

HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL

“NOTES”



Volume 41 Number 3

Sept/Oct 2018

High School Phone Number: 739-5601

Ext. 1600 Karen Donahue

Ext. 1602 Dan Buseck

Ext. 1603 Mike McCawley

Ext. 1618 Kris Earl

Ext. 1608

Main Office

Ext. 1612

Attendance Office

Ext. 1630

Guidance Office

Ext. 1623

Health Office

STUDENTS TO PERFORM AT N.Y.S.S.M.A. CONFERENCE

The Horseheads High School Music Department is proud to announce that the following music students have been accepted to this year's New York State School Music Association Conference All-State music ensembles. Congratulations to: **Andy He** – Symphony Orchestra; **Rachel Dickson** – Flute Alternate; **JooAn Kim** – Clarinet Alternate; **Rich Peng** – Bass I Alternate; **Joseph Skelly** – Bass II Alternate. The event is held in Rochester, New York, from November 29th – December 2nd. Congratulations!

YEARBOOK SALES

Pre-sales are now open for the 2018-2019 Equestrian Yearbook. Orders may be placed online at www.jostens.com/yearbook. The cost for early sales is \$70 including tax. This is a \$10 savings off the cost of the yearbook at the end of the year. Seniors and senior parents – look for a mailing coming home in October to purchase your senior ad to be printed in the yearbook.

HORSEHEADS – NAKAGAWA SISTER CITIES EXCHANGE

The Horseheads Sister City Association is delighted to announce the 2019 exchange trip to Nakagawa, Japan. The trip will take place in early July and is open to all students in grades 8th – 11th. Application materials can be picked up in the Counseling Office. The Horseheads Sister City is seeking energetic and caring families with students in grades 7th, 8th or 9th grade to host two Japanese students during their March 8 – 16, 2019 visit to Horseheads. There will be an informational meeting at the Middle School library on Thursday, November 1, at 7:00pm for all those interested in March hosting or July travel to Japan. Please email kmurray@horseheadsdistrict.com with any questions.

PARENTS NIGHT

The first High School Parent's Night will be held on **Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 7:00pm until 8:30pm**. Also, please be sure to attend our **Guidance Information Session at 6:00pm** in the High School Auditorium.

STUDENT PHOTO RELEASE

Throughout the year the school district may photograph, videotape, and/or interview students for its publications or broadcasts which include both school and district newsletters and videos. Additionally, local newspapers and TV stations often attend school events and photograph, videotape, or interview students about events and issues.

Please note that the district and media may use the photos and videos taken at school events on their websites and on social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc.). The district will still publish student pictures and images in school yearbooks.

Please complete and return the following form **if you DO NOT wish your child to be photographed or videotaped for school publications or by the media.**

Child's Name _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Return completed form to the Principal's Office at the Horseheads High School Main Office – 401 Fletcher Street, Horseheads, New York 14845.

NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT - OPTING OUT

The federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 require that all schools receiving federal funding must provide student information to military recruiters and institutions of higher learning unless parents opt out in writing. Students who are 18 years of age or older may also opt out of this requirement. If you do not want information to be released regarding your student, please return the form below to: Karen Donahue, Principal, Horseheads High School, 401 Fletcher Street, Horseheads, New York 14845 **before November 1st**.

Opt Out Request for Directory Information

For parents/guardians:

_____ I do not give permission for Horseheads High School to turn over the name, address, telephone listing, and school records of my child to military recruiters.

_____ I do not give permission for Horseheads High School to turn over the name, address, telephone listing, and school records of my child to institutions of higher learning.

For students age 18 or over:

_____ I do not give permission for Horseheads High School to turn over my name, address, telephone number, and school records to military recruiters.

_____ I do not give permission for Horseheads High School to turn over my name, address, telephone number, and school records to institutions of higher learning.

STUDENT NAME: _____

NAME OF SCHOOL: _____

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

INFORMATION FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Physicals:

- As of July 1, 2018 New York State law requires a health examination for all students entering the school district for the first time and when entering 9th and 11th grade. Freshmen and new entrants to the Horseheads District need a physical dated on or after September 5, 2017. Juniors need a physical dated on or after September 6, 2017.

Screenings:

- New York State requires Juniors to have vision and hearing screenings either by their medical provider or the school nurse.
- As of July 2018, Freshmen boys are screened for scoliosis.

Sports:

- Family ID winter sports registration opens on October 5th.
- Winter sports tryouts begin on November 5th.
- To be eligible for your sport a current physical (dated on or after November 1, 2017) is needed.

NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY



The library website is a great resource for your students. It's not just for finding books, but for everything from research to creating citations to technology help tips. Students can access the library 24/7 by going to the district website or directly at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/high/library. If you have any questions about our library resources please contact Mrs. Frei (mfrei@horseheadsdistrict.com) or Ms. Leonard (maleonard@horseheadsdistrict.com). The library is open for students from 7:30-3:30 each school day.



LIBRARY TECH TIP: Students often need Word, PowerPoint, or Excel to complete school assignments. Don't have these at home? No problem! Your students now have their own school email and access to all these programs 'in the cloud' through Office 365. A great benefit to having this account is that the

full version of Microsoft Office can be downloaded at home to up to five devices. Students now have unlimited access to storage in the 365 cloud which stores your documents, spreadsheets, and presentations where students can access them from any internet connected device – no more need to bring things back and forth on a flash or email things to themselves.



Many teachers are now sending students emails about assignments and they are also receiving messages from the office, advisors, and library through their school emails. Please encourage your students to check their email regularly so that they don't miss important information. We are more than happy to help your students access this valuable resource on any internet connected device. Just have them come and visit us in the library.



CALENDAR REMINDERS

Saturday	September 29, 2018	Homecoming Game & Dance
Wednesday	October 3, 2018	End of 1 st Marking Period
Thursday	October 4, 2018	Parents Night
Monday	October 8, 2018	Columbus Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday	October 17, 2018	Report Cards Issued
Friday	October 19, 2018	Conference Day – NO SCHOOL

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter: Learn about up-to-date information about our district on Facebook and Twitter: On Facebook, the district and each of our seven schools have pages. Please “like” them to get the information on your news feed. Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets.

NOTICE: The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Horseheads High School is Mike McCawley. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Mr. McCawley 739-5601, ext. 1603. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Megan Collins. Mrs. Collins may be reached at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4211.

The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, marital status, military status, sex, sexual orientation, age, gender identity, predisposing genetic characteristic, or disability, and provides equal access to applicable groups under the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Megan Collins, Title IX/DASA Coordinator, and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601. This policy of non-discrimination includes access by students to educational programs, counseling services, course offerings, and activities, as well as recruitment and appointment of employees and employment pay, benefits, advancement and/or termination. The following person(s) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Megan K. Collins, Director of Human Resources, mcollins@horseheadsdistrict.com, One Raider Lane, Horseheads Central School District, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601 and US Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, LBJ Department of Education Building, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington DC 20202-1100, (800) 421-3481.