## HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL "NOTES"



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High School Phone Number: 739-5601

Ext. 1608 Main Office

Ext. 1600	Kris Earl	Ext. 1612	Attendance Office
Ext. 1602	Dan Buseck	Ext. 1630	Counseling Office
Ext. 1603	Mike McCawley	Ext. 1623	Health Office
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#### **COMPLETE YOUR CHILD'S 2025-2026 BUS FORM**

The <u>2025-2026 Bus Form</u> is now open. Please be sure to complete this for all students, even if they will not need transportation. Bus requests for the 2025-2026 school year must be completed by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### 2025-2026 CALENDAR AVAILABLE

The Board of Education approved the 2025-2026 school calendar during the March 27 Board Meeting. Please <u>click here</u> to visit the full digital district calendar.

#### **ART EXHIBITION**

The High School art teachers and their student(s) of choice participated in Mansfield University's 2025 Master & Grasshopper Exhibition. Student and faculty artwork was on display in the Loomis Gallery for the month of April. On Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, teachers, students, and their families traveled to Mansfield to attend the awards reception during the closing of the exhibit. Congratulations to Sophia Christmas and Jacqueline Mayotte for their first and third place prizes in this competition.

#### **RAIDERS OF THE MONTH**

Below are the High School Raiders of the Month for March for the character trait Respect:

Grade 12- Kirafiki Alsworth, Izzy Clark, Alex Hess, Diego Savash-Acuna

Grade 11- Anabelle Cleary, Alex Etzl, Alexandria Mosher, Mady Wright

Grade 10- Lindsey Davis, McKenzie Eddy, Eivor Peterson, Katy Robinson

Grade 9- Madison Bancroft, Jack Bradley, Ziah Sills, Korin Terry

Below are the High School April Raiders of the Month for the character trait Responsibility!

Grade 12- Ethan Dziennik, Karleigh Hays, Nathan Johnson, Drew Parsons

Grade 11- Briley Beach, Alanna Stillman, Austin Walpole, Emelia Wright

Grade 10- Anna Francisco, Kate Howard, Jett Janniro, Frank Martinez

Grade 9- Kelsea Burleigh, Leah Johnson, Chloe Owen, Niyati Sharma

#### YEARBOOK NEWS

Yearbook distribution date is Monday, 9th. Yearbooks can still be purchased online and there will be SOME leftovers on June 9<sup>th</sup> (until gone). Link to order: <u>https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/Horseheads2025</u>

#### SAFE SCHOOLS LINE 607-795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984 REPORT A CONCERN, RUMOR, BULLYING INCIDENT, OR ANY SAFETY ISSUE ANONYMOUSLY AND CONFIDENTIALLY 24 HOURS A DAY

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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.

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we approach the upcoming academic year, we would like to emphasize the importance of the appropriate math placement for your child in high school. Proper placement in math courses ensures that each student is both challenged and supported.

#### How We Determine Placement:

Our school uses a combination of factors to determine the most appropriate math placement for each student, including:

- Previous math performance and grades we recommend a course average of 85 or above to go directly into the next regents course.
- Regents exam scores the exam grades have been curved. <u>A 65 does not mean they know</u> <u>65 percent of the material; they really only know about 34%</u>. As such we recommend a student that fails the exam repeat that course and a student with a passing score close to 65 take the pre-cursor to the next regents course. For example, the student should take Geometry before taking Geometry R.
- Teacher recommendations
- Student interest and career goals

#### Why Math Placement Matters:

- 1. **Individualized Learning:** Proper placement allows for a tailored learning experience that meets your child's specific needs, ensuring they are neither overwhelmed nor under-challenged.
- 2. **Academic Success:** A strong understanding of mathematical concepts can enhance problem-solving skills and logical reasoning, which are valuable across all areas of study.
- 3. **Future Opportunities:** Many college programs and careers require a solid background in mathematics. Proper placement can help your child stay on track for advanced courses, college admissions, and career readiness in fields such as engineering, technology, finance, and the sciences.
- 4. **Confidence and Motivation:** Placement in the right math course can boost your child's confidence and motivation. When students are appropriately challenged, they are more likely to engage with the material and develop a positive attitude towards learning.

