

Schools are back in session

The 2019-20 school year has begun!

Our staff began the year on September 3 with our opening day gathering. They were greeted by cheers, music, and signs from High School cheerleaders and musicians, as well as parent-teacher organization members and their families. We thank them for welcoming our staff back to school!

Students in grades PreK-9 began the school year on September 4, which was Freshman First Day at the High School. Students in grades 10-12 began school on September 5.

We look forward to a great 2019-20 school year.



Intermediate School students participated in team building activities on a beautiful day September 5. See more first week of school photos on pages 2-3.

Elementary school resource officer is an old friend

We welcome Officer Scott McGrain to the new elementary school resource officer position (SRO). Actually, we welcome him back - not only is McGrain a Horseheads graduate; he was also our school resource officer at the High School for several years during the early 2000s.

As elementary SRO, McGrain travels to the district's four elementary schools, usually daily, and works with students and staff to help make our schools feel safe for students, to help make the connection between law enforcement and community, and, as he says, "be a friend."



He's having lunch with students, welcoming them in the morning, high-fiving them in the afternoons, and attending various elementary events including festivals, carnivals, and concerts.

McGrain retired from full-time police work in June. He is a graduate of Corning Community College and Damen College. He and his wife, Jessica, and their three dogs, live in Horseheads.

The position was created to respond to the needs of our younger students and was approved by voters as part of our 2019-20 budget.

When asked how the new position is going so far, McGrain said, "I love it." Judging by our students' interactions with him, they feel the same about the program and Officer McGrain.

Images from the first days of school



Above, below, and at left: Music students, cheerleaders, and PTO families came to the High School Auditorium September 3 to welcome staff to the new school year.

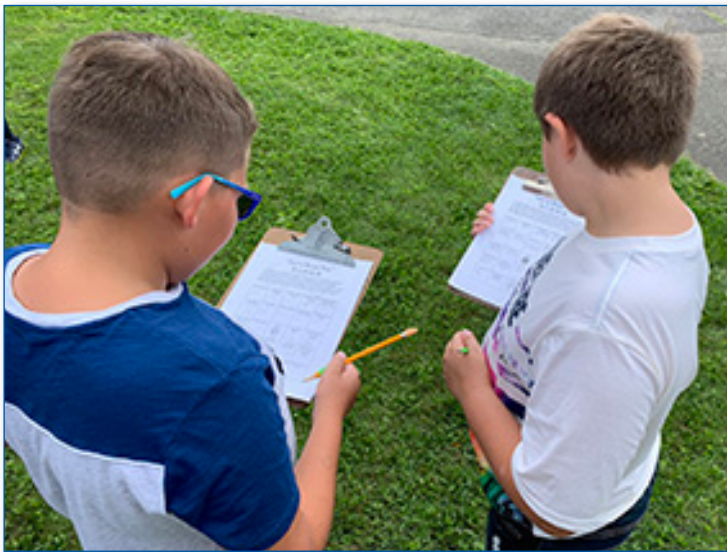


Below, Zeke welcomes students at Center Street September 4. At right, Middle School students arrive at school September 4. Below, right, Ridge Road has a new arch welcoming students back to school.





Above: A Big Flats dad takes photos of his daughters on the first day of school September 4. Below: First day of school at Ridge Road. Bottom, Middle School students enter school after getting off the bus September 4.



Top: Big Flats Principal Elizabeth Saptura greets new students to the school September 4. Above: Intermediate School students learn more about each other with a Bingo activity September 5. Below, freshman began the school year September 4 with Freshman First Day. Students in blue t-shirts are upperclassmen who helped with the day.



Offices relocated to make way for construction

Here's where district offices are now located

The High School portion of the capital improvement project approved by voters in 2017 includes the renovation of several classrooms. As a result, temporary classroom space is needed to house classes while classrooms are being renovated. In May 2019, voters approved the purchase of 143 Hibbard Road to house displaced offices. The Superintendent's Office, Business Office, and Human Resources Office have relocated to this building. To reach the extensions listed, call 607-739-5601.

