



October 2023

Dear Hortonville High School Parents, Guardians, and Community,

As we enter the second month of the 2023-2024 school year, I want to thank all our students and families as we navigated through the beginning of the year processes and schedule adjustments. I appreciate the strong turnout of parents who attended our freshman meeting and curriculum night. It's great to see our building full of members of our community.

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.

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 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.

Attendance Reminder

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

RollBears!

Tim Rietveld

Upcoming Events:

October 6th

Picture Re-take Day

October 7th

Homecoming Dance

7:00 pm- 11:00 pm

October 9th

Parent Forum 5 pm

October 10th

In-person Conferences

4:00 pm- 7:00 pm

October 12th

Virtual Conferences

4:00 pm-7:00 pm

October 13th

In-Person Conferences

8:00 am-11:30 am

No School for Students

October 26th and 27th

No School for Students

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](#)

Sophomore Parent Night - October 9, 2023 - Virtual live at 5:30

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](#)

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: [PSAT Practice Test](#)

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
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 - Green Bay October 4 - 1:30 pm
- St. Norbert College October 5 - 1:30 pm
- Lewis University (IL) October 10 - 3:00 pm
- Lawrence University October 11 - 1:30 pm
- UW - La Crosse October 18 - 1:30 pm
- Northern Michigan University October 24 - 1:30 pm
- Ripon College October 31 - 11:00 am

The company **Faith Technologies** is 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 journeyman 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 journeyman 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.

We also have a couple representatives from the **Wisconsin Department of Corrections** visiting us on **October 10, 2023 at 1:30 pm**. They will be discussing job opportunities for students right out of high school. In addition to Correctional Officer, they offer a lot of entry level positions for high school graduates, as well as the training they need to start a rewarding career in corrections. Starting pay is up to \$65,083 with a \$2,000 sign-on bonus. If your student is interested in meeting with them, please have them stop in the Counseling Office.

COLLEGE TOURS

We have some college representatives coming to visit the Counseling Office in October. Students are also 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 may need to be made for the tours. Visit any college website for more information or visit our website: Hortonville HS | Academics | College & Career Visits [Visit Opportunities](#)

INSPIRE WI



NEW for 2023/2024 school year: We have a CESA 6 Inspire WI Consultant to work with our students on Academic and Career Planning through Inspire WI. Cyndi Pavelski comes to us with 27 years of experience in education as a classroom teacher, internship coordinator, ACP consultant and high school principal. She has a strong understanding of how to help students connect to their community through job shadows, company tours, resume updates, finding a first job and working to develop soft skills. Please encourage your child to meet with Cyndi during Inspire WI Office Hours during the month of October at the high school.



What is Inspire WI?

Please visit inspirewi.org to learn how students request job shadows and register for career events.

Inspire WI Mission

Provide all students in WI with meaningful career based learning experiences through Inspire WI and employers with the opportunity to support the cultivation of the next generation of talent.

Who We Are

A nonprofit, (501C3) supporting students and educators across our network of 13 counties within Wisconsin.

What We Do

We provide students and educators the opportunity to explore options, prepare for experiences and secure placements in future careers with local community and industry partners.

Our Impact

We serve approximately 66,000 students in over 70 school districts and have over 300 employers in our network. Over 10,000 students have been impacted this year through Career Based Learning. We will continue to inspire students by connecting them to businesses as we grow.

Expanding Our Services

In August of 2023, Inspire WI Inspire Wisconsin became the new home for the Talent Strategies Network strategic initiative, a talent creation engine for Wisconsin previously hosted by Lakeland University. The network provides platforms, tools and information for talent development practitioners to address Wisconsin's labor quantity shortage and need for more skilled workers.

SENIORS

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](#)

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](#)

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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



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, 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!