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Good afternoon, Horseheads Parents & Guardians,

We look forward to welcoming students back tomorrow, Wednesday, Sept. 4! Please review the following information to ensure your student is prepared for the first week of school and beyond.

Pre-K - Grade 6 Dismissal for the First Week of School

Elementary and Intermediate Schools will dismiss students early to accommodate for the start of the school year and the transportation needs across our district.

- Students in Kindergarten through grade 6 will dismiss at 2:05 p.m. each day.
- Pre-K students will dismiss at 10:55 a.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and at 12:25 p.m. on Friday.

Check MyRide K-12 to See Current Busing Information

Busing information was shared last week via email and the *My Ride K-12* app. We encourage you to check the [MyRide K-12 app](#), as pickup and drop-off times may be updated due to changes in enrollment in the last week.

Save the Date: Community Redistricting Forum

The district will hold a Community Redistricting Forum on Thursday, Sept. 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. During the forum, the district will share the information and recommendations provided by the demographer, provide updates since the last Board meeting, and answer questions.

2024-25 Athletics Tickets and Annual Passes

The district will begin charging for Varsity and JV athletic events as part of the community-approved 2024-25 budget. All modified athletic events are free. Students, staff, and residents who are 65+ will receive free admission to the game with a 2024-25 Athletics Pass. [Click here](#) to learn more about annual passes and single game tickets. Please note, students who are in grade 8 or below must be accompanied by a parent/guardian to receive admission to the game.

School Information: Calendar, Directories, and More

Stay up to date with news from your school. Visit the district website to see your school's event calendar, newsletter, staff directory, PTO minutes, and more! [Click here](#) to visit the website.

[Click here](#) to see the one-page district calendar.

HCS D is Hiring for Various Positions Across the District

The district is still looking to fill open positions. Please review the current openings and encourage qualified candidates to apply. [Click here](#) to view all openings.

Protect Your Information and Data

We can't be reminded often enough, because scams are everywhere, and they are constantly changing. Always beware of phishing e-mail and scam calls. The district will not call you to ask for you or your student's information or your banking information. If you believe an email, text, or phone call is spam, please contact the school directly.

Have a great start to the school year!