



School District of Horicon

MARSHMEN MINUTE FROM MR. APPEL

Hello Horicon families! The 2024-25 school year is off to a fantastic start! Our students and staff are into the routines of our days now and I could not be more pleased with how well things are going. We are continuing to emphasize the importance of being engaged in class and also the importance of attendance to school as these are both essential life skills that our students need to possess. We are enforcing no cellphones in the classrooms to help with focusing on the learning taking place. Students are asked to place their phones in a pouch at the front of the room when they enter and during the duration of class. So far so good with this practice and we ask that you help support this expectation through your conversations with your child.

Please notice a few exciting upcoming events with our homecoming week (Sep 30-Oct 5) that may be of interest to you and your families (see page 2 for details). The fall activities and sports are all fully engaged as we see our students very busy with cross country, volleyball, football, marching band and preparing for our fall play. I encourage you to follow our school calendar to come and enjoy the talents of our students and any of the various events.

The Horicon PTO have been fantastic supporters of our school district for so many years and this year is no exception. Please consider becoming a member or participating in any of their events. See the flyer included later in this newsletter for membership and other information to include the Trunk or Treat event on Friday, October 18, 2024.

Safety Drills: Periodically we conduct various drills to insure that we are prepared in case of emergency. These drills consist of fire, severe weather / tornado drills, medical hold drills and emergency lockdown drills. Our staff is sensitive to the nature of these drills and work with our students and staff to review and calmly practice them all. We take student safety seriously and strive to be prepared in case that any of these emergencies occur. We implemented the School Messenger texting tool so that we could communicate with parents quickly as much information as we can provide at the time. Please double check that you are receiving these texts. If not, please ensure that your information (parent/ guardian phone number) is accurate in the parent portal of your PowerSchool account. If you have any questions on this please feel free to contact any of our school administrators or Officer Stocks, our School Resource Officer.

We have noticed that some families have inadvertently blocked messages from our School Messenger System (texts & emails). Please be aware that this means you will not receive important district-wide notifications, including emergency alerts and updates. To ensure you stay informed about critical information, we kindly ask that you unblock our messaging service as soon as possible.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Rich Appel, Superintendent | rappel@horicon.k12.wi.us or 920.485.2898



Celebrations!

The School District of Horicon is thrilled to announce that the Horicon Elementary School has been awarded the National Blue Ribbon Schools award for 2024!!! The U.S. Department of Education Secretary Miguel Cardona made this announcement today at 1:00pm EDT (September 23, 2024). Please see the attached press release from the US Department of Education.

https://nationalblueribbonsschools.ed.gov/awardwinners/winning/24wi109pu_horicon_elementary_school.html

<https://nationalblueribbonsschools.ed.gov/#Video>

We are so proud of our students, staff, and district for this amazing achievement!

Horicon Proud!








Horicon Homecoming Events Week of September 30th - Oct 5th, 2024: This Years' Homecoming theme is "CARS" the movie.

HOMECOMING WEEK: SEPTEMBER 29-OCTOBER 5, 2024

- **Spirit Week Dress Up Days MS/HS** *(*please note Elementary has different Spirit days assigned)*
 - Monday - Pajama Day
 - Tuesday - Racing/ Car/ Nascar Gear
 - Wednesday - Country vs Country Club
 - Thursday - Class Color Day
 - 6th grade - blue
 - 7th grade - purple
 - 8th grade - pink
 - 9th grade - yellow
 - 10th grade - green
 - 11th grade - brown
 - 12th grade - black
 - Staff - white
 - Friday - Marshmen Spirit Day
- **Powder Puff Games/HeMan Volleyball**
 - Powder Puff Football is Sunday, 9/29 at 7:00 PM @ Sword Field
 - HeMan Volleyball is during Marsh Minutes
- **Window Decorating**
 - Sunday, 9/29 2 PM - for HS Students that signed up meet in the cafeteria
- **Float Building**
 - Friday during the school day - Only for HS students that signed up
- **Spirit Gear:**
 - School Spirit items will be sold throughout the week where tickets will be sold. Items include: pom poms, orange/black bead necklaces, and temporary tattoos.
- **Friday, 10/4**
 - Bowl Games/Pep Rally at Sword Field starting around 2:00 PM
 - The Homecoming Parade is in Horicon this year. Participants should be lined up in the Horicon High School Parking Lot no later than 4:45PM. Parade begins at 5:00 PM
- **Saturday, 10/5**
 - Homecoming Dance at Horicon High School from 7 PM to 11 PM. Tickets for the dance are on sale at lunch 9/30-10/4. Tickets are NOT available at the door. Single tickets \$8.00 or two for \$15.00.
 - Grand March is at 7:30pm
- **Athletic Events/Activities Homecoming Week**
 - 9/30 JV Football vs Big Foot @ Hustisford HS 5:30 PM
 - 9/30 JV Volleyball Quad @ DodgeLand
 - 10/1 MS Volleyball @ Montello 4:30 PM
 - 10/1 HS Volleyball @ CWC JV/JV2 5:45 PM, Varsity 7:15 PM
 - 10/2 NHS Blood Drive 8 AM - 1 PM HS Gym
 - 10/3 Cross Country Meet @ Heritage Trails County Park @ 4 PM
 - 10/3 MS Volleyball @ Markesan 4:30 PM
 - 10/3 HS Volleyball vs Oakfield @ Home JV/JV2 5:45 PM, Varsity 7:30 PM
 - 10/3 MS Football vs Palmyra-Eagle @ Hustisford 6:00 PM
 - 10/4 HS Football vs Turner @ Sword Field 7:00 PM - Homecoming!

