HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL "NOTES"







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2025-2026 COURSE SELECTIONS

Counselors and students are in the process of meeting for their annual mandated reviews. During this meeting students update their career plan, review progress for graduation, and select courses for the next year. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your student's counselor if you have any questions regarding this meeting. Course selections can be changed after the initial annual review, however there is a process. The deadlines for changes are mailed home with the scheduling packet after each student's meeting. In reviewing courses your child selects for the 2025-2026 school year please note the following change process. To make a change prior to June 30, 2025, complete the "Course Selection Change Sheet" and return it to the Counseling Office as soon as possible. We encourage you to do this right away as any course with low enrollment is subject to cancellation by the end of April. From July 1st until July 31st students still have time to modify course selections but they must fill out the "Petition to Change a Course" form which is available in the Counseling Office and on the district website. After August 1st students cannot make a change to course selections. Counselors will be contacting students with any schedule conflicts during the month of August. Upon the start of school there will be no changes allowed to a

student's schedule for the first semester. A student can petition to change a course for the second semester through the last day of classes of the first semester. Please remember that students cannot request specific lunch periods, teachers, or course placement within their schedule. If you have any questions, please contact the High School Counseling Office

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following high school students who have been chosen for February's Raider of the Month for character trait Trustworthiness:

Grade 12: Seamus Carroll, Jordyn Gross, Olivia Haberstroh, Emma Kamas

Grade 11: Haley Blake, Oliver Fuksman, Aubrey Howe, Kate Rought

Grade 10: Emma Berkovich, Caitlin Etzl, Haley Poorman, Olivia Smith

Grade 9: Kelsea Burleigh, Natalie Freeman, Chelsea Jordan, McKenna Smith

CLASS OF 2026 MENINGOCOCCAL VACCINE BOOSTER

Parents/Guardians: Please note before school this September:

- Your incoming 12th-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 16th 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. 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.

HORSEHEADS UNIFIED RAIDERS

Horseheads Unified Raiders Bowling team took first and second in Section IV culminating event against Elmira and Corning March 3, 2025, at Crystal Lanes Bowling Center in Corning. Congratulations Horseheads Unified Raiders! Unified Basketball registration opens March 7, 2025, please register and join us in the fun! https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/athletics.cfm

Please support Horseheads Unified Raiders through donations for the Ithaca Polar Plunge:

https://events.nyso.org/site/TR/Plunge/POLARPLUNGE?team_id=23222&pg=team&fr_i d=3260

HORSEHEADS YOUTH ACTIVATION COMMITTEE

Horseheads Youth Activation Committee members were selected by Special Olympics New York (SONY) and Unified Champion Schools to send delegates to Washington, D.C. to advocate for funding for Unified Sports through Special Olympics February 3 – 5, 2025. Adam Wolf, Max Tenbus, and Dr. Alisha Tenbus traveled to Washington, D.C. with Stacey Hengsterman, President and CEO SONY, Nicole Fess, Associate Director of Program Southern Tier Region SONY, Casey Vattimo, Senior Vice President of External Relations SONY, Alexis Dawson, Director of Development Long Island SONY, Christine Johnson, Staten Island Coach and Unified Partner SONY, and Niko Mattioli, Staten Island Athlete SONY. They met with Kirsten Gillibrand's office, Senator Chuck Schumer's office, Congressman John Mannion, Congressman Nick

Langworthy, Congressman Joe Morelle, Congresswoman Grace Meng's office, and Congressman Andrew Garbarino. Read more:

https://www.specialolympics-ny.org/news/hill-day-2025/ or watch https://youtu.be/YY3oQeddl2A?si=Om2WZluKbkOx2g0P

Please support Horseheads Unified Raiders through donations to the SONY Polar Plunge March 22, 2025, from 11:00am to 1:00pm at Taughannock State Park Beach 1740 Taughannock Boulevard, Trumansburg, NY:

https://events.nyso.org/site/TR/Plunge/POLARPLUNGE?team_id=23222&pg=team&fr_id=3260

Horseheads Youth Activation Committee will be hosting the Southern Tier YAC Summit March 21, 2025, at Horseheads High School. The following schools have been invited to participate: Binghamton, Corning Painted Post, Norwich, Dryden, Elmira, Ithaca, Johnson City, Lansing, Maine Endwell, Owego Apalachin, Union Endicott, Vestal, and Unadilla Valley. Horseheads Unified eSports Team Boo will be receiving a trophy for their second-place finish in Mario Kart in the Central League. Adam Wolf, Max Tenbus, and Dr. Alisha Tenbus will be presenting on their advocacy in Washington, D.C. and Natalie Williams, Caitlin Slavin, and Jordyn Lunger will be presenting on their New Visions project Holiday Helpers.

