

Horseheads Middle School

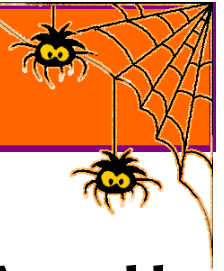
October, 2019



The Club Issue

Contact Us!

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What's Happening at HMS

10/8/19

Progress Reports Issued

10/11/19

No School

Conference Day

10/14/19

No School

Conference Day

10/19/19

Make a Difference Day

10/25/19

Dance & Open Gym

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Thank you for attending our recent OPEN HOUSE! See page 2 for the story.

GO VIRAL!

Character Education Assembly

Showing kindness and learning how to use social media responsibly was the theme of this year's Three-screen Character Assembly. GO VIRAL! was geared to challenge students to make real connections. Cell phones



Members of the Camfel Production staff, creators of the GO VIRAL! Presentation.

and social media have altered how we communicate today in some amazing ways. These fabulous tools are incredibly useful for navigating through life today. However, too many students are abusing these tools as well. Social media is filled misleading information or students posting images seeking affirmation via hearts, likes and smiles. Some even use social media as a way to bully and criticize others to build themselves up. GO VIRAL will motivate your students to act responsibly within the social media world. They'll be challenged to post more real and encouraging comments. They'll be inspired to seek out face to face encounters and GO VIRAL with kind words and a smile. GO VIRAL will help your students gain a new sense of their own innate worth, they'll grow to appreciate the diversity of race, language, and culture that make up the community in which they live.

Open House 2019

Many thanks for attending our first Open House of the school year. We hope you found it interesting and informative! It's a great time to visit with our community partners and catch up with friends.

In between visiting your students' teachers, we hope you were able to enjoy pizza and drinks provided by the PTO, order Spirit Wear, or purchase one of our new Horseheads/PTO community reward cards. Spirit Wear will be available again in December and also in time for Spring Sports. Our community reward cards are still available; contact the school to purchase one. For \$5.00, you will receive discounts at local establishments while supporting HMS PTO. Thanks to all who have purchased a card.

With your continuing support, we will make this a productive year for you and our students. As always, feel free to call the school with questions you may have at 739-6357.

We would like to thank our Horseheads Middle School families, HMS PTO, friends and Community Supporters for a wonderful send-off to a new school year.



Character Trait of the Month

Responsibility

Think before you act. Accept responsibility for the consequences of your choices. Don't make excuses. Don't blame others for your mistakes, or take credit for others' achievements. Keep trying; don't quit or give up easily.

Be diligent and industrious.

Exercise self control. Be disciplined.





Board of Education Recognition Week October 21st – October 25th

We would like to thank all of our Board of Education members for their hard work and dedication. They play a vital role in the success of our students in our great District. If you see a BOE member, please thank them for the work they do to ensure our students **Explore**, are **Empowered**, and **Excel**.

Members include:

Pam Strollo, **President**

Kristine Dale, **Vice-President**

Daniel Christmas, Warren Conklin, Mary Anne Holleran,
Shehla Javed, Doug Johnson, Brian Lynch, Tyler Pribulick

Taylor Orban (**Student Representative**)

Thanks for All You Do!

The Board meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of the month. Meetings are rotated between each school in the District. The public is invited to attend!

Important Contact Information

Safe Schools Hotline - 607-795-2044

Middle School Phone Number - 607-739-6357

Middle School Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/HHMS.cfm>

Horseheads District Phone Number - 607-739-5601

Horseheads District Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/index.cfm>

Athletic Office Phone Number - 607-739-5601 x4254

Athletic Office Website - <http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/athletics.cfm>

Join the Horseheads Central School District as a School Bus Driver



- Paid training
- Benefits package including health insurance
- No weekends, holidays, or summers

To apply, submit a completed employment application to our Human Resources Office, south wing of Horseheads High School, during school hours. Our application may be found at www.horseheadsdistrict.com, or you may pick one up in our Human Resources Office.