We encourage you to discuss your child's math placement with their current math teacher or school counselor.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to succeed and reach their full potential.

Warmest regards,

High School Math Department

# FOR YOUR SUMMER READING FUN, FIND E-BOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS ON SORA, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

For mobile devices, install the **Sora app** from the Apple App Store or GooglePlay. Or by going to <u>soraapp.com</u> in a

computer browser.

Sora

In Sora, find the *Greater Southern Tier BOCES Shared Digital Collection* as your school. Or use the **setup code gstbocesny** or **search your zip code**.

Select ANY Horseheads school (don't worry if you don't see your school).

In the "Sign into your school" dropdown choose: Horseheads CSD

Use your **district login** to sign into Sora (the same way you sign onto a school computer).

#### MAKE SORA EVEN BETTER BY ADDING MORE LIBRARIES!

In addition to the great e-book and audiobook content available in the Greater Southern Tier BOCES shared digital collection, you can add the NY Reads library and the Southern Tier Library System to Sora.

Add the NY Reads library to Sora:

- 1. Open the Main Menu (hamburger icon on the top right of screen) in Sora.
- 2. Select + Add library.
- 3. Search for "NY Reads" and select the library.
- 4. Search for your school or district name (HCSD) and select it from the list.
- 5. Sign in with your **school login**.

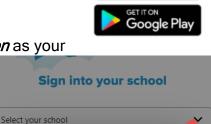
#### Add our local public library, Southern Tier Library System:

- 1. Open the Main Menu in Sora (top right).
- 2. Select + Add library.
- 3. Search for "Southern Tier Library System" and select the library.
- 4. The *first time* you select Borrow or Place hold for a title, you'll be prompted to sign in.
- 5. Search for your school or district name (HCSD) and select it from the list.
- 6. Sign in with your **school login**.

When you search in Sora, you'll automatically see search results from all the libraries you've added. Your search results will show titles from the BOCES first, followed by titles from the collections you've added.

For help, come to the high school library or email Mrs. Frei mfrei@horseheadsdistrict.com.





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Hammondsport Ctl School

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#### TENTATIVE CALENDAR

8-May-25	Thursday	Board Meeting	Auditorium	5:15
10-May-25	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
12-May-25	Monday	End of MP7	-	
13-May-25	Tuesday	Start of MP8		
14-May-25	Wednesday	Candidate Forum	Auditorium	6:00
15-May-25	Thursday	Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30
17-May-25	Saturday	Senior Prom	Hilltop Inn	6:30-10:100
19-May-25	Monday	Report Card Distribution		Period 9/10
20-May-25	Tuesday	Budget Vote	South Gym	7:00-9:00
		Student Job Fair	Auditorium	10:30-1:30
22-May-25	Thursday	Board Meeting	Auditorium	5:15
23-May-25	Friday	No School		
26-May-25	Monday	Holiday - Memorial Day		
27-May-25	Tuesday	No School		
30-May-25	Friday	Senior Trip		Hershey Park
31-May-25	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
2-Jun-25	Monday	Band Concert	Auditorium	7:30
5-Jun-25	Thursday	Sports Tribute	Auditorium	6:00
7-Jun-25	Saturday	SAT'S	South Gym	8:00-12:00
10-Jun-25	Tuesday	Regents Exams	-	
11-Jun-25	Wednesday	Orchestra Concert	Auditorium	7:30
12-Jun-25	Thursday	Parent Advisory Council	North Office	3:45 – 4:15
14-Jun-25	Saturday	School on Saturday	Library	8:00-12:00
		POPS Concert	Auditorium	7:00
16-Jun-25	Monday	Senior Celebration		
		End of MP8		
17-Jun-25	Tuesday	Regents Exams		
18-Jun-25	Wednesday	Regents Exams		
		Board Meeting	Middle School	5:15
19-Jun-25	Thursday	No School - Juneteenth		
20-Jun-25	Friday	Regents Exams		
23-Jun-25	Monday	Regents Exams		
24-Jun-25	Tuesday	Regents Exams		
25-Jun-25	Wednesday	Regents Exams		
		Graduation	Stadium	6:00
26-Jun-25	Thursday	Regents Exams		
		Courtyard Concert	Courtyard	7:00
		Graduation (rain date)	Stadium	6:00
27-Jun-25	Friday	Graduation (rain date)	Stadium	6:00
July		MP8 Report Cards Mailed Home		

