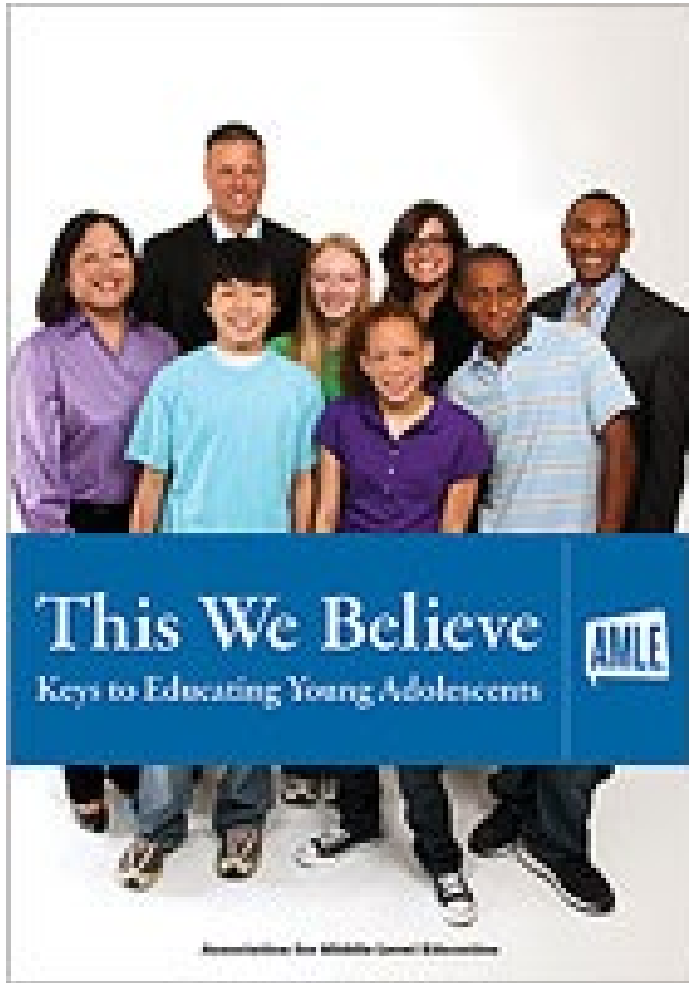


Horseheads Middle School



7th Grade Parent Orientation



<https://www.amle.org/>

“This book describes the 16 vital characteristics of successful middle grades schools, and is a critical resource for everyone involved in the education, health and well being of today’s adolescents.”



We believe that every adolescent...



- Has the capacity to learn, grow and develop into a knowledgeable, reflective, caring, ethical and contributing citizen.
- Must have access to the very best programs and practices a school can offer.

This statement is based on *This We Believe: Keys to Educating Young Adolescents*, the position paper of the Association for Middle Level Education. amle.org 1-800-528-6672 @AMLE



We believe that every adolescent...



- **Must be engaged in learning that is relevant, challenging, integrative and exploratory.**
- **Faces significant life choices and needs support in making wise and healthy decisions.**

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We believe that every young adolescent...



- Thrives academically, socially and emotionally in a democratic learning environment where trust and respect are paramount and where family and community are actively involved.
- Deserves educators who are prepared to work with this age group, who are themselves lifelong learners and committed to their own ongoing professional development and growth.

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Dignity for All Students Act

New York State's Dignity for All Students Act (The Dignity Act) seeks to provide the State's public elementary and secondary school students with a safe and supportive environment free from discrimination, intimidation, taunting, harassment, and bullying on school property, a school bus and/or at a school function.

