

CENTER STAGE



sharing, caring,
and learning for life



CS Students and Staff Say Thank You to Those Who Protect Our Freedoms

On Friday, Nov. 4th, the CS students and staff took time to honor almost 100 Veterans and Active Service Individuals who walked our hallways. It was an honor to thank them for everything that is done to secure our freedoms.



Proud to be an American See more pictures on pages 6 –9.



**Horseheads 2030
Initial Community-Wide Discussion
Tuesday, December 6
6:30pm
Horseheads High School Auditorium**

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Center Street Information

BUILDING DOORS WILL BE LOCKED

As part of the District-wide security system and our emphasis on safety, the building doors will be locked during the day. Both of the main lobby entrance doors have a white box. Please push the button, wait for a response and you will be buzzed into the building. We may ask you to look toward the camera or identify yourself by speaking into the white box. Once you enter the building, please report directly to the office to sign in and pick up a visitor's badge.

Visitors to the Schools – to maintain a safe place for our children to work and learn, certain limits must be set for visits by parents and other agencies. For these reasons, the following rules apply to ALL visitors to the school.

Access to the elementary building will be through the **main entrance ONLY**. This entrance will be open for students and visitors from 8:00 - 2:25 PM.

ALL VISITORS ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE IMMEDIATELY UPON ENTERING THE BUILDING TO RECEIVE A VISITOR'S PASS WHICH MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE SCHOOL OR ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.



Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Substitute RNs and LPNs are needed for per diem work during the school year.

Teaching substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associates' Degree or higher; OR 2) completion of at least 2 years of College; OR 3) Graduated from High School for at least 4 years and completed at least 12 college credits; OR 4) an Honorable Discharge from the military.

Substitute RNs and LPNs should bring in evidence of their licensure.

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES / CELEBRATIONS

If bringing food to your child's class such as drinks, cakes or pastries, the following guide lines should be used:

- Please notify the teacher and get their permission first.
- Immediately after cooking, if possible, items should be wrapped individually (i.e. cookies, muffins, cupcakes, etc.).
- The Chemung County Health department makes these additional requests:

COLD FOODS SHOULD BE REFRIGERATED IMMEDIATELY AND HELD BELOW 45 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

HANDS SHOULD BE WASHED BEFORE FOOD PREP AND THEN YOU SHOULD NOT TOUCH FOODS AFTER THEY ARE COOKED.

GLOVES, TONGS OR DELI PAPER SHOULD BE USED SO THERE ARE NO BARE HANDS IN CONTACT WITH FOOD AFTER PREPARATION.

Following the above practices will help to protect your children against food-borne illness.

Please check with teachers for allergies in classrooms.



MEDICATION IN SCHOOL - If a student needs any form of medication at school, a written physician's prescription and written parental consent are necessary. Any medication should be brought in the original container to the health office where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. white with further questions.

**Safe Schools Line - To report a concern, rumor, or other safety issue - call 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984.
Line is available 24 hours a day - ALL CALLS ARE ANONYMOUS AND CONFIDENTIAL.**

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Center Street is Patricia Sotero. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Patricia Sotero at 795-2580 x 2600. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Judith Christiansen. Mrs. Christiansen may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601 x 4211.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judy Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845 (607) 739-5601



On Friday, Nov. 4th, the students and staff lined the Center Street hallways, proudly waving over 400 American flags honoring our Veterans and Active Service Individuals. Even more special was the fact that most of the soldiers were a family member or friend of the Center Street community. The hallway echoed the beautiful music *I am Proud to be an American, America the Beautiful* and other



wonderful selections. Tears were in many individuals' eyes, acknowledging the great freedoms that we enjoy because of the incredible sacrifices of our men and women in uniform.

The students are learning we can make a difference in the lives of others by showing our respect and appreciation. So, we begin right here in our home town - and while the students demonstrate their appreciation, they begin to understand their place in the world around them. Lady Bird Johnson, former First Lady of the U.S. once said, "*Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them.*" At Center Street, we believe our children can change our world! The faculty, staff, and students of Center Street wish each of you a very joyous and safe holiday season!