#### 2025 HORSEHEADS VARSITY "H" SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

САМР	DATE/TIME	DIRECTOR	LOCATION	AGE/GRADE
BASEBALL	July 7-10 9:00-12:00	TBA	Baseball Field HS	Ages 7 – 12 years
BASKETBALL (G)	July 7-10 8:30-12:00	Andy Scott	MS Gym	Grades 4 – 10
BASKETBALL (B&G) *Elementary Ages	June 30- July 3 8:30-10:30	Andy Scott	MS Fieldhouse	Grades K – 3
BASKETBALL (B)	July 28-31 9:00-12:00	ТВА	MS Gym & Fieldhouse	Grades 3 – 8
CHEERLEADING	July 28-31 (7-12) 10:00-12:00 (K-6) 1-3:00	Kayla Kuhns	HS North Gym	Grades K-6 Grades 7-12
FOOTBALL (JV & Varsity)	August 11-14 4:00-6:30	Kevin Hillman	HS Stadium	Modified/JV/Varsity Grades 7-12
FOOTBALL (BOYS YOUTH)	July 14-17 3:30-5:30	Kevin Hillman	HS Stadium	Grades 1-6
FOOTBALL (GIRLS YOUTH FLAG)	July 14-17 1:00-3:00	Kevin Hillman	HS Stadium	Girls Grades 1-6
LACROSSE (B)	July 22-24 8:00-11:00	Jason Neubauer	HS Stadium	Grades 1 – 8
LACROSSE (G)	July 21-24 4:00-6:00	Jen Guzylak	HS Stadium	Grades 1 - 8
SOCCER (B)	August 4-7 8:00-11:00 grades 1-5 & 6-8 8:00-12:00 grades 9-12	Mark Mucci	Practice Field 1-5 Old Football Field 6-8 HS Stadium 9-12	Grades 1 – 5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12
SOCCER (G)	July 28-31 8:30-11:30	Lee Spencer	HS Stadium 7-12 Old Football Field 1-6	Grades 7-12 Grades 1-6
SOFTBALL	July 21-24 (7-9) 10-11:30 (10-12) 12:00-2:00	Paul Richmond	Varsity Softball Field (Middle School) Fieldhouse as Rain Location	Ages: 7 – 9 years 10-12 years
TENNIS (B&G)	July 14-17 9:00 – 12:00	Dustin McCullough	Tennis Courts	Grades 4 – 12
VOLLEYBALL (G)	July 14-17 3-4:30 (6-8) 4:30-6:00 (9-12)	Megyan Merrill	MS Fieldhouse	Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12

ALL INFORMATION FOR CAMPS AND REGISTRATIONS CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE: **horseheadsdistrict.com** IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU CAN CONTACT KELLI AT: <u>kfesetch@horseheadsdistrict.com</u>

\*\*\*ANY CAMP MAY HAVE CHANGES DUE TO PLANNED SUMMER CONSTRUCTION. INFO WILL BE UPDATED IMMEDIATELY AND REGISTRANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF ANY CHANGES

#### JUNE 2025 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Please read and save this information for future reference regarding the June Examination Schedule for Regents exams. 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 second half of the school year.

This examination schedule will be in effect for **Tuesday**, **June 11**, **2025** and from **Tuesday**, **June 17 through Wednesday**, **June 25**, **2025**. During this period, students will only report to school for their examinations at the times scheduled below. All testing will be held in the North and South Wing of the High School. (*No exams will be held on June 19<sup>th</sup> due to the Juneteenth holiday.*)

Cafeteria services will be limited during the four-day examination period. The bus schedule will be maintained as if regular classes were in session.

