



Hurley School District



A third quarter recap...

100TH Day of School

COVID couldn't even stop this year's celebration of the 100th day of school. In the elementary wing, students dressed up, watched movies, and ate snacks.

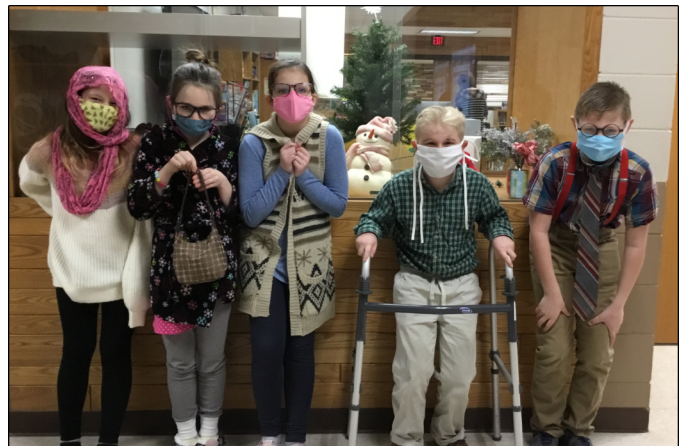
In Mrs. Kolpin's class, students brought in pictures from their great grandparents who were one hundred years old or older. The kids also dressed up as if they were one hundred years old. They had a party in the afternoon with a movie and popcorn.

Ms. Kolesar's class researched the historical events and trends that were popular one hundred years ago for Social Studies. In math, students wrote each letter of their first name in a hundred grid. Students also calculated how many hundredths their names were worth.

Mrs. Brownell and her Pre-K students gave the event a special twist. Rather than celebrating the 100th day, the class celebrated the 101st day of school. The students dressed in white and black clothes and made hats from construction paper to look like Dalmatian ears. After, Mrs. Brownell played the movie 101 Dalmatians for the kids.

On the high school side, riddles were announced through the loudspeaker, and whichever class called in with the answer first would win a prize. Mr. Chilson won two out of the three with Mrs. Peterson winning the other.

Overall, when the bell rang at the end of the day, it was safe to say that everyone had a good time. The elementary kids had a fun day filled with activities and treats while the high school students sprinted to the classroom phone to try and win the riddle for their class. The teachers enjoyed all of the excitement and the wide smiles on their students' faces. Now that the first 100 days are over, we can look forward to what the rest of the year has to offer!



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Interview with Roy Haeger
2020-2021 Silver Express

Mr. Haeger heads this year’s Silver Express. He answered some questions about how Covid has affected the group, a little bit on his backstory, and what we can look forward to this year at the ‘Silver Express Spectacular!’ show.

Are rehearsals any different because of Covid?

A little - we are observing social distancing - which is easier for the folks playing instruments, because they're spaced out anyway! We also wear masks while performing, which was strange for the group at first, but I think they've gotten used to it!

Are performances or performance dates affected by Covid?

As far as our Spectacular! concert goes, it IS a week later than usual, (April 28th-30th), but the big change is the location: it will be held in the HS Gym. It'll be a different tour this year: We've offered to play 2-3 shows per day for the schools that have us every year, so that they can split up their crowds to allow more distancing. So, we'll be playing at less locations, but for about the same number of days, and possibly more performances.

Can you give a preview of the songs that will be featured?

As always, we have a WIDE variety, across the decades and musical genres. Some of the artists are: Dierks Bentley, John Cougar, Pomplamoose, the Romantics, Fleetwood Mac, Cheap Trick, Luke Combs, the Beatles, and several more. There's something for everybody!

When will the concerts be?

Spectacular runs three nights: April 28th-30th (Wed.-Fri.)



Band Members:

Jackie Bradley
Malory Burke
Olivia Cane
Emily Dennis
Ayden Leinon
Olivia Luoma
Jaxon Sokol
Sophia Villanueva



When did you start doing Silver Express and why?

I started in 2016. Silver Express began my senior year at Hurley. I had just transferred back to Hurley that year, so I didn't try out. I regretted that ever since. I've played in bands for many years, so when the opportunity presented itself to direct the group, I threw my hat in the ring!

Are any seniors on Silver Express and will they be featured this year?

Jackie Bradley is our lone senior this year. She is the solid ROCK foundation of the group, not just because she's the drummer, but because of her leadership and years with the group! She may not have a solo this year, but I think you could say that she's featured in just about every song!

How do you think the shows will go? Do you think this current group will have a successful performance?

