

# Horseheads Middle School



## *Winter Edition*

**December 2024**



### **Contact Us!**

**607-739-6357 • [Horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm](http://Horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm)**



### **What's Happening at HMS**

**12/18/2024**

Progress Reports Distributed

**12/23/2024 - 1/3/2025**

Winter Recess

**NO SCHOOL**

**1/8 - 1/9/2025**

Aimsweb Plus testing

**1/20/2025**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**NO SCHOOL**

**1/27/2025**

Instructional Planning Day

**NO SCHOOL**

**1/28/2025**

Second Semester Begins

**1/30/2025**

PTO Meeting 5:30-6:00pm

Open House 6:00-7:30pm



***This November, our middle school students participated in three inspiring and educational assemblies.***

### **FBI**

Special agents from the FBI spoke about the dangers of interacting with strangers online and how to make safe, smart choices on social media. They emphasized how decisions made today can shape students' futures.

### **Jared Campbell's Musical Message**

Singer-songwriter Jared Campbell inspired students with his stories and songs, reminding everyone about the power of kindness and the importance of encouraging one another.

### ***Inside Out 2* Screening**

The whole school came together to watch *Inside Out 2*! Students began exploring how emotions influence behavior and shape our interactions with the world around us.

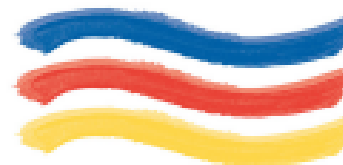
***These assemblies helped students learn valuable lessons about safety, kindness, and self-awareness!***



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# Triple P

Positive Parenting Program

## Triple P Seminar

Triple P doesn't tell people how to parent. Rather, it educates parents on simple and practical strategies they adapt to suit their needs. Parents beliefs and needs are encouraged when developing and implementing a parenting plan.

**What you'll get as a parent:** Practical tip sheets to help guide you. Certificate of completion for each session attended. Improved confidence on handling problem situations that arise with your kids.

JOIN US:

Seminar 1: The Power of Positive Parenting

December 2nd at 12:00 PM

Seminar 2: Raising Confident, Competent Children

December 9th at 4:00 PM

Seminar 3: Raising Resilient Children

December 16th at 12:00 PM

WHERE: VIRTUAL

Zoom Link: <https://casa-trinity-org.zoom.us/j/88057605773>

Registration is not required to attend any of the seminar sessions.

**Disclaimer: You may attend any number of sessions, regardless of previous attendance.**

*Hope begins here.*

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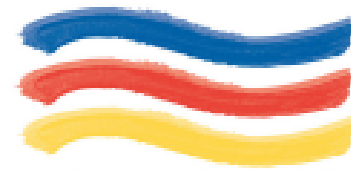
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JOIN US:

Seminar 1: Raising Responsible Teenagers

December 4th at 12:00 PM

Seminar 2: Raising Competent Teenagers

December 11th at 4:00 PM

Seminar 3: Getting Teenagers Connected

December 18th at 12:00 PM

WHERE: VIRTUAL

Zoom Link: <https://casa-trinity-org.zoom.us/j/88057605773>

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# Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures



Due to the large volume of students being dropped off and picked up, the line can become very long. We ask that you help alleviate unnecessary wait time by following these simple procedures:

- **Utilize the entire drop-off lane**

- ⇒ Please do not wait until you have pulled up to the middle school entrance to drop off your student
- ⇒ Approximately ten cars can drop off simultaneously
- ⇒ Please use caution when utilizing the passing lane to pull around cars dropping off students
- ⇒ Students should exit the vehicle as soon as it is safely stopped
- ⇒ Please be sure students have all of their belongings ready to go

