

EAGLE EXPRESS

February 2, 2024

January Citizens of the Month



Front Row 6th Grade (Left): Aeryn Wetzsteon, Penelope Gaffney, Carly Clendenning, and Asher Schlessner

Middle Row 7th Grade (Left): Damien Xiong, Elise Rusch, Sawyer Burnett, Olivia Okon, Brinley Kressel, Kennedy Weber

Back Row 8th Grade (Left): Kimberly Yang, Jasmine Lee, Hajira Matie, Aydan Yang, Chandler Czeck, Zachary Czajka

Principal: Dr. Rob Phelps
Associate Principal: Tami Cummings
Dean of Students: Robbie Grzadzielewski

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MESSAGE BOARD

NO SCHOOL DAYS

February 19 - Staff Professional Learning

March 8 - Independent Learning Day

March 25-29 - Spring Break

If your child will be out of school or late, please call our attendance line at 715-261-0735. You can leave a message 24-hours a day.

Thank you!

Every Wednesday, FCA will meet in Mr. Klug's room at 6:50 a.m.

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.

HMMS Yearbooks!

LAST CHANCE to order a yearbook.

\$30.00 each

Yearbooks can be ordered by contacting the MAIN OFFICE.

DEADLINE: February 23rd



Yearbooks arrive end of May!

Visitors at Horace Mann

When you visit us at Horace Mann between 7:30 am - 4:00 pm, we ask that you use the Main Entry. 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 main 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 procedure. We have a new system this year. Subsequent visits will not need a drivers license.

Thank you for your help in keeping our students safe!

PHOTOS NEEDED!!

2023-24

YEARBOOK

IF YOU TOOK SOME GREAT PICTURES OF OUR STUDENTS DURING ACTIVITIES OR ATHLETICS, PLEASE EMAIL TO MRS. TOURTILLOTT FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE HMMS YEARBOOK.



The Horace Mann Forensics team will be competing at their first meet on Monday, Feb 5th at Mosinee Middle School.

Team members include:

6th grade: Kaia Behle, Sophie Crawford, Paige Dell, Phineas Hockers, Khloe Lowe, Emmitt Katzmarek, Jasmine Roberts

7th grade: Anna Fenske, Daisy Harris, Nora Wright, Forrest Metzner, Mason Schemehorn

8th grade: Jillian Wallin, Liz Lindwall

Students will leave school at 2:45 and return to Mann by bus between 6:00 and 6:30. Parents, please pick up your students near the gym doors. Thank you!

Coaches Okray and Klug

7th Grade Science Class

This week local celebrity from Newsline 9 WAOW, Justin Loew, came to Horace Mann to give presentations to the 7th grade science classes about weather! He talked about careers related to meteorology, what he does for work, and thermodynamics. He even did a few demonstrations to show how hot water rises and cold water sinks, how clouds form, and a vortex in a bottle. Thanks Justin for taking the time to come to our school to teach us more about the weather!



Horace Mann
7th & 8th Grade Dance
Friday, February 16th, 2024
7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.



Time Frame : January 22nd - February 16th, 2024

- 1) No in-school or out of school suspensions
- 2) No truancy court (determined by HM administration)
- 3) Student must attend school on the day of dance
- 4) 3 Minors = no dance
- 5) 1 Major BTF = no dance



Admission

- Dance time 7pm-9pm
- 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.)



