

CASINO NIGHT

MAY 30TH

Juniors and seniors: start planning your outfits, rides, and picture poses, because

Prom 2026 is officially on the way, and this year's theme is bringing the energy:

A Night in Vegas.



Artwork by Roselyn Nietes

Think bright lights, high stakes, and a night you won't forget. This year's prom will take place on May 30th at Paradise Gardens, starting at 6:30 PM. Whether you're going all-out glam or keeping it classic, this is your chance to dress up, celebrate, and make some unforgettable memories with your friends.

Before prom begins, students will also have the chance to participate in the Grand March, which will take place in the high school gym. This is your moment to show off your look and walk in with your friends (or date) in front of family, staff, and classmates. Time for Grand March is coming soon, so keep an eye out for updates.

If you're planning to be part of Grand March, there's one important thing to know: you **MUST** sign up in advance to participate. Sign-ups for both prom and Grand March will be available soon, so don't wait, because spots fill up fast, and you don't want to miss out.

With this theme, you can expect a night full of fun, energy, and maybe even a few surprises. Whether you're there for the photos, the music, or just the memories, Prom 2026 is shaping up to be one of the biggest events of the year.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS:

Landon Ploss
INTENDED MAJOR
COMPUTER SCIENCE
DIII GOLF
UTICA UNIVERSITY

A senior spotlight for Landon Ploss. The background is an aerial view of Utica University. The name 'Landon Ploss' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'COMPUTER SCIENCE'. To the left is a photo of Landon with a red car, and below that is a photo of him as a child. At the bottom left, it says 'DIII GOLF' and 'UTICA UNIVERSITY'.

Roselyn Nietes
INTENDED MAJOR
FINE ARTS
UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO

A senior spotlight for Roselyn Nietes. The background is an aerial view of the University at Buffalo. The name 'Roselyn Nietes' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'FINE ARTS'. To the left is a photo of Roselyn sitting on a grassy area, and below that is a photo of her as a child. At the bottom, it says 'UNIVERSITY AT BUFFALO'.

JACK NEVILLS
INTENDED MAJOR
ELECTRICAL LINEMEN
SOUTHEAST LINEMEN TRAINING CENTER

A senior spotlight for Jack Nevills. The background is a street scene with utility poles. The name 'JACK NEVILLS' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'ELECTRICAL LINEMEN'. To the left is a photo of Jack standing next to a truck, and below that is a photo of him as a child. At the bottom, it says 'SOUTHEAST LINEMEN TRAINING CENTER'.

Peyton Gillen
INTENDED MAJOR
SPORTS MANAGEMENT
BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
DS SOCCER
CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A senior spotlight for Peyton Gillen. The background is a lake scene. The name 'Peyton Gillen' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'SPORTS MANAGEMENT BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION'. To the left is a photo of Peyton sitting on a bench, and below that is a photo of him as a child. At the bottom left, it says 'DS SOCCER' and 'CLINTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE'.

Logan DeCarlis
INTENDED MAJOR
ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION
TRACK & FIELD
UTICA UNIVERSITY

A senior spotlight for Logan DeCarlis. The background is an aerial view of Utica University. The name 'Logan DeCarlis' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'ADOLESCENCE EDUCATION'. To the left is a photo of Logan standing, and below that is a photo of him as a child. At the bottom left, it says 'TRACK & FIELD' and 'UTICA UNIVERSITY'.

Arthur Dadelo
INTENDED MAJOR
METEOROLOGY
SUNY BROCKPORT

A senior spotlight for Arthur Dadelo. The background is an aerial view of SUNY Brockport. The name 'Arthur Dadelo' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'METEOROLOGY'. To the left is a photo of Arthur standing, and below that is a photo of him as a child. At the bottom, it says 'SUNY BROCKPORT'.

Trinity Heaton
INTENDED MAJOR
Exercise Science and Wellness
UTICA UNIVERSITY

A senior spotlight for Trinity Heaton. The background is an aerial view of Utica University. The name 'Trinity Heaton' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'Exercise Science and Wellness'. To the left is a photo of Trinity standing, and below that is a photo of her as a child. At the bottom, it says 'UTICA UNIVERSITY'.

Isabella Filipczuk
INTENDED MAJOR
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION
HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A senior spotlight for Isabella Filipczuk. The background is a grassy area. The name 'Isabella Filipczuk' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION'. To the left is a photo of Isabella, and below that is a photo of her as a child. At the bottom, it says 'HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'.