- **Do not drop students off in the staff or visitor parking lots**

- **Do not drop students off on Sing Sing Road**

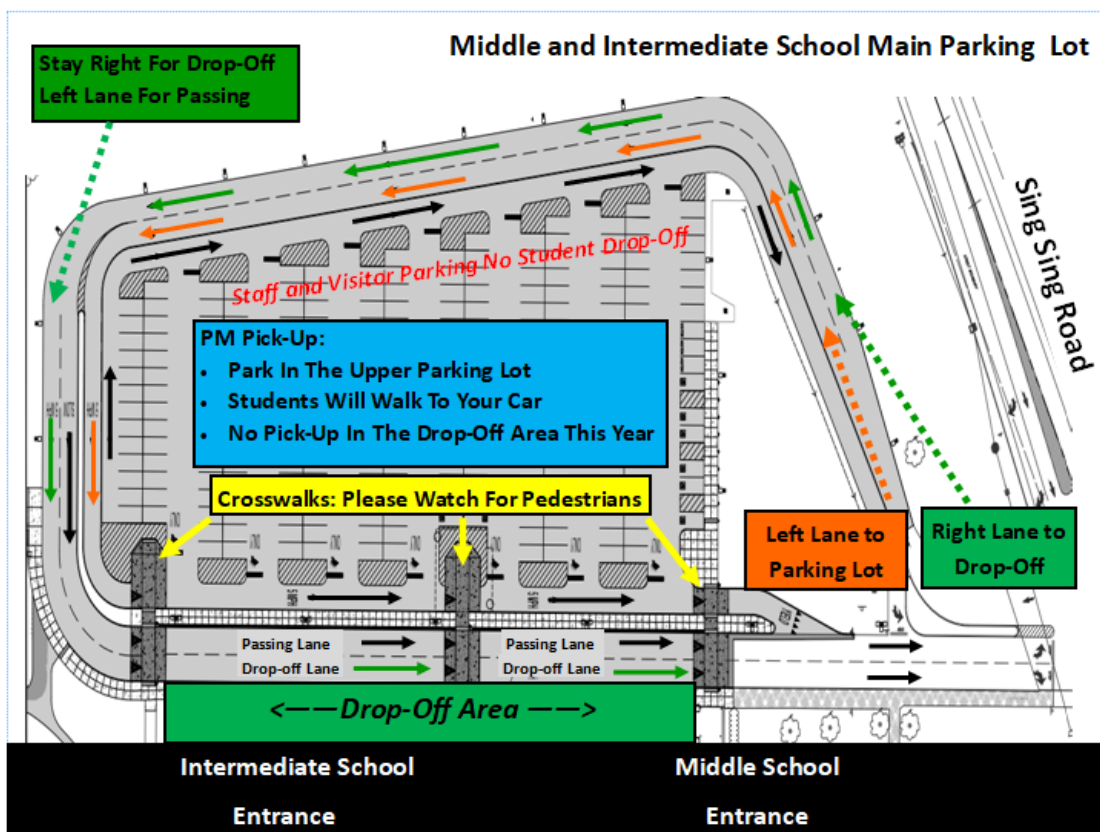
- **Students should walk in the door no later than 7:40 to avoid being late to first period**

## Pick-up procedures:

**Do not wait in the drop-off lane or any of the driving lanes in the parking lot.**

**Please park in the upper parking lot and wait for your student to walk to your car**

- Using a consistent parking spot or general area, will help facilitate the pick-up process
- Students will cross to the parking lot using the crosswalk nearest the Intermediate School





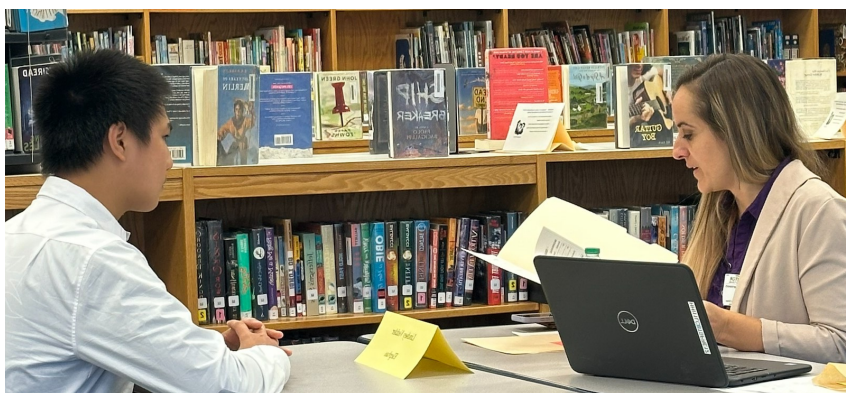
## Mock Interview Day

A big shout out to our community partners for helping prepare our 8th-grade students for real-world job interviews.

