

# HORSEHEADS HIGH SCHOOL “NOTES”



May/June 2012

## High School Phone Number: 739-5601

Ext. 1600 - Karen Donahue, Principal	Ext. 1612 - Attendance Office
Ext. 1602 - Dan Buseck, Assistant Principal	Ext. 1630 - Guidance Office
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## STUDENT DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

As always, parents are urged to make appointments for their students with physicians, dentists, etc. after school hours. When a request for dismissal during the school day is necessary, please submit it in advance and in writing (with a parent/guardian signature) to the Attendance Office. The note should state the date, time, and reason for release.

Dismissal via telephone will only be done in emergency situations and must be approved by the Principal.

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Congratulations to senior **Paarth Shah** for being selected as the winner of a Special Scholarship sponsored by Lockheed Martin Corporation Foundation. Winners of Special Scholarships are chosen on the basis of their skills and accomplishments from a pool of candidates who fulfilled this sponsor's criteria and scored high on the 2010 PSAT/NMSQT.

## **SENIOR HONOR ASSEMBLY**

On **Wednesday, June 6, 2012** several members of the Class of 2012 will be honored at the Senior Honor Assembly. These seniors have maintained an average of 85 or above throughout their high school career. The program will begin at **7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium.**

Everyone is welcome to attend!

## EVERYDAY HEROES

Congratulations to the 2012 WENY/First Heritage Federal Credit Union Everyday Heroes: **Claire Blaney, Cameron Frisbie, Alison Parker, Mackenzie Schrock, and Arianna Woodard.** Nominated by High School staff members, the students were chosen to represent the High School as young people who embody the characteristics of an everyday hero: character, community service, overcoming obstacles, going above and beyond to better our community, and more. They will be honored, along with students from some 20 regional high schools, at a celebration in June.

## **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY REMINDER**

The National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held in the Horseheads High School Auditorium on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm for all current and newly appointed members. All students must report to the North Gym at 6:30 p.m. Practice will be directly after school on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If a student does not participate in the practice, they may not participate in the ceremony.

## **SENIOR BACCALAUREATE SERVICE**

This year's Baccalaureate Service, *Hope for the Journey*, will take place in the HHS Auditorium on **Monday, June 18, at 7:00pm**. It is a night for the faith community to honor and bless our seniors with hope for the next exciting phase of their lives. The program includes specials by members of the senior class, great music, an engaging speaker, and refreshments afterwards. Seniors and their families are welcome to attend!

\*Baccalaureate is not a district sponsored event and is organized by the Horseheads Coalition of Churches

## **SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION**

Do you need extra money for college that you do not have to pay back? If so, see Mrs. Kastenhuber in the Guidance Office for scholarships that are available to offset the cost of your college tuition. When walking through the halls by the Guidance Office be sure to look at the scholarship showcase and bulletin board. These scholarships are also available for your review at [www.horseheadsdistrict.com](http://www.horseheadsdistrict.com). We want to make your college experience a prosperous and successful experience.

## **FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

As most of us prepare for the upcoming summer months, the Athletic Department is deep into preparation for the upcoming 2012 Fall sports season. Any and all information regarding Fall sports including individual team information can be found on the district website. As always, if you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact the Athletic Office at 739-5601, ext. 4254.

## **NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND NOTICE**

This notice is in compliance with provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 to inform you that, because your child's school received Title I federal funding, you have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teachers. Specifically included is your right to know the following:

- ◆ Whether the teacher has met State qualifications and licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which the teacher provides instruction;
- ◆ Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or other provisional status through which State qualification or licensing criteria have been waived;
- ◆ The baccalaureate degree major of the teacher and any other graduate certification or degree held by the teacher and field of discipline of the certification or degree; and
- ◆ Whether your child is provided services by paraprofessionals and, if so, their qualifications.

If you wish to exercise your right to obtain the above information about your child's teacher, please contact the Human Resources Office in writing at the following address: Judith Christensen, Director of Human Resources, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, New York 14845. If you have any questions concerning the above, please feel free to contact (607) 739-5601, ext. 4214.

## **REMINDER TO ALL JUNIORS**

Don't forget to turn your Student Record Sheet in to the Guidance Office as soon as possible. The information that you provide to us on this form is used to not only write letters of recommendation for college and scholarships applications, but also for job and military reference checks. The SRS helps us learn more about your interests so that we can make you aware of additional learning opportunities that may come to our attention.