Sarah Huyck
INTENDED MAJOR
NURSING
MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A senior spotlight for Sarah Huyck. The background is a building. The name 'Sarah Huyck' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'NURSING'. To the left is a photo of Sarah sitting, and below that is a photo of her as a child. At the bottom, it says 'MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'.

Meghan Whaley
INTENDED MAJOR
FORENSICS
HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A senior spotlight for Meghan Whaley. The background is a grassy area. The name 'Meghan Whaley' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'FORENSICS'. To the left is a photo of Meghan sitting, and below that is a photo of her as a child. At the bottom, it says 'HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'.

Avrey Allen
INTENDED MAJOR
Occupational Therapy
UTICA UNIVERSITY

A senior spotlight for Avrey Allen. The background is an aerial view of Utica University. The name 'Avrey Allen' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'Occupational Therapy'. To the left is a photo of Avrey in a white dress, and below that is a photo of her as a child. At the bottom left, it says 'TRACK & FIELD' and 'UTICA UNIVERSITY'.

Havonna White
INTENDED MAJOR
PHYSICAL THERAPY
DS SOFTBALL
HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

A senior spotlight for Havonna White. The background is a grassy area. The name 'Havonna White' is at the top. Below it is a circular graphic with 'INTENDED MAJOR' and 'PHYSICAL THERAPY'. To the left is a photo of Havonna, and below that is a photo of her as a child. At the bottom left, it says 'DS SOFTBALL' and 'HERKIMER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE'.

Student Sports Spotlight



QUICK STATS

Grade: 11

Position: Center

Field/short/pitcher

Favorite MLB Player:

Derek Jeter

Walk-Up Song: Dance in the Dark

Pre-Game Routine:

Stretching

Herkimer High School is proud to recognize Geno Scalise, a dedicated member of the varsity baseball team, as this month's Athlete of the Month. An 11th grader who plays center field and shortstop, Geno is already showing strong commitment and enthusiasm heading into the upcoming season.

When asked what he enjoys most about his position, Geno shared, "I play center field and shortstop, and I like it because I'm always involved in the play—there's a lot of action and I get to stay engaged every inning." His love for the game and eagerness to contribute wherever he's needed highlight his team-first mindset. Although the season hasn't officially started, Geno is already looking ahead. "The season hasn't started yet, but I'm looking forward to getting out there with the team and competing," he said, reflecting his excitement and readiness for the challenges ahead.

Baseball is often described as a game of failure, and Geno approaches that reality with maturity. "I just remind myself that I'll do better next time and use it as motivation to improve," he explained, demonstrating resilience and a growth mindset that will serve him well throughout the season.

Off the field, Geno takes his responsibilities seriously in the classroom. "I make sure to stay on top of my work during class and use study halls to get everything done so I can focus on baseball after school," he said. His ability to balance academics and athletics shows discipline and strong time management skills.

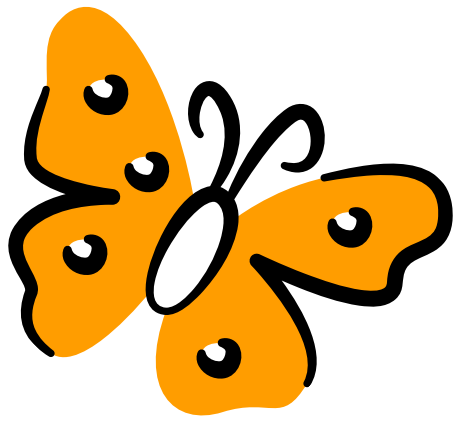
To Geno, being part of the Herkimer baseball program is more than just playing a sport.

"It means everything. Being part of this team is something I take a lot of pride in," he shared.

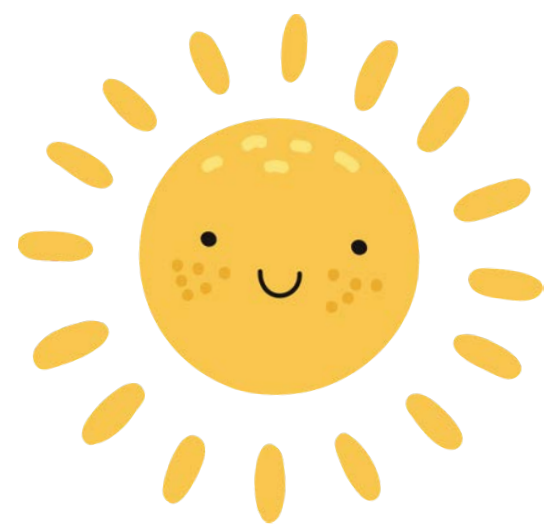
His dedication, positive attitude, and pride in his team make him a standout student-athlete.