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:

- o Be honest
- Show up on time every day
- o Be ready for work
- o Be willing to learn
- o 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 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.

TENTATIVE CALENDAR

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	7:30
		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
27-Mar-25	Thursday	Parent Advisory Council	North Office	3:45-4:15
		Board Meeting	MMC	5:15
4-Apr-25	Friday	End of MP6		
7-Apr-25	Monday	Start of MP7		
		Freshman Class Fundraiser Kickoff	Auditorium	7:45-8:30
10-Apr-25	Thursday	Board Meeting		5:15
11-Apr-25	Friday	Report Card Distribution		Period 9/10
14-Apr-25	Monday	No School		
15-Apr-25	Tuesday	No School		
16-Apr-25	Wednesday	No School		
17-Apr-25	Thursday	No School		
18-Apr-25	Friday	No School		
23-Apr-25	Wednesday	Board Meeting		5:15
24-Apr-25	Thursday	Parent Advisory Council	North Office	3:45-4:15
26-Apr-25	Saturday	Junior Prom	TBD	TBD
3-May-25	Saturday	SAT'S	North Gym	8:00-12:00
		AP Exams		
6-May-25	Tuesday	AP Exams		
7-May-25	Wednesday	AP Exams		
8-May-25	Thursday	AP Exams		
		AP Exams		
		Board Meeting		5:15
9-May-25	Friday	AP Exams		
12-May-25	Monday	End of MP7		
		AP Exams		
13-May-25	Tuesday	Start of MP8		
		AP Exams		
14-May-25	Wednesday	AP Exams		
15-May-25	Thursday	AP Exams		
		Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30
16-May-25	Friday	AP Exams		
17-May-25	Saturday	Senior Prom	TBD	TBD



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS

Horseheads Central School District accepts applications for substitute teachers throughout the school year. Both certified and non-certified positions are available. Uncertified substitute teachers may be approved as long as they meet the following minimum qualifications:

- √ Have been graduated from high school at least 4 years*, AND.
- ✓ Possess an Associate's Degree or higher, OR
- ✓ Have completed at least two years of post-secondary education, OR
- √ Have completed a minimum of 12 credits of post-secondary education, OR
- √ Have served and been honorably discharged from the military.

*Except for those substitute candidates who have satisfactorily completed or are in the process of completing a student teaching assignment in the pursuit of a college degree towards the teaching profession



Visit: horseheadsdistrct.com/employment.cfm

Call: (607) 739-5601 Ext. 4211





How to Purchase Yearbooks via LINK

1. Go to link.entourageyearbooks.com.

Purchase

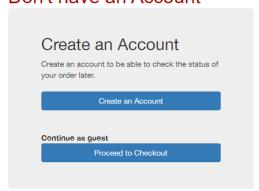
There are 17 days left to order your yearbook!

- 2. Search for your school
- 3. Click on **Buy Books**.
- 4. Fill in any required information and click **Buy Book**
- 5. Create an Account or Checkout as Guest

Buy Books

Buy Ads

Don't have an Account



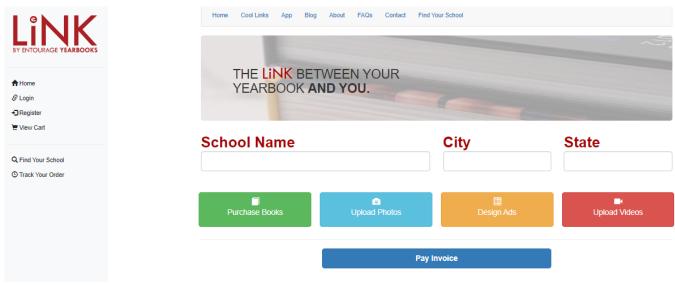
- 6. Complete the Checkout Process
- 7. Make sure you keep the confirmation email for your records.

