



## November 2023

Dear Hortonville High School Parents, Guardians, and Community,

Welcome to November!

I want to thank everyone who was able to attend our community open house last evening. It was great to see over 75 members of our school community attend and take tours of the new spaces within our building. As we enter the end of the quarter, please take time with your students to look at Skyward and reach out to your student's teacher or administrator to answer any questions. Student report cards will be released on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

The Hortonville High School Musical "Mamma Mia!" will be presented next week on November 9th- November 12th. The musical will take place at 7 pm on Thursday-Saturday and at 2 pm on Sunday. Tickets will be available at the door or online at <https://gofan.co/app/school/W117125>

As we enter the second quarter, I encourage all students to join one of our clubs and activities as the school year continues, and I wish the best of luck to all of our winter season sports that will begin in the next couple of weeks. As always, if you have any questions or concerns about anything at Hortonville High School, please reach out anytime.

### 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. These forums will again be delivered online, allowing more parents to participate in these events. Look for links sent via Skylerts before each event.

### Attendance Reminder

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**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:

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter

**November 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Parent Forum 5 pm

**November 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Freshman Parent Night

**November 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Early Release Day

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>**  
No School

# 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 | Informational Presentations.

[Informational Presentations](#)

Freshman 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 [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.

Jessica St. John

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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](#)

## 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
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 - Eau Claire November 15 - 1:30 pm

## NWTC (NORTHEAST WI TECHNICAL COLLEGE) - UPCOMING EVENTS!

- **Explore Trades Day** - Wednesday, November 8, 2023 from 4-7 pm - <https://www.nwtc.edu/events/2023/11/explore-trades-day-open-house>
  - No registration required
- **Explore NWTC Day!** - Wednesday, November 15, 2023 from 9am-12pm - [www.nwtc.edu/explorenwtc](http://www.nwtc.edu/explorenwtc)
  - Flyer attached: This is a first-of-its-kind event! It is a morning of hands-on activities throughout the divisions. We are targeting school groups to come, but also welcome individuals to register.
  - Registration required: Closes Tuesday, November



SENIORS

## 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 | 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 | Scholarships & Financial Aid. [Scholarships](#)

# Hortonville High School

## Attendance Information 2023-2024

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We realize some absences are for health or other reasons. Excused and unexcused absences both mean *missing classroom learning time*. Absences can add up. Missing just two days every month puts students at risk of falling behind. *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