With the season just around the corner, Geno Scalise is one to watch as he steps onto the field ready to compete and represent Herkimer with pride.





Spring plans



Spending time with family

College visits

Working

Sleeping

Spring cleaning

Shopping

Spring sports

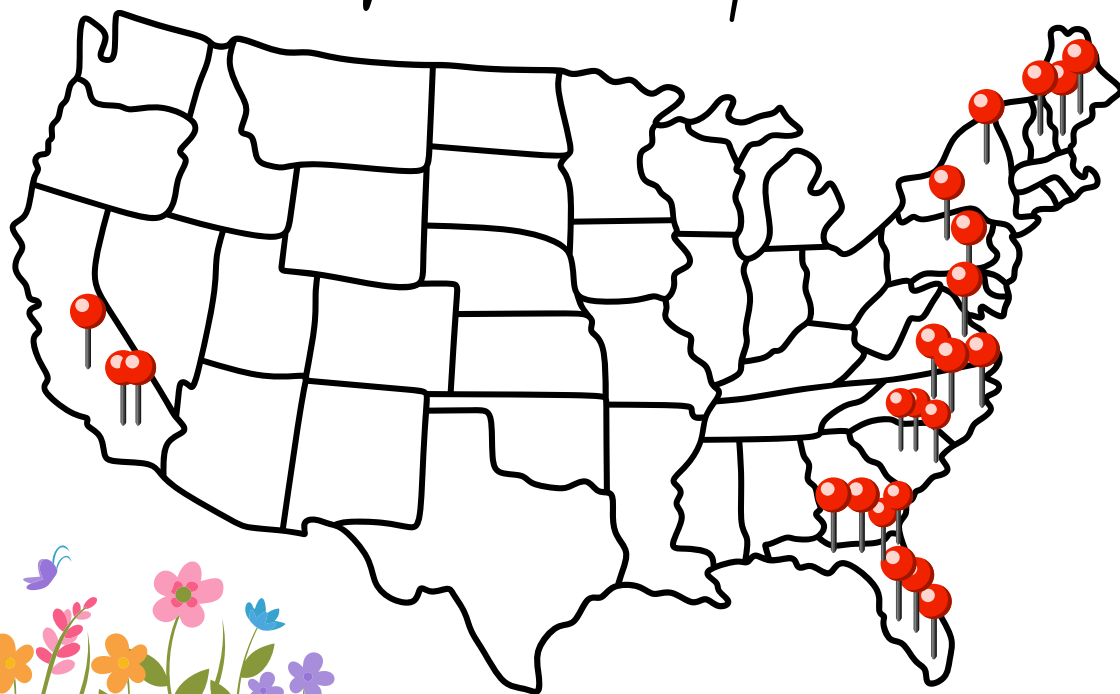
Most popular vacation spot is Florida!

Reading

Travel map!



