Horseheads Middle School



Winter Edition



December 2025



Contact Us!

607-739-6357 • Horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm



What's Happening at HMS

DECEMBER

12/3/2025

District Open House Presentation

5:30-6:00pm

High School Cafeteria

Followed by building tours 6:00 - 8:00pm

12/10/2025

Progress Report #2 Distributed

12/22 - 1/2/2026

Winter Recess - No School

JANUARY

1/7 - 1/8/2026

Aimsweb Plus Testing

1/12/2026

Raider White Band & Choir Concert

7:00pm * MS Café

1/19/2026

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School

1/26/2026

Instructional Planning Day - No School

1/27/2026

Second Semester Begins

1/28/2026

MP #2 Report Cards & Aimsweb Reports

Distributed

1/29/2026

PTO Meeting, 5:00-6:00pm * MS Library

Open House, 6:00-7:00

FBI Resources for Parents and Educators

Thank you to everyone who attended the Digital Dangers presentation. If you were unable to join us, free resources are available for parents and educators to support digital citizenship and online safety at home and in the classroom. You'll also find guidance on how to report any potential online victimization. 2025 FBI Resources.pdf



Make it a great day,



Raider Way:



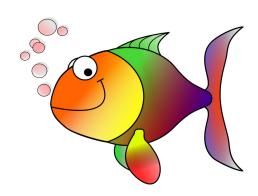
Fish Philosophy:

- Choose Your Attitude
- Make Their Day
- Be There
- Play

Think:

Before you say or do anything:

- Fair and Just
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Good Citizen
- Trustworthy
- Caring and Kind



- T Is it true?
- H Is it helpful?
- I Is it inspiring?
- N Is it necessary?
- K Is it kind?

District Open House



We're excited to host a District Open House on Wednesday, December 3, 2025, in the High School cafeteria. Families will have the chance to see some of our completed construction projects and learn how these improvements support student learning.

DISTRICT OPEN HOUSE

TOUR NEWLY FINISHED SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION
Horseheads High School Cafeteria • December 3, 2025







EVENT SCHEDULE

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Presentation: Overview of past construction work

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Tour at High School, Big Flats, and Gardner Road

- · Guided bus tour of each school
- · Or visit these schools on your own at your own pace
- Staff will be available at each school to assist

WHAT'S NEW?

- · Enhanced learning spaces
- Modern libraries
- Upgraded gymnasiums
- Refreshed, brighter cafeterias



EXPLORE. ASK QUESTIONS. SHARE YOUR IDEAS.



Progress Reports / Report Cards

Parents are informed of student progress in two ways. Progress reports are sent home with students at the five-week point of each marking period. A report card is sent home with students at the end of the tenweek marking period.

Distinguished High Honor Roll95-100High Honor Roll90-94.99Honor Roll85-89.99Failing Grade64.0 or lower in any course

A failing grade or incomplete in any class eliminates the student from the Honor Roll.

Progress Reports Issued December 10, 2025

Lost and Found

Lost your water bottle? Misplaced your sweatshirt? Check the Lost and Found! There are blue bins under the table in the Main Office.

Parents, please:

Reinforce the importance of all safety drills with your students. Paying attention and following directions are crucial for everyone's safety. Questions or concerns related to school building safety can be directed to Principal Ron Holloway at 739-6357.

Attendance Auto-call and Email

To keep you updated regarding your child's attendance, the middle school will send you an auto-call and email when your student(s) are absent from school. If a student is absent from first period, a call and email will be generated and delivered in the morning. If the student continues to be absent, another call will be generated and delivered in the evening with all of the periods the student has missed.

Learn up-to-date information about our schools and district:

- Facebook: The district and each of our seven schools have pages. "Like" them to see our information in your news feed Twitter: Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets
- Follow us on Instagram at hhdsschools
- Visit our district website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com.
- Questions about our website or social media?

E-mail <u>hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com</u>

PTO is looking for volunteers!

Please consider joining our PTO and help us have an outstanding school year! There will be plenty to do:

- Three school dances
- 8th-grade Celebration
- Refreshments for awards ceremonies
- Have other ideas?

Organizing and funding these events takes time and effort. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Contact the school at: 739-6357

Want to Donate? Use the VENMO code below.