Sincerely,



Patti Sotero, Principal

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 Vickie White, Nurse, RN

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 Wanda Kailbourne, PTO Co-President
 Michelle Gryska, PTO Secretary
 Denise Trondsen, PTO Treasurer

Newsletter in Color: <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/centerst/csnews.cfm>



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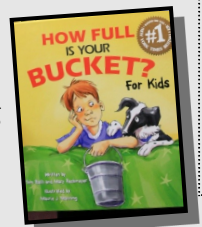
Character Corner

BEING COMPASSIONATE AND HELPING OTHERS!

Each day during our announcements we discuss positive changes in our school.
It is called be caught being a "PERSON of CHARACTER".

Suggested questions to help your child discuss what is impacting our school:

What does being a person of character mean? Did you get your name announced during the morning announcements? Who did get announced? What was the reason they got announced? How do you get caught being a "Person of Character"?





*Come for coffee
with
the principal.*



Come for coffee with the principal at 6:00 right before the monthly PTO meeting (first Tuesday of every month). Come for Coffee is a time to meet with the principal and discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

**Looking forward to seeing you there.
PTO DECEMBER MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6th at 6:30.**



Cold weather is upon us and Center Street is in need of warm winter clothing. If you have winter coats, snow pants, boots, and warm clothing that your children have outgrown, we can surely find a good use for them. Please send clean clothes in good condition to the office at Center Street School.

Also... Please return any clothing we sent home with your child to the office.

We routinely have a need for pants and sweatpants for students who spill something and need to change - all sizes



Notes from the Center St. Nurse's Office:

When your child has an infectious disease, please notify the school nurse so that we can be aware of your child's health and protect the health of all children and staff in school.

* Diseases or conditions the nurse should know about include chicken pox, strep throat, head lice, flu, diarrhea, whooping cough, hepatitis, mononucleosis, scabies, tuberculosis, or any other infectious disease.

- Children who have flu-like symptoms while at school will be sent home and should stay home until symptoms and fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medicine. This also includes any vomiting or diarrhea.

IMPORTANT!!!! MEDICATION IN SCHOOL If a student needs any form of medication at school, a written physician's prescription and written parental consent are necessary. Any medication should be brought in the original container to the health office during working hours where it will be stored and dispensed. No other staff member is allowed to take any medication before/during or after school hours- this is a NYS Law. Please contact the school nurse with further questions.







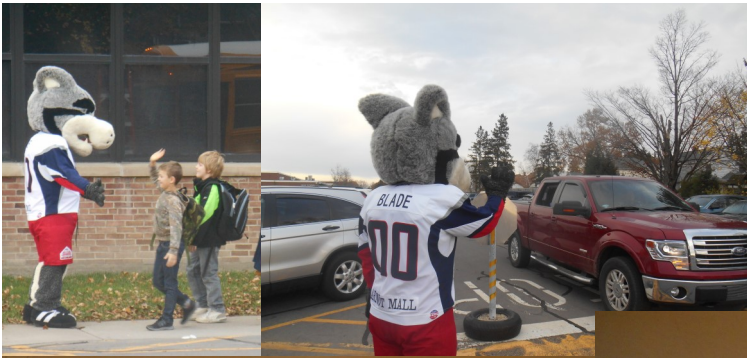




Horseheads Central School District Parents' Bill of Rights Relating to Student Data

The District, in compliance with Education Law 2-d, hereby establishes the following Parents' Bill of Rights in regard to student data:

1. A student's personally identifiable information will not be sold or released for any commercial purpose;
2. Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's educational record. Procedures for reviewing student records can be found in the Board Policy entitled "Student Records," Policy 5500, Regulation 5500-R;
3. Security protocols regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable information are currently in place and the safeguards necessary to protect the confidentiality of student data are maintained at industry standards and best practices. The safeguards include but are not limited to encryption, firewalls, and password protection.
4. New York State maintains a complete list of all student data collected by the State and the data is available for public review at www.nysed.gov, or by writing to 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234



Elmira JACKALS partnered with CS to encourage students to read! Those students who met the reading goals were selected to play with the Jackals in the CS gym.



