

# HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL

## “NOTES”



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### TEXT ALERTS



Horseheads Central School District uses text-messaging to alert parents/guardians about school delays, closings, and safety alerts. Parents/guardians must opt-in to receive texts. To opt-in, text “Y” or “Yes” to 67587. Note that your standard text/data rates apply. The alerts are also posted on the district website, social media pages,

and on local TV and radio stations. [Click here](#) to learn more about school delays and closings.

### 2025 SCHOLASTIC ART COMPETITION AWARD WINNERS

We are proud to announce the honorees in the 82<sup>nd</sup> year the Arnot Art Museum has hosted the Awards. Honorees are invited, along with dignitaries, teachers, parents, education administrators, and the young artists of New York and Pennsylvania at the Annual Awards Ceremony on Sunday, January 26, 2025, at noon at the Clemens Center

in Elmira, New York. This special event honors our students, teachers, and schools and gives us the opportunity to publicly recognize the young artists of our region. American Visions Best-In-Show honors will be announced during the event as well as the Elmira Regional Art Society Award. Immediately following the ceremony, the exhibition's opening reception will take place at the Arnot Art Museum. The exhibition will be on view in the Museum's East Gallery through March 14<sup>th</sup>.

<b>HADILAT FUAD</b>	Honorable Mention	Ceramics & Glass	Friendship
<b>ELISE FURSTOSS</b>	Honorable Mention	Painting	Life's Cyclicity
<b>MADISYN LABUSKI-UHLER</b>	Silver Key	Drawing & Illustration	This Tomato is Beautiful
<b>MARI MAYO</b>	Honorable Mention	Painting	Obscurely Akin
<b>MARI MAYO</b>	Honorable Mention	Painting	Stolen Time
<b>MARI MAYO</b>	Silver Key	Drawing & Illustration	Handheld Reflection
<b>KASIDY MCCRACKEN</b>	Silver Key	Drawing & Illustration	Behemoth in the Back Alleys
<b>BRAELYN SWITALA</b>	Gold Key	Mixed Media	Foal's Gold
<b>BRAELYN SWITALA</b>	Honorable Mention	Drawing & Illustration	Forgotten Shackles
<b>BRAELYN SWITALA</b>	Honorable Mention	Painting	Pomegranate
<b>BREANNA VAN GORDEN</b>	Honorable Mention	Ceramics & Glass	Panthera Tigris Rhyton
<b>ABIGAIL WOOD</b>	Honorable Mention	Mixed Media	A Mothers Growth

## NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

- ✓ Registration for spring sports opens in Final Forms on February 15<sup>th</sup>. The link to Final Forms can be found on the Athletics page of the Horseheads District website. To be eligible for a spring sport, your child must have a physical dated on or after March 1, 2024 submitted to the High School Health Office. Physicals can be emailed to [ctournour@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:ctournour@horseheadsdistrict.com) or [vwhite@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:vwhite@horseheadsdistrict.com) or uploaded to Final Forms. Spring 2024 sports start on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Parents of 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students: If you have not already done so, please submit your child's grade required physical to the Health Office. The physical should be completed on or after September 6, 2023.

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 1, 2025  
 Winter Semi-Formal Dance  
 Horseheads Middle School  
 6:00pm – 9:00pm

## RAIDERS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to our November Raiders of the Month for the trait of citizenship:

Grade 12: **Hunter LaVigne, Avi Patel, Thai Tran, Megan Wolf**

Grade 11: **Aziz Gafsi, Lucie McKenzie**

Grade 10: **Gavin Berg, Sebastian Garcia, Mya Piecuch, Dominic Wood**

Grade 9: **Lynn Bertil, Trevor King, Peyton Peterson, McKenna Smitha, Suzanne Sydlansky**

The following students were chosen as the High School's Raiders of the Month for December/January for the character trait Caring and Fairness. Congratulations!

