

HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL "NOTES"



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2023-24 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2023-2024 School Budget. The first budget presentation was Thursday, February 16th. The Board will continue budget development and discussion at their next several meetings until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters at the budget vote May 16th. All meetings are open to the public and will be live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstboces.org/hhds/>). Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 16th – Regular Meeting and Budget Overview, 6:00pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 2nd – Budget Workshop, 6:00pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 16th – Regular Meeting and Budget Update, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, March 30th – Budget Workshop, 6:00pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, April 13th (if needed) – Budget Workshop, 6:00pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Wednesday, April 19th – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6:00pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, May 4th – Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Budget, 6:00pm, High School Multi-Media Center

**The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16th, 7:00am-9:00pm,
in the High School South Gym.**

For more information on the budget process, schedule, and vote click here: [Horseheads CSD Budget 2023-24 \(horseheadsdistrict.com\)](http://horseheadsdistrict.com).

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were chosen as the High School's February Raiders of the Month for the character trait of Trustworthiness:

Grade 9: **Madyson Burns, Jacqueline Mayotte, Megan Hawley, Aylene Torrey**

Grade 10: **Natalie Williams, Max Mickley, Seamus Carroll**

Grade 11: **Jackson Klug, Jacob Bennett, Sophia Lorenz, Brooke Sumner, Amelia Christmas**

Grade 12: **Grace Garrow, MaKenzie Wida, Devon Walton**

Congratulations!

REMOTE LEARNING PLAN

The district is developing a remote learning plan as required by the state to be used in an emergency. This would be a plan we could call upon in emergency conditions such as adverse weather conditions, utility issues, or a communicable disease outbreak. This remote plan would allow the district to keep the calendar intact during years when winter weather is particularly challenging, or we face other reasons for school day closures. The state requires districts to post their remote plans and provide a means for parents/guardians to comment on the plan. You may read the plan here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDRemoteLearningPlan.cfm>, and comment using the links found within the plan.

As you know, we have used three of the four snow days built into our 2022-23 calendar. If the district must use more than one more snow day this year, this plan could be used to remain in session and therefore meet the state requirements for days of instruction.

CANVAS LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Throughout the fall semester, our district has been transitioning to a new Learning Management System (LMS) called Canvas. Canvas allows teachers to provide a personalized learning experience through instructional support, class calendars, messages, notifications, assignments, collaborative activities, and course resources in one platform. Parent/guardian Canvas accounts will allow you to view assignments, due dates, and calendars. These accounts will become active on Thursday, March 2. To access your Canvas parent/guardian account, you will need to use the same email you use for your Schoology/Parent Portal login, and then set up a password for Canvas. For more information and help using Canvas, as well as the login link, click here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDCanvasHelpforParentsGuardians.cfm> .

UNIFIED BASKETBALL

Registration for Unified Basketball opens in Family ID on March 11th. The Unified Basketball season runs from April 3rd to June 9th. Athletes must have a physical that has been completed on or after April 1, 2022 and submitted to the Health Office to be eligible for this sport.

PARENTS OF CURRENT JUNIORS, PLEASE NOTE BEFORE SCHOOL THIS SEPTEMBER

Your 12th-grader must have received **two doses of the meningococcal vaccine unless he/she received the first dose after turning 16**. Most students entering 12th grade got their first dose when they were younger and are now due for their second dose or booster. This booster is needed because protection from the vaccine decreases over time.

If your child had one or two doses of the meningococcal vaccine prior to his/her 16th birthday, he/she **must have a second dose in order to begin school** in September.*

UNIFIED SPORTS NEWS

- ✓ Unified Bowling took third place at the Unified Bowling culminating event on March 6, 2023, at Crystal Lanes. The team was coached by Jamie Madison. She was assisted by Ashley Crozier, Allison Arndt, Alisha Tenbus, Michelle Procopio, Karena Bifano, and Jackie Adams. The team participated in 6 matches total and the culminating event. The teams that were involved in the competition were Corning Painted Post (first place), Ithaca (second place), Elmira (fourth place). Special Olympics representatives Nicole Fess and Joshua Dority ran the awards ceremony and tallied every pin in the culminating event.
- ✓ YAC and Unified Raiders will be marching in the Horseheads St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 11, 2023.
- ✓ Unified Basketball registration opens March 10, 2023, with games occurring on Tuesdays and Thursdays in April and May, please see Schedule Galaxy. Everyone is invited to participate as long as you do not participate in a Spring sport or play basketball at the JV or Varsity level.
- ✓ Unified Raiders and YAC are participating in the Ithaca Polar Plunge on March 25, 2023, at Taughannock Falls State Park Beach in Trumansburg. If you would like to join us to raise funds for Special Olympics NY and Unified Sports NY, please donate or register here: [2023 Ithaca Polar Plunge: Horseheads Unified Raiders - Special Olympics New York \(nyso.org\)](http://events.nyso.org/site/TR/Plunge/POLARPLUNGE?team_id=15026&pg=team&fr_id=2800)
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E-SPORTS NEWS