I think the shows will be great! Considering the strange year we've had, and the challenges that have come with it, the group has put together a fun list of songs that they'll knock out of the park!

FOUR SEASONS OF SPIRIT

2021 Winter Homecoming

Our Winter Homecoming, 4 Seasons of Spirt, began on Monday, February 1st with everybody dressed up all warm and cozy for “Cabin Fever” day. On Tuesday, the weather was unpredictable with “Class Season Theme Day.” Seniors were dressed for Summer sunshine, juniors suited up in rain gear for Spring, the sophomores fancied an array of Autumn colors for Fall, and finally, the freshman bundled up in warm clothes for the Winter. On Wednesday, everyone wore their favorite jersey, and on Thursday everyone wore their finest attire for “Dress Your Best.” Friday, the whole school was supposed to dress in orange, black, and Hurley gear for “Spirit Day”, but school got canceled due to poor weather conditions.



Throughout the week, the competition between the classes was pretty balanced. The sophomores won the scrub high school basketball championship but never got to play against the teachers for the big trophy or bragging rights. The annual wall decorating contest was held, in which the freshman took first. Thursday, the high school played “Hush-buttons”, a game where each student gets a badge (hush-button) that represents their class’s theme. For the whole day, students could only talk to their own grade. If they talked to someone who wasn’t in their grade, they’d have to give away their hush-button. At the end of the day, the buttons were tallied up and the seniors won the game. A snow sculpture competition and a pep assembly were planned for Friday, but with school canceled, they weren’t able to take place and were rescheduled for the next Monday. School was called off again that following Monday as well as that Tuesday. With three missed days, classes needed to resume as normal, and therefore the assembly and snow contest were completely canceled.



The 2021 Homecoming Court was supposed to be announced at the assembly but didn't end up getting announced until Friday the 19th. The senior court lineup included Cayden Corullo with Hunter Fink, Hailey Edyvean with Mack Eder, Morgan Nasi with Sean Thier, Talia Erickson with Ezra Manzer, and Kelsey King with Hunter Fink. Talia Erickson and Kodey Henning received runner-ups and Hailey Edyvean and Mack Eder were crowned King and Queen.



National Honor Society



The First Shot

Photography class takes on winter sport pictures.

The 2021 National Honor Society banquet took place on Sunday, March 21st at the Hurley School. Last year's banquet was canceled due to COVID, so on Sunday, students who were accepted last year received their induction pins as well as the students who were accepted this year. The Four Pillars of National Honor Society were passed down from four Seniors to four Juniors who have shown outstanding quality in at least one of the four categories. The Pillars represent the main four qualities an NHS member must withhold; Leadership, Service, Scholarship, and Character. Morgan Nasi, who represents Character handed down the title to Darian Bender; Ezra Manzer passed his Leadership role down to Tony Cummings; Shanaya Fleig gave her Scholarship portrayal to Olivia Cane, and last, Talia Erickson granted the Service title to Jayme Harma. After the ceremony ended, there was no dinner to follow, again because of COVID, but the NHS members and their families were all given cookies to-go.

Apart from the banquet, the NHS group usually helps with many volunteer services around the community, but this year COVID stole all of their opportunities. Some of the events they have helped with in prior years include volunteering to organize hundreds of ski bags for the SISU race, taking run times, and guiding runners with directions during the Brian Nasi Memorial run/walk, and giving school tours during Heritage Days in July. This year, all the members have been able to do is fundraise to earn money for the NHS group and the banquet. All of the NHS students wish they would have had more opportunities to help out, but all they can do is hope that things will settle so they get more chances to volunteer in the future.

Seniors:

Kaitlyn Binz
Jacquelyn Bradley
Mack Eder
*Talia Erickson

*Shanaya Fleig
*Ezra Manzer
*Morgan Nasi
Brooke Taylor

Juniors:

Darian Bender
Cassandra Bordner
Olivia Cane
Antonio Cummings
Emily Dennis
Nicole DiGiorgio
Olivia France

Jayme Harma
Kylee Hewitt
Alayna Kukowski
Gracie Maslanka
Haley Nyquist
Sophia Villanueva
Tanner Vogel

Sophomore:

Dominic Croci



*Returning Members (Above)
Shanaya Fleig giving speech (Left)



Rather than hiring an independent company to take sports pictures, this year it was left up to the Mrs. Hostettler's photography class. Over the course of a single day, the four students in the class took pictures of the boys and girls varsity basketball teams, boys and girls junior varsity basketball teams, and winter cheerleading. Camryn Dowd, Aly Kukowski, Rachael Kenney, and Natalia González-Bringas, assisted by Allee Bigboy, Lili Benedicto, and Anne Curty, researched poses, set up lighting, took the pictures, and then edited them. The whole process took about a month to complete.

