

# HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL

## “NOTES”



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### EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS/DELAYS INFORMATION

Schools are closed when the weather makes it impossible to have reasonable attendance or when the schools or vehicles would not be able to operate safely. The school day is delayed when inclement weather conditions improve by early morning. Inclement weather may include snow, ice, and freezing temperatures. If the school day is delayed, buses will run and schools will open two hours later than the usual time.

The district announces school closings and delays in a variety of ways:

- **Text messaging** – Parents/guardians can receive a text message if schools are closed or delayed by opting in to our text messaging service through SchoolMessenger. To opt in, text Y or Yes to 67587. You will receive a text response confirming that you are registered for texting. For more information on text messaging, see the district website.
- District website at [www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com)

- **District Facebook pages** (the district and all seven schools have pages)
- **Instagram** - hhdsschools
- **X (formerly known as Twitter)** - @HhdsSchools
- **Local television and radio stations:**
  - TV - WENY, WETM, Spectrum Cable News
  - Radio – WNKI 106.1, Bigfoot Country 95.1, Wingz 93.1 The Met, Cool 104.9, and Jamz 101.7
  - Note: Television and radio stations also put closing/delay information on their websites.

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE RADIO/TV STATIONS OR THE DISTRICT'S  
TRANSPORTATION OFFICE.**

Important notes about school closings/delays:

- There may be a time when any of these means of communication do not work due to Internet issues, etc, so we ask that you check more than one of our communication methods to determine if school is in regular session or not for that day.
- If schools are closed, they will remain closed all day for scheduled activities, including remedial programs, extra-curricular activities, use of facilities by non-school groups, and evening programs.
- When school is delayed, there is no supervision for students until schools open two hours later than the usual time, so parents should not drop their children off at school until they open.
- On school delays, there is no breakfast served.
- On school delays, prekindergarten begins at 10:30am.
- If a storm develops after school begins, usual procedure is NOT to close school early. This allows time for highway crews to plow and sand the roads and has proved to be less disruptive and confusing than attempting to send students home early.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNSELING OFFICE: FEDERAL STUDENT AID

New York State has now legislated that all seniors either complete an application for federal student aid (FAFSA) or complete a waiver that they have chosen not to file such an application. The FAFSA will not be available to complete until after December 1, 2024. Prior to this time families can create their StudentAid.gov account. More information and helpful workshops can be accessed through the New York State Higher Education Service Corporation: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/home/>

New York State offers many virtual programs to help with financial aid. Some upcoming virtual events include the Virtual Drop-In Lounge to ask questions about financial aid for college, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, the NYS TAP, or the Excelsior scholarship. There will be an event for creating your StudentAid.gov (FSA ID) account which will walk you through the quick and easy process. There is also a Senior Basics Presentation which provides key financial aid information for seniors applying to college for next fall, including information about federal, state, institutional, and private scholarships, how to apply for aid, deadlines, and more. The links for these events can be found here: <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/get-help/find-event/>. All events are offered on multiple dates and if you can find the dates by clicking on the event of interest.

## YOUTH ACTIVATION COMMITTEE NEWS

Unified Bowling registration opens December 6, 2024, via Final Forms.

A successful Unified Soccer culminating event was held at Ernie Davis Academy on October 16, 2024. Horseheads went 1-1-1 against Elmira, Corning, and Ithaca High Schools. A great time was had by all. Thank you to all of the fans who came to cheer on the Raiders!

YAC hosted a pumpkin painting event for the High School and Middle School. Thirty-one students attended including 14 students from Nakagawa, Japan, here on the Nakagawa Horseheads Sister City Exchange program.

YAC is currently holding a coffee fundraiser through Big Nerd Coffee. If you have any questions, please contact Alisha Tenbus at [atenbus@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:atenbus@horseheadsdistrict.com)

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students for being chosen as October's Raider of the Month for Responsibility!!!

Grade 12: **Michelle Koester, Jordyn Lunger, Emma Overdorff, Ethan Tineo, Paislie White**

Grade 11: **Zachary Bennett, Alex Cranmer, Madden Foster, Sydney Ryan**

Grade 10: **Logan Heath, Yuanhao Lin, Lydia Mackey**

Grade 9: **Aden Burt, Liam Hobbs, Stephen Hoyt, Ella Smith**

## HORSEHEADS SISTER CITY ASSOCIATION NEWS

Students in Grades 9, 10, and 11 interested in participating in the Sister Cities Exchange to Nakagawa Japan: Applications are due December 13, 2024. Please make sure to complete ALL parts of the application prior to submitting to Ms. Bratz. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Bratz at [tbratz@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:tbratz@horseheadsdistrict.com).

## ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Students in Ms. Cratsley's Art classes participated in an Insect Art Show at Cornell University's "Insectapalooza 2024." Congratulations to the following students who swept the top three awards:

1st place: **Goran Krajnik** -- 12th grade (mantis in the kitchen)

2nd place: **Everette Heath** -- 10th grade (grasshopper collage)

3rd place: **MadisonRose Cavanaugh** -- 12th grade (golden spider)

## HORSEHEADS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PARENTS' BILL OF RIGHTS RELATING TO STUDENT DATA

The District, in compliance with Education Law 2-d, hereby establishes the following Parents' Bill of Rights in regard to student data:

- A student's personally identifiable information will not be sold or released for any commercial purpose;

- Parents have the right to inspect and review the complete contents of their child's educational record. Procedures for reviewing student records can be found in the Board Policy entitled "Student Records," Policy 5500, Regulation 5500-R;
- Security protocols regarding confidentiality of personally identifiable information are currently in place and the safeguards necessary to protect the confidentiality of student data are maintained at industry standards and best practices. The safeguards include but are not limited to encryption, firewalls, and password protection.
- New York State maintains a complete list of all student data collected by the State and the data is available for public review at [www.nysed.gov](http://www.nysed.gov), or by writing to 89 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY 12234.
- Parents have the right to have complaints about possible breaches of student data addressed. Complaints should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools, Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845.

## THE BIG FIVE

In 2008 CSS Workforce NY and the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce's Business Education Roundtable successfully launched The Big Five campaign. Thousands of posters and bookmarks were distributed across Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties championing five foundational concepts of workforce readiness:

- Be honest
- Show up on time every day
- Be ready for work
- Be willing to learn
- Maintain a good attitude

Though many things have changed since 2008, these basic values are still relevant today. CSS Workforce NY, GST BOCES, and the Chamber's Business Education Roundtable have teamed up to bring Education and Business together to revitalize this initiative and introduce it to a new generation of students and employees.



Follow us on Facebook and Twitter: Learn about up-to-date information about our district on Facebook and Twitter: On Facebook, the district and each of our seven schools have pages. Please “like” them to get the information on your news feed. Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets.

NOTICE: The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for Horseheads High School is Mike McCawley. Complaints regarding discrimination, harassment, or bullying of any student should be referred to Mr. McCawley 739-5601, ext. 1603. The Dignity Act Coordinator for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo. Mrs. DeFilippo may be reached at Hibbard Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, 607-739-5601, x4211.

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, Hibbard Road, 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. The following person(s) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Caitlin DeFilippo, Director of Human Resources, cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com, Hibbard Road, Horseheads Central School District, Horseheads, NY 14845, (607) 739-5601 and US Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights, LBJ Department of Education Building, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington DC 20202-1100, (800) 421-3481.



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abuse or neglect:**

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**[ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps](http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps)**

## TENTATIVE CALENDAR UPCOMING EVENTS

19-Nov-24	Tuesday	Interact Blood Drive	Auditorium	7:45-3:00
20-Nov-24	Wednesday	Senior Picture Make Ups	MMC	8:00-3:00
		Junior Class Fundraiser Pick Up	Stadium	4:00-6:00
27-Nov-24	Wednesday	Half Day - AM Only		
28-Nov-24	Thursday	Holiday - Thanksgiving		
29-Nov-24	Friday	Holiday - Thanksgiving		
4-Dec-24	Wednesday	Junior Class Fundraiser Distribution		
		NHS Poinsettia Pick Up		
5-Dec-24	Thursday	End of MP3		
6-Dec-24	Friday	Start of MP4		
7-Dec-24	Saturday	SAT'S	South Gym	8:00-12:00
		Jazz Band at Sparkle	Corning	
12-Dec-24	Thursday	Report Card Distribution		Period 9/10
		Orchestra/Jazz Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30
13-Dec-24	Friday	Marching Band Banquet		
18-Dec-24	Wednesday	Choir Concert	Auditorium	7:30
23-Dec-24	Monday	No School		
24-Dec-24	Tuesday	Holiday - Christmas		
25-Dec-24	Wednesday	Holiday - Christmas		
26-Dec-24	Thursday	No School		
27-Dec-24	Friday	No School		
30-Dec-24	Monday	No School		
31-Dec-24	Tuesday	Holiday - New Years		
1-Jan-25	Wednesday	Holiday - New Years		
2-Jan-25	Thursday	No School		
3-Jan-25	Friday	No School		
9-Jan-25	Thursday	Band/Pop Ensemble Concert	Auditorium	7:30
17-Jan-25	Friday	End of MP4		
20-Jan-25	Monday	Holiday - MLK Jr. Day		
21-Jan-25	Tuesday	Regents Exams		
22-Jan-25	Wednesday	Regents Exams		
23-Jan-25	Thursday	Regents Exams		
24-Jan-25	Friday	Regents Exams		
27-Jan-25	Monday	Instructional Planning Day		
28-Jan-25	Tuesday	Start of MP5		
29-Jan-25	Wednesday	No School - Lunar New Year		
30-Jan-25	Thursday	Report Card Distribution		Period 9/10