Horseheads Unified Raiders Esports Spring Season has started! Unified Sports® is a registered program of Special Olympics that combines equal numbers of athletes with and without intellectual disabilities on sports teams for training and competition. It is an educational and sports-based strategy that increases athletic and leadership opportunities and creates communities of acceptance for all students. There are three Mario Kart teams and one Rocket League team. Mario Kart is a racing game where teams of 4 students race to collect points for the team. Rocket League has teams of 3 using cars to play a soccer-like game and score goals against the opponent. Horseheads teams compete with teams across the US. Last Fall, the Mario Kart team of **Callum Bednarek, Michael Burt, Liam McInerney and Dylan Snellgrove** competed in the Championship game and came in second out of over 80 teams across the US! This Spring there are 21 students from the Middle School, High School and Phoenix Academy. For the first time, Mario Kart teams practice and compete from the school. Rocket League team members compete from home. The Spring season runs through the end of April.

FEBRUARY 7 SAFETY PRESENTATION

On Tuesday, February 7, the district held a safety presentation and discussion for parents and guardians. We recorded the presentation for those who were unable to attend. To view the recording, click here: <https://youtu.be/jQC2L7ndI9U>.

THE BIG FIVE

In 2008 CSS Workforce NY and the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce's Business Education Roundtable successfully launched The Big Five campaign. Thousands of posters and bookmarks were distributed across Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties championing five foundational concepts of workforce readiness:



- Be honest
- Show up on time every day
- Be ready for work
- Be willing to learn
- Maintain a good attitude

Though many things have changed since 2008, these basic values are still relevant today. CSS Workforce NY, GST BOCES, and the Chamber's Business Education Roundtable have teamed up to bring Education and Business together to revitalize this initiative and introduce it to a new generation of students and employees.

THE HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL GREENROOM PLAYERS
PROUDLY PRESENT

Disney THE LITTLE
MERMAID

MARCH 16 & 17

7 PM

MARCH 18

2 PM & 7 PM

HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW!

To purchase tickets:



hhsgrp.booktix.com

Tickets will be available at the door

\$15 for adults & \$12 for students/senior citizens



DISNEY'S THE LITTLE MERMAID

Is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

Horseheads Central Schools 2023-2024 School Calendar

^ Early Dismissal Drill

BOE approved 2/16/23

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School Not in Session:

- Labor Day 9/4
- Columbus Day 10/9
- Veterans Day (observed) 11/10
- Thanksgiving Recess 11/22-11/24
- Winter Recess 12/22-1/2
- Martin Luther King, Jr Day 1/15
- President's Day Recess 2/19-2/23
- Good Friday Recess 3/29-4/1*
- Spring Recess 4/22-4/26*
- Memorial Day Recess 5/24-5/27*
- Juneteenth 6/19

* Pending days utilized for school closures.




Parent/Teacher Conference

- 11/17/23 - 1/2 Day AM (pm off PreK-6th Only)
- 11/21/23 - 1/2 Day AM (pm off PreK-6th Only)
- 11/29/23 - 1/2 Day AM (pm off PreK-6th Only)

1/2 Days (AM)

- 6/21/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)
- 6/24/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)
- 6/25/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)
- 6/26/24 (Pre-K - 8th Only)

LEGEND

	Conference Days (8/29, 8/30, 10/20, 1/29, & 3/18)
	Schools Closed*
	Regents Exams

The district will communicate to residents and staff about any calendar adjustments needed due to excessive closure days by April 19, 2024 (per contractual obligations). Please be aware, if the district needs to make up school days**, the priority of make-up days will be as follows, unless modifications to the below schedule are needed:

- 1st Make Up Day 4/1/24
- 2nd Make Up Day 5/24/24
- 3rd Make Up Day 4/26/24
- 4th Make Up Day 4/25/24
- 5th Make Up Day 4/24/24
- 6th Make Up Day 4/23/24
- 7th Make Up Day 4/22/24

**The district has the potential for closure days built into the calendar (all pending total # of hours and Days required by NYSED and state attendance regulations).

First Day of School PreK - 12th:

Tuesday, September 5, 2023

Last Day for Students:

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Last Day for Teachers:

Friday, June 28, 2024

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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 Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at Hibbard Road, 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 Caitlin DeFilippo, Title IX/DASA Coordinator, and Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; Anthony Gill, Co-Civil Rights Compliance Officer; or Kelly Squires, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, Hibbard Road, 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: Caitlin DeFilippo, Director of Human Resources, cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com, Hibbard Road, 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.

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SCHOOLS
LINE**

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

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