"It went well for our first time. I think we organized it pretty well," said Camryn. "I thought it was going to be a mess. There were a couple of slip-ups, but it was our first time, and I think we still did pretty well." "After weeks of preparation we finally were able to put all of our skills to the test," Aly added. "It seemed like everyone had fun."

The feedback from the teams was mixed at first, but good reports flooded in after the pictures were edited and sent out to the players and their families. The class even took the time to take single pictures of anyone who wasn't in the group picture, and carefully edit them in.



HS WINTER SPORTS

Flash Interviews

Juniors, Tony Cummings & Derek Ransanici

What was the most memorable moment this season?

Tony: The most memorable moment for me was when Eli and I had back to back dunks.

Derek: The most memorable moment was making it to sectionals and almost beating Edgar on their home floor.

What are your goals for next season?

Tony: Next season, my goal is to dunk more and become a bigger shooting threat.

Derek: My goal for next season is to be an All-Conference player and for us to make it to state for our senior year

What has basketball taught you?

Tony: Basketball has taught me a great deal of teamwork, dedication, and leadership.

Derek: It's taught me to not think for myself, but to work as a team to achieve the big goals and be the best team that we can be.



BOYS' BASKETBALL

Coach Swartz and the Northstar boys had a phenomenal season as they went 21-2 during the regular season and 2-1 in the playoffs. The varsity boys have worked tremendously hard for everything they earned this season. After sweeping the Indianhead Conference clean, the Northstars won the Conference Champion title, but their success didn't stop there. When the first round of regionals came along, the boy's crushed the Washburn Castleguards at home (75-44). Next, Phillips traveled to our house for the Regional Finals and the Hurley boys took them down (63-54) to win the Regional Championship. The 2020-21 season ended the first round of sectionals to a hard-fought, away game loss to Edgar (36-54). All season the Northstars worked their tails off to make it as far as they did. Five of the boys were selected for All-Conference awards and Coach Swartz received Coach of the Year.

Eli Talsma (23) earned 1st Team; Tony Cummings (32) and Dominic Croci (24) received 2nd Team; Braxton Sbraggia (35) earned 3rd Team; Derek Ransanici (30) was awarded an Honorable Mention.

Flash Interviews

Sophomores, Ari Harma & Gabe Kivisto

How long have you been playing?

Ari: For eleven years.

Gabe: For thirteen years.

What position do you play?

Ari: I play wing

Gabe: I play wing as well.

What do you enjoy most about hockey?

Ari: Playing the game in general.

Gabe: Hanging out with the boys and just everything else.

Who has had the most influence on your hockey career and why?

Ari: My coaches because they constantly push me and my limits.

Gabe: My dad has been my biggest influence. He never played the sport himself, but he continuously gives me hope for hockey.

BOYS' HOCKEY

Eight Hurley students; Gavyn Moncher (9), Ty Gilbertson (3), Braxton Zaleski (21), Connor Pakkola (33), AJ Neill (11), Evan Krall (5), Ari Harma (23), and Gabe Kivisto (17), recently wrapped up their hockey season with the Varsity Ashland Oredocker-Hurley Northstar Co-op team. Along with our Hurley boys, the team consists of Ashland and Northwestern athletes. The Hurley boys played a huge role in the Co-op team and finished the season with a record of 9-7.



GIRLS' BASKETBALL

This season our team played twenty games and proudly went 15-5. We were able to clutch the Conference Champion title for the second year in a row after a strong win at home against Mellen. In January, it was announced that Hurley basketball had been moved from division 5 to division 4. The change meant that we'd be facing bigger schools and stronger competition. When regionals began, we were matched up against the Ladysmith Lumberjills for round one. We played our hearts out but fell eleven points short. Though we didn't go as far as we did last year, we still had an extremely successful season. Five girls on the team received All-Conference awards and Coach Kivisto was voted Coach of The Year.

Olivia France (14), Kylee Hewitt (12), and Melissa DiGiorgio (24) earned 2nd Team; Nicole DiGiorgio (22) earned 3rd Team; Hailey Edyvean (11) received an Honorable Mention.



Flash Interviews

Juniors, Kylee Hewitt & Olivia France

What game did you enjoy playing most?

Kylee: Definitely Three Lakes at home because our energy and team spirit were really high. We were all hyped up on and off the court, those are always my favorite games to play.

