

Horseheads Middle School



SUMMER Edition



June 2025

Contact Us!

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What's Happening at HMS

JUNE

6/9/2025

MS Orchestra Concert
7:00pm HS Auditorium

6/16/2025

Raider White, Raider Blue & Concert Band
Concert 7:00pm MS Café

6/17/2025

Living Environment Regents Exam
12:00pm

6/18/2025

Algebra Regents Exam
12:00pm

6/18/2025

Aimsweb Reports Distributed

6/19/2025

JUNETEENTH - NO SCHOOL

6/20/2025

8th-grade Celebration

7/10/2025

Report Cards mailed

FINAL EXAMS: 6/23 - 6/24/2025

FINAL EXAM MAKE-UPS: 6/25 - 6/26/2025

**Last Day of School
Thursday, June 26!**

Regents Exam Schedule:

Living Environment:

Tuesday, June 17 @ 12:00 Noon

Algebra:

Wednesday, June 18 @ 12:00 Noon

Final Exam Schedule:

Monday, June 23 - Tuesday, June 24

Final Exam Make-up Days:

Wednesday, June 25 - Thursday, June 26



Budget Vote

BOE Election Results



The Results are In:

Proposition 1 - 2025-2026 Budget: Defeated

(60% majority vote required to pass)

Yes 1,201 (51%)

No 1,159 (49%)

Proposition 2 - Purchase of Buses: Passed

Yes 1,342

No 1,012

*"We appreciate everyone
who took the time
to vote."*

Board of Education Election:

There were seven candidates running for three, three-year terms. The winners are as follows:

Daniel Christmas (incumbent) - 1,341

Matthew Feinberg - 1,145

Kara Sheehan - 1,087

Angie Finlayson - 867

Nicole Tirgari-White - 627

Liz O'Dell Wehling - 619

Mary Joan Glanton - 543



The Budget Re-vote: June 17, 2025, at the HS North Gym 7:00 am to 9:00 pm

All district residents are eligible to vote, provided they meet the following requirements:

Are a U.S. citizen

Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote

Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote

Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law

OR

Are registered to vote in general elections

For more information, please visit our district website www.horseheadsdistrict.com

Congratulations Middle School Retirees!



Thank You for
176 years of Combined Service
To the Horseheads Central School District!

Ms. Artemow

Ms. Satterlee-Brown

Ms. Cobb

Ms. Grund

Ms. Kendall

Ms. Oliver

Ms. Rutherford

Congratulations & Good Luck!



Parent Information Regarding Final Exams



IMPORTANT FINAL EXAM INFORMATION:

All exams will be given on the date posted. Tests will not be rescheduled for any reason. No exams will be given early and a missed exam must be completed on the make-up days.

Regents Exam Dates

*Living Environment students will take the Living Environment Regents Exam on **June 17th** at 12:00 PM.*

*Algebra I students will take the Algebra I Regents Exam on **June 18th** at 12:00 PM.*

Algebra and/or Living Environment students are not required to take the grade eight math and/or science exam. Students will go to an alternate location during the exams for independent study time.

Middle School Final Exams:

June 23rd - Math and Science Final Exams

June 24th - ELA and Social Studies Final Exams

Make-Up Days are June 25th and 26th

There will be no final exams given early. If exams are missed, they may be completed on the make-up days. Students not completing exams will be scored as a zero. Final exams count 10% of the final course average. Please note that some courses will begin in-class final exams on June 11th.

Half days for students: 6/25, 6/26

High school scheduling materials were given to your student in January. If you did not receive them, please contact us at (607) 739-6357.

Student News

Technology Students Build Tablet Stands



Proud Technology Students showing off their work!

L to R, Front Row: Tessa Dunn, Morgan Just, Bella Pellor, and Aubrianna Morgan.

L to R, Back Row: Michael Saunders, William Boughton, Zach Robert, and Jayden Williams.

Our Special Technology class finished their Tablet Stands today. Each student used tools and machines to cut out all of the materials for the project. They selected an image to be engraved on it along with their name using the Laser Engraver. Then they sanded and stained their work. They worked hard and did a fantastic job! Teacher: Mr. Steele

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 others' feelings.**

Science & Discovery Center 

ENGINEERING CAMP FOR GIRLS

FOR GRADES 8 & 9
JULY 14 - 18

FOR GRADES 6 & 7
AUGUST 11 - 15

Camp grades indicate the grade level each camper will enter in Fall 2025.

AT CORNING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

- Explore engineering, technology, and math with hands-on projects!
- Spend time in CCC's Makerspace!
- Work collaboratively with one another, SDC Staff, CCC staff, and real-life engineers!

