



January 2024

Dear Hortonville High School Parents, Guardians, and Community,

Welcome Back! I hope everyone took time over the long winter break to spend time with family and friends and recharge for the end of 1st semester. The first semester will end on January 18th. Please take time with your student to look at Skyward and see if there are any missing assignments or poor grades that need to be addressed before the end of the semester. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact your student's teachers, counselors, or myself.

In December, our current 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students watched scheduling videos and received scheduling forms in preparation for scheduling for 2024-2025, which will begin during school in the coming weeks. All scheduling resources are available on our counseling website.

E3 Information

Happy January HASD families! Thank you for taking the time to read E3 At Home. Please visit the link below to view the January topic which focuses on conflict versus bullying.

[E3 At Home Newsletter](#)

Parent Forum

During the 2023-2024 school year, the high school administration will again conduct Parent Forums on the second Monday of each month from 5 p.m.-6 p.m. These sessions provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to learn more about the events and happenings at HHS.

Attendance Reminder

Attendance matters! - Please help your students 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 school day is an essential opportunity for students to learn and connect with peers and 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.

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

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

RollBears!

Tim Rietveld

Upcoming Events:

January 8th-

Parent Forum 5 pm

January 17th and 18th-

Last Days of the Semester

January 19th-

No School

January 22nd-

1st Day of 2nd Semester

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](#)

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

SECOND SEMESTER SCHEDULES

Second semester schedules for students are available for viewing in Skyward Student Access. Course changes are discouraged and will only be approved for the following reasons: failure of a prerequisite course, change in Academic and Career Plan, or teacher recommendation for alternate class placement. If your student needs to change their schedule for one of these reasons, Schedule Change Request Forms are available outside the Counseling Office. **All course changes must be requested no later than Monday, January 29, 2024.**

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 7 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 12.

2024-2025 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 19 in their ELT. Students will be 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 be in their English classes the week of January 8. Registration for current Sophomores and Juniors will take place the week of January 15 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 also sent to parents. If you have questions, feel free to reach out to the Counseling Office.

COCOA AND CRAM

Does your freshman student need a supportive environment to study for finals? Link Crew will be hosting an open study session in the Commons of the High School on Tuesday, January 16 from 4:00-6:00 pm. There will be hot cocoa and study support. Students can choose to come for part of the evening or stay the whole time.

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

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 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
February 10, 2024	January 5, 2024
April 13, 2024	March 8, 2024
June 8, 2024	May 3, 2024
July 13, 2024	June 7, 2024

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 [Transeo](#).
- 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 [Transeo](#) 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. St. John. Please contact her with any questions, concerns, or issues regarding your service learning.

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Room A154
[Volunteer Fox Cities](#)
[Volunteer Match](#)

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Local companies have reached out to us with job opportunities they have available. 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](#)



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. The Local Scholarship application form is also available on this page. This application is used for several local scholarships that are awarded each year. Please note that the list of scholarships included on the local application is subject to change between now and the **deadline of January 31, 2024**. [Scholarships](#)

FINANCIAL AID

According to the Federal Student Aid website, there are major changes and improvements coming to the 2024-25 *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form. This redesigned and streamlined FAFSA form will be available by Dec. 31, 2023. All the directions and forms will be available on <https://studentaid.gov/>. Keep an eye out for it! Your college's financial aid office is also a great source of information and assistance.



24-25 FAFSA OPENS DEC. 31!

HOW TO PREPARE



Set up your FSA ID

This is a way to e-sign financial aid documents with ease. Students and parents each need one, and you will need a personal email and Social Security Number to create your ID. This needs to be completed before filling out the FAFSA:

<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>



Resources

There are lots of ways to receive help filling out the FAFSA:

- College Goal Wisconsin: In-person and virtual assistance <https://collegegoalwi.org/>
- Contact the Financial Aid Office of the college you plan to attend
- FVTC Financial Aid assistance: Attend a workshop or contact their Financial Aid Office to meet with a rep to help you fill out the FAFSA (even if you don't plan to attend FVTC!)
financialaid@fvtc.edu or **920-735-5650**.



FAFSA PARENT NIGHT

Stop into the HHS Library to learn more about the FAFSA process and get your questions answered by a Financial Aid representative!

Monday, January 22 5:00PM HHS Library

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 Tuesday, January 16. The form can be found on the Scholarships webpage (see above link under Scholarships).