# How to Apply for Federal Student Financial Aid

Financial aid is available from the federal and state governments and your college. This includes Pell Grants, Work-Study, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, and Federal Student Loans.

## Before You Apply

### Get Your StudentAid.gov account.

- Dependent students require at least one parent to also have a StudentAid.gov Account (FSA ID) in order to complete and electronically sign the FAFSA and other federal student aid documents.
- Get it before you sit down to do the FAFSA.
- Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and click “Create Account.”

### Check your eligibility

Go to [studentaid.gov/aid-estimator](https://studentaid.gov/aid-estimator) to use the **Federal Student Aid Estimator** for an estimate of your federal aid eligibility.

## Complete the FAFSA

- Go to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and navigate to the **FAFSA® Form** to start applying for FAFSA.
- To fill out the FAFSA, you and your contributor(s) must have all of the required materials to submit your application.
- The FAFSA form applies to a single academic year. That means you need to submit a new FAFSA form each year you’re applying for aid.

## Apply for the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

- If you’re a NYS resident and include a NY school on your FAFSA, you should also apply for NYS aid online by using the NYS resident link on the FAFSA Submission Confirmation page.
- You must apply for TAP and complete or renew the FAFSA every year.
- You can apply directly at [www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw](https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw)

### Gather These Materials

- For both students and parents:
  - Drivers License.
  - Social Security Number.
  - Tax returns from two years prior to the FAFSA application year.
  - Records of other untaxed income, such as child support received, veterans’ benefits, or military allowances.
  - Email address.

## What’s Next?

- You will receive an email notice when your FAFSA has been processed and your FAFSA Submission Summary is available for review. Be sure to log into your account to verify all of your information is set.
- Be sure to respond to any questions or requests for more information by the deadline indicated or you could lose your eligibility for financial aid.

### Important Reminders

- Find out the financial aid deadlines at your college.
- Apply for financial aid every year.
- Don’t pay for financial aid information that you can get for free. Visit [hesc.ny.gov](https://hesc.ny.gov) for more information.
- Attend financial aid workshops to learn more about programs and completing applications. Check with your high school counselor and visit [hesc.ny.gov](https://hesc.ny.gov)



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# How to Apply for TAP and Other NYS Student Financial Aid

Financial aid comes primarily from the federal government, state government and/or your college.

**Visit [hesc.ny.gov/pay](https://hesc.ny.gov/pay) for a complete list of NYS financial aid programs.**

## TAP

The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) provides tuition awards to eligible students attending a college or university located in New York State.

Because TAP is a grant, it does not have to be paid back.

### To be Eligible for TAP You Must

- Meet eligibility requirements as a NYS resident or qualify under the NYS DREAM Act.
- Meet family income limits of \$125,000 or less.
- Pursue an undergraduate degree at an approved postsecondary institution in NYS.

### Award Amount

- Up to \$5,665 annually, as determined by factors including:
  - Family net taxable income.
  - Tuition charged by your college.
  - Other family members enrolled in college.

### How to Apply

- From the FAFSA confirmation page, follow the Apply Now link for New York state-based financial aid.
- Visit [hesc.ny.gov/tap](https://hesc.ny.gov/tap) for eligibility criteria, application deadlines, and a link to the application.

**If you qualify under the NYS DREAM Act, apply at [hesc.ny.gov/dream](https://hesc.ny.gov/dream)**

## Excelsior Scholarship

The Excelsior Scholarship, in combination with other student financial aid, allows eligible New York State students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free.

### To be Eligible for the Excelsior Scholarship You Must

- Meet eligibility requirements as a NYS resident or qualify under the NYS DREAM Act.
- Meet family income limits of \$125,000 or less.
- Pursue an undergraduate degree at a SUNY or CUNY college.
- Be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete 30 credits each year successively.
- Be on track to complete an associates degree in two consecutive years or bachelors degree in four consecutive years.
- Agree to live in NYS for the length of time the award was received.

