

CENTER STAGE

sharing, caring,
and learning for life



CS Students and Staff Say Thank You to Those Who Protect Our Freedoms On Friday, Nov. 5th, the CS students and staff took time to honor over 50 Veterans and Active Service Individuals who participated in our first ever outdoor Veterans Drive-Thru Parade. It was an honor to thank them for everything that is done to secure our freedoms.



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. You will need to be buzzed in for you to enter the office. Please push the door once you hear the buzz noise.

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** beginning at 7:45 AM.

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.

Also, as parents arrive in the morning with children, please remain in the lobby area. Children must learn to proceed to their room on their own.

Teachers are expected NOT to take class time to discuss individual matters with visitors.

Visitors attending school functions that are open to the public such as parent teacher organization (PTO) meetings or public gatherings are not required to register.

Any consumables (food, beverages, etc.) brought in by visitors are subject to search and / or inspection.

Please note these district rules are approved by the Horseheads Board of Education. These safety procedures need your support. If you have any questions regarding these procedures, please call the office. Thank you in advance for your help

GUIDELINES FOR CLASSROOM PARTIES / CELEBRATIONS

Following the below practices will help to protect your children against food-borne illness. If bringing food to your child's class such as drinks, cakes or pastries, the following guidelines 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 IS NO BAREHANDED CONTACT WITH FOOD AFTER PREPARATION.

****TEACHERS DO NOT HAVE KNIVES OR UTENSILS IN THE CLASSROOM-SO PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL TREATS ARE PRE-CUT OR INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED.***

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 by an adult where it will be stored and dispensed. Please contact Mrs. Raezor with further questions, please call the office at 795-2580.

APPR of Teacher and Principals - The District is required to implement Annual Professional Performance Reviews (APPR) of teachers and principals. The outcome of the APPR is that each teacher and principal will receive an Overall Composite Rating based upon Observation and Student Performance scores. The four possible Overall Composite Ratings are Highly Effective, Effective, Developing and Ineffective (HEDI). You may request the Overall Composite Rating for the teachers and principals in the school building to which your child is assigned for the current school year by contacting the building principal of your child's school. Further, if you require additional explanation of the ratings for the teachers and principals, you may contact Tony Gill, Assistant Superintendent, at 607-739-5601, x4263. Please note that this information may be released only to parents or legal guardians. The District will verify that any request received is a bona fide request submitted by a parent or legal guardian.

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 Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601,

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 Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, religious practice, disability, sex, sexual orientation, or gender (including gender identify and expression). Inquiries regarding this notice may be made to Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX and DASA Coordinator, or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, 143 Hibbard Road, Horseheads NY 14845, (607) 739-5601.



Looking back, on Friday, Nov. 4th, the students and staff lined the Center Street sidewalks, proudly waving over 400 American flags honoring over 50 Veterans and Active Service Individuals. Even more special was the fact that most of the soldiers were a family member or friend of the CS community.



The outside of our school played 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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Caring

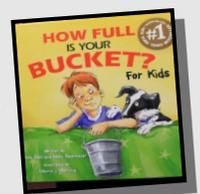
Character Corner

BEING COMPASSIONATE AND HELPING OTHERS!

Each day during our announcements we discuss positive changes in our school.
It is called being 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



PINK DAY BREAST CANCER AWARENESS



Lourdes Mammo on the Move Mobile Mammography Van

We bring mammograms to you!



You do not have to be a Lourdes patient. Your results can be sent to the provider of your choice. We welcome insured and uninsured women. No referral needed.

Call 607-798-5723 to schedule your appointment.

You are eligible to use the van for breast screening if:

- You are age 35 or older
- You have no current breast problems or symptoms
- You have no history of breast surgery, or you had a biopsy over 1 year ago with benign results and no further problems.



Lourdes Mobile Mammography
169 Riverside Drive • Binghamton, NY 13905
607-321-0015 • ascension.org

The Mammogram Mobile will be at
Center Street on
March 20th.

Please note any member of our
community may be able to visit the
mobile to use their services. They
will be able to give you all the details
you need.

**Just give them a call at 798-5723 to
schedule your appointment.**

A very special thank you to Mrs. Butler for doing an outstanding job on this year's display. Mrs. Butler works with our Student Council to make this a focus day for all CS students and families along with the community.

Student Council Outreach - Animal Shelter Outreach!



Between our Kindness month outreach and our Holiday Time Animal outreach, the CS students, staff and families donated over 27 boxes/bags of food, cleaning supplies, toys and blankets for our little furry friends.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity!



