



HOMER CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TROJAN MESSENGER

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Homer Junior High Students Shine in Spelling Bee

Congratulations to the following Junior High students for qualifying and participating in the finals of the 56th Annual Cortland Youth Bureau Spelling Bee!

- Emma E.**
- Hannah B.**
- Baillie M.**
- Enzo S.**
- Emery J.**

Students qualified for the finals by scoring in the top twelve of a 100-word written test.



\$4.23 Million Energy Performance Project Passes Overwhelmingly

Homer Schools recently passed a \$4.23 million Energy Performance Project in a community-wide vote. The project will improve a number of energy issues district-wide while enhancing the learning environment for students at no cost to district taxpayers.

The project will install new LED lighting systems, upgrades to the HVAC system and provide new building control and building envelope upgrades.

Once completed the district will save over eight hundred metric tons of greenhouse gas emissions annually. That is the emissions equivalent of over two million miles driven in a car!

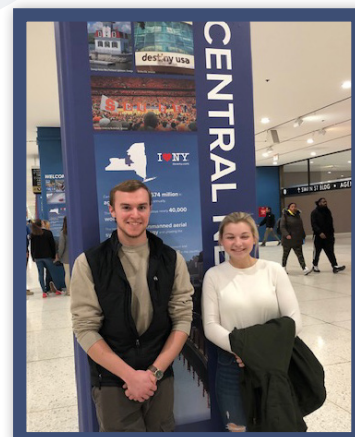
Homer FFA Students Visit State Capital

Two students from Homer's FFA program visited the State Capitol in Albany to meet with local legislators and discuss agriculture policy in our community!

The students discussed the need for agricultural education and its importance in our community and state. Students also asked about local issues and discussed what is being done to address them.

Agriculture Teacher and FFA Advisor Brooke Head said the experience was very beneficial and insightful for the students.

"This was an exceptional experience for all of our members." Head said.



Students Shine in FBLA Competitions

Homer students excelled recently at the Future Business Leaders of America Regional Competition! Homer placed five students in various top three categories!

Madison H. - 2nd Place, Political Science

Logan L. - 1st Place, Job Interview

Morgan E. - 3rd Place, Introduction to Business

Tanner D. - 3rd Place, Sports Management

Nathan L. - 3rd Place, Marketing

"All of these students are brand new members this year and did exceptionally well," Homer Business Teacher Kayla Hurley said. "I couldn't be prouder of them!"

Homer Upgrading Visitor Management System

The Homer Central School District will be upgrading our Visitor Management System later this spring. This system helps to ensure that all visitors are appropriate to be in the school building. With this upgrade, our current records can not be transferred to the new system. As a result, each visitor will need to be scanned on their first visit to a building after the upgrade is complete.

Beginning April 1, 2020, please bring a government issued proof of identification (preferably a driver's license) if you wish to enter the school. Thank you for your understanding as we look to upgrade our Visitor Management System.

Science and Social Studies Fair a Major Success

Homer Intermediate students had a very impressive showing in the Social Studies and Science Fair recently!

Students created projects and experiments on a variety of topics and were judged following individual presentations to judges who determined the winners.

Check out some photos from this awesome event! Congratulations to all students who participated!



Homer Students Thrive in 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Homer students took home over **Thirty-Five** honors at the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Northeast Regional Awards!

The Northeast Writing Region-at-Large is administered by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers' national office in New York City.

Gold Keys

Hailey K.
Charlotte W.
Celine W.
Andrew F.



Silver Keys

Brittani C.
Morgan E.
Madison H.
Becky J.
Matthew F.
Hannah H.
Faith H.
Miah H.
Hailey K.
Arieliz M.
Bailey W.
Autumn C.
Maddy C.
Sophia K.

Honorable Mention

Makayla N.
Kayla C.
Callum H.
Kayleigh M.
Makayla N.
Bailey W.
Callum H.
Becky J.
Ashley K.
Hailey K.
Paris P.
Katelyn V.

Homer Art Students Inspire Community With Coffee Sleeves

Homer and Cortland art students recently decorated more than 1,600 coffee sleeves for *Inspire Your Heart with Art Day*. The sleeves were distributed to customers at all Coffeemia locations.

"We as teachers find the partnership between schools and the community important to us," Homer Art Teacher Lauren Nels said. "Advocating for the arts is a value we all share."

