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Eagle Express

March 18, 2022

Forward Exams

“Student Learning, Whatever It Takes” is a statement Horace Mann Middle School takes very seriously and helps drive many of the decisions we make on a daily basis. In order to track our student learning, we occasionally assess our progress. As one part of the state of Wisconsin’s accountability system for schools, Wausau School District students will be participating in the Forward Exam. The Forward Exam will be administered at Horace Mann from April 4-8.

The Forward Exam is also a good time to practice good test taking skills, such as preparation, mind-set (ex. relaxed but taken seriously, confident), and taking an online exam. In turn, setting students up for more success on the High School ACT and other future assessments. We are asking for your support in conveying to students that they try their best for their school and to help set themselves up for future success.

Students will be taking the exam in their regularly scheduled Math, English Language Arts (ELA), Social Studies (SS), and Science classes with very little distraction from the rest of the day. In preparation of the exam, please make sure chromebooks are charged daily. Also, please bring **corded** earbuds or headphones to school for the assessment (no bluetooth).

While the state of Wisconsin expects all students to complete the assessments during the testing date or window, we recognize there may be situations where parents or guardians want to excuse their child from testing. ***If you'd like to excuse your child from Forward Exam testing, please call the student services office at 715-261-0740 to request more information regarding this option.*** School personnel do not have the authority to excuse a child from testing without written parental approval.

Thank you in advance for your assistance in making sure students are in attendance and prepared on the days of testing.

Thanks,

Tami Cummings
 Horace Mann Associate Principal

Forward Exam Schedule

Monday, April 4th - all grades
Tuesday, April 5th- all grades
Wednesday, April 6th- all grades
Thursday, April 7th- all grades
Friday, April 8th - all grades
Monday-Friday - 8th grade ONLY

Math (session 1)
Math (Session 2)
ELA (Session 1)
ELA (Session 2 & 3)
ELA (Session 4)
SS or Science within class time

Message Board

Visitors at Horace Mann

When you visit us at Horace Mann between 7:30-4:00, we ask that you use the Main Entry (door #9). In efforts to keep our students safe, all visitors are greeted at the front door through our intercom system.

You will be asked to stop at the office to register as a visitor and receive your visitor badge.

The first time you visit, you will be asked for a driver's license as part of our security procedures. Subsequent visits will not need a driver's license.

For Athletic events at Horace Mann, please enter door #16. They will be unlocked for athletics events.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.

If your child will be out of school for the day or late, please call our attendance line at 715.261.0735.

You can leave a message 24-hours a day.

NO SCHOOL DAYS

March 21-25 - Spring Break

April 15 - No School

May 27 - Staff Inservice

May 30 - Memorial Day



2022 Youth
**FREEDOM
PASS**

3 MONTHS
UNLIMITED BUS RIDES
ONLY \$28.00

Students age K-12 in the 2021-2022 school year can ride any Metro Ride bus route unlimited trips from June 1 - Aug. 31.

METRO Ride
Have Questions?
(715) 842-9287

GET YOUR PASS! AT THESE LOCATIONS STARTING MAY 1ST

+ JOHN MUIR MIDDLE SCHOOL	+ HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL	+ WAUSAU EAST HIGH SCHOOL
+ WAUSAU WEST HIGH SCHOOL	+ COUNTY MARKET	+ WAUSAU CITY HALL
+ MARATHON COUNTY PARKS DEPARTMENT		

Yoga



Dates: Wednesdays

(4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11)

Time: 3-4pm

Location: Room 225



Calendar of Events

March 21-25	NO CLASSES - Spring Break
March 28	4th Quarter Begins G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Math Counts - Room 210 Track Begins, 3:00 - 5:00 pm Softball Begins, 3:00 - 5:00 pm Boys Intramural Tennis Begins @ East, 3:15 pm
March 29	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Career Exploration - Room 225
March 31	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226
April 1	7-2 Field Trip to Planetarium @ Wausau West
April 4	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226
April 5	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Math Counts - Room 210
April 7	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226
April 8	7-2 Field Trip to Dale's Weston Lanes 6th Grade Fun Night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm
April 11	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Math Counts - Room 210
April 12	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Girls Softball vs PJ Jacobs, 4:00 pm @ Lower Whiting Park, Stevens Point
April 14	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Girls Softball vs Marshfield, 4:00 pm @ Horace Mann
April 15	NO CLASSES