DIGNITY FOR ALL
STUDENTS ACT



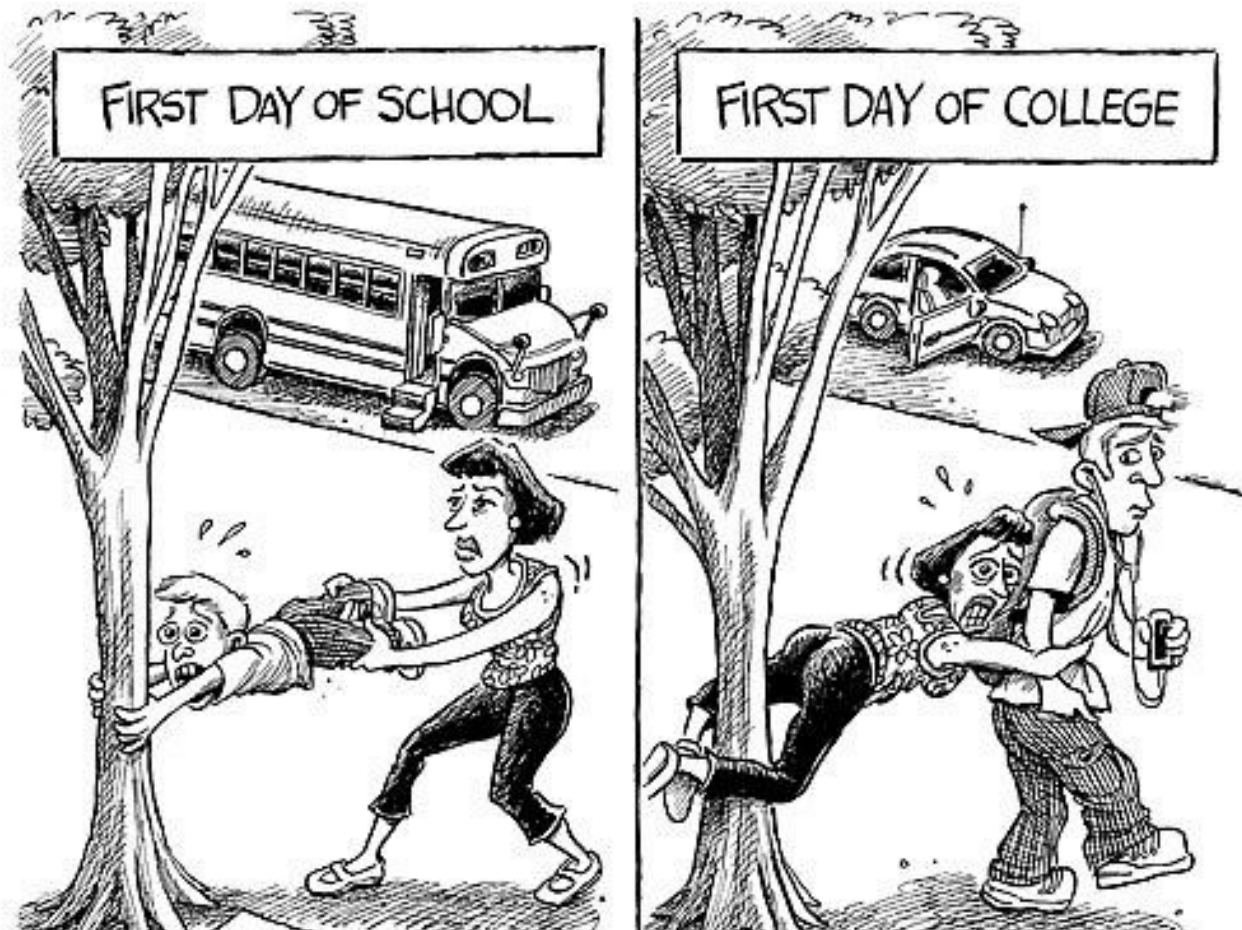
Dignity for All Students Act

- Horseheads Middle School utilizes the *Raider Way*, *FISH Philosophy* and the District Character Education Program to promote a safe and supportive learning environment.
- The District Code of Conduct is an additional resource for guiding student behavior.
- District DASA Coordinator – Caitlin DeFilippo
- Middle School DASA Coordinator – Ron Holloway