Thank You!

## **GIRLS STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

**Arianna Scaptura, Claire Harshberger, Kayleigh Buffington, and Savannah Powers** have been selected as Girls State representatives from Horseheads High School. Kayleigh is being sponsored by Unit #1612 Big Flats American Legion Women's Auxiliary. Arianna is being sponsored by Unit #442 Horseheads American Legion Women's Auxiliary. Claire is being sponsored by Squad SAL #442 Horseheads American Legion. Alternates are **Mariah Robbins, Elizabeth Wall, and Savannah Powers**. The students were selected as the result of an interview and selection process which sought students with outstanding qualities of leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and maturity.

Congratulations!

## **BOYS STATE REPRESENTATIVES**

**John Everett, Sean Bassler, Michael Reed, Safwan Jalal, Jacob Esty, Gavin Guild, Derek Johnson, Benjamin Pierri, and Andrew Lower** have been selected as the Boys State representatives from Horseheads High School. Benjamin and Andrew are sponsored by Big Flats Post 1612, Derek is sponsored by the Chemung County American Legion, and all other delegates are sponsored by Horseheads Bentley-Trumble Post 442. **Devin Caruso** has been chosen as an alternate. The students were selected as the result of a selection process which sought students with outstanding qualities of leadership, patriotism, scholarship, and maturity.

Congratulations to those selected!

## **HORSEHEADS BAND AND VOCAL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE AT STATE SOLO FESTIVAL**

On Friday and Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> thirty-eight Horseheads High School band and vocal students participated in forty-three solo performances at the New York State School Music Association Festival held at Bradford Central School. Each student prepared scales, a major solo and music they had never seen before for a grade and score. Students also receive written evaluations of their performance to work from by certified music adjudicators. All students received ratings in the "A" range.

Students receiving perfect 100 evaluations on the most difficult level of music as All-State Auditions, with an accompanist were: **Michelle Li**-flute; **Emily Wagner** -clarinet; **Melissa Dubots** and **Patrick Leslie**-alto saxophones; and **Kate Nicole Hoffman**-soprano I. **Tyler Struble** also received a perfect 100 evaluation on his level 5 vocal solo.

Outstanding students also using their solo with accompanist as an All-State Audition were **Derek Johnson**-trombone; **Mariah Robbins** and **Jeffrey Hansen**-French Horn; **Sean Bassler**-trumpet; **Patrick Mayville**-marimba; **Kate-Nicole Hoffman**-clarinet; **Mariah Robbins**-soprano I; and **Jessica Alexander**-soprano II.

Additional students receiving outstanding ratings were: Flutes: **Tianyi Zhang**, **Erin Kenney**, **Shannon Donovan**, and **Samantha Verdonck**; Clarinets: **Marissa Faroni**, **Trinity Grasso**, **Sun Woo Kim**, and **Joshuah Tinker**; Bassoon: **Claire Preston**; Bass Clarinet and Contrabass Clarinet: **Andrew Lower**; Alto Saxophone: **Ben Coble** and **Danielle Sherman**;

Tenor Saxophone: **Caroline Feyling** and **Allyson Marshall**; Trumpet: **Adam Bassler**, **Sebastian Bauco**, **Jessica Hoffman**, and **Brendan Marshall**; French Horn: **James Bergman**; Trombone: **Sadie Cutler**, **Patrick Buckley**, **Justin Gregory**, and **Nick Jividen**; Tuba: **Daniel Anderson**; Snare: **Cameron Stone**; Piano: **Sebastian Bauco** and **Samantha Verdonck**; Vocal: **Patrick Hoose Saukas**.

Participating in this festival offers these students the opportunity to perform in the Senior Area All-State bands and choirs in November. The All-State Audition soloists may be selected for the Conference All-State Band Choir and Orchestra festival in December.

### **ALLIANCE FOR YOUNG ARTISTS & WRITERS**

We are pleased to announce that **Caleb Harrington** and **Paige Perez** have earned national recognition in The Scholastic Art and Writing Awards of 2012 presented by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers. These students have been identified by panels of professional artists and writers as the most talented young artists and writers in the nation. This year 200,000 works of art and writing were submitted. Only the top 1,500 were recognized at the national level. These students have been invited to attend a ceremony at the world famous Carnegie Hall on June 1<sup>st</sup> and to participate in showcase events at Parsons The New School for Design in New York City. We are proud to have these students represent our school in this year's National Scholastic Art and Writing Awards.

