## Horseheads Middle School



**THINK Edition** 

## May 2025

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### What's Happening at HMS

#### MAY

5/6 - 5/7/2025 NYS Math Computer-based Testing

5/13/2025 NYS Science Computer-based Testing 8th Grade Only

5/23/2025 - 5/27/25 MEMORIAL DAY RECESS - NO SCHOOL

5/28/2025 Progress Reports Distributed

5/28 - 5/29/2025 *Aimsweb* Plus Testing

5/28/2025 Choir & Select Choir Concert 7:00pm MS Café



#### JUNE

6/6/2025 End-of-Year Dance & Open Gym 3:15-5:00pm MS Café

6/9/2025 MS Orchestra Concert 7:00pm HS Auditorium

6/16/2025 Raider White, Raider Blue & Concert Band Concert 7:00pm MS Café

6/17/2025 Living Environment Regents Exam

12:00pm

6/18/2025 Aimsweb Reports Distributed

6/18/2025 Algebra Regents Exam 12:00pm

6/19/2025 JUNETEENTH - NO SCHOOL

6/20/2025 8th-grade Celebration

7/10/2025 Report Cards mailed

FINAL EXAMS: 6/23 - 6/24/2025

FINAL EXAM MAKE-UPS: 6/25 - 6/26/2025

## **School News** *Student Field Trip to Trades Day in Big Flats*

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A group of 8th grade students attended "Trades Day" at Big Flats Community Center on April 10, to try their hand at manual labor careers, including heavy machinery operation and welding.





Cooper Witt tries his luck with the joysticks in this heavy machine.



Dhruv Shrisudersan, above, and Amelia Warrick, right, try their hand at spot welding under the watchful eye of a professional tradesman. *We appreciate our teachers! National Teacher Appreciation Week: May 5 - 9* 



Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a **GREAT TEACHER.** 

-Japanese Proverb

We appreciate our School Nurses! National School Nurse Appreciation Week: May 5 - 9



## Thank you to:

## Mrs. Wright, RN

## Mrs. Palma, LPN

For keeping us healthy & safe!

## **Budget Development Meetings**



#### 2025-26 Budget Information

The Public Hearing for the 2025-26 Board-approved Budget will be held on Thursday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The meeting will be live streamed and recorded. To learn more about past budget presentations and the 2025-26 Budget, <u>click here</u>.

The 2025-26 Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will take place on Tuesday, May 20 from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the High School North Gym. Voters should park and enter near the pool entrance (off Center Street). <u>Click here</u> to learn more.

#### **Candidate Forum**

The district will host a Board of Education Candidate Forum on Wednesday, May 14 at the High School Auditorium. Candidates running for the Board of Education will introduce themselves and answer questions presented in a forum format. All are welcome. The forum will be <u>live streamed</u> and recorded. More information can be found on the <u>district's website</u>.

# Horseheads High School North Gym

#### **Budget Vote/Board of Education Election**

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is **Tuesday**, **May 20**, **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

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





## 2025-26 BUSING FORM



Please complete the 2025-26 School Year Busing Form to help Transportation determine the schedule and routes.



Complete a form for each student.



You will need your student's ID number.



Complete the form, even if your student does not need busing.



COMPLETE BY MAY **31** 

### **School News** *Student Field Trip to Corning, Inc.*



Led by Horseheads Middle School Social Worker Ms. Rahr, ten 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls recently attended an all-day program called **CHOICES**, sponsored by Corning, Inc. Girls from 11 area school districts gathered to learn about a variety of careers that are available at Corning, Inc. The students were able to make connections with Corning, Inc. employees from many different parts of the company. The students learned about engineering, programming robots as part of a team, planning large events, being a Chief Financial Officer (CFO) and designing and creating ceramic filters. They also learned about speed networking. The following 8<sup>th</sup> grade students participated:

Mylah Castellano Ananya Chauhan Meghan Cleary Makenzii Creighton Charlee Felko Lillian Gee Audrey Miller Lydia Rockwell Chiara Sa'Pererra Adelynn Swarthout



Front Row, l to r: Lillian Gee, Chiara Sa'Pereira, Adelynn Swarthout, Audrey Miller, Makenzii Creighton.