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Good Apple Awards



The Good Apple Award is a tool to promote pride, self-esteem and positive character development. All faculty and staff nominate students exhibiting good character. At the end of each month, the principal will announce the recipients names, and will present the students with their award during their scheduled lunch time. A bulletin board is in the Main Lobby to display each month's recipients. The following students earned a good apple award for showing exceptional character during this month. The following students received Good Apple Award Certificates for November:

Last Name	First Name	Grade	Last Name	First Name	Grade
Benson	Jacob	K	Bates	Kameron	3
Connell	Taaliyah	K	Gabrish	Sarah	3
Fadeev	Alex	K	Hornsby	Olivia	3
Hall	Kamdyn	K	Knapp	Tanner	3
Learn	Koltyn	K	McAllister	Paityn	3
Savino	Aviana	K	McCormick	Kailey	3
Thatcher	Layla	K	McCracken	Kasidy	3
Birdsall	Kevin	1	Mendez	Mark	3
Bohart	Makayla	1	Strickland	Riley	3
Culshaw	Aiden	1	Warrick	Madeline	3
Fatula	Gregory	1	Wood	Abigail	3
Green	Kaydence	1	Birdsall	Alex	4
Hughson	Julie	1	Ellis-Gray	Haley	4
Orcutt	Emma	1	Foster	Wilson	4
Tenbus	Braden	1	Lunger	Jordyn	4
Vo	Kiet	1	Northrup	Devon	4
Brigham	Garrett	2	Sindlinger	MayAnna	4
Cicciarelli	Ryan	2			
Fatula	Natalie	2			
Grow	Kai	2			
Jenkins	Liam	2			
Landis	Andrew	2			
Sparbanie	Kymerea	2			
Vondracek	Elena	2			



SPCA OUTREACH BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL THIS DECEMBER - HELP OUR ANIMALS IN NEED! BLANKETS, DOG /CAT TREATS, FOOD, TOYS, ETC.

CENTER STREET STUDENT COUNCIL



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November, 2016

Dear Community Members:

For the last few months, we've been talking about Horseheads 2030, a comprehensive project to improve both our educational program and physical infrastructure. We have now reached a time for action with our entire school district community, and we welcome all to become involved in order to help shape the future of our school district.

Our neighboring districts have undergone many major capital improvement projects in recent years, committing hundreds of millions of dollars towards their facilities. Horseheads, unfortunately, has only completed relatively small projects during the last decade. Our facilities are an important aspect of our educational programming if we are to continue being the district of choice for families moving into the area, and to keep our property values at the level they have been in past years.

Last December, you told us – by an overwhelming margin (84% voted NO) – that you want our district to stay the Horseheads Central School District. Last spring, the district determined the internal consolidation of schools would not yield major financial gains for the community and, therefore, finalized the green plan of no school closures at this time. Now we must consider moving forward in order to discuss what we want the Horseheads Central School District to look like, both educationally and physically, in the future. Therefore, we are developing a district initiative entitled:

HORSEHEADS 2030

Please mark your calendar:

Date:	December 6, 2016
Time:	6:30 p.m.
Where:	High School Auditorium
Why:	Initial community-wide discussion about Horseheads 2030

We named the project Horseheads 2030 because this year's pre-kindergartners will graduate in the year 2030. Our efforts will not only benefit those students, but all students in our schools as we work to improve our district and educational programs. Horseheads has long been considered an excellent district for the quality of education we offer our students, but our facilities are aging. Our children and our community deserve facilities that keep up with the changing times and enhance the education we offer. Our athletic teams and community programs use our facilities, and they are in and out of the buildings extensively. Like in our schools, these facilities are showing significant wear and are not up-to-date. Many of the critical operating systems in our schools are original to the buildings and starting to fail. Many of our current classrooms are undersized and cannot seat all the students in a class. Our science rooms are small and not equipped for the latest in lab experiments. Additionally, today's technology landscape is entirely different, and our schools must keep up in order to allow our students to have the best education we can give them in today's global connectedness.

