

HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL "NOTES"



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DISTRICT SEEKING NEW BLUE RAIDERS IMAGE

*Selecting a new image to
represent the*



Horseheads Blue Raiders

Submissions due 1/31/23

The district seeks a new image to represent the Horseheads Blue Raiders. Students, alumni, and community members are welcome to submit a design. Deadline is January 31, at 3 p.m.

For more information and the submission form, please click here:
<https://horseheadsdistrict.com/releases/HCSO%20Image%20Information%20and%20Application.pdf>.
Questions? Email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.

CHANGE TO AFTERNOON BUS DEPARTURE TIME

High School afternoon bus departure time is now **3:10pm**. All students must be outside and on their bus by that time. Buses will not return to the High School to pick up missed students.

MATH COMPETITION NEWS

Congratulations to **Ryan Bo, Bloom Fazzary, Nathan Zhou, Quentin Lewis, and Genevieve Marino** on their second place finish in the large school division at the Corning Community College High School Math Contest. Also, **Ryan Bo** had the 4th highest score in the math contest.

Well done Raiders!

2023-2024 SCHEDULING INFORMATION

All students meet with their school counselor to select courses for the next school year during the spring semester of this school year. This process takes place typically through the months of February through April. During this meeting each student will review their course and exam progress toward graduation, as well as continue work on the student's career plan. Counselors and students discuss the student's future plans and counselors assist them in selecting courses for the following year.

Please note the following:

- These meetings are only to select courses. Schedules are built during the summer months and students will not receive a schedule until the first day of school in September.
- Students cannot request to have specific lunch periods, teachers, or course placement within a schedule.

Each student will have their course selection sheet mailed home after their scheduling meeting so that parents can review their child's selections. Students will have the opportunity to change course selections but please be aware that there are strict deadlines to do so. There will be a course selection change sheet included with the initial mailing. If your student wants to make any changes prior to the last day of school, a change form needs to be returned to the Counseling Office with the requested change indicated and a parent signature. After the last day of school through July 31st students can still make changes using a blue Schedule Change Request form which is available on the High School website and in the Counseling Office. After July 31st no changes to course selections are allowed. If there are conflicts with courses fitting into a student schedule, counselors will contact the student during the summer to discuss the conflict and alter the student's schedule. It is very important that parents make sure that their family contact information is updated with the school so that counselors are able to notify students of any problems with their schedules in a timely manner.

COURSE SELECTION CATALOG

The High School course catalog will be emailed to all high school students in January. The document is also available online at the district website. A limited number of hard copies are available in the Counseling Office. <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/uploadeddocs/CourseSelectionGuide.pdf>

BOYS STATE

Boys' State is an American Legion sponsored weeklong program that immerses high school juniors in citizenship and leadership training. Student will learn the practical aspect of government as it exists in New York State and come to recognize the individual is integral to the character and success of government. You will also participate in physical fitness, teamwork, and other activities under the guidance of the American Legion counselors and US Marines. Boys State will take place at Morrisville State College from June 25 until July 2, 2023.

Any interested junior boys should see Mrs. Matthews in the Counseling Office for more information.

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

Registration for spring sports opens in Family ID on February 11th. There is a link to Family ID on the Athletics page of the Horseheads District website. To be eligible for a spring sport the athlete must have a physical dated on or after 3/1/22 submitted to the High School Health Office. The physical can be emailed to ctournour@gstboces.org or uploaded to Family ID.

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Mark your calendars! Our Winter Semi-Formal Dance ❄️ **"Snow-Coming"** ❄️ will be held on Saturday, February 11th, from 6:30pm until 9:30pm at the Middle School Gym. \$10 tickets will be on sale Monday, February 6th through Friday, February 10th at the box office during lunch periods.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen for the High School November Raiders of the Month for Citizenship.

