DATES:** November 13th - February 26th
**FEES:** $82 / $100 per child
**FALL YOUTH PROGRAMMING**

**YOUTH RECREATIONAL DANCE PROGRAM**

The Township of Hampton is once again offering a Youth Recreational Dance Program. Classes are designed for children ages 2 through 12 and will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays at the Hampton Community Center.

Classes will begin the week of September 7th and will continue into December. A dance performance will be held on Saturday concluding the lessons for participants and their families to enjoy!

For additional information regarding this program please email hamptondanceprogram@gmail.com or visit our Recreational Dance Program section of our website.

Registration for the Youth Dance Program can be done online at www.hampton-pa.org or by visiting the Community Center Service Desk. **Resident registration begins August 2nd and Non-Resident registration begins August 16th.**

**DANCE CLASS SCHEDULE**

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**DANCE PROGRAM ATTIRE INFORMATION**

Leotards and tights are suggested but not required as long as their clothing is easy to move in and not loose fitting. Hair should be pulled back in a ponytail or bun. No jewelry. As for shoes, participants will need black tap shoes, white ballet shoes and foot underwear for the show at the end of the session. You may purchase shoes and tights from Premier Dance Academy, Target, Walmart or All That Jazz. If you choose to buy them through Premier Dance Academy, they will measure for the shoes, order and deliver the shoes to the Community Center. You will be billed separately for your shoe order.
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<td>This program is held twice a week and designed for the novice aqua aerobics participant, people with arthritic conditions, and expectant mothers. Enjoy the benefits of low impact aerobic exercise which takes advantage of the cushioning and resistance of the water. This class is held in five feet of water or less. <em>If you are pregnant or have a medical condition, written permission from your doctor will be necessary prior to participating in the class.</em> Ages 18 &amp; up. Instructor: Suzanne Jacobs.</td>
<td>Session 1: Tuesday &amp; Thursday, Oct. 5th - Nov. 11th</td>
<td>Hampton High School Indoor Pool 8:15 - 9:00 pm</td>
<td>$48 / $64</td>
<td>8 / 20 Friday, October 1st</td>
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<td>Beginner Line Dancing 121601</td>
<td>Put on your dancing shoes, learn a new type of exercise and have some fun! Ages 18 &amp; up Instructor: Shirley Shultz</td>
<td>Session 1: Thursdays, Sept. 16th - Oct. 28th</td>
<td>Community Center Dance Room 1:30 - 3:00 pm</td>
<td>$37 / $42</td>
<td>8 / 18 Tuesday, September 14th</td>
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<td>Beginner Tai Chi 131203</td>
<td>This gentle stretch exercise class aims to help increase flexibility, balance, muscular strength, and fitness. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and flat shoes. Ages 60 &amp; up Instructor: Phil Jannetta</td>
<td>Session 1: Tuesdays, Sept. 14th - Nov. 2nd</td>
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<td><strong>Easy Yoga</strong> 121401</td>
<td>Improve posture, strength and flexibility by doing Sun Salutations and various other yoga stances and moves plus learn breathing exercises to help relieve stress, calm the mind, and unify the body &amp; mind. Bring sticky yoga mat, towel and yoga block. Ages 18 &amp; Up. Instructor: Angie Thomson</td>
<td><strong>Session 1:</strong> Wednesdays&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;Sept. 15th - Nov. 3rd</td>
<td>Community Center&lt;br&gt;Gymnasium&lt;br&gt;10:30 - 11:30 am</td>
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<td><strong>Fit For Life</strong> 131701</td>
<td>Low impact aerobic workout to energize, increase flexibility, balance, coordination, and core strength. Bring your own mat, full water bottle, elastic bands &amp; light hand weights. Wear gym shoes for athletic support. Ages 60 &amp; Up. Instructor: Angie Thomson</td>
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<td>Walking at different paces, balance moves, strength moves with weights. During warm and / or dry days, the class may be outside. First class will meet inside the Center. Dress for the weather. Bring 1, 2, or 3 pound weights. Ages 60 &amp; Up. Instructor: Angie Thomson</td>
<td>Session 1: Fridays Sept. 17th - Nov. 5th</td>
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<td>Zumba Gold 131302</td>
<td>A low impact, beginner level, exercise class designed for active older adults who are looking for Zumba moves &amp; music at a low intensity. Bring a mat for floor stretching. Ages 60 &amp; Up. Instructor: Angie Thomson</td>
<td>Session 1: Mondays Sept. 13th - Nov. 1st</td>
<td>Community Center Dance Room 12:30 - 1:30 pm</td>
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ADULT & SENIOR FALL PROGRAMS