Infinite Campus Parent Portal **On-Line Sports Registration Steps**

Go to the Wausau School District website www.wausauschools.org

Go to and open the “**Families**” tab (located top right toolbar)

Click the “**Parent Portal - Infinite Campus**” tab on the left hand side

If you **DO NOT** have a Parent Portal login, please contact: School Secretary


If you **DO** have a Parent Portal login, follow the steps outlined below

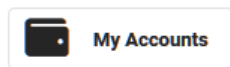
- Go to “**SCHOOL STORE**” on the left hand side menu (top left corner)
- Go to “**EAGLE ATHLETICS**”
- Go to “**SCHOOL YEAR FORMS**” Forms every athlete will need no matter what sport
- Click on the sport you wish to register for, complete the form. You must select the recipient (student eligible for specific sport) If you have more than one student participating in sports, you must complete for each athlete.

You may choose to pay the \$30 WIAA Athletic fee at this time, or you may check out and pay in the main office with cash or check.

**** If you wish to pay the fee now, follow the instructions below. Make sure to enter all your children’s fees at one time. There is a \$2 fee per credit card transaction.**

- Click on the menu in the top left corner
- Click “**Fees**”
- Select the student you are adding the fee for in the upper right hand corner.
- In the bottom left corner click “**Optional Payments**”
- Find the sport you are interested in, and click “**Add to cart**”

- Once you have added all your fees to the cart...Click on “**MY CART**”  My Cart
- Go to the wallet “**My Accounts**”. Enter payment information and save.



- Hit “**SUBMIT PAYMENT**” button

NOTE: If you have more than one student, you can change student on the upper right corner of the screen. Go to that student to add registrations to your cart. Your cart will then contain all products for all students.











Message Board

Staycation Spring Break



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
OF THE WAUSAU AREA

March 21 - 25

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Field Trip: Ice Skating 	Field Trip: Swimming 	Field Trip: Bowling 	Field Trip: UWGB & Lambeau Field Visit 	Field Trip: Movie Theater 
Dress Theme: PJ Day 	Dress Theme: Jersey/Sports Team 	Dress Theme: Twin Day 	Dress Theme: BGC Spirit 	Dress Theme: Go Green Day 
Lunch: American Cuisine 	Lunch: Italian Cuisine 	Lunch: Chef's Choice 	Lunch: Mexican Cuisine 	Lunch: Chinese Cuisine 
Other Opportunities: Library Field Trip Lego Challenge DIY Sensory Bags Edible Face Masks	Other Opportunities: Kwik Trip Tour Fitness Competition Crazy Games Cricut Projects	Other Opportunities: MINI Business World Mural Mysteries Catapults Marshmallow Tower	Other Opportunities: Canvas Painting Edible DNA Game Challenges Baking	Other Opportunities: Microgreens Workshop DIY Lip Balm Minute to Win It Good News Project

Plus! Chopped Cooking Challenge: Monday - Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

As cases of COVID-19 continue to drop, school districts across the country are receiving new guidance as it relates to masking, including on school buses. What we've learned is that the CDC has clarified that the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) mask mandate for public transportation does not apply to schools. That means schools can choose, at their own discretion, whether or not to require masks on school buses.

Given that new information, masks will be optional on all First Student school buses starting Monday, March 7, 2022. Masks are still required for those utilizing Metro Ride to get to and from school, as the TSA mandate still applies there.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to your child's principal.