DIGNITY FOR ALL
STUDENTS ACT



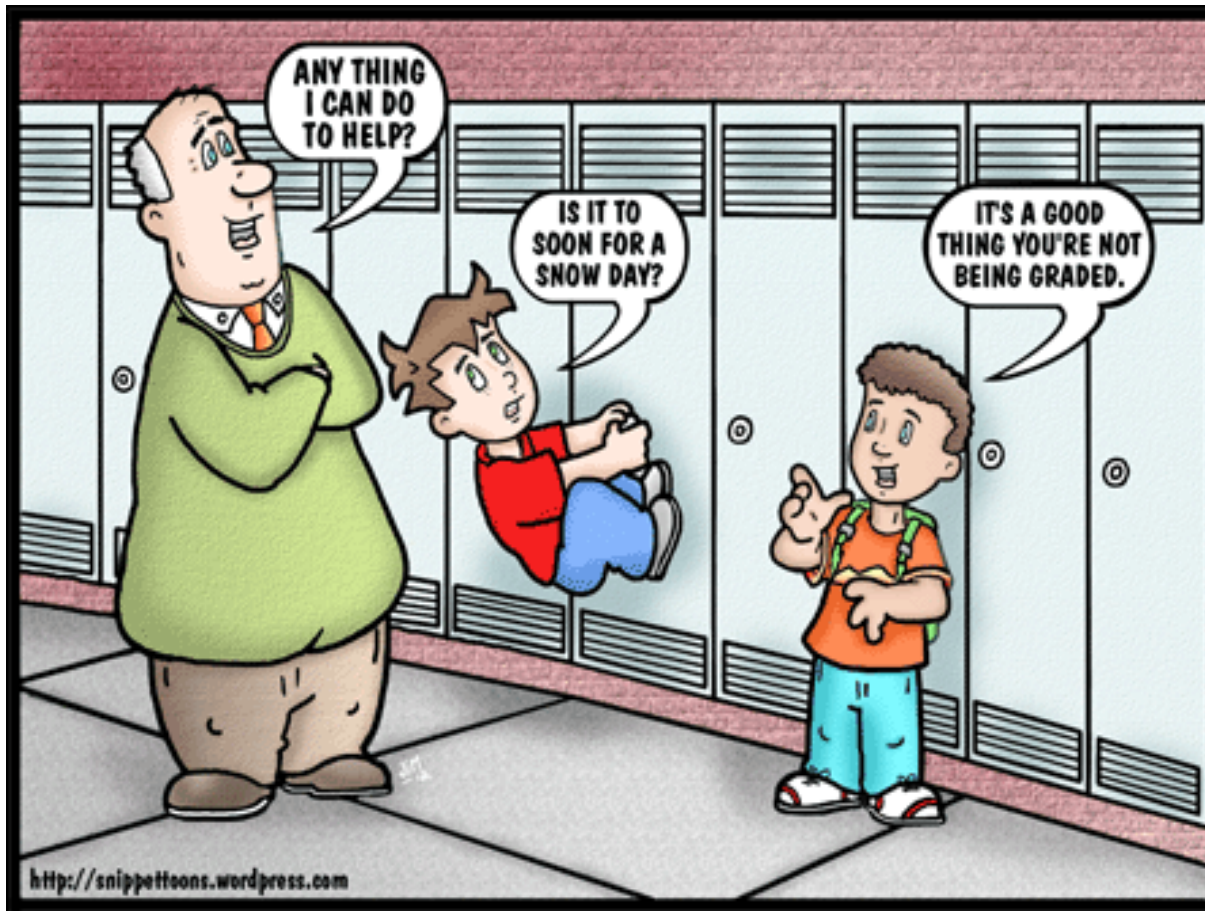
Do Not Worry, We Will Take Care Of Your Children!



Students will find their way around the building.



Students will be able to open their lockers.



Students will have enough time to get from one class to another.

