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Eagle Express

November 4, 2022

October Citizens of the Month



Front Row 6th Grade(Left): Damien Xiong, Margaret Kettleson, Carson Mauer, Audrey Thao, Anthony Lee

Middle Row 7th Grade (Left): Zachariah Walters, Mara Boers, Eve Yang, Reed Nielsen, Ethan Wiggins

Back Row 8th Grade(Left): Kevin Thao, McKaea Taylor, Xander Klein, Adriana Bodnere, Alan Vang, Allison Thao

Not Pictured: Claire Markey(6th), Elizabeth Chan(7th)

Message Board

NO SCHOOL DAYS

November 23-25 - Thanksgiving Break
December 23-January 1 - Winter Break

*thank
you*

Thank you to all of the families who joined us for Parent-Teacher conferences. We appreciate you taking the time to meet with us. Your continued support of your child, our school and learning is appreciated!

Horace Mann Staff

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.

STUDENT MESSAGES

With 700 students in our school, it is very difficult to deliver personal messages. Please discuss after school plans, transportation decisions, where your child should meet you, etc. before school. It is very disruptive to class if messages are run in for students. Emergency situations are different. We will do our best to be of service to you if an emergency arises. Thank you for keeping disruptions to a minimum.

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COME JOIN OUR TEAM!

We are looking for a part time G2M(Growing Great Minds) Out of School Enrichment Coordinator!

Click here to find out more about this job!



WE ARE HIRING!



Calendar of Events

November 7	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Eagle Power - Weight Room Klubo de Esperanto - Room 206
November 8	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Game Club - Room 234 Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball B Game vs Rhinelander, 4:00 pm @ Horace Mann Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball A Game vs Rhinelander, 5:00 pm @ Horace Mann
November 9	G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Weight Room Klubo de Esperanto - Room 206
November 10	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Craft Club - Room 231 Masterminds - Room 210 Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball B Game vs Wisconsin Rapids, 4:00 pm @ Wisconsin Rapids Middle School Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball A Game vs Wisconsin Rapids, 5:00 pm @ Wisconsin Rapids Middle School
November 11	G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Weight Room Chess Club - Room 225
November 14	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Eagle Power - Weight Room Klubo de Esperanto - Room 206
November 15	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Game Club - Room 234 Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball B Game vs PJ Jacobs, 4:00 pm @ Horace Mann Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball A Game vs PJ Jacobs, 5:00 pm @ Horace Mann
November 16	G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Weight Room Klubo de Esperanto - Room 206
November 17	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226 Craft Club - Room 231 Masterminds - Room 210 Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball B Game vs Ben Franklin, 4:00 pm @ Horace Mann Boys 7th & 8th Grade Basketball A Game vs Ben Franklin, 5:00 pm @ Horace Mann
November 18	Black Out Spirit Day G2M - 3:00 pm Eagle Power - Weight Room Chess Club - Room 225 7th & 8th Grade Dance, 7:00 - 9:00 pm @ Horace Mann

Thanksgiving Donations

Hello Everyone,

My name is Rob Hughes and I have been a teacher at Wausau East for over 20 years. It has always been on my heart to help people who are struggling. I know this motivation comes from the memories of strangers who helped my family when I was growing up, with food, clothes, and even Christmas presents one year. It is with that motivation that I ask you to give a \$10 donation to help put a turkey or ham on the table of our financially struggling students and families this Thanksgiving.

Last year, the turkeys and hams were shared with Wausau East, Wausau West, John Muir Middle School, **Horace Mann Middle School**, Wausau NTC Alternative High School, Wausau PEER Program, Wausau EEA Charter School, Jefferson Elementary, Grant Elementary, Hawthorn Hills Elementary, Stettin Elementary, John Marshall Elementary, GD Jones Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, DCE High School, DCE Middle School, Rothschild Elementary, The Women's Community Center (a center for abused women and children), The Neighbors' Place, The Salvation Army, Covenant Community Church (a community food pantry), and the Elks Club.

