

# HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL "NOTES"



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## SCHOLASTIC ART SHOW

Congratulations to the following students who have had their artwork adjudicated and accepted into the Scholastic Art Show at the Arnot Art Museum:

- **Emily Amey**, 10<sup>th</sup>, Silver Key for "Dragon Fruit"
- **Jillian Beach**, 10<sup>th</sup>, Honorable Mention for "Large Cat Head of Undiscernible Species"
- **Mackenzie Clark**, 10<sup>th</sup>, Honorable Mention for "Coiled, Curvy, Kintsugi!"
- **Hadilat Fuad Zeba**, 12<sup>th</sup>, Silver Key for "Torn by Touch"
- **Violet Johns**, 11<sup>th</sup>, Honorable Mention for "Subconscious Thoughts"
- **Alyssa Ketter**, 12<sup>th</sup>, Silver Key for "Scopaesthesia"
- **Kasidy McCracken**, 12<sup>th</sup>, Honorable Mention for "The Cthulhu Lisa"
- **Breanna Van Gorden**, 12<sup>th</sup>, Silver Key for "On Display"
- **Abigail Wood**, 12<sup>th</sup>, Gold Key for "Into the Chaos"
- **Caitlin Yearick**, 12<sup>th</sup>, Silver Key for "Into the Unknown"

These works and others from the region will be on display at the Arnot Art Museum from January 20<sup>th</sup> until March 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

- Registration for Spring Varsity and Junior Varsity sports opens on February 9<sup>th</sup> in Final Forms. To be eligible for a spring sport, your child must have a physical dated March 1, 2025 or after on file in the High School Health Office. An updated physical can be uploaded to Final Forms or emailed to [ctournour@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:ctournour@horseheadsdistrict.com) or [vwhite@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:vwhite@horseheadsdistrict.com). Spring sports begin March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade parents, if you haven't already, please submit your child's grade required physical to the Health Office. The physical needs to have been done on or after September 4, 2024.
- For a student to be employed in New York State, a working card is necessary. Have your child stop in the Health Office for a working paper application.

## **2026-2027 COURSE SELECTIONS**

Counselors and students are beginning 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 don't 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 2026-2027 school year please note the following change process.

To make a change prior to June 26, 2026, complete the "Course Selection Change Sheet" and return it to the Counseling Office as soon as possible. This form is included in the packet we mail home. 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 29<sup>th</sup> until July 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

## YAC NEWS

Horseheads Unified Bowling has started and we have two teams this season. Please join us for one of our matches, the schedule can be found at: [Horseheads | \(B\) UNIFIED Bowling — ScheduleGalaxy https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/138/teams/380882?year=2025](https://www.schedulegalaxy.com/schools/138/teams/380882?year=2025).

YAC is participating in the Ithaca Polar Plunge on March 21, 2026. If you would like to join our team or make a donation, here is the link: [https://events.nyso.org/site/TR/Plunge/POLARPLUNGE?pg=team&fr\\_id=3421&team\\_id=25501](https://events.nyso.org/site/TR/Plunge/POLARPLUNGE?pg=team&fr_id=3421&team_id=25501) [2026 Ithaca Polar Plunge: Horseheads Unified Raiders - Special Olympics New York](#)

Please join YAC for meetings in Library Classroom A at 7:00am on Friday mornings.

## 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.

**SAFE SCHOOLS LINE 607-795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984  
REPORT A CONCERN, RUMOR, BULLYING INCIDENT, OR ANY SAFETY ISSUE  
ANONYMOUSLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY  
24 HOURS A DAY**



**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](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps)**

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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 2026 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 20 through Friday, January 23, 2026**. 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 2026 EXAM SCHEDULE

<b>Tuesday January 20, 2026</b>	<b>Wednesday January 21, 2026</b>	<b>Thursday January 22, 2026</b>	<b>Friday January 23, 2026</b>
<b>8:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>
English Language Arts- N Gym  ES Lab Exam-Rm 162, 163, 164	Geometry-Cafe  U.S. History & Gov't-N Gym	Global History & Geography I – Rm 227	Physical Setting/Earth Science- N Gym
<b>12:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	
Living Environment- N Gym  Physical Setting/Chemistry -Cafe  ES Lab Exam- Rm 162, 163, 164	Algebra 1- N Gym  Physical Setting/Physics- Cafe	Algebra II- N Gym	<b><u>UNIFORM ADMISSION</u></b> <b><u>DEADLINES</u></b>  Morning Exams – 10:00 Afternoon Exams – 2:00



## Class of 2027

# MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE BOOSTER

*Parents/Guardians:*

***Please note before school this September:***

- **Your incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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, x1623.

*\*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.*

15-Jan-26	Thu	Board Meeting	Intermediate School	5:15
16-Jan-26	Fri	End of MP4		
19-Jan-26	Mon	Holiday		
20-Jan-26	Tue	Regents Exams – No Regular Classes		
21-Jan-26	Wed	Regents Exams – No Regular Classes		
22-Jan-26	Thu	Regents Exams – No Regular Classes		
23-Jan-26	Fri	Regents Exams – No Regular Classes		
26-Jan-26	Mon	Instructional Planning Day – No School		
27-Jan-26	Tue	Start of MP5		
28-Jan-26	Wed	Report Cards Published/Distributed		
31-Jan-26	Sat	Winter Semi Formal	Middle School	6:00-9:00
5-Feb-26	Thu	Parent Advisory Council	Conference Room	3:30-4:15
12-Feb-26	Thu	Board Meeting	Auditorium	5:15
16-Feb-26	Mon	Holiday		
17-Feb-26	Tue	No School		
18-Feb-26	Wed	No School		
19-Feb-26	Thu	No School		
20-Feb-26	Fri	No School		
25-Feb-26	Wed	Counseling Presentation	Auditorium	6:00-7:00
		Parents Night		7:00-8:00
26-Feb-26	Thu	Budget Meeting	Auditorium	6:00
4-Mar-26	Wed	End of MP5		
		Sophomore Career Day	Elmira College	8:30-12:00
5-Mar-26	Thu	Start of MP6		
		Parent Advisory Council	Conference Room	3:30-4:15
		GRP Musical	Auditorium	7:00
6-Mar-26	Fri	GRP Musical	Auditorium	7:00
7-Mar-26	Sat	GRP Musical	Auditorium	7:00
11-Mar-26	Wed	Report Cards Published/Distributed		
12-Mar-26	Thu	Parent Advisory Council	Conference Room	3:30-4:15
		Board Meeting	Auditorium	5:15
19-Mar-26	Thu	Pop Ensemble Concert	MS Cafeteria	7:00
23-Mar-26	Mon	Conference Day – No School		
24-Mar-26	Tue	Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30
25-Mar-26	Wed	Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:30
26-Mar-26	Thu	Board Meeting	Auditorium	6:00
31-Mar-26	Tue	Choir Concert	Auditorium	7:30