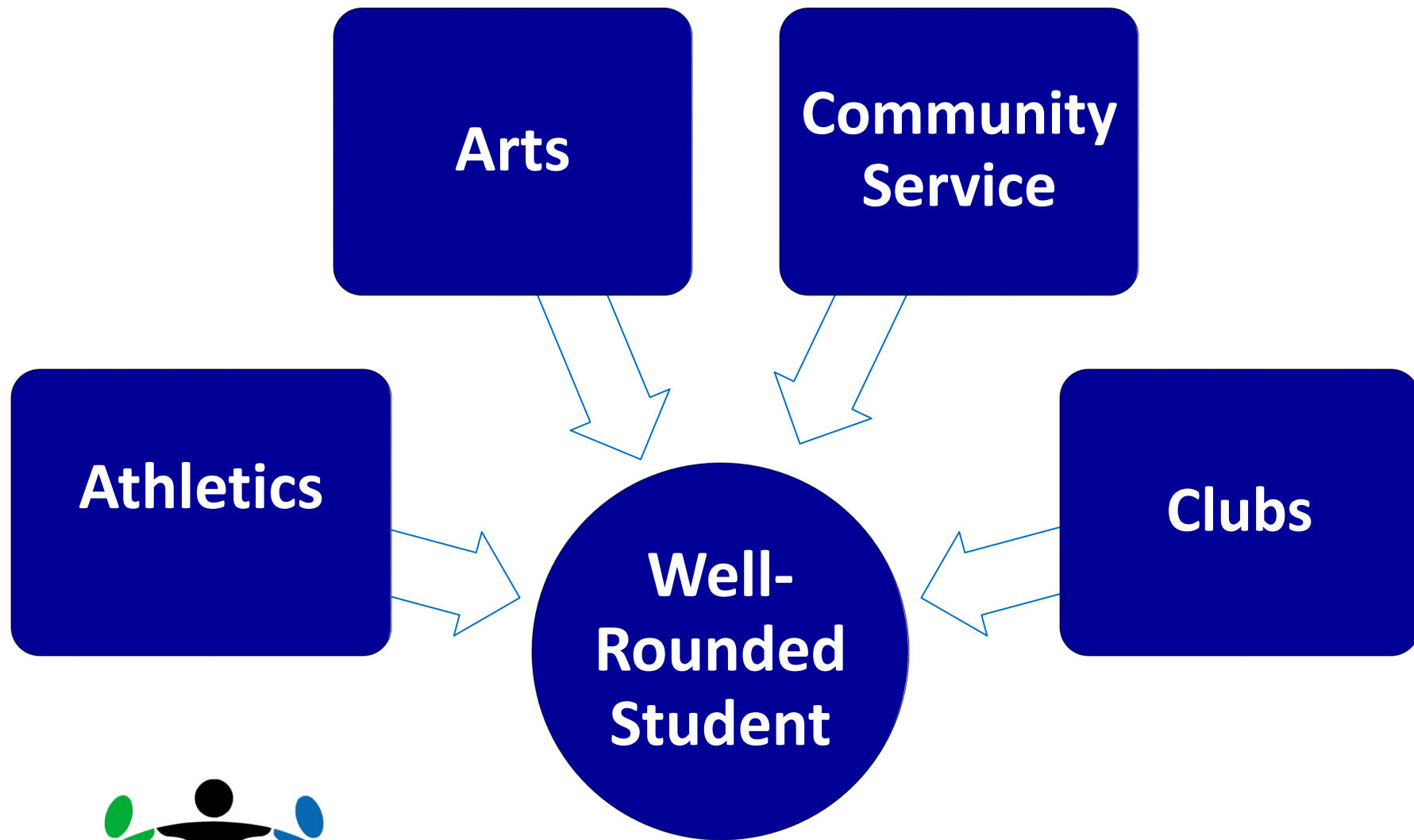


Students will
have enough
time to eat.



Students will have many people at the middle school to help with their transition.

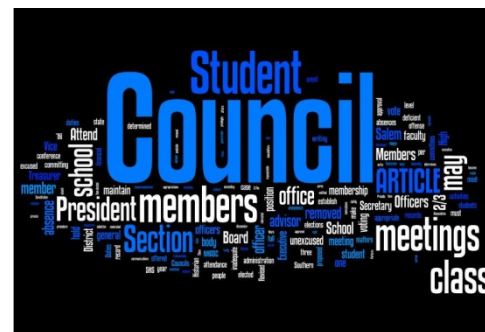




Middle School Student Opportunities



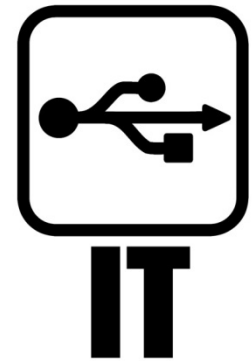
- Interscholastic Athletics
- Student Council
- Library Workers
- School Store Workers
- HMS Live
- Band
- Orchestra
- Vocal Music
- NYSSMA



