

Horseheads Middle School

June, 2024



The Summer Issue

Contact Us!

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What's Happening at HMS

6/7/2024

End-of-Year Dance & Open Gym
3:15 - 5:15pm @ MS

6/14/2024

Living Environment Regents Exam
12:00pm @ Middle School

6/18/2024

Aimsweb Reports Distributed

6/19/2024

Juneteenth Holiday - **NO SCHOOL**

6/21/2024

8th Grade Celebration
9:15 - 11:15am @ Middle School

6/24 - 6/25/2024

Final Exams

6/26/2024

Final Exam Make-ups

7/8/2024

Report Cards Mailed

**Last Day of School
Wednesday, June 26!**

Final Exam Schedule:

Monday, June 24 - Tuesday, June 25

School will be in session from 7:45 - 11:15am

For more details, see page 4.

Regents Exam Schedule:

Living Environment:

Friday, June 14 • 12:00pm

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District News

Budget Vote

BOE Election Results



The Results are In!

Proposition 1 - 2024-2025 Budget:

Yes	1,824
No	906

Proposition 2 - Purchase of Buses:

Yes	1,732
No	985

Board of Education Election:

There were eight candidates running for three, three-year terms. The winners are as follows:

Julie Monahan - 1,130

Susan Ungvarsky - 1,187

Kristine Dale (incumbent) - 1,058

THANKS
FOR
YOUR
SUPPORT!

Yearbook Orders

If you missed the deadline to order your yearbook, the publisher is allowing families to purchase one now at an increased rate of \$24 per book, plus tax and shipping. Yearbooks will be shipped directly to the home to the student. Here is the link:

[Purchase Book | Entourage Yearbooks Link](#)

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, at (607)795-5320 or dlynch@gstboces.org or [Jenny Sonsire@gstboces.org](mailto:Jenny.Sonsire@gstboces.org)



In honor of Staff Appreciation Week, Mr. Hoeffner and Mr. Holloway hosted a cookout!



Even in the pouring rain, our celebrity chefs grilled a delicious lunch for the middle school staff!

There were hot dogs with all the fixins', chips, cookies and drinks. To top it all off, Mrs. Cline, our attendance secretary, brought her famous Oreo pie dessert!

We would like to send a SHOUT OUT to our wonderful middle school PTO for supplying all the goodies! It was delicious and much appreciated.



Middle School News

Final Exams



Final Exam Dates:

Friday, June 21st

- 1/2-Day Schedule - No Testing
- 8th-grade Celebration
9:15 - 11:15am

Monday, June 24th

- Science 7:50 - 9:20am
- Social Studies 9:30 - 11:00am

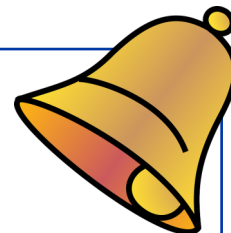
Tuesday, June 25th

- Math 7:50 - 9:20am
- ELA 9:30 - 11:00am
- **Laptop Return—Be sure to bring your power cord!**

