

Horseheads Middle School



Late Winter Edition

February 2025



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607-739-6357 • Horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm

What's Happening at HMS

2/6/2025

Yearbook Group Picture Day

2/7 - 2/8/2025

Middle School Musical

Friday @ 7:00pm, MS Café

Saturday @ 2:00pm MS Café

2/17 - 2/21/2025

February Break

NO SCHOOL

2/28/2025

Winter Dance & Open Gym

3:15 - 5:00pm

3/5/2025

MS Variety Show

7:00pm • MS Café

PTO Fundraiser

Time to get your Horseheads gear! The Middle School PTO announces a Spirit Wear fundraiser. Visit this link to order: [Horseheads Middle School](http://HorseheadsMiddleSchool.com) | Finger Lakes Sign | powered by [OrderMyGear](http://OrderMyGear.com)

Middle School Musical

Mrs. Winderl and Mrs. Stratton are excited to be co-directing “**Matilda Jr.**”! The show is scheduled for Friday, February 7th at 7:00pm, and Saturday, February 8th at 2:00pm right here on our stage! There is a lot of solo singing as well as group singing and dancing featured. Admission is \$5.00. Don't miss it!



Spelling Bee Results

Congratulations to **Dhruv Shrisudersan**, winner of the 2025 Middle School Spelling Bee! **Manahil Hasan** finished in second place. Both will compete in the Regional Spelling Bee in Corning next month. Good luck!

District News

Budget Development Meetings



2025-26 Budget Development

Budget development for the 2024-25 school year begins early in the calendar year. Regular board meetings and budget workshops are held from February to April until the final adoption of the budget to be offered to voters May 20. All meetings begin at 5:15pm and are open to the public. Here is the schedule:

- Thursday, February 13 – Regular Business Meeting & Budget Overview
- Thursday, February 27 – Budget Meeting
- Thursday, March 13 – Regular Business Meeting
- Thursday, March 27 – Budget Meeting
- Thursday, April 10 – Budget Meeting (if needed)
- Thursday, May 8 – Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025-26 Budget



All meetings are live streamed (at <http://ideas.gstboces.org/hhds/>), recorded, and posted to the district website. For more information on the development of the 2025-26 Budget, including links to videos and presentations from board meetings, click here: <https://horseheadsdistrict.com/HCSDBudget2024-25.cfm>.

Budget Vote/Board of Education Election

The Budget Vote/Board of Education Election is **Tuesday, May 20, 7am-9pm**, in the High School South Gym.

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 information on absentee ballots or other questions about the budget or vote, please call (607) 739-5601, x4260 or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.





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
- **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.



The Horseheads Central School District partners with



The Trusted Platform
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 for more info.



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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.

NYS Assessment Dates

Our 7th- and 8th-grade students will take:

English: 4/29, 4/30

Math: 5/6, 5/7

Science: 5/13 (8th grade only)

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

*Living Environment students will take the Living Environment Regents Exam on **June 17th 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.

Mock Interview Time at the Middle School. Can You Help?

Wednesday, March 29

Confirm by March 15

For more information or to sign up, contact Deb Lynch at dlynch@GSTBOCES.org



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.

Progress Report Cards Issued March 12, 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

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.



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@HMSPTO



Middle School Art Department Announces 2024 Scholastic Art Award Winners!



