



February 2024

Dear Hortonville High School Parents, Guardians, and Community,

It is hard to believe that we are already into week #2 of our 2nd semester for the 2023-2024 school year. All families should have received semester one report cards late last week. If you have not received this or see any issues with the report card, please email or call me at school.

During February, our school will finalize the process of student sign up for classes for 2023-2024 and prepare for State Testing season, which will begin with the Juniors ACT in March and then Pre-ACT secure for our 9th and 10th graders in April. Additionally, we are excited to welcome everyone into the building or online for in-person or virtual conferences.

Library Labeling Changes

Attached to this newsletter is a form regarding labeling changes within the HHS library. This form permits your student(s) to check out materials above their current grade level with a signed permission slip. Please return these to the HHS library, and we will update this information for your student(s). If you have questions regarding this form, please contact Cari Eggen at CariEggen@hasd.org or Tim Rietveld.

Check out the new District Nurse's Corner!

Here you will find-

- District Nurse Contact Information
- Pertinent State or Federal Alerts
- HASD Illness Policy
- Interesting Health Topics

You can continue to access the following under the Health services tab-

- Illness and Communicable Diseases
- Health Forms
- Vision, Dental, and Hearing Screenings
- Breakfast/Lunch menus
- Dietary Restriction Information
- Medical Emergency Processes

Here is the link to the new site: <https://www.hasd.org/district/nurses-corner.cfm>

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

RollBears!

Tim Rietveld

Upcoming Events:

- February 12th**
Parent Forum 5 pm
- February 13th**
In-Person Conferences
4-7 pm
- February 15th**
Virtual Conferences
4-7 pm
- February 16th**
In-Person Conferences
8-11:30 am
- March 12th**
11th Grade ACT Day
7:45 AM

International Boost Self-Esteem Month

February is International Boost Self-Esteem month! Self-esteem, or how we value and perceive ourselves, is something that changes throughout our lifetime. As humans, we tend to get trapped in the belief that we are stuck with a low sense of self-worth, with little hope of that ever changing. The good news is that this is not the case! Self-esteem ebbs and flows throughout life's progression. We tend to see this vary significantly within adolescence, although they are not the only ones who experience this shift, according to a 2005 study by the American Psychological Society. So what are some ways that we can boost our self-esteem? Let's take a look!

Remember that feelings are not facts

Self-esteem is not always based in reality. A low sense of self-esteem does not indicate that you are less worthy of love and support. Your existence holds great value!

Add more movement into your day

Get up and move your body to help your brain release stress-reducing and mood-boosting chemicals. This can look like stretching when you wake up, taking a mid-day walk, dancing, running, yoga...whatever fits your lifestyle!

Practice gratitude and positive thinking

Our brains can often feel more comfortable in a negative state, we can challenge that by setting aside just a few minutes each day to practice gratitude and positive thinking! Here are some ideas of how you can get started: [Gratitude Exercises | Therapist Aid](#)

Connect with your community and give back

Reach out to that friend who you haven't seen in a while. Join that book club. Talk to your neighbor. Connect with people in your life to boost your mood. Additionally, helping other people, such as through volunteering, has been shown to increase our self-esteem!

Ask for help when you need it

You are worthy of love and support, don't be afraid to reach out when you need a little extra of that. Growth does not happen in isolation, surround yourself with a strong and healthy support system to help you through the highs and lows of life.

References and additional resources:

- [Celebrate Self-Esteem Month | Tips to Help You Recognize Your Worth](#)
- [International Boost Self Esteem Month – February 2024](#) .
- [Self-Esteem Development Across the Lifespan](#)
- [E3 home page](#)

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. [Announcements](#)

Notes from the Counseling Office

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/Counseling | Informational Presentations.

[Informational Presentations](#)

Junior Parent Night - February 13, 2024 - In person in conjunction with Parent/Teacher Conferences at 5:30

Class of 2025

JUNIOR
Parent Night

February
13th

5:30pm - 6:00pm
HHS Library
(during P/T Conferences)

The high school counselors will be sharing important information for parents to know for their students' Junior and Senior years! Please also check out the College & Career Planning Event that is taking place in the HHS Commons from 4:00-7:00pm!

College & Career Planning Event

HHS Counselors invite you to attend this event to meet with college reps (technical, UW & private), military recruiters, and local business reps to learn more about opportunities for your student's pathway after high school!



