

HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL “NOTES”



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Ext. 1618	George Bacalles	Ext. 1623	Health Office

2024-2025 SCHEDULING INFORMATION

All students meet with their school counselor to select courses for the next school year during the spring semester of this school year. This process takes place typically through the months of February through April. During this meeting each student will review their course and exam progress toward graduation, as well as continue work on the student's career plan. Counselors and students discuss the student's future plans and counselors assist them in selecting courses for the following year.

Please note the following:

- These meetings are only to select courses. Schedules are built during the summer months and students will not receive a schedule until the first day of school in September.
- Students cannot request to have specific lunch periods, teachers, or course placement within a schedule.

Each student will have their course selection sheet mailed home after their scheduling meeting so that parents can review their child's selections. Students will have the opportunity to change course selections but please be aware that there are strict deadlines to do so. There will be a course selection change sheet included with the initial mailing. If your student wants to make any changes prior to the last day of school, a change form needs to be returned to the Counseling Office with the requested change indicated and a parent signature. After the last day of school through July 31st students can still make changes using a blue Schedule Change Request form which is available on the High School website and in the Counseling Office. After July 31st no changes to course selections are allowed. If there are conflicts with courses fitting into a student schedule, counselors will contact

the student during the summer to discuss the conflict and alter the student's schedule. It is very important that parents make sure that their family contact information is updated with the school so that counselors are able to notify students of any problems with their schedules in a timely manner.

COURSE SELECTION CATALOG

The High School course catalog will be emailed to all high school students in January. The document is also available online at the district website. A limited number of hard copies are available in the Counseling Office. <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/uploadeddocs/CourseSelectionGuide.pdf>

SAT/ACT INFORMATION FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE

Starting with the current Juniors (Class of 2025), Horseheads High School will no longer reflect SAT or ACT scores on high school transcripts. Scores will still be a part of the student record but they will not be automatically shown on the transcript. If a parent or student would like the standardized test scores to be shown on the transcript, a written request must be sent to the Counseling Office (email is acceptable).

BOYS STATE

Boys' State is an American Legion sponsored weeklong program that immerses high school juniors in citizenship and leadership training. Student will learn the practical aspect of government as it exists in New York State and come to recognize the individual is integral to the character and success of government. You will also participate in physical fitness, teamwork, and other activities under the guidance of the American Legion counselors and US Marines.

Any interested junior boys should see Mrs. Matthews in the Counseling Office for more information.

RAIDERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our November Raiders of the Month for the trait of citizenship:

Grade 12: **Camron Benedict, Nicole Buchalla, Emily Overly, Jacob Staats**

Grade 11: **Dominic Cardinale, Gem Fazzary, Noelle Harpster, Sydney Smith**

Grade 10: **Alexis Hoyt, Ryan McIlwain**

Grade 9: **Garrett Brigham, Summer Folk, Arielle Lowmaster, Essanna Marks, Ellie Pagano, Haley Poorman, Artur Slivinsky**

The following students were chosen as the High School's Raiders of the Month for December/January for the character trait Caring and Fairness. Congratulations!

Grade 9: **Sophia Jones, Yuanhao Lin, Joshua Mattucci, Nathan Woodward**

Grade 10: **Sierra Cook, Casandra Eaton, Ally Perry, Olivia Schwab, Caitlin Yearick**

Grade 11: **Xzander Hosley, Anika Kamaraju, Griffin Stevens, Ethan Tineo**

Grade 12: **Braeden Butts, Alexandria DeLuca, Julianna Mason**

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Registration for spring sports opens in Final Forms on February 11th. There is a link to Final Forms on the Athletics page of the Horseheads District website. To be eligible for a spring sport your athlete must have a physical dated on or after March 1, 2023 submitted to the High School Health Office. Physicals can be emailed to ctournour@horseheadsdistrict.com or vwhite@horseheadsdistrict.com or uploaded to Final Forms. Spring 2024 sports start on March 11th.

Parents of 9th and 11th grade students, if you have not already done so, please submit your child's grade required physical to the Health Office. The physical should have been completed on September 6, 2022 or after.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff, regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Horseheads School District is required to maintain a registry of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are **not** subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application
- Anti-microbial products
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
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- Boric acid and di-sodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 152.25
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good-faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification registry.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the attached form and return it to Tony Stager, the Horseheads School District pesticide representative at: Horseheads School District, Facilities Services, 507 Fletcher Street, Horseheads, NY 14845. You may also fax this form to (607)795-2595.

FORTY-EIGHT HOUR PESTICIDE APPLICATION PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM

Is email an appropriate method for notifying you of an impending pesticide application? Yes/No

*If not, you will receive a brief notification letter 48 hours prior to an impending pesticide application. Every effort will be made to ensure the notification reaches you 48 hours (or more) in advance of the pesticide application. This time may vary slightly due to postal conditions beyond the control of the district.