If you are able to donate, here are some options for doing so:

Option 1- Online: Wausau School Foundation- Please pick “Food for Hope”
[Wausau School Foundation](#)

Option 2- Mail or drop off a check at Wausau East High School or Horace Mann made payable to Wausau East- “Food for Hope”

Our motto is “We Are You” with the idea that we are all in this together; we all want to give others support - give them “Food for Hope”. With your help we can and will make a difference once again!

Thank you for all you do, and for the difference you are making in the lives of others!

Rob Hughes,

rhughes@wausauschools.org



Music News

UW-Milwaukee Honors Band Nominees

Every year, UW-Milwaukee hosts a middle school honors band for students in grades 6-8. In this experience, band students accepted into the ensemble get to work with high-quality directors, music professors, and students from across the state! 8 Horace Mann students were selected to participate in this ensemble. The following students have applied and been accepted into this ensemble. What a huge accomplishment and opportunity! Way to represent Horace Mann Band! If you are in Milwaukee on November 20th, check out their concert at the Peck School of Arts!

Right to Left: Ariel Clark (7), Amaris Kurth (7), Kollin Pope (7), Zachary Czajka (aka Bob Ross, 7), Kellen Burton (7), Cayden Klemp-North (7), Jackson Gumbert (8), Cid Lao (7), Hudson Brown (7 Bass Clarinet, not pictured)



Upcoming Winter Concerts at Horace Mann!

All concerts take place at Horace Mann at 7pm as follows:

Dec. 1st: 7th and 8th Grade Band

Dec. 6th: 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Choir

Dec. 8th: 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra

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.

DC/Philly/BOSTON Trip 2023

Attention students in Grade 8!

REGISTRATION/DOWNPAYMENT for the trip is DUE: NOVEMBER 11th!

The dates for the trip are Sunday, June 11th - Sunday June 18th.
Our first organizational meeting was Tuesday, October 18th at 5:15 pm.

Handouts from the meeting are available in the HMMS office.
They will tell you about the trip and how to register/pay ONLINE.

Please contact Mrs. Tourtillott tetourtil@wausauschools.org for more information.



Horace Mann

7th & 8th grade Dance

Friday, November 18th, 2022

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Criteria to Attend

Time Frame : October 17th - November 18th, 2022

- ⇒ No in-school or out of school suspensions
- ⇒ No cutting classes (Ex: absent from class 10 minutes or more)
- ⇒ No truancy court (determined by HM administration)
- ⇒ No unexcused absences (periods 1-10)
- ⇒ Student must attend school on the day of dance
- ⇒ 3 Minor BTFs = no dance
- ⇒ 1 Major BTF = no dance

Admission

- ⇒ Dance time 7:00 pm-9:00 pm
- ⇒ Dance held in HM cafetorium
- ⇒ Coats - stored in Large Group Room
- ⇒ Late arrivals after 7:10pm will not be admitted to the dance
- ⇒ Cost \$3
- ⇒ MUST bring Horace Mann ID
- ⇒ MUST follow the school's dress code
- ⇒ MUST have a ride home by 9:15 p.m.

Behavior (at the dance)

- ⇒ No running or loitering in the hallway
- ⇒ No playing tag
- ⇒ No throwing of food or drinks or littering
- ⇒ No sitting on the stage
- ⇒ No hats
- ⇒ Cell phones should be left in the Large Group Room
- ⇒ Help clean up after the dance (wrappers, water bottles, etc)



Athletic News



[Horace Mann Athletics Website](#)

Congratulations to the following Athletes for earning Athlete of the Month Honors in October: [Aiden Kilde](#), [Athena Meschefske](#), and [Elliana Graham](#). These students are featured in the Wausau Neighbors Magazine and their articles are included above.

Intramural Swimming starts on November 28th and goes until December 15th. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade **Wrestling** and 7th and 8th grade **Girls Basketball** start on January 2nd. **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.

Weight Room

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!

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/](https://bvmports.com/submit/) TO SHARE YOUR SPORTS STORY TODAY!