Applicants must be 21 years old.
Fingerprint/background check and
drug testing are required.

Questions?

Call the Transportation Department at (607) 739-5601, x4401, or email us at hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.



Explore Empower Excel

Make a Difference Day

Saturday October 19, 2019
10am - Noon*


The fourth annual district-wide Make a Difference Day to help our community is Saturday, October 19. Bring your friends and family, and let's show how much Raider Nation cares! Working together, we'll make a positive impact in the community, create memories, and have fun.

*Wear your Raider gear
or Raider Blue/White*

There are several different activities and locations to choose from that day. All but the senior residence activities take place from 10 a.m. to noon. Some locations have one-hour shifts; others have two-hour shifts.

Here are the activities, locations, and the grade ranges. Please note that children in grades PreK-6 must be accompanied by an adult:

- ➔ **Maple Grove Cemetery, Big Flats Community Park, or Teal Park (open to all ages).** Help beautify these outdoor areas by cleaning up leaves, twigs, and trash. If you can, please bring rakes and gloves!
- ➔ **Jubilee or Miniers (open to all ages).** Help with a food drive for the Backpack Program and help carry groceries for shoppers.
- ➔ ***Appleridge or Elcor (10:30-11:30am) (Grades PreK-6 only).** Students will dress in Halloween costumes for a parade and then do a craft with the residents.
- ➔ **Walk to End Alzheimers (open to all ages).** Our friends at Bethany will be participating in this walk, so we won't be able to do our Halloween parade and crafts there. Instead, they've invited us to join in this wonderful event at Eldridge Park. Participate in the one-mile walk or be a fan in the stands to support the walkers.
- ➔ **Indoor Volunteer Activities (open to all ages).** Make cards for soldiers, placemats for Meals on Wheels, dog treats for the animal shelter, and more. These activities will be held at the Middle/Intermediate School complex on Sing Sing Road.
- ➔ **Blizzard Bags (open to all ages).** Sort food donations and pack Blizzard Bags for Meals on Wheels at our Middle/Intermediate School complex.
- ➔ **PetSmart (Grade 10 only) or PetCo (Grades 7-8 only).** Help collect supplies for local animal shelters and help carry purchases for shoppers.

 **Please sign up online by Thursday, October 10 at this link:**
<http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/makeadifferenceday.cfm> 

Questions? Call your school office or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com. Thank you!

Make a Difference for our community – join us on October 19!

***raiderPride**

School Notes

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. We encourage parents to sign-up for Parent Portal to help keep track of your student's progress between the reporting periods. Don't have Parent Portal? Stop by the Guidance Office with your I.D. and fill out the form.

Honor Roll	85.0 cumulative average
Failing Grade	64.0 or lower in any course

The first progress reports will be issued October 8.

Missed a day? Call the office by **10:00am** and request your student's homework assignments for the day. Material may be picked up in the main office from **3:15 - 4:00pm**.

Lost and Found

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

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.

PARENT PORTAL

If you have not already signed up, please visit our Guidance Office. You will be asked to complete a short form and present identification. 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://schooltool.horseheadsdistrict.com/sthhweb>



The Technology Guild is an extracurricular activity that lets students expand their interest in working with tools and machines through various project-based activities. Some previous activities include hot air balloons, CO₂ race cars, model rockets, Maglev, mousetrap vehicles, catapults and solar sprint cars. For each activity the student will learn to design, build and operate their device. Students do not need to be in a Technology class to be eligible to participate.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Science Olympiad is a series of individual and team events for which students prepare from early October until the competition in February. These challenges and motivational events are based on the various science and technology disciplines such as biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, computers and engineering.

The students must have knowledge of science facts, concepts, processes, skills and science applications, along with building expertise. As there is such a diverse field of events offered, we find that with limited coaches and time, we are always looking for volunteers who can lend their expertise to help prepare the team! Contact Team Advisors Mr. Johnson or Mr. Steele for more information.