Superintendent's Office

Dr. Thomas Douglas, Superintendent of Schools, tdouglas@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4201

Nancy Parrillo, Administrative Asst to the Superintendent, nparrillo@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4201

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Business Office

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Human Resources Office

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Pam Coghlan, Employee Benefits Specialist, pcoghlan@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4204

Other offices remain in the High School South Wing, but have relocated. They include the following:

Educational Support Office (formerly the Business Office)

Tony Gill, Assistant Superintendent, agill@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4263

Rachel Bradley, Senior Clerk Typist, rbradley@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4263

Andrea Nichols, Senior Clerk Typist, anichols@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4210

The remainder of the former business office is now two temporary classrooms.

High School South Office (formerly the Superintendent's Office)

Dan Buseck, High School Assistant Principal, dbuseck@horseheadsdistrict.com, x1606

Lori Kettell, Senior Clerk Typist, lkettell@horseheadsdistrict.com, x1606

TBA, Temporary Assistant Principal/Dean of Students

Julie Tompkins, Senior Clerk Typist, jtompkin@horseheadsdistrict.com, x1601

The Main Office of the High School remains in the same location.

Director of Technology & Central Registrar Office (formerly the Human Resources Office)

Bill Giancoli, Director of Technology, wgiancoli@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4245

Karen McLain, Central Registrar, kmclain@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4251

Curriculum Office (formerly the Educational Support Center)

Tiffany Owen, Director of Curriculum/Professional Learning, tiowen@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4244

Shawn McDonough, Chief Information Officer, smcdonough@horseheadsdistrict.com, x4246

BOCES Curriculum Mentors Katrina Keefe and Tiffany Mastroberti

The former ESC Training Room is now a temporary classroom.

Center Street students and a hot air balloon

September 6 was a foggy morning, but it was a perfect day for a hot air balloon demonstration.

Students at Center Street observed as the balloon was inflated and teachers and staff took brief tethered rides.

“It is a great science demonstration about how a hot air balloon works,” said Principal Patricia Sotero. “Flight, weather, heat, air density, and more.”

Students learned about how a balloon can fly even though it is lighter than an airplane and the history of hot air balloons. They also wrote about the experience, and from what we heard from parents, reported on it at home with great enthusiasm.

The demonstration was brought to the school by Liberty Hot Air Balloon in Rochester. The last time they visited was in 2015.

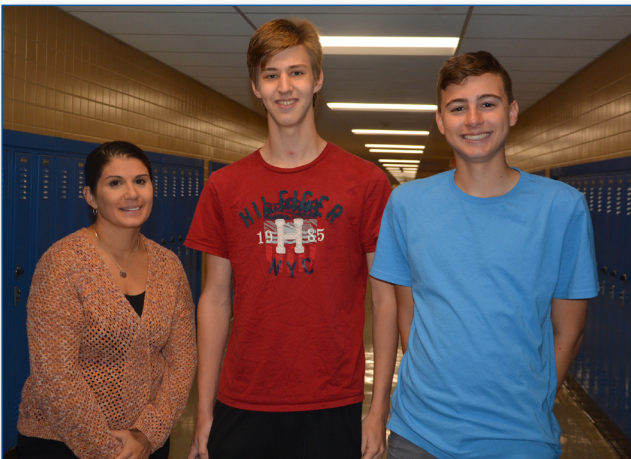


National Merit semi-finalists

Congratulations to Alexander Peterson and Matt Sovik on earning semi-finalist status in the 2019 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The two continue on in the competition and will learn if they have reached finalist status in the spring.

Congratulations also to Andy He on earning Commended Student status.



High School Temporary Principal Kris Earl with Alexander Peterson (center) and Matt Sovik, semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition.

NYSSMA All-State

Seven High School music students earned an invitation to the NYSSMA All-State Conference in Rochester in December. Thousands of students across the state auditioned for this honor at NYSSMA festivals last spring.