**Top: Michael Strong**

**Right: Aubrey Houck**

**Below: Ryan Huang**



## Online District Calendar

To see district and school events in 2024-25, please go to <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/fullcalendar.cfm> or go to the Calendar link in the main menu on the district website.



# Parent Information



## Progress Reports / Report Cards

Parents are informed of student progress in two ways. Progress reports are sent home with students at the five-week point of each marking period. A report card is sent home with students at the end of the ten-week marking period.

<b>Distinguished High Honor Roll</b>	<b>95-100</b>
<b>High Honor Roll</b>	<b>90-94.99</b>
<b>Honor Roll</b>	<b>85-89.99</b>
<b>Failing Grade</b>	<b>64.0 or lower in any course</b>

A failing grade or incomplete in any class eliminates the student from the Honor Roll.

**Progress Reports Issued December 18, 2024**

## Lost and Found

Lost your lunchbox? Misplaced your sweatshirt? Check the Lost and Found! There are blue bins under the table in the Main Office.

We encourage all students to reach out to a trusted adult if they are not feeling well physically, emotionally or socially. Parents are encouraged to call the school if they feel their student needs additional support.

## Attendance Auto-call and Email

To keep you updated regarding your child's attendance, the middle school will send you an auto-call and email when your student(s) are absent from school. If a student is absent from first period, a call and email will be generated and delivered in the morning. If the student continues to be absent, another call will be generated and delivered in the evening with all of the periods the student has missed.

## Learn up-to-date information about our schools and district:

- Facebook: The district and each of our seven schools have pages. "Like" them to see our information in your news feed Twitter: Follow us on Twitter at @HhdsSchools to read our tweets
- Follow us on Instagram at hhdsschools
- Visit our district website at [www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com).
- Questions about our website or social media?

E-mail [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com)

## PTO is looking for volunteers!

Please consider joining our PTO and help us have an outstanding school year! There will be plenty to do:

- Three school dances
- 8th-grade Celebration
- Refreshments for awards ceremonies
- Have other ideas?


Organizing and funding these events takes time and effort. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

Contact the school at: 739-6357

**Want to Donate? Use the VENMO code below.**



**venmo**  
**@HMSPTO**

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...						
I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching and/or "crusty" drainage from the eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit
I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...						
Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication like Tylenol or Motrin, etc.	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor, if needed	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school

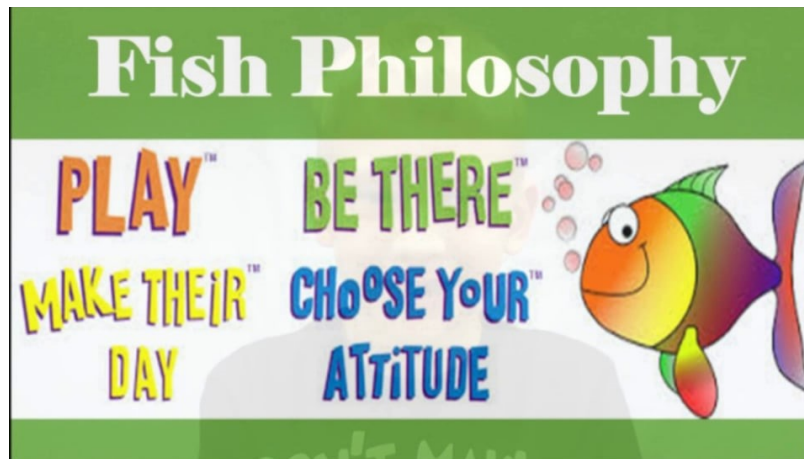
If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school or other activities.

Please communicate with your school nurse about any health concerns your child might be experiencing. We want to ensure he or she receives appropriate care at school.