School Nurse Information



7th Grade Physicals Hearing, Vision and Scoliosis Screenings

Please see the important information below regarding the health of your child attending school.

It is often difficult to know when to keep your child home. The following is a list of conditions and symptoms that indicate when you should keep your child home.

They include, but are not limited to:

- Fever greater than 100.4 F Your child may return when their fever has been gone for over 24 hours without medication, and if no other symptoms are present
- **Vomiting/Diarrhea** Your child may return when symptom free for greater than 24 hours without medication or other symptoms
 - Rash Your child may return with a physician's note that it is not contagious
 - Strep Throat Your child may return after 24 hours of prescribed treatment
 - Cough/Congestion/Wheezing Your child may return when symptoms resolve

As a reminder, frequent hand washing is always our best defense against illness.

Please remember that medication given at school must have a doctor's order. All medications must be delivered to the Nurses' office by a responsible adult, in a pharmacy-labeled container. As always, feel free to contact your school nurse for any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation, Mrs. Wright, RN Horseheads Middle School Nurse

The Health Office is in need of socks, underwear and elastic-waist pants for students.

Important Contact Information

- Safe Schools Line 607-795-2044
- Mr. Holloway- Principal rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com
- Mr. Hoeffner Assistant Principal thoeffner@horseheadsdistrict.com
- Middle School Main Office 607-739-6357
- Middle School Website http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm
- Horseheads District Phone Number 607-795-5601
- Horseheads District Website http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com
- Athletic Office Phone Number 607-739-5601 x4254
- Athletic Office Website http://horseheadsdistrict.com/athletics.cfm

Health Class Notification



Health Unit Notification

During the last marking period of each semester, seventh grade health classes will be studying the Human Physiology Unit. This is an abstinence-based unit which will include the male and female reproductive systems, conception and birth, the risks of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS and HIV/AIDS prevention.

You have the option of exempting your child from the HIV/AIDS prevention information. However, we strongly encourage your child to participate. HIV information must be presented to every child by State mandate. Therefore, it is the parent's responsibility to provide this information which will be included in the Health final. If a student is exempted, he/she is assigned to a study hall and required to do an independent study unit in health.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your concerns before making your decision, call your child's health teacher during school hours at 739-6357.

RETURN THE FORM BELOW IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE IN THE UNIT.

Return this portion by January 5, 2026 to the Middle School Health Teacher to exempt your child from instruction in the classroom.

(student name)	
<u>Does not</u> have my permission to participate in the Human F HIV/AIDS prevention.	Physiology Unit and/or
Student:	
Parent Signature:	
Date:	-



Learn up-to-date information about our schools and district:

- Facebook: The district and each of our seven schools have pages. "Like" them to see our information in your news feed
- Twitter: Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets
- Follow us on Instagram at hhdsschools
- Visit our district website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com.
- Ouestions about our website or social media? E-mail hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com
- URL for Mobile App is now: gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads

Athletic Information

2025 Winter Sports Registration & Start Dates

December 5 Unified Bowling; Start January 5

More details can be found on the District website under Athletics.

Please ensure that the athlete has a physical (after **December 1, 2024** for a Winter sport), on record with the school nurse.

If you have questions, please contact the Athletic Office at 607-739-5601, x4254

or kgranger@horseheadsdistrict.com.





thoeffner@horseheadsdistrict.com

Mr. Hoeffner





PARENT PORTAL

Don't have Parent Portal? Please visit our website. In the "QuickLinks" section in the middle, near the bottom, hover over "Parent Portal". You will be directed to complete a short form online. If you have questions, please call Genie Connel at 739-5601, x4251 or email gconnel@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Checking your student's grades on Parent Portal? The URL for a computer browser is:

https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com

The URL for the mobile app is:

https://gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads





aimsweb Plus is a reliable computer-based screening assessment, which is administered in the fall, winter and spring. Coming on January 7th and 8th, students will be taking the winter aimsweb Plus benchmark assessments in reading and math. aimsweb Plus allows us to monitor our students in reading and math and provides us with valuable information we can use to make educational decisions for our students. Results will be shared with parents and students three times per year. Our goal is for each student to demonstrate academic growth from fall to winter and winter to spring. No special preparation for the aimsweb Plus testing is required.

