

Horseheads Middle School

April, 2023



Earth Edition

Contact Us!

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What's Happening at HMS

4/3 - 4/7/23

Spring Break - No School

4/13/23

Budget Workshop (if needed)
High School MMC - 6:00pm

4/19/23

Regular BOE Meeting
& Adoption of Budget
High School MMC - 6:00pm

4/25 - 4/26/23

NYS English Assessments

4/27/23

Report Cards Issued

5/4/23

Public Hearing on Budget
High School MMC - 6:00pm

5/4 - 5/5/23

NYS Math Assessments

5/8 - 5/11/23

Aimsweb Plus Testing

Earth Day 4/22/23



Science Olympiad Team Wins Regionals *Now Set to Compete at States*

The Horseheads Science Olympiad Team recently took first place at their Regional competition at Maine-Endwell. The team will compete at the NY State Finals on April 14th and 15th in Syracuse. See story on page 11.

GO RAIDERS!

Need Assistance with Canvas? Click Here!

[Parent/Guardian Tutorial](#)

[Help at a Glance](#)

[Parent/Guardian Canvas Login](#)



Livestream Blue Raider athletic contests at the stadium and Middle School gym! click [here](#) .

District Budget News

Get Out and Vote!



2023-24 Budget Development

The Board of Education and district are developing the proposed 2023-24 School Budget. The first budget presentation is 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, April 13th – Budget Workshop, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Wednesday, April 19th – Regular Meeting and Board Adoption of Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center
- Thursday, May 4th – Public Hearing on 2023-24 Budget, 6pm, High School Multi-Media Center

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

For more information on the process, schedule, and locations click here: [HCS D Board of Education](#).



The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is Tuesday, May 16th, 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. Unsure if you are registered to vote? Click [here](#).

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

Questions about the budget, voting, or running for the Board of Education?
Email the district at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com or call (607) 739-5601, x4295.

Middle School News

Upcoming Test Dates



NYS Assessment Dates

Our 7th- and 8th-grade students will take:

English: 4/25, 4/26

Math: 5/4, 5/5

Our 8th-grade students will take:

Science Performance Test: 5/23

Science Written Test: 6/5

*Our 8th-grade Living Environment students will take the Living Environment Regents Exam on **June 14th at 12:00pm.***

*Our 8th-grade Algebra I students will take the Algebra I Regents Exam on **June 15th at 12:00pm.***

Students enrolled in Algebra and/or Living Environment are not required to take the 8th-grade math and/or science exam. Students will go to an alternate location during the exams for independent study time.

Final Exams: June 16th - 22nd

Half days for students: 6/16, 6/20, 6/21, 6/22



It's New York Menu Day! Wednesday, April 12th

NY Cheesy Buffalo Wing Pizza

& NY Cheese Pizza

NY Blueberry Yogurt

Parfait with NY Granola

Soft Pretzel

Fresh NY Mixed Salad

Greens

NY Apple Slices

NY Juice



High school scheduling materials were sent via email several weeks ago. If you did not receive them, please check your junk mailbox or contact us at (607) 739-6357.

Important Contact Information

Safe Schools Line - 607-795-2044

Middle School Phone Number - 607-739-6357

Middle School Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm>

Horseheads District Phone Number - 607-739-5601

Horseheads District Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/index.cfm>