## Important Contact Information

- Safe Schools Line - 607-795-2044
- Mr. Holloway- Principal - rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com
- Mr. Hoeffner - Assistant Principal - thoeffner@horseheadsdistrict.com
- Middle School Main Office - 607-739-6357
- Middle School Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm>
- Horseheads District Phone Number - 607-795-5601
- Horseheads District Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com>
- Athletic Office Phone Number - 607-739-5601 x4254
- Athletic Office Website - <http://horseheadsdistrict.com/athletics.cfm>

# The Four Principles of the Fish Philosophy



## The “Fish”monger’s Philosophy

What’s a fishmonger, you ask? A person who sells fish of course! In 1930s Seattle, Washington, a fish-market stall opened at the Pike Place Market. The Pike Place Fish Company served its customers well for decades. When former employee, now owner, John Yokoyama, began to stir the pot, he found a better way for his employees to enjoy their job. The self-proclaimed World Famous Pike Place Fish Market became known as the place where the fishmongers threw fish — literally! The fishmongers put on a show that the customers loved. They would throw whole fish across their stall, sometimes to the customer. Each transaction became a positive, uplifting experience for everyone. The fish market became one of Seattle’s top tourist attractions. How did this happen? Fish Philosophy, of course.

The workers there found that four basic principles were their key to success:

***Be there in the moment (for their customers)***

***Play (by putting on a show)***

***Make their day (involving the customers)***

***Choose your attitude (how do you want to feel?)***

At Horseheads Middle School, we want to be there for our kids every day! By following these “Fish Philosophies” at school and at home, we will all benefit by having more fun, being involved in each others’ daily lives, and continuing to learn and grow in a positive atmosphere.







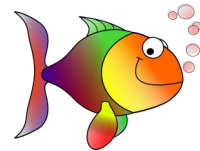
Hello! Every month our school newsletter highlights those in our HMS community that are caught doing something above and beyond and go that extra mile.

The FISH Philosophy principles of ***Be There, Make Their Day, Play,*** and ***Choose Your Attitude*** provide opportunities to positively effect our experiences! As a committee, we like to help spread this philosophy by doing things in and out of school to make HMS the best!

Students and staff in our building are welcome to see Mrs. Blowers (room 113) if they wish to recognize someone who is living the FISH Philosophy.

**SHOUT OUT:** Chef Drake on the HMS Live with his great recipes and cooking tips.

**SHOUT OUT:** to the school support personnel, you guys ROCK!



National Grinch Day is Sunday, December first. HMS will celebrate the occasion by hosting a “Dress like a Grinch” character on Monday, December second, for students and staff.

## Character Trait of the Month

### Caring

Show you care about others through kindness, caring, sharing and compassion. Live by the Golden Rule. Help others. Don't be selfish. Don't be mean, cruel or insensitive to other's feelings.



## My Ride K-12 App

The HCSD Transportation Department is proud to announce it is enhancing student safety and security by implementing a new mobile app that allows families and students to look up bus route information and receive real-time alerts.

[Click here for more information.](#)



## 10 Tips for Students

### HANDLE WITH CARE

Avoid carrying the laptop by the screen. Always close the lid gently and carry it with both hands or have a dedicated spot in your school bag.

### AVOID EXTREME TEMPERATURES

Do not leave the laptop in very hot or cold environments, such as a car, as extreme temperatures can damage the battery and other components.

### TURN OFF YOUR LAPTOP WHEN YOU STORE IT

Before placing your laptop in a school bag, be sure to turn it off completely. Heat generated by the laptop could damage the battery or other internal hardware. Additionally, do not leave a running laptop on your bed, sofa, or thick carpeting, which could trap heat in the laptop.

### BE MINDFUL OF CABLES

Ensure that power and peripheral cables are not stretched or tangled, which can cause ports to become loose or damaged.

### USE ON STABLE SURFACES

Place the laptop on a flat, stable surface when in use to prevent it from falling.

### KEEP FOOD & DRINKS AWAY

Avoid eating or drinking near the laptop to prevent spills that could damage the keyboard and internal components.

### CLEAN PROPERLY

Use a soft, dry cloth to clean the screen and keyboard. Avoid using harsh chemicals or sprays directly on the laptop.

### BACK UP DATA

Regularly back up important schoolwork and files to your OneDrive to prevent data loss in case of damage.

### REPORT ISSUES PROMPTLY

If the laptop shows signs of damage or malfunction, report it to the school's IT department immediately for repair.

### BE AWARE OF OTHERS' DEVICES

Please be careful with other students' school bags as there may be a device inside. Also, if you see a device left behind or not attended, please take it to the school's main office.



