

### September 2023

Dear Hortonville High School Parents, Guardians, and Community,

The 2023-2024 school year is off to a fantastic start in our building. Our school continues growing, with over 1300 students in our building this school year.

As we start the school year, I encourage all students and families to reach out if you have any questions or concerns regarding your student's needs as we begin the year. Our administrative and counseling staff are always ready to help find solutions for each situation within our building.

I want to encourage all community members to attend our open house on October 30th. This night will allow all interested people to see the change within our building and for us to thank our community for allowing us to enhance our facility for the students within our district.

You will see information from our counseling office on the following pages of this newsletter.

In addition, I have included:

- The Hortonville High School daily schedule.
- Red/white day breakdown.
- Attendance Reminders

### Reminders

- We will host the 3rd annual Hortonville High School curriculum night on September 18th to allow families to meet your student(s) teachers and learn more about their courses.
- During the 2023-2024 school year, the high school administration will again conduct Parent Forums on the 2nd Monday of each month from 5 pm-6 pm. These sessions provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to learn more about the events and happenings at HHS. These forums will again be delivered online, allowing more parents to participate in these events. Look for links sent via Skylerts before each event.

Please visit or contact us if you have any questions or want to learn more about Hortonville High School.

RollBears!

Tim Rietveld

### Upcoming Events:

September 11th -

HHS Parent Forum @ 5pm. Link on school website

September 18th -

Curriculum Night @HHS 6 pm see attached info

September 22<sup>nd</sup> –

Freshman Dance 8 pm-11:30 pm @ HHS

September 27<sup>th</sup> -

Early Release Day

October 6th -

Picture Re-take Day

October 7th-

Homecoming Dance 7:00 pm- 11:00 pm

### **Announcements!**

Parents: To keep you informed of important happenings at school and in the community, we upload the Announcements daily to the Hortonville High School home page. They contain a great deal of useful information, and we encourage you to read them regularly. <a href="https://example.com/normalization-normalizati

## **Notes from the Counseling Office**

Senior Parent Night - September 11, 2023 - Virtual live at 5:30

### 2023-2024 PARENT PROGRAMS

Parent programs will be virtual live this year with the exception of the FAFSA Parent Night and Junior Parent night. The link for the program will be posted on the High School Webpage by 4:00 the date of the event. Upon completion of the program, presentations will be posted on the High School website under Academics | Informational Presentations.

**Informational Presentations** 

Sophomore Parent Night - October 9, 2023 - Virtual live at 5:30
Freshmen Parent Night - November 20, 2023 - Virtual live at 5:30
8th Grade Parent Night - January 8, 2024 - Virtual live at 5:30
FAFSA Parent Night for Seniors - January 22, 2024 - In person at 5:00
Junior Parent Night - February 13, 2024 - In person in conjunction with Parent/Teacher Conferences at 6:00

### YOUTH SERVICE LEARNING

Students are required to have 36 Youth Service Learning hours in order to graduate. These hours can start the day they graduate from 8th grade. They are due in April of their graduation year.

- Hours must be logged in <u>Transeo</u>.
- First semester graduates have a December 1st due date and end of year graduates have an April 15th due date. Hours must be approved prior to these due dates within the <u>Transeo</u> website.
- 9 hours of service learning must be completed each year to be eligible for Youth Apprenticeship, Work Release, and/or Commons eligibility. (Freshmen 9, Sophomore 18, Junior 27, Senior 36). Hours must be complete by January 15th for 2nd semester privilege.
- Service Hours should be community-based outside of family commitments. Service Hours may not be approved by a family member or a current HHS Student.
- Link on High School Webpage: <u>Youth Service Learning</u>.

Our Youth Service Learning Coordinator is Ms. St. John. Please contact her with any questions, concerns, or issues regarding your service learning.

Jessica St. John 779-7900 ext. 11154 jessicastjohn@hasd.org Room A154 Volunteer Fox Cities Volunteer Match

### **PSAT (PRELIMINARY SCHOLASTIC APTITUDE TEST)**

For those students who registered in the Counseling Office, the PSAT/NMSQT will be administered in the library at Hortonville High School on **Wednesday**, **October 11**, **2023**. Students should report directly to the library at 8:35 am. Have your student bring a bag lunch that day. Once testing is finished, students will return to their high school classes. *Please note that we do not have any open spots available for this test*. Students can visit the following link for a practice test: <u>PSAT Practice Test</u>

### **EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM AND START COLLEGE NOW**

Applications for Early College Credit Program and Start College Now classes for the 2024 Spring semester are due in the Counseling Office no later than October 1, 2023. Applications are available outside the Counseling Office and on the Counseling web page under <a href="Course Registration">Course Registration</a>. For students who wish to take ECCP or SCN courses in the spring, the first step is to complete the Start College Now Interest Form found at <a href="www.fvtc.edu/startcollegenow">www.fvtc.edu/startcollegenow</a> to get their name on the list to receive important information regarding the spring term.

