



September 2024

Dear Hortonville High School Parents, Guardians and Community:

We are a few short days from starting the 2024-2025 school year! Teachers and staff have been hard at work this week attending training and spending numerous hours preparing for the arrival of over 1,300 students into our building starting next Tuesday and Wednesday. This newsletter contains further information about the Freshman and New Student orientations that are scheduled within our building next Tuesday. Please email me with any last-minute questions about the upcoming dates and times.

I reshared the HHS Behavior and Phone Expectations that we implemented for the upcoming school year. These expectations focus on ensuring that our school environment is welcoming and focused on learning for all students. By implementing our phone expectations, our students will be more engaged in their learning and can learn at higher levels with fewer distractions. Please review these expectations on Page 7 of this newsletter and contact me with any questions or concerns about these changes.

I have also attached all the needed calendars, time schedules, and documents we will utilize throughout the school year to communicate and share information with all stakeholders. We will also send Skylert reminders about these events as we approach each opportunity.

In this newsletter, I have also shared information about Inspire WI, a program that helps connect students to local businesses and industries within the Fox Valley and beyond. We will have grade-level meetings during ELT in September to inform students about this opportunity and the process for exploring and learning more about these opportunities.

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

Roll Bears!

Tim Rietveld

Upcoming Events:

September 3rd-

Freshman Orientation @
8:35 in the Fieldhouse

New Student Orientation @
1 pm in the HHS Library

September 4th-

First Day of School for all
Students

Picture Day 7-10 am

September 9th-

HHS Parent Forum @ 5pm
on Google Meet.

September 16th-

HHS Curriculum Night

September 25th-

Early Release for Students
@ 12:44pm

September 30th-

Senior Parent Meeting @
5:30pm

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Freshman Orientation Schedule

Tuesday, September 3rd

8:35 – 9:45	Freshman Assembly	Fieldhouse
9:45 – 11:45	Small Group Work - led by Link Crew Leaders <i>Teachers are expected to be in the rooms.</i>	Various Classrooms
11:50 – 12:35	Lunch (25 min) & Admin (15 min) (Teams 1-18) / Tour (Teams 19-36)	
12:40 – 1:25	Tour (Teams 1-18) / Lunch (25 min) & Admin (15 min) (Teams 19-36)	
1:30 – 3:15	Modified Scheduled Day (Students will attend classes)	Classrooms

New Student Orientation Schedule

The Counseling Team invites you to a New Student Orientation on Tuesday, September 3 at 1:00 p.m. Greeters will meet you right inside the main entrance in the Commons area to escort you/direct you to the Library. The orientation will include valuable information that we hope will make your transition to Hortonville High School easier! You will be able to meet your counselor and some of your peers. Tours of the building will be provided. We will be concluding the orientation around 3:00 p.m.

Student Pictures and Fee Payments

If you were unable to attend any of the August dates to pay fees or get required student IDs, order 2024-25 yearbooks, buy parking permits for any student driving and parking on campus, purchase a school-issued lock for their main locker or gym locker and pay any school fees not paid on-line. Please have your student(s) or please stop in the main office to take care of these needs.

Below are the remaining dates and times to get pictures taken or retaken for this school year.

September 4 from 7:00am – 10:00am

**October 3 from 2:00pm- 3:45pm
Picture Retakes**

Curriculum Night and Parent Forum Reminders

- We will host the 4th annual Hortonville High School Curriculum Night on September 16 to allow families to meet your student(s) teachers and learn more about their courses. Please see the handout for more details.
- During the 2024-2025 school year, high school administration will once again be conducting Parent Forums during the 2nd Monday of each month from 5pm-6pm. These sessions provide parents/guardians with an opportunity to learn more about the events and happenings at HHS. These forums will once again be provided using Microsoft Teams as last year's format seemed to allow more parents to participate in these events. Look for links sent via Skylerts a week prior to each event.

Parent Meeting Schedule 2024-2025

The Counseling Department will be conducting their Parent Programs throughout the year. These are excellent opportunities to obtain information that is specifically relevant to each grade level. The dates of the Parent Programs are as follows:

- Senior Parent Night – September 30 @ 5:30pm (Virtual Live)
- Sophomore Parent Night – October 10 @ 5:30pm (Virtual Live)
- Freshmen Parent Night- November 18 @ 5:30pm (Virtual Live)
- 8th Grade Parent Night – January 6 @ 5:30pm (Virtual Live)
- Junior Parent Night – February 18 @ 5:30pm (In-person during P/T Conferences)

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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](#)

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 Academic & Career Planning | Informational Presentations.