If you have knowledge of a particular area of science or technology that fits with an event, we would love to have you volunteer to help the students prepare. Or perhaps you don't feel you can help, but know someone who could. The time commitment can be minimal; one hour every one or two weeks would be fine.

This is a great opportunity for community involvement with our students. It's fun and extremely rewarding to see the students succeed and work so hard for a common goal. If you are interested in helping out, please contact us.

HMS Clubs

Middle School Musical

We are excited about our school musical this year, **Oliver Twist**. The show is scheduled for Thursday and Friday, January 31st and February 1st at 7 pm. Our performances will be at the HS Auditorium. The cast will rehearse Tuesday evenings from 6:30- 8:30 pm. The rehearsals will increase by one hour (6:00 - 9:00 pm) as needed in January. The show features a flexible cast of 30 students. There is a variety of solo singing and solo/group dancing featured. We will also need 10 students for the technical crew. Advisors are Mr. Palmer & Ms. Stratton.



Yearbook

HMS Yearbook is a club for 7th and 8th grade boys and girls who enjoy photography, writing, and technology. The club will meet twice a month during 10th period. Space is limited to 25 students. To apply for HMS Yearbook you must complete an application and place it in Mr. O'Brian's mailbox. Students may pick up an application in the Main Office. Advisor is Mr. O'Brian.

HMS Live

HMS Live is our daily television show broadcast through the Middle School each morning and occasional other times. The show gives students the opportunity to learn basic broadcasting skills. It features daily announcements, interviews, sports, club reports and other programs. Students meet at 7:30AM and during 10th period. Advisors are Mr. Palmer & Mr. Donovan.



Student Council

Student Council acts as the student government for the Middle School. As a group, they host several activities such as dances and open gyms, as well as many fundraising and charitable events throughout the year.

Elections for Student Council Officers were held on Monday, October 7, 2019. Eighth grade students will elect candidates for President, Vice - President, Treasurer and Secretary. Seventh grade students will elect officers for Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. Seventh and eighth grade officers work together with the advisors to plan and organize student council meetings and events. In addition to the officers, each 10th period class will elect two representatives to serve on Student Council as 10th Period Representatives. These students are responsible for attending monthly meetings, reporting back information to their 10th period class as well as give input and vote on events hosted by Student Council. Elections for 10th Period Representatives will be held on Friday, October 18, 2019. All elected students must sign and abide by a code of conduct.

Student Council represents all middle school students. Any student wishing to participate in Student Council events is welcomed and encouraged to do so. Advisors are Ms. Leland & Ms. Stratton.

HMS Clubs

National Junior Honor Society



The Horseheads Middle School established its chapter of the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) in March of 2000. The purpose of the organization is to recognize students who exhibit excellence in the areas of citizenship, service, leadership and character, both inside and outside of school. These students have taken a positive role in their school and community, while maintaining a high level of academic achievement.

Those who were accepted as members last June continue to demonstrate their exemplary character and citizenship through service to the school community.

Overall, membership in the National Junior Honor Society is an outstanding goal for students to strive for. Not only are they recognized for their academic and community achievements, they also continue to cultivate their sense of citizenship, service, leadership and character, preparing them to become better participants in the school, local and global communities.

New candidates for the NJHS will be selected following the application process which begins in May. Students are inducted into the National Junior Honor Society every June. Advisors are Ms. Leland and Ms. Fischer.



Choir Extracurricular Activities

Seasonal concerts this year are December 4 and May 6. Both concerts are in the High School Auditorium and begin at 7:30PM. All Middle School Singers are invited to perform at Big Flats Community Days this year. The event takes place in June after school. The select choir will perform at Sparkle in Corning this year on Saturday December 7th. Keep that date open to come support us!

Mr. Palmer expects to send individual soloists to this year's NYSSMA Solo Festival in Bath NY. The festival is **April 24th and 25th, 2020**. Rehearsals will begin in February. Also planned are National Anthem Solo performances at high school sporting events. Any student desiring to sing a NYSSMA Solo or perform the Star Spangled Banner at athletic events should see Mr. Palmer. Students performing well in this festival will become eligible for the following year Area All State Festival in November. This year over 20 singers will participate!