Middle School Student Opportunities



- Science Olympiad
- 10th Period Guest Speakers
- Community Service Events
- Quality Parties
- School Musical
- Technology Guild
- Accelerated Art (HS Credit)



Middle School Student Opportunities



- Harmony Bridge
- National Junior Honor Society
- Yearbook Club
- Boces Career Day
- PONY Express Passes
- Mock Interviews
- Variety Show
- Accelerated Math



Middle School Student Opportunities



- Student Leadership Team
- Scholastic Challenge
- School Dances
- Foreign Language (HS Credit)
- Assemblies
- Algebra I (HS Credit)
- Summer Earth Science
(2 Year Program for HS Credit)



"The Raider Way"

At Horseheads Middle School a student.....



Is trustworthy, they are honest, they have integrity, they make and keep promises, they are loyal to friends and family.



Treats people with respect, is courteous and polite, is tolerant, is appreciative and accepting of differences, doesn't take advantage of others.



Acts responsibly, is accountable for their actions, doesn't make excuses, or blame others, is reliable, sets a good example for others, pursues excellence, is diligent, doesn't quit, is self disciplined.



Is fair and just, is open minded, listens to others to understand what they are saying or feeling, doesn't take advantage of others.



Is caring, shows kindness, helps others, treats others as they wish to be treated.



Is a good citizen, plays by the rules, respects authority, helps school by volunteering.



- **Trustworthy**
- **Respectful**
- **Responsible**
- **Fair and Just**
- **Caring and Kind**
- **Good Citizen**

THINK

- T – True
- H – Helpful
- I – Inspiring
- N – Necessary
- K – Kind



A QUALITY STUDENT

At Horseheads Middle School...



Is prepared for class, on time and ready to learn.



Completes all homework, class work and class projects to the best of their ability.



Knows and understands school policies and procedures and accepts the direction of teachers, school officials, and others who have been assigned the responsibility to enforce them.



Practices good citizenship, particularly by respecting the rights, privileges and property of others.

Express Pass



85 Average

**Meets Criteria on the
Quality Student Poster**

Students receiving an Express Pass may visit the cafeteria two days a week during 10th period and the library during their study halls periods 1-9.

Guidance Counselors



What does a middle school counselor do?

- **Communicates between parents and teachers**
- **Works with individuals and groups**
- **Helps identify needs of students**
- **Encourages better interpersonal relationships**
- **Promotes positive attitudes and choices**
- **Aids teachers and parents in helping students**



Guidance Counselors



- Assist in making use of community resources
- Coordinate referrals to outside agencies
- Assist students with academic planning
- Provide developmental and preventative counseling
- Develop orientation programs to transition students



School Tours



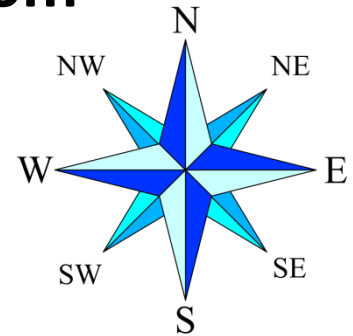
- 6th grade students will visit the middle school, by team, later this spring.
- This visit will include a tour and a video presentation.
- A question and answer session will follow the tour and video presentation.



Horseheads Orientation Program (HOP)



- Students will participate in activities to familiarize themselves with school procedures. They will practice opening lockers and will become more comfortable with the layout of the school.
- The students will have an opportunity to choose from several different one day, two-hour HOP sessions.
- HOP dates will be sent home with students and posted to our website.