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Student SPOTLIGHT

FENIMORE ART MUSEUM **YOUNG AT ART** Cooperstown

The Young at Art Exhibit runs from April 1st - May 10th

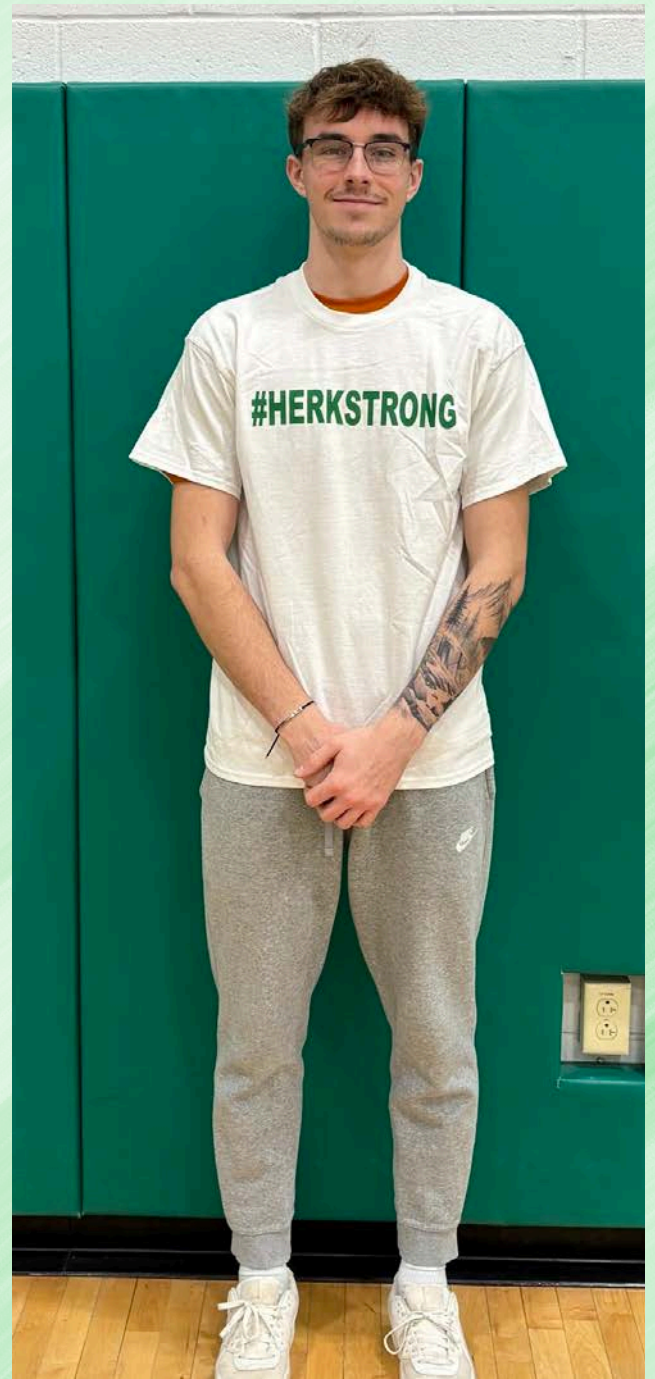


There were over 400 artworks submitted to this exhibit!!

Congratulations to our student artists

Herkimer CSD Student artwork selected:

- Gwendalyn McCutcheon - grade 9
- Alaina Hutchinson - grade 10
- Bella Gilmore - grade 11



Congratulations to Senior Shane Maxon on being selected as February's PE student of the month. Balancing the demands of academics and athletics is an achievement in itself, but doing so with such good character, integrity, and sportsmanship is what truly sets you apart. Keep up the good work. #HERKSTRONG

Student of the Month



Adelaide Hammond
7th Grade

STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Bella Maass
Winter Athlete
HHS Student Council 2025-2026

STUDENT OF THE MONTH
Shane Maxon
Winter Athlete
HHS Student Council 2025-2026

SPRING Recipes

Pasta Primavera



Ingredients

Kosher salt
12 oz.
spaghetti
1/4 cup
(or more) extra-virgin olive oil
1 large zucchini, sliced into 1/2" half-moons
1 bunch asparagus, trimmed, quartered crosswise
1/2 red onion, sliced into 1/4" half-moons
2 small leeks, cut into 1/2" half-moons
1 red bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed, chopped
5 cloves garlic, finely chopped
1 cup grape tomatoes
3/4 cup heavy cream
1/3 cup frozen peas, thawed
2 oz. Parmesan, finely grated, plus more for serving
Lemon zest and juice from 1 small lemon (optional)
Freshly ground black pepper

Directions:

Step 1: In a large pot of boiling salted water, cook pasta, stirring occasionally, until just under al dente according to package directions, 6 to 7 minutes. Reserve 1 1/2 to 2 cups pasta water.

Step 2: Meanwhile, in a large high-sided skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1/4 cup oil. Cook zucchini, stirring occasionally, until starting to soften and turn lightly golden but still vibrant green, 3 to 4 minutes; season with 1/2 teaspoon salt. Add asparagus, season with 1/2 teaspoon salt, and cook, stirring often, until asparagus is vibrant green and softened, about 4 minutes. Transfer vegetables to a plate.

Step 3: Reduce heat to medium. Coat skillet with 1 to 2 tablespoons oil, if needed. Add onions and leeks and cook, stirring occasionally, until beginning to wilt and caramelize, about 5 minutes; season with 1 teaspoon salt. Add bell pepper and cook, stirring and reducing heat if onions and leeks start to char, until slightly softened, 3 to 4 minutes more. Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant and onions are translucent, about 2 minutes.