ADULT PICKLEBALL
Pickleball is an easy game for all ages to learn. The game is a combination of tennis, badminton, and ping pong. The sport is played on a badminton court, with the net a little lower than a tennis net, and played with a hard paddle and a smaller version of a wiffleball. All levels welcome to walk in and play pickleball. Pickleballs are provided but participants must bring their own racquet.

AGES: 18 & up
DAY: Wednesdays
DATES & TIME: September 8th - December 18th 12:00 - 2:00 pm
LOCATION: Community Center Gymnasium Courts C & D
FEE: $5 per person; daily

FAMILY, SENIOR & ADULT SWIM INDOOR POOL
This program is back for Fall 2021 at the Hampton High School Indoor Pool. During this program, half of the pool will be for adult lap swimmers and the other half will be for families and seniors to swim and enjoy themselves! This is a walk-in program and the daily fee is paid at the door each evening. Children under 3 years of age are FREE.

AGES: All ages
DAY: Mondays & Wednesdays
DATES & TIME: October 4th - December 15th No program on December 1st 8:15 - 9:15 pm
LOCATION: High School Indoor Pool
FEE: $5 per person; per evening
FITNESS MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

FITNESS AREA HOURS OF OPERATION

Dates: September 7th - December 31st
Sunday: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Monday & Friday: 6:00 am - 9:00 pm
Tuesday - Thursday: 6:00 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

The main Fitness Area is located on the upper level of the Community Center as well as a smaller room, with cardio equipment, that is on the main level of the center. This area is open during regular Community Center hours unless otherwise posted. Currently there are twenty-one pieces of fitness equipment available; eleven cardio and ten weight training pieces including free weights with varying weights.

The Fitness Area does not have direct supervision. The on-duty Facility Manager will provide routine monitoring. However, if at any time you should have any questions, or require assistance, do not hesitate to speak with the Service Desk staff.

For the health and safety of our patrons two Automatic Electric Defibrillator (AED) Units are located in the Community Center. Should a circumstance ever arise that these life sustaining devices need use, they can only be used by a trained Community Center staff member or patron.

Fitness Members should scan their membership ID card at the Service Desk upon entering the center.

YEARLY FITNESS MEMBERSHIP FEES

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*Family Membership pricing is for up to four persons. Each additional family member will be billed for the individual rate.

**College Students must provide valid college ID during initial membership and renewing of membership to receive the discounted college rate.

If you do not have a current Fitness Membership or you are a Fitness Member and you have a guest with you, a $6 daily pass may be purchased at the Community Center Service Desk. Any patrons using the Fitness Area for the first time (daily guest or member) will need to have a brief Fitness Area Orientation at the Service Desk prior to using the equipment.

Fitness Area information packets are available at the Community Center Service Desk as well as on our website at [www.hampton-pa.org](http://www.hampton-pa.org).
COMMUNITY CENTER RENTALS

Hampton Community Center offers various rooms and rental packages to fit every renter’s needs! We accommodate parties such as birthdays, bridal or baby showers, themed parties, and weddings! Reservations can be made as early as two years in advance (Hampton Residents) or eighteen months in advance (Non-Residents). Below is pricing information for each room that we offer for rent. Don’t see what you are looking for? Our on-site Rental Coordinator is happy to meet with you to discuss your desires and help create a wonderful experience for you! Our Rental Coordinator is available by appointment only. Any questions you have in regards to rental facilities, or date availability, please call our Rental Coordinator at 412-487-7870 ext. 1357.

