



January 2025

Dear Hortonville High School Parents, Guardians, and Community:

I hope everyone was able to relax and enjoy the extended winter break. I have again added the district and school report card information to this newsletter, along with attendance reminders and STAR testing information regarding the tests our freshman students will complete later this month. As we begin 2025, please be on the lookout for further updates regarding ACT and Pre-ACT secure testing information for our freshman-junior students. In January, we will also conduct the scheduling process for 2025-2026, so please take time to have conversations with your student(s) regarding their paths of study.

Additionally, you will find a wide array of information from our counseling department regarding parent programs, college information, and ACT prep offerings held by and at Hortonville High School in the upcoming months. You will also find detailed information about college and career offerings, along with a chart that outlines the service-learning requirements for all students before graduation.

District and School Report Cards

The Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) produces annual report cards for every publicly-funded school and district in Wisconsin. These report cards include data on multiple indicators for multiple years across four priority areas: Achievement, Growth, Target Group Outcomes, and On-track to Graduation.

We are proud to share the Hortonville Area School District Exceeds Expectations on the 2022-2023 DPI Report Card. Each School also receives its own report card and rating. The Report Cards for the Hortonville Area School District are linked to our district website under District and School Performance. Thank you for your educational partnership!

Attendance Matters!

As we approach the midpoint of the school year, we want to remind you of the importance of daily school attendance. If your child is healthy, please ensure they come to school every day. Each school day provides valuable learning time and opportunities to connect with teachers and peers.

HASD allows up to 10 excused absences per year. After the 10th absence, a doctor's note will be required for any further absences to be excused. Any unexcused absences may lead to a truancy referral and citation.

Consistent attendance is crucial for student success. Missing even a couple of days each month can result in falling behind in school. If your child is struggling with attendance, we are here to help. Please reach out for support and resources.

Upcoming Reminders

January 2nd-
Classes Resume

January 6th-
8th Grade
Parent Night
Virtual Live at 5:30

January 13th
Parent Forum
Virtual at 5:00

January 23rd-
Last Day of
1st Semester

January 24th-
No School

January 27th-
First Day of
2nd Semester

Tardies: Students arriving late (15 minutes or less) will be marked tardy. More than 15 minutes late will be an unexcused absence. Students with repeated tardies will receive a lunch or after-school detention.

For questions, contact Student Services at 920-779-7933 ext. 13190.

Thank you for supporting your child's education!

Star Assessments for 9th grade students

Freshmen at HHS will be taking Star Assessments three times this year (fall, winter, spring). Star Assessments are short tests that provide teachers with personalized learning data for each student (34 questions, typically taking 30 minutes or less to complete). Star tests are computer adaptive, which means they adjust in difficulty to each answer students provide. This helps teachers get the best data to help students in the shortest amount of testing time. Teachers analyze the data they receive from Star Assessments to learn what students already know and what they are ready to learn next, to monitor student growth, and to determine which students may need additional help. Parents will receive individual student reports indicating their child's performance on both the reading and math assessments.

Freshmen will take Star tests for reading and math on the following days during ELT:

- Mon., Jan. 27, 2025 (Last names *A-Lem* do STAR reading)
- Tues., Jan. 28, 2025 (Last names *A-Lem* do STAR math)
- Thurs., Jan. 30, 2025 (Last names *Len-Z* do STAR reading)
- Fri., Jan. 31, 2025 (Last names *Len-Z* do STAR math)

Students will receive training on Star Assessments in their English classes prior to testing so they know what to expect and can ask any questions they may have. Here are a few tips on how you can help at home:

- ★ Make sure your student gets a good night sleep the night before
- ★ Have your student eat a nutritious breakfast
- ★ Avoid scheduling appointments on test days
- ★ Encourage your child to do their best

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Notes from the Counseling Office

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

2024-2025 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 Main Menu | Academic & Career Planning | Parent Presentations (scroll down right-hand side).

