



October 23, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Please see the important information below regarding our student learning system itslearning, revised PreK-6 marking period and half-day parent/teacher conference dates, and school-aged child care. We remind you that the state's designation of most of our district in the orange focus zone means Center Street, Gardner Road, Ridge Road, Intermediate School, Middle School, and High School will remain on full remote learning next week. Big Flats Elementary will reopen to hybrid learning Monday, October 26.

itslearning

Itslearning, SchoolTool, and the district have completed the extensive set up process to ensure parent accounts work correctly. The itslearning parent accounts are ready to go live Monday, October 26. On Monday morning, those parents and guardians who have a SchoolTool Parent Portal account will receive an email from itslearning with a link and temporary password. It is recommended that you view [this video](#) for more information on logging in to the itslearning parent account and what you will see on the platform.

If you have a Parent Portal account and do not get an email from itslearning, please check your spam/junk folders. If you still do not find it, you can log on to horseheadsdistrict.itslearning.com and click on the "Forgot Password" link. This will reset your temporary password and generate an email to you. Please note: You must have a Schooltool Parent Portal account in order to log on to your itslearning parent account. If you do not have a Parent Portal account, you may request one [by clicking here](#) . If you have a question regarding itslearning, please email itslearning@horseheadsdistrict.com.

Revised PreK-6 Marking Period and Parent/Teacher Conference Dates

We have revised the marking period dates for PreK-6. As a result, parent/teacher conference dates have also been rescheduled. The first marking period for the elementary and intermediate schools will end Friday, December 4. Report cards will be distributed beginning December 11. Your child's school will be contacting you to schedule parent/teacher conferences on one of the following revised dates:

- Tuesday, December 15
- Wednesday, December 16
- Friday, December 18

These days will be half-days for students in grades PreK-6. The Middle and High schools will be in regular session on these days.

School-Aged Child Care

Please [click here](#) for information on a new Kidsworld childcare program at Gardner Road. Please note that the YWCA can offer the program in a school in an orange zone because regulations for childcare differ from regulations for schools. Child care programs are governed by the state Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). Childcare programs are essential services that are permitted in cluster focus zones under Executive Order 202.68. School Age Child Care (SACC) programs may remain open during school closures in accordance with Executive Order 202.5. Additionally, part of the requirements for districts reopening this school year are to assist with food service and childcare, in addition to education.

Please [click here](#) for the information on school-aged childcare programs we sent earlier this month.

Thank you for your continued support of our district's children. We will keep you up to date on future information from the state regarding the focus zones and other relevant information. If you have questions, please contact the Main Office of your child's school.

As always, we also thank you for your cooperation in helping to decrease the effects of COVID-19 on our community by wearing masks, maintaining safe physical distance, washing hands thoroughly and regularly, and avoiding unnecessary outings and contacts.

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