Wednesday, June 26th

- Make-up Test Day
- 1/2-Day Schedule

Bell Schedule for Half-Days



Period 1 - 7:45 - 8:05

Period 2 - 8:08 - 8:28

Period 3 - 8:31 - 8:51

Period 4 - 8:54 - 9:14

Period 5 - 9:17 - 9:37

Period 6 - 9:40 - 10:00

Period 7 - 10:03 - 10:23

Period 8 - 10:26 - 10:46

Period 9 - 10:49 - 11:15

Students dismissed at 11:15 with busses

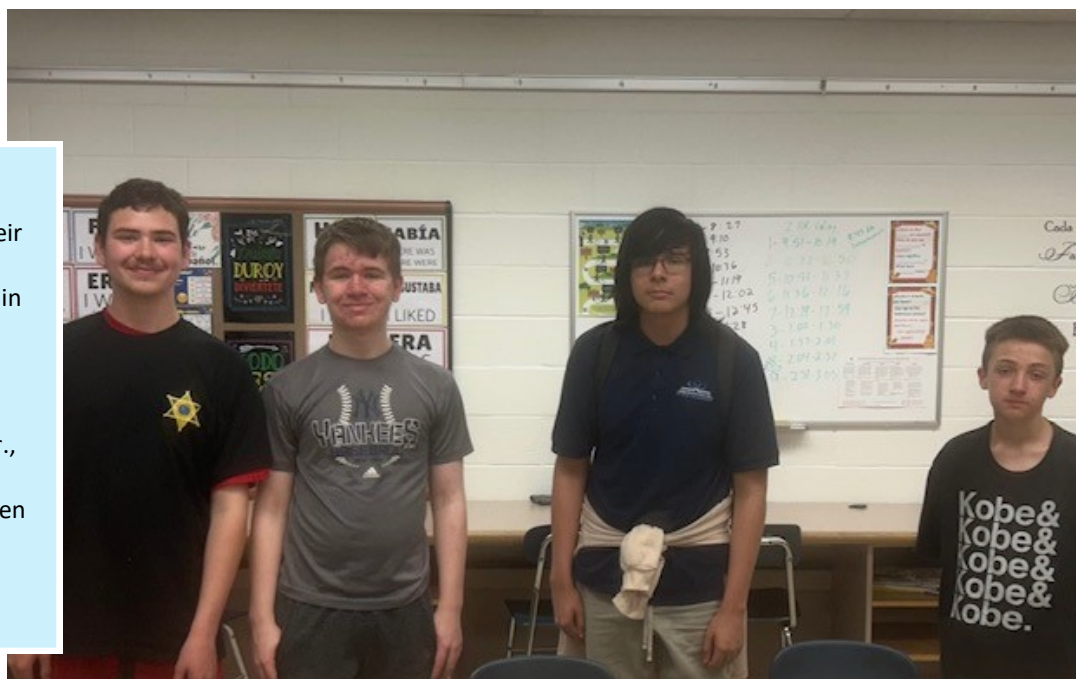
Horseheads Unified Mario Kart Team Wins Championship!

“Bowser’s Cattle” clinched their division championship by defeating Mason High School in Bracket B in the East Coast League.

Left to right: Adam Wolfe, Alex Cranmer, Robert Lewis Jr., and Stephen Sloan.

Not pictured: Kasidy McCracken

Way to Go Raiders!



School Notes

What you Need to Know



Final Exam Dates

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

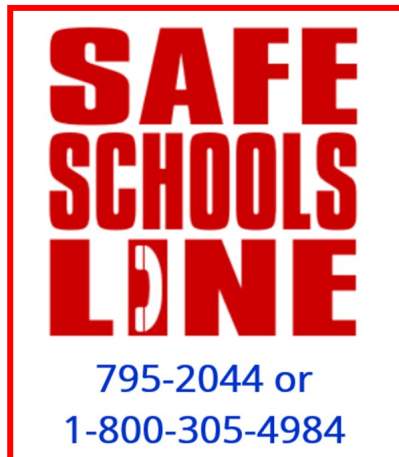
Final Exams: June 24th - 25th

Final Exam Make-Ups: June 26th

Half days for students: 6/21, 6/24, 6/25, 6/26

2024-25 Busing Form

On Monday, May 6, the Transportation Department will send the 2024-25 School Year Busing Form for parents/guardians to complete. This process was implemented in 2023 and has been refined for the upcoming school year. The busing form helps the Transportation Department determine the schedule and routes. This form must be completed for every student. Please stay tuned for more information.



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>

8th Grade Awards

Presidential Award Recipients



Amaya Abeyaratne	Annabelle Fitzpatrick	Julianna McAllister	Layla Storch
Eli Amrine	Emerson Fowler	Keenan McCarthy	Olivia Stratton
Madison Bancroft	Annika Fuksman	Zachary McCormick	Lauren Strobel
Connor Barnes	Sahana Gajendran	Katherine McKee	John Sydlansky
Jillian Beach	Kenadie Gaylord	Emerick Morrow	Suzanne Sydlansky
Brielle Berg	James German	Anaya Naeem	Ryan Tineo Baez
Robert Bigelow	Annabeth Gleason	Madalyn Nugent	Lacey Titsworth
Mark Blake	Aubrey Griffith	Fionnuala O'Donoghue	Owen Torgalski
Makenzie Blauvelt	Jameson Grover	Chloe Owen	James Tousley
Ellisa Bly	Preston Harmer	Samantha Owusu	Johnny Traluksamee
Cayden Bowman	Charles Haugabook	Ellie Padgett	Lee Updyke
Owen Bronson	Elena Hillman	Khush Patel	Gavin Van Gorden
Elizabeth Brown	Harrison Hirshman	Peyton Peterson	Lillian Vesek
David Burczynski	Julie Hughson	Leah Picuch	Ryan Weigand
Kelsea Burleigh	Giana Hughey	Sophia Polise	Zackery Wheeler
Noah Cady	Ahmed Ibrahim	Sophie Puffer	Ethan Wilson
Mackenzie Clark	Ellie Jankowski	Riley Pusins	Lillian Wixson
Lillyanna Cranmer	Cassidy Johnson	Jemma Randall	Meghan Young
Avalin Crouse	Leah Johnson	Amelia Reed	
Aiden Culshaw	Trevor King	Michael Rourke	
Laura Cummings	Isaac Klesh	Zachary Rowling	
Damien Dick	Boedi Knapp	Claire Ruffer	
Beckett Doane	Alexis Kozemko	Damian Saks	
Sonya Dordoni	Nunzio Limoncelli	Ella Satterlee	
Hailey Earl	Jacob Long	Niyati Sharma	
Alia Elmenshawy	Xantara Monica Mallare	Abigaile Smith	
Owen Farnsworth	Julia Manzer	Dylan Snellgrove	
Heather Felko	Liliana Mata	Evan Solesha	
Emmett Fifield	Aubrey Maticic		
Isabella Filer			