[Parent Presentations](#)

8th Grade Parent Night - January 6, 2025 - Virtual live at 5:30 pm

Junior Parent Night - February 20, 2025 - In person during P/T Conferences at 5:30 pm, Business/College Rep Event 4:00-7:00 pm

2025-2026 COURSE REGISTRATION

Hard to believe, but course registration for next school year is already upon us! Your students received information on registering for courses on December 18 in their ELT. Students were asked to take this information home and talk it over with you. Ask your student to discuss course options with you and start a plan of what they'd like to take for classes next school year. **Registration for current Freshmen will begin in their English classes the week of January 6. Registration for current Sophomores and Juniors will begin the week of January 13 in ELT.** Please help prepare your student accordingly. Students should put thought and consideration into their course selection as well as alternative options. With block scheduling it has proven to be difficult to alter schedules once they have been established. A Skylert containing registration information was sent to parents mid-December. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to the Counseling Office.

ASVAB CAREER EXPLORATION PROGRAM

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) Career Exploration test measures developed abilities and helps predict future academic and occupational success. Students will be evaluated on eight subtests for a total of 200 items. Subtest areas include General Science, Arithmetic Reasoning, Word Knowledge, Paragraph Comprehension, Mathematics Knowledge, Electronics Information, Auto and Shop Information, and Mechanical Comprehension. Hortonville High School will be administering the test to interested **juniors on Wednesday, February 5 from 8:45 am - 12:00 pm, in the Library.** There is no fee to take the test. If your student is interested, please have them sign up in the Counseling Office by January 24.

ACT PREP CLASS

The Hortonville ACT Test Prep course is full. There are other locations students can attend a prep course if desired. To see those dates/locations and register, please use this link. [ACT Test Prep Registration](#)

Students who wish to do a pretest 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.

UPCOMING NATIONAL ACT TEST DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025
April 5, 2025	February 28, 2025
June 14, 2025	May 9, 2025
July 12, 2025	June 6, 2025

EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM AND START COLLEGE NOW

Applications for Early College Credit Program (ECCP) and Start College Now (SCN) classes for the 2025 Fall semester are due in the Counseling Office no later than March 1, 2025. Applications are available outside the Counseling Office and on the Counseling website [Dual Enrollment/College Coursework](#). Follow all steps listed on this page to complete the application process.

JUNIOR/SENIOR RELEASE

If your Junior or Senior has a Commons in their schedule and they'd like Junior/Senior Release, please have them stop by the Main Office to pick up a Junior/Senior Release Form. Forms should be turned in to the Main Office as soon as possible. See Mr. Herbst with any questions.

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 [PATHWAYS](#).
- 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 [PATHWAYS](#) 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: [Youth Service Learning](#).

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

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[Volunteer Fox Cities](#)
[Volunteer Match](#)

CAREER READINESS CORNER

[Career Readiness Corner](#) is a monthly resource designed by CESA 6 to provide students and families with valuable insights, tools, and opportunities for post-graduation success. Their goal is to empower students by connecting them with career exploration activities, work-based learning, and pathways to high-demand careers.

REQUESTING TRANSCRIPTS

Seniors applying to colleges should request their transcripts either through Xello or ScribOrder. Xello is an Internet-based career exploration and planning tool to explore career and college options and develop a career plan. Instructions for sending a transcript are available on the HHS website under Main Menu | Academics | Transcript Requests. [Transcripts](#)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Did you know we have a Scholarships & Financial Aid page on our website? A list of scholarships, received from outside sources, is compiled, and updated weekly. It contains information regarding the scholarship amount, application criteria and deadlines. On that page, there are also links to local foundations pages, national scholarship sites and FAFSA information. The page is posted on the HHS website under Main Menu | Academic & Career Planning | Scholarships & Financial Aid. [Scholarships](#)

Students were emailed the following scholarship information in early December:

Community Foundation for the Fox Cities: The Community Foundation organizes scholarships from around the Valley. Most scholarship applications on their scholarship portal opened on December 1st! Click [here](#) or search Hortonville High School to see which ones you qualify for.