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Birthday Party Packages includes 1/4 of the gym and either Activity Room 1 or Activity Room 2 for three hours.

Alcohol Beverage Consumption (ABC) Permit is also available for $32

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**Township Council**  
7:30 pm on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday*  
*Unless otherwise noted.

**Water Authority**  
7 pm on the 4th Monday

**Zoning Hearing Board**  
7:30 pm on the 4th Tuesday

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Stormwater pollution originates from numerous sources throughout a community. From fertilizing the yard to changing oil in the car, the likeliness for pollution in nearby storm drains is present. Here are some ways you can prevent stormwater pollution when performing "every-day" activities.

**Vehicle Maintenance**

Vehicles should be properly maintained in order to prevent oil and gas leaks. Dispose of vehicle maintenance waste (i.e. oil, antifreeze, etc.) at recycling events.

**Why:** Prevents harmful chemicals from running off into nearby storm drains.

**How it Helps**
- Saves money
- Protects waterways & aquatic life

**Car Washing**

Vehicles should be washed in the grass or at a commercial car wash.

**Why:** Prevents any detergents, oil, and other harmful pollutants from running off into nearby storm drains. Washing in your yard will filter any chemicals and even recharge the groundwater table.

**How it Helps**
- Protects streams and lakes
- Filters pollutants through infiltration
- Excellent source of irrigation for your lawn

**Pet Waste**

Pick up after your pets and dispose of waste in trash bins, not storm drains.

**Why:** Pet waste is the #1 leading cause of pathogen-impaired waters.

**How it Helps**
- Reduces bacteria
- Cleaner parks and yards
- Healthier environment – reduces parasites
- Keeps your shoes clean

**Fertilizer**

Apply fertilizer sparingly and carefully follow the directions.

**Why:** Prevents fertilizer from entering waterways, which can result in algal blooms that suffocate fish.

**How it Helps**
- Saves time & money
- Prevents algal blooms
- Protects aquatic life

**Trash**

Don’t litter; throw away trash in appropriate bins or dumpsters.

**Why:** Trash can harm fish, prevent recreational activity and clog storm drains which leads to flooding.

**How it Helps**
- Cleaner and safer parks and neighborhoods
- Protects aquatic life
- Promotes recreational activity

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A Letter from the Superintendent: Looking Forward

Dear Hampton Township Community,

“Learn from yesterday, live for today, hope for tomorrow.”

This sage advice, shared many years ago by Albert Einstein, mirrors the path that Hampton Township School District has been following as we depart from the most unusual past year and look ahead toward the 2021-2022 school year. I would change one small word in Mr. Einstein’s quote in order to make it relevant to our District: We not only hoped for tomorrow, we planned for tomorrow. That is the spirit behind this District Dispatch’s theme, “Looking Forward.”

While donning masks and maintaining social distances, the administrators, staff and faculty have used the better part of the past year (as well as these current summer months) to research, develop and finalize new student-focused initiatives. We are excited about each of them, and we are grateful for the support we received from our visionary Board of School Directors.

What does “looking forward” look like when our schools resume full operations in the fall of 2021? Here is a snapshot:

Adjusted Start Times at Hampton High School

Significant academic and medical sources, including the American Pediatric Association, support the fact that high school students perform more successfully when given the opportunity to sleep longer. You might recall that the School Board voted in favor of a later high school start time two years ago and tasked the administration with using a one-year time period to plan for it. The pandemic allowed for plenty of planning time, and we evaluated scheduling, transportation and all other aspects of transitioning away from an early 7:30 AM start time. Our efforts were successful. We are now excited to share that our 8:20 AM High School start time will go into effect when classes resume; and that our District has been on the forefront of finalizing the most sleep-supportive start time in all of Western PA.

