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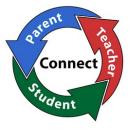
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Eagle Express

February 18, 2022



Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, March 3 from 3:30 - 7:30 pm

To select a time slot for your conference, click the link below and follow the prompts:

Horace Mann Parent Teacher Conferences

Once you have registered with PTCfast.com, you will receive a confirmation email containing a link to schedule your student's conference day and time.

6th & 7th grade are doing group conferences - Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies teachers will meet with you at the same time, so you'll only need one time slot for your student. For 8th grade and any other teacher (Allied), each is an individual conference, so you'll need to sign up for each teacher you would like to meet with.

If you do not have internet access, feel free to call Horace Mann at 715-261-0725 for assistance.

If you would like to have a virtual or telephone conference, please indicate your preference in the special requests box when scheduling in PTCFast. Your child's teacher will then send you a link to attend the conference via google meet, or confirm the phone conference.

It is important that your preferred email address is listed in your child's student information. Please call the school office at 715-261-0725 if you need to confirm or update your parent email.

Thank you for your continued support of your child, our school, and learning in general. We look forward to meeting with you!

Message Board

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Visitors at Horace Mann

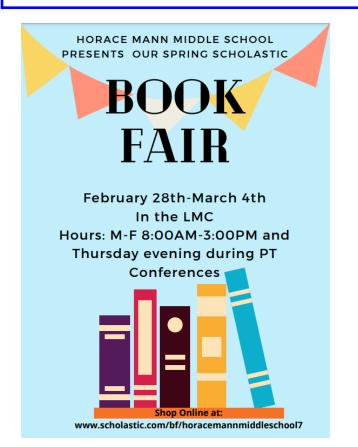
When you visit us at Horace Mann between 7:30-4:00, we ask that you use the Main Entry (door #9). In efforts to keep our students safe, all visitors are greeted at the front door through our intercom system.

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





Q3 Progress Reports will be posted to the Parent Portal after 5 PM on Friday, February 18th

There is a link on the left side of the screen that says documents where you can access the current report. (Grade Report 5)

Calendar of Events

February 21 G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Room 200C STEAM Power(ed) - IMC Math Counts - Room 210 Study Zone - Room 226 Wrestling Meet, 4:30 pm @ Stratford High School February 22 G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Room 200C Health & Agriculture - Room 225 Study Zone - Room 226 Girls 8th Grade Basketball, B Team 4:00 pm @ Antigo Middle School 6th Grade Orchestra Concert, 7:00 pm February 23 6th Grade Basketball Starts February 24 G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Room 200C Study Zone - Room 226 6th Grade Band Concert, 7:00 pm February 25 G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Room 200C February 28 G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Room 200C STEAM Power(ed) - IMC Study Zone - Room 226 March 1 G2M - 3:00 pm Career Expolration - 225 Math Counts - Room 210 Study Zone - Room 226 Eagle Power - Room 200C March 3 Parent Teacher Conferences - 3:30 - 7:30 pm Sign up here! March 4 7th Grade Fun Night! 6:00 - 8:00 pm G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Room 200C March 7 G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Room 200C STEAM Power(ed) - IMC Math Counts - Room 210 Study Zone - Room 226 Mann Connections Night, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Safety Corner

As you may recall, over the past several months we have been activating our new school safety plan -- ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate). For the past few years, we have been preparing our students and staff for this change by having conversations with them about possible situations and how to respond. The purpose of these drills is to provide students and staff with the opportunity to plan ahead by making a well-informed decision if an unsafe and/or unexpected situation were to happen at school.

Our next step in ALICE is to have an Evacuation drill to the Wausau East Softball Fields Parking Lot. This evacuation location has been selected with great consideration to ensure the safety of our students. On February 24th, we will conduct an evacuation point drill. During this drill teachers and staff will be expected to formulate a plan with the students to ensure everyone's safety. Their plans should consist of: discussion of their rally point route, where and how to safely transition to the evacuation site, what materials to take with them (coat, boots, and hats), and expectations for remaining calm and orderly at the evacuation site.

