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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fall is in full swing, and there's a lot happening across our schools. From exciting classroom activities to sports and special events, students and staff are busy learning, growing, and celebrating successes. The district is excited to share updates, upcoming events, and highlights with families.

Thanksgiving Break Schedule

Please note the schedule for Thanksgiving week:

- Wednesday, November 26 (Half Day for all students)
 - Pre-K dismissed at 11:30 a.m.
 - Grades K–4 dismissed at 11:55 a.m.
 - Grades 5–8 dismissed at 10:30 a.m.
 - Grades 9–12 dismissed at 10:50 a.m.
- No school on November 27 and 28

District Open House – December 3

All families and community members are invited to our District Open House on Wednesday, December 3, in the High School Cafeteria. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. with an overview of recent construction projects, followed by open tours of Horseheads High School, Big Flats Elementary, and Gardner Road Elementary from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Visitors may join a guided bus tour or explore the buildings independently. Staff will be available throughout the evening to answer questions and provide guidance. We hope to see many families and community members there! [Click here](#) for a flyer with more information.

FBI Resources for Parents

Thank you to everyone who attended the Digital Dangers presentation. If you were unable to join us, free resources are available for parents and educators to support digital citizenship and online safety at home and in the classroom. You'll also find guidance on how to report any potential online victimization. [Click here.](#)

YWCA Kids World After-School Program

The YWCA Kids World Program for Horseheads Intermediate School students has received state approval and will begin December 1. The program serves 5th and 6th graders from 2:00–6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Since this program was set up later than usual this year, families may register at any time during the school year—even after the program has begun—by emailing KWFall@ywcaelmira.org. Additional information is available by calling (607) 733-5575 or heading to the [YWCA website](#).

Registration for incoming 5th graders for the 2026-2027 school year is expected to open in April or May.

Celebrating Our Fall Athletics

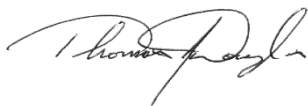
The fall season brought outstanding achievements across all athletic programs. Teams earned multiple section championships, delivered strong performances at state-level competitions, and demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship throughout the season. Congratulations are extended to all student-athletes and coaches for their dedication and success, and best wishes go to those still competing in postseason events.

Good luck to all our winter sports teams as they begin their new season!

With the holiday season approaching, the district appreciates the care and commitment shown by families, staff, and the community. The district wishes all families a happy and healthy Thanksgiving.

Questions? Contact your school's Main Office or email us at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

Sincerely,



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