Grade 9: **Alexandria Mosher, Finn VanBuskirk, Ojas Bhushan, Gabriel Rodriguez**

Grade 10: **Kaylee Williams, Mia Ruggiero, Calvin Cragle, Victoria Cortright**

Grade 11: **Anthony Miller, Hayden Lenhardt, Joseph Born, Shane Lohmuller**

Grade 12: **Caleb Greene, Mario Ruggiero, Abigail May, Derik Clark**

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen for the High School December/January Raiders of the Month for Caring and Fairness.

Grade 9: **Julian Guerrero, Isabel Blitz, Sierra Cook, Ian Stantz**

Grade 10: **Sequoia Fazzary, Marcus Shephard, Georgette Dombroske, Logan Woodrow**

Grade 11: **Nathan Zhou, Adrian Solometo, Alexis Stout, Spencer Kaschalk**

Grade 12: **Aiden Osiecki, Tatiana Copp, Elise Cleary, Kenzie Benson**

DIGITAL RESOURCES FAMILY QUESTIONNAIRE

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) requires that districts send a digital resources questionnaire to parents and guardians. This information is meant to assist the state and districts in providing resources to students and families. NYSED asks that parents/guardians complete a questionnaire for each student in grades K-12. You can access the questionnaire by logging in to the Parent Portal. An instruction sheet is included in this month's newsletter.

If you do not yet have a Parent Portal account, you can request one using this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/zmB1NAWB8u>.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff, regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The Horseheads School District is required to maintain a registry of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are **not** subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following an application
- Anti-microbial products
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children
- Boric acid and di-sodium octaborate tetrahydrate
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under Title 40, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 152.25
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects, including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets. In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good-faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification registry.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the attached form and return it to Tony Stager, the Horseheads School District pesticide representative at: Horseheads School District, Facilities Services, 507 Fletcher Street, Horseheads, NY 14845. You may also fax this form to (607)795-2595.

FORTY-EIGHT HOUR PESTICIDE APPLICATION PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM

Is email an appropriate method for notifying you of an impending pesticide application? Yes/No

*If not, you will receive a brief notification letter 48 hours prior to an impending pesticide application. Every effort will be made to ensure the notification reaches you 48 hours (or more) in advance of the pesticide application. This time may vary slightly due to postal conditions beyond the control of the district.

Horseheads School District Request for Pesticide Application Notification

School Building (or field) _____

Your Name & Address _____

Phone or Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Return to the High School Main Office or mail to Horseheads High School, 401 Fletcher Street, 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.



JANUARY 2023 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE



Please read and save this information for future reference regarding the January Examination Schedule for local exams, Regents Exams, Regents and Competency Tests. 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, 2023**. During this period, students will report to school for their examinations at the times scheduled below.

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 will be open for student use during the examination period.

JANUARY 2023 EXAM SCHEDULE			
Tuesday January 24, 2023	Wednesday January 25, 2023	Thursday January 26, 2023	Friday January 27, 2023
8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.	8:00 – 11:00 a.m.
English Language Arts North Gym ES Lab Exams	Geometry North Gym	Global History & Geography II Room 227	Physical Setting/Earth Science South Gym Physical Setting/Chemistry North Gym
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	
Living Environment South Gym ES Lab Exams	Algebra 1 North Gym Physical Setting/Physics South Gym	Algebra II North Gym	<u>UNIFORM ADMISSION DEADLINES</u> Morning Exams – 10:00am Afternoon Exams – 2:00pm

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF NEXT YEAR'S SENIORS:
MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE(S) REQUIRED BY START OF SCHOOL YEAR IN SEPTEMBER**

Beginning September 1, 2016, all students entering 7th and 12th grades in New York State must be fully vaccinated against meningococcal disease in order to attend school. **Students who are not up-to-date will not be allowed to attend school until they are vaccinated.***

Parents, please note

Before school this September:

- Your 12th-grader must have received **two doses of the meningococcal vaccine unless he/she received the first dose after turning 16**. Most students entering 12th grade got their first dose when they were younger and are now due for their second dose, or booster. This booster is needed because protection from the vaccine decreases over time.
- If your child had one or two doses of the meningococcal vaccine prior to his/her 16th birthday, he/she **must have a second dose in order to begin school in September.***

It's best to check with your doctor to see whether or not your child needs the vaccine. The vaccine may be given by your primary provider or the Chemung County Health Department. For information on how to get the vaccine at the Health Department and particular insurance coverage, call 737-2028.

