

**Class of 2025
Senior Information**

Dear Graduating Senior,

Graduation is quickly approaching, and I know how excited you must be! During these last few months, you will be finishing your time at Horseheads High School and participating in many senior activities. We wanted to get this information out for planning purposes. Information will be updated as we get it.

I have put together some important dates and information for planning ahead. Please see Mrs. Wida in the main office if you have any questions.

Please continue to check your emails for important information, date/time changes, etc.

On behalf of Horseheads High School, I would like to congratulate you on successfully completing your graduation requirements. It is our sincere hope that the education you received has prepared you for whatever your future holds. Congratulations and best wishes!

Mrs. Earl



Important Dates and Events

Cap and Gown Distribution

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Senior Prom

Saturday, May 17, 2025

6:30-10pm @ Hilltop Inn

Senior Trip

Friday, May 30, 2025

Hershey Park

Sports Tribute

Thursday, June 5, 2025

6pm @ High School Auditorium

Yearbook Distribution

Monday, June 9, 2025

CTE and New Visions Graduation Ceremonies

Monday, June 16, 2025

BOCES Bush Campus

Senior Day

Monday, June 16, 2025

Regents Exams

June 17-27, 2025

Mark Twain Scholars Dinner

TBD

Senior Walk

Wednesday, June 11, 2025

1:30pm @ Elementary Schools

Valedictorian/Salutatorian Ceremony

TBD

No School – Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Graduation Rehearsal

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

1pm @ High School Stadium

Graduation Ceremony

Wednesday, June 25, 2025 (Weather Dependent)

6pm @ High School Stadium

* Project Graduation events are not sponsored by Horseheads High School *

Senior Prom

This year's theme is "A NIGHT ON OLYMPUS." The prom will be on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at the Hilltop Inn Restaurant. Arrival time is 6:30 PM, with a buffet dinner starting at 7:00 PM and the prom ending at 10:00 PM. There will be music, dancing, senior superlatives, and an opportunity to take pictures throughout the night with a beautiful view! Out-of-district guest forms will be available at the end of March and need to be completed and handed in by April 7th before ticket sales. These forms will be available in the main office, or with Mrs. Wright in room 232 or Mrs. Dean in room 226. Tickets will go on sale the week after spring break, from April 21-25, and will be priced at \$65 per person or \$120 per couple.

Distribution of Caps, Gowns, and Other Senior Items

A Jostens representative will be here to distribute caps, gowns, and other graduation items on Wednesday, April 30th during lunch periods. If you do not pick your items up then, you can pick them up from the main office any time after that. When you receive your order, please be sure that all items are included – gown, cap, tassel. If you have not yet ordered, please do so as soon as possible. The link to order is www.nygrad.com.

**** All honors stoles, cords, sashes, and pins will be distributed after the conclusion of the 7th marking period, once all grades are finalized. During this time, we will also proudly announce our Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and 2025 Mark Twain Scholars. ****

Senior Survey

All students will be required to fill out a brief electronic survey to help ensure the accuracy of post-secondary plans. This survey is mandatory, even if you are undecided at the time. This information will be used for several reasons including our graduation program and tracking of college enrollment trends. To speed up the task you should be prepared with the following information: post-graduation plans – college, work, or armed forces; the colleges you have applied to and all admission decisions; and all scholarships awarded, including the amounts. The link to the survey will be emailed to seniors.

If you have any questions regarding the survey, Mrs. Matthews in the Counseling Office will be able to assist you.

Senior Trip

The Senior Class Trip to Hershey Park will be on Friday, May 30, 2025. Students will depart from the high school at approximately 8:00 AM and return around 10:00 PM, though exact times depend on park hours, which have not been announced yet. Senior trip tickets will cost \$25, including transportation and entry to the park, rides, waterpark, and zoo for the entire day. Please note that Hershey Park is a "cashless" park, so students must use credit/debit cards,

Google Pay, Apple Pay, or purchase a Visa gift card. Students may also purchase a single-use meal deal or an all-day dining deal on the website (hersheypark.com) or onsite. Tickets for the senior trip will be on sale for one week, from March 17-21. Seniors attending the trip will receive an Educational Excuse for the day, which will not count against their attendance. Class release forms are due to Mrs. Wright in room 232 or Mrs. Dean in room 226 no later than April 1st.

