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Public School Open Enrollment

Wisconsin's inter-district public school open enrollment program allows parents to apply for their children to attend school districts other than the one in which they live. Applications may be submitted to up to three nonresident school districts.

The open enrollment application period for the 2021-22 school year is from February 1-April 30 2021. **The application period closes at 4:00 p.m. on April 30, 2021. *Late applications will not be accepted for any reason.***

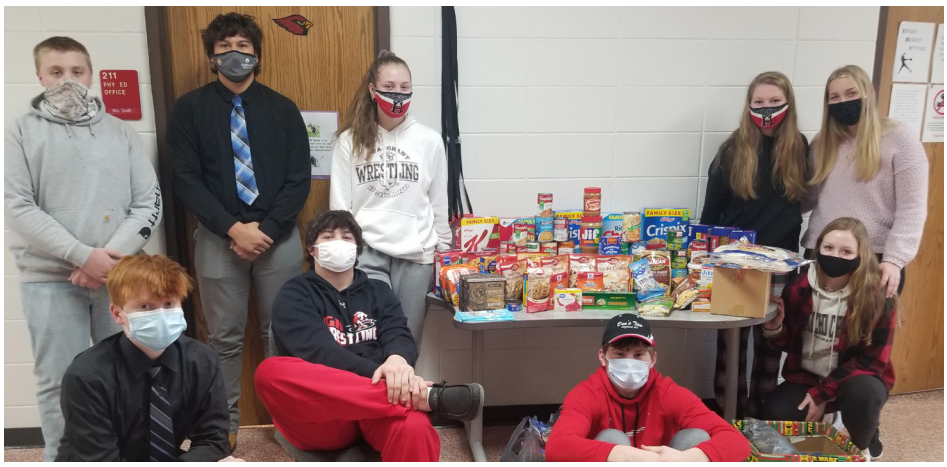
Parents may apply online at https://dpi.wi.gov/oe.

If you have any questions, please call the district office at 929-4525.

Mission: The Highland School District aspires to be a challenging and exciting school district in which students achieve personal responsibility, social maturity, and academic success.

Highland Student Council Food Drive

The Highland High School Student Council sponsored a food drive encouraging all students and staff 4k-12th grade to donate canned goods and pre-packaged food items for those in need this holiday season. The student council members then delivered the food to the Iowa County Food Pantry. Student council members include (front row) Thomas Hermansen, Isaac Biba, Cal Dorota and Harlee Fredericks, (back row) Jamison James, Sam Talo, Myah Hennessey, Macey Kraisinger and Lyndsey Roum. (Estee Goodwiler was not present for the picture).



First Grade would like to thank Donald Laufenberg and Justin Miller for delivering these terrific leaf presses to first grade! Now we can press leaves in the fall and flowers in the spring. Thanks to them and Mr. McCauley for this great project that we will use for years to come!

VIRTUAL DAYS

Friday, February 12
Friday, March 5
Friday, March 26
Friday, April 16
Friday, April 30
Friday, May 14

NO SCHOOL

Friday, February 26th
April 2 and April 5

SPRING BREAK

Spring Break is Monday, March 15 through Friday, March 19. School will resume on Monday, March 22.

The Highland School District is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Lunch Accounts

You may deposit money into your family breakfast/lunch account weekdays at the middle/high school office or in your Infinite Campus Portal-Campus Online Payments. You can check your balance in your Infinite Campus Portal or call the District Office at 608-929-4525. You can also mail payment to:

Highland School District • Attn: Lunch Program
1030 Cardinal Drive • Highland WI 53543

Spring Sports Practice

Softball practice begins April 19 and Baseball practice begins April 19. Any high school student planning to participate needs to make sure all forms are turned into the office. If you are not sure if everything is turned in, contact the high school office.

For all **6th through 11th** grade students interested in participating in football or volleyball next year their grades at the end of this semester are very important. **The grade requirements apply to all 8th graders** becoming freshmen, as well as any high school student. It also applies to the **6th and 7th grade girls** interested in Middle School volleyball at the beginning of the school year. Each student is responsible for making sure that they have **at least 3 C's and no F's for their 2nd semester grades.** Second semester grades determine eligibility. The WIAA requires that schools use the last grading period to determine your eligibility. It is very important for our students to continue their hard work in all classes to guarantee that they will be successful, and if interested in sports, be able to participate from the first day of practice next fall. Please remind your student(s) that now is the perfect time to begin thinking about next school year!