Step 4: Reduce heat to medium-low. Add tomatoes, cream, peas, and reserved 1/2 cup pasta water. Cook, stirring occasionally, until tomatoes are tender and beginning to burst, 2 to 3 minutes. Add spaghetti, reserved zucchini and asparagus, Parmesan, and a splash of pasta water and cook, tossing to combine and adding more pasta water as needed, until sauce is glossy and cheese is melted.

Step 5: Stir in lemon zest and juice (if using); season with pepper.

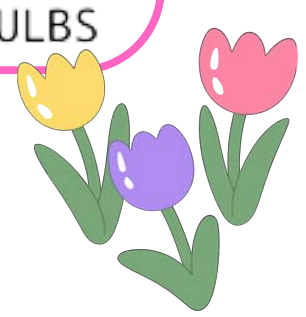
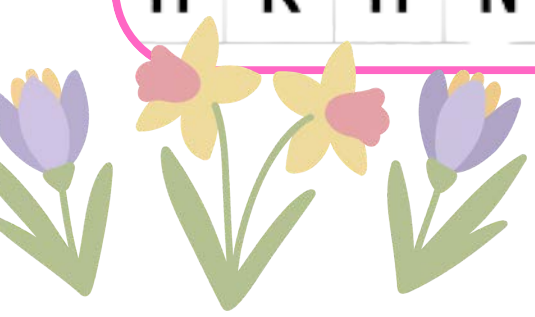


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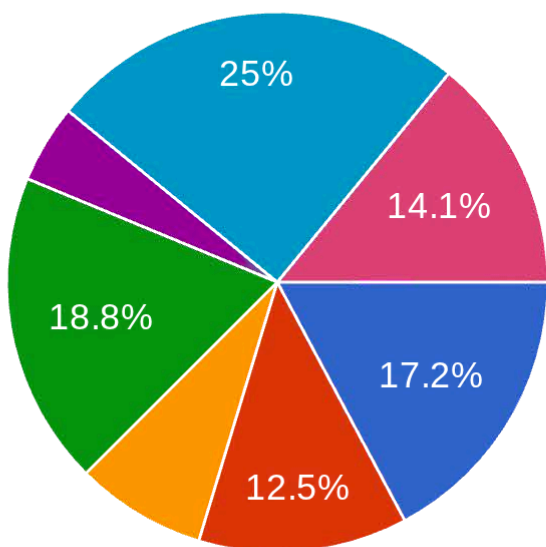


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- EGGS
- SUNSHINE
- MAY
- BUTTERFLY
- BUD
- NEST
- FLOWERS
- SEASON
- ROBIN
- UMBRELLA
- BULBS



What is your favorite item to get in an Easter basket
64 responses



- Chocolate Bunnies
- Peeps
- Jelly Beans
- Stuffed Animals
- Books
- Cadbury Eggs
- Reese Eggs

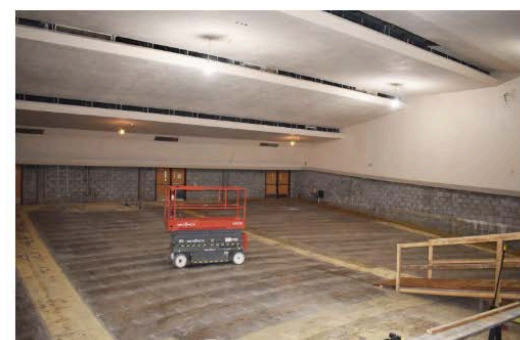
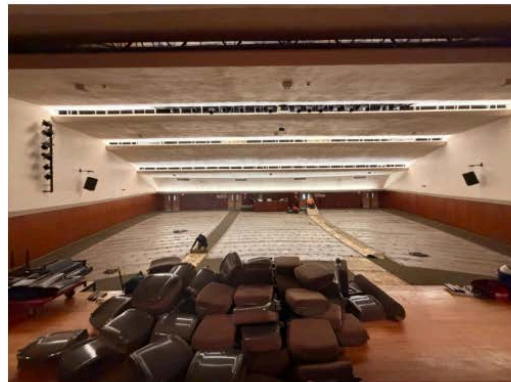
If you've noticed things looking a little different around the school lately... you're not imagining it. Construction for Herkimer's capital project is officially underway, and it's already starting to change parts of the building.