About the Vaccine:

- It's not a new vaccine; it has been recommended for a decade.
- What's new is that the vaccine will be **required** for school entry as of September 1, 2016.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.

About Meningococcal Disease:

- It causes **bacterial meningitis** and other serious diseases.
- Teens and young adults are at greater risk.
- It comes on quickly and without warning.
- Its symptoms are similar to the flu.
- Every case of this disease can result in death or long-term disability.

To learn more about this and other vaccination requirements in New York State, visit www.health.ny.gov/immunize. For specific questions about your child, please contact your primary provider. For questions about the High School Health Office, call 795-2500, x1622.

**Public Health Law requires that all students meet immunization requirements. Students transferring within New York State have 14 calendar days to submit required immunizations. Students transferring from out of state or out of country have 30 days to submit required immunizations.*



**Office of
Children and
Family Services**

**To report child
abuse or neglect:**

Call toll free

1-800-342-3720

or

ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps

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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.



NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire

SchoolTool Parent Portal Instructions

Dear Horseheads Central School District Parents and Guardians:

The New York State Education Department (NYSED) now requires that districts send a digital resources questionnaire to parents and guardians. This information is meant to assist the state and districts in providing resources to students and families. NYSED asks that you complete a questionnaire for each student in grades K-12 in your family. You can access the questionnaire by logging in to the Parent Portal and following the instructions below. If you do not yet have a Parent Portal account, you can request one using this form: <https://forms.office.com/r/zmB1NAWB8u>. If you have questions, please contact your school office. Thank you.

If using the mobile app:
<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>,
 After logging in, tap FORMS at the top of the screen.

Student

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire + Add Help

- From drop-down menu, select NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire.
- Click on the green plus icon to open the survey.

- Leave Start Date set to current date.
- Select appropriate response from drop-down menu next to each question.
- Click on the green save disk to save and submit your responses.
- Return to Home Screen, complete Survey for all students in the household.

Student

NYS Digital Resources Family Questionnaire Save Cancel Help

Start Date: 9/27/2022 End Date: 9/27/2022

Collecting accurate data regarding digital resource access for our New York students will greatly help educators to better serve their students and families. In order to accomplish this, the New York State Education Department is asking parents or guardians to complete a Digital Equity survey (for each student in the family) in grades Kindergarten – Grade 12. This survey will provide information on student access to devices and internet access in their places of residence. To assist us in this process, please answer each question below to the best of your ability and follow any additional instructions provided for submitting or returning the survey.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

NOTE: You must answer at least one question for this survey to be valid.

Did the school district issue your child a dedicated school or district-owned device for their use during the school year?:
 None

What is the device your child uses most often to complete learning activities away from school? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)
 None

Who is the provider of the primary learning device identified in Question 2? (This can be a school-provided device or another device, whichever the student is most often using to complete their schoolwork.)
 None

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) shared with anyone else in the household?:
 None

Is the primary learning device (identified in Question 2) sufficient for your child to fully participate in all learning activities away from school?:
 None

Is your child able to access the internet in their primary place of residence?:
 None

What is the primary type of internet service used in your child's primary place of residence?:
 None

In their primary residence, can your child complete the full range of learning activities, including video streaming and assignment upload, without interruptions caused by slow or poor internet performance?:
 None

What, if any, is the primary barrier to having sufficient and reliable internet access in your child's primary place of residence?:
 None