### **ITHACA COLLEGE BRASS ENSEMBLE VISITS HORSEHEADS BANDS**

On Friday April 20<sup>th</sup> the 25-member Ithaca College Brass ensemble under the direction of Dr. Beth Peterson visited Horseheads High School. The group is made up of college students from freshmen to graduate students, both music education and performance majors. They performed a concert of a unique variety of music for all students of the high school Concert Band and Wind Ensemble. The group's instrumentation is made up of trumpets, French horns, trombones, euphoniums, tubas, and percussion. After the concert Horseheads brass and percussion students sat among the college performers on stage with instruments and, under the direction of Dr. Peterson, went through warm-ups and breathing exercises the college students do to prepare for lessons and performances. They also had time to interact and get advice from the college musicians as well as play some chorales as an ensemble.

Everyone then broke into groups by instrument. Horseheads students preparing solos for that weekend's festival played for the ensemble for advice from the college students, college students played for them, and there was time for questions about instruments and mouthpieces, and the kind of music expected of freshmen music majors. It was a very special and education experience for the seventy high school music students who participated.

### **VISIT TO CHEMUNG COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

In coordination with the Career Development Council, Ms. Deiseroth's Business Law class visited the Chemung County Courthouse on Friday, March 30, 2012. Students sat in the jury box during criminal court proceedings, where more than 20 felony cases were heard by The Honorable Judge James T. Hayden. Judge Hayden offered the class a question and answer period after court was adjourned. The opportunity to witness firsthand the interactions between the judge, recorder, prosecutor, defense attorneys, and their defendants helped bring classroom learning full circle.

## **HIGH SCHOOL ENGLISH DEPARTMENT STANDARD FOR UNPREPARED FINAL EXAM SPEAKERS**

To arrive to class unprepared for a scheduled final exam speech is to willingly accept a grade of zero for the speaking assessment. NO MAKEUPS are to be granted to unprepared speakers. Should a student elect to be truant from class on the day that he/she is scheduled to present the final exam speech, teachers are asked to follow the Faculty Handbook which states: "a grade of zero will be recorded for missed quiz or test." The only accepted excuse is a legal excuse for one's absence on file in the attendance office that can be confirmed.

## **SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS AND SECTION 504 STUDENTS**

### ***4th Annual College Panel Program May 23rd at Elmira College***

This school-day long program is designed to prepare Special Education and Section 504 Juniors and Seniors for the demands of any college and arm them with strategies to not only survive those demands, but to thrive through:

- fun, interactive games
- eye-opening conversations
- college student lead discussions from 9 recent HHS graduates
- successful study skills & test taking strategies
- tour of the campus & dorms



**Students should see Mr. McCarthy in Room 255 for their permission slip. The first 30 students to hand in their completed permission slips will go, so don't delay. Breakfast and lunch will be provided, along with a backpack full of college supplies. Questions, comments, or concerns should be directed to Brendan McCarthy [bmccarth@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:bmccarth@horseheadsdistrict.com) or by phone 795-2500**



## GRADUATION CEREMONY – CLASS OF 2012



The future is around the corner for the young men and women of Horseheads High School. Graduation is the ceremony which culminates our students' high school years and is the doorway into their future.

On June 23, 2012 they will each be part of this memorable event which will carry them into the job market, the service, or off to further education. Many of their friends and family members will be attending this ceremony to share the joy of this accomplishment. Although this is a happy occasion, we would like to encourage a certain decorum for this important ceremony to ensure that it is a positive experience for everyone. The following are expectations for the Graduation Ceremony:

- ♦ **Students will dress appropriately under their robes, i.e. slacks (no shorts), shirts, shoes (no bare feet), dresses, skirts, and blouses.**
- ♦ **Caps and gowns may be adorned with tasteful decorations.**
- ♦ **Use of toys and props, i.e. beach balls, silly string, noise makers, and the like **WILL NOT** be tolerated – adult behavior is expected of all participants.**

**REHEARSAL FOR GRADUATION: WILL BE ON FRIDAY, JUNE 22<sup>nd</sup> AT 10:00 A.M. AT THE FIRST ARENA IN ELMIRA. ALL GRADUATES MUST BE PRESENT FOR REHEARSAL. WORK IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE.**