Health Services

**IMPORTANT: If your child is feeling ill during the school day,
please have them report to the health office.**

We will contact you to make arrangements for them to be picked up or sent home.



Information regarding your child and illness.

Please follow these guidelines from the Wausau School District for illness:

Masks are optional within the Wausau School District, so if you prefer to send your child to school with a mask, you are more than welcome to do that.

Here's what else you need to know:

- If your child is sick (COVID-19 or something else), keep them home.
- If your child is showing COVID-19 symptoms, we recommend they get tested.
We accept PCR, Rapid Antigen, and home tests.
- If the test comes back negative, they can return to school when they are fever free for 24 hours without medication and their symptoms are improving.
- If they test positive, we recommend that they quarantine for 5 days from their symptom onset. So what does that look like? The first day of their symptoms is considered DAY 0. Once 5 days have passed, they are then cleared to return to school on DAY 6. When they return, we recommend they wear a mask until DAY 10.

Reminder: All medication, prescription or over the counter, (i.e., ibuprofen, Tylenol, Tums, cold medication) must be kept in the health office during the school day. Students may carry emergency medication, inhalers and diabetic supplies. They also may carry cough drops, if needed.

Thank you from Wausau East Health Services!

Chris Maahs, Health Aide: 715-261-0749 or cmaahs@wausauschools.org

Emma Buckli, School Nurse: 715-261-0750 or ebuckli@wausauschools.org

DID YOU KNOW?



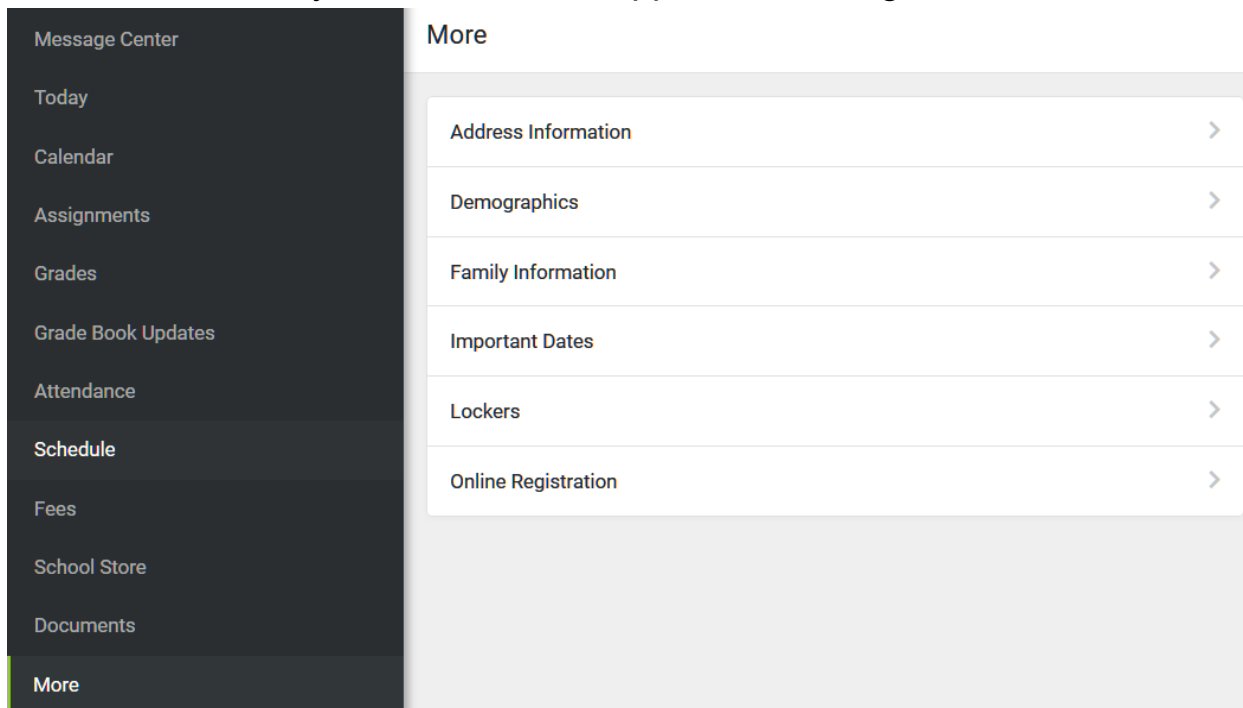
You can update your personal information all year through your parent portal.