Horseheads School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

School Building (or field) _____

Your Name & Address _____

Phone or Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Return to the High School Main Office or mail to Horseheads High School, 401 Fletcher Street, Horseheads, NY 14845.

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.





**Office of
Children and
Family Services**

**To report child
abuse or neglect:**

Call toll free

1-800-342-3720

or

ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

15-Jan-24	Monday	MLK Day (Holiday)		
16-Jan-24	Tuesday	Boys Swim/Dive Senior Night	Pool	5:00
20-Jan-24	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
22-Jan-24	Monday	End of MP4		
		Band Concert (rescheduled date)	Auditorium	7:30pm
23-Jan-24	Tuesday	Regents Exams		
24-Jan-24	Wednesday	Regents Exams		
25-Jan-24	Thursday	Regents Exams		
		Boys Swim/Dive Senior Night	Pool	5:00
26-Jan-24	Friday	Regents Exams		
		Girls Basketball Senior Night	MS	7:15
30-Jan-24	Tuesday	First Day of Second Semester/MP5		
		Distribution of Report Cards		
31-Jan-24	Wednesday	Bowling Senior Night		5:00
1-Feb-24	Thursday	Wrestling Senior Night	North Gym	7:00
3-Feb-24	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
5-Feb-24	Monday	Indoor Track Senior Night	MS	8:00
6-Feb-24	Tuesday	BOCES Roadshow	Auditorium	9:00
8-Feb-24	Thursday	Boys Basketball/Cheerleading Senior Night	MS	7:00
10-Feb-24	Saturday	ACT's	HHS	8:00
		Winter Dance	HMS	6:00-9:00
17-Feb-24	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
19-Feb-24	Monday	President's Day (Holiday)		
20-Feb-24	Tuesday	No School		
21-Feb-24	Wednesday	No School		
22-Feb-24	Thursday	No School		
23-Feb-24	Friday	No School		
2-Mar-24	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
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

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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 143 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, 143 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, 143 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.

JANUARY 2024 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE



Please read and save this information for future reference regarding the January Examination Schedule for local exams, Regents Exams, Regents and Competency Tests. Teachers will give students information about the examinations in each class.

Please encourage your student(s) to prepare well for the examinations in order to successfully complete the first half of the school year. Local examinations will be administered during class the week prior to Regents Exams at the discretion of the teacher.

This examination schedule will be in effect from **Tuesday, January 23 through Friday, January 26, 2024**. During this period, students will report to school for their examinations at the times scheduled below.

Cafeteria services will be limited during the four-day examination period. The bus schedule will be maintained as if regular classes were in session. The cafeteria will be open for student use during the examination period.

JANUARY 2024 EXAM SCHEDULE

Tuesday January 23, 2024	Wednesday January 24, 2024	Thursday January 25, 2024	Friday January 26, 2024
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
English Language Arts- N Gym ES Lab Exams- Rm 162, 164, 156	Geometry- N Gym U.S. History & Gov't- S Gym	Global History & Geography II- Room 103	Physical Setting/Earth Science- S Gym Physical Setting/Chemistry- N Gym
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	
Living Environment- S Gym ES Lab Exams- Rm 162, 164, 156	Algebra 1-N Gym Physical Setting/Physics- S Gym	Algebra II – N Gym	<u>UNIFORM ADMISSION</u> <u>DEADLINES</u> Morning Exams – 10:00 Afternoon Exams – 2:00



Class of 2025

MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE BOOSTER

Parents/Guardians:

Please note before school this September:

- **Your 12th-grader must receive a booster of the meningococcal vaccine** (unless the first dose was received after turning 16). This booster is required because protection from the vaccine decreases over time.
- If your child had one or two doses of the meningococcal vaccine prior to their 16th birthday, he/she must have a second dose to begin school in September*.
- The vaccine may be given by your primary provider or the Chemung County Health Department. For information on how to get the vaccine at the Health Department and insurance coverage, call (607)737-2028.

About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine; it has been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been required for school entry since Sept. 1, 2016.

About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

To learn more about this and other vaccination requirements in New York State, visit www.health.ny.gov/immunize. For specific questions about your child, please contact your primary provider. Questions for the High School Health Office, call 795-2500, x1622.

**Public Health Law requires that all students meet immunization requirements. Students transferring within New York State have 14 calendar days to submit required immunizations. Students transferring from out of state or out of country have 30 days to submit required immunizations.*

*Do you live in the Horseheads
Central School District?*

We need your input.

The Horseheads Central School District is conducting a census of all residents in the district.

The school district is made up of the Town and Village of Horseheads, Big Flats, Veteran, Breesport, Pine Valley, Erin, Millport, Cayuta, Catlin, and portions of adjacent communities.

We recently sent a mailer to all residences in the district with information on submitting census information. If you submitted your information, thank you. If not, please do so at this link:

[Horseheads.fyi/Census](https://horseheads.fyi/Census)

or at the QR code below:

