

HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL

“NOTES”



November/December 2011

High School Phone Number: 739-5601

Ext. 1600	Karen Donahue, Principal	Ext. 1612 - Attendance Office
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LETTERS OF COMMENDATION

Recently, seniors **Shaunak Amin, Jonathan Bergman, Matthew Eisner, Kevin Hansen, Nors Hexum, Sol Immerman,** and **Paarth Shah** received letters of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corporation. These students were among thirty-four thousand students nationwide being honored for their outstanding performance on the 2010 P.S.A.T./N.M.S.Q.T. This places them in the top five percent of more than 1.5 million students across the country who entered the 2012 Merit Scholarship Program by taking the qualifying test. These students have shown exceptional academic potential by their strong performance in this highly competitive program. Congratulations!

NYSSMA ALL STATE

The following students have been selected to participate in the New York State School Music Association Winter Conference to be held in Rochester from December 1st through December 4th. Congratulations to **Kate Nicole Hoffman** – Women's Chorus; **Sol Immerman** – Symphonic Band; and **Michael Potter** – Symphonic Band. The students were selected through a competitive audition process and were chosen from over 7,000 student musicians throughout New York State. Great Job!



HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT STANDARD FOR UNPREPARED FINAL EXAM SPEAKERS

To arrive to class unprepared for a scheduled final exam speech is to willingly accept a grade of zero for the speaking assessment. NO MAKEUPS are to be granted to unprepared speakers. Should a student elect to be truant from class on the day that he/she is scheduled to present the final exam speech, teachers are asked to follow the Faculty Handbook which states: "a grade of zero will be recorded for missed quiz or test." The only accepted excuse is a legal excuse for one's absence on file in the attendance office that can be confirmed.

BUSINESS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The Business Department is pleased to announce **Lester Longenberger** as the Business Student of the Month for October and **Brian Crimmins** as the Business Student of the Month for November.

This award is given to a student who exhibits outstanding business qualities including good attendance, leadership, dedication, motivation, effective problem-solving, and teamwork skills. Students must also strive for personal excellence and proficiency in at least three business subjects.

Congratulations!

YEARBOOK REMINDER

Dear Parents/Guardians of the Class of 2012

This is a reminder to please gather all photos and information you will need to create your personalized advertisement in the 2012 Equestrian Yearbook celebrating your senior's graduation! This is the moment you can tell your child just how proud you are of all their accomplishments over the last 13 years and wish them great success after their graduation!

This year you will have the option to create your own ad online or mail in your advertisement. We kept the 2011 prices just for Mom and Dad. The prices are as follows: 1/8 Page is \$40 and 1/4 Page is \$75. Watch your mailboxes this month for details on how to make your senior's yearbook special.

Deadline to submit your Ad is December 22nd 2011!

Any questions, email Jamy Brice-Hyde at jbrice@horseheadsdistrict.com.

VIEW INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR STUDENT ONLINE

Beginning in December parents of students in grades 5-12 will be able to view information about their students' attendance and grades with the "Parent Portal." If you have signed up for a Parent Portal account, you will receive an e-mail sometime in the beginning of December with instructions on activating your account. Please follow the instructions in that e-mail.

In order to set up an account, we must have a valid e-mail address for each parent who would like access. **Please note: If you signed up for the Parent Portal on your child's emergency form or at our Open House, you do not need to complete the form.** If you haven't already signed up, here's how you can now: Visit the school your child attends. For the Middle and High Schools, visit the Guidance Office. For the Intermediate School, visit the Main Office. You will be asked to complete a short form and present identification. Please note that this feature will be available for parents of students in grades 5-12 only and it will be available beginning in December.

If you have questions, please call 739-5601, x4251 or e-mail kpeters@horseheadsdistrict.com.

PROJECT GRADUATION

If you are the parent/guardian of a HS senior and are interested in helping with Projection Graduation, meetings will be held on the following dates at 7:00pm in the High School Library: November 7th, December 5th, January 9th, February 6th, March 5th, April 2nd, May 7th, and June 4th.

If you have any questions, please contact chairperson Cynthia Massey at bigmassey2417@aol.com or Mike McDarby at mmcdarby@stny.rr.com.

BOTTLE DRIVE:

Quickstop Beverage at 3054 Lake Road in Horseheads is a Project Graduation collection point for can and bottle returns. Bring your returns to that location and designate them to the HHS Class of 2012. The Quickstop staff will sort them and make sure that we get the donation.

MUSIC NEWS

The following students participated in New York State School Music Association Zone 15 Junior Area All State Music Festival at Genesee Valley Central Schools in Belmont NY on November 4 and 5:

Band: **Samantha Verdonck**, Flute; **Erin Dubots** and **Marissa Faroni**, Clarinet; **Allison Jay**, Bass Clarinet; **Rebekah Gordon** and **James Bergman**, French Horn; **Sebastian Bauco**, **Jessica Hoffman**, **Adam Bassler**, and **Brenden Marshall**, Trumpet; **Daniel Anderson**, Tuba.

Orchestra: **Shuchi Amin**, **Jiesi Liu**, **Nidhi Shah**, **Emily Willis**, Violin; **Madison Capek**, **Nina Ionta**, 'Celli; and **Jacob Weber**, String Bass.

Choir: **Alexxis Ector** and **Taylor Staight**, Sopranos; **Abby Swartout** and **Morgan Harris**, Altos; and **Chris Anderson**, Tenors; and **Patrick Hoose-Saukas**, Bass.

The following students were selected to participate in the New York State School Music Association Zone 15 Senior Area All State Music Festival at Haverling High School in Bath NY on November 18 and 19:

Orchestra: **Sophia He**, Violin; **Corey McCann**, Viola; **Alyssa Militello**, Violin; **Rob Osborn**, String Bass.

Band: **Courtney Bliler**, Tenor Saxophone; **Kirstin Campbell**, Trombone; **Olivia Fontana**, Trombone; **Trinity Grasso**, Clarinet; **Jeff Hansen**, French Horn; **Emily Jay**, Trumpet; **Derek Johnson**, Trombone; **Patrick Mayville**, Mallet Percussion; **Adam Myers**, Trombone; **Brent Nichols**, Tuba; **Claire Preston**, Bassoon; **Michael Reed**, Oboe; **Mariah Robbins**, French Horn; **Emily Wagner**, Clarinet; **Hasna Zainul**, Flute.

The following students were selected for participation in the state-wide select Conference All-State Festival at the Rochester Convention Center, December 1-4: **Kate Nicole Hoffman** - Soprano, Women's Choir; **Michael Potter** - Contrabass Clarinet, Symphonic Band; **Sol Immerman** - Timpani, Symphonic Band.

The following students were accepted for participation in the New York State Band Directors' Association Honor Bands: **Michelle Li** - Flute, **Kate Nicole Hoffman** - clarinet, **David Walrath** – Euphonium, **Garrison German** - Tuba. Tenor Saxophonist **Patrick Leslie** was selected as an alternate for the Honor Jazz Band.

Selection is based on each student's performance at the NYSSMA Solo and small ensemble festival the previous spring, as well as teacher recommendation, participation in their own school's performing ensembles.

We are very proud of their accomplishments. Congratulations!

TENTATIVE SENIOR CLASS TRIP

- When: May 19th-20th
- Where: NYC!
- There will be three busses (first come first serve) each with a different activity choice for Saturday. Choices may include: a museum, Broadway show, baseball game, dinner cruise.
- On Sunday all busses will go to the Statue of Liberty and The WTC.
- Prices are the same for each choice and should remain around \$300.00 per student.
- We will stay in a hotel in NJ that has security overnight.
- There will be details forthcoming, reminders and due dates for payments. PLEASE watch the mail for more specifics and information.

We are looking forward to this new trip and hope many seniors choose to participate!

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Substitute Teachers, Teaching Assistants and Substitute RNs and LPNs needed for per diem work during the school year.

Teaching substitutes must meet the following criteria: 1) An Associates' Degree or higher; OR 2) completion of at least 2 years of College; OR 3) Graduated from High School for at least 4

years and completed at least 12 college credits; OR 4) an Honorable Discharge from the military.

Sub RNs and LPNs should bring in evidence of their licensure.

Apply in person at the address below:

Human Resources Office

Horseheads Central School District

One Raider Lane (south end of the High School)

YEARBOOK NEWS

Parents will soon receive the Wish List postcards completed by their son or daughter stating their "wish" regarding the 2012 yearbook. However, if you are anxious to order your 2012 Equestrian, the sales website is ready to take your order. Just visit www.yearbookordercenter.com and follow the instructions to order a book. All personalization requests for the books must be received by January 31, 2012.

This year there will be few extra copies ordered for purchase in June. If you plan to purchase a yearbook, please order yours through the website by January 31, 2012. Don't miss out on this year's book - order now!

Do you take great pictures at sporting events? Would you like to share those moments with the school? If you have photos you would like to have considered for inclusion in the yearbook, you can now upload them directly to www.hjeshare.com using the school code 13696 and following the simple directions. We look forward to seeing your work.