### **ACT PREP CLASS**

Hortonville High School will once again be a host site for an ACT Prep class. The class is geared toward all Juniors to help prepare them for the ACT test on March 12. The four-day course includes: two days of direct instruction, one full-length practice exam with scoring, and one final day dedicated to additional review of materials and practice examples. The class will be held Monday, February 26 through Thursday, February 29, 2023, from 4:00-7:15 p.m. The cost of the class is \$130 or with a writing sample \$160. There is limited seating available, and spots are filled on a first come first serve basis. There are other class sites available if these dates at Hortonville do not work for you. To see those dates/locations and register, please use this link. ACT Test Prep Registration Students who wish to do a pre-test or retake the test can do so on one of the National ACT Dates below. More information on those dates/sites can be found once your child has created an ACT account online.

### **NATIONAL ACT TEST DATES**

 Test Date
 Registration Deadline

 October 28, 2023
 September 22, 2023

 December 9, 2023
 November 3, 2023

 February 10, 2024
 January 5, 2024

 April 13, 2024
 March 8, 2024

 June 8, 2024
 May 3, 2024

 July 13, 2024
 June 7, 2024

#### **UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS**

The following colleges have representatives coming to Hortonville High School over the next month (additional visits may be added). If your student would like to meet with any of the representatives, have them stop by the Counseling Office to register.

UW - Oshkosh
 UW - Stevens Point
 Michigan Tech
 UW - Green Bay
 St. Norbert College
 Lawrence University
 Ripon College
 September 13 - 1:30 pm
 October 4 - 1:30 pm
 October 5 - 1:30 pm
 October 11 - 1:30 pm
 October 31 - 11:00 am

We also have the company **Faith Technologies** coming in to talk to interested students about youth apprenticeships with their organization on **October 17 at 1:30 pm**. Here's an excerpt from them: "With a Faith Technologies apprenticeship, you choose your program based on your career goals; either a journeyperson electrician crafting energy solution, or a specialty systems technician working with the latest information technology. With combined decades of real-world experience, our educators guide provides the tools and training you need to be successful. Our organization is filled with graduates of our programs at every level and multiple settings, from journeyperson to master electricians and superintendents on jobsites, to project managers, directors, vice presidents, and more- you will be the next leader of the future." If your student is interested in meeting with them, please have them stop in the Counseling Office.

### **COLLEGE TOURS**

Students are encouraged to schedule college tours on days off in October, which are October 13, 26 and 27. Most colleges offer tours these days to accommodate the fact that there is no school scheduled. Reservations should be made for the tours. Visit any college website for more information. <u>Visit Opportunities</u> are also listed on our website. Tours will fill quickly, so schedule your appointment as soon as possible.



### **TECHNICAL COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE**

**Fox Valley Technical College** is hosting their annual open house on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023 from 3:00-7:00 p.m.**, on the Appleton Campus. Seniors who apply to attend FVTC at the open house will have the \$30 application fee waived. Here are examples of what you will find when you go to the open house:

- Learn about 200+ programs
- Talk to college students, faculty & staff
- Free info sessions: How to Pay for College & Early College Credits

For more information: FVTC Open House

#### **XELLO**

Seniors applying to colleges should be requesting their transcripts through Xello. Xello is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Xello can be accessed from school, home, or wherever students have access to the Internet. Students should visit Xello to login and complete their profile so they can begin using all the tools available for Academic and Career Planning. Instructions for sending a transcript are available in the Counseling Office. Xello

### **S**CHOLARSHIPS

A list of scholarships, received from outside sources, is compiled, and updated weekly. The list, which contains information regarding the amount, application criteria and deadlines, is posted on the bulletin board outside of the Counseling Office as well as on the HHS webpage under Academics | Counseling | Scholarships. The Local Scholarship application form is also available on this page. This application is used for several local scholarships that are awarded each year. Scholarships

#### **COLLEGE BOUND SENIORS**

If your student is 2- or 4-year college bound, you can find valuable information about where your student should be in their planning process, on our website. The path to the information is HASD.org | Schools | Hortonville High School | Academics | College Planning | Senior Resources.