HMS Learning Pavilion Gears Up for Fall Opening

Thanks to a generous grant from the Hampton Alliance for Educational Excellence, and funding support from Hampton Middle School’s PTO and Student Council, staff members and student leaders put the finishing touches on its new Learning Pavilion. Following a concept developed by the Director of Design at the Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, the Learning Pavilion will provide a flexible and innovative learning experience for middle school students. Collaborative and interactive offerings will include an augmented reality tool, interactive world maps, and so much more. Many more details on this exciting Middle School addition will be shared during the fall of 2021.

New Literacy Curriculum Inspires Elementary School Students

When District students enter their elementary school classes in the fall, they will be engaged in a new and innovative literacy curriculum. Wonders, a comprehensive literacy solution, is designed to reach all learners by providing equity of access for students at all levels. A wealth of research-based print and digital resources will provide support for building strong literacy foundations, accessing complex fiction and nonfiction texts, writing to sources, and building social-emotional learning skills. Wonders will be a welcome replacement to the District’s 10-year old literacy curriculum. Teachers are being trained over the summer to ensure that all elementary students benefit from this new educational offering.

An Additional School Psychologist Maximizes Support for All Students

Recognizing the impact that the pandemic has had on mental health, the School Board has approved the appointment of a school psychologist whose expertise will be directed toward the needs of our elementary school students. This addition will enable Psychologist Dr. Jay Thornton, who had previously served the entire District, to focus on the unique needs of secondary school students. The District’s new psychologist will also support the two elementary school counselors who have been balancing the needs of three elementary schools.

These are just a handful of the new offerings that await students when they return in the fall. Updates to electives, new information management systems, website improvements, and even activities surrounding the high school renovation are very much in the works, and Hampton staff and faculty are all hard at work, both within our buildings and remote.

As for you, our Hampton Community, we wish you a summer of fun, family and great anticipation for what’s ahead.

Sincerely,
Dr. Michael Loughead
Superintendent of Schools

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The District Dispatch is published four times annually as part of the Hampton Magazine.
Congratulations, Graduates!
Senior Stats

This year, **240 Hampton Talbots graduated from high school**!

Of those, **75** graduated with honors:
- **28** students graduated *Summa Cum Laude*
- **23** students graduated *Magna Cum Laude*
- **24** students graduated *Cum Laude*

**Here’s where they’re headed next . . .**

- **College – 81.5%**
- **Employment – 11.5%**
- **Technical School – 3%**
- **Gap Year/Undecided – 2.2%**
- **Military – 1.8%**

Hampton graduates are off to colleges in more than **20 states** across the country, from Massachusetts to California - and one is even going across the pond to **Aberystwyth University** in Wales!

**College choices this year included:**
- College of William & Mary
- U.S. Air Force Academy
- Georgetown University
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Pepperdine University
- Washington University
- Case Western University
- Rochester Institute of Technology

Our new alumni heading into the military will serve within the branches of the **Marine Corps**, the **Air Force**, and the **National Guard**, while those who are entering the workforce will start careers in industries such as **HVAC**, **automotive**, **construction** and **cosmetology**.

**We are so proud of our Talbot graduates and look forward to a bright future for each and every one of them!**
Hampton High School remains first among Pittsburgh-area high schools in rankings from U.S. News & World Report, and is seventh overall among high schools across Pennsylvania.

In the latest rankings, the school received a score of 97.92 out of 100 and scored within the top fifty schools throughout the state in each of the categories used to determine rankings.

College readiness is highest-weighted of these factors, followed by math and reading proficiency as well as performance, college curriculum breadth, underserved student performance, and graduation rates.

Alongside these high metro and state rankings, Hampton is also #372 out of more than 24,000 high schools ranked by U.S. News & World Report across the country.

Hampton High School offers its students a comprehensive and diversified curriculum, including general studies, college prep, Advanced Placement and honors courses, vocational/technical training, and business programs. The school has a 99 percent graduation rate.