Sports Tribute

The Varsity H Athletic Tribute will be held on June 5th at 6pm in the High School Auditorium. Athletes are to report at 5:45. The tribute will recognize students that participated in athletic activities this school year. There will also be individual awards given, Sectional Champion recognition, STAC Champion recognition, and Scholar Team recognition, as well as the male/female Athlete of the Year nominees and winners, along with many other awards.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be distributed on Monday, June 9, 2025, at the end of the day. If you have not yet ordered your yearbook, there is still time. Link to order - [Upstate Images - 2025 Horseheads High School kw | Entourage Yearbooks Link](#)

SENIOR PARENTS: You still have time to purchase a Parent Ad for your senior! This year the prices of our Parent Ads are as follows:

1/8 Page Message =	\$ 50	1/4 Page Message =	\$ 80
1/2 Page Message =	\$ 175	Full Page Message =	\$ 300

Parent Ads can be completed on the entourage website by following the instructions below. A more detailed guide to designing and purchasing ads has also been emailed to parents.

1. Type link.entourageyearbooks.com into your web browser. It is recommended to design and purchase an ad on a computer instead of a phone.
2. Chose Buy Ads under the Purchase section.
3. Login with your existing LiNK username and password or register as a new user.
4. Select the red Purchase and Design Ad button beneath your desired ad size to begin designing.
5. Choose a template style with the appropriate photo and text content that you want to use for your ad. Be sure you are using Google Chrome or Firefox as your browser.
6. Finish designing your ad. You can add photos, text, clip arts, and more.
7. Click the Save Button to save your work. This will save your progress if you do not want to check out and pay for the ad yet.
8. When you are done with your ad, click Continue & Review in the top right corner to approve and pay for the ad.
9. Preview your ad.
10. Enter billing information and select Continue to Payment Info.
11. Review and confirm one last time.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email Mr. Russ – jaruss@horseheadsdistrict.com

BOCES CTE and New Visions Graduation Schedule

Monday, June 16th @ BOCES Bush Campus – We will post a copy of the ceremony schedule here once it is confirmed.

Senior Celebration

Senior Day will be Monday, June 16th. It is the last day of regular classes before Regents exams. The class of 2025 will be excused for the day to celebrate together. An itinerary for the day will be sent out to seniors closer to the date.

Senior Walk

We are thrilled to invite our graduating seniors to a special “Senior Walk” parade at their former elementary schools. This is a unique opportunity to don your caps and gowns and inspire the younger students as you showcase your remarkable journey from the very place it began. Participation is optional, but highly encouraged, as it promises to be a memorable event for both our seniors and the young students.

Seniors must arrive at their assigned elementary schools by 1:15pm on June 11th for the parade to start promptly at 1:30pm. A link to sign up for this event will be emailed to seniors.

Graduation Rehearsal – MANDATORY

ALL GRADUATING SENIORS MUST ATTEND GRADUATION REHEARSAL IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE GRADUATION CEREMONY. WORK IS NOT AN ACCEPTABLE EXCUSE. NO EXCEPTIONS!

All graduating seniors must be at the High School Stadium on Tuesday, June 24th at 1pm. Rehearsal will last about an hour.

Students are to report to the stadium, find their designated seat, and be ready to receive instructions at promptly 1pm. It is imperative to pay close attention to the instructions. We will briefly run-through the program, practice the processional, walking across the stage, and the recession.

Graduation Ceremony

June 25, 2025 – WEATHER DEPENDENT – Rain Dates 6/26, 6/27, 6/28

All graduating seniors must report to the South Wing of the High School on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 5:15pm. Students will line up inside the building and walk out to the stadium. The graduation ceremony will begin at promptly 6:00pm and last approximately 1.5 hours.

Seniors are to park in the senior lot and report directly to the South Wing. Teachers and administrators will be present to help you line up in the correct order and to take attendance. Do not leave your processional line once attendance has been taken.

If you will not be participating in the graduation ceremony, please notify Mrs. Wida as soon as possible to let her know.

A photographer will be on site for the ceremony. You will find a flyer with a link to view and purchase photos in the graduation program.

Graduation Procedures and Etiquette

Seniors will graduate in alphabetical order. Students will receive their seating assignments at rehearsal. Students will receive their diplomas with their left hand and shake (right) hands with the Board of Education President. Once students receive their diploma and exit the stage, they are to return directly to their assigned seat. While waiting for others to receive their diplomas, please give your fellow graduates respect so that each graduate's name can be properly heard.

Later in the ceremony your class president will lead you in the traditional tassel ceremony and you will be moving your tassel from right to left.

Graduation Attire

You have worked hard to reach this milestone and deserve a ceremony of which you should be proud. A lot of hard work and time – on your part, as well as part of the administrative and clerical staff – goes into making this day a reality. For your graduation ceremony to be a special event for you and your family, we ask for your full cooperation in following procedures.

No heels or flip flops!

Caps are worn straight on the head with the tassel on the right side.

Caps may be tastefully adorned.

Only school issued cords and stoles may be worn.

If you have any questions regarding any end-of-year information, please contact Mrs. Wida the Main Office at 739-5601, ext. 1620 or kawida@horseheadsdistrict.com