Medication at school

If your child requires medication and/or an inhaler at school, please remember that we require a permission form to be filled out before we can administer it. If the medication is **prescribed by a physician**, we require **both** a parent and a physician signature, this includes inhalers. If it is an **over-the-counter** med, just a parent signature is needed. There are two separate forms that are now located on the school's website. Go to District Information and click on the applications and forms link.

Kindergarten Programs

The district is planning for next year's kindergarten programs.

- If you have a child that will be attending the 4-year-old kindergarten program this Fall, please call the district office (929-4525) by February 12. Children must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2021 to enroll in the 4-year-old program.
- If you are new to the district and have a child that will be attending 5-year-old kindergarten this Fall, please call the district office (929-4525) by February 12 to register your child.

Parents of 4k and 5th grade students

A note was recently sent home with those **4K** students who need the required immunizations **before** School starts in the fall.

Current **5th grade** students must receive a **tda**p, tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) immunization before they enter 6th grade. The importance of this vaccine is discussed in another article in this newsletter.

Students with health insurance will need to have their immunizations done by their primary health care provider/clinic. Those who are uninsured or have Badgercare may get theirs at the Iowa or Grant County health department, free of charge.

College Courses Available

Any Sophomore or Junior (next year's junior or senior) has the option to enroll in a college class for both high school and college credit. This program is available to next year's juniors and seniors who are interested in taking college courses. If interested, contact Mrs. Hesseling. Students interested in this program are required to fill out an application by March 1st which notifies the school board of his/her intent to be involved in this program. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Hesseling at 929-4525.

Reminder

Parents and/or guardians are asked to notify the school office by telephone prior to or on the day of an absence. Calls made on the date of an absence should be made by 8:30 a.m. So that we do not have to disturb students during class time, please send a note to excuse them from school if they will be leaving for a scheduled appointment. Elementary students are asked to bring a note if their afternoon routine will change, i.e. you will pick them up, rather than ride the bus.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

Distinguished Honors: Grade point average 4.00 and above · **High Honors:** Grade point average 3.50 – 3.99

Honors: Grade point average 3.00 – 3.49

1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL

GRADE 9

Distinguished Honors

Elliott Biba
Harlee Fredericks

High Honors

Thomas Hermansen
Danette Meissner
LiaLiz Thao

Honors

Byron Buroker
Jamesie Carter
Bronwyn Halverson

GRADE 10

Distinguished Honors

Colton Frost

High Honors

Marissa Cleary
Grace Dreischmeier
Harper Drury

Honors

Bryce Bollant
Ella Cody
Blake Dax
Star Gerhart

GRADE 11

Distinguished Honors

Malayna Fredericks
Gage Hying
Jenna James
Katelyn Mueller
Margaret Tarrell
Maya Tarrell

High Honors

Cloe Campbell
Katelyn Esser
Weston Frost
Josiah Greene
Eowyn Hermansen
Tristin Imhoff
Andrew Nankey
Mason Welsh

Honors

Bryce Aide
Baylee Carter
Launa Johnson
Brett McGuire
Rachel Miller
Maximus Oleson
Broderick Smith
Travis Tomas

GRADE 12

Distinguished Honors

Macey Kraisinger
Connor Riley
Lyndsey Roum

High Honors

Estee Goodwiler
Justin Miller
Jenna Shemak
Kayla Shemak
Isabel Tucker

Honors

Myah Hennessey
Ireland Tucker

2nd QUARTER HONOR ROLL

GRADE 9

Distinguished Honors

Elliott Biba

High Honors

Jamesie Carter
Harlee Fredericks
Thomas Hermansen
Danette Meissner
LiaLiz Thao

Honors

Byron Buroker
Bronwyn Halverson
Maria Soto Wadel

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Blake Dax
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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Congratulations to the students selected to become inducted into the National Honor Society! The students selected were Katelyn Esser, Malayna Fredericks, Weston Frost, Josiah Greene, Gage Hying, Jenna James, Katelyn Mueller, Brody Smith, Maya Tarrell, Meg Tarrell and Mason Welsh. The induction ceremony will be held this Spring. ●

Thank you to Greg Biba!