The project, which was approved last year, focuses on upgrading different areas of the school to make them safer, more modern, and better for students overall. While construction won't be finished overnight, it's all part of a long-term plan to improve our school experience.

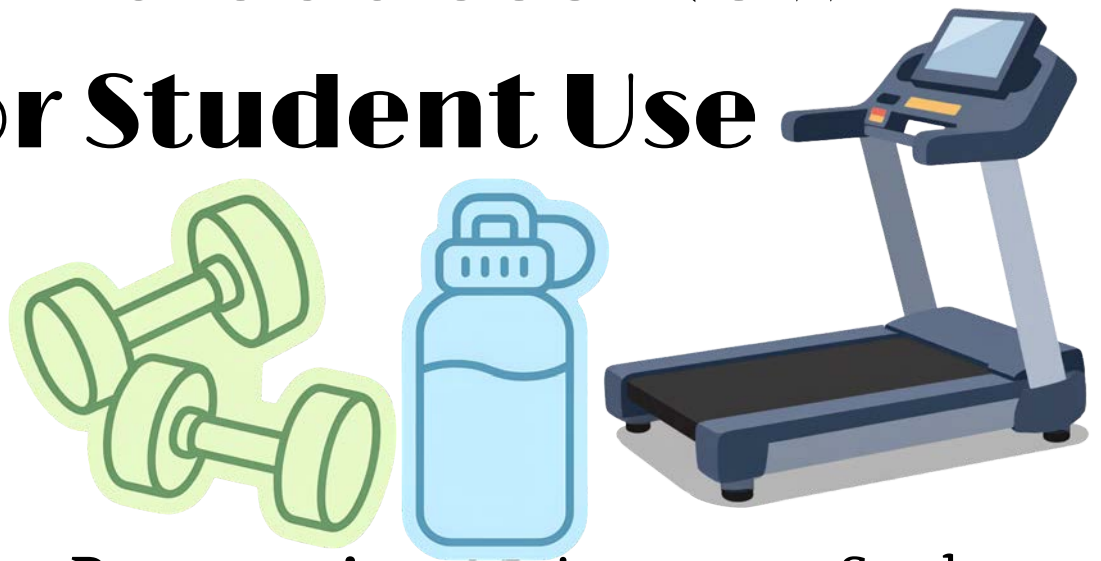
One of the biggest changes so far is the auditorium, which has been completely taken apart and is now under construction. Because of this, events that would normally take place there, such as grand march, will be held at different locations this year.

CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS

There are also other updates happening across the building, including improvements to things like lighting, equipment, and general facilities. You might notice different areas blocked off or hear construction during the day as work continues. While the changes might be a little inconvenient at times, they're all leading toward something better. The goal is to create a more updated, comfortable, and functional space for students and staff. So yes, the noise, the detours, and the construction zones might take some getting used to, but in the end, it's all part of making Herkimer a better place to learn.



Fitness Center Introduces New Guidelines for Student Use



The Herkimer High School Fitness Center has introduced several updated guidelines to ensure a safe, organized, and fair environment for all students. If you plan on using the facility, make sure you're aware of these important changes.

One of the biggest updates is that the **last name restriction** has officially been lifted, allowing more flexibility for students who want to attend. However, there is now a **maximum capacity of 15 students** in the Fitness Center at a time (not including those there for sports teams). This change helps maintain a safe and manageable space for everyone.

There are also specific rules for **younger students**. Sixth graders are not permitted to use free weights and must stick to machines or bodyweight exercises. This policy is in place to promote safety and proper technique.

Students should also note that the Fitness Center will no longer be open after school on Fridays, so plan workouts accordingly throughout the week.

Proper attire remains a must. Students are required to wear PE-appropriate footwear, meaning no Crocs, flip-flops, or similar shoes. Additionally, no food, gum, or drinks are allowed, with the exception of water.

Timing and transportation policies are also being enforced more strictly. No additional students will be allowed in after 2:35 PM, and the dismissal bell rings at 3:13 PM. Students who do not normally take the 2:25 bus are not permitted to take the late bus, so be sure to arrange transportation ahead of time.

Finally, students attending the Fitness Center should remember that the school's bell-to-bell **technology policy still applies**, yes, that means no phone use during this after-school activity.

These updates are designed to keep the Fitness Center running smoothly while prioritizing student safety and responsibility. Make sure to follow the rules and enjoy staying active!

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Cookie Sale!!

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