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 5	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Ambassadors of Diversity - Room 122 CCFC - Cafeteria Ski & Snowboard Club FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
	Boys & Girls Wrestling vs Multiple Schools, 4:15 pm @ Edgar High School
February 6	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Game Club - Room 234 Eagle Power - Weight Room Ski & Snowboard Club FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
	Girls 7th Basketball, A Game vs Ben Franklin, 4:00 pm @ PJ Jacobs Junior High
	Girls 8th Basketball, A Game vs Ben Franklin, 5:00 pm @ PJ Jacobs Junior High
February 7	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room CCFC - Cafeteria Craft Club - Room 108 FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
February 8	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Music Practice Club - Room 058 Cooking Corner - Room 116 Robotics - Room 210 FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
	Girls 8th Basketball, B Game vs John Muir, 4:00 pm @ Horace Mann
	Girls 7th Basketball, A Game vs Tomahawk, 5:00 pm @ Horace Mann
February 9	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room CCFC - Cafeteria Culture Club FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
February 12	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room CCFC - Cafeteria Ambassadors of Diversity - Room 122 Ski & Snowboard Club FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Game Club - Room 234 Ski & Snowboard Club FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
	Girls 7th & 8th Basketball, B Game vs. Merrill, 4:00 pm @ Horace Mann
	Boys & Girls Wrestling vs Multiple Schools, 4:15 pm @ Auburndale High School
	Girls 7th Basketball, A Game vs Merrill, 5:00 pm @ Horace Mann
February 14	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room CCFC - Cafeteria Craft Club FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
February 15	G2M - 3:00 pm Study Zone - Room 242 Eagle Power - Weight Room Music Practice Club - Room 058 Cooking Corner - Room 116 Robotics - Room 210 FLOW @ 4:15 pm - Room 225
	Girls 7th & 8th Basketball, B Game vs. PJ Jacobs, 4:00 pm @ Horace Mann
	Girls 7th Basketball, A Game vs PJ Jacobs, 5:00 pm @ Horace Mann

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Below are some important dates and times to help transition your child into high school.

If you have any questions about this process for your 8th grader please feel free to contact the Horace Mann counseling office (715-261-0740).

Please mark your calendars.

January 18th -Wausau East counselors will come to Horace Mann Middle School to speak with the 8th graders as a group. Information will be sent home to parents.

February 1st - 8th graders will tour Wausau East High School

February 5th, 6:30-7:00 - Wausau East High School will hold an open house in the Auditorium for 8th graders and their parent/guardians. 7:00-8:00 parent/guardian and students may walk through the building to meet East staff in their classrooms.

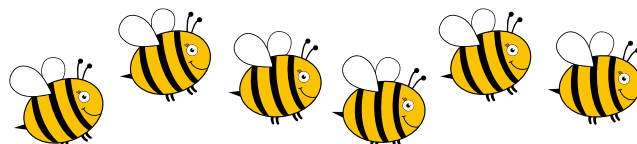
February 13th - Finalize High School Class Registration

Regional Spelling Bee News

On Wednesday, January 31st, the Central Wisconsin Regional Spelling Bee took place here at Horace Mann. Three Muir and three Mann middle school students were among the 24 competitors from several Central Wisconsin schools. Horace Mann's Fern Hansen, Dominic Pitzo, and Thea Sewall each did a wonderful job of representing our school.

An exciting rivalry went on for several rounds between the two finalists, one from Muir and one from Mann. After correctly spelling the championship word, "jubilant," a John Muir student hoisted her trophy. Our own Dominic Pitzo earned 2nd place and the role as Alternate to the State Tournament if the Muir student is unable to compete.

Congratulations to Dominic on an impressive finish in this year's Regional Spelling Bee Competition!



Horace Mann Athletics



[Horace Mann Athletics Website](#)

Winter Sports Season

Congratulations to [Maria Pond](#) and [Demitrius Thao](#) for representing Horace Mann as Athletes of the Month in the January issue of the Wausau Neighbors Magazine. Cooper Valiska and Zach Walters will be representing Horace Mann in the February issue.

Please use this [site](#) to sign your child up for 6th Grade Intramural Basketball, starting on March 4th; Girls Soccer (7th/8th), Girls Softball (7th/8th), Track (6th, 7th, 8th) or Intramural Golf (6th, 7th, 8th) starting after Spring Break.

[Mann Game Schedule](#) can be used to find the current schedule for your child's sports. You can also download the Activity Scheduler app to stay up to date with the latest schedules.

Horace Mann coaches are now using the "Sports You" app to communicate with parents and athletes. Please download the app and use these [codes](#) to join a team.

Softball Open Gyms will start in February at Wausau East from 4-6pm for anyone interested in playing for the Horace Mann team. Please enter through door S8 located by the Wrestling Room.

Wausau Skeet and Trap and the SCTP Youth Trap Program have an orientation/registration date of February 27, 2024. Here is a [flyer](#) with information.

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—peewee 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. 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.

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 athletesandconnectssportscommunitiesacrossthecountry—evenhelpingscoutsandrecruitersfollowstar athletes in your neighborhood. With just a few clicks, you can see your local teams and athletes appear on a national website!