Greg Biba is stepping down from his role as a Highland School Board member. He has held this position for the past twelve years. Serving on the school board is a demanding and often thankless job. Greg has been a champion for the students here at Highland. He worked to provide opportunities for our kids while balancing the concerns of district taxpayers and parents. Highland has an awesome school district. Greg has been a big part of the reason for the success we enjoy at Highland Community School District. The next time you see Greg, thank him for his dedication to the students, staff, and the Highland community.

Bryce Bird, Superintendent

ACT

11th grade students will take the ACT plus writing at the beginning of March. The ACT consists of 5 multiple choice tests: English, math, reading, science and a 40 minute essay to measure the student's writing skills.

Dates for these assessments are as follows:

ACT: March 9 (makeup date- March 23)

ACT Aspire

9th and 10th grade students will take the ACT Aspire over the course of a couple of weeks this spring. This assessment gives us information to help determine how your child is progressing at their current grade level, as well as their overall path toward future college and career readiness. Tests included on this assessment are: English, math, reading, science and writing.

Dates for the ACT Aspire: April 5- May 19

Forward Exam

This exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. This assessment will be given to students in grades 3rd-8th and 10th in the spring.

Grades 3-8 are assessed in
English Language Arts and math
Grades 4 and 8 are assessed in Science
Grades 4, 8 and 10 are assessed in Social Studies

Dates for the Forward Exam: March 22- May 14

Semester 1 Report Cards

Semester 1 report cards are available through your Infinite Campus Portal. Please call the school if you would like a hard copy of your child's report card. If you need help setting up your Infinite Campus Portal, please call the school at 608-929-4525.

ACT Test For Juniors

The ACT test is a test that four year colleges use as a part of their admission evaluation process. All Juniors are required to take the ACT with Writing on March 9th. This test will be administered by the school and is free of charge. A letter will be given to each Junior with more details about this testing.

There are also several other opportunities throughout the year for students to register and take the ACT exam. There is a fee involved with these exams. Students can find more information about these exams and can register to take these ACT exams at http://actstudent.org. If students plan on taking the exam on April 17th they need to register by March 12th and/or if they plan to take the exam on June 12th they need to be registered by May 7th. If the registration date is missed, there is an additional $30.00 late fee. If you need further information, contact Mrs. Hesseling in the guidance office at 929-4525.

The Highland School District is accepting applications for substitute custodians. Please call the district office at 608-929-4525 for an application.

The School District of Highland does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, color, religion, nation origin, ancestry, creed, pregnancy, marital or parental status, sexual orientation or physical, mental, emotional or learning disability in the areas of employment, admission, or student activities.

It's time to meet Ms. Bast

Hello there! I want to introduce myself to you. My name is Ms. Maria Bast. I am a student at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. I am currently studying elementary education, with an early childhood education minor. I am so lucky to be completing my internship in Highland! Thank you for sharing your kids with me!

About Me:

Education: I am a "super-senior" at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. I attended Kirkwood College, for two years, and studied my liberal arts. I decided to transfer back home (Platteville) to continue my education. Student teaching, or an internship, is my last requirement before graduation. I am honored to have the opportunity to teach with Mrs. Pierick and work with all of the wonderful kindergarteners!

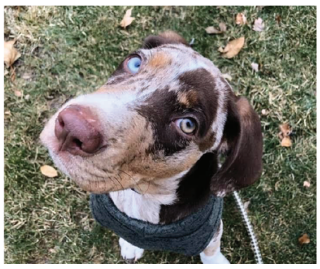
What I want to be when I grow up: I want to be a teacher when I grow up! I would love to teach pre-k or kindergarten. I also would like to experience teaching through a children's hospital.

Favorite color: Mint is my favorite color.

Siblings: I have one older sister (Anna) and one older brother (David). My sister is married and has one child, one cat, and one dog. My brother is engaged and has one dog.

