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Dear Parents & Guardians:

As we celebrate the accomplishments of another successful school year and prepare for a busy summer, I would like to share several important updates and reminders regarding upcoming events, student celebrations, and other matters of interest to Horseheads families.

**Graduation Dates:** Weather permitting, Horseheads High School graduation will be held on Wednesday, June 24th at 6 p.m. at the High School Stadium. Rain dates are reserved for the following two evenings, June 25th or June 27th at 6 p.m. should they be needed. We will communicate with you if a change needs to be made as soon as possible. Congratulations to the Class of 2026!

**Building Celebrations:** From Pre-Kindergarten to newly minted graduates of the Class of 2026, our buildings will continue to celebrate student achievement and a year of hard work with days of celebration and fun activities for students including field days, Pre-K, Kindergarten and High School graduations, as well as moving up days for those students transitioning from Elementary to Intermediate School. [View our district calendar](#) for dates and times of celebrations that parents can partake in.

**Transportation Requests:** Please, continue to submit your student(s) busing request form for the 2026-2027 school year. This information is needed no later than June 30 to avoid confusing, last-minute route adjustments in the fall. [Access our annual Survey here.](#)

**Anticipated Job Openings:** Are you looking for a stable and rewarding career? Horseheads School District is currently hiring for 10 position categories, including teaching roles and a variety of support staff opportunities and anticipate many more openings this summer. [View all current openings and apply online:](#)

**Recognizing Championship Effort:** Horseheads Student-Athletes were celebrated at the annual Sports Tribute Night last week. Congratulations to all Blue Raiders recognized for their athletic achievements. Sectional Championship teams, scholarship recipients and leaders on and off the field were honored. Special congratulations to Male and Female Athletes of the Year Patrick Laney and Alexa Lese for a year filled with high achievement on the field. Thank you for setting an example for future Blue Raiders.

**Opening of Summer Camps:** The first sessions of Horseheads Varsity H Summer Camps for this summer open as soon as June 29. If you have questions, please contact Programs Director Paige Dean at [pdean@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:pdean@horseheadsdistrict.com). [View sign up information here.](#)

**Launch of ParentSquare:** In the 2026-27 school year, messages from Horseheads School District administration will come to parents through a new communication tool called ParentSquare (replacing School Messenger). Parents' contact information has already been migrated from our previous communication system, and no additional information will need to be provided. Prior to the start of school, parents will receive an email alerting them to activate their account. ParentSquare can be accessed through a free mobile-friendly app, or at [www.parentsquare.com](http://www.parentsquare.com) after receiving the activation notice.

**Wishing all a wonderful summer Recess!**

Sincerely,

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