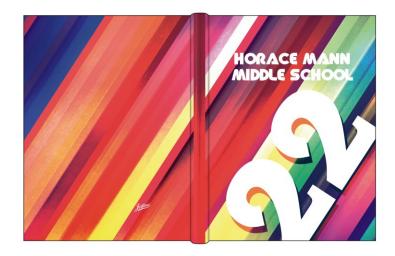
Prior to February 24th, we hope that all families can have a conversation about our school's safety plan and safety drill. Please remember this is a drill and the purpose is to provide students and staff with the opportunity to plan ahead by making a well-informed decision if an unsafe and/or unexpected situation were to happen at school. **Students should dress for winter weather and have hats, gloves, boots and jackets for the evacuation drill.**

Please feel free to call Horace Mann administration at 715-261-0725 or email one of us with any questions.

Don't miss out on the Yearbook action this spring! Yearbooks can be paid for in the main office by **February 23rd**. But don't wait until the deadline. Order yours as soon as possible!

You can bring \$25 in cash or a check (made out to Horace Mann Middle School) to the main office to make sure you get yours!

If you aren't sure if you already bought one, please call the main office at 715-261-0725 to check.



Music News

JazzFest On February 4th, the Horace Mann Jazz Band went to UW-Stevens Point for the 30th Annual JazzFest! Horace Mann was one of three middle schools represented at this event. At UWSP, the students had the opportunity to perform and earn valuable feedback about their playing! Each ensemble receives an Outstanding Musician Award, a student who goes above and beyond for soloing in their ensemble. Special shout out goes to Duncan Thao for earning this award on drums! Congrats to the Jazz Eagles for representing Horace Mann! JazzFest



Wisconsin Valley Conference Honors Band

The fun continued on February 5th when a few select students performed in the Wisconsin Valley フロフロ Conference Honors Band! These students performed alongside 60 other musicians from around the conference, and performed a concert that day. It was a wonderful day of musicianship and memories! Congrats to the following students for representing Horace Mann!

Back Row, Left to Right: Jackson Gumbert (7th - Tenor Sax), Brayden Kluck (8th - Trumpet), Bowie Peterson (8th - Percussion), Audrey Ludwig (8th - Flute), Ethan Ringle (8th - Trumpet)

Front Row, Left to Right: Grace Edwardson (8th - Clarinet), Aislan Harsh (8th - Horn), Nick Johnkoski (8th - Trombone)

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Music News

FIRST-EVER 6th Grade Orchestra and Band Concerts: February 22 and 24, 2022!

The 6th Grade Orchestra Concert is on February 22nd at 7pm. The 6th Grade Band Concert is on February 24th at 7pm. These concerts will be held in the HMMS Cafetorium. Students should arrive between 6:30 and 6:40 to warm up for their performance; doors to the school will NOT be open until 6:30. Our concert dress code is simply the best dress up clothes that you have; please avoid jeans, tennis shoes, and shirts with graphics.

Please note: concert participation is a requirement for performing groups at Horace Mann. Please make arrangements for your student to be there. The concerts will each last 30 minutes or less. Parents, family members, and friends are welcome and encouraged to be there as well! We are all looking forward to celebrating our beginning musicians' hard work and success! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your student's director as soon as possible: Ms. Annie Martin: amartin@wausauschools.org

Mr. Andrew Marrier: amarrier@wausauschools.org

Solo Ensemble Festival

Our district Solo and Ensemble Festival is a great opportunity for our music students, and is coming up on Saturday, February 26th at Wausau East High School. Participation is optional, but several vocal and instrumental students from Horace Mann are working hard to prepare for this fun performance opportunity.

A solo and ensemble festival can be related to a sports tournament - except that it's for musicians! Students from around the Wausau area select either a solo or an ensemble with their friends (from an approved list of music), they prepare the piece of music to the best of their ability, and on the day of the festival, perform their piece of music for a certified judge. By participating in the festival, our students will have the opportunity to learn how to perform in front of others, learn the basics and importance of evaluating music, and receive feedback on their playing from another professional in music. Students, depending on grade level, can also earn a medal based on their performance.

Students who have signed up to participate will receive information about their performance time, location, and other details the week of February 21st. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the event. Please make sure your student brings their instrument and music home on Friday, February 25th, as the music department will not be open on Saturday. And yes - parents, friends and family members are welcome and encouraged to watch our students' performances! We are all looking forward to cheering our Horace Mann musicians on! Please contact Mr. Baumann, Ms. Ohrmundt or Ms. Martin with questions.