Softball and track practice start on March 28th right after school at 3:05. Meet in the gym. Plan for indoor practice, but also have clothes available for outdoor practice if the weather is nice. Use your large PE locker to store extra clothes. Soccer practice will start on April 4th. Golf will start later in April depending on the weather. Online registration for Softball, Track, and Soccer is now open through Infinite Campus/Parent Portal under the School Store Link. Intramural golf registration is taking place using the traditional paper forms now. Boys interested in practicing with the tennis team from East can sign-up and practice starts on March 28th.

Congratulations to the March Athletes of the Month Stella Olson and Jacob Schuett. Stella was a member of our 7th grade girls basketball team and Jacob was a member of our wrestling team. They will be featured in the April issue of the Wausau Neighbors magazine. Keep up the Good Work!

Here is a link to [BVM Sports](#) and the links to some of the articles of our Horace Mann Athletes of the Month. As a parent you can also share articles of information on our local sports, teams and athletes.

Here is a link to past Athletes of the Month in case you missed them. [March](#) (pg. 8,9), [February](#) (pg. 4), [January](#) (pg. 17) and [December](#) (pg. 4).

Horace Mann is looking for a Volleyball Coach and Soccer Coach for the Fall season. There is an open application on WECAN if you are interested, or contact Mark Beversdorf at mbeversd@wausauschools.org

CALLING ALL PARENTS, FANS, ATHLETES AND COACHES!

BVM Sports (BVMSports.com) is dedicated to providing local, national and international sports coverage. BVM Sports delivers all-encompassing coverage of sports at every level—pee wee to pro—conveniently in one place. From scores and news to profiles and human interest stories, BVM Sports is your home for all things sports.

Is your favorite athlete or team not getting the media coverage they should? BVM Sports provides your local sports community the platform needed to highlight these local stars by handing the writing reins over to YOU!

Posting your own local sports stories, videos, photos, game highlights and more helps generate buzz for your school and athletes and connects sports communities across the country—even helping scouts and recruiters follow star athletes in your neighborhood. With just a few clicks, you can see your local teams and athletes appear on a national website!

WHAT CAN YOU SUBMIT?

- Team information
- Game highlights
- Videos
- Stories about:
 - i. Athletes overcoming adversity
 - ii. Team-led charity events or fundraisers
 - iii. Achievements off the court
 - iv. Coaches who made a difference



Message Board

Healthy Smart Snack Program (No Nuts)

Our classrooms are in need of donated snacks!

Students can fuel up on individual size:

Fruit (if available)

Granola bars (No Nuts)

Oatmeal bars

Nutri Grain

Baked Cheetos, Fritos, Doritos (reduced fat)

Popcorn

Chex mix

String Cheese (if available)

Fruit cup, applesauce (plus plastic spoon)

Animal Crackers

Graham Crackers

Pop Tarts

Ritz cheese crackers

Gold Fish

Pretzels

Freeze Dried Fruit

Rice snacks

Wheat crisp crackers

Please donate to the main office Mon - Fri 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM

UPCOMING Music Events for Spring 2022:

Rock-Infused Orchestra	Apr. 2	9:00-5PM
Eastside Band Concert (7th - 12th Grade) @WEHS	May 2	7:00 PM
7th and 8th Grade Choir Concert	May 9	7:00 PM
6 th Grade Band & Jazz Band	May 10	7:00 PM
Jazz Band Tour	May 12	8AM-2PM
Chamber Orchestra Tour	May 13	8AM-2PM
6th, 7th & 8th Orchestra Concert	May 17	7:00 PM
BTN Music Festival - 8th Grade Band	May 26	6:30AM-5PM
7th & 8th Band - Memorial Day Parade	May 28	8AM-12PM

Message Board



Donations

The Eagle Pride Market continues taking donations for non perishable food items and hygiene products. Please bring donations to the Main office Monday – Thursday, from 7:00am to 3:00pm.

If you know of any local businesses that would like to sponsor or donate to the Eagle Pride Market, please contact:

Amie Olson (715)261-0725 or aolson@wausauschools.org

Kathy Tyskiewicz (715) 261-0734 or ktyskie@wausauschools.org



Have Extra Hotel Toiletries?