American Red Cross

**Our Pint Size Heroes
partnered up once again
with the American Red Cross.**

We look forward to our next one in March 2023!

THANK YOU!

Thank you to our CS Student Council for leading our community outreaches and creating our school spirit days to enjoy. A very special thank you to Ms. Taylor for leading this dynamic group of leaders!

Center Street Spelling Bee

Super job to our students for doing an outstanding job at our CS Spelling Bee 2022

Our 3rd grade champion going on to Regionals from Mrs. French's Class and from our 4th grade champion going on to Regionals from Mrs. Karastury's class.



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 Mrs. Reazor with further questions.

UNITY DAY—OCTOBER 19, 2022

CS UNITES AGAINST BULLYING



COSTUME PARADE FUN!



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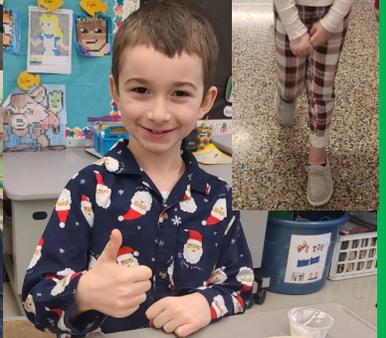
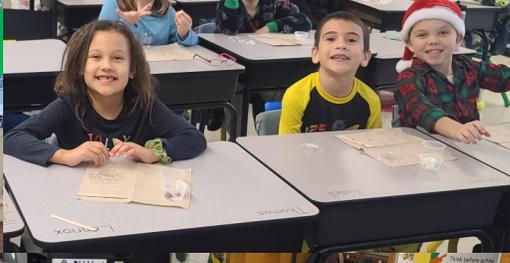
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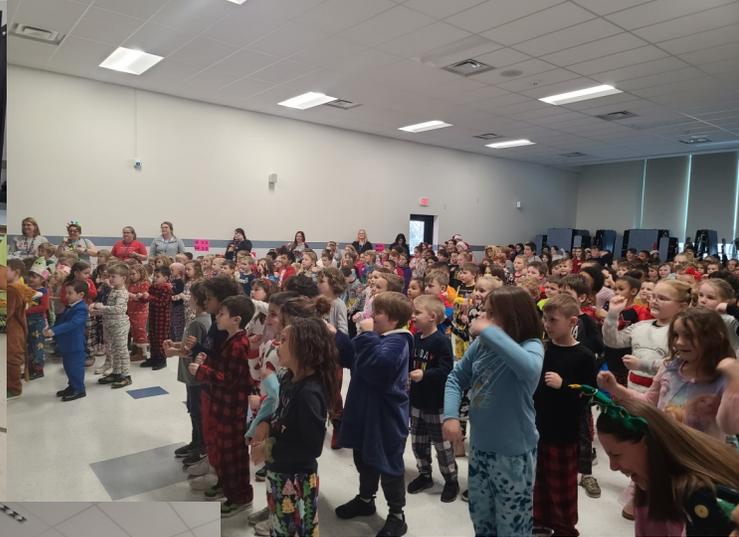
RED & GREEN DAY!



PJ / BUDDY DAY



**HOLIDAY SING A LONG—END OUR CALENDAR YEAR WITH OUR STAFF SINGING TO OUR STUDENTS THE “12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS”. WHAT A JOY TO SING TOGETHER AS A BUILDING IN OUR COMFY PJ’S!
*GREAT MEMORIES - CHECK OUT THE ALL THE PICTURES OF CS IN ACTION!**



Each year, the CS Staff takes time to thank and show their appreciation to all of our local responders by sharing treat baskets. This year Officer McGrain accepted the baskets on behalf of the Horseheads Police Department and delivered them at the station. Ms. Sullivan, from our office, delivered treats to the Town and Country Fire Department and Mrs. Sotero shared the treats with Mr. Baker for the team at the Horseheads Fire Department.



On behalf of our families, we would like to thank the CS PTO, staff and our social workers at CS for putting together food baskets along with personal care products for families in need during Thanksgiving and Christmas. You all helped to make such a difference in the lives of so many.

THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU—THANK YOU!

Mrs. Sotero would like to extend a very special thank you to our CS PTO for providing us with delicious holiday cut out cookies, individual frosting and decorations. Our students loved the opportunity to get together in our PJ's with our buddies at CS and decorated cookies together. They were delicious! The CS PTO is always supporting our students with wonderful activities to enjoy at school!

SANTA VISITS CS!



