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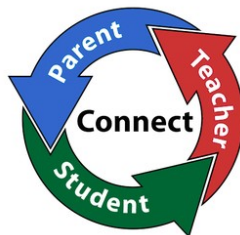
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Eagle Express

October 7, 2022



Parent Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 20 from 3:30 - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 26 from 12:30 - 7:00 pm
 (students are released at 10:50 am on October 26)

To select a time slot for your conference, click the below link 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

NO SCHOOL DAYS

October 26 - No PM Classes - Students released at 10:50 am

October 27-28 - Staff Inservice

November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break

December 23-January 1 - Winter Break

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.

Thank you!

Visitors at Horace Mann

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

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe.

TARDINESS

It is important that every student develop the habit of being on time. Tardiness disrupts classes and indicates a lack of concern and responsibility. If a student is more than ten minutes tardy to class, this will be considered an absence from that class.

If you are tardy because you arrived late from another class where the teacher held you, get your excuse from that teacher.

Students arriving late to school must check in to receive a pass from the Attendance Office. A note or phone call from a parent/guardian must be received by the attendance office for the tardy to be excused. If the Attendance Office does not receive a note or a phone call from a parent/guardian, the student will be considered unexcused. Students that are Tardy-Unexcused to class five or more times will receive an after school detention.



HAPPY FALL!

DC/Philly/Boston Trip 2023

Attention students in Grade 8!

Planning is underway for the 2023 DC/Philly/BOSTON trip this spring!

The dates for the trip are Sunday, June 11th - Sunday June 18th.

Our first organizational meeting is **Tuesday, October 18th at 5:15 pm** in the Large Group Room at HMMS.

The meeting will include:

- What we will see and do on the trip
- Rooming/Safety/Expectations
- Cost & Registration Information
- Answering parent and student questions

***** It is very important that you AND a parent/guardian attend.**

***** Send a parent/guardian if you have a sports/activity/work conflict.**

We look forward to seeing you there! If you are unable to attend, please contact Mrs. Tourtillott tetourtill@wausauschools.org for more information.



Calendar of Events

- October 10** G2M - 3:00 pm
Study Zone - Room 226
Eagle Power - Weight Room
Klubo de Esperanto - Room 206

Girls 7th Grade Volleyball Red A Game vs All Saints Catholic, 4:00 pm @ Horace Mann

Girls 8th Grade Volleyball Red B Invite vs Multiple Schools, 4:30 pm @ Merrill High School
- October 11** G2M - 3:00 pm
Study Zone - Room 226
Game Club - Room 234

Girls Cross Country vs Multiple Schools, 4:00 pm @ Standing Rock Park

Girls 8th Grade Volleyball Red A Invite vs Multiple Schools, 4:00 pm @ Greenheck Field House

Boys Cross Country vs Multiple Schools, 4:30 @ Standing Rock Park
- October 12** G2M - 3:00 pm
Eagle Power - Weight Room
Klubo de Esperanto - Room 206
- October 13** G2M - 3:00 pm
Study Zone - Room 226
Craft Club - Room 231
MasterMinds - Room 210
- October 14** G2M - 3:00 pm
Eagle Power - Weight Room

6th Grade Fun Night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm @ Horace Mann
- October 17** G2M - 3:00 pm
Study Zone - Room 226
Eagle Power - Weight Room
Klubo de Esperanto - Room 206
- October 18** G2M - 3:00 pm
Study Zone - Room 226
Game Club - Room 234

DC Trip Meeting - 5:30 pm @ Horace Mann
- October 19** G2M - 3:00 pm
Eagle Power - Weight Room
Klubo de Esperanto - Room 206
- October 20** Parent Teacher Conferences, 3:30 - 7:30 pm
See front page for sign up.
- October 21** G2M - 3:00 pm
Eagle Power - Weight Room

SAVE THE DATE:
Students 1/2 Day - October 26 - Dismissed at 10:50 am
Parent Teacher Conferences - October 26
NO SCHOOL - October 27 & 28

6th Grade Fun Night

Activities

- Each gym will be designated for a specific activity: basketball, badminton and miscellaneous activities.
- POOL!! Bring your own suit & towel.
- Ping pong, foosball, board games & music will be in the cafetorium.
- Concessions available



Attendance Policy

- No In-School or Out-of School Suspensions during the quarter in order to attend.
- If you have **3 or more BTF's** during the quarter you may not attend.
- If you are absent all day, you are not allowed to attend, unless administration approves it.
- Only 6th grade students from Horace Mann may attend.