CAFETERIA/LUNCH CHARGES

On occasion parents forget to give lunch money to their child. Most of the time these charges are repaid immediately, however, in some situations, charges continue to pile up and go on for many days. Please be aware that if your child has charges, the following procedures will be followed:

High School: There is no charging at the High School.

Exception: If a student tells the cashier that his/her parent deposited money through PaySchools, the student will be allowed to charge and the charge will be deducted from their meal account once it has been credited.

When any student (Grades Pre-K-12) has any charges on their account, no extra items will be allowed to be purchased until the account is paid in full. If a student brings in money to buy "ala carte" items (i.e. slushies, cookies, etc.) and has charges, the money will be returned to them.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Do you need extra "free" money to further your education? Scholarships are a great way to supplement the rising costs of your college tuition. Extra help is right at your fingertips. Stop by to look at the scholarship showcase outside the Guidance Office or you can access these scholarships through the internet @ www.horseheadsdistrict.com.

If you have any questions or want more information, see Mrs. Kastenhuber in the Guidance Office.

STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE

Congratulations to Student Council on a very successful Food Drive. Over 4,600 items of food were collected from Period 1 classes from November 9th through November 16th. First place went to Mr. Neubauer's class with 1,211 items collected; second place to Mrs. Scott's class with 809 items; and third place to Mrs. Giblin's class with 618 items of food. Food donations ranged from granola bars, peanut butter, soup, juice boxes, and fruit snacks. All of the items will be donated to the Horseheads Food Pantry.

Great job everyone!

JANUARY 2012 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE



Please read and save this information for future reference regarding the January Examination Schedule for Regents Exams and Regents Competency Tests (RCT's). Teachers will give students information about the examinations in each class.

Please encourage your student(s) to prepare well for the examinations in order to successfully complete the first half of the school year. Local examinations will be administered during class the week prior to Regents Exams at the discretion of the teacher.

This examination schedule will be in effect from **Tuesday, January 24 through Friday, January 27, 2012**. During this period students will report to school for their examinations at the times scheduled below. Students who must take the Regents Exams and Regents Competency Tests will be given letters in homeroom with pertinent information about the date and time.

Cafeteria services will be limited during the four-day examination period. The bus schedule will be maintained as if regular classes were in session. The cafeteria and the library will be open for student use during the examination period.

JANUARY 2012 EXAM SCHEDULE			
Tuesday January 24, 2012	Wednesday January 25, 2012	Thursday January 26, 2012	Friday January 27, 2012
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Integrated Algebra RCT in Global Studies*	Living Environment RCT in US History & Gov't.*	RE in U.S. History & Government Geometry RCT in Science*	RE in Global History & Geography RCT in Writing
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	
Comprehensive English Physical Setting/Physics*	Algebra2/Trigonometry RCT in Mathematics *	Physical Setting/Earth Science Physical Setting/Chemistry RCT in Reading	<u>UNIFORM ADMISSION DEADLINES</u> Morning Exams – 10:00 Afternoon Exams – 2:00



Spotlight on “Business”



Get the 411 on Business Courses and **Register Now!**

The way business is conducted in today’s world has changed drastically over the years, and so have our Business course offerings. Business courses continually evolve to keep pace with current and projected Business practices in order to prepare our students well with 21st century skills. Billionaire real estate mogul, Donald Trump, has touted the importance of high school Business courses for years (please copy this link into your web browser to read the article): <http://donaldtrump.trumpuniversity.com/default.asp?item=103063>

Business degrees account for more than 77% of all degrees earned today (collegegrad.com). For a student wishing to pursue any type of Business degree at an accredited college or university, the following courses are recommended as a minimum: Accounting, Marketing, Business Law, College Computer Concepts, and Dreamweaver. These courses will provide the sound basic Business knowledge that Mr. Trump states high school students need in order to be well prepared to pursue a Business degree in a post-secondary setting.