Charlee
Felko

Derek
Madison



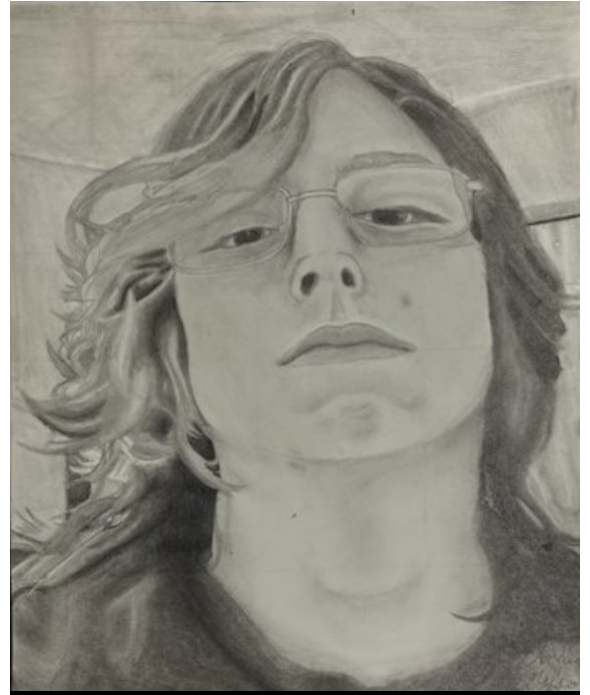
Hannah Sydlansky



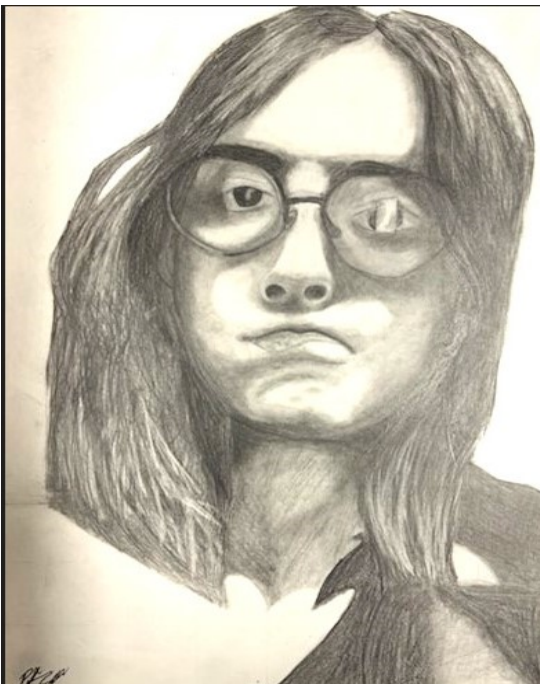
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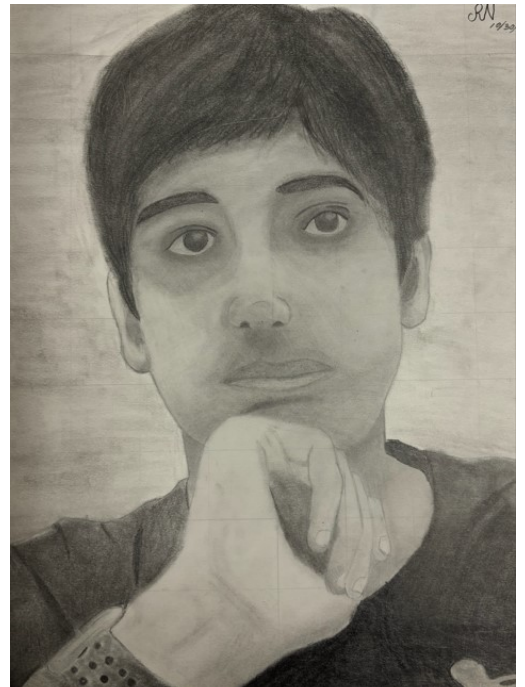
Jeff Cain



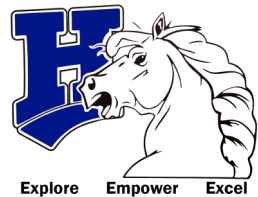
Amelia Nelson



Phoenix Skinner



Rocco Narsiff



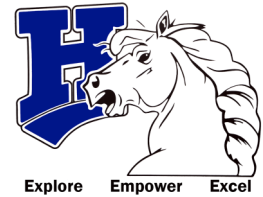
HMS is Proud to Present our 2nd Marking Period Distinguished High Honor Roll Students!