**Senior Resources** 

## Daily Schedules 2023-2024

## **Red Day Schedule**

0 Hour	1 <sup>st</sup> Hour	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	ELT	4 <sup>th</sup> Hour
7:05-8:30	8:35-10:05	10:10-11:35	11:40-1:30	1:35-2:05	2:10- 3:35

## **White Day Schedule**

0 Hour	1 <sup>st</sup> Hour	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	ELT	4 <sup>th</sup> Hour
7:05-8:30	8:35-10:05	10:10-11:35	11:40-1:30	1:35-2:05	2:10- 3:35

## **Early Release Schedule**

0 Hour	1 <sup>st</sup> Hour	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	4 <sup>th</sup> Hour	Lunch
7:30-8:28	8:35-9:35	9:40-10:38	10:43-11:41	11:46-12:44	12:44-1:10

## **Delayed Late Start Schedule**

1 <sup>st</sup> Hour	2 <sup>nd</sup> Hour	3 <sup>rd</sup> Hour	4 <sup>th</sup> Hour
10:35-11:34	11:39-12:37	12:42-2:32	2:37-3:35

## Red and White Day Schedule 2023-2024

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## Curriculum Night Information 2023-2024

Dear Hortonville High School Parent/Guardian,

The faculty and staff of Hortonville High School invite you to attend the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Parent Curriculum Night on *Monday, September 18, 2023*. During the evening, parents will have the opportunity to follow their student's schedule, attend teacher presentations about learning objectives and course expectations, and visit with members of our Pupil Services Department.

1st Period Red Day will begin promptly at 6:00 PM.

### Freshmen Parents - Location: HS Auditorium

We will be running a pre-session that night for Freshmen Parents beginning at 5:30. We realize that many of our parents are experiencing high school for the first time as a parent. We will be providing you information about basic information about the high school and what you should be expecting to see and hear as a high school parent. Topics that will be covered:

- Curriculum Development and consistency
- Communication
- Schedules
- Introduction to School Administration/Counselors/School Psychologist
- Other Available Resources

Additionally, we will be holding an ACP informational session that will follow the schedule below. This informational session will be offered during release time in your students' schedule or beforehand at 5:30pm.

Academic and Career Planning – Hortonville High School Library

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The HHS Counseling team will briefly overview how we prepare our students for life following high school.

\*\*\* Please be sure that you bring a copy of your child's schedule so that you can easily follow along during the night. Feel free to have your child also complete the schedule form below to assist you that night.

Please note that this evening is designed for **parents only.** If you have any questions about the night's events, please contact the High School Office at 920-779-7933.

Sincerely,

Tim Rietveld

## Attendance Information 2023-2024

Attendance matters! - Please help your student by supporting them in daily attendance here at school. If your child is healthy, please support them in getting to school each school day. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to peers and their teachers.

HASD allows a maximum of 10 excused absences (all or part of a day) in a school year before requiring a doctor's excuse. Beginning with the 11th absence, a doctor's note will be required in order for the absence to be excused. Absences beyond that, without the medical excuse, will be marked unexcused which could potentially lead to a Truancy referral and citation.

We realize some absences are for health or other reasons. Excused and unexcused absences both mean *missing* classroom learning time. Absences can add up. <u>Missing just two days every month puts students at risk of falling behind</u>. Attending school has a huge impact on student success.

If your family or your child needs support, please reach out to us for assistance. We have many resources we can connect you to and are happy to help. If your student regularly misses school, we would like to partner with you to improve their attendance so we can keep them engaged and learning.

### **Attendance Tips:**

- Make sure your students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones, and tablets at bedtime.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or appointments when school is in session. If your child attends a medical appointment, please ask for a proof of appointment slip upon exit and return that to the school office upon return from the appointment.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feel anxious about going to school.
- Develop a back-up plan for getting your child to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

To report an absence call: 920-779-7940.

**Tardies** – A tardy will be documented anytime a student is late 15 minutes or less to class (except for ELT). More than 15 minutes late to class is considered an unexcused absence. Students who are consistently tardy to class will receive a lunch (or after school detention) for every 3 tardies. Questions regarding this should be directed to Student Services at 920-779-7933 ext. 13190



## HASD Music Boosters Food Truck Tailgate Parties

Join us for the 2023 HASD Music Boosters Tailgate Parties! This year we will hold the event at ALL HHS Varsity Football games! And there will be MORE trucks available!

Here is the lineup:

Friday, Sept 22

Kona Ice, Travelin' Tom's Coffee, Zoua's Egg Rolls, Osario's Latin Fusion & Inferno Subs

Friday, Oct 6 (Homecoming)

Kona Ice, Travelin' Tom's Coffee, Zoua's Egg Rolls, Osario's Latin Fusion & Inferno Subs

- All events will be held in the HHS Parking lot from 4:15-7:30 PM
- This is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC and you do not need to purchase a football game ticket to join us!
  - Special pre-game performance by the HHS Band on 10/6 for homecoming!
- 10%-30% of profits from sales goes back to the Music Boosters for student scholarships and funds to support the HASD music programs!