Study Zone



Need more time to finish homework?
Want a teacher available to help answer questions?
Join Study Zone after school!

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK



Eagle Power



FREE class consists of Training Techniques which include lifting weights, plyometrics, stretching & aerobic exercise.
OpentoALL 6th,7th,and8thGradeStudents

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri.
Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK

For questions, please see Mr.Beversdorf or Mrs. Zemke

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)



ROBOTICS

TEAM: "Eagle's E.G.G."
Electronic Ground-breaking Gadgets



ATTENTION Eagles,

The Robotics club is returning for another exciting season! A maximum of 14 students will meet to explore robot building and coding. Due to limited robotics supplies, 8th graders and last year's participants will be invited first. 7th and 6th graders will be invited if space allows.

> Thursdays: December 14th through March 21st (schedule below)
> 2:55-3:10...meet in cafeteria for attendance, snack, and juice
> 3:15-4:15...Room 115

> FULL SCHEDULE (we will not meet on parent conference nights)
o DECEMBER 14 / JANUARY 4, 11, 18, 25 / FEBRUARY 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 / MARCH 7, 14, 21

Parent permission required. GOOGLE FORM option: [Permission Slip](#), or print or request a hard copy of the second page below.

Email any of us with questions, or the best time to reach you if you prefer a phone call or meeting.

Yours in going above and beyond,

Mr. Boller

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Ms. Goessl-Heiser

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Ambassadors of Diversity Let's Make A Difference!



Do you want to learn about others? Do you want everyone to be treated fairly? Do you want to make a change? Do you want to have a voice in a safe environment? If so, join the after school group, Ambassadors of Diversity. As an ambassador of diversity, you

will learn about others through google meets, guest speakers and projects.

WHEN: Mondays

WHO: Mrs. Zemke @ pzemke@wausauschools.org

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK



MOVEMENT, FUN, FREEDOM

[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK.

FLOW starts after other G2M
activities and goes until 5:15pm



Game Club

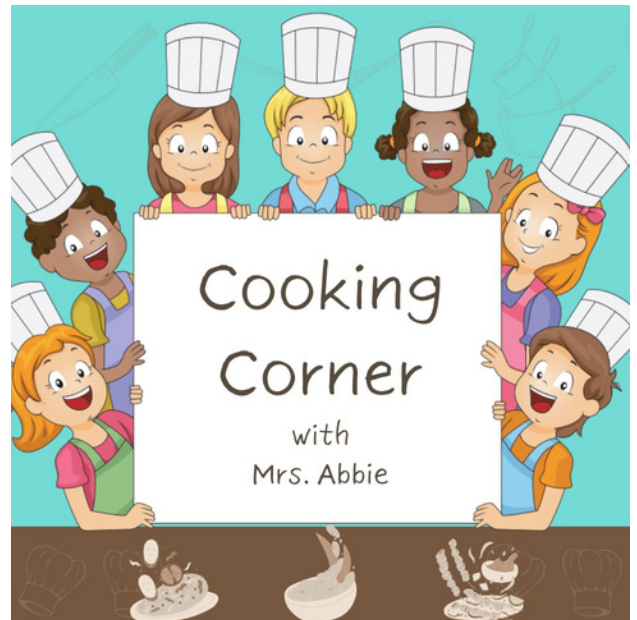
***Bring your own board/card/rpg
games if you wish!**

**Come join us for an hour of games
on Tuesdays**



[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in and FREE SNACK



[G2M Permission Slip Click HERE!](#)

**THURSDAYS After School
Starting Oct. 5th**

Meet at 3:00pm in the Cafeterium
For Check in & FREE SNACK





COLD WEATHER SAFETY

What you (and your kids) need to know!

Although this winter may have started out mild, we are now seeing temperatures start to drop and children are especially vulnerable of developing frostbite and/or hypothermia. Young children are dependent on their parents and caregivers to dress them appropriately for cold weather.

Teenagers should also be reminded of how to dress, even if it's "unfashionable".

It is important to know how to prevent, recognize, and treat these cold weather emergencies.

FROSTBITE

Frostbite occurs when the skin, and sometimes the tissue beneath, freezes due to prolonged exposure to cold temperatures. Frostbite can happen in minutes and result in severe, sometimes permanent, damage.