7th Grade

Sophie Barron
Hannah Beck
Michael Belosky
Reagan Bement
Skylinn Benitez
Rebekah Black
Nathan Blauvelt
Alexander Bocek
Jonathan Bower
Emily Buono
Matthew Burczynski
Aaliyah Cady
Noah Campanelli
Zoey Canestaro
Selina Chen
Audrey Earl
Haven Erway
Connor Fitzpatrick
Liam Gagliardi
Liam Gleckner
Clara Harrigan
Manahil Hasan
Julia Headley

Stella Hillman
Layla Hoeffner
Gracie Houseknecht
Evalynn Howe
Aditi Kamaraju
Emilia Karney
Benjamin Kistner
Gabrielle Laughlin
Ryan Madison
Myanna Mazurowski
Bailey McCarthy
Brennen McCullough
Presley McInnis
Fallon Mickley
Hawkins Mitchell
Aubrianna Morgan
Josiah Nicolae
Phillip Oyekanlu
Gabriel Peake
Mischa Podolec
Michaela Richardson
Antonio Rios
Reese Schooley

Lake Sena
Lillian Shutts
Sophia Smith
Lilyana Sours
Aaron Sullivan II
Madison Swartwood
Camden Vasicek
Khoa Vo
Ryan Von Bevern
Hannah Williams
Jenna Wright
Zihan Yang
Anna Zeller



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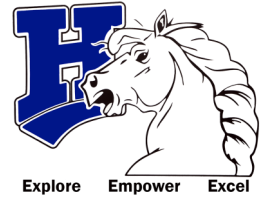
7th Grade

Stella Aikman
Alise Andrew
Landon Andrews
Brysen Beach
Juliana Bixby
Morgyn Bocko
Laken Bola
Gavin Brooks
Koda Carpenter
Jonah Charlanow
Charles Coon
Ivory Coon
Braelynn Culshaw
Summer Cunningham
Owen Dahl
Mason Dispenza
Keira Dyer
Jacob English
Brian Evans III
Vincent Foote
Nas Fuad Zeba
Kamdyn Gilbert
Natalie Hartigan
Rachel Hughson
Nadia Jackson
Ellie Jaynes

Lillian Johnson
Brooke Jones
Quinn Kent
Adilynn Kerbein
Payton Kline
Evelyn Knowlton
Ally Kozemko
Ryan Kozemko
John Kravec
Jake Lambert
Savanna Lazenby
Lyra Lesstino-Hoyles
Jordynn Lewis
Sara Lower
Nathan Malandra
Maeve Manwaring
Aedan Manzer
Alexia Marmor
Alexander Mayotte
Eric McGrain
Zachary Mendez
Paislee Mickinkle
Maxwell Mintegui
Micah Mis
Miguel Molina Chilton
Calais Morse

Caleb Nah

Kian Niles
Cormac Oakden
Sophia Ostrander
Tanner Ostrander
Cruze Owen
Jai Pakyala
Purva Patel
Aubrey Romanick
Joseph Saks
Nicholas Serebro
Reagan Stanton
Kennidi Sternquist
Anthony Sullivan
Adrianna Swartwood
Ava Traluksamee
Benjamin Valicenti
Ava White
Genevive Williams
Ryan Williams
Thomas Woodward