Friday, October 14th

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Fun Night Expectations

- Your student ID is required to attend. (You may not go to your locker to get it when you arrive for Fun Night.)
- You must arrive by 6:00 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.

Message Board



Looking for... parents/guardians who are interested in helping with the HMMS Play/Musical!

Do you sew, can you help with building/painting sets, are you interested in organizing concessions for performances, could you help with the playbill/program, or are you interested in helping with costumes/make-up for the performances?

**Please contact Mrs. Tourtillott
at tetourtil@wausauschools.org with how you can
share your time and talent.**

NUTRITION SERVICES UPDATES: **IMPORTANT DATE TO REMEMBER**

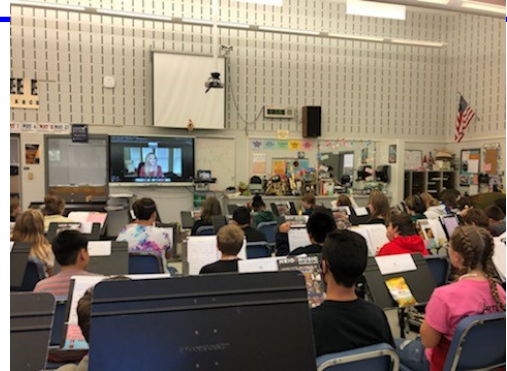
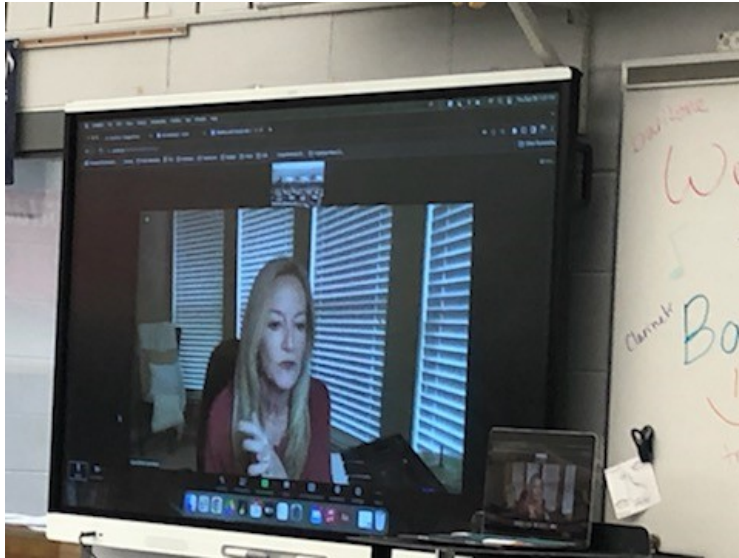
Students who qualified for Free or Reduced meals from the previous school year (2021-2022) based on an income application, should check to be sure that their parent/guardian has completed a new meal application for the current school year. The 30 day carry over period or “roll-over” for meal eligibility is set to expire on Oct 13, 2022. After that date, any student(s) who is currently receiving FREE OR REDUCED meals based on an income application from LAST SCHOOL YEAR, will become full pay if no current meal application is approved and on file. See Paypams (www.paypams.com/onlineapp) to complete an online meal application to see if you qualify for FREE or REDUCED Meals.




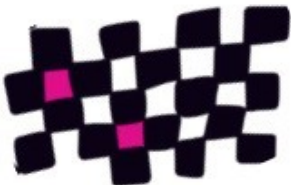
Negative Meal Accounts


- School Messenger messages will be sent out to all households to let you know if your child’s meal account balance is negative. Please send money with your child in a prepayment envelope that includes your child’s name. This envelope can be given to the kitchen staff at your child’s school. Parents may visit www.Paypams.com to create an online account for your child where you can add money to their meal account using a credit card as well as view purchases made.
- Middle School and High School: Ala carte privileges are suspended once the meal account goes negative, a reimbursable meal only may be charged on a negative account until the account reaches a negative \$20.00; at which time the student will need to bring a cold lunch meal from home until the negative balance is corrected or cash is brought in to pay for the hot lunch meal that day. No student eligible for a free or reduced meal may be denied a lunch, even if the student has a negative account balance greater than negative \$20.