Teaming



- **Students are divided into three teams (red, white & blue). There are four academic teachers (ELA, math, science and social studies) on each team.**
- **The team of teachers meets every other day to assess individual student needs, evaluate student achievement and discuss student progress with parents.**
- **Parent conferences are held during team time and can be requested by contacting your student's guidance counselor.**



Required Courses

- ELA
- Social Studies
- Science
- Math
- Foreign Language



Meets every day for 40 weeks

***PE meets every other day for 40 weeks.**



Required Courses Continued



- Health
- Technology
- Family and Consumer Science 8th Grade

Meets every day for 20 weeks



Required Courses Continued



- **Family & Consumer Science 7th Grade**
- ***Music**
- ***Art**

*Students have some choice in music and art. Some of the courses meet for 40 weeks.

Meets every other day for 20 weeks.



State Testing



- 7th grade students will take assessments in ELA and Math.
- 8th grade students will take assessments in ELA, Math and Science.



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Our Students. Their Moment.



Academic Intervention Services

- Math Skills
- Reading Skills



Both courses assist students with skill and content development.



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Period 01 Time 7:50 - 8:30	ART 7 Cunningham(118)	PHYS ED Spencer(GYM)
Period 02 Time 8:34 - 9:14	STUDYHALL Stratton(104)	FAM&CONSUMER SCI 7 Abernatha(214)
Period 03 Time 9:18 - 9:58	SOC ST 7 Porter(121)	SOC ST 7 Porter(121)
Period 04 Time 10:02 - 10:42	SCIENCE 7 Hartman(217)	SCIENCE 7 Hartman(217)
Period 05 Time 10:46 - 11:26	MATH 7 ACCEL Rutherford(119)	MATH 7 ACCEL Rutherford(119)
Period 06 Time 11:30 - 12:10	LUNCH/STUDY Amey(112)	LUNCH/STUDY Amey(112)
Period 07 Time 12:14 - 12:54	TECHNOLOGY 7 Cerroni(125)	TECHNOLOGY 7 Cerroni(125)
Period 08 Time 12:58 - 1:38	SPANISH IA Nicolae(102)	SPANISH IA Nicolae(102)
Period 09 Time 1:42 - 2:22	ENGLISH 7 Carpenter(115)	ENGLISH 7 Carpenter(115)
Period 10 Time 2:26 - 3:05	7R PERIOD 10 Hartman(217)	7R PERIOD 10 Brightman(125)

SCHEDULES



Report Cards



- Report cards are distributed every 10 weeks.
- Progress reports are distributed every 5 weeks.
- Students are provided a copy of their progress reports and report cards during 10th period.
- Distribution dates are listed on the district calendar.

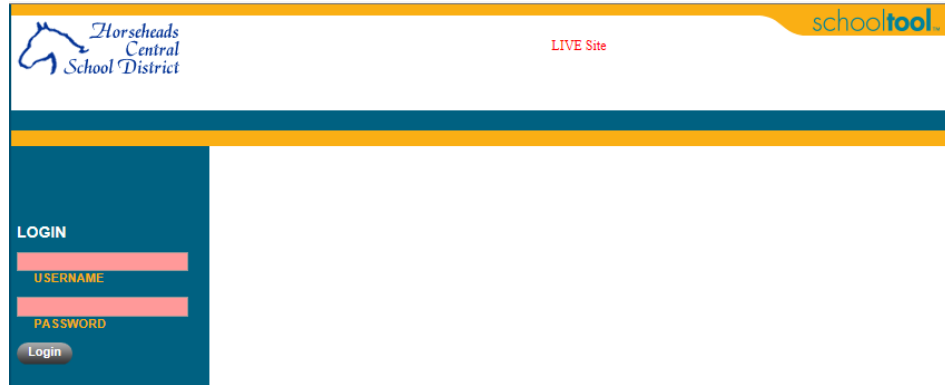


Attendance



- **“Middle School attendance and GPA provide the best indication of how students will perform in high school classes.”**
source: <https://www.attendanceworks.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/5-Key-Findings-MG-Final.pdf>
- **Students enrolled in a high school credit bearing course, must be in attendance 85% of the scheduled class periods. Students lose credit on the 29th absence in a course that meets every day all year.**
- **When students are absent from school, please contact the middle school main office to request their work. It can be picked-up between 3:15 and 4:00.**
- **For more information regarding attendance please visit <https://www.attendanceworks.org/research/middle-and-high-school/>**

Parent and Student Portal



The screenshot shows the login page for the Parent and Student Portal. At the top left is the logo for Horseshoals Central School District, featuring a horse head. To the right of the logo is the text "LIVE Site". In the top right corner, the "schooltool" logo is visible. The main content area is a dark blue sidebar on the left with a white background for the login form. The sidebar contains the word "LOGIN" in white, followed by two red input fields labeled "USERNAME" and "PASSWORD". Below the fields is a "Login" button.