Billing Information

BILLING INFORMATION		SHIPPING INFORMATION	ORDER SUMMARY			
Name:	First Name & Last Name	Shipping Method Ship to the school		Quantity		
Address:	123 Main St.	Slip to the school +	Template Profile -Lauren		\$10.00	
Address 2:	Apt #1		Template Profile -Lauren	1	\$10.00	
City:	City Name		Est. Tax:		\$1.33	
State:	NJ		Total:		\$21.33	
Zip Code:	12345					
Country:	USA					
Phone:	555-555-5555					
Email:	name@domain.com					

Continue to Payment Info

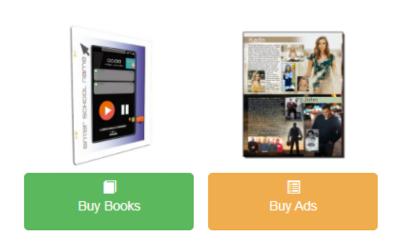
<u>Step 1</u>: Type <u>link.entourageyearbooks.com</u> into your web browser. It is recommended to design and purchase your ad on a computer instead of a smartphone, as not all functions on this site are currently available through smartphone. Once on the main site page, enter the name of your school under the **School Name** search field. Make sure the school has the correct year, and if your school does not appear, please contact your school to confirm whether the ad sales are available.



Step 2: Choose Buy Ads under the Purchase section on the school page.

Purchase

There are 83 days left to order your yearbook!



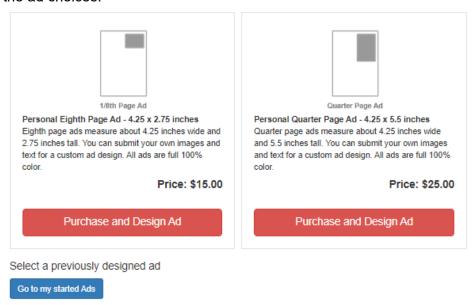
Step 3: Login with your existing LiNK username and password, or register as a new user! Welcome.

Just login or create a username and password to keep going.

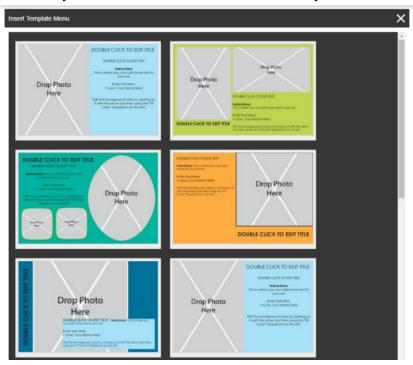
If you've already created a username and password, just click on the login button to enter it in. If not, create one by clicking on the register button.

Login Register

<u>Step 4</u>: Select the red <u>Purchase and Design Ad</u> button beneath your desired ad size to begin designing. If you have previously started designing and did not finish an ad, you can select the blue <u>Go to my Started Ads</u> button underneath the ad choices.



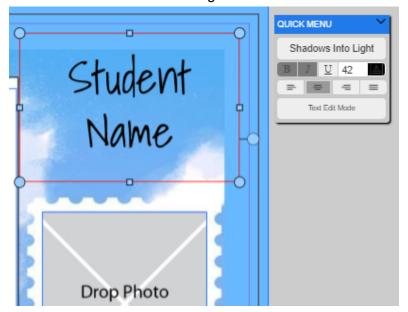
<u>Step 5</u>: Once you have chosen your ad size, our ad designer will load. If this designer does not load, please make sure that you are using Google Chrome or Firefox as your browser, and that you have a strong internet connection. The first item that will appear when the ad designer loads successfully are the **Insert Template Menu**. Choose the template that you would like to use and it will load in your ad.



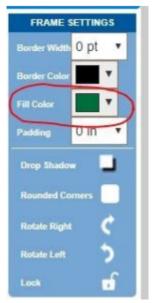
Step 6: Finish Designing Your Ad! To complete your ad, you can add photos, text, clip arts, and more. There are also useful tools to change the color and style of your text and background.

To edit the text in the template text box, double click on the text shown. You can then type in the text box as you'd like. A **Quick Menu** appears at the top right side of the designer when you have the text box selected. This is where you can change the font, size, and color of your text. You can also change the shape and size of

the text box by clicking and dragging the blue circles on the corners of the text box. You will want to make sure to delete the sample text in the text box before submitting the ad!



