

HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL “NOTES”



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2024-2025 BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Budget development for the following school year begins early in the calendar year. Regular board meetings and budget workshops are held from February to April until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters on May 21st. All meetings are open to the public.

- Thursday, February 15 – Regular Meeting, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, February 29 – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
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All meetings are live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstbores.org/hhds/>), recorded, and posted to the district website. For more information on the development of the 2024-2025 Budget,

including links to videos and presentations from board meetings, click here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDBudget2024-25.cfm>.

Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 21, 7am-9pm, in the High School South Gym.

All district residents are eligible to vote, provided they meet the following requirements:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law OR
- Are registered to vote in general elections

For information on absentee ballots or other questions about the budget or vote, please call (607) 739-5601, x4260 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

MONDAY, APRIL 8 - HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS

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2024-2025 COURSE SELECTIONS

Counselors and students are in the process of meeting for their annual mandated reviews. During this meeting students update their career plan, review progress for graduation, and select courses for the next year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions regarding this meeting.

Course selections can be changed after the initial annual review, however there is a process. The deadlines for changes are mailed home with the scheduling packet after each

student's meeting. In reviewing courses your child selects for the 2024-2025 school year please note the following change process.

To make a change prior to June 28, 2024, complete the "Course Selection Change Sheet" and return it to the Counseling Office as soon as possible. We encourage you to do this right away as any course with low enrollment is subject to cancellation by the end of April.

From June 28th until July 31st students still have time to modify course selections but they must fill out the "Petition to Change a Course" form which is available in the Counseling Office and on the district website.

After August 1st students cannot make a change to course selections. Counselors will be contacting students with any schedule conflicts during the month of August.

Upon the start of school there will be no changes allowed to a student's schedule for the first semester. A student can petition to change a course for the second semester through the last day of classes of the first semester.

Please remember that students cannot request specific lunch periods, teachers, or course placement within their schedule.

If you have any questions, please contact the High School Counseling Office.

THE 2024 SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Since 1927 Scholastic Inc. has sponsored The Scholastic Art Awards to honor outstanding achievement in the visual arts by junior and senior high school students from around the country. The Arnot Art Museum sponsors the Twin Tiers region in Central New York and Northern Pennsylvania and uses a judging process to select work to be exhibited from the eight participating counties.

Congratulations to the following Horseheads High School students who had work accepted into this year's exhibition. The show will be on display at the Arnot Art Museum from March 19th to April 26th.

KARIS ADAMS	Honorable Mention in Drawing & Illustration	<i>May 4; 2007</i>
SHANNON BROWN	Honorable Mention in Sculpture	<i>Ovis</i>
MIA CARRO	Silver Key in Painting	<i>Untitled</i>
KIERSTEN DAVIS	Silver Key in Comic Art	<i>Untitled</i>
AUTUMN KEMP	Silver Key in Drawing & Illustration	<i>When I Was A Little Girl</i>
JIWOO KIM	Gold Key in Mixed Media	<i>Afternoon Crabs</i>
MARI MAYO	Silver Key in Digital Art	<i>Transparency</i>
MARI MAYO	Silver Key in Digital Art	<i>Mary With An I</i>
RYAN MCILWAIN	Honorable Mention in Painting	<i>Untitled</i>
KEIRA MILLER	Silver Key in Drawing & Illustration	<i>A Child's Imagination</i>
KEIRA MILLER	Silver Key in Drawing & Illustration	<i>Minimally Invasive</i>
AMELIA ROULEAU	Honorable Mention in Drawing & Illustration	<i>Autopsy</i>
BREANNA VAN GORDEN	Honorable Mention in Drawing & Illustration	<i>Change of Seasons</i>
ALICIA WILLIAMS	Honorable Mention in Photography	<i>(Ruffled Grouse)</i>
ABIGAIL WOOD	Honorable Mention in Drawing & Illustration	<i>Untitled</i>
ABIGAIL WOOD	Honorable Mention in Drawing & Illustration	<i>Reflection of Heaven</i>
ABIGAIL WOOD	Silver Key in Drawing & Illustration	<i>It Is What It Is</i>
		<i>Co-Dependency</i>

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following high school students have been chosen for February's Raider of the Month for character trait Trustworthiness:

Grade 12 - **Dominick Russ, Andrew Wood**

Grade 11 - **Mikiera Breedlove, Adrianna Calbi, Caitlyn Slavin, Owen Wood**

Grade 10 - **Kaitlyn Carpenter, Lauren Kozemko, Delaney Ruhmel, Paige Stevens, Teagan Sullivan**

Grade 9 - **Eli Ames, Tessa Baker, Braedyn Goodridge, Haley Poorman, Ny'Asiah Rozell**

Congratulations!