- **The Parent Portal is a great way to stay up to date on your child's progress. If you do not have an account, you can visit our guidance office for assistance.**
- **Students can check their progress anytime using the Student Portal.**



Parent Notification



Horseheads schools use the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this service just by sending **“Y” or “Yes”** by text to our school’s short code number, **67587**. You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with **“Stop”**.

Health Information



- All 7th grade students are required to have a physical dated September 4, 2018 or later.
- An Emergency Contact Sheet will be sent out the first week of classes.
- Vision and hearing testing will be done in the health office for all 7th grade students, unless provided by a private physician.



Health Information



- We encourage self-carry medication orders for inhalers and EpiPens. These must be carried on the student and left in lockers.
- Inhalers and EpiPens are the only medication that a student is allowed to carry.
- Physician's order can be obtained to have other medications, such as pain relievers and ibuprofen, available in the health office.



Health Information Continued



- **Routine medication requires a physician's order and parent signature each school year.**
- **All medications must be delivered to and picked up from the Health Office.**



Health Information Continued



Immunizations:

- If you are new to the district, a copy of your student's immunization record is required within 14 days of entry.
- Any updates to the immunization record are appreciated.



Health Information

Continued



- **New York State now requires all incoming 7th grade students receive one dose of the Meningococcal Vaccine prior to entering the 7th grade school year. Your child will not be able to attend school after 14 days, without proof of immunization.**



- **Please contact the nurse with questions.**

Athletics



GO BLUE RAIDERS!

- **Sports registration and sign ups must be completed through family ID system. This is a secure platform that provides an easy, user-friendly way to register for our sport programs. The system keeps track of your profile so that you enter information only once for multiple uses, family members and programs.**
- **All modified sports offerings are found on the athletic web page.**



Athletics Continued



2019 Fall Sports Offerings

You May Sign up 30 Days Prior to the Beginning of the Sport.
Please visit the athletics website for start dates.



- Boy & Girls Varsity & JV Teams start in August
- 7th & 8th Grade Coed Cross Country start in August
- 7th & 8th Grade Football start in August
- 7th & 8th Grade Girls Volleyball start in September
- 7th & 8th Grade Boys Soccer start in September
- 7th & 8th Grade Girls Soccer start in September
- 7th & 8th Grade Coed Golf start in September
- 7th & 8th Grade Girls Swimming & Diving start in September



Athletics Continued



- All sports physicals for the 2019-2020 school year will be conducted on June 26th and July 2nd. Appointment slots will be filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. Registration for sports physicals will open May 1st and close on June 19th.
- You must register for sports physicals through the Family ID system. See the nurse with questions.
- No sports physicals will be offered during the school year.
- A current physical is required to play any Modified, JV or Varsity sport.



Athletics Continued



Athletic Placement Process :

- The Athletic Placement Process procedure timeline is posted on the athletic web site.
- Athletic Placement recommendations must come from a District Coach or Physical Education teacher.
- Any 7th or 8th grade student recommended to play at a JV or Varsity level must meet fitness and skill requirements, as well as the physical maturity component outlined by the Commissioner of Education.



Athletics Continued



- **Athletic Placement paperwork is distributed by the middle school nurse. All paperwork must be completed by the established deadlines.**
- **Paperwork is returned to the Health Office.**
- **Please call the District Athletic Office if you need more information.**



Middle School Time Schedule

7:15 – 7:38 – Parent Drop Off

7:30 – 7:38 – Buses Unload

7:38 – Students Dismissed to 1st period

7:45 – Morning Announcements (HMS Live)

7:50 - 8:30 – 1st Period

8:34 - 9:14 – 2nd Period

9:18 - 9:58 – 3rd Period

10:02 - 10:42 – 4th period

10:46 - 11:26 – 5th Period

11:30 - 12:10 – 6th Period

12:14 - 12:54 – 7th Period

12:58 - 1:38 – 8th Period

1:42 - 2:22 – 9th Period

2:26 - 2:30 Afternoon Announcements

2:30 - 3:05 – 10th period

3:05 Dismissal – Early Buses, Walkers and Pick-ups

3:08 Dismissal – Late Buses



Lunch is 20 minutes with a 20-minute study.