VARIETY SHOW 2022 is fast approaching! "We Know the Way" will feature Disney-themed music! Many individual acts will be featured, along with large choral group features with the 7th and 8th grade choirs. Selections include music from Peter Pan, Mulan, Toy Story 2, and Moana. The Variety Show will take place at Horace Mann Middle School on Monday and Tuesday night, March 14th and 15th, at 7:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students. Children age 5 and under are free. The show will be also be presented to HMMS students on Tuesday morning, March 15th.

Participants in the Variety Show will wear a T-Shirt that will be part of the performance attire. T-Shirts will be \$5.00 (the student keeps the shirt). Checks can be made payable to HMMS, and will be due by Friday, March 11th.

8th Grade Career Conferencing

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The purpose of 8th grade career conferencing is to go over your child's talents, interests, and future plans.

The Wausau School District aims to make every student academic and career ready so that they are not only successful in our buildings; but also when they graduate high school and leave our schools. The goal is not to have students formulating concrete plans as 8th graders but to start developing ideas that relate to the question, "What are you going to be when you grow up?". We then want students to further expand on these ideas and explore those career paths in more detail to learn more about them.

We invite you as a parent to sit down with your child in the next couple weeks and go through the following videos and information that are linked below. We hope that this leads to engaging conversation and a positive experience as a family. After having a conversation with your child, if you wish to still meet with a counselor, please fill out the form at the bottom of this page.

Sincerely,

Sherri Bagby, Robert Stengl, and Robbie Grzadzielewski School Counselors Horace Mann Middle School

Information on Xello

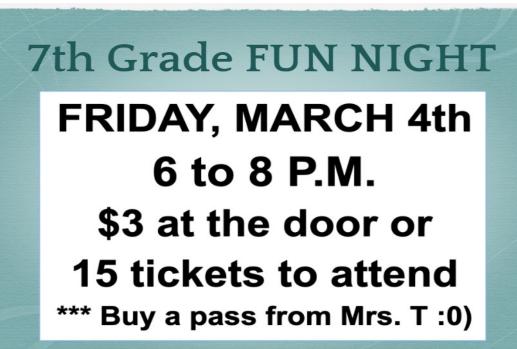
Introduction to 8th Grade Career Conferencing

<u>Xello Part 1</u>

Xello Part 2

Meeting Request Form





FUN NIGHT Expectations

- Your <u>student ID</u> is required to attend.
 (You <u>may not</u> go to your locker to get it when you arrive for Fun Night.)
- You must <u>arrive by 6:00</u> and have a ride to pick you up by 8:00 by Door 16.
- If you are late in arriving or leaving, you may not be able to attend in the future.
 No cell phones until Fun Night is over.
 Cost is \$3.00 or 15 tickets to buy a pass!

Criteria to Attend TIMEFRAME: February 14- March 4, 2022

- Only 7th Graders from HMMS can attend
- No in-school or out of school suspension
- No cutting classes
- No truancy court (determined by HM administration)
- No unexcused absences
- Student must attend school on the day of Fun Night
- 3 Minor BTFs = no Fun Night/1 Major BTF = no Fun Night



7-2 Science

Students in 7-2 were working on static stations in science. They were able to use the Van de Graaf machine, which is a static generator. Mrs. Cummings and 7-2 students getting shocks from the Van de Graaf generator. Students also had the chance to test insulators and conductors using Snap Circuits.























Qtr.3 - Incentive Activity

Who? All 8th graders who qualify
What? Movie at Cedar Creek Cinema
When? Friday, March 18th, 10:30-1:30 pm
Why? To celebrate appropriate student behaviors and passing classes
How? Meet the criteria on slide #2, sign up for movie on March 2
COST: \$10.00 per student; Pay HR teacher by March 11th
Additional information: must wear a mask for the bus





8T-GRADE

Criteria to Attend (February 14-March 18th)

- 1) No in-school or out of school suspensions
- 2) No cutting classes
- 3) No truancy court (determined by HM administration)
- 4) No unexcused absences
- 5) Student must attend school on the day of the incentive trip
- 6) 3 Minor BTFs = no movie
- 7) 1 Major BTF = no movie
- 8) Must be passing your classes and pay HR teacher by March 11th



Horace Mann Athletics

Attention 6th Graders!