If you would like additional information regarding the *aimsweb* Plus assessments, please visit the *aimsweb* Plus website at http://www.aimswebplus.com/ or call us at 739-6357.

Career Development Council

The school district has many career related events including career days, career panels, job shadows, classroom speakers, field trips, and mock interviews. We are always looking for volunteers for these events. We are looking for parents, grandparents, other adult family members and friends as well as community volunteers in every career field.

If you feel your career is not of interest or you are currently at home, you may still contribute through mock interviews and other fun classroom events. We will be doing many of these events on-line, but they are still important experiences for the career development of our students. Most events are only an hour or two on a given day, yet **your experience and career knowledge** can deeply influence a child's life, career goals, and future educational path.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can get involved, please contact Deb Lynch, the Career Development Representative for the Horseheads School District, or Jennie Sonsire at (607)795-5320 or dlynch@gstboces.org or jsonsire@gstboces.org.





Matthew Updyke

HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period Distinguished Honor Roll Students!

7th Grade

Cassidy Dziennik

Samantha Rhodes Amelia Jackson Claire Barron Riley Johns Lucas Robinson Alexia Bednarski

Hunter Rosekrans Chloe Jones **Emmery Bennett**

Cole Kamas Thaddeus Schiavone Lucy Brennan

Emilie King Alexis Sheehan James Brookins Nora Klein Sofia Shock

Joseph Brookins Heidi Smith Leighton Knapp Maxx Brown

Carson Bullers Brady Kondikoff Andrew Snedecor

Kendall Kozemko Bryson Snyder Madigan Collins

Allistair Lanipao Cornellious Speed Jr Skyy DePrimo

Rily Stilts

Alwaleed El-Kahlout Blake Mason Hadley Sullivan

Isacc Mayer Chloe Tenny Yuxin Fan

Evan Miele

Julia Mangino

Quil Fazzary Aerianna Narosky Dominic Vetrino Elijah Ham

Kruthik Patel **Austin Hart**

Madilyn Phillips Dominic Harvey

Ian Proctor Norah Hays

Andrew Pronti Mason Hornsby

Ellie Rayle Nathan Hughson





HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period High Honor Roll Students!

7th Grade

Ashlyn Harkness **Emerald Price** Griffin Adams Gavin Harmer Olivia Ragan Jenna Ames Jillian Hartsock Lyla Redner Mason Beard Owen Hastings Harley Ripley Vincent Biddle Liam Robinson Peyton Hopson **Emily Blake** Adam Ibrahim Jackson Root Charles Bohan Charlotte Jamison Rylie Roupp Benjamin Brink Nolan Ruhmel Bryson Keenan Braylen Burchard Mason Silvers Ryan Koehler Neola Castellano Mia Smith Bryce Kramer Gabriel Charlanow

Kaven Lane Landen Spencer Alexis Clark Lilianna Letchford Brynn Sullivan Alyssa Clark Tateum Sustello Cooper Lynch Elijah Cleveland Griffin Marone Lucy Swartz Macilea Collins Max Marsh Lucas Talvi Evelyn Colvin Kylie Miller Mason Terry Madilyn Confer Sadie Titsworth Ava Mills Jamiylah Connell Pyper Monahan Ellie Tremaine Owen Crout Maddox Monks Rosalia Ueblacker Camden Crowley

Brooklyn Dye Parker Moshier Amie Vo
Katherine Derry Efrain Nieves Jacob Wales
Gavin Dick Ava Noteboom Zoey Watts
Myalia Eastwood Amelia O'Dell Wehling Lucas Weaver

Landon Field Marin Parsons Madilyn Westerfer Xander Friends Sophia Patterson Alana Wheeler Opal Giancoli Olivia Paulman Isabelle Wheeler Sawyer Godwin Maurianna Peake Arianna White Alexa Hancock Jeremiah Perry Robinson Wisneski

Thora Yarrington





HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period Honor Roll Students!