[Informational Presentations](#)

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 [PATHWAYos](#).
- 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 [PATHWAYos](#) 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](#)

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 16, 2024**. 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](#)

EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM AND START COLLEGE NOW

Applications for Early College Credit Program and Start College Now classes for the 2025 Spring semester are due in the Counseling Office no later than October 1, 2024. Applications are available outside the Counseling Office and on the Counseling web page

[Start College Now and ECCP](#). Follow all three steps listed on this page to complete the application process.

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 11. 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 24 through Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 4:15-7:15 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 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
October 26, 2024	September 20, 2024
December 14, 2024	November 8, 2024
February 8, 2025	January 3, 2025

UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

The following colleges have representatives coming to Hortonville High School over the next couple months (additional visits may be added). If your student would like to meet with any of the representatives, they can register through our ELT program.

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| • UW - La Crosse | September 12 - 1:35 pm |
| • Lewis University | September 24 - 1:35 pm |
| • Lawrence University | September 26 - 1:35 pm |
| • UW - Platteville | October 14 - 1:35 pm |

COLLEGE TOURS

Students are encouraged to schedule college tours on days off in October and November, which are October 11 and November 7 and 8. Reservations should be made for tours. They fill quickly, so schedule your appointment as soon as possible. Visit any college website for more information.

INSPIRE WI

We're excited to share an excellent opportunity for your child to explore future career paths through Inspire WI, an ACP tool designed to connect high school students with real-world career experiences. Inspire WI partners with businesses to provide valuable insights into various professions and help students develop essential employability skills. By encouraging your child to participate in these career experiences, you'll support them in making informed decisions about their future careers.

Our Inspire WI business partners are enthusiastic about engaging with students and showcasing potential career paths. To get involved, you can visit the Event Tab on inspirewi.org, where a variety of career experiences are available for your child to RSVP and attend.

If you're interested in having your company participate in career events or if you have any questions about Inspire WI, please reach out to our Hortonville High School Inspire WI Consultant, Cyndi Pavelski, at cpavelski@cesa6.org.

Here's a testimonial from one of our Inspire WI business partners: "The Inspire program is a valuable initiative that has seamlessly formed connections between our company and students in districts around the area. Inspire bridges the gap between businesses and schools by fostering meaningful events and promoting the use of technology and systems that make connections. It not only enriches the learning experience for students but also provides businesses like ours with a fresh perspective and a pool of future team members."

We encourage you to engage with this program and support your child in exploring the exciting career opportunities that lie ahead!

TECHNICAL COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE

Fox Valley Technical College is hosting their annual open house on **Tuesday, October 8, 2024 from 3:00-7:00 p.m.**, at all their locations. 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
- An insider's view of hands-on learning labs

For more information: [FVTC Open House](#)

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 Academics | Transcript Requests.

[Transcripts](#)

DIPLOMA INFORMATION

In mid-September, parents of seniors will be receiving communication regarding how their student's name should appear on the diploma. Please watch for that.

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School Expectations 2024-2025

HHS Behavioral Expectations and Examples

Climate	We will create and share classroom expectations together. We will actively participate in class until the bell rings.
Communication	We will be respectful when communicating with everyone at HHS. We will share Behavioral and Academic celebrations and concerns.
Curriculum	We will understand the rationale for LT's and Standards in all classes. We will engage in multiple learning activities during each class.
Culture	We will be welcoming and show concern for others. We will be engaged and ask questions to gain understanding and clarification.

HHS Phone Expectations

All phones will be located and silenced in a centralized location for the duration of the class period.
Examples: Phone Holders, Phone Bin or other teacher selected locations.

- Phones can be used for teacher led activities during the class period.
- Phones will remain in the classroom when students leave class during the class period.
- Computer labs and carts are readily available as needed for technology needs.
- Phones will be allowed during lunch and between classes.

Student Handbook Expectation on Electronic Devices

Cell phones and personal devices (iPods, iPads, Tablets, Smart Phones) may be used before and after school and between classes. Devices may be used during class for student learning purposes with teacher permission. Personal electronic devices should not be used during learning time for entertainment purposes. Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in confiscation of the device. Devices will be returned through the student services office as outlined by Administration. Electronic devices of any kind on campus are a privilege not a right. Electronic devices of any kind are not permitted to be used

August 1, 2024

Dear Hortonville High School Parent/Guardian,

The faculty and staff of Hortonville High School invite you to attend the 4th annual Parent Curriculum Night on **Monday, September 16, 2024**. During the evening, parents will have the opportunity to follow their student's schedule, attend teacher presentations about learning objectives and course expectations, and visit with members of our Pupil Services Department.