“Hampton Township School District is honored for the continued recognition of the wonderful accomplishments of our hardworking and dedicated students, faculty and staff.... While this ranking recognizes our High School, everyone in our District has contributed to this wonderful achievement.”

- Dr. Michael Loughead
Superintendent of Schools

New Communication Associate Focuses on Getting District’s Good News Out

After more than a year of navigating the challenges that came with the pandemic, Hampton Township School District is returning to normalcy and enhancing its commitment to community engagement and outreach.

To further its future communication goals, the District recently selected Zach D’Amico to serve as Community Relations Associate who will gather and share the stories and achievements of the District’s incredible students, staff, faculty and community. D’Amico will support the District as a member of the Communication Solutions Group, the communication firm that has served the District since 2010.

“Knowing that Hampton is a high-achieving school district in the Pittsburgh area, I was drawn towards the position to help support Hampton’s success through excellent communication and public relations support,” D’Amico said.

He has served in writing, reporting and layout design roles at the Latrobe Bulletin (Latrobe, PA) and the Daily Press (St. Mary’s, PA) and was a senior staff writer at The Review at St. Vincent College.

D’Amico, a native of Western Pennsylvania, is originally from Mount Pleasant. He holds B.A. degrees in Communication and English from St. Vincent College.

He will bring a comprehensive skill set – which includes writing, photography, videography, and social media – as well as his experience covering municipal meetings and local news, into his role at Hampton.

D’Amico is “looking forward to working with the administrators, School Board, teachers, students and staff to bring attention to the exciting things happening within the District, while also engaging with the community.”
HMS Students Learn the Value of Kindness, Then Share it With Others

This spring, motivational speaker Doug Reavis returned to Hampton Middle School to present “Attitude of Gratitude,” an assembly intended to aid students in increasing their personal happiness by helping others.

Reavis visited the Middle School in 2019, when he shared with students his touching story about his brother through his presentation, “Silent Strength.”

In addition to this year’s presentation, he provided access to his electronic platform, the “You Uplift” Kindness Wall, for the remainder of the current school year and the entirety of next school year.

This platform allows students to post kind and uplifting messages and spread love throughout the school community. All kind messages are approved by administrators before being posted to the internal Kindness Wall.

Both the assembly and the wall tie into the District’s ongoing efforts to emphasize the importance of kindness.

“The students and staff really enjoyed the assembly, as Mr. Reavis’ message helped to put a lot into perspective during a very tough year,” said Dr. Marlynn Lux, Principal at Hampton Middle School. “I have had over 1,500 kind submissions to our virtual “You Uplift” Kindness Wall! The kids are committed to using it to lift one another up, and we have televisions throughout our school that constantly scroll the messages.”

You can view all of the messages left by students at YouUplift.com/hampton-middle-kindness-wall/

Hampton Heroes to Feature Nationally-Acclaimed Motivational Speaker on Nov. 9

Each year around Veterans Day, Hampton Heroes honors the people who have served our country, and this year’s special guest will speak to students about his own inspiring journey.

Eric McElvenny was injured by an IED during his service in Afghanistan and, as a result, his right leg below the knee was amputated. Despite this setback, he went on to compete in an Ironman Triathlon and is now an endurance runner and motivational speaker throughout the country.

McElvenny, who lives in Pittsburgh, will present his story at the annual Veterans Day program, held this year at Hampton Middle School on November 9. Details on the program will be forthcoming.

“We are so honored to have Eric slated to speak at the Hampton Heroes ceremony,” said Middle School Principal Dr. Marlynn Lux. “His message is a powerful reminder of the sacrifices that veterans have made in service to our country, and should serve as an inspiration for everyone in the audience.”

The District will host a group of local veterans in that ceremony, and their stories and backgrounds will be captured and shared for posterity. More than 200 men and women have been honored as Hampton Heroes since the program began in 2001. Hampton also offers veterans who missed out on high school graduation the chance to earn their diplomas as part of Operation Recognition.
Sending Your Child to Kindergarten? 
Give Them a Good Start With These Best Practices

This year’s incoming kindergarten students will enter classrooms on the heels of major changes and shifts in education due to the pandemic. Some of the incoming kindergarten students may have missed out on a traditional pre-school experience.