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7th Grade

Corilee Aiken

Luca Allis

Jordan Apgar

Syeda Ayesha Fatima

Brandilyn Beach

John Bean

Cullen Bourgeois

Joseph Brennan

Ashton Campbell

Jacob Canestaro

Noah Cloke

Benjamin Coon

John Cooper

Cally Corsi

Duane Craven

Elizabeth Darrow

Aariayonna Davis

Maeley Denson

Joseph Drake

Noah Farrell

Reese Faulisi

Owen Frost

Serenity Gonzalez

Riley Goodwin

Annabelle Guardì

Haylee Hancock

Bryson Jackson

Hailey Krug

Cooper Lambert

Sophia Lynch

Sabrina Martinez

Coltin Martz

Easton McDonald

Rori Munley

James Mustico

Elijah Parker

Alana Parrotte

Isabella Pellor

Macy Phillips

Diogo Rocha

Adrian Rosekrans

Joseph Saunders

Michael Saunders

Nathaniel Schroth

Derrick Smith

Brooklynn Sweet

Demetree Tetreault

Owen Tiffany

Zaylee Vang

Aria Viss

Adalyn Wahl-Knowlden

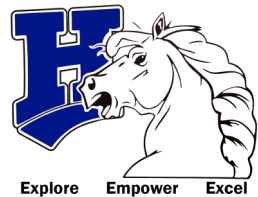
Coltin Warrick

Jayden Williams

Sophia Wood

Alexandra Yackel

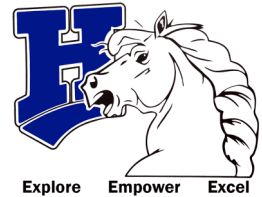
Ethan Yaw



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8th Grade

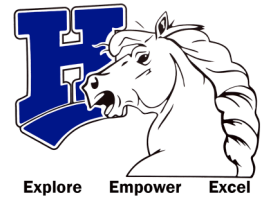
Matthew Balland	Christopher Moshier
Jackson Bell	Joshua Nah
Samantha Bonnell	Wyatt Narosky
Jeffery Cain	Rocco Narsiff
Mylah Castellano	Reese O'Herron
Ananya Chauhan	Matheus Pacheco
Michael Christmas	Chance Redner
Caleb Clark	Ryan Robbins
Meghan Cleary	Chiara SaPereira
Amila Denicola	Nicholas Seymour
Michael Gavin	Lillian Shope
Charles Hafer	Dhruv Shrisudersan
Mia Howard	Phoenix Skinner
Brady Hughson	Adelynn Swarthout
Claire Jones	Hannah Sydlansky
Natalie Karney	Maggie Tremaine
Savannah Lin	Vivien Warner
Dylan Lorenz	Joseph Wood
Emily Majiros	
Gabriella Matteson	
Kellen McDonnell	
Shalaney McDonough	
Connor Miele	



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8th Grade

Kadence Adams	Aiden Gridley	Ethan Raymond
Morgan Adams	Kennedy Harer	Kailyn Reed
Lilyana Amberg-Matzke	Charlette Houghton	Zachary Robert
Chase Barnstead	Ryan Huang	Lydia Rockwell
Willow Barr	Murphy Johns	Noah Russell
Heidi Beck	Emma Jones	Gavin Shock
Donovan Bennett	Owen Jones	Arielle Shopher
Jacob Benson	Morgan Just	Steven Shutts II
Kellan Berry	Kaleigh Kemmer	Brayden Slavin
Ginny Blake	Talon Kiley	Stephen Sloane II
William Boughton	Alexander King	Lauren Smith
John Brand	Dyllan Kondikoff	Elliott Snedecor
Cala Bubacz	Derek Madison	Jackson Sonsire
Cari Bubacz	Zachary Mattucci	Benjamin Stein
Brayden Carman	Samantha McIlwain	Pierce Terwilliger
Mark Carro	Audrey Miller	Noah Thompson
Elizaveta Chalk	Gabriella Miller	Salman Umar
Makenzii Creighton	Katelyn Miller	Sophia Verna
Trent Crouse	Braelyn Minter	Nathan Vesneske
Matthew Derry	Daniel Mosher	McKayla Waters
Caleb Didas	Lucille Mosher	Clara Wilson
Torin Duart	Ramon Osorio	Jayden Witzel
Mason Earl	Benjamin Pepper	Trace Woodward
Charlee Felko	Jude Pfeiffer	
Lillian Gee	Benjamin Potter	
Michael Graham	Adelaide Pronti	



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8th Grade

Ava Andrus	Micheal Hugg
Rylynn Augustine	Mary Just
Zayden Barton	Zachary Kaiser
Jaxon Baxter	Mia Kinsman
Angel Bell	Alexxander Kozemko
Griffin Bixby	Leo Lombard
Ali Carrier	Aisha Morse
Graycee Colussy	Amelia Nelson
Addison Cook	William Norris
Laken Corsi	Teagan Peden
Julian Denicola	Hannah Rohr
Chase Drew	Emily Rourke
Tessa Dunn	Charles Ruhmel
Logan Earl	Elissandra Scibek
Sohila Elmenshawy	Parker Sempler
Tanner Findley	Juliana Shoemaker
Samuel Giancoli	Logan Stoltzfus
Lucas Gillette	Miles Sweet
Samuel Hartman	Landon Wemple
Xxzavier Hogan	
Aubri Houck	
Bradyn Hourihan	
Alexander Howard	

Clothing Donations Needed

The nurse's office is looking for donations of clothing for our students. Please bring new or gently used, clean items to the nurse's office.