**Call The Safe Schools Line**

**607-795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984**

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- Visit our district website at [www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com).
- Questions about our website or social media? E-mail [hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com)
- URL for Mobile App is now: [gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads](http://gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads)

## Athletic Information

### *2024-25 Winter Season*

#### Registration

Unified Bowling: December 6

#### Winter Sports Start Dates

Unified Bowling: January 6

**Varsity and JV Sports:** Boys and Girls Basketball, Bowling, Indoor Track (Varsity), Boys Swimming, Boys and Girls Wrestling, Cheerleading (Varsity only)

**Modified Sports:** Boys Basketball, Boys Swimming, Wrestling, Girls Basketball, Cheerleading

More details can be found on the District website under Athletics. Please ensure that the athlete has a physical (after **November 1, 2023** for a Winter sport), on record with the school nurse.



***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)***



### PARENT PORTAL

Don't have Parent Portal? Please visit our website. In the "QuickLinks" section in the middle, near the bottom, hover over "Parent Portal". You will be directed to complete a short form online. If you have questions, please call Karen McLain at 739-5601, x4251 or email [kmclain@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:kmclain@horseheadsdistrict.com)

Checking your student's grades on Parent Portal? The URL for a computer browser is:

<https://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com>

The URL for the mobile app is:

<https://gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads>



*aimsweb* Plus is a reliable computer-based screening assessment, which is administered in the fall, winter and spring. This year on **January 8th and 9th**, students will be taking the **winter** *aimsweb* Plus benchmark assessments in reading and math. *aimsweb* Plus allows us to monitor our students in reading and math and provides us with valuable information we can use to make educational decisions for our students. Results will be shared with parents and students three times per year. Our goal is for each student to demonstrate academic growth from fall to winter and winter to spring. No special preparation for the *aimsweb* Plus testing is required.

If you would like additional information regarding the *aimsweb* Plus assessments, please visit the *aimsweb* Plus website at <http://www.aimswebplus.com/> or call us at 739-6357.



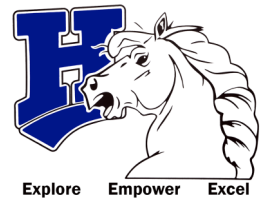
### Career Development Council

The school district has many career related events including career days, career panels, job shadows, classroom speakers, field trips, and mock interviews. **We are always looking for volunteers** for these events. We are looking for parents, grandparents, other adult family members and friends as well as community volunteers in every career field.

If you feel your career is not of interest or you are currently at home, you may still contribute through mock interviews and other fun classroom events. We will be doing many of these events on-line, but they are still important experiences for the career development of our students. Most events are only an hour or two on a given day, yet **your experience and career knowledge** can deeply influence a child's life, career goals, and future educational path.

If you are interested in volunteering or learning more about how you can get involved, **please contact Deb Lynch**, the Career Development Representative for the Horseheads School District, or **Jennie Sonsire** at (607)795-5320 or [dlynch@gstboces.org](mailto:dlynch@gstboces.org) or [jsonsire@gstboces.org](mailto:jsonsire@gstboces.org).





## HMS is Proud to Present our 1st Marking Period Distinguished High Honor Roll Students!

### 7th Grade

Landon Andrews

Sophie Barron

Hannah Beck

Reagan Bement

Skylinn Benitez

Nathan Blauvelt

Alexander Bocek

Gavin Brooks

Emily Buono

Matthew Burczynski

Aaliyah Cady

Zoey Canestaro

Selina Chen

Duane Craven

Keira Dyer

Haven Erway

Connor Fitzpatrick

Vincent Foote

Liam Gagliardi

Liam Gleckner

Clara Harrigan

Manahil Hasan

Julia Headley

Stella Hillman

Layla Hoeffner

Evalynn Howe

Brooke Jones

Aditi Kamaraju

Emilia Karney

Adilynn Kerbein

Evelyn Knowlton

Ryan Kozemko

Gabrielle Laughlin

Ryan Madison

Aedan Manzer

Alexia Marmor

Myanna Mazurowski

Bailey McCarthy

Brennen McCullough

Presley McInnis

Fallon Mickley

Hawkins Mitchell

KayAnne Mitchell

Josiah Nicolae

Tanner Ostrander

Jai Pakyala

Gabriel Peake

Mischa Podolec

Michaela Richardson

Antonio Rios

Aubrey Romanick

Joseph Saks

Reese Schooley

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Lilyana Sours

Adrianna Swartwood

Madison Swartwood

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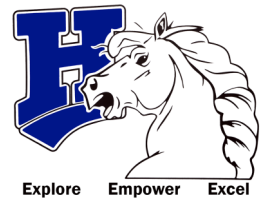
Ryan Von Bevern

