



# Hurley School District



## A first quarter recap...

### ***The New Normal***

By HAILEY EDYVEAN

Walking into school on September 1st was like walking into the unknown. We had a general idea of what school would look like: wearing masks, sanitizing, and social distancing, but no one knew exactly what this first quarter would bring. With most students learning in person and some students learning virtual, this first quarter could have been a disaster, but our teachers and staff worked extremely hard to make sure it wasn't.

The Hurley School District has done their all to prevent the possible spread of the virus. In the classroom, new tables spread 3-6 feet apart were added in replacement of desks.

### ***Returning to In-Person***

By HALEY NYQUIST

The uncertainty at the beginning of the school year caused some students and parents to decide that staying isolated at home was a smarter decision than heading back to school. Students had the option of attending school entirely online, via Google Meet. As we begin the second quarter, however, students are returning to in-person school as Google Meet will not be allowed after the first quarter ends. Two juniors, Olivia Cane and Cass Bordner, returned to in-person learning after starting the year online.

#### ***Was starting the school year online more difficult than starting in-person?***

Olivia: Yes, definitely. I felt like I was behind so much even if all of my assignments were turned in. It felt like I wasn't learning anything. I was just showing up. Nothing was sticking.

Cass: Chemistry was kind of difficult, especially when it came to labs, but we found a way to make it work. Other than that, it wasn't terrible. I liked that I could still see and hear my classmates while in the Google Meet with my teachers.

During lunch, students sit three to a table and disposable utensils are used. There are new windows with short openings at the bottom in front of the office for quick and easy contact with our school secretaries. Signs have been added around the school as reminders to sanitize and social distance. With those being the huge changes made at this point in time, it's unsure if more changes will be made or tweaked as time goes on.

For now, these adjustments are the new normal. As unfortunate as it is that these policies have to take place, it's better than everyone having to attend school completely online.

#### ***Did you feel you were isolated from the rest of the class?***

Cass: My classmates and teachers did a really good job of making me feel like I was a part of the class and helping me with assignments when I needed it.

#### ***Was the transition back to in-person difficult?***

Olivia: Yes, the transition was difficult. I felt like I was playing catch-up with everyone else. Like, they all knew what was going on and I had to ask for help every five minutes. After about a week, I got it pretty good, though.

#### ***Are you glad you're back in-person now?***

Cass: I'm glad to be in-person and see my friends again, but if I had to go back online for some reason, it wouldn't be the end of the world for me.

Olivia: I'm definitely glad I'm in-person. I feel like I'm doing so much better now.

# New Faces

*Interviews with some of the new people at the school this year.*

## Natalia Gonzalez-Lovera

By HALEY NYQUIST

**How old are you & what grade are you in?**

I'm 15. I would be a sophomore, but I'm a junior here because the level in Spain is higher.

**Where are you from?**

Madrid, Spain. That's the capital of Spain. It's a big city, and it's really warm compared to here. Big city, a lot of people.

**Are classes here harder?**

No, they're way easier. In Spain, it's so difficult. You have to study a lot. I don't have to study a lot here, to be honest.

**What was your hardest class?**

Probably math. Math here is definitely a lot easier. I'm in the new class with Ms. Rowe. In Spain, we used to do everything: algebra, geometry, everything. Here, you can choose what you want to do.

**What's your favorite part about Hurley?**

My favorite part, obviously, is hanging out with friends. I like going to school here because it's like you are having fun. Obviously, I mean, you have to get up early, but I have fun here.

**Are you leaving at the end of the school year?**

Usually the people in my agency leave on the 15th of June, but I can stay more if I want. So I could stay, maybe, the summer.



**Is the school day structured the same?**

It's a little bit different. We enter at the same time, at 8:00, but then we leave at 2:30 because we don't have advisory or any advisory class. We also don't have lunch time. We have a break that you can take. It's half an hour and you can bring snacks to eat but we usually eat lunch at 2:30. Here, lunch is way earlier than in Spain. So when the lunch bell rings, we go eat lunch at home.