2022-2023 Swim Lesson Update

Registration for Session 2 of swimming lessons for students in grades K-6 will be on **Saturday, January 14, 2023, from 9am - 12pm** in the hallway outside of the Horseheads High School pool. **We will not be testing out children but will move them to appropriate levels if the level you sign up for is not meeting their needs.**

The registration fee is \$30 for each session and checks can be made out to "Horseheads Central School District". All information will be on our district website <http://horseheadsdistrict.com/pool.cfm>. You can also go to our district website horseheadsdistrict.com and go to the community tab and our schedule is there. Any cancelations will be posted on the district Facebook page (*search Horseheads Central School District*). If you cannot make the date(s) for registration, you may register at the next class. Please do not call to register your son or daughter because we cannot register via phone.

Sincerely,

Jared Zembek
 HHSD Pool Director
izembek@horseheadsdistrict.com

Time Slots (Levels I – VI)

- 9:00-9:35am
- 9:40-10:15am
- 10:20-10:55am
- 11:00-11:35am
- 11:40am-12:15pm
- 12:20-12:55pm

Dates for Lessons:

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Oct. 29	Jan. 21	Mar. 18
Nov. 5	Jan. 28	Mar. 25
Nov. 19	Feb. 4	Apr. 15
Dec. 3	Feb. 11	Apr. 22
Dec. 10	Feb. 18	Apr. 29
Dec. 17	Feb. 29	May 6
Jan. 7	Mar. 4	May 13
Jan. 14	Mar. 11	May 20

***Jan. 14 and March 11 are sign up days but there are also lessons that day.**



Dress Up Day

Friday, January 20, 2023

Wear your favorite fancy clothes to school. Dress up and sparkle!



You can wear suits, dresses, pants, etc.

NO high heels – we still need to play at PE and recess!

Books!



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The 2022 Center Street School Book Exchange is About to Begin!

Books may be brought in any time through Thursday, January 13.

DAY ONE: Wednesday, January 18, 2023

ALL students receive ONE BOOK

(Volunteers needed from 11:00 A.M. – 1:30 P.M.)

DAY TWO: Thursday, January 19, 2023

The number of books a student can take home will be based upon the number of books his/her class brought in, with a maximum of four.

Class total = 16 – 30 books: Each student will receive 1 more book

Class total = 31 – 50 books: Each student will receive 2 more books

Class total = 51 – 75 books: Each student will receive 3 more books

Class total = 75 + books: Each student will receive 4 more books

(Volunteers needed from 11:00 A.M. – 1:45 P.M.)

Please e-mail contact@cspto.org if you would like to volunteer.

We will gratefully accept as many books as you would like to donate. The success of this book exchange rests with having a good selection of books to choose from as well as help from adult volunteers.

Each student should make an effort to bring in at least one book. There is always a shortage of books for the upper grades (chapter books). Ask your friends and neighbors to donate their gently used books to this event. **Please make sure that all donated books are in good shape and the content is appropriate for elementary youth.**

Reminders

Gym Days - are sneaker days - and you are then prepared to have fun!

Art Days - students need smocks to keep clean - any old shirt will do!

JANUARY - FAIRNESS

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>HAPPY NEW YEAR</i>	2 <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	3 <i>DAY 5</i> <i>PTO mtg 6:30</i>	4 <i>DAY 6</i>	5 <i>DAY 1</i>	6 <i>DAY 2</i> <i>Raider Day - wear blue</i>	7
8	9 <i>DAY 3</i> <i>AIMSWEB</i>	10 <i>DAY 4</i>	11 <i>DAY 5</i>	12 <i>DAY 6</i> <i>CSE Mtg.</i>	13 <i>DAY 1</i>	14
15	16 <i>MLK JR</i> <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	17 <i>DAY 2</i> <i>Start to bring in books for book exchange</i> <i>AIMSWEB</i>	18 <i>DAY 3</i> <i>Book Exchange</i>	19 <i>DAY 4</i> <i>Book Exchange</i> <i>BOE Mtg - 6:00</i>	20 <i>DAY 5</i> <i>Dress Up School</i> <i>Spirit Day</i> <i>End of Marking 2nd Period</i>	21
22	23 <i>DAY 6</i>	24 <i>DAY 1</i> <i>Strings Night</i> <i>HS Aud 7:00</i>	25 <i>DAY 2</i>	26 <i>DAY 3</i>	27 <i>DAY 4</i> <i>Report Cards go home / Magic Reading Assembly</i>	28
29	30 <i>NO SCHOOL</i> <i>Conference Day</i> <i>TA Meeting 8:00</i>	31 <i>DAY 5</i>				



Center Street has a Facebook page. Please "like" us to stay up to date on activities, events, and other important information about our school.