DESIGN IN CLAY DONATION PROJECT

Students in Ms. Cratsley's first semester Design in Clay classes created and glazed hand-built bowls in the shape of flowers to donate to the Catholic Charities "Empty Bowl Luncheon". The luncheon raises funds toward local poverty relief efforts. This year's luncheon takes place at Notre Dame High School on March 19th.

Great Job!

INTERACT NEWS

Horseheads High School Interact, a community service group, is raising money for the International Rescue Committee (IRC) - an organization that helps individuals and families in disaster areas. From their website: "When an emergency strikes, the IRC responds quickly, aiming to be on the ground within 72 hours to help people with clean water, urgent medical care, critical supplies, and other assistance. We stay for as long as we are needed, helping people and communities to rebuild."

\$52 can train a midwife, \$25 can provide a solar lamp, \$110 can help build a water supply system. Please help us reach our goal of \$250 by May 10th. You can use QR code below to donate now.

Thank You!



UNIFIED RAIDERS YAC NEWS

The Unified Raiders Youth Activation Committee (YAC) hosted over 200 students at the Youth Leadership Summit on February 15, 2024. Dr. Douglas welcomed students and advisors from Corning Painted Post, Elmira, Maine Endwell, Lansing, Union Endicott, Ithaca, and Vestal.

We had 40 students from Horseheads High School, Phoenix Academy, and Horseheads Middle School attend the Summit. Horseheads district administrators attended the Horseheads YAC presentation regarding eSports and how our Middle School YAC is run. Mrs. N. Fess, Mr. N. Johnson, and Mr. J. Dority from Special Olympics New York led the students through leadership activities throughout the day. Mr. T. Nelson from NYSPHAA provided information on Unified Sports.

To join YAC, please send an email to Dr. Alisha Tenbus at atenbus@horseheadsdistrict.com or join us in a meeting on Tuesday mornings at 7:25am in Library Classroom A.

Unified Raider bowling has 43 members divided up into 2 teams coached by Ms. Jamie Madison and Ms. Ashley Crozier. Unified Raider Senior Night was held February 27th at Crystal Lanes in Corning. We honored Anthony Miller, Ava Fairbrother, Brady Lowman, Ethan Kiser, and Olivia Hatch. Horseheads participated in the culminating event with Binghamton, Union Endicott, Corning-Painted Post, Elmira, and Ithaca on March 5th at Crystal Lanes in Corning, NY.

Horseheads Unified Esports Spring Season started the week of February 19th. The 3 Mario Kart teams – Bowers Cattle, Team Boo, and the Crazy Mustangs – all won their first matches of the season. Rocket League Teams Fire Underdogs and In The Trenches have their first match on February 29th. There are 20 students participating this season. Unified eSports is coached by Mrs. Melanie Rahr.

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.



TENATIVE CALENDAR

5-Mar-24	Tuesday	End of MP5		
6-Mar-24	Wednesday	Beginning of MP6		
7-Mar-24	Thursday	Parents Night		7:00-9:30
11-Mar-24	Monday	Distribution of Report Cards		
14-Mar-24	Thursday	Bus Drills	Outside	PE classes
		GRP Spring Musical	Auditorium	7:00
15-Mar-24	Friday	GRP Spring Musical	Auditorium	7:00
16-Mar-24	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
		GRP Spring Musical	Auditorium	2:00 & 7:00
18-Mar-24	Monday	Conference Day		
20-Mar-24	Wednesday	Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30
23-Mar-24	Saturday	Junior Prom	Hhds Elks	TBD
26-Mar-24	Tuesday	Choir/Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:30
29-Mar-24	Friday	Good Friday (Holiday)		
30-Mar-24	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
5-Apr-24	Friday	End of MP6		
8-Apr-24	Monday	Beginning of MP7		
12-Apr-24	Friday	Distribution of Report Cards		
13-Apr-24	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
17-Apr-24	Wednesday	Music Faculty Recital	Auditorium	7:00
22-Apr-24	Monday	Spring Break (Holiday)		
23-Apr-24	Tuesday	No School		
24-Apr-24	Wednesday	No School		
25-Apr-24	Thursday	No School		
26-Apr-24	Friday	No School		

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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.