Athletic Office Phone Number - 607-739-5601 x4254

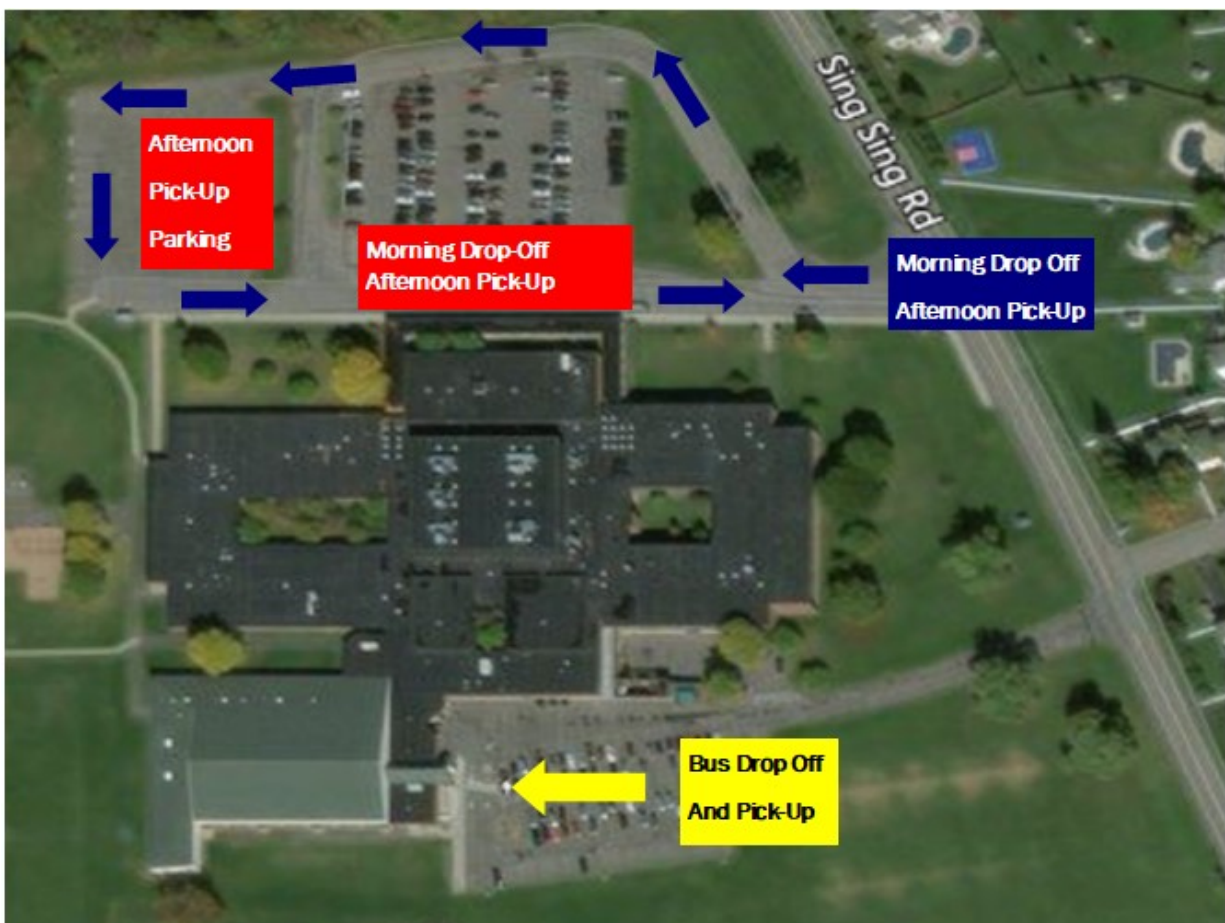
Athletic Office Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/athletics.cfm>

Drop Off and Pick Up your Student

We have had an increase in the number of students being dropped off at school, due to the beginning of spring sports. Please take this into consideration and get to school early. We ask that you help alleviate unnecessary wait time by following these simple procedures:

- Utilize the entire drop-off and pick-up lane. Please do not wait until you have pulled up to the entrance to drop off or pick up your students. Approximately 10 cars can drop off and pick-up students simultaneously. Please stay in line. **Do not drop students off in parking lots or roadways, as it is not safe and slows traffic.**
- Students should exit the vehicle as soon as it is safely stopped. Please be sure students have all of their belongings ready to go.
- Students should be walking in the door no later than 7:40. This will allow them to be in their first period class by the 7:45 tardy bell.
- As the weather warms, we will have more students walking to and from school. Please watch for them crossing the road.

Thank you for your patience and helping our morning drop off go as safely and efficiently as possible.



*Look for a new parking lot and traffic flow next school year.
Details will be shared as soon as we are able.*

Middle School News

Middle School Award Programs



We believe that students should be honored for their academic accomplishments, as well as their commitment to following the Raider Way. We offer several awards and recognition for student achievement.

Honor Roll

95-100 - Distinguished High Honor Roll

90-94.99 - High Honor Roll

85-89.99 - Honor Roll

Honor Roll certificates are distributed during 10th period following each marking period. Students who fail one or more classes are not eligible for the Honor Roll.

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) - Invitation Only

Students meeting the initial screening criteria **will be invited to apply** for the National Junior Honor Society. The criteria is listed below:

1. Students must achieve an average of 90% or higher in all of the following subjects:

- English
- Foreign Language
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

2. Students must demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Create enthusiasm for scholarship
- Stimulate a desire to render service
- Promote leadership
- Encourage responsible citizenship
- Develop and maintain good character

Once **students receive their invitation to apply**, they must complete an online application and attend an informational meeting. Applicants are then reviewed by the NJHS faculty selection committee. Successful candidates will receive an acceptance letter and invitation to the ceremony in late May. Students will remain members of the NJHS as long as they continue to uphold the high standards of the society.

8th Grade Awards

President's Award for Educational Excellence

Students must maintain an average of 90% or higher in math, English, science, social studies and foreign language over the course of seven marking periods at the middle school. Students must also meet state and local testing benchmarks.

Highest Average Award

This award goes to the student who has the highest overall average for the seven marking periods of middle school.

Triple C Award

Each 8th-grade team nominates a student who they feel best meets the criteria of commitment, character and courage. These students are honored with a certificate from the Attorney General of New York State.

Art Award

Middle School art teachers select two students who demonstrate excellence in the area of art. Students will have their artwork framed and displayed at the middle school

Pesticide Application

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1st, 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
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- 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.

Please note: Four times per year via newsletter or equivalent, a written announcement concerning impending pesticide applications, pesticide use, "emergency" applications and any other associated pesticide use will be provided. This will occur at the beginning of the school year, at the end of the winter recess, the end of the spring recess and the end of the school year. Please feel free to contact Tony Stager at the District Safety Office at 739-5601 ext. 4270 if you have any questions or require further information concerning these requirements.