7th Grade Brody Keenan Colton Smith

Max Adams Emmalynn Kozak Landon Smith

Mia Alexander Abigail Krause Abigail Stonier

AnnaLynn Barber Elijah Leone Tristin Tenny

Madison Blake Sofia Madden Charlie Tremaine

Brody Blide Alice Mangino Bella Upham

Harmony Blim Kolten Marmor Thomas Vesek

Raegan Bliss Amelia Marshall Carson Vieselmeyer

Catherine Brand Haden McKinney Paxten Weathers

Mollie Byron Natalie Menter Rozzwell Weaver

Maverick Carman Brooklyn Miller Dax Weldon

Parker Clark Parker Muehl Jacob Welton Bindhammer

Vincent Denicola Bentley Nicodemus Savannah Winchell

Zoey Farnsworth Giovanna Ocasio Adah Wood

Deklen Finnerty Mackenzie Palmer Jackson Zelko

Daniel Fracchia Layla Parrish Averie Zuchowski

Jah'nya Haynes Sarah Rizvi

Declan Hogue Natalie Ryan

Sarah Hoppins Jasiri Schmidt

Axel Howe Hudson Sena

Bryson Jarvis Alivia Smith





Ryan Von Bevern

HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period Distinguished Honor Roll Students!

8th Grade

Noah Campanelli

Charlotte Davis

Vincent Foote

Manahil Hasan Josiah Nicolae Stella Aikman Alise Andrew Julia Headley Jai Pakyala Stella Hillman Gabriel Peake Sophie Barron

Gracie Houseknecht Isabella Pellor John Bean

Mischa Podolec Evalynn Howe Hannah Beck

Nadia Jackson Michaela Richardson Reagan Bement

Aditi Kamaraju Antonio Rios Skylinn Benitez

Emilia Karney Aubrey Romanick Nathan Blauvelt

Adilynn Kerbein Lake Sena Alexander Bocek

Hailey Krug Sophia Smith Cullen Bourgeois Hunter La Row Lilyana Sours Gavin Brooks

Cooper Lambert Ava Traluksamee Emily Buono

Gabrielle Laughlin Camden Vasicek Aaliyah Cady

Savanna Lazenby

Ryan Madison Hannah Williams Zoey Canestaro

Aedan Manzer Jayden Williams Mason Cartagena

Myanna Mazurowski Jenna Wright Selina Chen

Bailey McCarthy Zihan Yang

Presley McInnis Anna Zeller Haven Erway

Fallon Mickley

Maxwell Mintegui Liam Gagliardi

Hawkins Mitchell Liam Gleckner

Aubrianna Morgan Clara Harrigan





HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period High Honor Roll Students!

8th Grade

Cormac Oakden Kamdyn Gilbert Landon Andrews Natalie Hartigan Sophia Ostrander Jordan Apgar Alana Hawk Tanner Ostrander Syeda Ayesha Fatima Zoe Hobbs Cruze Owen Brandilyn Beach Phillip Oyekanlu Layla Hoeffner Brysen Beach Rachel Hughson Purva Patel Michael Belosky Colton Powell Ellie Jaynes Madilyn Benson Brooke Jones Adrian Rijo Rafey Bhatti Adrian Rosekrans Quinn Kent Juliana Bixby Benjamin Kistner Joseph Saks Rebekah Black Payton Kline

Joseph Saunders Laken Bola Ally Kozemko Michael Saunders Jonathan Bower Ryan Kozemko Nicholas Serebro Joseph Brennan Jake Lambert Lillian Shutts Jacob Canestaro Lyra Lesstino-Hoyles Reagan Stanton Koda Carpenter Jordynn Lewis Aaron Sullivan II Ionah Charlanow Layla Little Anthony Sullivan Noah Cloke Adrianna Swartwood Sara Lower

Benjamin Coon
Charles Coon
Ivory Coon
John Cooper

Sala Lower
Maeve Manwaring
Madison Swartwood
Alexia Marmor
Sabrina Martinez

Demetree Tetreault

Braelynn Culshaw Alexander Mayotte Owen Tiffany
Owen Dahl Brennen McCullough Benjamin Valicenti

Aariayonna Davis
Maeley Denson

Eric McGrain
Zaylee Vang
Zachary Mendez

Khoa Vo

Mason Dispenza Paislee Mickinkle Adalyn Wahl-Knowlden

Keira Dyer

Amelia Warrick

Audrey Earl

Micah Mis

Coltin Warrick

Miguel Molina Chilton

Noah Farrell

Noah Farrell

Reese Faulisi

Danni Miller

Miguel Mose

Amelia Warrick

Ayden Warrick

Ayden Williams

Genevive Williams

Ryan Williams

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Reese Faulisi
Connor Fitzpatrick
Owen Frost
Calais Morse
Ryan Williams
Calais Morse
Sophia Wood
Rori Munley
Norah Wylie
Caleb Nah

Nasi Fuad Zeba





HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period Honor Roll Students!

