

# MARSHMEN MINUTE - December 2024

December is here, and it's a time of excitement and celebration at our schools! This month, we look forward to cheering on our student-athletes at upcoming sporting events and enjoying the incredible talents of our music students at their winter concerts. On December 3, we were honored to host Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers as he joined us in celebrating our elementary school's recognition as a 2024 National Blue Ribbon School—what a proud moment for our district! As the holidays approach and we prepare to ring in the new year, let's take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments of 2024 and the bright future ahead. Thank you for your continued support of our school district. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me at [rappel@horicon.k12.wi.us](mailto:rappel@horicon.k12.wi.us) or 920-485-2898 option 5.

Wishing everyone a joyful and safe holiday season! It's great to be a Marshmen!

Rich Appel - Superintendent of Horicon Schools



## *Marshmen Community Coffee*

Join Mr. Appel from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the District Board Room at Horicon School District (please use the District Office Entrance by the three flag poles) on Thursday, January 16, 2025 for coffee, conversation, and a short school focused presentation. Registration is not needed and all ages are invited.



## Upcoming Events:

Please follow our calendar of activities by clicking here: [Horicon Activities](#)

## Some Important Dates to Note:

- December 12 - Elementary Winter Concert Grades K-2 @ 5 PM & Grades 3-5 @ 5:45 PM in Elem. Gym
- December 17 - MS/HS Band Choir Concert @ 6 PM in HS Gym
- December 23 - January 1 No School Winter Break
- January 2 - Classes Resume
- January 16 - Marshmen Community Coffee
- January 17 - End of 2nd Quarter - Early Release

## *Winter Cancellation Reminders*

Winter always brings us many challenges as we try and decide if school or activities should be cancelled for the safety of all. Please know that we take this responsibility very seriously and we always try and make the best decision to keep everyone safe. We know we're not perfect when trying to make these decisions and predicting the weather, but please trust that we are contacting other districts, City of Horicon, & Dodge County Departments along with driving the roads early on these inclement weather days in order to make the best decision possible. We try and make every decision as early as we can (prior to 6:00 a.m.). School Messenger is used to send a voice message to our families along with a follow up email, text, and also social media posts. Weather-related closings/cancellations can also be heard on television (channels 4, 6 and 12) and also on the radio (1430 AM, 95.3 FM and 98.7 FM).



**Congratulations to Horicon Elementary School!  
2024 National Blue Ribbon School Award!**



# November 11, 2024 Veterans Day Program



# Horicon School Happenings...



## Cookies and Milk with Santa

Saturday, December 7, 2024

- Bring your children by the School District of Horicon to personally deliver their letters to Santa and pick up their milk and cookies bag.
- Thank you to the Horicon Chamber of Commerce for sponsoring this event and the School District of Horicon's Food Service Department, National Honor Society and Student Council for assisting with this event!
- When: Saturday, December 7th from 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
- Where: Horicon School District Cafeteria Entrance. Please park in the north parking lot @ 841 Gray Street, Horicon WI.
- Remember to have your return address on the letter to Santa so he can write back to your child!

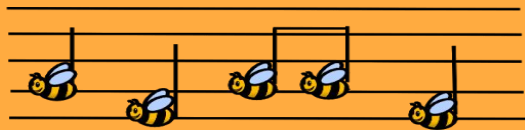


## MARSHMANSHIP PROJECT



We are so excited to add new faces to our group and share the qualities of sportsmanship. As winter sports arrive we are honored to show our appreciation and say a big thank you to all officials!!

The Elementary Musical "Imagine a Dragon" took place November 8-9 and was a huge success!



# Horicon School Happenings...

## Join our team!

School District of Horicon  
Special Education Aide - Elementary  
Beginning January 2, 2025

Horicon Elementary School is seeking a full-time Special Education Aide to work with students (K-5). A full description of the position can be found on WECAN. APPLY NOW!!!

**Benefits:**

- Enrollment in the Wisconsin Retirement System
- Health Insurance
- Long Term Disability
- Short Term Disability
- Group Life Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Tax Sheltered Annuity 403(b)
- Paid Time Off (Sick and Personal leave)
- Paid Holidays

Starting wage - (Based on Experience):  
\$16.00 - \$16.50/hr.

Apply via WECAN -  
<https://www.wecan.waspa.org/>  
Vacancy ID - 223904

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School District of Horicon  
Special Education Aide - Middle School  
Beginning January 2, 2025

Horicon Middle School is seeking a full-time Special Education Aide to work with students (grades 6-8). A full description of the position can be found on WECAN. APPLY NOW!!!

**Benefits:**

- Enrollment in the Wisconsin Retirement System
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Click [here](#) to view the Facebook livestream of the Blue Ribbon Ceremony with special guest, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers!



## **Annual Social Media Reminder:**

We often spend a large portion of our time at school responding to student social media interactions that sometimes are due to negative / unkind posts or communication. Likewise, we also have to do the same for some social media posts by our community members and parents. Please consider contacting your school administrator before going online for a public debate of how an issue may have upset you. We ask this of our children, and ask this same consideration from our adults. Oftentimes there is another side of the story when one thinks that nothing has been done or disagrees with a decision. Your school district staff would appreciate the benefit of the doubt sent their way and trust in their good-hearted intent towards our students, families and community. Thank you for this consideration.



## **Before You Post** **THINK**

- T** - is it True?
- H** - is it Helpful?
- I** - is it Inspiring?
- N** - is it Necessary?
- K** - is it Kind?



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