Directions for the Address and email updates

Log into the [Parent Portal](#) (if you need a parent portal or an account reset, please email Kathy Tyskiewicz at ktyskie@wausauschools.org)

Click 'More' on the left hand side menu.

Click on Address or Family Information that appears to the right of the menu.



Click on, address or family information to update your information. Make sure to scroll down through all the screens.

These changes will go through an approval process before they will update to Infinite Campus.

Any other demographics need to be changed with Student Services at 715-261-2740 or email Julie Kuhn at jkuhn@wausauschools.org.

*****Every year prior to school starting, our annual census update will be active and will require every primary guardian to go in and update that information.*****



Bridging Brighter Smiles is holding their next dental clinic at Horace Mann Middle School on:

November 8-10, 2022

It is not too late to enroll if you are not already enrolled! Get your Back to School smiles ready!

As a reminder we accept enrollments for all students Head Start-12!

Sign up online at:

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

Professional Dental Services Provided Right at School Include:

- Oral Screening
- Dental Cleaning
- Fluoride Varnish Application
- Dental Sealant Placement
- Silver Diamine Fluoride Application
- Oral Health Education
- Referral Assistance

Forward Health (BadgerCare) Accepted!

(Other Private Dental Insurance Not Accepted)

Funds made available through your FSA/HSA account may be utilized as a form of payment, please check with your carrier for specific terms and conditions.

Not sure if your child is enrolled, or due for care? Call Bridging Brighter Smiles at 262-896-9891, or email coordinator@bbsmiles.org.



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)

SNOWMOBILE SAFETY



Tuesdays: 11/29, 12/6, 12/13, 12/20

3:15 - 4:45pm

Room 226

Contact Mrs. Walls for Parental Form (Room 227) & to pay \$10 fee
awalls@wausauschools.org

G2M Permission Slip Click [HERE!](#)



You will need a DNR customer ID number to register for this class.
If you do not have a DNR customer ID number you can use the link below:
<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/GoWild/customerNumber.html>

or

Call the DNR customer service from 7 A.M. to 10 P.M. at 1-888-936-7463

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

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!](#)



Looking for something to do after school?

Join the club!

The Esperanto Club



La Klubo de Esperanto

When?

*Mondays and Wednesdays
3:15-4:30*

Where?

*Meet in the cafeteria first
then room 206*

Why?

Because I said so!

Kial?

*Lunde kaj merkredo
3:15-4:30*

Kie?

*Renkontiĝu unue en la kafejo
poste iru al ĉambro 206*

Kial?

Ĉar mi diris tiel!

CAMP ZORO VOLLEYBALL CAMP

CAMP ZORO is excited to offer WINTER VOLLEYBALL CAMP for High School Girls 8th – 12th Grades. We offer a chance for each participant to continue improving and building on their volleyball skills in a fun, welcoming environment. Our Volunteer Coaches will be running drills and games with passing, setting, hitting and serving to expand our campers volleyball development. Due to Covid Protocol at Greenheck, there is only space for 60 girls. Proceeds to Zoro's Locker

Cost of Camp: \$75 (Ball, T-Shirt, Gym Space)

Location: Greenheck Fieldhouse

Dates: Saturdays February 4th, 18th & 25th

Times: 6pm – 8pm



Please fill out and return the bottom portion along with your camp fee by Jan1st, 2023
Checks made payable to: Camp Zoro VBC

929 Meadow Rd, Wausau, WI 54403

Name: _____ Grade 22/23 School Year: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Contact #: _____

Email: _____ Size Shirt: **SM M L XL 2X** (Circle Option)

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone #: _____

What Position Do You Play? _____

I Was on: **Varsity JV1 JV2 JV3 8th Grade** (Circle Option)

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