For Girls: shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies in sizes medium, large and extra large
bottoms: leggings & sweatpants in sizes medium, large and extra large
underwear: in sizes medium, large, and extra large

For Boys: short sleeve shirts, sweatshirts, or hoodies in sizes large and extra large
bottoms: sweatpants and shorts in sizes large and extra large

Thank you for helping us out!

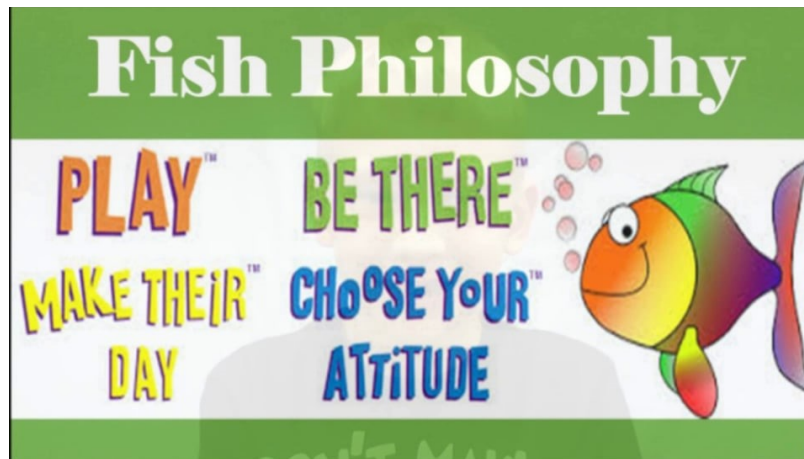
Ms. Wright, RN, and Ms. Palma, LPN

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.

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)

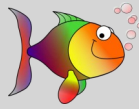
Play (by putting on a show)

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.

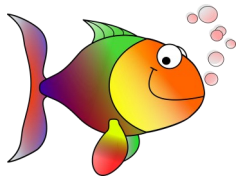




Hello! Every month our school newsletter highlights those in our HMS community that are caught doing something above and beyond and go that extra mile.

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.



A Fish Committee member has made a shoutout to Ms. Blowers, leader of the Fish Committee:

"Ms. Blowers is a stellar example of someone that embraces the FISH philosophy. She is always finding new ideas that excite and interest students and staff. She is also always there for people to listen or help in any capacity she can. We are super lucky to have such a fun, positive role model in our building."

Student Shoutout: Connor Fitzpatrick

Connor is always willing to help others and has a positive attitude that ensures he and others around him are having fun while learning.

Character Trait of the Month Trustworthiness

Honesty
Integrity
Promise-keeping
Loyalty

The FISH Committee would also like to send a **shoutout** to the winners of the Annual Chocolate & Chili Cook off:

Favorite Chili was a tie between Mrs. Licht and Ms. Barron

Favorite Chocolate was won by Mrs. Johnson for the second year in a row!

Thank you to all who participated; your food was phenomenal!

Parent Information



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
- URL for Mobile App is now: gst1.schooltool.com/horseheads

Athletic Information

2024-25 Spring Season - for more information, see our district athletic website.

Varsity and JV Sports: Registration opens February 17. Start date: March 17

Modified Sports: Registration opens February 24. Start date: March 31

Unified Basketball: Registration opens March 7. Start date: April 7

Modified Sports Spring season

Registration begins February 24

Start Date: March 31

[Click here for sports schedules for the current season.](#)

Boys Baseball

Girls Softball

Boys Lacrosse

Girls Lacrosse

Outdoor Track

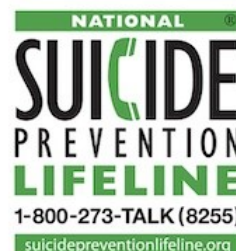
[FamilyID](#)

Livestream home sports contests

Live stream athletic events at the District Stadium and Middle School Gym at the link below. *Let's go, Blue!*

#raiderpride

[Live Stream Link](#)



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



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 to the school's main office.