Athletic Information

Our Winter 2019 seasons will begin **November 12** for JV and Varsity Sports and wrestling. Online registration opens **October 12**. Modified season begins **November 18**: boys & girls basketball and boys modified swimming/diving, wrestling. Online registration opens **October 19**. More details can be found on the District website under Athletics. Please ensure that the athlete has a physical (after **November 1, 2018** for a Winter sport), on record with the school nurse.

Horseheads — Nakagawa

Sister Cities Exchange



The Horseheads Sister City Association is delighted to announce the 2020 exchange trip with Nakagawa, Japan. Students in grades 8-11, interested in travel to Japan through the exchange program, can pick up an application packet in the guidance office. Applications are due January 6, 2020.

An informational meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 7:00pm in the Middle School Library.

We are also seeking energetic and caring families with students in grades 7, 8 or 9 to host two Japanese students during their Oct. 28-Nov. 2, 2019 visit to Horseheads. If you are interested in becoming a host family this fall, please contact Kelly Murray at kmurray@horseheadsdistrict.com.



HEALTH OFFICE INFORMATION

All **prescription medications** and **over-the-counter medications** require a medication administration order form from a physician and a parent signature. The parent or guardian must bring the medication in the original container to the health office. Students may not carry any medication (prescribed or over-the-counter) with the exception of inhalers, epi-pens and diabetic medical supplies..

The Health Office will soon begin Scoliosis screenings on all 7th-grade girls.

Additionally 7th graders and new entrants will be seen for their height, weight, vision and hearing, unless these results were provided on their routine physical exam. All 7th graders and new entrants are required to have a Physical and Dental Certificate. This is a state mandate.

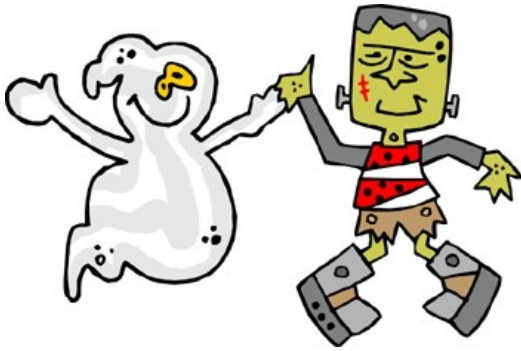
School appraisals/physicals will be on Oct. 28 for students who **do not** have their own provider.

We encourage parents/guardians to use their own provider to monitor ongoing problems and provide medical consistency.

New York State Dental Requirement

New York State now requires all schools to request dental health certificates from parents at the same time we require a health certificate (in grades K, 2, 4, 7, and 10).





Mark your Calendars!
October 25 7-9pm

Middle School Halloween Dance and Open Gym Night

Each year in October, the PTO and Student Council sponsor a dance and open gym. In order to maintain a safe and enjoyable atmosphere for all of our students, we ask that the following procedures be followed:

- **Dance and open gym will start at 7:00 pm and end promptly at 9:00 pm. Students should make certain their transportation is waiting in the front of the school at 9:00 pm.**
- Our dance and open gym is open to students who are enrolled at Horseheads Middle School.
- To attend the dance and open gym, students must purchase a ticket during their lunch period Monday through Friday the week of the dance. No money will be collected at the door.
- All rules that apply during school hours are in effect for dances. The exceptions are cell phones and hats, as they are permitted. Failure to comply with school rules may result in students being prohibited from attending other school events.
- Participants are not allowed to leave the designated areas being used for the event. Students may not leave the building until the end of the event unless a parent is present to pick them up. Once a student leaves the building, he or she will not be readmitted.
- There will be no admission after 7:30 pm. without prior permission by an administrator.
- Refreshments are available for purchase and may not be taken outside of the designated area.
- Students who do not attend school the day of the dance and open gym will not be permitted to attend.
- Should school be cancelled the day of the dance and open gym, the event is also cancelled. It may or may not be rescheduled.
- **Please Note:** When picking up your child at the end of the dance, you will need to park in the Main Parking Lot in front of the school. Your child can wait for you to come get them or they can come find you in the parking lot.