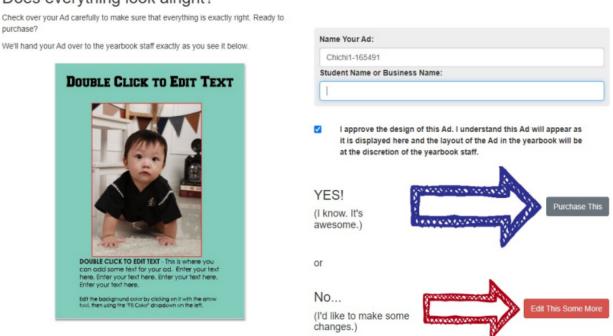
You can also change the background color of your chosen ad template by clicking on the background of your ad and then changing the **Fill Color** drop-down box on the left side of your screen.



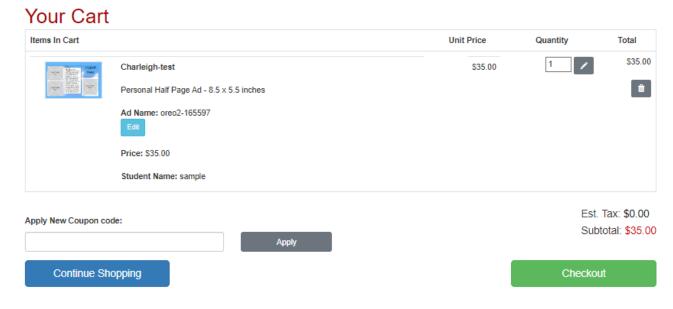
Step 7: Click the button in the upper left corner of your screen. You will need to save your ad to continue. You can also save your ad to return to designing it later. Once you've completed your ad, and you're sure everything looks good, select the Continue & Review button in the top right corner of your screen.

Step 8: Here you will preview your ad to make sure it looks the way you want. Nice Ad.

Does everything look alright?

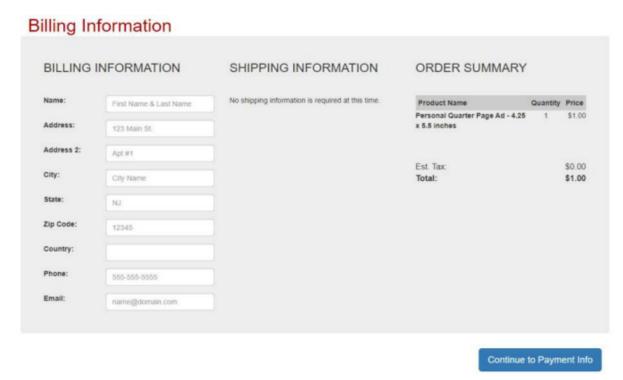


You can select the red **Edit This Some More** button in the lower right to go back and make more changes. Or, you may name your Ad, select the check box to approve the design, then select the **Purchase This** button. Once you select the **Purchase This** button, you will be brought to the shopping cart.

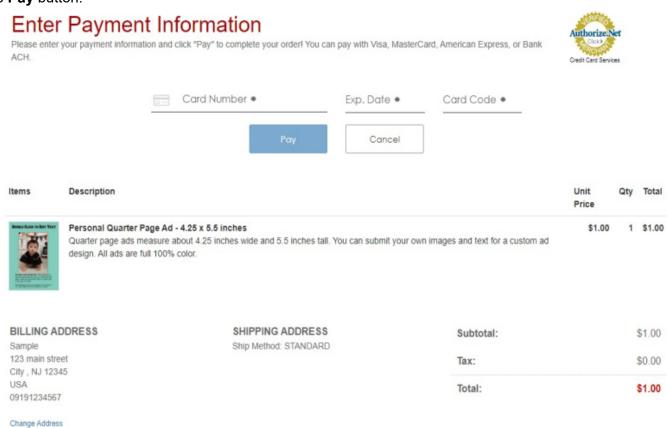


You can design more ads or add yearbooks to your cart by selecting the blue **Continue Shopping** button, or proceed to checkout by selecting the green **Checkout** button. You can also enter a coupon code if your school has supplied you with one.

<u>Step 9</u>: Enter the billing information for your credit card, then select the blue **Continue to Payment Info** button.



<u>Step 10</u>: You will need to review and confirm your order one last time. You may change any billing or shipping info mistakes during this step. If all of your information is correct, enter your payment information and hit the blue **Pay** button.



Congratulations on completing and purchasing your Ad Design! If you have any further questions or concerns, please contact our Tech Support line at 888-926-6571 ext. 2.