JUNE 11 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 17 TUESDAY	JUNE 18 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 20 FRIDAY	JUNE 23 MONDAY	JUNE 24 TUESDAY	JUNE 25 WEDNESDAY
8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM
Geometry- N Gym	English Language Arts- N Gym ES Lab Exams- Rm 162,163 & 164	Global History & Geography-N Gym	US History & Gov't- N Gym	Spanish- N Gym	Physical Setting/Chemistry- N Gym	Algebra II – N Gym
	12:00PM	12:00PM	12:00PM	12:00PM	12:00PM	
	Living Environment- N Gym ES Lab Exams- Rm 162, 163 & 164	Algebra 1 -N Gym	Physical Setting/ Earth Science- N Gym		Physical Setting/ Physics- N Gym	Uniform Admission Deadlines Morning Examinations – 10:00AM Afternoon Examinations – 2:00PM

#### **EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2025**

\*Available in Restricted Form only. Each copy of a restricted test is numbered and sealed in its own envelope and must be returned, whether used or unused, to the Department at the end of the examination period.

### THE HORSEHEADS MUSIC DEPARTMENT PRESENTS.



# FEATURING: MIDDLE SCHOOL ORCHESTRA SYMPHONIC ORCHESTRA PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

MONDAY ~ JUNE 9TH ~ 7PM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

# **SPRING ART SHOW** Horseheads School District



# Arnot MallMay 6 - 18Arnot MallMay 6 - 183300 Chambers Rd, Horseheads, NY 14845I3300 Chambers Rd, Horseheads, NY 14845IMON - SAT 10AM - SPMISUN 11AM - SPMI

#### Class of 2025 Senior Information

Dear Graduating Senior,

Graduation is quickly approaching, and I know how excited you must be! During these last few months, you will be finishing your time at Horseheads High School and participating in many senior activities. We wanted to get this information out for planning purposes. Information will be updated as we get it.

I have put together some important dates and information for planning ahead. Please see Mrs. Wida in the main office if you have any questions.

Please continue to check your emails for important information, date/time changes, etc.

On behalf of Horseheads High School, I would like to congratulate you on successfully completing your graduation requirements. It is our sincere hope that the education you received has prepared you for whatever your future holds. Congratulations and best wishes!



#### **Important Dates and Events**

#### **Cap and Gown Distribution**

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

#### **Senior Prom**

Saturday, May 17, 2025 6:30-10pm @ Hilltop Inn

#### **Senior Trip**

Friday, May 30, 2025 Hershey Park

#### **Sports Tribute**

Thursday, June 5, 2025 6pm @ High School Auditorium

#### **Yearbook Distribution**

Monday, June 9, 2025

#### **CTE and New Visions Graduation Ceremonies**

Monday, June 16, 2025 BOCES Bush Campus

#### **Senior Day**

Monday, June 16, 2025

#### **Regents Exams**

June 17-27, 2025

#### Mark Twain Scholars Dinner TBD

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#### **Senior Walk**

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 1:30pm @ Elementary Schools

#### Valedictorian/Salutatorian Ceremony

TBD

#### No School – Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19, 2025

#### **Graduation Rehearsal**

Tuesday, June 24, 2025 1pm @ High School Stadium

#### **Graduation Ceremony**

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 (Weather Dependent) 6pm @ High School Stadium

\* Project Graduation events are not sponsored by Horseheads High School \*

#### <u>Senior Prom</u>

This year's theme is "A NIGHT ON OLYMPUS." The prom will be on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the Hilltop Inn Restaurant. Arrival time is 6:30 PM, with a buffet dinner starting at 7:00 PM and the prom ending at 10:00 PM. There will be music, dancing, senior superlatives, and an opportunity to take pictures throughout the night with a beautiful view! Out-of-district guest forms will be available at the end of March and need to be completed and handed in by April 7<sup>th</sup> before ticket sales. These forms will be available in the main office, or with Mrs. Wright in room 232 or Mrs. Dean in room 226. Tickets will go on sale the week after spring break, from April 21-25, and will be priced at \$65 per person or \$120 per couple.