**What was the trip here like?**

I had to take three planes. The first one was from Madrid to Amsterdam. My father went with me to Amsterdam because I didn't have anyone to bring me there. And then to go from Amsterdam to the United States, we had to sign a lot of papers and and me, by myself, couldn't do that. Then, in Amsterdam, I was supposed to be alone for the rest of the flight, but because of the Corona Virus, I can't fly by myself. It's obligatory to have a minor assistant that goes with you, so I had to pay to have him fly with me.



## Mr. Chilson / Science

By HALEY NYQUIST

**Where did you go to school and for what?**

I went to school at UW-Stout from Science Education. I have a Broad Field Science major and minors in Biology, Chemistry, Physics.

**What did you do before teaching?**

I worked for a residential gas line company called Q3 Contracting. We would install new gas lines and meters to people's houses and then have to fix their yards once the new lines were installed.

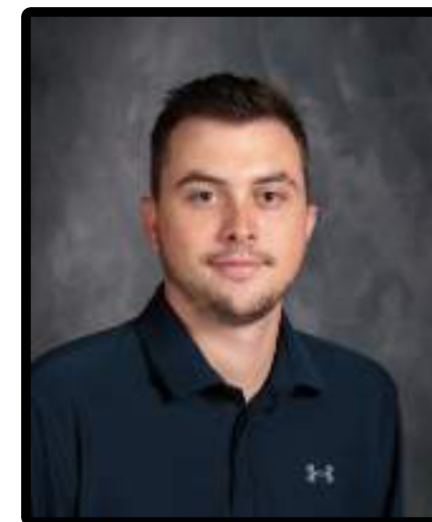
**Do you like teaching at Hurley?**

I enjoy teaching in Hurley a lot. It is nice to have supporting teachers in your content area that are willing to help with any questions. Hurley has a strong support staff and people in administration positions that would do anything for their teachers. The students have been respectful and it is fun teaching students that have a lot of the same hobbies in common with myself as well.

## Mr. France / 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

By HAILEY EDYVEAN

Mrs. Mary Ann Nicholls, who taught at Hurley for 30 years, announced her retirement at the beginning of August 2020, leaving her position open. This school year the Hurley school district welcomed Max France, a Bessemer high school alumni and a graduate of UW- Eau Claire, as the new third-grade teacher. Mr. France was inspired to become a teacher by his mother, who has taught at Bessemer throughout his whole life. While talking about his first quarter teaching Mr. France said, "I have enjoyed everything about teaching at Hurley, but I think the best part is being able to connect with the students so easily."



**What sports are you good at/interested in?**

I love basketball, football, and golf.

**Do you have a secret talent?**

I don't know if I have a secret talent, but I am extremely good at talking.

**Are you interested in potentially coaching at Hurley?**

Yes, extremely interested in coaching basketball!



# Fall Sports

## FOOTBALL

By HAILEY EDYVEAN

Due to COVID, the Hurley football team had to delay the start of their season by about a month, beginning practice on September 7th. The late launch of the season was the first action taken to prevent catching and/or spreading the virus. The team social distances as much as possible as often as they can. On bus rides, players sit one to a seat, closest to the window giving six feet of space. Masks are worn by all athletes and coaches during all practices and games. Before entering the bus for away games, all players are asked about any possible symptoms along with getting their temperature checked.

This season has brought challenges and downsides for both coaches and players. The JV boys have been majorly affected this season according to Coach Rye, "In the new

conference we are in and because of COVID, a lot of the JV teams won't travel here." The JV team had three games, in which they all took wins.

The varsity team is 4-1 in their new conference, the Lakeland conference. On Friday, October 30th, our boys defeated the Grantsburg Pirates on our home field taking the title of Conference Champs. On Friday, November 6th, the Northstars are scheduled to take on the Webster Tigers at our home field, the Veteran's Memorial Field. We wish the Northstars good luck tonight!

## Interview With Cheerleaders Jayme Harma and Olivia Cane

By HALEY NYQUIST

### What's different about cheering in a pandemic?

Olivia: We can't do lifts anymore, so no cool tricks, and we have to be further apart on the field and wear masks.

Jayme: There's no changing rooms available to us there or concession.

### Is there anything different about cheering with masks?

Olivia: I have to yell louder so people can hear, also sometimes it falls off my nose and I have to fix it.