At Horseheads High School, we proudly offer **17 different Business Courses:**

ACE Courses (Accelerated College Education) – for college credit at a reasonable price:

ACE First Year Experience – Learn personal, academic, and professional success strategies – 3 college credits

ACE Web Page Design – Design web pages using Hyper Text Markup Language – 3 college credits

ACE Accounting I – (course can also fulfill the 3rd unit of Math) Basic accounting principles – 4 college credits

ACE Accounting II – Continuation of course I, advanced accounting principles used in various business settings – 4 college credits

One Credit Courses:

Career & Financial Management – Basic Economics, Business Structures, Career Assessment, and Financial Literacy

Computer Applications – sound, basic knowledge of business computer uses and associated software

Dreamweaver – Design web pages to promote business with Adobe Dreamweaver and Photoshop

Business Law – Develop basic understanding of laws that will affect you on a daily basis

Math for Personal Finance – (course can also fulfill the 3rd unit of Math) Math applicable to taxes, insurance, payroll, banking, budgeting

Introduction to Marketing – Basic marketing principles as they apply to our global society

Business Math Using Excel – (course can also fulfill the 3rd unit of Math) Practical math learned using Excel, such as checking accounts, sales & income taxes, home and auto purchases

Business Ownership & Marketing – All aspects of entrepreneurship, including creation of a business plan to startup, fund, choose a location and market a business.

Half Credit Courses:

Sports & Entertainment Marketing – project based learning of how marketing functions are applied to these two multi-billion dollar industries

Career Pathways – Sixteen career clusters are explored to determine proper career pursuit

Notetaking – Learn strategies to take concise notes for college and professional settings

International Business – Learn culture, geography, trade, currencies, international law and business communications

College Computer Concepts – Learn formatting for resumes, letters, reports, spreadsheets and presentations for use in other classes, college and the workplace

We will continue to integrate into our courses the 21st century learning skills and knowledge necessary for our students' success. As you can see, **Business IS** where it's at!

To schedule your child to take a Business course, please contact their designated Guidance Counselor at 607-739-5601. Scheduling will take place very soon for the 2012-2013 school year. For further information on Business courses, please contact Kathy Sisti at ksisti@horseheadsdistrict.com, or Sandy Deiseroth at sdeiseroth@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Horseheads High School Extra-Curricular Clubs 2011-2012

Academic Challenge – Advisor: Ms. Doren. We are a competitive quiz team competing in local and national competitions throughout the school year. With Jeopardy style buzzers we compete against each other in practice to prepare for our competitions against area schools. You don't have to be a genius in every subject to join our team, just ready to have fun! Please see Ms. Doren in room 267 if you're interested.

National Honor Society - Advisor: Mrs. McCarthy. National Honor Society is devoted to students who exhibit excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character both in school and outside school. Students are selected after an application is completed and they have maintained a 90 and above average. Please watch the announcements for meeting notices.

Science Club – Advisors: Mrs. Steigerwald and Mrs. Hunter. Part of Science Club's focus will be environmental issues: working on two electronics drives, raising money to get better recycling bins, cleaning the stream behind the school, and anything else students come up with. We also usually do Science Olympiad in February and Chem Bowl in May. Beyond that, we brainstorm with the students and find out what they are interested in. Watch announcements for meeting notices.

Student Council - Advisors: Mrs. Lane and Ms. Doren. Our goal is to promote student spirit by planning and implementing activities throughout the year, including Spirit Week. To foster leadership in our officers...to promote student/community involvement by hosting Blood Drives and Food Drives. Meetings are in room 203 during homeroom.

The Greenroom Players – Advisors: Mr. Hynes and Mrs. Thompson. This student group presents three major productions each year in the high school auditorium: a fall play or musical, a Variety Show in early January, and a Broadway-style musical in March. Opportunities are available for students in grades 9-12 in acting, singing, dancing, as well as many backstage assignments (lighting, sound, props, makeup, costumes and such). Students will find information on upcoming auditions and backstage opportunities in the school newsletter and through the school's announcement system.

Yearbook Club – Advisors: Ms. Kisloski and Mrs. Brice-Hyde. Wouldn't it be great if you could capture and document all the good times you've had in High School? YOU CAN! It's called Yearbook! Students are responsible for all phases of yearbook publications: planning, design, layout, writing copy, taking pictures, and selling advertisements. There is a job for any student who expresses an interest. Meetings take place every Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday in room 170. Please join us for any or all of these days that you're able!

Freshman Class – Advisor: Mrs. Hurd. Duties of the elected class officers: attend and participate in monthly meetings, volunteer work, participate in and help tally orders for class sale, plan and run the Black Light Dance in the spring (co-planned and co-run with Sophomore Class officers and advisor). Watch announcements for monthly meetings in room 206.

Sophomore Class – Advisor: Ms. Donaldson. They plan and execute fundraisers and make charitable donations to organizations like the food bank and animal shelter. They have also donated to school improvements like the flags in the auditorium. It is mainly a leadership training and community service group. One popular project is the Black Light Dance Party which is organized in conjunction with the Freshman Class Officers. Sophomore class officers meet weekly Wednesdays at 7:15 and during homeroom.