Grade 12: **Casey Golden, Nicole Kailbourne, Merissa Parker, Keiyth Raymond, Lucas Teets**

Grade 11: **Lexie Borek, Madyson Burns, Sophia Christmas, Kira Greene, Quinn Redder, Paige Stevens**

Grade 10: **Ivy Barr, Londyn Nelson, Eivor Peterson, Aaliyah Sano, Tyson Utter, Ares Warren**

Grade 9: **Lincoln Bennett, Nathan Clark, Troy Cunningham, Claire Dixon, Emma Drake, Ethan Frost, Baylee Lohrke, Micah Merrill, Ellie Padgett, Ella Satterlee, Korin Terry, Kiet Vo**

## 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.





**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](http://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 143 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, 143 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, 143 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.

## **JANUARY 2025 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 21 through Friday, January 24, 2025**. 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 2025 EXAM SCHEDULE**

<b>Tuesday January 21, 2025</b>	<b>Wednesday January 22, 2025</b>	<b>Thursday January 23, 2025</b>	<b>Friday January 24, 2025</b>
<b>8:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>8:00 – 11:00 a.m.</b>
English Language Arts- N Gym	Geometry- S Gym  U.S. History & Gov't- N Gym	Global History & Geography II- Room 227	Living Environment- S Gym
<b>12:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>12:00 – 3:00 p.m.</b>	
Physical Setting/Earth Science- S Gym  Physical Setting/Chemistry -N Gym	Algebra 1- S Gym  Physical Setting/Physics- MMC	Algebra II – S Gym	<b><u>UNIFORM ADMISSION DEADLINES</u></b>  Morning Exams – 10:00 Afternoon Exams – 2:00





# Class of 2026

## MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE BOOSTER

### ***Parents/Guardians:***

### ***Please note before school this September:***

- **Your incoming 12<sup>th</sup>-grader must receive a booster of the meningococcal vaccine** (unless the first dose was received after turning 16). This booster is required because protection from the vaccine decreases over time.
- If your child had one or two doses of the meningococcal vaccine prior to their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday, he/she must have a second dose to begin school in September\*.
- 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 insurance coverage, call (607)737-2028.

### **About the Vaccine:**

- It's not a new vaccine; it has been recommended for a decade.
- Most parents already choose to vaccinate their children.
- The meningococcal vaccine has been required for school entry since Sept. 1, 2016.

### **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](http://www.health.ny.gov/immunize). For specific questions about your child, please contact your primary provider. Questions for 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.*

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	No School - 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
31-Jan-25	Friday	Sophomore Class Fundraising Kick Off	Auditorium	7:45-8:30
5-Feb-25	Wednesday	BOCES Roadshow	Auditorium	9:15-10:45
11-Feb-25	Tuesday	TECH Exploration Night	BOCES	4:30-6:30
		Strings Showcase	Middle School	7:30
17-Feb-25	Monday	Holiday - Presidents Day		
18-Feb-25	Tuesday	No School		
19-Feb-25	Wednesday	No School		
20-Feb-25	Thursday	No School		
21-Feb-25	Friday	No School		
25-Feb-25	Tuesday	Counseling Presentation	Auditorium	6:00-7:00
		Parents Night		7:00-8:00
1-Mar-25	Saturday	Winter Semi Formal	Middle School	6:00-9:00
4-Mar-25	Tuesday	Pop Ensemble Concert	Auditorium	7:30
5-Mar-25	Wednesday	End of MP5		
6-Mar-25	Thursday	Start of MP6		
7-Mar-25	Friday	Powder Duff Game	North Gym	6:00
8-Mar-25	Saturday	St. Patricks Day Parade	Horseheads	2:00
11-Mar-25	Tuesday	Report Card Distribution		Period 9/10
13-Mar-25	Thursday	GRP Spring Show	Auditorium	7:00
14-Mar-25	Friday	GRP Spring Show	Auditorium	7:00
15-Mar-25	Saturday	GRP Spring Show	Auditorium	2:00 & 7:00
18-Mar-25	Tuesday	National Technical Honor Society Induction	BOCES	6:00
		Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30
24-Mar-25	Monday	Conference Day		
25-Mar-25	Tuesday	Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:30
26-Mar-25	Wednesday	Choir Concert	Auditorium	7:30