Prevent:

- Dress in loose, comfortable layers. Inner clothing layers that absorb moisture and outer layers that are windproof and waterproof are best
- Cover exposed skin (hat, mittens, scarf/face mask)
- Wear thick socks and insulated boots to protect toes and feet
- Send extra mittens and clothing to school in case your child's get wet

Recognize Symptoms:

- Tingling, numbness, burning sensation
- Waxy, white and hard skin

Treat:

- Bring indoors ASAP.
- Do not rub or massage cold body parts
- Remove any wet clothing
- Place affected body part in warm (not hot) water, wrap in blanket, drink warm liquid
- Seek medical attention

HYPOTHERMIA

Hypothermia is a significant and potentially dangerous drop in body temperature. The most common cause is prolonged exposure to cold.

Prevent:

- Dress in layers, appropriate for cold temperatures. Avoid overly constricting clothing
- Try to avoid getting wet
- Cover exposed skin, wear a warm hat
- Seek shelter from wind, take breaks indoors

Recognize Symptoms:

- Shivering, exhaustion, confusion, slurred speech, drowsiness, slow & shallow breathing

Treat:

- Move person into warm room or shelter - Remove any wet clothing
- Warm the center of their body (chest, neck, head and groin)
- Keep them dry and wrap in blanket
- Seek medical attention immediately

RESOURCES

[CDC - Hypothermia and Frostbite Prevention](#)

[Wisconsin DHS - Winter Health and Safety Tips](#)

[National Weather Service - Cold Weather Safety](#)

Your WSD School Nurses,
Emilee Mootz, Sydney Nielsen, Emma Buckli, Alex Hein



Presented with UW-Stevens Point &
NorthCentral Technical College



START YOUR JOURNEY: COLLEGE & CAREER READY GRADES 6-8

Parents/Guardians and Students: It's never too early to start planning for the future! Come learn more about high school, local college options, and Academic and Career Planning (ACP)!
The following will be covered:

High School Planning

Explore Options

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College Planning

Transcripts



Horace Mann Middle School
Thursday, March 7, 2024
4:30 - 5:30 pm

Please RSVP and register:

RSVP LINK

Walk-ins are Welcome!



John Muir Middle School
Thursday, Feb 29, 2024
4:30 - 5:30 pm

Questions? Please contact:
Mann: Manee Vongphakdy - (715) 261-0753
Muir: Heidi Schmidt - (715) 261-0118



Enroll



Now!



GIRLS WRESTLING

COME LEARN THE FUNDAMENTALS OF WRESTLING.
YOU WILL BE TAUGHT THE BASIC SKILLS OF
WRESTLING WHILE ENGAGING IN FUN DRILLS.

Who: Girls Grades 3rd-8th

When: Wednesday 6:00-7:00pm

January 24-March 20

Where: Wausau West Wrestling Shelf

Cost: \$30.00 includes T-shirt

REGISTER ON-SITE JAN. 24TH

PRE- REGISTER BY EMAILING NAME & GRADE TO:
TFABRY@WAUSAUSCHOOLS.ORG

**GROW
GIRLS
WRESTLING**





Registration for
2024
Lacrosse is
NOW OPEN!

**OPEN TO BOYS AND GIRLS
3RD - 8TH GRADE
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME!**

JOIN US NOW @ WOLFPACKLAX.ORG



UPCOMING EVENTS

LOCATED AT THE GREENHECK TURNER COMMUNITY CENTER

LAX OPEN GYM

- Free to returning & new players
- No sign up needed
- Wear Lax Pads & Gym Shoes
(helmet not needed)

DATES: Sundays

- January 7
- January 21
- January 28 •
- February 4
- February 11

Time:
6:00-7:30 pm

INTRO TO BOYS & GIRLS LACROSSE


- Sign up at: <https://gtcc.dce.k12.wi.us/>
- \$40 Total for all dates

DATES: Sundays

- February 18 •
- February 25 •
- March 3
- March 10
- March 17

Time:
6:00-7:45 pm






ONE Network *for* VOLUNTEERS


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MATH, READING, CLASSROOM HELP, SCHOOL ASSISTANCE OR PROJECTS?
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Volunteer Handbook



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