National Junior Honor Society

Inducts New Members

Kadence Adams

Morgan Adams

Lilyana Amberg-Matzke

Eli Amrine

Rylynn Augustine

Jillian Beach

Heidi Beck

Jackson Bell

Donovan Bennett

Jacob Benson

Kellan Berry

Robert Bigelow

Samantha Bonnell

Mark Carro

Mylah Castellano

Elizaveta Chalk

Ananya Chauhan

Michael Christmas

Graycee Colussy

Trent Crouse

Ethan Cruz

Beckett Doane

Chase Drew

Logan Earl

Aleyris Echevarria

Owen Farnsworth

Logan Felker

Charlee Felko

Tanner Findley

Devon Gambrell

Michael Gavin

Michael Graham

Kyleigh Halcomb

Kennedy Harer

Aubri Houck

Charlette Houghton

Bradyn Hourihan

Alexander Howard

Mia Howard

Claire Jones

Natalie Karney

Talon Kiley

Dyllan Kondikoff

Dylan Lorenz

Gabriella Matteson

Kellen McDonnell

Shalaney McDonough

Samantha McIlwain

Connor Miele

Kendall Morrissey

Lucille Mosher

Daniel Mosher

Christopher Moshier

Rocco Narsiff

Reese O'Herron

Ramon Drake Osorio

Jude Pfeiffer

Benjamin Potter

Adelaide Pronti

Ryan Robbins

Lydia Rockwell

Chiara Sa'Pereira

Arielle Shopher

Phoenix Skinner

Brayden Slavin

Lauren Smith

Jackson Sonsire

Benjamin Stein

Adelynn Swarhout

Hannah Sydlansky

Pierce Terwilliger

Maggie Tremaine

Mason Vanderhoff

Nathan Vesneske

Vivien Warner

John-Warren Oshetski

McKayla Waters

Emyni Wells

Jayden Witzel

Joseph Wood

District News

Kindness Rocks!



Students from the High School Interact Club stopped over to lead 8th-grade volunteers in painting Positivity Rocks! Students painted quickly during one 10th period to paint rocks with a positive message.



if you
SEE | **SAY**
something | something

Call The Safe Schools Line

607-795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984

Mr. Holloway

rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com

Mr. Hoeffner

thoeffner@horseheadsdistrict.com

School Notes

What you Need to Know



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.

Distinguished High Honor Roll 95-100
High Honor Roll..... 90-94.99
Honor Roll 85-89.99
Failing Grade is 64.0 or lower in any course

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

Report Cards Mailed July 8, 2024

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.

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.

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



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://gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads>



Middle School News

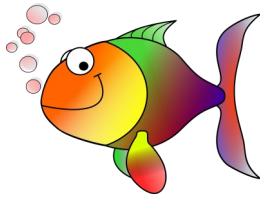


NY Menu Day

Fish Committee **SHOUTOUTS**

Horseheads Middle School follows the four tenets of the Fish Philosophy:

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



The Fish Committee wishes to recognize the following staff members for June:

Our Substitutes:

for always coming in to keep HMS going

Maintenance Workers:

making sure we are always functioning correctly.

Thank You!

NY Menu Day - June

NY Chicken Spiedie Bar

Made-to-Order NY Chicken Spiedie

Sub, Wrap or Salad

NY Green Beans

NY Strawberry Applesauce

NY Juice



Character Trait of the Month Caring

**Show you care about others
through kindness, caring, sharing
and compassion. Live by the Golden Rule.
Help others. Don't be selfish. Don't be mean,
cruel or insensitive to others' feelings.**

Follow Us!

On social media



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 hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com
- URL for Mobile App is now: gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads

To report child abuse or neglect, call toll free 1-800-342-3720 or ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps

**SAFE
SCHOOLS
LINE**

795-2044 or
1-800-305-4984

We encourage all students to reach out to a trusted adult if they are not feeling well physically, emotionally or socially. Parents are encouraged to call the school if they feel their student needs additional support.



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.





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!