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# Eagle Express

March 4, 2022



# MANN Connections

## You are invited!!

**WHAT:** Horace Mann Family Night  
**WHEN:** Monday, March 7, 2022  
**TIME:** 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
**WHERE:** Horace Mann Middle School  
**WHO:** All Horace Mann students and their families

### Details:

5:30 - 6:00 Registration and supper at no cost; optional student-guided building tour

6:00 - 6:30 Adult Breakout Sessions and students in gym for activity

6:30 - 7:00 Family activity

**We invite you to our second of three MANN Connections Night (April 25 is the last). Meet some of the HMMS staff members and their families, and enjoy a night with others.**

**RSVP to let us know how many people to plan for that evening by contacting Kris Busch at:**  
**[kbusch@wausauschools.org](mailto:kbusch@wausauschools.org) or 715-261-0726**

**\*\*If you need help with transportation, please let us know!**

# 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**

Way to go forensics team for another outstanding season. Once again, the dedication and effort by the participants paid off. Each group received high scores.

Congratulations Eagles and we are looking forward to another great season next year.

Thank you for your hard work and efforts,  
Dr. Rothmeyer and Mrs. Austin



# Calendar of Events

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 STEAM Power(ed) - IMC Math Counts - Room 210 Study Zone - Room 226  Mann Connections Night, 5:30 - 7:00 pm
March 8	G2M - 3:00 pm Career Exploration - 225 Art Flow - Cafeteria Study Zone - Room 226
March 10	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226
March 14	G2M - 3:00 pm STEAM Power(ed) - IMC Study Zone - Room 226  HMMS Variety Show, 7:00 pm \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, under 5 free
March 15	G2M - 3:00 pm Career Exploration - 225 Art Flow - Cafeteria Study Zone - Room 226  HMMS Variety Show, 7:00 pm \$3 for adults, \$2 for students, under 5 free
March 16	DC/Philly/Boston Trip Meeting, 5:15 - 6:15 pm, Large Group Room
March 17	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 226
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

# 7th Grade FUN NIGHT

**FRIDAY, MARCH 4th  
6 to 8 P.M.**

**\$3 at the door or  
15 tickets to attend  
\*\*\* Buy a pass from Mrs. T :0)**

## 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 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

### OPEN GYM



### Concessions \$ Bring money \$



### GAMES



### OPEN SWIM



## 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



# 8TH 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**



# Citizens of the Month

Horace Mann is very proud of the following students who were recognized in February for being "Respects others' feelings, opinions, and rights."



Front Row:

Jasmine Lee, Gia Wiltzius, Cooper Schmitt, Reed Nielsen, Camden Suckow,  
Henry Brainard

Middle Row:

Reese Beltz-Lavake, Kiera Kruit, Ryu Chang, Kenji Yang, Elijah Yang,  
Lexie Koestler

Back Row:

Reese Matis, Logan Glovinski, Charlie Cygan, Jumong Yang, Oliver Hornby,  
Lily Marik

**Great Job Eagles!!!**



# March 21 - 25, 2022

# Team 6-2 News

Team 6-2 enjoyed 'Bowling Fun' last Friday morning as part of our February Incentive!



Followed by our 1st Semester Awards Program in the afternoon . . . .



# Music News

## Variety Show March 14th and 15th, 2022

VARIETY SHOW 2022 is fast approaching! The Variety Show will take place at Horace Mann Middle School on Monday and Tuesday night, March 14 and 15, 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 also be presented to HMMS students on Tuesday morning, March 15.

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 11.



## CONGRATULATIONS to our HMMS MUSICIANS, especially....

-our 6th Grade Orchestra and Band students! Both groups celebrated their great progress with their FIRST EVER concerts on February 22 and 24!

-Mann band, orchestra, choir and piano students who performed with distinction in this year's Solo and Ensemble Festival on February 26th at East!

-our 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra students, who rehearsed and performed with the East High Orchestra on February 28th! This year was the first ever "Eastside" Orchestra Festival, hosted by our High School Orchestra Director, Mrs. Kirsten Hornby!

-the 7th Grade Band on their successful performance at Wausau East on Friday March 4th! Horace Mann and John Muir students participated in a Band Clinic with East's Band Director, Mr. Rob Perkins.

Way to go Horace Mann Musicians!

## UPCOMING Music Events for Spring 2022:

Variety Show at Horace Mann	Mar. 14/15	7:00 PM
Variety Show for Students	Mar. 15	8:30 AM
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 <sup>th</sup> 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

## DC/Philly/Boston Trip 2022

Attention students registered for the trip!



Our next organizational meeting is:

**DATE: Wednesday, March 16th**

**TIME: 5:15 pm**

**LOCATION: Large Group Room at HMMS.**



The meeting will include:

Updates on the itinerary

Signing up for your “room group” of 4

Answering parent and student questions

**\*\*\* It is MANDATORY 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!

Please contact Mrs. Tourtillott

[tetourtil@wausauschools.org](mailto:tetourtil@wausauschools.org) for more information.

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.

# Horace Mann Athletics



**This spring we will offer Softball and Soccer to our 7th and 8th grade girls and Track to all athletes in grades 6-8. Sign-up in the Main Office now!! 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.**

## **7th Grade Girls Basketball**

The 7th grade B girls basketball team started the season right after Winter Break. The team included players from both the A Team and B Team in order to have enough players for each game. Although there were injuries and illnesses throughout the season, the girls worked hard to improve each day.