Homecoming Spirit Week
September 30 - October 4

Elementary Dress Up Days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pajama/Comfy Day	Tie-dye Tuesday	Country Western Day	Color Day	Spirit Day Horicon Gear Orange & Black
			4k - pink K - purple 1st - blue 2nd - green 3rd - yellow 4th - orange 5th - red	

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 2 - NHS Blood Drive 8 PM to 1 PM
- Oct. 14 - Picture Re-Take Day
- Oct. 18 PTO Trunk or Treat (see details on pg 4)
- Oct. 22 & 24 Parent/Student Teacher Conferences 4 PM - 7:30 PM
- Oct. 25 - No School (Teacher Professional Development)
- Oct. 28 Co-Curricular Code Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Oct. 29 - Grades 6-12 Choir Concert
- Nov. 1 - End of the 1st Quarter/Early Release for Students.
- Nov. 1 - Play Performance “Game of Tiaras” @ 7 PM
- Nov. 2 - Play Performance “Game of Tiaras” @ 2 PM & 7 PM

Thank you for your continued support of our school district. We remain committed to the families of Horicon and your children’s academic and social growth. As always, if you have any questions or comments please reach out to me at rappel@horicon.k12.wi.us or 920-485-2898 option 5.

It’s great to be a Marshmen!
Rich Appel - Superintendent of Horicon Schools

WHAT’S HAPPENING AT HORICON SCHOOLS?



American Red Cross | Blood Services



The National Honor Society will host a Blood Drive on Wednesday, October 2 from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. in the High School Gym. Did you know that 1 pint of blood saves up to 3 lives? Ages 16+ can donate. 16-year-olds need a signed parent consent form to give blood. Weight and height requirements will be shared when you sign up. All students need to present their ID at their scheduled appointment to donate. This event is open to the public.



Go Marshmen!



HORICON PTO

The Horicon PTO has some new and exciting activities coming up for the school year. Come and be a part of all the fun! Meetings are the third Thursday of the month from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. in the Board of Education conference room. We would love to see you at our next meeting. Keep up with the Horicon PTO's happenings on Facebook:


<https://www.facebook.com/HoriconPTO>



Horicon PTO Trunk or Treat Sign Up Form

FRIDAY OCTOBER 18, 2024

**Where: Horicon School Back Parking Lot on Division St.
When: 5:30 - 7pm**

- Yes, I would like to decorate a trunk. 
- Yes, I would like to volunteer in another way (supervision, event help, etc.)
- Yes, I would like to donate candy/small toys to be handed out.
- Yes, I would like to give a monetary donation.

Name/Club/Organization/Business: _____

Number of parking spaces needed: _____

Do you want to be parked next to a person/group? If so, who: _____

Contact Name for Group(s): _____

Email and Phone Number: _____

This will be the 5th annual Trunk or Treat event! Trunks will be placed on a map for this event - if you have multiple trunks they will be placed next to each other. Please arrive to school between 4:30-5pm so you have time to park & set up. You will be directed where to go upon arrival. We anticipate 400 kids participating in this event. Event will be held RAIN or SHINE. If you are donating candy/small toys to hand out, please drop them off at Horicon Elementary Office by October 16, 2024.

If you sign up to decorate a trunk, a confirmation with additional information will be sent out via email after all entries have been collected.

If you have any questions, please call/text - Marie Fenske - 920-296-4867 or email horiconpto@gmail.com

RSVP by October 1st to ensure you are signed up to participate!

Please return this form to:

Horicon PTO
841 Gray St.
Horicon, WI 53032

horiconpto@gmail.com



Complete our Google Form:



TRUNK or Treat Trunk Sign-Ups

If you would like to decorate a trunk for our Trunk-or-Treat event hosted by the Horicon PTO, please submit a form by one of the options below!



<http://forms.gle/FVj8BZmfzVaKecD28>

October 18th
5:30 - 7PM

QUESTIONS?
horiconpto@gmail.com

Butter Braids and A Spice Above Dips are Back!

The PTO needs you to help make this another successful fundraiser. Forms are available outside the MS/HS Office or you can create your own online store by using this link [Link](#). Forms and money can be turned into the office and they are due on 10/17. Pick-up will be on 11/7 from 3 PM to 6 PM behind the school. Any questions can be directed to horiconpto@gmail.com

Thank you!!



2024-25 Horicon Staff

***Educate. Engage. Empower.
Every Day.***