Jayme: I don't find it especially hard to breathe, but we aren't able to yell as loudly as we usually would

### Did you get to do everything this year that you usually do?

Olivia: No, not really. A lot of things aren't as cool. Like, we normally do a camp in the summer where we learn cool new cheers and lifts, but we couldn't because of Covid. We also had some pretty fun fundraisers that we normally do but we don't get to.

## FALL CHEER

The team is coached by Melissa DeCarlo.

## An overview of fall sports at Hurley

## CROSS COUNTRY

By HAILEY EDYVEAN

The 2020 Hurley cross country team had their season cut short this year because of COVID. Usually, there are ten conference meets, but there were only three this season. Along with these, Hurley also participated in the Ewen-Trout Creek meet and the sub sectionals, which were held at our school. Two of our runners, Eli Talsma (10th) and Jaana Aukee (9th) advanced to the sectional meet which was held in Cameron.

Cross country doesn't require a lot of close contact so during meets, masks were required for the first hundred yards, then runners were able to take them off after they crossed the finish line. Team tents weren't put up at meets and teams left directly after finishing as no award ceremonies took place to avoid close contact.



For Hurley's 14 runners this season including seven girls and seven boys, this season has been far from a 'normal' season, but everyone made the best out of it while making it one to remember. Coach Amanda Corullo agrees, "The kids all did well and adjusted to the changes that sometimes took place daily. It was definitely a year like no other!"

## Interview With Volleyball Players Aly Kukowski and Shanaya Fleig

By HALEY NYQUIST

### What's different about playing in a pandemic?

Shanaya: We weren't able to play in any tournaments, no locker rooms, and no team bonding nights.

Aly: Definitely the smaller crowds at games. I'm so used to having lots of people in the stands cheering us on, but at least we were able to have some to support us through this weird time.

### How did Corona impact games and practices?

Shanaya: Games were more strict and we didn't get to bond as well with our opponents. Practices were harder, as we had to social distance, and couldn't practice to our fullest without taking a break.

Aly: For practices we had to take more breaks and make sure our mask was always up.

### Shanaya, do you feel you had a good last season?

Shanaya: Yes I did; I tried to make the best of it and was happy I even got to play at all.

## VOLLEYBALL

The team is coached by Aaron Bender and Valerie Aijala and managed by Cayden Corullo.



# Homecoming

By HAILEY EDYVEAN

2020 Fall Homecoming wasn't exactly how it was supposed to be, but our student body did everything within their power to make it just as special as a traditional homecoming. Some of the big activities that couldn't take place this fall were powderpuff football, the parade, quiz bowl, and the cook-off. We were able to have a smaller pep assembly with only high school students attending to introduce

the fall sports teams and homecoming court; tug of war and scrub volleyball were also played at the assembly. Each high school class was assigned to a hallway section to decorate since there were no floats this year. Scrub volleyball between classes took place during lunch over the week as well as dress-up days, and the big homecoming game still took place.

Our football boys went up against the Flambeau Falcons, defeating them 35-0 on our home field. During halftime, players and cheerleaders were introduced under the Friday Night Lights in

honor of parents' night. The volleyball team was also supposed to play this Friday, but their game was canceled. They played earlier in the week at home, defeating Solon Springs 3-1. Volleyball parents' night was held the Monday after.

Overall, our fall homecoming wasn't what everyone was hoping for, but the outcome was enjoyed by all. It's safe to say that this homecoming won't be forgotten by our teachers or any of us students. The freshman and junior class tied for last place, the sophomores placed second, and the seniors took first. Mackenzie Backman was crowned queen and Ty Manzanares was named king. Talia Erickson and Joe Cane, runner ups.



# Student Life

## September Northstars of the Month



Pictured: Lakota Laabs, Aiden Pylkas, Adam Heiden, Lucas Koski, and Ryan Thier



Pictured: Ayden Leinon, Max Blamey, Antonio Cummings, Evan Corullo, and Brian Geach.



Pictured: Wysteria Jewell, Jacklynn Wolfe, Nolan Buccanero, Cooper Stafford & Mr. Lombardo (receiving Piper Olson's certificate on her behalf)



Hannah Simchak Panosso, Jerome Minier, Brenden Aukee & Madelyn Wiita. Missing: Chandler Walowinski.

## October Northstars of the Month

## Halloween Fun



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter News

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