Back Row, I to r: Mylah Castellano, Charlie Felko, Meghan Cleary, Ananya Chauhan, Lydia Rockwell, Ms. Rahr



## **School News**

#### Horseheads Middle School PTO's

#### **Alternative Fundraiser**

As parents of Middle Schoolers, we are all familiar with the joys of fundraisers - selling door-to-door, hounding the same family and friends year after year, collecting (and keeping track of) money, and delivering the goodies weeks later. The HMS PTO Alternative Fundraiser eliminates all of the headache but still lets you support all of the things we do for our students and faculty!

#### Thank you in advance for your participation!

□ I really live for PTO and want to help. Add my name to the volunteer list.

□ \$10 - I do not want to bake, so here is the money I would have spent on those cupcakes.

□ \$15 - I do not want to walk, swim or run in any activity that has the word "thon" in it. Here is the money I would have spent on my child's "free" t-shirt.

□ \$25 - I do not want to hit up friends, family and co-workers, so here is the money I would have spent buying coupon books.

□ \$50 - I really wouldn't have helped anyway, so here's \$50 to forget my name☺

I am making this donation to express my appreciation for having nothing to buy (and eat!), sell or do, except fill out this envelope.

- The HMS Rewards Program
- Art Show Refreshments
- National Junior Honor Society Induction Ceremony
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- 8th Grade Awards Ceremony
- 8th Grade Celebration



Please make checks payable to HMS HSO



@HMSPTO

#### Varsity H Summer Camps

Varsity H Summer Camps are here! From lacrosse to football, tennis and more, there is something for every athlete looking to sharpen their skills, stay active, and have fun this summer! These camps are run by Horseheads coaches and

athletes. Check out the full schedule and register today: <u>https://ow.ly/8vtP50VCtfJ</u>









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**CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT** 

## SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Horseheads Central School District accepts applications for substitute teachers throughout the school year. Both certified and non-certified positions are available. Uncertified substitute teachers may be approved as long as they meet the following minimum qualifications:



- Possess an Associate's Degree or higher, OR
- Have completed at least two years of post-secondary education, OR
- Have completed a minimum of 12 credits of post-secondary education, OR
- Have served and been honorably discharged from the military

\*Except for those substitute candidates who have satisfactorily completed or are in the process of completing a student teaching assignment in the pursuit of a college degree towards the teaching profession



Wisit: horseheadsdistrct.com/employment.cfm Call: (607) 739-5601 Ext. 4211



## **Parent Information Regarding Final Exams**



#### IMPORTANT FINAL EXAM INFORMATION:

All exams will be given on the date posted. Tests will not be rescheduled for any reason. No exams will be given early and a missed exam must be completed on the make-up days.

#### NYS Assessment Dates

Our 7<sup>th</sup>- and 8<sup>th</sup>-grade students will take:

Math: 5/6, 5/7

Science: 5/13 (8th grade only)



Living Environment students will take the Living Environment Regents Exam on June 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM. Algebra I students will take the Algebra I Regents Exam on June 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 PM.

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

### Middle School Final Exams:

## June 23rd - Math and Science Final Exams

## June 24th - ELA and Social Studies Final Exams

## Make-Up Days are June 25th and 26th

There will be no final exams given early. If exams are missed, they may be completed on the make-up days. Students not completing exams will be scored as a zero. Final exams count 10% of the final course average. Please note that some courses will begin in-class final exams on June 11th.

## Half days for students: 6/25, 6/26

High school scheduling materials were given to your student in January. If you did not receive them, please contact us at (607) 739-6357.

## **Parent Information**



#### **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	64.0 or lower in any course

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

**Progress Reports Distributed May 28, 2025** 

## Lost and Found

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

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.