We are in need of the following items in the market all year long. No donation is too large or too small!

Toothbrushes and toothpaste

Shampoo/Conditioner(Travel Size)

Deodorant

Lotion(Travel Size)

Floss

Combs/Brush

Sunscreen

Soap/Body wash



We are also in need of Male and Female Belts, Female Yoga pants, Male joggers of all sizes.

STARTING FEBRUARY 10TH



Craft Club!

Join us on Thursdays for Craft Club. We will be working on fun crafts each meeting. We will try new things and create!

WHEN: Thursdays, 3-4pm

WHERE: Room, 231

WHO: with [Mrs. Gajewski!](#)



G2M Permission Slip [CLICK HERE!](#)



G2M Permission Slip [CLICK HERE!](#)

Study Zone



Need more time to finish homework?
Want a teacher available to help answer questions?
Join Study Zone after school!

Mondays/Tuesdays/Thursdays
3:00 - 4:00pm
Rooms 226/228

FCA at HMMS

When:

Every Wednesday at 6:50am to 7:30am

Where:

Room 156 (Mr. Klug's Room)

Contact:

Mr. Klug

(dklug@wausauschools.org)

Mrs. Raduechel

(braduechel@wausauschools.org)

Ms. Gehrke

(mgehrke@wausauschools.org)

Come as you are.

GET THE FACTS

Wausau School District Referendum April 5, 2022

On Tuesday, April 5, 2022, Wausau School District residents will vote on a referendum question. If approved, it would allow the district to address several of its critical long-term facility needs, which span three categories:

- **SAFETY & SECURITY**
- **FACILITY SYSTEMS & DEFERRED MAINTENANCE**
- **RIGHT-SIZED LEARNING SPACES**

The solution the Board of Education is presenting to voters on April 5 has been created based on the input and feedback of our community. This effort included online surveys for community and staff members, three community engagement sessions, staff listening sessions at all schools, and engagement on social media.



DISTRICT NEEDS?

1 SAFETY & SECURITY

While our facilities have served generations of district residents well, most of our buildings were constructed before newer school security standards were established. Our schools are safe. However, some of them require enhanced entrance security upgrades and modern emergency systems, such as updated fire alarms, mass notification systems, and video surveillance.

THE PROPOSED REFERENDUM INCORPORATES FUNDS FOR:

- More secure entryways
- Updated fire alarms, clocks, and PA systems
- Improved student drop off, pick up, and parking at some of our schools
- Updates for accessibility (ADA compliance)

2 FACILITY SYSTEMS & DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

While our maintenance staff has made the most of the district's maintenance funding, facility systems in several of our buildings have outlived their useful lives. This includes inefficient and outdated heating and cooling systems in some buildings. In other buildings, systems are obsolete and no longer supported by their manufacturer.

THE APRIL 2022 REFERENDUM INCLUDES FUNDS FOR:

- HVAC updates and repairs
- More efficient lighting
- Roof replacements and repairs
- Improved temperature controls
- Electrical and technological updates
- Casework in classrooms

3 RIGHT-SIZING LEARNING SPACES

Education has changed significantly since many of our school buildings were designed decades ago. While classrooms in our schools generally function well for traditional instruction, they are not aligned with the kinds of flexible environments found in colleges, universities, and workplaces today.

THE APRIL 2022 REFERENDUM INCLUDES FUNDS TO RIGHT-SIZE CLASSROOM SPACES & ADD MORE SPACE AT:

Horace Mann Middle School
John Muir Middle School
Riverview Elementary School
South Mountain Elementary School
Stettin Elementary School
Wausau Area Montessori Charter School
Wausau West High School

PROPERTY TAX IMPACT

An approved referendum would have an estimated property tax decrease of \$0.43 on every \$1,000 of property value in the school district. The owner of a home valued at \$200,000 would see an annual tax reduction of about \$86.

**FORWARD
TOGETHER**



Learn more at
wausau.referendumfacts.org