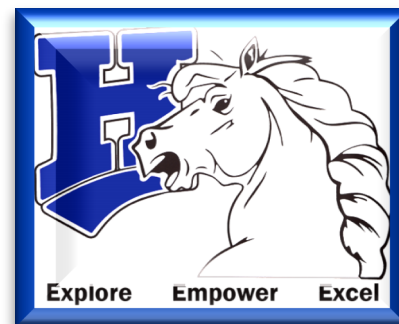


Horseheads Middle School

May, 2023



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607-739-6357 • <http://Horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm>

What's Happening at HMS

5/4 - 5/5/23

NYS Math Assessments

5/4/2023

Public Hearing on 2023-24 Budget,
6pm, High School MMC

5/8 - 5/11/23

Aimsweb Plus Testing

5/9/23

BOE Candidates Forum - 6:00pm - HS Aud.

5/16/2023

Budget Vote/BOE Election

7am - 9pm in High School South Gym

5/23/23

Grade 8 NYS Science Performance Test

5/26 - 5/30/23

Memorial Day Recess - No School

5/31/23

Progress Reports Issued
and

Choir & Select Choir Concert
7:00pm MS Café

6/5/23

Grade 8 NYS Science Written Assessment

6/7/23

NJHS Induction Ceremony - MS Café - 7:45pm

6/12/23

Raider White, Raider Blue & Concert Band
Concert @ 7:00pm HS Aud.

6/14/23

8th-Grade Awards Ceremony - MS Café - 6:00pm



**Don't Forget your Yearbook!
Order online by May 15!**

Science Olympiad Team Competes at States

See story on page 7.

We're Proud of our Raiders!



District Budget News

Public Hearing, Candidates' Forum, Budget Vote



The **2023-24 Budget Vote/Board of Education Election** is **Tuesday, May 16, from 7am to 9pm in the Horseheads High School South Gym**. All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as 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 on May 16, and are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law. You do not have to be registered in general elections or own property in order to vote. All residents will receive a newsletter about the budget prior to the vote. You can also learn more about the 2023-24 budget here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDBudget2023-24.cfm>.

Prior to the vote, the district will hold a Public Hearing and Board of Education Candidates' Forum. Please see below for more information.

Thursday, May 4	Public Hearing on the 2023-24 Budget, 6pm, Horseheads High School Multi-Media Center (South Wing)
Tuesday, May 9	Board of Education Candidates' Forum, 6pm, Horseheads High School Auditorium
Tuesday, May 16	Budget Vote/Board of Education Election, 7am-9pm, Horseheads High School South Gym

Board of Education Candidates' Forum

Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00pm

High School Auditorium



Vote on district image May 16

On May 16, students across the district will vote on an updated image for the district. District residents and alumni can also vote on May 16 in a separate vote from the budget vote/board election.

The vote for district residents and alumni will be held in the High School Multi-Media Center from 7:00am to 9:00pm May 16th.

Community members were invited to submit images earlier this year. The submissions were narrowed down to three final images by the Board of Education.

You do not need to vote on the budget to vote for a district image.

Middle School News

Upcoming Test Dates



NYS Assessment Dates

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

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

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>

Middle School News

Pie in the Face!



Members of Student Council and the National Junior Honor Society recently raised more than \$200 and collected 157 items to donate to the Kramer Foundation, a dog rehabilitation/adoption group. To reward students for their donations to the animal shelter, an assembly was held on March 24, where several teachers and administrators graciously took a pie in the face.

Students flung cream pies at: (l-r) Principal Mr. Holloway, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Shernesky, Mr. Satterlee, and Ms. Artemow.

“Making a Difference Every Day, in Every Way”

Honoring our Nurses Mrs. Cobb, RN and Ms. Jackson, LPN

May 10 - School Nurses’ Day

Mrs. Cobb, RN, has been a registered nurse for 40 years, and 19 of those have been in the Horseheads School District. She has worked in the NICU Intensive Care Unit (ICU), Emergency Room (ER) and Case Management. She is currently president of the New York State Association of School Nurses. She was on the front lines throughout the COVID pandemic, volunteering her time to assist the Chemung County Public Health Department.