8th Grade

Corilee Aiken Jasper Fisher Elijah Parker
Finn Anderson Baylie Giardina Alana Parrotte
Teyten Baker Leah Green Addyson Perry
Rena Bingham Annabelle Guardi Macy Phillips
Logan Bischoff Gabe Harpur Audrey Prentice

Morgyn Bocko Sophia Hoffman John Ruvalcaba

Jack Brown Amari Johnson Khloe Shevenko

Nathan Burdick Lillian Johnson Kennidi Sternquist

Ashton Campbell Anthony Jones Kinsley Tenny

Haylee Coker Audrianna Kole Ava White

Cally Corsi John Kravec Christian Williams

Duane Craven Sophia Lynch Thomas Woodward

Summer Cunningham Nathan Malandra Joseph Wooten

Conner Darrow Eleanor Manwaring Alexandra Yackel

Thomas Dauphinet Kayden Maurey-Nichols Ethan Yaw

Joseph Drake Easton McDonald



Horseheads Central School District Information about Emergency School Closings/Delays

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run and schools will open two hours later than the usual time

The district announces school closings and delays in a variety of ways:

- Text messaging Parents/guardians can receive a text message if schools are closed or delayed by opting in to our text messaging service through SchoolMessenger. To opt in, text Y or Yes to 67587. You will receive a text response confirming that you are registered for texting.
- District website at www.horseheadsdistrict.com
- District Facebook pages (the district and all seven schools have pages)
- Twitter @HhdsSchools
- Local television and radio stations:
 - o TV WENY, WETM, Spectrum Cable News
 - Radio WELM 1410AM, WNKI 106.1FM/WPGI 100.9FM, WENY 1230AM/ MagicFM 92.7FM/WGMM 98.7

Note: Television and radio stations also put closing/delay information on their websites.

Please do not call the radio/TV stations or the district's Transportation Office.

Important notes about school closings/delays:

- There may be a time when any of these means of communication do not work due to Internet or
 other issues, so we ask that you check more than one of our communication methods to determine if
 school is in regular session or not for that day.
- If schools are closed, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, extra-curricular activities, use of facilities by non-school groups, and evening programs.
- When school is delayed, there is no supervision for students until schools open two hours later than
 the usual time, so parents should not drop their children off at school until they open. Additionally,
 on school delays, there is no breakfast served.
- On school delays, prekindergarten begins at 10:30am.
- If a storm develops after school begins, usual procedure is NOT to close school early. This allows
 time for highway crews to plow and sand the roads and has proved to be less disruptive and
 confusing than attempting to send students home early.

School/District Communication

Our schools publish newsletters monthly or every other month. The district has an annual budget newsletter and other communications shared as needed. These will be sent by email and are available online.

The online district calendar can be found here: https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/fullcalendar.cfm. It is updated regularly. Calendar information is also shared in school and district newsletters.



The Horseheads Central School District partners with



The Trusted Platform for School Community Engagement

Parents/Guardians:

You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

The Horseheads School District uses the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school closings, safety alerts, and more.*

You can participate in this service* by sending "Y" or "Yes" by text to our school's short code number, 67587.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".



SchoolMessenger is compliant with the <u>Student Privacy Pledge™</u>, so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.

Opt-In from your mobile phone now!



Just send "Y" or "Yes" to 67587



SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See schoolmessenger.com/txt for more info.

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Non-discrimination Policy



District Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo, director of Human Resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Caitlin DeFilippo, at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601 x 4211 or at cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Middle School Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Middle School is Ron Holloway, building principal. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mr. Holloway at 950 Sing Sing Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845; 739-6357 x 3640 or at rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Notice

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, One Raider Lane, 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.

Horseheads Middle School:



Home of the Raider Way