#### Distribution of Caps, Gowns, and Other Senior Items

A Jostens representative will be here to distribute caps, gowns, and other graduation items on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> during lunch periods. If you do not pick your items up then, you can pick them up from the main office any time after that. When you receive your order, please be sure that all items are included – gown, cap, tassel. If you have not yet ordered, please do so as soon as possible. The link to order is <u>www.nygrad.com</u>.

\*\* All honors stoles, cords, sashes, and pins will be distributed after the conclusion of the 7<sup>th</sup> marking period, once all grades are finalized. During this time, we will also proudly announce our Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and 2025 Mark Twain Scholars. \*\*

#### Senior Survey

All students will be required to fill out a brief electronic survey to help ensure the accuracy of post-secondary plans. This survey is mandatory, even if you are undecided at the time. This information will be used for several reasons including our graduation program and tracking of college enrollment trends. To speed up the task you should be prepared with the following information: post-graduation plans – college, work, or armed forces; the colleges you have applied to and all admission decisions; and all scholarships awarded, including the amounts. The link to the survey will be emailed to seniors.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, Mrs. Matthews in the Counseling Office will be able to assist you.

#### Senior Trip

The Senior Class Trip to Hershey Park will be on Friday, May 30, 2025. Students will depart from the high school at approximately 8:00 AM and return around 10:00 PM, though exact times depend on park hours, which have not been announced yet. Senior trip tickets will cost \$25, including transportation and entry to the park, rides, waterpark, and zoo for the entire day. Please note that Hershey Park is a "cashless" park, so students must use credit/debit cards, Google Pay, Apple Pay, or purchase a Visa gift card. Students may also purchase a single-use meal deal or an all-day dining deal on the website (hersheypark.com) or onsite. Tickets for the senior trip will be on sale for one week, from March 17-21. Seniors attending the trip will receive an Educational Excuse for the day, which will not count against their attendance. Class release forms are due to Mrs. Wright in room 232 or Mrs. Dean in room 226 no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### Sports Tribute

The Varsity H Athletic Tribute will be held on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the High School Auditorium. Athletes are to report at 5:45. The tribute will recognize students that participated in athletic activities this school year. There will also be individual awards given, Sectional Champion recognition, STAC Champion recognition, and Scholar Team recognition, as well as the male/female Athlete of the Year nominees and winners, along with many other awards.

#### <u>Yearbooks</u>

Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the end of the day. If you have not yet ordered your yearbook, there is still time. Link to order - <u>Upstate Images - 2025 Horseheads High</u> <u>School kw | Entourage Yearbooks Link</u>

SENIOR PARENTS: You still have time to purchase a Parent Ad for your senior! This year the prices of our Parent Ads are as follows:

\$ 300

- 1/8 Page Message = \$ 50 1/4 Page Message = \$ 80
- 1/2 Page Message = \$ 175 Full Page Message =

Parent Ads can be completed on the entourage website by following the instructions below. A more detailed guide to designing and purchasing ads has also been emailed to parents.

- 1. Type link.entourageyearbooks.com into your web browser. It is recommended to design and purchase an ad on a computer instead of a phone.
- 2. Chose Buy Ads under the Purchase section.
- 3. Login with your existing LiNK username and password or register as a new user.
- 4. Select the red Purchase and Design Ad button beneath your desired ad size to begin designing.
- 5. Choose a template style with the appropriate photo and text content that you want to use for your ad. Be sure you are using Google Chrome or Firefox as your browser.
- 6. Finish designing your ad. You can add photos, text, clip arts, and more.
- 7. Click the Save Button to save your work. This will save your progress if you do not want to check out and pay for the ad yet.
- 8. When you are done with your ad, click Continue & Review in the top right corner to approve and pay for the ad.
- 9. Preview your ad.
- 10. Enter billing information and select Continue to Payment Info.
- 11. Review and confirm one last time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Russ - jaruss@horseheadsdistrict.com