Hannah Williams

Jenna Wright

Zihan Yang

Anna Zeller



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Stella Aikman  
Alise Andrew  
Jordan Apgar  
Brysen Beach  
Michael Belosky  
Juliana Bixby  
Rebekah Black  
Morgyn Bocko  
Laken Bola  
Jonathan Bower  
Joseph Brennan  
Nathan Burdick  
Noah Campanelli  
Koda Carpenter  
Jonah Charlanow  
Charles Coon  
John Cooper  
Summer Cunningham  
Owen Dahl  
Elizabeth Darrow  
Maeley Denson  
Mason Dispenza  
Audrey Earl  
Noah Farrell  
Jasper Fisher  
Nas Fuad Zeba

Kamdyn Gilbert  
Natalie Hartigan  
Gracie Houseknecht  
Rachel Hughson  
Nadia Jackson  
Ellie Jaynes  
Lillian Johnson  
Quinn Kent  
Benjamin Kistner  
Ally Kozemko  
John Kravec  
Hailey Krug  
Jake Lambert  
Savanna Lazenby  
Lyra Lesestino-Hoyles  
Layla Little  
Sara Lower  
Nathan Malandra  
Maeve Manwaring  
Alexander Mayotte  
Eric McGrain  
Zachary Mendez  
Paislee Mickinkle  
Micah Mis  
Aubrianna Morgan  
Calais Morse

Caleb Nah  
Cormac Oakden  
Sophia Ostrander  
Cruze Owen  
Phillip Oyekanlu  
Purva Patel  
Isabella Pellor  
Macy Phillips  
Diogo Rocha  
Adrian Rosekrans  
Kaylee Russell  
Joseph Saunders  
Michael Saunders  
Reagan Stanton  
Aaron Sullivan II  
Brooklynn Sweet  
Ava Traluksamee  
Benjamin Valicenti  
Zaylee Vang  
Aria Viss  
Adalyn Wahl-Knowlden  
Genevive Williams  
Jayden Williams  
Ryan Williams  
Thomas Woodward

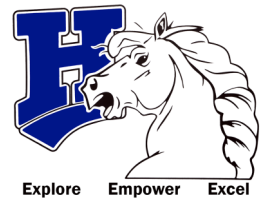


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Corilee Aiken	Annabelle Guardì	Audrey Prentice
Luca Allis	Haylee Hancock	Derrick Smith
Syeda Ayesha Fatima	Gabe Harpur	Kennidi Sternquist
Teyten Baker	Alana Hawk	William Stevens
Brandilyn Beach	Zoe Hobbs	Anthony Sullivan
Logan Bischoff	Bryson Jackson	Coltin Warrick
Cullen Bourgeois	Ramy Kitan	Ava White
Rosalie Briggs	Cooper Lambert	Christian Williams
Owen Brooks	Jordynn Lewis	Sophia Wood
Ashton Campbell	Sophia Lynch	Norah Wylie
Jacob Canestaro	Sabrina Martinez	Ethan Yaw
Noah Cloke	Coltin Martz	
Ivory Coon	Kayden Maurey-Nichols	
Cally Corsi	Easton McDonald	
Braelynn Culshaw	Miguel Molina Chilton	
Thomas Dauphinet	Rori Munley	
Aariayonna Davis	Mya Munson	
Brian Evans III	James Mustico	
Owen Frost	Kian Niles	
Serenity Gonzalez	Alana Parrotte	
Riley Goodwin	Addyson Perry	