6th grade Intramural Basketball starts on Feb 23, 2022 and is open to any 6th grader interested in learning more about the game. Permission slips are available in the main office at H. Mann. This spring we will offer Softball and Soccer to our 7th and 8th grade girls and Track to all athletes in grades 6-8. Track and Softball start on March 28th and Soccer starts on April 4th. Registration for our spring sports will be available online through Infinite Campus (Parent Portal). More information will be coming soon on that process.

Congratulations to the February Athletes of the Month Gretchen Burger and Gaige Stockwell. Gretchen is a member of our 8th grade girls Basketball team and Gaige is a member of our Wrestling team. They will be featured in the March issue of the Wausau Neighbors magazine. January Athletes of the Month Connor Davis and Gavin Okite. Keep up the Good Work! Here is a <u>link</u> to the Wausau Neighbors Magazine that has an article for both on page 4.

Here is a link to <u>BVM Sports</u> and the links to 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 our <u>January</u> (pg. 4) Athletes of the Month, <u>December</u> (pg. 17) and <u>November</u> (pg. 4) in case you missed them.

Horace Mann is looking for a Soccer Coach for the Spring season, along with a Swim Coach, Football Coach, 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



HEAD OVER TO BVMSPORTS.COM/SUBMIT/ TO SHARE YOUR SPORTS STORY TODAY!

6th Grade Basketball



2022 Intramural Basketball All 6th Grade Students

Horace Mann Middle School will be running INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL for students in grade 6 beginning Wednesday, February 23rd. This program will be run like a mini-camp with the focus on drills and skills. There is a \$10 fee to participate in this program.

Pick up a parent consent form in the Main Office.

Intramurals will run from 3:00 until 4:30 on the following dates:

February 23, 24, 25, 28

March 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10

Coaches: Ken Smith Sherri Bagby ksmith@wausaushools.org sbagby@wausauschools.org



APRIL 2022 REFERENDUM

WHAT'S IN THE \$119,800,000 REFERENDUM?

(A High-Level Overview)

While the District does have a maintenance budget to cover some of these costs, under the Wisconsin school finance system, most districts are not able to set aside enough money to cover big-ticket items like those in this referendum.

Our Elementary Schools

- Safety and Security Updates
- Secure Entrances
- Address Traffic Concerns at Hawthorn Hills

WARD

TOGETHER

• Classroom additions at South Mountain, Stettin, and Riverview Elementary to alleviate capacity concerns due to growing enrollment at those schools.

Improvements at Montessori, located within Horace Mann Middle School.

*More detailed information is coming soon.

Our Middle and High Schools

- Safety and Security Updates
- Secure Entrances
- Address ADA Accessibility
- Fire Alarm System Updates
- Address Traffic Concerns at John Muir
- Deferred Maintenance: Replacing things like roofs, doors, windows.
- Remodeling of Classroom Space
- Athletic field lighting
- Field turf at both high schools

*More detailed information is coming soon.

District-Wide Improvements

- Furniture Replacement
- Classroom Technology

*More detailed information is coming soon.

Wausau School Forest

• Facility improvements including a new Environmental Learning Center.

*More detailed information is coming soon.

WHAT DOES THIS REFERENDUM COST ME?

If approved, this \$119,800,000 referendum would have an estimated property tax impact of negative \$0.43 on every \$1,000 of property value in the Wausau School District. That means, the owner of a home valued at \$150,000 would see an annual tax reduction of about \$64.50.

HOW DID WE GET HERE?

The Board of Education's proposed solution has been created based on the input and feedback of the 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. The District and the Board have also communicated and gathered feedback through a facility needs webpage and via the local media.

Facility	TOTAL
Franklin Elementary	761,000
GD Jones Elementary	198,000
Grant Elementary	2,068,000
Hawthorn Hills Elementary	2,616,000
Hewitt-Texas Elementary	133,000
John Marshall Elementary School	565,000
Lincoln Elementary School	214,000
Maine Elementary School	141,000
Rib Mountain Elementary School	158,000
Riverview Elementary School	1,465,000
South Mountain Elementary School	4,873,000
Stettin Elementary School	3,462,000
Thomas Jefferson Elementary School	902,000
Horace Mann Middle School	12,119,000
John Muir Middle School	34,794,000
East High School	6,342,000
West High School	29,037,000
School Forest	4,243,000
District Wide	15,709,000
TOTAL	119,800,000

WSD COVID GUIDELINES 21-22

Students must stay home from school if they have the following symptoms.