Tuesday, February 13, 2024
(during P/T conferences)

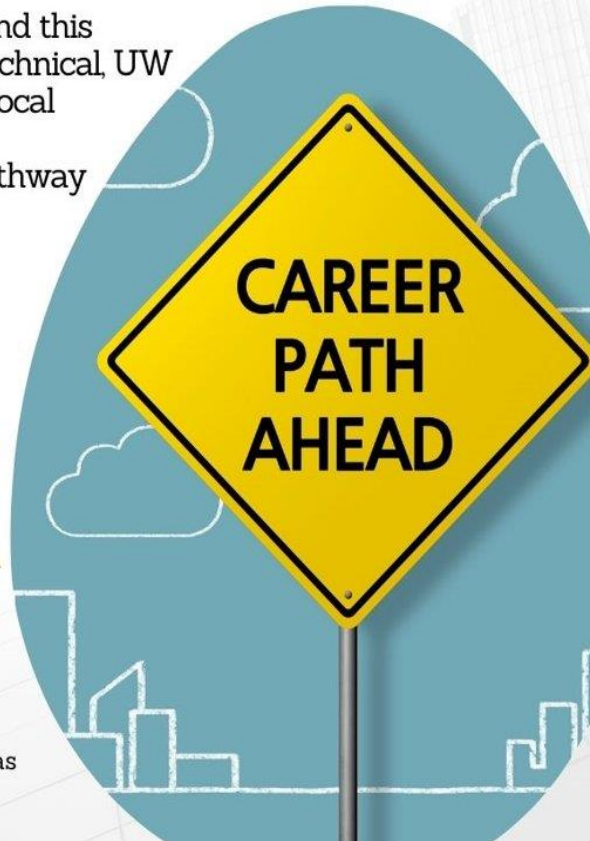


4:00pm - 7:00pm



HHS Commons (enter through
main doors)

Representatives will be available to meet with for the duration of conferences on Tuesday, so you are free to come and go as you please!



START COLLEGE NOW AND EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM

Applications for Start College Now and Early College Credit Program classes for the 2024 Fall semester are due no later than **March 1, 2024 at 3:45 pm**. Applications are available outside the Counseling Office and on the Counseling webpage under [Course Registration](#). Information on these programs and the courses offered are on our website [Start College Now and ECCP Program](#).

YOUTH SERVICE LEARNING HOURS

Seniors should be sure to check with Ms. St. John regarding service learning hours (36 volunteer hours are required for graduation). Service hours must be completed by April 15 for graduation. Several volunteer opportunities are listed on our website on the [Youth Service Learning](#) webpage.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Local companies have reached out to us with job opportunities they have available, including opportunities for this summer. If you have a student looking for a job, have them check out the bulletin board or view the same opportunities on our webpage.

[Work and Volunteer Opportunities](#)

JUNIOR/SENIOR RELEASE

The following are the requirements for a student to request Junior/Senior Release during their Commons block. If a student is eligible, they can stop by the Main Office to fill out a request form.

- Student must have earned 18 (junior)/22.5 (senior) credits
- Student must be enrolled in 3 credits during the semester
- Student must maintain passing grades in all classes
- Student has completed 36 service hours for seniors and 27 service hours for juniors
- Student will have no attendance issues
- Student will have no discipline referrals
- Student will have no school parking violations
- Student will still be required to return for some school sponsored events

HORTONVILLE PARENTS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN INSPIRE WI WEBINARS

If you are interested in helping your child get connected to the business community, consider attending one of the 2 upcoming Inspire Webinars. Inspire Coordinators from CESA 6 will be discussing how connections happen using the inspirewi.org tool and how students can benefit from networking with Inspire WI Business Partners. Summer is right around the corner and internships and work-based learning opportunities are available to Hortonville Students through the Inspire Network. Join the April Webinar to learn more about these summer opportunities for your child.



Enhance Your Child's Future:

BY CONNECTING CAREER EXPERIENCES FOR LIFELONG SUCCESS

As parents/guardians, you play a pivotal role in shaping your child's future. As your child progresses through their academic journey, it is essential to complement their classroom learning with real-world experiences that can set the foundation for a successful and fulfilling career. By fostering a connection between their education and real-world experiences, you provide them with the tools and confidence needed to navigate the complexities of the professional world.

Consider participation in one of our upcoming webinar series sponsored by the Inspire WI Network.




January 16, 2024 | 5:30-6:15pm
Connecting Your Student to Career Experiences

Engaging in career-related experiences allows your child to develop a more comprehensive skill set. It goes beyond traditional education, offering practical insights that foster personal and professional growth.

February 15, 2024 | 5:30-6:15pm
Learn How to Boost College & Employment Outcomes

Building connections early on can be instrumental in your child's future success. Career experiences provide networking opportunities with professionals, mentors, and peers, establishing valuable connections that may prove beneficial later in their careers.

April 25, 2024 | 5:30-6:15pm
Connecting Your Student to Career Experiences this Summer

Connecting academic concepts to real-world applications makes learning more meaningful. Your child gains a deeper understanding of the relevance of their education and how it applies to the workforce.

Register Now



inspirewi.org/events



Xavier High School **COLLEGE FAIR**

The fair is open to all students in the Appleton and Fox Valley region of Wisconsin. This event typically brings together nearly 100 colleges from over 10 different states. Over 1,500 students and parents attend to explore a wide variety of educational options.



Tuesday, March 12, 2024



6:00pm - 8:00pm



Xavier High School



Pre-register online in February or at
the door!



UPCOMING CAREER EXPLORATION EVENTS IN FEBRUARY FOR CTE MONTH



2.01

Career Exploration at Masters Gallery Foods

Join us for an immersive and exciting career exploration event in the realm of cheese manufacturing!