Students have 4 minutes to pass between periods.



Parent Pick-Up and Drop-Off



**Summer Construction
May Alter Our
Current Procedures**

**We Will Communicate
Procedures Over
The Summer**



Middle School PTO

Volunteer Opportunities:

- Dance Chaperones
- Quality Award Parties
- Winter Art Show
- Teacher Appreciation Breakfast
- 8th Grade Celebration
- PTO Spirit Wear Sales



PTO Continued



- Please be sure to sign up for the PTO email distribution list.
- You will receive emails throughout the year when we have volunteer opportunities.
- We encourage you to attend our PTO meetings throughout the year.



Middle School Contacts



Main Phone Number: 739-6357

- **Principal – Ron Holloway**
- **Assistant Principal – Tom Hoeffner**
- **Nurse – Annette Cobb**
- **Main Office Secretary – Ronda Smith**
- **Attendance Secretary – Hanne O'Donnell**
- **Guidance Secretary – Katheryn Whitmarsh**
- **Guidance Secretary – Sue Burrell**
- **Guidance Counselor – Steve Micknich (A-K)**
- **Guidance Counselor – Marti Clark (L-Z)**
- **School Psychologist – Nicole Marinaccio**
- **Social Worker – Melanie Rahr**
- **Social Worker – Jessica Emanuel**



Important Websites



District Website:

www.horseheadsdistrict.com

**New York State Department of Education
Website:**

<http://www.nysed.gov/>

Association for Middle Level Education

<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/ciai/mle/mleessentiaelements.html>

National PTA Website:

<http://www.pta.org/index.cfm>

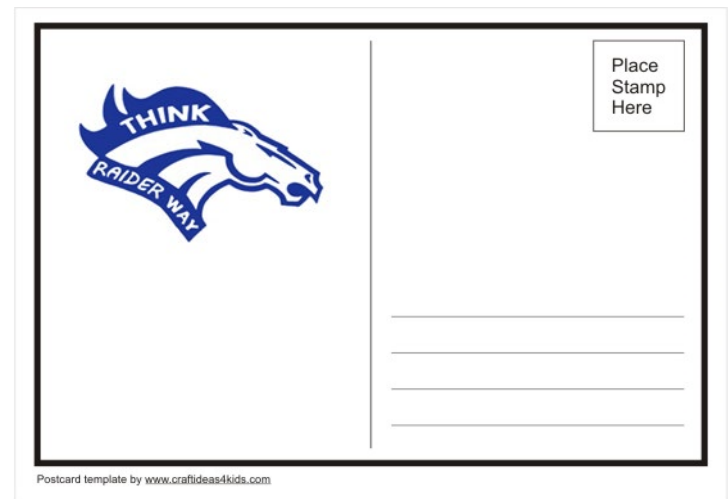
New York State Health Department :

<http://www.health.ny.gov/>



Summer PostCard

The summer postcard will contain homeroom and team assignments, as well as the date and time students may pick up their schedules. Our schedule pick-up and self-guided tour will occur at the end of August.



We Would Be Happy To Answer Any Questions



Thank You for Attending our Parent Orientation



- The building is open for a self-guided tour.



- Stay tuned for our summer newsletter and postcard.

Newsletter

A rectangular postcard template. In the top left corner is the "THINK RAIDER WAY" logo. On the right side, there is a circular area for a postage stamp and a rectangular area for a postage stamp. Below these are fields for "Name", "Block", and "Date", each with a vertical line and a horizontal line. To the right of these fields is a "TO:" label followed by three horizontal lines for an address. At the bottom left, there are three horizontal lines for a return address.