Pets: I have three wonderful fur babies, here on Earth, and one angel fur baby. Winnie (a Labradoodle) is the curly brown and white dog. Daisy (my cat) is the queen sitting in the window. Jango (a Catahoula) is the spotted brown/white/caramel dog. Abby (my sweet angel) is the one holding the frisbee- her favorite! Abby recently passed and it has been really hard for my whole family. She was our world! I am so lucky to have Daisy, Winnie, and Jango to fill my heart!

What I like to do: I love spending time kayaking, walking my dogs, shopping, reading, hiking, going for bike rides, painting/drawing, doing photography, working out, and babysitting.



NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

School District of Highland • April 6, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at an election to be held in the School District of Highland on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 the following offices are to be elected to succeed the present incumbents listed. The term of office for school board member is three years beginning on Monday, April 26, 2021.

Office	Incumbent
School Board member to represent the Village of Highland	Greg Biba
School Board member to represent the Village of Highland	Todd Michek

Greg Biba has filed notification of non-candidacy. The Highland School District would like to thank Greg for his years of service on the School Board.

Todd Michek has filed a Campaign Registration Statement and a Declaration of Candidacy, and will be listed on the ballot. Any Village of Highland resident intending to be a candidate should file papers with the School District.

Meningitis Vaccine—High School Students

Meningitis is a serious infection of the covering of the brain and the spinal cord. This infection can be treated with antibiotics, however, many people who get this disease die and many others are affected for life. This vaccine is highly recommended for adolescents 11 through 18 years of age. This vaccine is important for people at highest risk, mainly college freshmen living in dormitories. **Many colleges and vocational schools require or strongly encourage this vaccine.**

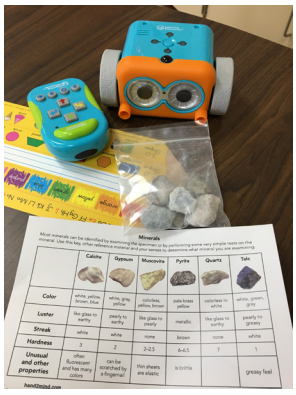
Two doses are recommended: the first dose at age 11 or 12 and then a booster dose at age 16. If the first dose is given after the 16th birthday, a booster is not needed.

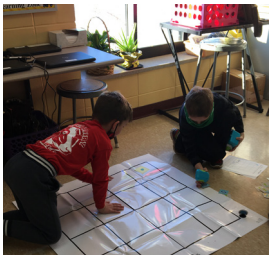
This vaccine is available at your doctor's office for those with medical insurance. It is available at the Iowa County health department for those who are uninsured or who have BadgerCare. To make an appointment to get the vaccine there, please call 930-9870.

If you have any questions about this vaccine or if your child needs it, feel free to call me at 929-4525

Sharon Friederick RN School Nurse ●

Second Graders Coding Botley The Robot





WFCA Announces 2020 All-Region Teams

Highland Football had two players named to the WFCA All Region Team this fall. The WFCA has 4 Regions. Justin Miller and Cal Dorota were selected by the WFCA Region 4 All Region Team. This is a very high honor for these two young men and our football program.

Justin Miller is the son of Lori Miller and Scott Miller. Justin was selected to First Team All Conference Six Rivers as Quarterback and Defensive Back. Justin was also the 2020 Offensive Player of the Year in the Six Rivers. Offensively, Justin passed for 1,384 yards and 17 touchdowns and rushed for 136 yards and 4 touchdowns. Defensively, Justin made 16 tackles and had 2 interceptions.

Cal Dorota is the son of Jackie Dorota and Jesse Dorota. Cal was selected to First Team All Conference Six Rivers as H-Back and Inside Linebacker. Cal was also the 2020 Co-Defensive Player of the year in the Six Rivers. Offensively, Cal rushed for 226 yards and 4 touchdowns. Cal also had 246 yards receiving and 3 touchdowns. Defensively, Cal was the team's leading tackler with 81 tackles. Cal also had 2 sacks and 3 forced fumbles.

The WFCA will announce a single All-State Team that includes both fall and spring athletes after the completion of the spring season.

The 2020 Highland Football team finished with an 8-0 Record and Regional Champions.

Highland also finished Ranked # 3 in Division 6 in the final 2020 Wissports coaches poll.