#### **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 hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com











## HMS is Proud to Present our 3rd Marking Period Distinguished High Honor Roll Students!

#### 7th Grade

Manahil Hasan Landon Andrews Julia Headley Sophie Barron Stella Hillman Hannah Beck Layla Hoeffner Michael Belosky Gracie Houseknecht Reagan Bement Evalynn Howe Skylinn Benitez Brooke Jones Rebekah Black Aditi Kamaraju Nathan Blauvelt Emilia Karney Alexander Bocek Evelyn Knowlton Laken Bola Ryan Kozemko Gavin Brooks Emily Buono Jake Lambert Gabrielle Laughlin Matthew Burczynski Savanna Lazenby Aaliyah Cady Noah Campanelli Ryan Madison Bailey McCarthy Zoey Canestaro Selina Chen Brennen McCullough Presley McInnis Owen Dahl Keira Dyer Fallon Mickley Hawkins Mitchell Haven Erway Phillips Moore-Phillips **Connor Fitzpatrick** Vincent Foote Calais Morse Caleb Nah Liam Gagliardi Josiah Nicolae Liam Gleckner Tanner Ostrander Clara Harrigan

Phillip Oyekanlu Gabriel Peake Macy Phillips Mischa Podolec Michaela Richardson Aubrey Romanick Lake Sena Nicholas Serebro Lillian Shutts Sophia Smith Lilyana Sours Adrianna Swartwood Madison Swartwood Khoa Vo Bevern Von Bevern Hannah Williams Ryan Williams Jenna Wright Zihan Yang Anna Zeller







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#### 7th Grade

Stella Aikman Alise Andrew Brysen Beach John Bean Morgyn Bocko Cullen Bourgeois Jonathan Bower Koda Carpenter Ivory Coon Summer Cunningham Maeley Denson Mason Dispenza Audrey Earl Reese Faulisi Nasiba Fuad Zeba Kamdyn Gilbert Natalie Hartigan Alana Hawk Rachel Hughson Ellie Jaynes Amari Johnson Lillian Johnson Quinn Kent Adilynn Kerbein

Benjamin Kistner Payton Kline Ally Kozemko John Kravec Hailey Krug Cooper Lambert Jordynn Lewis Nathan Malandra Maeve Manwaring Aedan Manzer Alexia Marmor Sabrina Martinez Alexander Mayotte Myanna Mazurowski Eric McGrain Zachary Mendez Paislee Mickinkle Miguel Molina Chilton Aubrianna Morgan Cruze Owen Jai Pakyala Purva Patel Muhammad Qaroush Antonio Rios

Joseph Saks Joseph Saunders Michael Saunders Reese Schooley Reagan Stanton Kennidi Sternquist Aaron Sullivan Anthony Sullivan Ava Traluksamee Zaylee Vang Camden Vasicek Genevive Williams Jayden Williams Sophia Wood







## HMS is Proud to Present our 3rd Marking Period Honor Roll Students!

#### 7th Grade

Noah Farrell Jordan Apgar Owen Frost Syeda Ayesha Fatima Serenity Gonzalez Juliana Bixby Riley Goodwin David Blake Annabelle Guardi Joseph Brennan Gabe Harpur **Rosalie Briggs** Zoe Hobbs Ashton Campbell Bryson Jackson Jonah Charlanow Nadia Jackson Charles Coon Anthony Jones John Cooper Audrianna Kole Cally Corsi Braelynn Culshaw Sara Lower Sophia Lynch Elizabeth Darrow Thomas Dauphinet Easton McDonald Maxwel Mintegui Daniel DePaolo Micah Mis Joseph Drake Brian Evans Rori Munley

James Mustico Kian Niles Cormac Oakden Isabella Pellor Adrian Rosekrans Kaylee Russell Derrick Smith Demetree Tetreault Owen Tiffany Benjamin Valicenti Aria Viss Adalyn Wahl-Knowlden Ava White Norah Wylie Ethan Yaw







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#### 8th Grade

Jackson Bell	Natalie Karney	Chance Redner
Mylah Castellano	Alexander King	Ryan Robbins
Ananya Chauhan	Dyllan Kondikoff	Chiara Sa'Pereira
Michael Christmas	Savannah Lin	Gavin Shock
Meghan Cleary	Dylan Lorenz	Lillian Shope
Amila Denicola	Emily Majiros	Dhruv Shrisudersan
Caleb Didas	Kellen McDonnell	Phoenix Skinner
Michael Gavin	Shalaney McDonough	Adelynn Swarthout
Mia Howard	Connor Miele	Maggie Tremaine
Brady Hughson	Joshua Nah	McKayla Waters
Claire Jones	Rocco Narsiff	Joseph Wood
Mary Just	Ramon Osorio	