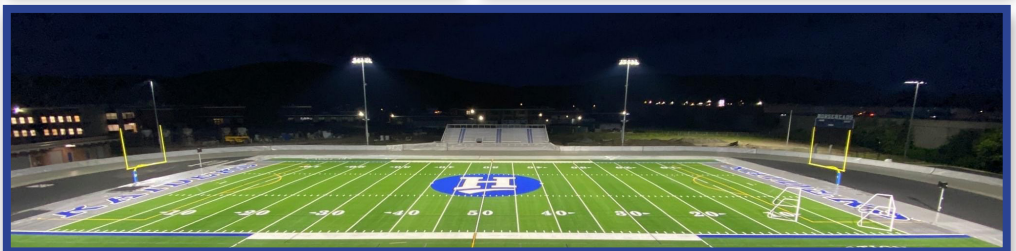
Horseheads Central School District

Capital Project Community Update

Parents, guardians, and community members are invited to an update on our districtwide capital project.

Tuesday, March 12 | 6pm
Horseheads High School Cafeteria

- Updates on second referendum
- Tour of finished High School projects
- Third referendum plans
- Q&A



February 27, 2024

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Community Capital Project Update March 12

The district invites all parents, guardians, and community members to an update and open house on the districtwide capital project **Tuesday, March 12 at 6pm in the Horseheads High School Cafeteria**. Those in attendance will hear updates about our first and second referendums, learn about the next proposed referendum, and tour finished projects at the High School. There will also be a Q/A session with district administration and the project manager.

Budget Calendar

The district and Board of Education have begun development of the 2024-25 Budget. The next meeting is a Budget Workshop this Thursday, February 29, at 6pm in the High School Multi-Media Center. All are welcome. Future meetings will be held during the next two months, with the Budget vote on Tuesday, May 21, from 7am to 9pm in the High School South Gym. Here is the schedule of meetings:

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ARP ESSER Fund and Smart Schools Bond Act

At Thursday's Board of Education meeting (6pm, High School Multi-Media Center), the district will discuss the conclusion of two grant funds: the federal American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER) and the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA). The meeting is open to the public.

By law, ARP ESSER pandemic related funds require a budget amendment and the opportunity for public feedback. The district's amended plan for these monies will be introduced at tomorrow's meeting. Public feedback begins after the meeting and ends prior to the March 14 Board of Education meeting. For more information on ARP ESSER funds, [click here](#). If you have feedback on the current amendment to the ARP ESSER, please contact the district.

The district will also be reviewing the conclusion of its Smart Schools Bond Act investment plan at the meeting. The purpose of the SSBA is to enhance teaching and learning for students through the improvement of educational technology and infrastructure. The district has secured devices and servers with this funding source over several years. The final expenditures for this plan will include the acquisition of interactive whiteboards for elementary classrooms and laptop computers for high school students. Like the ARP ESSER Fund, the proposed SSBA plan will have a public feedback timeframe prior to adoption and submission to the New York State Education Department.

2024-25 Calendar

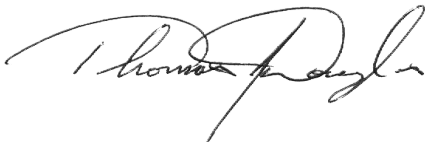
The 2024-25 School Calendar will be on the agenda at the Board of Education's February 29 budget meeting. We will share the calendar once it has been formally approved.

Conference Day March 18

As a reminder, Monday, March 18 is a Conference Day for our staff. There is no school for students that day.

If you have questions, please contact your school's Main Office or email us at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas
Superintendent of Schools

Join the Horseheads Central School District as a School Bus Driver

UPDATE: Pay rate is now \$23.15/hour with required CDL (\$15.50/hr for drivers in training)



- **Paid training**
- **Benefits package including health insurance**
- **No weekends, holidays, summers**

To apply, call 607-739-6338 or pick up an application at our Transportation Department, 601 Sayre Street Extension, weekdays from 7:30am to 3:30pm. Our application may also be found at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/employment. (Both the district application and the supplemental transportation application are required.)

Applicants must be at least 21 years old.
Fingerprint/background check and drug testing are required.

Questions?

Call 607-739-6338 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.



IT'S TIME TO TRAVEL

QUESTIONS?
MS. RENNIE-
RM. 214
OR
MS. LUONGO-
RM. 211



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INTEREST MEETING:

THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST, 6:00PM
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