Congratulations to all! ●

Volleyball Honors

Rachel Miller, a junior, was a First Team All-Conference Player for the Six Rivers. She is an OH/MH and plays full rotation. While the 2020 season was anything but normal, she helped lead the Cardinals to a 2nd place finish in conference only to lose to Potosi in the Regional finals game. Rachel lead the Cardinals with 126 kills and 2nd on the team with 19 aces. It was an honor for Rachel to be selected to the First Team All-State Division 4 Volleyball team for 2020. We are proud of Rachel and her hard work to achieve this award. Her teammates are a huge part of her success. Congrats Rachel! It's a great day to be a Cardinal! ●

Regional Results Iowa-Grant/Highland Wrestling

Iowa-Grant/Highland Wrestling team had an incredible day at Regionals! Congratulations to our wrestlers and coaches. Being limited to one match a week has made this year a challenging year. The top two place winners at each weight class moved on to wrestle at the Mineral Point Sectionals. All the wrestlers on our team have worked hard this year and have helped each other improve. The team would like to thank our fans for their continued support.

Team Results:

106 Elliot Biba: 1st

120 Mason Welsh: 2nd

126 Caden Lindner: 2nd

132 Treyton Starkey: 3rd

138 Emmerson Moen: 5th

145 Andrew Winders: 1st

152 Colton Cutts: 1st

160 Darren Laufenberg: 5th

170 Blake Dax: 2nd

182 Cal Dorota: 1st

195 Hudson Brown: 5th

285 Donald Laufenberg: 1st

Cal Dorota 1st Place #182

Blake Dax 2nd Place #170

Donald Laufenberg 1st Place #285

Elliott Biba 1st Place #106

Caden Lindner 2nd Place #126

Mason Welsh 2nd Place #120

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Coming in the next issue:

- Senior Pictures and Post Grad Plans
- 2021 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

Highland Spring Sports Schedule 2021

SOFTBALL

4-27-21	Home	Benton/Shullsburg	5:00pm
4-29-21	Away	Black Hawk	5:00pm
4-30-21	Home	Mineral Point	5:00pm
5-3-21	Home	Belmont	5:00pm
5-4-21	Away	Iowa-Grant	5:00pm
5-6-21	Home	Richland Center	5:00pm
5-7-21	Home	Pecatonica	5:00pm
5-10-21	Away	Dodgeville	5:00pm
5-11-21	Away	Potosi	5:00pm
5-13-21	Home	Juda/Albany	5:00pm
5-14-21	Home	Cuba City	5:00pm
5-17-21	Away	Benton/Shullsburg	5:00pm
5-18-21	Away	Belmont	5:00pm
5-20-21	Home	Barneveld	5:00pm
5-21-20	Home	Riverdale	5:00pm
5-24-21	Away	River Ridge	5:00pm
5-27-21	Away	Monticello	5:00pm
6-1-21	Home	Potosi	5:00pm
6-3-21	Away	Argyle	5:00pm
6-7-21	Home	River Ridge	5:00pm
6-8-21	Away	Lancaster	5:00pm

JV SOFTBALL

5-4-21	Away	Iowa-Grant	6:15pm
5-10-21	Away	Dodgeville	5:00pm

More JV Games may follow varsity games.

BASEBALL

4-27-21	Home	River Valley	4:30pm
4-29-21	Away	Mineral Point	4:30pm
4-30-21	Home	Barneveld (DH)	4:30pm
5-6-21	Home	Argyle	4:30pm
5-7-21	Away	Pecatonica (DH)	4:30pm
5-10-21	Away	Cuba City	4:30pm
5-11-21	Away	Lancaster	4:30pm
5-14-21	Home	Dodgeville	5:00pm
5-17-21	Home	Potosi/Cassville	5:00pm
5-18-21	Away	Shullsburg/Benton	5:00pm
5-20-21	Away	Iowa-Grant	4:30pm
5-21-21	Home	Belmont	5:00pm
5-24-21	Away	River Ridge	5:00pm
5-25-21	Home	Shullsburg/Benton	5:00pm
5-28-21	Away	Potosi/Cassville	5:00pm
6-3-21	Home	Southwestern	4:30pm
6-4-21	Away	Belmont	5:00pm
6-7-21	Home	River Ridge	5:00pm

JV Games may follow single varsity games.

See the web page for additional games or rain dates.