621 N Business Park Dr Oostburg, WI 53070

2.02

Explore Your Career Day at Sargento

Explore all careers at Sargento and get a behind the scenes look.

1 Persnickety Pl, Plymouth, WI 53073

2.07

Heat Up Your Future Skills Competition with Local 400

This is a challenge for student teams to complete a pipe stove project.

2700 Northridge Dr, Kaukauna, WI

2.08

Women and Girls in Science Day at Sargento

Explore careers at Sargento and get a behind the scenes look.

1 Persnickety Pl, Plymouth, WI 53073

2.08

Inspire Showcase Tour: Roehl Transport

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

6915 County Rd. BB, Neenah, WI 54956

2.08

Inspire Showcase Tour: Riesterer & Schnell

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

N2191 N Rd, Hortonville, WI 54944

2.08

Inspire Showcase Tour: Kobussen Buses

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

W814 County Road CE, Kaukauna, WI 54130

2.12

Inspire Showcase Tour: Suburban Enterprises

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

3040 N Pointer Rd, Appleton, WI 54911

For a full list of upcoming events or to register for an event, visit our website inspirewi.org



2.12

Inspire Showcase Tour: Kaukauna Utilities

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

 777 Island St, Kaukauna, WI 54130

2.13

An Industry Insight Tour at Muza Sheet Metal

Learn about the business, history, take a tour, and ask questions.

 2676 S Oakwood Rd, Oshkosh, WI 54904

2.14

Inspire Showcase Tour: Miron Construction

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

 1471 McMahan Dr, Neenah, WI 54956
N2191 N Rd, Hortonville, WI 54944

2.15

Learn How to Boost College & Employment Outcomes

Building connections can be instrumental in a student's future success.

 Virtual

2.22

Youth Entrepreneurship Summit

Students will create a Donut Shop, share ideas with local entrepreneurs, Shark Tank Style.

 5 N Systems Dr Appleton , WI 54914

2.24

Student Forum with Wisconsin Broadcasters

An opportunity for students to learn about careers in broadcasting.

 1265 Lombardi Ave, Green Bay, WI 54304

2.26

Inspire Showcase Tour: Pierce Manufacturing

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

 3100 N McCarthy Rd, Appleton, WI 54913

2.27

Healthcare Career Experience at Atlas Science

Students will participate in hands-on activities that will allow them to explore different careers in the healthcare profession.

 425 W Water St, Appleton, WI 54911

2.28

Inspire Showcase Tour: Local 400 - Pipe Trades

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

 2700 Northridge Dr, Kaukauna, WI 54130

2.28

Inspire Showcase Tour: Bassett Mechanical

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

 1215 Hyland Ave., Kaukauna, WI 54130

2.28

Inspire Showcase Tour: Team Industries

Curious students interested in Youth Apprenticeship can get a tour, meet with current YA students, and learn about potential career opportunities.

 1200 Maloney Rd, Kaukauna, WI 54130

Through regional collaboration, we connect students and educators to career professionals who will inspire and expose them to new opportunities across all industry sectors.

For a full list of upcoming events or to register for an event, visit our website inspirewi.org



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Inspire Showcase Tour: Miron Construction

February 14, 2024: Hortonville/Little Chute

A showcase tour allows students to visit a potential Youth Apprenticeship location to see if it is something they would like to pursue for the following school year.

8:30-8:45 AM

Introduction & History of Company

- Meet professionals from a variety of departments
- Learn about the History, Mission & Values of Miron Construction
- Understand the opportunities available

8:45-9:45 AM

Tour Miron Construction/Job Site

- Take a tour to see what it would be like to work at Miron Construction
- Visit Galloway Job Site: S Commercial St, Neenah

9:45-10:00 AM

Youth Apprenticeship Q & A

- Talk with a current Youth Apprentice and ask any questions you may have about Miron or the Youth Apprentice program.
- Meet with Miron Human Resources personnel to learn about available positions.

**schools/students responsible for transportation

***7 spots available/school

If you have questions or need support
please send an email to:
rward@cesa6.org

NEW INSTAGRAM PAGE!

The Counseling Office has an Instagram page! Our handle is Hortonville_hs_counseling. Follow us for great information!

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 are a few seats remaining, and spots are filled on a first come first served 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
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024



REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors applying to colleges should request their transcripts either through Xello or our newest platform, ScribOrder. 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. There are many tools available for Academic and Career Planning. Instructions for sending a transcript are available on the HHS website under Academics/Counseling | Transcripts. [Transcripts](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

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 HHS website under Academics/Counseling | Scholarships & Financial Aid.

FINANCIAL AID

According to the Federal Student Aid website, there were major changes and improvements to the 2024-25 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form. This redesigned and streamlined FAFSA form became available December 31, 2023. All the directions and forms are available on <https://studentaid.gov/>. Your college's financial aid office is also a great source of information and assistance. Another great source for assistance with the FAFSA is Mike Gawel, Fox Valley Tech Financial Aid Facilitator, who presented for the FAFSA Parent Night. He can assist with FAFSA questions whether your student is attending a four-year college or a technical college.

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