Message Board

The Horace Mann 7th Grade Band hosted a virtual meet-and-greet with composer Carol Britten Chambers. Students had the opportunity to learn about how she writes band music, what life is like being a composer, and discover more about the piece they are currently learning! It was a great day of learning and music making in the Horace Mann Band Room!







BOOK FAIR

IT'S BOOK FAIR TIME!


Horace Mann Middle School
October 17-21, 2022
Lower Library Media Center
M-F 8am-3pm
Thursday during Parent Teacher Conferences 3-7pm
Shop Online:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/horacemannmiddleschool7>



Dates/ Times/ Place

Come to
THE FAIR

Choose **Books**
YOU LOVE

Check out with Book Fair eWallet, the convenient, cash-free payment system and earn BIG rewards for our school! Woo hoo!





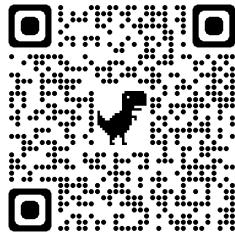
Message Board

6th Grade Band and Orchestra

6th Grade Band and Orchestra is starting now! If your student is a part of our instrumental music programs, we want to make sure they have the necessary materials! Students are responsible for providing their own instrument, supplies and instruction book.

Easy rental online via Heid Music is one local and quick solution! Your child's director will have sent information home about instrument choice (and SIZE, for orchestra) which you will need in order to rent the correct instrument:

→ heidmusic.com



If renting an instrument is not possible, please contact your child's director about the possibility of renting a district-owned instrument as soon as you can!

We hope your student is excited to have the chance to learn an instrument! Research continues to show the many academic, social and emotional benefits of instrumental music; plus it is tremendously fun! If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Martin (ORCHESTRA), Mr. Marrier (BAND) or Ms. Ohrmundt (BAND) at 261-0725.



EAGLE PRIDE MARKET

The Eagle Pride Market continues to take donations. Please contact Kathy with questions.

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

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



RECEIVE DENTAL CARE RIGHT AT SCHOOL!

Oral Screening
Dental Cleaning
Fluoride Varnish
Sealants
Silver Diamine Fluoride
Referral Assistance

Services are provided during the day and visits are held throughout the school year.

Enroll Now for This Fall!

Open the camera feature on your phone and hold over the QR code below for fast access to enrollment!



OR

By going to the link below:

<https://enrollment.bbsmiles.org/>

Bridging Brighter Smiles, Inc. accepts Forward Health/BadgerCare Insurance Only.

Any Questions Please Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at (262)896-9891 or visit www.bbsmiles.org

At HMMS November 8th, 9th & 10th

Athletic News



[Horace Mann Athletics Website](#)

Congratulations to the Wausau 13U Baseball team on their State Championship this past summer! Team members were honored Tuesday night at the annual Pine Cone Game between Horace Mann and John Muir at Thom Field. Members of the team from Horace Mann include: Gaige Stockwell, Aiden Kilde, Maddox Hurtis, Cash Ryan Seefeldt, Julian Scalcucci, and Sam Barthels.



Our Fall Sports Season is quickly approaching its end and the Boys Basketball (7th/8th grade) season will be starting on October 17th. Girls Basketball (7th/8th grade) and Wrestling (6th/7th/8th grade) will start after the first of the year. Intramural Soccer started on Sept. 27th and runs to Oct. 14 (Tue-Fri 3:00-4:30pm) and Intramural Boys Swimming will start on Nov. 28th and run to Dec. 15th (Mon-Thur 3:00-4:30pm).

Please log into your Parent Portal account to sign your child up for their next Sports Season. Once you are in the Parent Portal, go to the “School Store” and you’ll find our sports availability. Contact Mark Beversdorf at mbeversd@wausauschools.org if you have any questions.