One of these symptoms:	Two or more of these symptoms:	
New or worsening cough	□ Fever over 100.4/Chills	🗆 Diarrhea
□ Shortness of breath/difficulty	Sore throat	Runny nose/congestion
breathing	Headache	Fatigue
New loss of smell or taste	□ Nausea/vomiting	Muscle/body aches

- If a student has symptoms, it is recommended that they immediately be tested for COVID, regardless of vaccine status.
- The symptomatic student may return to school with proof of a negative rapid or PCR <u>COVID test from a medical facility</u> (not a home test) or an alternate diagnosis from a medical practitioner. (Proof may be an email, text, or paper copy.) If a student returns to school without proof of a negative test, the student will be sent home.
- *New guidance: If a student tests positive for COVID, the child must stay home and isolate for 5 days from the COVID test date. The student must also be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and have improvement of symptoms before returning to school. The student must wear a mask for 5 days after the isolation period ends. (Ten days total isolation plus masking.)
- If parents choose <u>not</u> to have their symptomatic child <u>tested</u>, the student is presumed positive and must <u>stay home and isolate for 5 days from symptom onset</u>. The student must also be fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication, and have improvement of symptoms before returning to school. The student must wear a mask for 5 days after the isolation period ends.
- Parents are asked to notify the school if a student develops symptoms or tests positive for COVID. A positive home test will be accepted. A lab verified test is strongly recommended.
- Parents may choose to quarantine the siblings of a positive student in the home or classroom, based on the health department recommendation, and the absence will be excused.

Contact the Marathon County Health Department with questions. 715-261-1900



Northcentral Technical College (NTC) is partnering with G2M to provide career exploration opportunities to middle school students. Sign up for one or more field trips to NTC.

BITS AND BYTES (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Horace Mann

Get technical and be creative when you participate in computer-related challenges while learning about how many cool careers there are in the cyber world of IT!

ENGINEERING CHALLENGE (STEM)

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Horace Mann

Test your design and ingenuity skills by participating in an engineering challenge using everyday items and out-of-thebox thinking.

HELPING HANDS & CARING HEARTS (HEALTH SCIENCES) Tuesday, February 22, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Horace Mann

Learn about all the ways you can be a Health Care Hero! Participate in engaging activities that give you a glimpse into careers that are ever-evolving.

MOO-U (AGRICULTURE AND VETERINARY SCIENCE)

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Horace Mann

Learn about farming and participate in fun activities related to dairy science, crop science and veterinary Tech.



Contact Melissa Goessl-Heiser to sign up by emailing mgoesslheiser@wausauschools.org

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Meet after school for a new activity every week! Led by MCPL librarian Elizabeth Lutz.

Sessions include:

- Needle Arts
- Audio Lab
- Poetry Journaling
- Snap Circuits Electronics
- Container Gardens

<u>G2M</u> Permission <u>Slip CLICK</u> <u>HERE!</u>

When: 3-4 p.m. Mondays 2/7, 2/14, 2/21, 2/28, 3/7, 3/14

Where: IMC–Library







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 <u>Mrs. Gajewski</u>!



<u>G2M Permission Slip CLICK HERE!</u>



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



FREE class consists of Training Techniques which include lifting weights, plyometrics, stretching & aerobic exercise.

Open to ALL 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students 3:05 – 4:20 PM, Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday

Classes will be located in the 7th grade hallway and weight room located on the 2nd floor. Permission slips are required and are located on the G2M bulletin board near the health office!

For questions, please see Mr.Beversdorf or Ms. Woller

FCA at HMMS

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

Where: Room 156 (Mr. Klug's Room)

Contact: Mr. Klug (dklug@wadsauschools.org) Mrs. Raduechel (braduechel@wausauschools.org) Ms. Gehrke (mgehrke@wausauschools.org)

Come as you are.