**Visit [hesc.ny.gov/excelsior](https://hesc.ny.gov/excelsior) for full eligibility details.**

### How to Apply

- Visit [hesc.ny.gov/excelsior](https://hesc.ny.gov/excelsior) for application deadlines and a link to the application.

**If you qualify under the NYS DREAM Act, apply at [hesc.ny.gov/dream](https://hesc.ny.gov/dream)**



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## Enhanced Tuition Awards

The Enhanced Tuition Awards program provides tuition awards to students attending a participating private college located in New York State.

### To be Eligible for Enhanced Tuition Awards You Must

- Meet eligibility requirements as a NYS resident or qualify under the NYS DREAM Act.
- Meet family income limits of \$125,000 or less.
- Pursue an undergraduate degree at a participating private college located in NYS.
- Be enrolled in at least 12 credits per term and complete 30 credits each year successively.
- Be on track to complete an associates degree in two consecutive years or bachelors degree in four consecutive years.
- After completing your degree, you must live in NYS for the length of time the award was received.

Visit [hesc.ny.gov/eta](https://hesc.ny.gov/eta) for full eligibility details.

### Award Amount

- Up to \$6,000 annually through the combination of your TAP award, ETA award and a match from your private college.

### How to Apply

- Visit [hesc.ny.gov/eta](https://hesc.ny.gov/eta) for application deadlines and a link to the application.

If you qualify under the NYS DREAM Act, apply at [hesc.ny.gov/dream](https://hesc.ny.gov/dream)

## After Applying, What's Next?

- Check your email and HESC account frequently for updates regarding your application status.
- Respond to any questions or requests for additional information by the deadline indicated.

## STEM Scholarship

The NYS Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Incentive Program provides full tuition awards to students attending a SUNY or CUNY college or university in New York State.

### To be Eligible for the STEM Scholarship You Must

- Meet eligibility requirements as a NYS resident or qualify under the NYS DREAM Act.
- Be ranked in the top 10 percent of your high school graduating class.
- Pursue an undergraduate degree in STEM at a SUNY or CUNY college or university.
- Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
- Agree to live and work in NYS in an approved STEM occupation for five years after college.

Visit [hesc.ny.gov/stem](https://hesc.ny.gov/stem) for full eligibility details.

### Award Amount

- Up to the annual SUNY resident undergraduate tuition rate.

### How to Apply

- Visit [hesc.ny.gov/stem](https://hesc.ny.gov/stem) for application deadlines and a link to the application.

If you qualify under the NYS DREAM Act, apply at [hesc.ny.gov/dream](https://hesc.ny.gov/dream)



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**December 12th,  
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Auditorium**

*Featuring:  
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Book your child's birthday party in the Art Lab  
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Visit [RockwellMuseum.org/birthday-parties](https://RockwellMuseum.org/birthday-parties)  
for more information.

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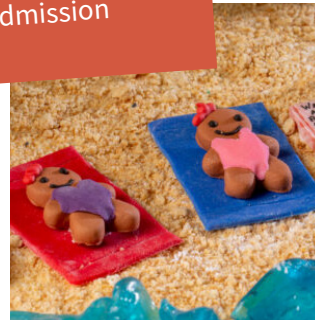
# HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR YOUTH AND FAMILY

All activities listed are included with Museum admission  
Learn more at [RockwellMuseum.org/events](https://RockwellMuseum.org/events)

## 10TH ANNUAL GINGERBREAD INVITATIONAL

NOVEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 31

Visit and vote for your favorite gingerbread creation!



## LIL ROCKWELL: GINGERBREAD STORY HOUR

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

10 – 11 A.M.

Don't miss our monthly toddler program in collaboration  
with the Southeast Steuben County Library. Each month  
we combine storytelling with a different opportunity for  
families with little learners to engage with art and each  
other.



Save the Date: Lil Rockwell Toddler Art-Making | January 2

## FAMILY DAY: SPARKLE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

3 – 6 P.M. | DROP IN ANYTIME

Free and open to the public | No registration required

Warm up and decorate your own holiday-themed  
cookie at the Museum and explore the Gingerbread  
Invitational with a special holiday Art Hunt.



## HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7: 9 A.M. - 9 P.M.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8: 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

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the perfect addition to your holiday tradition. We're  
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## WINTER BREAK ART LAB HOURS:

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## DON'T MISS A THING

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