Call The Safe Schools Line

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

Mr. Holloway

rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com

Mr. Hoeffner

thoeffner@horseheadsdistrict.com



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>



aimsweb Plus is a reliable computer-based screening assessment, which is administered in the fall, winter and spring. This year on **May 28th and 29th**, students will be taking the **spring** *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 or jsonsire@gstboces.org.



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**

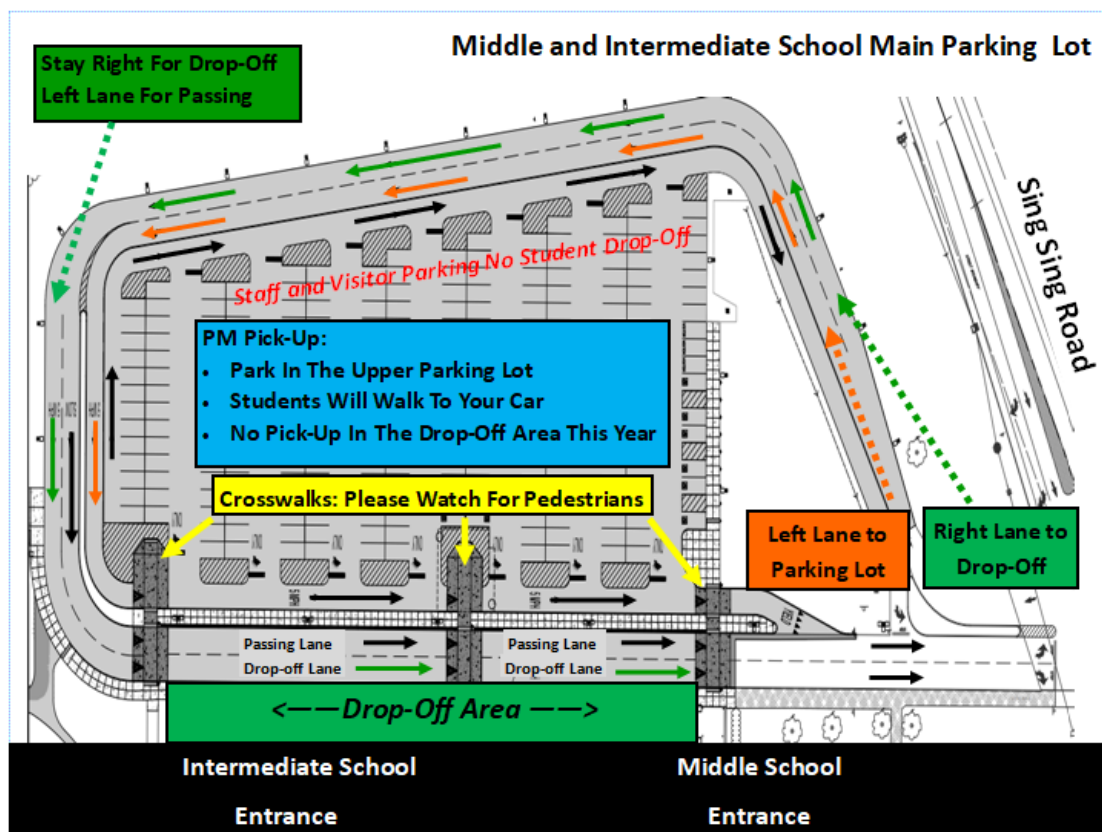
- **Students should walk in the door no later than 7:40 to avoid being late to first period**

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



Make it a great day,



the Raider Way!

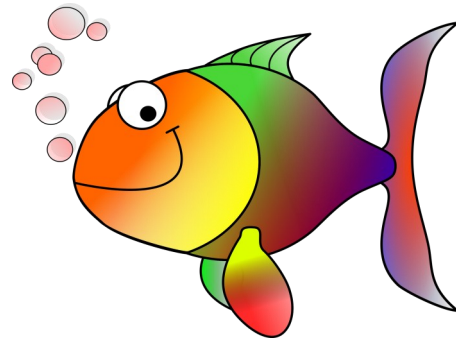
Raider Way:



- 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.

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