The team posted a victory in each game they played this season. Coach Bagby and Coach Johnson are very proud of the effort and attitude of each player. The coaches encourage the athletes to work hard over the summer and look forward to the continued success of the program.

The 7th grade girls A basketball team had a very successful season this year. The Lady Eagles came to practice with positive attitudes, ready to learn and work hard each and every day. As the season progressed, we had to overcome various obstacles that included injuries and illness, and the Eagles persevered without hesitation. With each game, we were able to see how our hard work at practice was paying off. Our team's defensive knowledge and execution really came on strong with each game we played. The Wausau East basketball program is looking forward to watching these young athletes grow over the next years, way to go Eagles!

As a basketball program, we would also like to send out a very special THANK YOU to Coach Bagby. She is ending her 36 year coaching career here at Horace Mann and we have been so lucky to have such a knowledgeable, motivating, inspirational leader work with our young athletes over the years. She has not only educated our athletes but also the other coaches she has worked with. Coach Bagby, you have been a great mentor. Thank you for all of your time, effort, and encouragement for all who played for you and coached with you. You will be GREATLY missed!



## **8th Grade Girls Basketball**

Starting practice the week after winter break, the 8th grade basketball teams completed their seasons in late February. While this season presented a few unique challenges, all of our players rose to the challenge of working as a united group and supported each other both on and off the court.

Both 8th grade teams were able to compete in a variety of competitions both home and away with the 8th grade team playing as both separate and combined teams due to some games being canceled. The players and coaches welcomed this opportunity because last year they were unable to compete due to COVID restrictions. Though teams didn't always win, small victories were made each day throughout the season with individual players making their first free throw, fast break, lay up, or free throw. The growth from the start of the season to the end of the season was great! We appreciated all the parent and fan support at all games played! Thank you for a great season!

Coaches Kysely and Anderson look forward to working with the current 7th grade girls next year as they mature as basketball players both on and off the court and going to watch the current 8th graders compete as Lumberjacks at Wausau East High School.

# Horace Mann Athletics

## Horace Mann Wrestling

The Horace Mann Eagle wrestling team completed their season with tremendous gains in strength, determination and drive. This team was willing to put in the work day in and day out and it definitely paid off. Our team was made up of 18 wrestlers, both male and female, and all grade levels were represented. We ended the season with over 120 individual wins. Each wrestler showed great improvement throughout the year. We had 5 wrestlers take the podium at the conference meet. We had an amazing group of 8<sup>th</sup> grade leaders that will be missed but we look forward to cheering them on next year as Wausau East Lumberjack wrestlers. Great job wrestlers!

**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 are featured in the [March 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 our [February](#) (pg. 8,9), [January](#) (pg. 4) Athletes of the Month, [December](#) (pg. 17) and [November](#) (pg. 4) in case you missed them.

**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](mailto: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



# Donate Blood In Honor Of **Allison Petrusczak**

Allison Petrusczak was a student at Horace Mann Middle School in Wausau, Wisconsin. Allison had a delightful spirit and a great sense of humor. She loved cats and going to school. Allison, who in her passing, gave the gift of life to others. Honor her smile, heart, and spirit by donating blood in Allison's honor.



## **American Red Cross Blood Drive** In Honor of Allison Petrusczak

Blades and Boards  
3109 Rib Mountain Drive  
Wausau, WI 54401

**Friday, March 18, 2022**  
**9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org)

Come give blood in March and get a \$10 e-gift card, from our partners at Fanatics! PLUS, get a chance to win a trip to the 2022 MLB All-Star Game in LA, including round-trip airfare and 4-night hotel accommodations for 2! See [rcblood.org/team](http://rcblood.org/team) for details.



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# 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](http://wausau.referendumfacts.org)

## WSD COVID GUIDELINES 21-22

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

<b>One</b> of these symptoms:	<b>Two</b> or more of these symptoms:	
<input type="checkbox"/> New or worsening cough	<input type="checkbox"/> Fever over 100.4/Chills	<input type="checkbox"/> Diarrhea
<input type="checkbox"/> Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Sore throat	<input type="checkbox"/> Runny nose/congestion
<input type="checkbox"/> New loss of smell or taste	<input type="checkbox"/> Headache	<input type="checkbox"/> Fatigue
	<input type="checkbox"/> Nausea/vomiting	<input type="checkbox"/> 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 COVID test from a medical facility** (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 not to have their symptomatic child tested, the student is presumed positive and must stay home and isolate for 5 days from symptom onset.** 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**

# POI SPINNING



Join Mrs. Tourtillott to learn Flow Arts - Poi Spinning. Poi is a LED lighted ball on a cord that you spin in circles around your body to music.

Sound simple?

It is! And it's also super fun and scientifically proven to help your brain and body feel amazing.

Tuesday, March 1, 2022

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Right after school until 4:00pm

Meet in the Cafetorium right after school

**\*\*\* LIMIT of 8 students for this series of classes!**

[G2M Permission Slip CLICK HERE!](#)

# STEAM Power(ed)



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

See the G2M  
bulletin  
board for a  
permission  
slip

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 [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:**

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Ms. Gehrke

([mgehrke@wausauschools.org](mailto:mgehrke@wausauschools.org))

**Come as you are.**