All athletes are encouraged to use the weight room on a regular basis to help prepare themselves for a successful high school career in athletics. It’s a great way to get ahead or keep up with your competition. The weight room is open on Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 3:15-4:30pm. You can sign up through G2M.

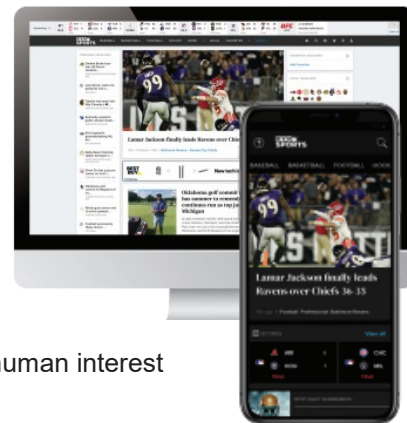
Here is a link to [BVM Sports](#) and the links to some of the articles of our Horace Mann Athletes of the Month. As a parent you can also share articles of information on our local sports, teams and athletes.

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!





Wisconsin parents and caregivers,

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of School Safety (OSS) is thrilled to announce the launch of the SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT Resource Center (SUSO). SUSO is a comprehensive, one-stop place to turn to with your concerns regarding school safety. A facet of the Resource Center that we are particularly pleased to share with Wisconsin students and parents is the threat reporting system.

The SUSO threat reporting system is available 24/7 and is free to all.

Students, parents, school staff and community members can submit a school safety concern, beginning in early September, by downloading the SUSO app (Android and iOS), visiting speakup.widoj.gov or by calling 1-800-MY-SUSO-1. Resource Center staff work around-the-clock to respond to reports and to deploy a response locally by communicating directly with school administrators, law enforcement and counselors.

Nationwide, more than half of public middle and high schools now operate a tip line.

Threat reporting systems - or tip lines - are recommended for use by the United States Secret Service when developing comprehensive school violence prevention plans. Tip lines are used to identify threats to schools, and other daily safety concerns students encounter, such as bullying, drug use, suicidal thoughts and more.

Of school administrators who participated in a recent survey surrounding the use of school tip lines, 77% believed that their tip line made them more aware of safety issues at their school, 73% reported that their tip line had prevented incidents of self-harm or suicide, and more than half believed their tip line had prevented violent incidents.¹

It's time to break the code of silence.

Who knows more about what's going on, in or out of school, than students themselves? Individually and collectively, they play an essential role in keeping Wisconsin schools safe. It's crucial for students to understand that there's a clear difference between tattling or "snitching" and disclosing concerning information to a trusted adult to keep themselves and their classmates safe. The SUSO threat reporting system aims to empower students to share their concerns safely and confidentially without fear of retaliation. We encourage you to talk to your students about the importance of letting a trusted adult know about their safety concerns.

To learn more about the SUSO Resource Center and how to report safety concerns, visit speakup.widoj.gov or find us on social media @speakupwi.

Sincerely,

The Wisconsin Department of Justice (DOJ) Office of School Safety (OSS)



Note From the Nurse

Snack Policy



Any snacks that will be eaten in the classroom must be nut-free. Individual student snacks may not be shared by another student.

Teachers may provide a store-bought, nut-free daily snack for all students. Parents may send in boxes of snacks for the class provided they are nut-free, store-bought, and labeled with ingredients. No homemade treats of any kind are allowed to be shared with the whole class. (Snacks for the individual student may be homemade.) Birthday treats shared with the class must be nut-free, store-bought, and labeled with ingredients. Peanut butter and other nuts may be eaten only in the cafeteria.

Illness

Keep your child home from school for:

- Vomiting or diarrhea more than one time in 24 hours. Keep home for 24 hours after last episode.
- Fever (temperature greater than 100.4 degrees.) Child must be fever-free without fever medicine for 24 hours before returning to school
- "Pinkeye" May remain in school if there is no fever and the child can avoid rubbing eyes.
- Strep throat. Keep home from school until throat culture is read and until 24 hours of antibiotic treatment is completed
- Lice. May return to school immediately after treatment with approved lice shampoo and no live lice are present.