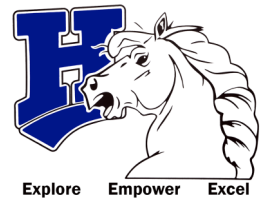




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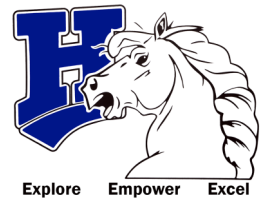
Morgan Adams	Gabriella Matteson
Lilyana Amberg-Matzke	Shalaney McDonough
Jackson Bell	Connor Miele
Samantha Bonnell	Joshua Nah
Jeffery Cain	Rocco Narsiff
Mylah Castellano	William Norris
Ananya Chauhan	Ramon Osorio
Michael Christmas	Chance Redner
Caleb Clark	Ryan Robbins
Meghan Cleary	Chiara SaPereira
Amila Denicola	Nicholas Seymour Jr
Aleyris Echevarria	Phoenix Skinner
Michael Gavin	Stephen Sloane II
Charles Hafer	Elliott Snedecor
Mia Howard	Adelynn Swarthout
Brady Hughson	Hannah Sydlansky
Claire Jones	Landyn Taber-Hall
Mary Just	Noah Thompson
Morgan Just	Maggie Tremaine
Natalie Karney	Vivien Warner
Savannah Lin	McKayla Waters
Dylan Lorenz	Joseph Wood
Emily Majiros	



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Kadence Adams	Aubri Houck	Benjamin Potter
Matthew Balland	Charlette Houghton	Adelaide Pronti
Chase Barnstead	Bradyn Hourihan	Alexyianna Ramos
Willow Barr	Alexander Howard	Kailyn Reed
Donovan Bennett	Ryan Huang	Zachary Robert
Jacob Benson	Micheal Hugg	Lydia Rockwell
Kellan Berry	Emma Jones	Noah Russell
Ginny Blake	Zachary Kaiser	Elissandra Scibek
John Brand	Kaleigh Kemmer	Gavin Shock
Cala Bubacz	Talon Kiley	Lillian Shope
Cari Bubacz	Alexander King	Arielle Yarin Shopher
Brayden Carman	Dyllan Kondikoff	Dhruv Shrisudersan
Elizaveta Chalk	Derek Madison	Steven Shutts II
Graycee Colussy	Kellen McDonnell	Lauren Smith
Addison Cook	Samantha McIlwain	Jackson Sonsire
Laken Corsi	Gabriella Miller	Benjamin Stein
Makenzii Creighton	Katelyn Miller	Pierce Terwilliger
Caleb Didas	Braelyn Minter	Sophia Verna
Torin Duart	Daniel Mosher	Nathan Vesneske
Tessa Dunn	Lucille Mosher	Clara Wilson
Logan Earl	Christopher Moshier	Jayden Witzel
Mason Earl	Wyatt Narosky	Trace Woodward
Sohila Elmenshawy	Amelia Nelson	
Charlee Felko	Reese O'Herron	
Michael Graham	Matheus Pacheco	
Aiden Gridley	Jackson Palumbo	
Kennedy Harer	Jude Pfeiffer	



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Ava Andrus	Alexandria Lindblad
Rylynn Augustine	Leo Lombard
Mira Barnum	Zachary Mattucci
Jaxon Baxter	Alexis Miles
Griffin Bixby	Audrey Miller
William Boughton	Noah Miller
Mark Carro	Aisha Morse
Taaliyah Connell	Rylee Orbin
Trent Crouse	John Oshetski
Julian Denicola	Teagan Peden
Matthew Derry	Ethan Raymond
Chase Drew	Hannah Rohr
Quinton Ferguson	Emily Rourke
Lillian Gee	Charles Ruhmel
Samuel Giancoli	Parker Sempler
Jaxon Halbrook	Colin Sherwood
Samuel Hartman	Juliana Shoemaker
Xxzavier Hogan	Brayden Slavin
Avery Howarth	Logan Stoltzfus
Trevon Jackson	Michael Strong III
Murphy Johns	Miles Sweet
Owen Jones	Gage Tyo
Mia Kinsman	Salman Umar
Alexxander Kozemko	Landon Wemple
Kianna Lane	Sienna Williams
Koltyn Learn	



## *Horseheads Central School District*

### *Information about Emergency School Closings/Delays*

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.
- **District website** at [www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com)
- **District Facebook pages** (the district and all seven schools have pages)
- **Twitter** - @HhdsSchools
- **Local television and radio stations:**
  - o TV - WENY, WETM, Spectrum Cable News
  - o Radio – WELM 1410AM, WNKI 106.1FM/WPGI 100.9FM, WENY 1230AM/MagicFM 92.7FM/WGMM 98.7

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 or other issues, 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. Additionally, 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.