Here are some tips for parents sending their children to kindergarten this fall, courtesy of our elementary principals:

This school year your child will work on identifying shapes, colors, letters, and numbers. They will practice gross and fine motor skills and self-help skills. Practice in each of these areas helps prepare your child to read phonetically, understand math concepts logically, and work and play safely.

Also, continue reading with your child as much as possible. Reading together helps children begin to connect spoken language to written language and establishes that reading is fun. Once a day, perhaps before bed, naptime, or whenever you’d like a little quiet time in the day, ask your child to choose a book they would like to read. Then find a quiet spot away from any distractions and read the story together.

Read aloud, pointing to the words and turning the pages. If your child has any part of the book memorized, ask them to take turns “reading” with you. You can even ask your child questions along the way about what’s happening in the story, or how characters are feeling. This helps them understand that written words have meaning.

Hampton High School Pre-School 2022
Pre-school runs on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week.

Session 1:
9:50-11:15
January 3 - 21st

Session 2:
10:35-11:15
February 22 - June 1st

While we hope to be in person next year, it has not been officially determined if we will be in person or run another successful virtual program. Children should be 3-5 years old prior to the first day of the session and potty trained.

For more information, please email jackson@ht-sd.org and/or call (412) 486-6000, ext. 1517.

The program is completely free.
Around Our Elementary Schools

Clockwise from top left:
Second-graders at Poff Elementary meet virtually with local author and Hampton alum Lisa Mack-Finn to talk about her books on kindness.

Students at Central Elementary become “animal experts,” sharing their research on an animal of their choice with their families and peers.

The Junior Girl Scout Troop #16481 from Wyland Elementary earned their Bronze Award by creating a Buddy Bench and video that encourages students to be kind and make friends.
Senior Scholars

Emilia Chismer
Kennedy Fish
Cadee France
Bryan Frank
Avery Gross
Shane Hansen
Karolina Ilina
Molly Januck
Manya Kodali
Catherine Kress
Tyler Lapiana
Chara Larson
Evie Mazzotta
Sean McGinnis
Dylan Mitchell
John Murray
Senior Scholars

Kiernan O’Neil  Jasmine Noushad Sajna  Maxwell Saltrelli  Aidan Sawyer

Hannah Schepner  Austin Smith  Emi Suyama  Adeline Syglowski

Sarah Taylor  Elizabeth Waters

Each year the top ten percent of seniors are designated as “Senior Scholars.” This special designation is based upon a senior’s cumulative quality-point average from freshman through the first three grading periods of their senior year.
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Evaluation Process. Hampton Township School District has a procedure in place by which parents can request an evaluation. For information about procedures not applicable to your child, contact the school that your child attends. Parents of preschool age children, age three through five, may request an evaluation in writing by addressing a letter to the intermediate unit staff. For more information, contact: Project DART, Allegheny Intermediate Unit, 475 E Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120.

Consent. School entities cannot proceed with an evaluation, or with the initial provision of special education and related services, without the written consent of the parents. For additional information related to consent, please refer to the Procedural Safeguards Notice which can be found at the PaTTAN website at www.pattan.net. Once written parental consent is obtained, Hampton Township School District will proceed with the evaluation process. If the parent disagrees with the evaluation, the parent can request an independent evaluation at public expense.

Program Development. Once the evaluation process is completed, a team of qualified professionals determines whether the child is eligible. If the child is eligible, the individualized education program (IEP) team meets, develops the program, and determines the educational placement. Once the IEP team develops the program and determines the educational placement, Hampton Township School District will issue a notice of recommended educational placement/prior written notice (NOREP/PWN). The NOREP/PWN is required before initial services can be provided. The parent has the right to revoke consent after initial placement.