[Community Foundation for the Fox Cities](#)

You apply for many of these scholarships with the *Community Foundation Universal Scholarship Application* which is on the Community Foundation website. For those scholarships that state **How to Apply:** *Hortonville High School Guidance Office*, you will use our Local Scholarship Application to apply for those.

The **Local Scholarship Application** is now live! This is an application you for sure want to fill out if you are going to a college or tech school next fall! There are many of our local scholarships selected from this one application! *I would recommend opening and completing this on a laptop or desktop computer, not your phone.* Upon opening the application, you will be required to make a copy of it. Once in the application, review the steps carefully. The scholarship will not be accepted written, it must be typed with the exception of signatures. Once completed, printed (single-sided), signed and paperclipped, turn it into the Counseling Office. This application is **due Friday, January 31, 2025 at 3:45 pm**. Late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

[Local Scholarship Application](#)

Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship: Each year the State of Wisconsin awards The Wisconsin Technical Excellence Scholarship to high school seniors who have the highest demonstrated level of proficiency in technical education subjects. The value of the scholarship is up to \$2,250 per year, to be applied toward tuition for six semesters at a school within the Wisconsin Technical College System. If your student is planning to attend a WI technical college and is interested in being considered for this scholarship, they must fill out the Request for Consideration form and return it to the Counseling Office by Thursday, January 16. The form can be found on the Scholarships webpage. [Scholarships](#)

YOUTH SERVICE LEARNING

36 VOLUNTEER HOURS REQUIRED FOR GRADUATION -
FRESHMEN - 9, SOPHOMORE - 18, JUNIOR - 27, SENIOR - 36
DEADLINE - APRIL 15TH OF SENIOR YEAR



HHS YOUTH SERVICE LEARNING WEBSITE

- Available local volunteer opportunities
- Deadlines
- Link to PATHWAYs to log hours



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LOGGING IN

IMPORTANT - make sure the browser you are using is not logged into another account - sign out of your personal Google Account

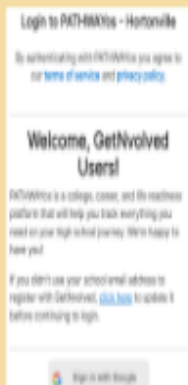
1. Type in Hortonville under District Name - select Search
2. Select Login



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SIGN IN WITH GOOGLE

1. Sign in with Google button
2. Enter your School Email (firstname.lastname@hasd.org) and select Next
3. Enter your Password - Sign In (same password you use to log into a school computer)



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STUDENT DASHBOARD

1. Click - LOG SERVICE HOURS - upper right
2. Dashboard will provide list hours completed per grade
3. Dashboard will show hours pending



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LOGGING HOURS

1. Log Event Information
 - Event Name
 - Event Location
 - Community Organization
2. Log Supervisor Information
 - Name
 - Email
 - Phone Number

IMPORTANT - make sure email of supervisor is correct. Supervisor is who approves the hours

3. Log Hours and brief description of volunteering activity

SUBMIT

Please verify hours get approved

CAREER READINESS CORNER



College &
Career Readiness

Your Monthly Guide to
Empowering Students for
Post-Graduation Success:
Exploring High-Wage, High-Skill,
and In-Demand Career Pathways.



www.cesa6.org/students-and-families/career-planning/career-readiness-corner

PARENTING SESSIONS

What will you be learning:

- Getting your children to listen and follow through the first time
- Teaching your children to believe in themselves
- Teaching your children how to advocate for themselves
- Getting your children to stop arguing and fighting
- What type of message you convey to your children with how you handle situations
- And so much more!!

WHO: Anyone that would like more tools in their parenting toolbelt (parenting any age child)
Parents only please, childcare will not be provided.

WHEN: January 14th & 21st 2025
5:30pm to 7:00pm

WHERE: Hortonville Middle School

COST: Free (just attend both sessions please)

WHY: **Want parenting to be easier and fun!
**Want our children to behave!
**Less stress within the household!
**Want our children to be strong and confident individuals!

[Click here to sign up](#)