

Central registration starts Feb. 1 for new students

The Hamburg Central School District announces that beginning Feb. 1, all student registrations will take place at a new Central Registration Office. It will be located on the second floor of the Administration Building, 5305 Abbott Rd., Hamburg, NY 14075.

Appointments may be made by calling the Central Registrar at 646-3200, ext. 7218. Student registration will be by appointment only. Required documents, along with completed registration forms, are necessary at the time of the appointment.

"Girls Nite Out" is quality time for mothers, daughters

A night of quality time together for mothers, daughters, sisters and friends in Grades 3-8 is planned for Wednesday, Jan. 20 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Hamburg High School cafeteria, 4111 Legion Dr. This "Girls Nite Out" is being presented by Empower Girls Buffalo and the Parent-Child Connection.

The evening will include relaxation, healthy snacks, activities and "girl talk." Students must be accompanied by the female adult of their choice.

Registration is required by Tuesday, Jan. 12 by contacting Nicole Dayka at 646-3200, ext. 7256 or ndayka@hamburgschools.org.

Lifeguard training sign-up under way

Full course lifeguard training will be offered starting in January for anyone at least 15 years old, able to swim 500 yards non-stop and capable of retrieving a 10-pound object from the bottom of a pool. Classes will tentatively be on Saturdays, Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30 and Feb. 6 from 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Hamburg Middle School pool and 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Hamburg High School LMC. The class includes lifeguard training, first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation/automated external defibrillator instruction. This will be a new blended learning opportunity that combines online knowledge acquisition and in-person training.

The class fee is \$220 payable to instructor Mary Galac and \$35 to the Red Cross. For information on how to register, contact Mrs. Galac at mgalac@aim.com or 860-3990.



Superintendent's Column

Forward momentum will continue in 2016

The beginning of the new year is a time during which we count the blessings offered by the previous year, while at the same time we think about the opportunities that await us in the year ahead.

2015 offered many things for our Hamburg Bulldog family to feel great about:

- Despite the loss of approximately \$50 million in Gap Elimination and lost Foundation Aid, our district is financially stable
- The attention of our entire school district is once again focused on assuring that every student has a great learning experience through excellence in teaching and leadership
- We have a new Strategic Action Plan that will help guide and focus the efforts of the great people who work with young people in our schools each day
- Our students and employees continue to raise and donate money and volunteer their services, adding enormous value to our community in addition to our core mission of educating our young people.

While 2015 was a great year for Ham-



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burg, 2016 promises many new opportunities for us to continue moving forward together:

- Regulatory changes to teacher evaluations, to standardized testing and to the Common Core give us the opportunity to further focus our attention on teaching and learning with the State Education Department as a partner
- We'll continue to help students grow and develop in a "Culture of Kindness," which emphasizes the value that each of them adds to our school community
- By continuing to renew our commitment to excellence through meaningful learning opportunities for all of our adults, the new trajectory of professional learning will drive continually improving learning outcomes for our young people.

Personally, from my family and me, 2015 brought us the blessing of coming to Hamburg to serve this great community. Thank you for your support and partnership in 2015 and I am looking forward to our continued growth together in 2016.

Alumni Foundation's golf tournament benefits schools

More than \$30,000 to benefit the Hamburg Schools was raised at the Hamburg Alumni Foundation's 13th annual golf tournament last August. The event was attended by nearly 130 golfers.

Foundation President Keith Fisher said support from major sponsors contributed to the event's success. Additionally, there were more than 70 tee and gift sponsors. The tournament winners were Chuck Kluckhohn, Carl Kluckhohn, Lee Atendito and Tom Sardinia.

The Foundation has been a benefactor of the Hamburg Schools since 2001. To date, it has distributed more than \$220,000 in grants and scholarships. For more information, see the Foundation's website at hamburgalumnifoundation.org.