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT:

[SCIENCEDISCOVERYCENTER.ORG/CAMPS/](https://sciencediscoverycenter.org/camps/)

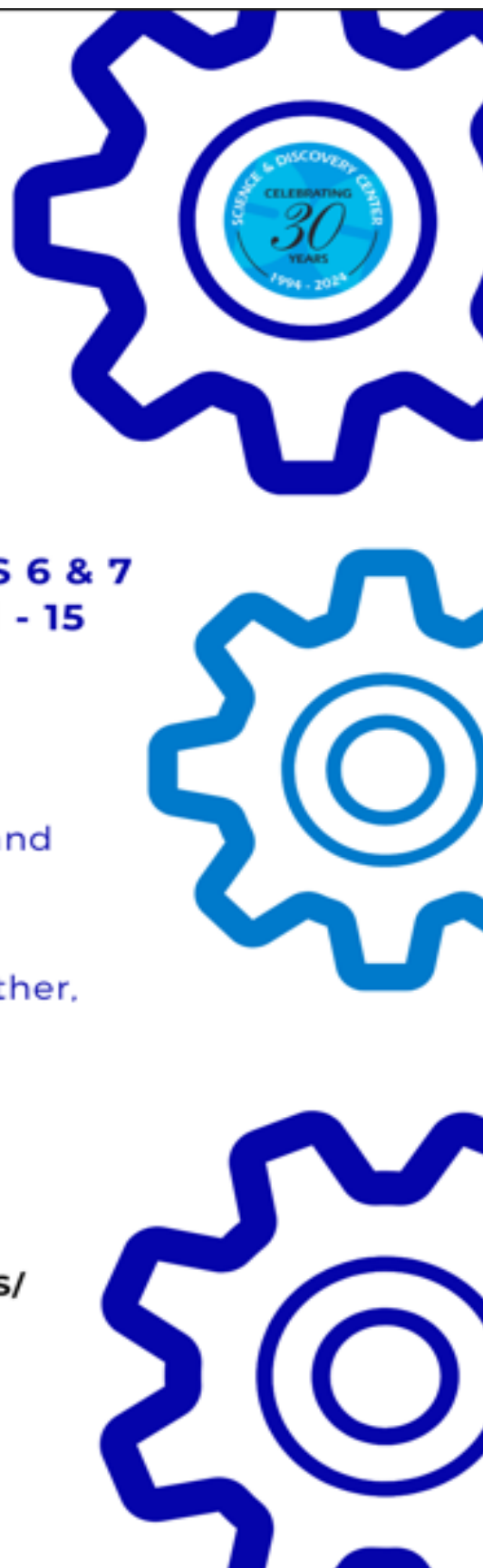
Camp is inspired by Iren Bogнар, the first female mechanical engineer hired by Corning Glass Works, and is funded through donations in her name.