Olivia: I had the most fun playing against South Shore at home.

What was your favorite part of the season?

Kylee: My favorite part of the season is after a big win when everyone is excited and into the game. It feels great to know you pulled out of a close game and got a win.

Olivia: I'm just very thankful we were able to play just about a full season without getting shut down because of COVID.

Are you looking forward to next season and what are your goals?

Kylee: I am very much looking forward to next season and getting back on the court with my team. I hope we all come back better and stronger. We will work to defend our conference title and I am hoping to make a deep playoff run next year.

Olivia: Yes, I'm extremely excited for next season. Some goals I have are getting another conference championship, move on in far in the tournament to go as far as we can, and win regionals.

GIRLS' HOCKEY

A Hurley sophomore, Donna Lotzer, recently wrapped up her most recent hockey season. Donna played defense for the Northland Pines Co-Op team. Besides Donna, the majority of the roster is/are girls from Eagle River along with three other girls from Ontanogon, Ironwood, and Wakefield, Michigan. The Co-Op team's practices and games are held at the Eagle River Hockey & Sports Arena. This season the girls proudly went 8-7-2.



Flash Interview

Sophomore, Donna Lotzer

How long have you been in hockey?

This was my thirteenth season playing hockey. I have been playing since 2008.

What's your favorite part about playing?

My favorite part of hockey is meeting new people and creating new friendships.

What has hockey taught you?

Hockey has taught me not to give up and that you must work as a team.



Interview with Coach Aijala

7th & 8th Volleyball Season

Valerie Aijala, HS JV Volleyball Coach took the JH Volleyball Coach position. She answered some questions about her first season:

What would you like to improve as a team going into next season?

Going into next season I would like to focus more on hitting and using the swing method for positioning on the court. This year I focused a lot on the fundamentals such as passing and serving, so some of the other things I did not get to touch on as much as I would have liked.

How do you feel about how the season ended?

I was sad that we lost our final game, but we played well and hard and that is all I can ask for.

Did you feel the team improved greatly from the beginning of the season to the end?

The amount that these girls improved in a month's time was phenomenal. I was honestly shocked with how much improvement they had. Everyone improved from the beginning on the season and I could not be more proud of these girls.

What, in your opinion, was the best game your team played and why?

I think the best game we played was against Mercer when we played them at home. Our 7th grade had lost to them the week prior and we ended up beating them and having an awesome game at home. The eighth grade lost, but stuck in the game for most of it and had one of their best games of the season. We started to give Mercer a run for their money and they got scared for a while, which made it fun for our girls. Competing with such a powerhouse and keeping the score close was a victory in itself.

What parts of the game do you feel your team is best at?

I think our team is best at passing and serving, which was the basis of what I was trying to get across this season. Passing and serving are the fundamentals of the game, if we can't do that then it is hard to win.

Do you feel that your first year coaching middle school was a success?

I think my first year as a middle school coach was a success. The 7th grade team ended up 9-3. The 8th grade team had a lot of improvement. I think the players improved a lot and so did I as a coach. We had a really fun and successful season and that made it enjoyable for all of us.

Do you feel that you are adequately preparing the girls for high school?

I am trying my best to adequately prepare the middle school girls for high school. We run a lot of the same drills that they will do at practice in high school so they are already familiar with the format. Luckily, I am also the JV coach so it will be an easy transition from 8th grade to JV volleyball. The girls know me and my coaching style. I really pushed the fundamentals this year which I think will best prepare them for transitioning to high school volleyball.



Interview with Coach Kivisto

7th & 8th Girls' Basketball Season

Jim Kivisto, HS Softball Coach, 7th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Former Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach
He answered some questions about this season:

What would you like to improve as a team going into next season?

Number one, I'd like to see more kids playing. I'd hope next year, because we won't have Covid, we get more time to prepare for the season.

How do you feel about how the season ended?

We're not done yet, but we've had a good season so far. The girls have improved as the year went on.

Did you feel the team improved greatly from the beginning of the season to the end?

Yes they did. Just on confidence alone, and knowing what they're supposed to do on the court.

What, in your opinion, was the best game your team played and why?

Ironwood. Their whole team was AAU players, which means they were by far the most skilled team we played, and we split with them this year.

What parts of the game do you feel your team is best at?

Talking. They're good at talking and trying to get out of running. That's what they're best at.

Do you feel that you are adequately preparing the girls for high school?

Yeah, in a short season like this, there's not much you can work on, but we try our best to show them what's expected of them in high school.



3rd Quarter Photo Recap...