Medications



All medicine to be given at school must be brought to school in the original bottle by a parent or other adult. A parent signature is required for over-the-counter medicine. A parent and a doctor signature are required for all prescription medicine.

Balloons

No Latex balloons are permitted in school.



Your school nurses and health aides are here to help keep all students healthy and safe while they are at school. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse.

Alex Hein RN 715-261-0113

Sydney Nielsen RN 715-261-0914

Emma Buckli RN 715-261-0750

Emilee Hoerter RN 715-261-0713

STARTING SEPTEMBER 22



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, 3:15-4:15pm

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
3:15 - 4:15pm
Rooms 226/228



MasterMinds



Dear Students,

Every **Thursday**, Mr. Boller will be leading the MasterMinds club from **3:00-4:15**. Join us if you seek some fun competition in activities including chess, Scrabble, Dungeons & Dragons, Dominion, Magic the Gathering, and other strategy games. You might even want to try your hand at game design!

WHAT: MasterMinds

WHO: all grade levels

WHEN: Thursdays, starts **September 15th**, 1st Quarter (we'll resume 4th quarter!)

6 TOTAL DATES: 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20

3:00-3:10...snacks in the large group room with Ms. Ison

3:15-4:15...MasterMinds!

WHERE: Room 210 (past the art rooms, upstairs in the 8th grade wing)

HOW: Submit this [G2M Permission Slip](#)

Email me with any questions or let me know a good time to reach you if you prefer a phone call.

Yours in helping your child go above and beyond,

Mr. Aaron Boller



Middle School Gifted and Talented Resource Teacher

aboller@wausauschools.org / 715-261-0100, X35604



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Eagle Power



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

Open to ALL 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Students

3:15 – 4:30 PM,

Monday Wednesday Friday

Classes will be located in the weight room located down from the Cafeteria. Permission slips are required and are located on the G2M bulletin board near the health office!

For questions, please see Mr.Beversdorf

[G2M Permission Slip CLICK HERE!](#)

Game Club

***Bring your own board/card/rpg games if you wish!**

Come join us for an hour of games on Tuesdays from 3:15-4:15 pm!!



**Starts September 27st
Room 234**

Get your permission slip on the G2M Board or from Ms. Sisson

[G2M Permission Slip CLICK HERE!](#)



Klubo de Esperanto

Soneto 18, Shakespeare

Ĉu mi komparu vin al somertago?
Pli bela estas vi kaj pli modera:
La majburgonojn skuas ventatako,
Kaj tro mallongas lukontrakt' somera.
L' okul' ĉielas jen tro arde brillas,
Jen ofte malheliĝas lia oro;
Kaj bel' de belo foje sin ekzilas
Pro la frazerado, aŭ natur-rigoro.
Somero via tamen plu eternos,
Kaj forperdita via bel' ne estos;
En ombron Mort' jubila vin ne fermos,
Ĉar vi en vers' eterna tempe kreskos:
Dum homoj spiroj kaj okuloj vidos,
Vivos ĉi vers', kaj morton vi evitos.

Aliĝu
kaj
Lernu!



When?
Mondays and Wednesdays
3:15-4:00

Where?
Room 206

Who?
You!

Questions? Ask Mr. Y

Sonnet 18, Shakespeare

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day?
Thou art more lovely and more temperate.
Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,
And summer's lease hath all too short a date.
Sometime too hot the eye of heaven shines,
And often is his gold complexion dimmed;
And every fair from fair sometime declines,
By chance, or nature's changing course, untrimmed;
But thy eternal summer shall not fade,
Nor lose possession of that fair thou ow'st,
Nor shall death brag thou wand'rest in his shade,
When in eternal lines to Time thou grow'st.

So long as men can breathe, or eyes can see,
So long lives this, and this gives life to thee.

You're Invited!

Join us for a Career Fair at Wausau East High School!

Explore career paths and talk with **more than 40** businesses & organizations!

Plan Your Future; Shape Your Path

**When: Thursday, October 13
4-7 p.m.**

***During Fall Parent-Teacher
Conferences***

Newch's Eatery Food Truck will be on-site

