WILDCAT EDITION SPRING 2023

## WILDCAT NATION

"Excellence in Learning for ALL"



### Capital Project Vote on May 16, 2023!

A capital project is a long-term investment that has a significant value to maintaining or improving maintenance and infrastructure. HTC is proposing a new Capital Project that will be **TAX NEUTRAL!** This capital project is a strategic component of our long-term financial goals, and it supports the TRADITION of making HTC the best place for children to attend school. Please visit our <u>website</u> to see our latest informational Powerpoint. Here is a list of some highlights in the 2025 Capital Project:

- a. Turn the MS/HS "old gym" into a full-time auditorium w/ theater seating. This auditorium will also serve as the district's public-meeting space.
- b. Design and build a new physical fitness center and open studio area for student programming in the MS/HS. **This area will be available for residents of HTCSD school district.** Our plan is for the fitness center to be open on set nights and weekends for the public to use.
- c. Purchase land that is adjacent to the MS/HS soccer field. The land would be used to build four tennis courts, and it would also support an ADA accessible parking lot for soccer games and tennis matches.



**4/13** - Shrek Musical @ 6:30

**4/14** - Shrek Musical @ 6:30

**4/15** - OM State Competition (Syracuse, NY)

**4/16** - Shrek Musical @ 2:00

**4/20** - BOE meeting / Budget Adoption @ 6:00 Hunter Cafe

**5/3** - Tri-M & Art Honor Society @ 6:00

**5/4** - Budget Hearing @ 6:00 Hunter Cafe

5/13 - Junior Prom



- d. Removal of our current tennis courts to provide room to build and design a new gymnasium.
- e. Purchase land adjacent to the elementary school parking lot, which will allow the district to increase parking, and to create a new safe student drop-off area that is separate from our bus loop.
- f. Safety and Security all inside door locks will be converted to a badge entry, and automatic lockdown switches will be installed. In an active threat emergency, if the switch is activated, 911 will be called, the PA system will automatically alert students and staff that a lockdown is in place, signage in areas such as the hallways, auditorium, cafeteria, and gymnasium will scroll an emergency message, and blue lights will automatically come on at all entrances alerting people who are

outside the building to stay out.

#### HTC & WAJ Baseball Merger:

For the first time in school history, HTC and WAJ are combining athletic teams. This year, HTC modified and varsity baseball players will join the WAJ team to have the opportunity to compete in the Delaware League. Each district is very supportive and we are proud to offer mountaintop student athletes with an opportunity to play on a competitive team. WAJ is the host school, however, there will be a few games scheduled to be played on our Tannersville field.

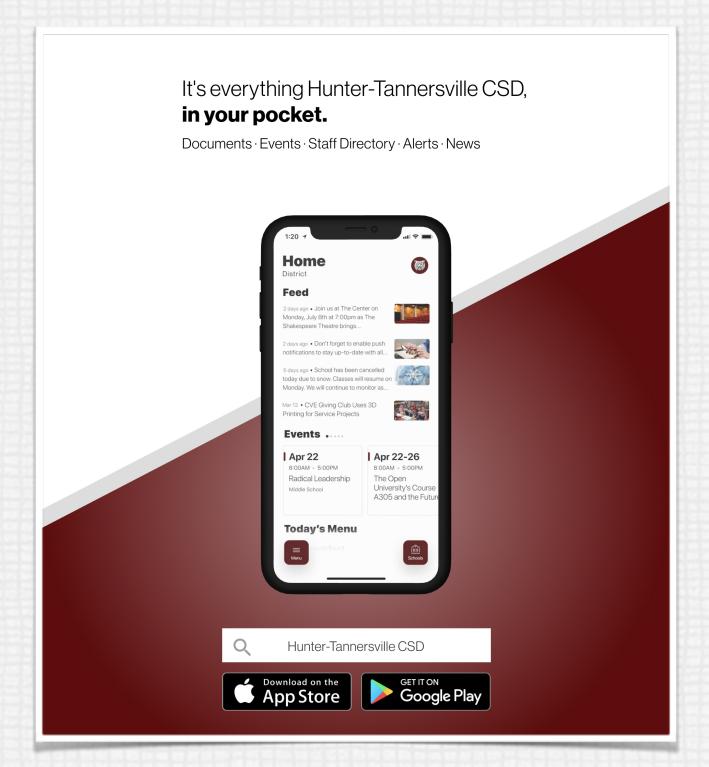


# Important District Announcements!

**Emergency Days** - The district has no more emergency days left after that powerful nor'easter swept through our region. At this time, pending no more emergency school closures, HTC will finish the year with 179 out of 180 required school days. The district is working with The State Education Department, to get a waiver for 180-days, therefore, we will not be penalized.

**School Budget:** On April 20th, the Board of Education will adopt the budget for the 2023-24 school year. Budget highlights:

- 1. Overall budget with a 2.26 Tax Levy is \$15,261,593.00
- 2. The budget maintains all current student programs!
- 3. Annual Budget Hearing is on May 4th @ 6:00 pm at the Hunter Elementary School Cafe.
- 4. Please come vote on May 16th, at the Hunter Elementary school from 12pm-8pm (Our Budget Newsletter will be mailed in May).



## NYS GRADES 3-8 TESTING TEST DATES—Grades 3-6 ELA

Grades 7-8 ELA April 25-26
Grades 3-6 Math May 2-3
Grades 7-8 Math May 8-9

Grade 8 Science Performance May 23-June2

April 19-20

Grade 8 Science Written June 5