#### **BOCES CTE and New Visions Graduation Schedule**

Ceremony Schedule	Group Arrival	Ceremony Run Time	Group Departure
Audio Media, Building Construction,	8:45 AM	9:00 AM to 9:45 AM	9:45 AM to 10:15 AM
Collision Repair, Culinary, Dental			
Assisting, Welding			
New Visions	10:15 AM	10:30 AM to 11:15 AM	11:15 AM to 11:45 AM
Animal Science, Cosmetology, Early	11:45 AM	12:00 PM to 12:45 PM	12:45 PM to 1:15 PM
Childhood,			
Fashion Design, Nurse Assisting			
Auto Tech, Conservation, Criminal	1:15 PM	1:30 PM to 2:15 PM	2:15 PM to 2:45 PM
Justice, Diesel,			
Digital Media, Precision Machining			
Freedom Academy	2:45 PM	3:00 PM to 3:30 PM	3:30

#### Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup> @ BOCES Bush Campus

#### **Senior Celebration**

Senior Day will be Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. It is the last day of regular classes before Regents exams. The class of 2025 will be excused for the day to celebrate together. An itinerary for the day will be sent out to seniors closer to the date.

#### Senior Walk

We are thrilled to invite our graduating seniors to a special "Senior Walk" parade at their former elementary schools. This is a unique opportunity to don your caps and gowns and inspire the younger students as you showcase your remarkable journey from the very place it began. Participation is optional, but highly encouraged, as it promises to be a memorable event for both our seniors and the young students.

Seniors must arrive at their assigned elementary schools by 1:15pm on June 11<sup>th</sup> for the parade to start promptly at 1:30pm. A link to sign up for this event will be emailed to seniors.

#### Graduation Rehearsal – MANDATORY

ALL GRADUATING SENIORS MUST ATTEND GRADUATION REHEARSAL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. WORK IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE. NO EXCEPTIONS!

All graduating seniors must be at the High School Stadium on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Rehearsal will last about an hour.

Students are to report to the stadium, find their designated seat, and be ready to receive instructions at promptly 1pm. It is imperative to pay close attention to the instructions. We will briefly run-through the program, practice the processional, walking across the stage, and the recessional.

#### **Graduation Ceremony**

#### June 25, 2025 – WEATHER DEPENDENT – Rain Dates 6/26, 6/27, 6/28

All graduating seniors must report to the South Wing of the High School on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 5:15pm. Students will line up inside the building and walk out to the stadium. The graduation ceremony will begin at promptly 6:00pm and last approximately 1.5 hours.

Seniors are to park in the senior lot and report directly to the South Wing. Teachers and administrators will be present to help you line up in the correct order and to take attendance. Do not leave your processional line once attendance has been taken.

If you will not be participating in the graduation ceremony, please notify Mrs. Wida as soon as possible to let her know.

A photographer will be on site for the ceremony. You will find a flyer with a link to view and purchase photos in the graduation program.

#### **Graduation Procedures and Etiquette**

Seniors will graduate in alphabetical order. Students will receive their seating assignments at rehearsal. Students will receive their diplomas with their left hand and shake (right) hands with the Board of Education President. Once students receive their diploma and exit the stage, they are to return directly to their assigned seat. While waiting for others to receive their diplomas, please give your fellow graduates respect so that each graduate's name can be properly heard.

Later in the ceremony your class president will lead you in the traditional tassel ceremony and you will be moving your tassel from right to left.

#### **Graduation Attire**

You have worked hard to reach this milestone and deserve a ceremony of which you should be proud. A lot of hard work and time – on your part, as well as part of the administrative and clerical staff – goes into making this day a reality. For your graduation ceremony to be a special event for you and your family, we ask for your full cooperation in following procedures.

#### No heels or flip flops!

Caps are worn straight on the head with the tassel on the right side.

Caps may be tastefully adorned.

Only school issued cords and stoles may be worn.

If you have any questions regarding any end-of-year information, please contact Mrs. Wida the Main Office at 739-5601, ext. 1620 or kawida@horseheadsdistrict.com