Our next step is to open the process up to our community. We need you to join the discussion in order to help us sort through district needs and wants for both our educational program and our facilities. There will be additional meetings in the coming months, but we hope you will come out and join us at the start as we work together to enhance our great district.

Thank you for your support of our students and their education. Thank you for giving your time to help us build on the excellence that is the Horseheads Central School District—for our students now, and our students of Horseheads 2030 and beyond!

Sincerely,

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools

"Quality Education for All"

The Mission of the Horseheads Central School Community is to provide a quality education for all within a nurturing environment which promotes excellence, growth, and a sense of civic responsibility.

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RECYCLING AT CS!

Jan. 23 - Jan. 27th



**PLEASE START
SAVING YOUR
CATALOGS AND
PA!PER NOW**



**YOUR RECYCLING WILL HELP TO RAISE
MONEY FOR OUR STUDENTS AT CS!**

That's right - start bringing in your **phone books, catalogs, magazines, office paper and newspapers.**

Bring items from Jan. 23—Jan. 27 . Please place items in the labeled black containers that are specifically marked and located outside of CS. No plastic bags— Please!

For every pound of paper, we will receive 3 cents!!! We believe in recycling and want to encourage our students to recycle more at home. Now we can work together and help raise money for our student programs.

Start saving now!

Thank you the CS Students

**Coming
Soon.....**

Center Street PTO
**HOLIDAY
SHOPPE**
and parents' night out

This year CS PTO will host our 3rd annual Holiday Shoppe - an event where students can shop for, purchase, and wrap gifts for loved ones while parents have some time to themselves.

**Mark your Calendar for
Friday, December 2nd
5:30 - 8pm**

We will provide a pizza dinner for \$2 per student, along with popcorn, improved gift wrapping options, a gift storage area so students can keep their purchases all in one place, and activities in the gym along with movies to make it a fun night for all. All gifts are \$5 or less.

Please remember this is not a fund raiser - Holiday Shoppe is an opportunity for students to budget and find gifts on their own to experience the joys of giving this holiday season.



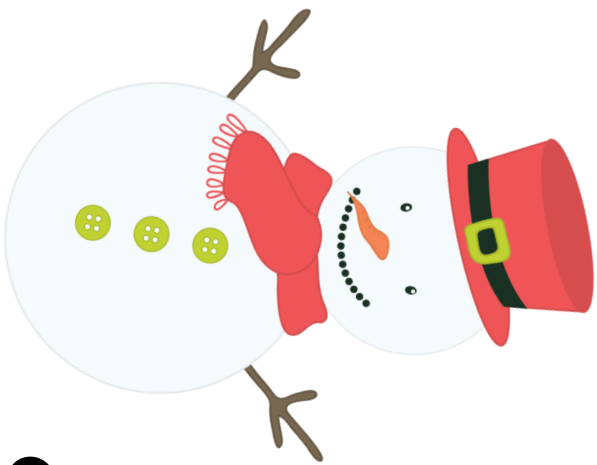
Reminders


DECEMBER "CARING"

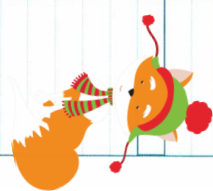
DECEMBER 2016 - "CARING"

Arctic League
Registration Forms are available at Center Street. Please call Kelly Bennett at 795-2580 #4 for more information.

Arctic League is a community program that assists families in economic need during the holiday season.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9	DAY 10
						
		COME FOR COFFEE 6:00 PTO MTG 6:30 DISTRICT SAFETY MTG 9:00				
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8	DAY 9
	504 MTGS 8:00	FACULTY MEETING 2:45	CSE MEETINGS	RED & GREEN DAY		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	DAY 5	DAY 6	DAY 7	DAY 8
KID TALK 8:45 WINTER CONCERT 1:30 & 7:00 SRT MTG 2:45 NO HWC	CIM K - 2	CIM 3 - 4	BOX TOP CONTEST ENDS NO HWC	PI DAY SANTAS VISIT 8:30 SING A LONG 1:30 NO HWC	NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK	NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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**CS MUSIC CONCERT ON MON. DEC. 19TH
 at 7:00 PM IN THE CS CAFETERIA.**