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REQUEST FOR RECORDS POLICY

Services for School-Age Students with Disabilities, HTSD provides a free, appropriate, public education to eligible students. To qualify as an eligible student, the child must be of school age, in need of specially-designed instruction, and meet eligibility criteria for one or more of the following physical or mental disabilities, as set forth in Pennsylvania State Regulations: Autism, Developmental Delay, Specific Learning Disability, Emotional Disturbance, Hearing Impairment, Intellectual Disability (formerly referred to as Mental Retardation), Multiple Disabilities, Orthopedic Impairment, Other Health Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, Speech or Language Impairment, Traumatic Brain Injury, and Visually Impaired. For additional information regarding the signs of developmental delays or other disabilities, please contact the District Psychologist/Director of Student Services at 412-492-6327.

The District engages in identification procedures to ensure that eligible students receive an appropriate educational program consisting of special education and related services, individualized to meet student needs. At no cost to the parents, these services are provided in compliance with state and federal laws and are reasonably calculated to yield meaningful educational benefit and student progress. To identify students who may be eligible for special education, various screening activities are conducted on an ongoing basis. These screening activities include: review of group-based activities, review of schoolwork completed, as well as examples of achievements, and related services. These services are determined by the IEP team and are based on the student's strengths, needs, and abilities, chronological age, and the level of intensity of the specified intervention. The District also provides related services, such as transportation, speech and language therapy, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, required for the student to benefit from the special education program. Parents may obtain additional information regarding special education services and programs and parental due process rights by contacting the child's Building Principal or the Special Education/Transition Coordinator at 412-492-6306.

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identifiable information at collection, storage, disclosure, and destruction stages. Hampton Township School District maintains, for public inspection, a current listing of the names and positions of those employees within the agency who have access to personally identifiable information. For additional information related to student records, the parent can refer to the FERPA at the following URL: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/guid/fpco/ferpa/index.html. This notice is only a summary of the special education services, evaluation and screening activities, and procedures concerning students with disabilities, children thought to be disabled, and their parents. For more information or to request evaluation or screening of a public or private school child, contact the responsible entity listed below. For preschool age children, information, screening, and evaluations requested, may be obtained by contacting the intermediate unit.

Special Education Services for Students in Non-Public Schools

HTSD special education programs and services are accessible to resident students attending non-public schools. These students are permitted to enroll on a part-time, dual enrollment basis in a program of special education operated in public school. Special education programs are made accessible to non-public school students through dual enrollment following evaluation and development of an Individualized Education Program (IEP). Parents of non-public school students who suspect their child is exceptional and in need of special education may request an evaluation by written request to the school principal.

Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities

Services for Preschool Children with Disabilities, Act 212, The Early Intervention Services Act, entails all preschool children with disabilities to appropriate early intervention services. Young children experiencing developmental delay or physical or mental disabilities and their families are eligible for early intervention services. At risk children are eligible for screening and tracking through The Alliance for Infants and Toddlers, Inc. (412) 431-1905. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is responsible for providing services to preschool children (ages 3-5). For information, contact: Project DART, Allegheny Intermediate Unit, 475 East Waterfront Drive, Homestead, PA 15120, (412) 394-5942.

Chapter 15: Services for Protected Handicapped Students

In compliance with state and federal law, the Hampton Township School District provides services or accommodations to protected handicapped students. These services ensure equal opportunity to participate in and obtain the benefits of the school program and extracurricular activities to the maximum extent appropriate to the student’s abilities. They are provided without discrimination or cost to the student or family. In order to qualify for services as a “Protected Handicapped Student” the child must be of school age and have a physical or mental disability that substantially limits or prohibits participation in or access to the aspects of the school program. Services and supports for protected handicapped students (Chapter 15) are distinct from those applicable to all students with disabilities (Chapter 14) enrolled or seeking enrollment in special education programs. For further information on the evaluation procedures and provision of services to protected handicapped students, please contact the school psychologist: Dr. Jay Thornton, District Psychologist/Director of Student Services, Hampton Township School District, 4591 School Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101, (412) 492-6327.