Congratulations to (top photo, left to right) Kateri Condon, mixed chorus; Reese Thompson, alternate; Ethan Kenney, alternate; Evan Zhou, string orchestra; Andy He, symphonic band.



And to Jonny Lee (left) and Neha Kudva, symphonic band.



Fourth Annual District-Wide

MAKE A Difference DAY

**Saturday, October 19
10 a.m. - Noon**

All are welcome to participate!

We will have various sites and activities to choose from. Look for more information in the coming weeks. Together, we can make a difference in our community.

Safe Schools Line

To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue anonymously and confidentially 24 hours a day, call

**795-2044 or
1-800-305-4984**

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Please send us information

If you live in the district and have a young child, share your child's information with us so that we can contact you when your child is eligible for pre-kindergarten and kindergarten.

Please send your child's name, birthdate, parent(s)' name(s), address, and phone number to hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Questions? E-mail us or call 739-5601, x4251.

Reminder to parents...

If you move within the district, we require two proofs of residency when you submit the address change. We accept the following:

- Bank contract or mortgage agreement with name and address showing home purchase
- Signed rent or lease agreement with landlord's name, address, and telephone number, or DSS processed landlord statement
- Most recent utility bill (electric, phone, etc)
- Receipt for gas/electric/phone service
- Driver's license or state ID card with picture showing current district address
- Currently active bank account/checkbook statement with name and address imprinted
- Payroll stub with address

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ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps**

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Events

- September 25-27 Gardner Road Book Fair
- September 25 Intermediate School Ice Cream Social, 6:30pm
- September 26 Gardner Road Open House, 6:30pm
- September 26-30 Intermediate School Book Fair
- September 27 Intermediate School Picture Day; Ridge Road Fall Festival, 6-8pm
- September 28 Ridge Road Fun Run, 9am
- October 1 Big Flats PTO, 6pm; Center Street PTO, 6:30pm
- October 2 High School Marking Period ends
- October 3 Big Flats Color Run, 5:30pm; High School Counseling Presentation, Auditorium, 6pm; High School Parents' Night, 7pm
- October 4 Ridge Road Picture Day
- October 8 Middle School Progress Reports; High School Parent Advisory Council, 4pm; Intermediate School Principal/Parent Chat, 9am/6pm; ASD Family Resources Group, Middle School, 6pm; Ridge Road PTO, 6:30pm; Intermediate School PTO, 6:30pm
- October 11 No School - Superintendent's Conference Day
- October 14 No School - Columbus Day
- October 16 High School PSAT; High School Report Cards; Center Street Spelling Bee, 7pm
- October 17 Big Flats Picture Day; Board of Education, Center Street, 6pm
- October 19 Fourth Annual District-Wide Make a Difference Day, 10am-Noon (most sites). Look for more information in the coming weeks.
- October 22 Center Street Blood Drive, Cafeteria, 3-7pm (call 607-795-2580 for more information); High School Band/Choir/Orchestra, Auditorium, 7:30pm
- October 23 Unity Day (We encourage everyone to wear orange for bullying awareness)
- October 25 Gardner Road Fall Festival, 6-8pm; Ridge Road Halloween Dance, 6:30-8pm; Middle School Dance/Open Gym, 7-9pm
- October 30 High School Picture Make-Ups; High School National Honor Society Induction, Auditorium, 7pm
- October 31 Ridge Road Halloween Parade, 1pm; Gardner Road Halloween Parade, 1:20pm
- November 1 Center Street Veterans Tribute, 8am; Elementary/Intermediate/High School Marking Period ends; Middle School Picture Make-Ups
- November 5 Center Street Picture Make-Ups; Gardner Road Principal Chat, 5:30pm; Gardner Road PTO, 6pm; Big Flats PTO, 6pm; Center Street PTO, 6:30pm
- November 6 Gardner Road Veterans Tribute
- November 7 Ridge Road Veterans Tribute; Grades 3-6 Report Cards; Intermediate School Picture Make-Ups



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