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 Main Office, or mail to Horseheads Middle School, 950 Sing Sing Road, Horseheads, NY 14845.

Invest in our Planet...

2023

...What will YOU do?

How Can You Help NY's Endangered Insects?

Endangered Insects of New York

Tomah Mayfly

American Burying Beetle

Hessel's Hairstreak

Karner Blue Butterfly

Regal Fritillary

Persius Duskywing

Southern Grizzled Skipper

Arogos Skipper

Bog (Bogbean) Buckmoth

Pine Pinion Moth



Karner Blue Butterfly

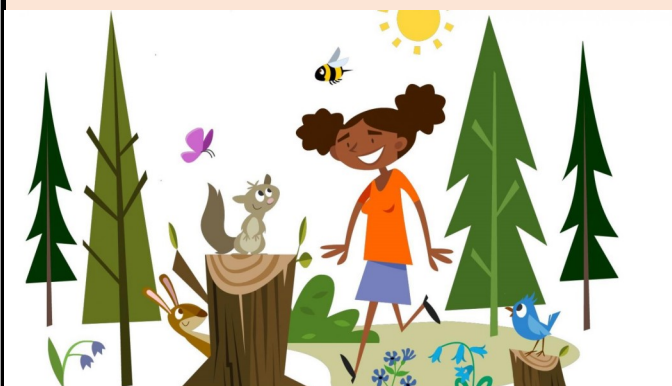


1. Make an Insect hotel with a recycled can, some string and bamboo sticks.



2. Plant a pollinator garden.

3. Make a Connection with Nature!



Tomah Mayfly



Persius Duskywing

News from the School Nurse

Mrs. Cobb



I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from the eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication like Tylenol or Motrin, etc.	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor, if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school

If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school or other activities.

Please communicate with your school nurse about any health concerns your child might be experiencing. We want to ensure he or she receives appropriate care at school.



School Notes

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 ten-week marking period.

95-100 Distinguished High Honor Roll

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64.0 or lower in any course **Failing Grade**

Report Cards Issued April 27th, 2023

Progress Reports Will Reflect Actual Grade

Students will receive their actual grade, even if it is below 50, on their progress reports. Knowing their actual grade, rather than receiving our former “Actual Grade Below 50” comment, will help students and their families better understand the work required prior to the end of the marking period.

Lost your lunchbox?
Misplaced your math
book? Check the Lost and Found! There are
blue bins under the table in the Main Office.



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.

PARENT PORTAL

If you have not already signed up, please visit the District webpage. Under the “Quicklinks” section, hover over “Parent Portal” and click on “Parent Portal Registration Form”. Fill out the form and submit it, and a link will be sent to your email.

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://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>



Middle School News

Modified Sports, Yearbook



Modified Sports

Spring season

Spring sports registration is closed.

[Click here for sports schedules for the current season.](#)

Modified Boys Baseball

Modified Girls Softball

Modified Boys Lacrosse

Modified Girls Lacrosse

Modified Boys & Girls Outdoor Track

[FamilyID](#)

YEARBOOK SALE



To order your 2022-2023 Middle School yearbook, go to the following website: ybpay.lifetouch.com.

Enter the Yearbook ID code **11056523** and then follow the easy on - screen ordering instructions.

The cost is \$ 20.00 and all major credit cards are accepted. **The Middle School will not be handling any yearbook payments.**

All yearbooks must be ordered online from now until May 15.

School Yearbooks will be distributed in June.

If you need further information or details, please call 1-800-453-9764.

Character Trait of the Month

Responsibility

Students are expected to:

- come to school/class prepared, on time and ready to learn.
- complete all homework, class work and class projects to the best of their ability.
- know and understand school policies and procedures and accept the direction of teachers and school officials

Middle School News



Science Olympiad Team Wins Regional Competition; Headed for State Finals

Our Middle School Science Olympiad Team won second-place at the regional tournament at Maine-Endwell! The team won 12 golds, 18 silvers, 4 bronze medals and qualified for the state tournament April 14th-15th in Syracuse. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Steele are proud of their accomplishment and look forward to the next round!



MEET THE 2023 TEAM:

Owen Amey, David Burczynski,
Lincoln Choe, Ken Coats,
Jordan Davis, William Parker,
Ketu Patel, Khush Patel,
Brendan Rupp and Thang Tran.



GOOD

LUCK

RAIDERS!

Reminder to parents...

If you move within the district, we require two proofs of residency when you submit the address change. We accept the following:

- Bank contract or mortgage agreement with name and address showing home purchase
- Signed rent or lease agreement with landlord's name, address, and telephone number, or DSS processed landlord statement
- Most recent utility bill (electric, phone, etc)
- Receipt for gas/electric/phone service
- Driver's license or state ID card with picture showing current district address
- Currently active bank account/checkbook statement with name and address imprinted
- Payroll stub with address

Questions? Call 739-5601, x4251.

**SAFE
SCHOOLS
LINE**

795-2044 or
1-800-305-4984



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