Mrs. Cobb is always there for our students and staff. From Band Aids® to fevers, ice packs to sore throats, Mrs. Cobb does it all. Her main concern is keeping our students safe and healthy. Her motto is ‘be kind to each other’.

Ms. Jackson, LPN, has been a Licensed Practical Nurse for 12 years. This is her first school year with the Horseheads School District. She previously worked in long-term care and specialty doctors’ offices. Ms. Jackson works alongside Mrs. Cobb to provide the best care to students and staff.

“Thank you for all
that you do”



Thank You Teachers!

**"TELL ME AND I FORGET.
TEACH ME AND I REMEMBER.
INVOLVE ME AND I LEARN."**

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

*"Thank you for all
that you do"*

Middle School News

Congratulations Science Olympiad Team!



At the Science Olympiad State Tournament at East Syracuse-Minoa High School, the Middle School team finished 34 out of 40 schools. There were initially 265 Science Olympiad teams that competed at various regionals.

We finished in the top 20 in two of our events, Bridge and Crime Busters.

The members of the team are:

Owen Amey

David Burczynski

Ella Brady

Lincoln Choe

MaKenna Coats

Jordan Davis

Mylynn Flint

Isaac Klesh

Jacob Nah

William Parker

Khush Patel

Krutarth Patel

Brendan Rupp

Thang Tran

Join the Raider Team

Horseheads Schools seek bus drivers, cleaners, food service helpers, teaching assistants, monitors



- Full time and substitute positions available
- Full-time positions include health, vision, dental insurance, as well as New York State retirement
- Bus driver, teaching assistant, food service helper, and monitor are 10-month positions (no weekends or summers).
- Applications available at the District Office at 1443 Hibbard Road or at www.horseheadsdistrict.com/employment.cfm
- Questions? Call 607-739-5602, x4212 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

**Contact the Food Service Department
with any questions:**

Rob Cole, Manager
607-739-5601 x 3671
rocole@gstboces.org

Jennifer Basch, Manager
607-739-5601 x 3674
jbasch@gstboces.org



Horseheads Central School District

Bus Driver JOB FAIR

Saturday, May 20

9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**Horseheads Transportation Department
601 Sayre Street Extension**

- Learn what it takes to be a bus driver*
- Tour a bus - inside, outside, and underneath
- Learn about the job benefits
- Hear about the rewards of driving a school bus
- Test drive a bus!

Questions? Call (607) 739-6338 or
email bsheahan@horseheadsdistrict.com.



***Must be 21 or older to drive a school bus**

Middle School News

Nakagawa Sister City Announcement



The Horseheads-Nakagawa Sister City Committee Announces 2023 Student Ambassadors!



Mylynn Flint
Adam Bailey
Calvin Cragle
Camden Crossland
Ethan Goliber
Hailey Stanton
Kirsten Davis
Lindsey Davis
Chaperones
Mr. Philip Davis and Mr. Mike Kiser

The students and adults will travel abroad to Nakagawa, Japan on June 27th for a 10-day experience. They will attend school, eat local Japanese cuisine, explore the best of Nakagawa and Tokyo, and immerse themselves in the culture, language, sports, and activities of their host families. This unique opportunity allows our ambassadors the experience of being a guest rather than a tourist. We are thrilled to have them represent Horseheads and take part in this life-changing experience.

Nakagawa students and adults will visit Horseheads in October. Students interested in hosting should contact Kelly Murray kmurray@horsheadsdistrict.com.

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**

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)

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.

Highest Average Award

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.

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

90-94.99 High Honor Roll

85-89.99 Honor Roll

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

Progress Reports Issued May 31st, 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.](#)

Boys Baseball

Girls Softball

Girls & Boys Lacrosse

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

Citizenship

- Play by the rules
- Obey laws
- Do your share
- Respect authority
- Stay informed
- Help your school by volunteering service

Staying Home from School When Sick and Getting Tested

Students and school personnel should stay home from school and get tested if they are showing signs and symptoms of infectious illness, including COVID-19.

Parents/Guardians/Staff who are coming onto district property, including district buildings, fields and transportation, are expected to self-monitor daily for any COVID-19 symptoms. This includes both during the school day and activities/events outside school hours.

If a student or staff member shows signs and symptoms of infectious illness, including COVID-19, to re-enter our schools and buildings, they need to:

- Be 24 hours symptom free with no fever-reducing medication **and** produce a doctor's note stating they have a negative test result.