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#### 8th Grade

Kadence Adams Morgan Adams Lilyana Amberg-Matzke Ava Andrus **Rylynn** Augustine Matthew Balland Willow Barr Heidi Beck Donovan Bennett Kellan Berry Ginny Blake Samantha Bonnell Cala Bubacz Cari Bubacz Jeffery Cain Brayden Carman Elizaveta Chalk Graycee Colussy Makenzii Creighton Matthew Derry **Torin Duart** Tessa Dunn Mason Earl Sohila Elmenshawy Charlee Felko Samuel Giancoli

Michael Graham Aiden Gridley **Charles Hafer** Kennedy Harer Xxzavier Hogan Charlette Houghton Bradyn Hourihan Alexander Howard Ryan Huang Micheal Hugg Emma Jones Morgan Just Zachary Kaiser Kaleigh Kemmer Talon Kilev Derek Madison Gabriella Matteson Samantha McIlwain Gabriella Miller Katelyn Miller Aisha Morse Daniel Mosher Lucille Mosher Christopher Moshier Wyatt Narosky Reese O'Herron

Matheus Pacheco **Benjamin Peffer** Jude Pfeiffer **Benjamin Potter** Adelaide Pronti Lydia Rockwell Noah Russell Elissandra Scibek Nicholas Seymour Arielle Shopher Steven Shutts II Brayden Slavin Lauren Smith Elliott Snedecor Jackson Sonsire Hannah Sydlansky Aliyah Teets Pierce Terwilliger Layla Thatcher Noah Thompson Salman Umar Sophia Verna Vivien Warner Jayden Witzel Trace Woodward







## HMS is Proud to Present our 3rd Marking Period Honor Roll Students!

8th Grade Chase Barnstead Angel Bell Jacob Benson William Boughton John Brand Ali Carrier Mark Carro Addison Cook Laken Corsi Trent Crouse Julian Denicola Chase Drew Logan Earl Quinton Ferguson Tanner Findley

Lillian Gee Lucas Gillette Maleigha Golden Jaxon Halbrook Samuel Hartman Murphy Johns Kaleb Jones Owen Jones Mia Kinsman Alekxander Kozemko Zachary Mattucci Audrey Miller Braelyn Minteer John Oshetski Daegan Padgett Jackson Palumbo

Teagan Peden Alexyianna Ramos Ethan Raymond Kailyn Reed Zachary Robert Charles Ruhmel Parker Sempler Nich Seymour Jr Colin Sherwood Benjamin Stein Miles Sweet Landyn Taber-Hall Nathan Vesneske Landon Wemple



## 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 <u>www.horseheadsdistrict.com</u>.
- Questions about our website or social media? E-mail <u>hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com</u>
- URL for Mobile App is now: gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads

### **Athletic Information**

2024-25 Spring Season - for more information, see our district athletic website.

### Livestream home sports contests

Live stream athletic events at the District Stadium and Middle School Gym at the link below. Let's go, Blue! #raiderpride Live Stream Link



"The <u>2025-26 Bus Form</u> is now open. Please be sure to complete this for all students, even if they will not need transportation."

## My Ride K-12 App

The HCSD Transportation Department is proud to announce it is enhancing student safety and security by implementing a new mobile app that allows families and students to look up bus route information and receive real-time alerts.

Click here for more information.

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

## Middle School News - 8th Grade Awards, by Invitation Only

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.

#### NJHS CEREMONY IS FOR NEW INDUCTEES AND IS BY INVITATION ONLY. TEACHERS SELECT THE STUDENTS AND WILL SEND THEM AN INVITATION TO APPLY.

#### 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 CEREMONY IS BY INVITATION ONLY.**

#### 8<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup>-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.



## **Parent Information**



#### **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 Karen McLain at 739-5601, x4251 or email <u>kmclain@horseheadsdistrict.com</u>

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. This year on **May 28th and 29th**, students will be taking the **spring** *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 <u>http://www.aimswebplus.com/</u> 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.



#### **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.

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Home of the Raider Way