### *School/District Communication*

Our schools publish newsletters monthly or every other month. The district has an annual budget newsletter and other communications shared as needed. These will be sent by email and are available online.

The online district calendar can be found here: <https://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/fullcalendar.cfm>. It is updated regularly. Calendar information is also shared in school and district newsletters.





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for School Community Engagement

## Parents/Guardians:

### You can take advantage of our Text Messaging Service

The Horseheads School District uses the SchoolMessenger system to deliver **text messages**, straight to your mobile phone with important information about school closings, safety alerts, and more.\*

You can participate in this service\* by sending "Y" or "Yes" by text to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with "Stop".

SchoolMessenger is compliant with the [Student Privacy Pledge™](#), so you can rest assured that your information is safe and will never be given or sold to anyone.



**Opt-In from  
your mobile  
phone now!**



**Just send  
"Y" or "Yes"  
to 67587**

#### Information on SMS text messaging and Short Codes:

SMS stands for Short Message Service and is commonly referred to as a "text message". Most cell phones support this type of text messaging. Our notification provider, SchoolMessenger, uses a true SMS protocol developed by the telecommunications industry specifically for mass text messaging, referred to as "short code" texting. This method is fast, secure and highly reliable because it is strictly regulated by the wireless carriers and only allows access to approved providers. If you've ever sent a text vote for a TV show to a number like 46999, you have used short code texting.

\*Terms and Conditions – Message frequency varies. Standard message and data rates may apply. Reply HELP for help. Text STOP to cancel. Mobile carriers are not liable for delayed or undelivered messages. See [schoolmessenger.com/txt](http://schoolmessenger.com/txt) for more info.



*Make it a great day,*



*the Raider Way!*

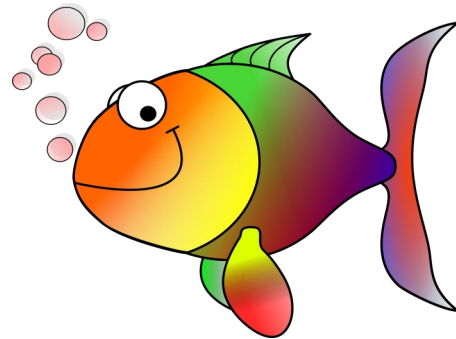
*Raider Way:*



- Fair and Just
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Good Citizen
- Trustworthy
- Caring and Kind

*Fish Philosophy:*

- Choose Your Attitude
- Make Their Day
- Be There
- Play

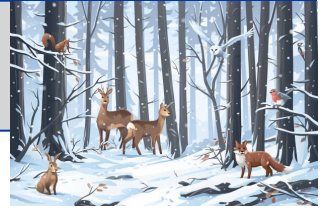


*Think:*

Before you say or do anything:

- *T - Is it true?*
- *H - Is it helpful?*
- *I - Is it inspiring?*
- *N - Is it necessary?*
- *K - Is it kind ?*

## Non-discrimination Policy



### District Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Central School District is Caitlin DeFilippo, director of Human Resources. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Caitlin DeFilippo, at One Raider Lane, Horseheads, NY 14845; 607-739-5601 x 4211 or at [cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:cdefilippo@horseheadsdistrict.com).

### Middle School Dignity Act Coordinator

The Dignity Act Coordinator (DAC) for the Horseheads Middle School is Ron Holloway, building principal. If there is a complaint regarding discrimination, harassment or bullying of any student, the complaint should be filed with Mr. Holloway at 950 Sing Sing Rd., Horseheads, NY 14845; 739-6357 x 3640 or at [rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com).

### Notice

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, One Raider Lane, 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.

## Horseheads Middle School:



*Home of the Raider Way*