OR

- Be 24 hours symptom free with no fever-reducing medication **and** produce a produce a copy of a negative test result.

OR

- Be 24 hours symptom free with no fever-reducing medication **and** produce a doctor's note with an alternative diagnosis.

OR

- If refusing to take a COVID test or see a physician, choose to be *presumed positive* and complete five days quarantine.

NOTICE

**If your child is sick, please
call the school nurse:**

(607) 739-6357, option #4

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.



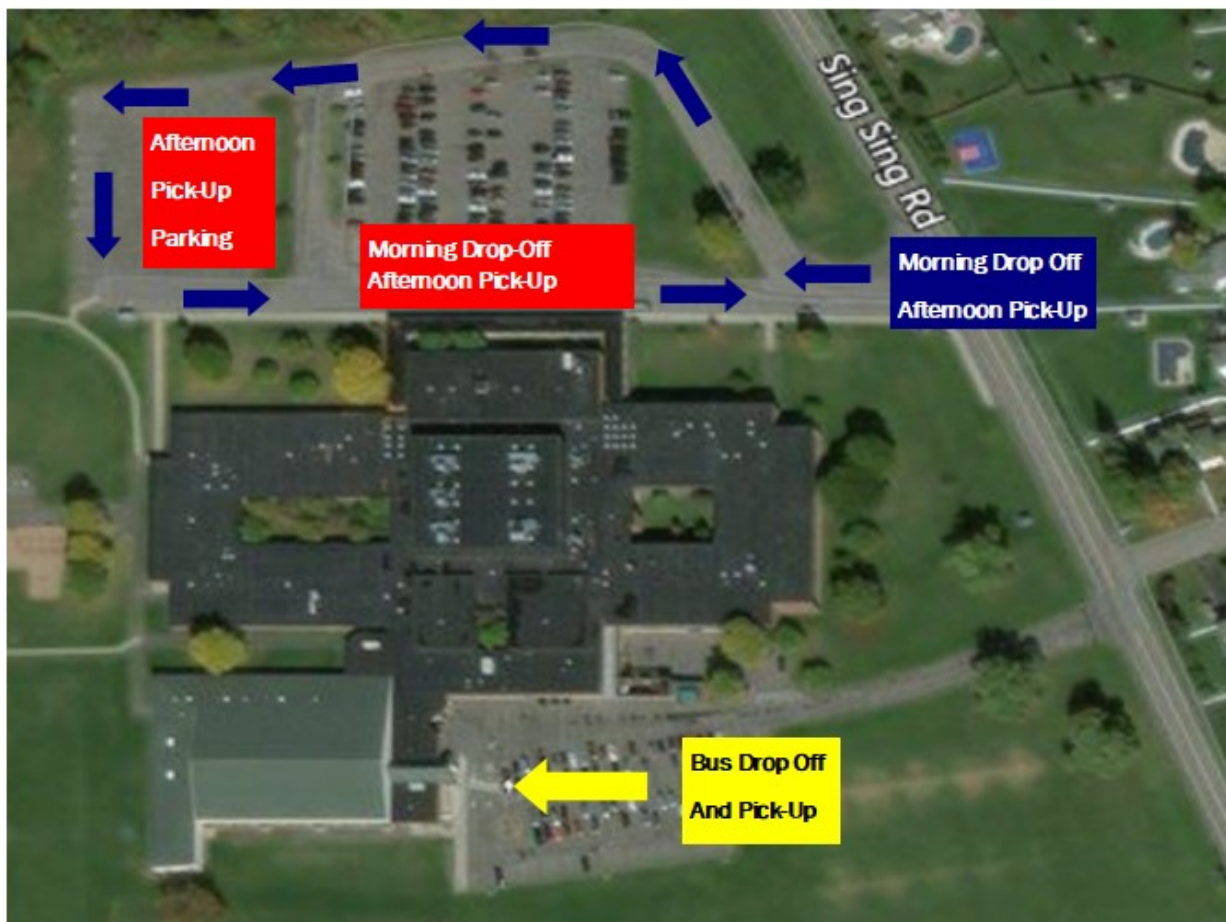


Drop Off and Pick Up your Student

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.*



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