0 Hour will begin promptly at 5:40 PM.

No Freshman students have 0-hour classes, so parents will be able to attend the meeting in the auditorium.

Freshmen Parents - Location: HS Auditorium

We will be running a pre-session that night for Freshmen Parents beginning at 5:30. We realize that many of our parents are experiencing high school for the first time as a parent. We will be providing you information about basic information about the high school and what you should be expecting to see and hear as a high school parent. Topics that will be covered:

- Curriculum Development and Consistency
- Communication
- Schedules
- Introduction to School Administration/Counselors/School Psychologist
- Other Available Resources

Additionally, we will be holding an ACP informational session that will follow the schedule below. This informational session will be offered during release time in your students' schedule or beforehand at 5:30pm.

- Academic and Career Planning – **Hortonville High School Library**

The HHS Counseling team will briefly overview how we prepare our students for life following high school.

***** Please be sure that you bring a copy of your child's schedule so that you can easily follow along during the night. Feel free to have your child also complete the schedule form below to assist you that night.**

Please note that this evening is designed for **parents only**. If you have any questions about the night's events, please contact the High School Office at 920-779-7933.

Sincerely,

Tim Rietveld

Hortonville High School

Attendance Information 2024-2025

Attendance matters! - Please help your student 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 day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to peers and their 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.

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 920-779-7940 ext. 11104

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 PATHWAYes 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

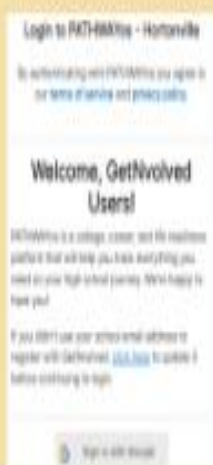
1. Type in Hortonville under District Name - select Search
2. Select Login



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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

HHS Choir Food Truck *Rally*



4:30-7:30

**@Wolf River Community Stadium
Before HHS Varsity Football games**

Friday, August 30th

Kona Ice, Tom's Coffee, On The Fritz, Ong's Food Truck

Thursday, September 5th

Kona Ice, Tom's Coffee, On The Fritz, Ong's Food Truck, Tria Frog Treats

Friday, September 20th

Kona Ice, Tom's Coffee, Ong's Food Truck, Tria Frog Treats, Inferno Subs,
Smokehoud BBQ

Friday, October 4th Homecoming

Kona Ice, Tom's Coffee, Ong's Food Truck, Tria Frog Treats, Inferno Subs,
Smokehoud BBQ

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC- no football ticket required to join us!

10%-30% of profits from all sales go to HHS Choir program needs

CHALLENGER LEAGUE FLAG FOOTBALL



SATURDAYS

SEPTEMBER 7TH - OCTOBER 12TH

1PM-3PM *EXACT GAME TIMES TBD

CHALLENGER LEAGUE FIELD @ PLAMANN PARK

Coming Fall 2024



REGISTER NOW!

More information:

<https://www.foxvalleypopwarner.org>

www.facebook.com/challengerleaguefootball



**CHALLENGER LEAGUE IS A
FLAG FOOTBALL PROGRAM
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS IN 2ND
THROUGH 12TH GRADE WITH
A COGNITIVE, SOCIAL OR
PHYSICAL DISABILITY.
GAMES ARE NON-CONTACT
FLAG FOOTBALL AND ARE
NON-COMPETITIVE.**

Fox Valley Pop Warner Football, Inc. started our Challenger League in 2006. The Challenger League is a flag football program for children with disabilities. The goal of the program is to provide a fun-filled and positive experience for children with disabilities. It's offered to girls and boys in 2nd through 12th grade with a cognitive, social or physical disability. Games are non-contact Flag Football and are non-competitive. Parents can assist their child or ask for a volunteer buddy to assist their child.

The Challenger League provides children with disabilities the opportunity to play the great game of football.

The program is free of charge (all costs are covered by Fox Valley Pop Warner Football, Inc.)

We want to give all children the opportunity to play the great game of football. Please join us this season!