Junior Class – Advisor: Mr. Hugg. Officers are elected in the Spring of their sophomore year. The major function is the Junior Prom in the spring, for which there is a big fundraising event. Meetings will be announced.

Senior Class – Advisors: Mr. Hamula and Mrs. Lenhardt. The Senior Class takes care of the planning and implementing of various events in a student's final year in high school. These events include: the magazine sale; the victory dance; the senior trip; the senior prom; the senior banquet; and graduation. The club consists of nine officers, but all students in the class are welcome to participate in the events. See Mr. Hamula in room 158 if you're interested.

Interact – Advisor: Mrs. Sisti. Interact is a community service club sponsored by the Horseheads Rotary Club. Students participate in community and school activities that emphasize the value of volunteerism. Leadership opportunities are available and encouraged through committee chair people and club officer positions. Weekly ½ hour organizational and informational meetings are usually held and it is expected that each member will do a minimum of 5 service hours each semester in order to remain in good standing. Students can join early in both the Fall and Spring semesters. Meetings will be announced.

Marching Band and Colorguard – Advisor: Mr. Gallagher. Marching band membership is open to Band instrumentalists grades 9-12 and students interested in Colorguard (spinning flags, and props and dance). We practice Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6pm to 8:30pm throughout Sept. and October with competitions and or Football games on Saturday afternoons or evenings.

The band plays entertaining music of various themes each year. We compete at about four competitions all around the state culminating with Championships in the Carrier Dome at Syracuse University. The marching band also performs in local parades such as the Horseheads Memorial Day Parade and The Big Flats Community Days' Parade. We also perform at the annual Bandtoberfest Show in Corning. The marching band has over one hundred members. Visit us in the music wing if you're interested.

Varsity H – Advisor: Mr. Hillman. Positions available are: *PRESIDENT*: Writing announcements, Pep Assembly, writing Thank you notes, communication with advisor, help organize club events, meet with officers on a regular basis to address concerns, Sports Banquet. *VICE-PRESIDENT*: Decorations, DJ for dances, assist President at any meeting and to lead the meeting in the absence of the President, Sports Banquet. *TREASURER*: Making deposits, paying bills, liaison with Central Treasurer for Athletics, balancing the monthly ledger. *SECRETARY*: Bulletin boards, newspaper articles, taking minutes at meetings. *SEASON REPS (FALL/WINTER/SPRING)*: Responsible for getting information to captains and helping out with concession stands. *HISTORIAN*: Hanging all photos of teams and newspaper clippings on the bulletin boards, keeping all photos UPDATED! ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL AS WELL AS ATHLETIC EVENTS IS A REQUIREMENT. All officers are required to: Work concession stands •Use lunch/activity to sell tickets, passes, sign-up for sports teams •Stop by Athletic Office to see if any help is needed •Recruit other Athletes to work concession stands, decorate •Work tournaments •Sell tickets during lunch periods •Help out with the Sports Banquet. Applications are submitted in the spring, and members are selected in June. We meet in the North Gym during homeroom.

Mock Trial – Advisor: Mrs. Brice-Hyde. If you are a fan of Law & Order, The Practice, and Boston Legal or aspire to a career in the Criminal justice system, Horseheads Mock Trial team is for you! We have a history of excellence as participants in the New York State Bar Associations Annual Mock Trial Competition. We plan and conduct criminal and civil cases. We prep witnesses' testimony and plan for convictions and acquittals. Our team is coached by Mrs. Brice-Hyde. Richie Rich and John Brennen from the Public Advocates office, both Horseheads graduates and practicing attorneys at law in our community advise our team. Please see Mrs. Brice-Hyde in room 266 if you're interested.

CALENDAR REMINDERS

Tuesday	November 22, 2011	Report Cards Issued
Wednesday - Sunday	November 23 – 27, 2011	Thanksgiving Recess – NO SCHOOL
Monday	November 28, 2011	Students Return To School
Wednesday	December 21, 2011	End of 3 rd Marking Period
Thursday - Monday	December 22 - January 2, 2012	Winter Recess - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	January 3, 2012	Students Return to School
Wednesday	January 11, 2012	Report Cards Issued
Monday	January 16, 2012	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - NO SCHOOL
Monday	January 23, 2012	End of 4 th Marking Period
Tuesday - Friday	January 24 - January 27, 2012	Regents Exams - No Regular Classes
Monday	January 30, 2012	Conference Day - NO SCHOOL
Tuesday	January 31, 2012	Beginning of 2 nd Semester
Tuesday	January 31, 2012	Fourth Report Card



NOTICE: The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judith Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, New York 14845, (607) 739-5601.

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