2019-2020 Swim Lesson Schedule

Registration for swimming lessons for students in K - 6 will be held on October 26, 2019 from 9:00 – 12:00pm at the Horseheads High School pool. **All lessons have been moved up an hour.**

All students who have enrolled in previous sessions may check on their current level at the deep end of the pool. All new students must report to the shallow end with a suit and a towel in order to be tested for ability level. Non-swimmers do not have to be tested and should just register for Level I. The registration fee is **\$25 for each session** and checks should be made payable to **Horseheads Central School District**.

Information is on our district website <http://horseheadsdistrict.com/pool.cfm>. (or www.horseheadsdistrict.com, Community, Pool Schedule). Also, cancelations will be posted on our district Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Horseheads-Central-School-District-180046775371927/>) and Twitter (@HhdsSchools).

If you are unable to attend the date for registration, you may register at the next class. There will be no reservations accepted by telephone.

Jared Zembek, Pool Director

jzembek@horseheadsdistrict.com

Dates for Lessons:

<i>Session 1:</i>	<i>Session 2:</i>	<i>Session 3:</i>
Nov. 2	Jan. 11	Mar. 7
Nov. 9	Jan. 18	Mar. 14
Nov. 16	Jan. 25	Mar. 28
Nov. 23	Feb. 1	Apr. 18
Dec. 7	Feb. 15	Apr. 25
Dec. 14	Feb. 22	May 2
Dec. 21	Feb. 29	May 9

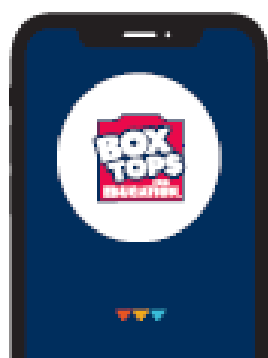
Time Slots (Levels I – VI)

9:00-9:35
9:40-10:15
10:20-10:55
11:00-11:35
11:40-12:15
12:20-12:55

*Dec 21 and Feb 29 are sign up days; lessons in session.

May 16th will be a makeup day if lessons are cancelled.





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The NEW and improved Box Tops mobile app uses state-of-the-art technology to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add Box Tops to our school's earnings online.

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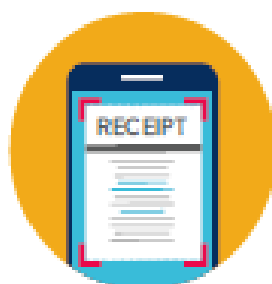


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TO SCHOOL

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THE BOX TOPS APP AT [BTFE.COM](https://www.btfe.com)

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Summer Reading Program

On September 19, students celebrated the Scholastic Read-a-Palooza summer reading challenge! Participating students and staff read a combined 11,104 minutes, which counted toward a national total of 109,334,297 minutes of reading.

Scholastic donated 200,000 books to the United Way on behalf of participating readers across the country. Each participant selected a Lego™ prize and three students received a Barnes & Noble gift certificate.

All students and Mrs. Treacy enjoyed their prizes! Mrs. Heidrich would like to thank everyone who participated including Ms. Rathbun for planning and providing gift certificates for lucky winners! Listen for more opportunities this school year to share a love of reading and charitable giving in your community!

8th Grade:

Camron Benedict

Ryan Bo

Sophie Houghtaling

Matt Young

Nathan Zhou

7th Grade:

Anika Kamaraju

Christian Headley

Staff: Mrs. Treacy



The *Digital Citizenship News* is an invaluable tool for parents and students alike to learn about and protect themselves on the Internet. Follow this link to read the monthly newsletters for more information you can use to keep your family safe online.

<http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com/digcitnews.cfm>



*“Autumn...
the year’s
last,
loveliest
smile.”*

- William Cullen Bryant

NOTICE

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