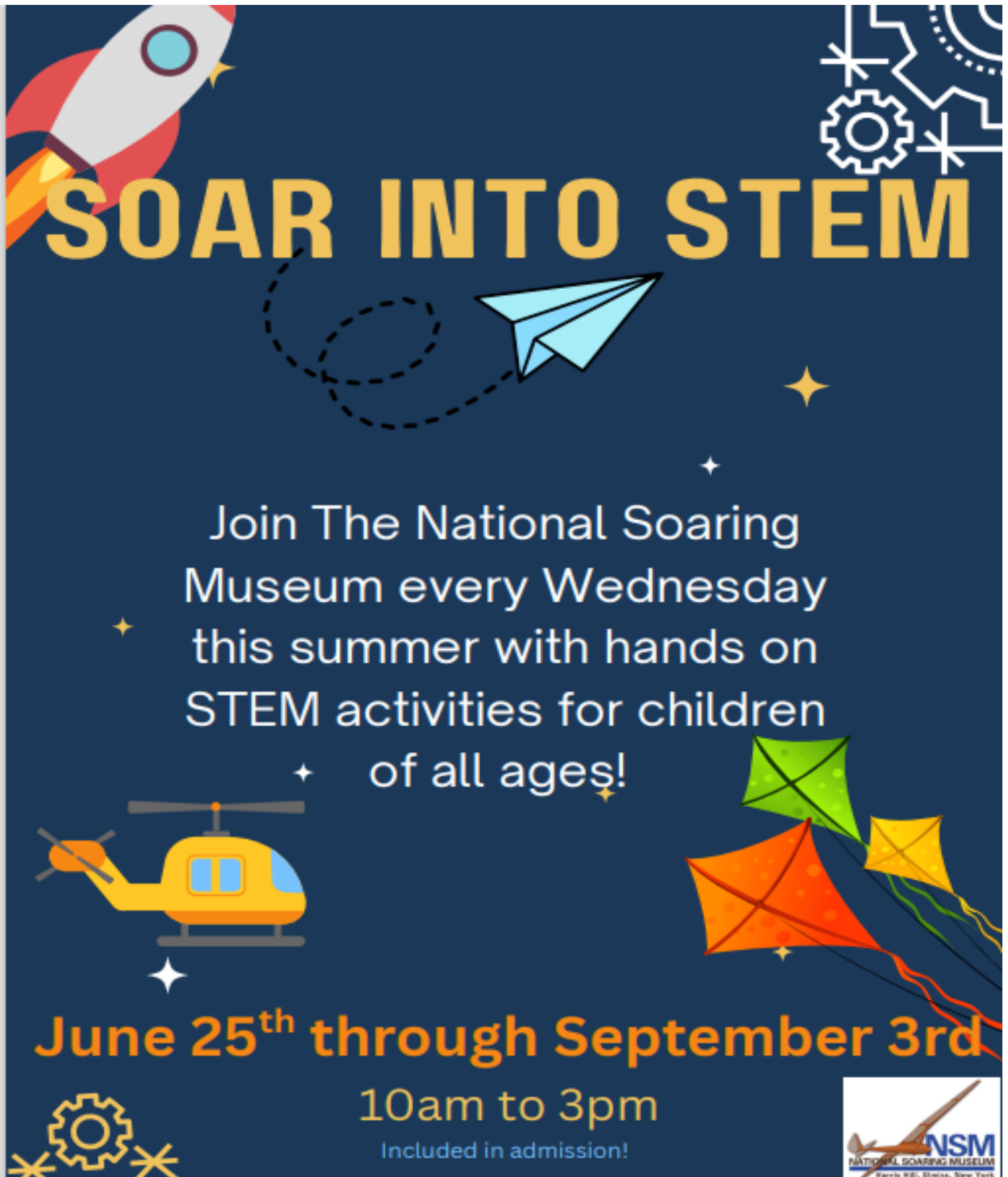


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SOAR INTO STEM

Join The National Soaring Museum every Wednesday
this summer with hands on
STEM activities for children
of all ages!

June 25th through September 3rd
10am to 3pm
Included in admission!





We Are
HIRING



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

Apply Now

Visit: horseheadsdistrict.com/employment.cfm
Call: (607) 739-5601 Ext. 4211



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.

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

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

Report Cards will be mailed home July 10, 2025

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.
- Questions about our website or social media?

E-mail hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com

Middle School Yearbook - Late book sales

Late book orders will be available after Thursday, June 5, 2025 and **ship up to 4 weeks AFTER the delivery of the bulk order that is being shipped to the school.** Books will not ship to the school, instead they will be individually shipped to your home address.

Late book sales are printed after the original production run, there might be some differences in the way the book is produced. The cost of the books will be \$26.50 plus tax and shipping.

Here is the link. [Purchase Book | Entourage Yearbooks Link](#)

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

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>



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.](#)

As we prepare for the 2025 - 26 school year, we ask that all families submit a Bus Form by May 31. Bus routes will be locked in by June 30. Notifications will be sent in August through the My Ride K-12 App.
[Click here for more information.](#)

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>

***To report child abuse or neglect, call toll free
1-800-342-3720 or ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps***

Middle School News - 8th Grade Awards, by Invitation Only

We believe that students should be honored for their academic accomplishments, as well as their commitment to following the Raider Way. We offer several awards and recognition for student achievement.

**NJHS CEREMONY IS FOR NEW INDUCTEES AND IS BY INVITATION ONLY.
TEACHERS SELECT THE STUDENTS AND WILL SEND THEM AN INVITATION TO APPLY.**

National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)

Students meeting the initial screening criteria **will be invited to apply** for the National Junior Honor Society. The criteria is listed below:

1. Students must achieve an average of 90% or higher in all of the following subjects:

- English
- Foreign Language
- Math
- Science
- Social Studies

2. Students must demonstrate the following characteristics:

- Create enthusiasm for scholarship
- Stimulate a desire to render service
- Promote leadership
- Encourage responsible citizenship
- Develop and maintain good character

Once **students receive their invitation to apply**, they must complete an online application and attend an informational meeting. Applicants are then reviewed by the NJHS faculty selection committee. Successful candidates will receive an acceptance letter and invitation to the ceremony in late May. Students will remain members of the NJHS as long as they continue to uphold the high standards of the society.

8TH-GRADE AWARDS CEREMONY IS BY INVITATION ONLY.

8th Grade Awards

President's Award for Educational Excellence

Students must maintain an average of 90% or higher in math, English, science, social studies and foreign language over the course of seven marking periods at the middle school.

Highest Average Award

Triple C Award

Each 8th-grade team nominates a student who they feel best meets the criteria of commitment, character and courage. These students are honored with a certificate from the Attorney General of New York State.

Art Award

Middle School art teachers select two students who demonstrate excellence in the area of art. Students will have their artwork framed and displayed at the middle school.



Call The Safe Schools Line

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

Mr. Holloway

rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com

Mr. Hoeffner

thoeffner@horseheadsdistrict.com



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.

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.

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