**STUDENTS NOT PRESENT FOR REHEARSAL **WILL NOT** BE INCLUDED IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY.**

**GRADUATION CEREMONY: GRADUATION FOR THE CLASS OF 2012 WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST ARENA IN ELMIRA ON SATURDAY, JUNE 23<sup>rd</sup>, AT 1:00 P.M. GRADUATES WILL MEET AT THE FIRST ARENA AT NOON.**

**NOTE: If you will not be participating in the graduation ceremony, please notify Ms. Tompkins (739-5601, ext. 1601) in the Main Office immediately! Thank you.**

## JUNE 2012 EXAMINATION SCHEDULE

Please read and save this information for future reference regarding the June Examination Schedule for Classroom Final exams, Regents exams, Regents Competency Tests. Teachers will give students information about the examinations in each class. Please encourage your student(s) to prepare well for the examinations in order to successfully complete the second half of the school year.

Local examinations will be administered during class time on **Monday, June 4<sup>TH</sup> through June 12, 2012**. This examination schedule will be in effect from **Wednesday, June 13 through Thursday, June 21, 2012**. During this period, students will only report to school for their examinations at the times scheduled below. All testing will be held in the North and South Wing of the High School. Students who must take the Regents Competency Tests will be given letters in homeroom with pertinent information about the date, time, and location of the examination.

Cafeteria services will be limited during the six-day examination period. The bus schedule will be maintained as if regular classes were in session. The North Cafeteria and the Library will be open for student use during the examination period.

### **EXAMINATION SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 2012**

JUNE 13 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 14 THURSDAY	JUNE 15 FRIDAY	JUNE 18 MONDAY	JUNE 19 TUESDAY	JUNE 20 WEDNESDAY	JUNE 21 THURSDAY	JUNE 22 FRIDAY
8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	8:00AM	RATING DAY
RE in Global History & Geography <b>N. Gym &amp; S. Gym</b>  ACE Calculus 1 & 2 <b>261/263</b>	RE in U.S. History & Government <b>S. Gym</b>  Earth Science Lab Exams <b>113, 115, 117</b>	Comp. English <b>S. Gym</b>	RCT in Global Studies *	Living Environment <b>N. Gym</b>	Geometry – <b>N. Gym</b>	RCT in Writing	
12:00PM	12:00PM	12:00PM	12:00PM	12:00PM	12:00 PM		<b>UNIFORM ADMISSION DEADLINES</b>
Physical Setting/Physics <b>261/263</b>  RCT in Science*	Integrated Algebra <b>N. Gym</b>  ACE Biology – <b>261/263</b>  Earth Science Lab Exams <b>113, 115, 117</b>	Physical Setting/Earth Science <b>N. Gym</b>  ACE Physics - <b>210</b>  ACE Economics – <b>261/263</b>	RCT in Reading*	Algebra 2/ Trigonometry – <b>N. Gym</b>	Physical Setting/Chemistry <b>N. Gym</b>  RCT in U.S. History & Government *	RCT in Mathematics *	<b>Morning Exams – 10:00 AM</b>  <b>Afternoon Exams – 2:00 PM</b>

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

**CALENDAR REMINDERS**  
**REMINDER - STUDENTS MAY NOT USE THEIR LOCKERS DURING  
 REGENTS EXAMINATION DAYS!**

Wednesday, May 9, 2012	End of 7 <sup>th</sup> Marking Period
Wednesday, May 23, 2012	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony
Wednesday, May 23, 2012	Report Cards Issued
Friday, May 25 <sup>th</sup> – Monday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2012	Memorial Day Recess – NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, May 29, 2012	Conference Day – NO SCHOOL
Wednesday, May 30, 2012	Students Return to School
Tuesday, June 5, 2012	Sports Tribute
Wednesday, June 6, 2012	Senior Honor Assembly
Wednesday, June 13 <sup>th</sup> - Thursday, June 21 <sup>st</sup> , 2012	Regents Exams - No Regular Classes
Friday, June 22, 2012	Graduation Rehearsal
Saturday, June 23, 2012	Graduation

NOTICE: The Horseheads Central School District offers educational programs without regard to gender, race, color, national origin, or disability. Inquiries regarding this policy may be made to Judith Christiansen, Title IX Coordinator, or Kim Williams, Section 504 Coordinator, Horseheads Central School District, One Raider Lane, Horseheads, New York 14845, (607) 739-5601.

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