Chapter 16: Gifted Education

The State Board of Education recently added Chapter 16, Special Education for Gifted Students. Much of the evaluation, identification, and preparation of an educational plan is similar to the process for students with disabilities outlined in Chapter 14. Parents who suspect that their school-age child is gifted may request a Multidisciplinary Evaluation (MDE). Multiple criteria, including an evaluation by a certified school psychologist, are used to determine gifted identification. The I.E.P. team collaboratively develops annual goals and short-term learning objectives for the student. For more information, please contact: Dr. Jacqueyn Removic, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Hampton Township School District, 4591 School Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 (412) 492-6393.

Non-Discrimination Policy

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All of the above information is available at www.ht-sd.org.

OUTDATED SPECIAL EDUCATION RECORDS TARGETED FOR PURGING DISTRICT OFFERS OPPORTUNITY TO OBTAIN PERSONAL FILES

Just like a typical household often does, the District tends to accumulate and save lots of materials and information that are not essential for the day-to-day business operation of the organization. This is especially true in the area of special education programs and services. The paperwork associated with special education accrues rapidly and there comes a time when storage space becomes severely limited and the files absolutely need to be purged to make room for current student informational records. In keeping with the Pennsylvania Code, Title 22: Education, Chapter 12: Student Rights and Responsibilities Sections 1231, through 12.33 Pupil Records, the District’s special education office staff will begin to review and purge all special education records including all files of all special education students who were born between January 1, 1996 and January 1, 1997. The District will maintain the files of all current and former students who were born on and after January 1, 1997 until those individuals reach the age of 25 years. Therefore, special education records will be similarly reviewed each school year. This notice of records to be purged applies only to special education records which include the files of those students identified for the Learning Support, Emotional Support, Life Skills Support, Physical Support, Speech and Language Support, Vision Impaired Support, Hearing Impaired Support and Gifted Support Program and Services. The official administrative records that constitute the minimum personal identifying information necessary for the operation of the education system such as student’s name, parent’s or guardian’s name, student’s birth date, academic work completed, level of achievement including grades and standardized achievement test scores and attendance data will be maintained for at least 100 years after the student graduates from high school. These records are on file on microfiche at Hampton High School. This is in compliance with Pennsylvania Code, Title 22: Education, Chapter 12: Student Rights and Responsibilities Sections 1231, through 12.33 Pupil Records, 2.1.1. under Classification and maintenance of data. This public notice provides parents and former special education program and services students with the opportunity to obtain copies of their own information and personal use. While many of the former students who participated in these programs may have retained copies of their records, many have not as evidenced by the variety of requests for records that the psychological services office staff receives. The records appear to be valuable to their owners when enrolling in institutions of higher education, applying for insurance or medical benefits and for other purposes. Consequently, the District invites any former students or their parents to request their records before they are purged. The purging of all special education records of all students who were born between January 1, 1996 and January 1, 1997 will begin in January of 2022. Therefore, if you wish to obtain these records, please complete the form below and forward it to Mrs. Darlene Howell, Special Education Office, 4591 School Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 before December 31, 2021. In keeping with Hampton Township School District Board Policy Section: Operations, Number 801, Title: Public Records page 4, under Fees: Duplicates of public records shall be provided by district at twenty (20) cents per page payable in advance.

REQUEST FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND SERVICES RECORDS

My birth date is between 1/1/1996 and 1/1/1997 and I wish to obtain my special education programs and services records.

Name: 

Date of Birth: 

Address (City, State, and Zip Code): 

Daytime Telephone: Evening Telephone: 

Year of Graduation: Special Education Program: 

NO PHONE CALLS. This form will be required for release of records. Please mail this completed Request to Mrs. Darlene Howell, Special Education Office, 4591 School Drive, Allison Park, PA 15101 before December 31, 2021. You will be contacted when your records are ready for pick up. Proper identification including name and date of birth (i.e. driver’s license) will be required before materials are released.
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