

# **HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

We encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities. Clubs have been organized for various purposes. The purpose of a club may be to provide service to others, to expand academic learning, to provide a social setting for students with common interests, and/or to provide an opportunity for students to learn something that is not offered during the regular school day.

Highland High School clubs are described in this brochure with information involving their purpose, the kinds of activities the club provides, who the sponsor is, who may be a member, and how often the club meets.

## **HOW DO YOU JOIN A CLUB?**

All students are encouraged to get involved in school activities. Meeting dates and times of meetings are published in the Daily Announcements. Some clubs put up posters throughout the building to announce their meetings. Some clubs have closed membership. In other words, for these clubs a student must be selected to be a member. Student Council and National Honor Society are examples.

## **DIRECTORY**

Mr. John Zack, Principal

Mr. Andrew Locke, Assistant Principal

Mr. Anthony Belli, Assistant Principal

Mrs. Jennifer Cooper, Principal's Secretary

Mrs. Kathi Angotti, Receptionist/Secretary

Mrs. Jaime Houchin, Bookkeeper

Mrs. Linda Hojnicky, Attendance Secretary,

Andrea Warner, Nurse

Mr. Ryan Harrington, Athletic Director

Mrs. Kathy Mahler, Secretary.....922-5611

Mrs. Terri Livingston, Registrar/Secretary

Mrs. Amy Vezmar, students A – Gom

Mr. Jason Quigg, students Gon - O

Ms. Anne Lemon, students P - Z

Mrs. Nora Kasprzycki, Coordinator of

Technology.....922-5610

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Mr. Gary Kilburn, Librarian.....922-5610

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## **Class of 2026**

Sponsor: TBD

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

## **Class of 2025**

Sponsor: Ashli Cooper

President: Hailey Houchin

Vice-President: Ali Baker

Secretary: Faith Aurand

Treasurers: Chris Holmquist/Michael Susko

## **Class of 2024**

Sponsor: Jodi Olah

President: Natalie Ziadat

Vice-President: Allycia Garcia

Secretary: Zoe Balog

Treasurer: Spencer Nelson

Prom Committee Head: Tristen Slaven

Fundraising Committee Head: Aaliyah Keil

## **Class of 2023**

Sponsor: Molly Wagener

President: Sarah Swallow

Vice-President: Elise Hibbard

Secretary: Mia Rivera

Treasurer: Gabriella Mendoza

## **BAND**

Marching/Pep/Jazz

Sponsor: Brian Blocker

Marching Band: Any student currently enrolled in a music performance class at HHS is eligible to participate. We perform at July 4th parade, football games and competitions.

Pep Band: is an extension of band class, Pep band performs at 10 home basketball games. The Pep band plays pop music from many eras, from classic rock to modern pop.

Jazz Band: AKA Highland Blues band is an after school club that performs all styles of the jazz idiom. We perform at the ISSMA Jazz Festival.

## **COLOR GUARD/WINTER GUARD**

These are visual ensembles that perform a show choreographed and designed to feature elements of dance, flags, rifles and sabres.

Color Guard performs alongside the marching band and at regional competitions in September and October.

Winter Guard performs at a few home basketball games and at regional competitions as well.

# **DANCE TEAM**

(Sapphires)

Sponsor: Maycen Raycroft

Dance Team is an organization open to students with an interest in dance performance. Team try-outs are in the spring for participation in the next school year. The Dance Team is a member of IHSDTA, a state-wide organization which promotes dance involvement. The team also participates in competitions.

# **DIVERSITY UNIVERSITY**

Sponsors: Julie Larson  
Ashli Cooper

Dean: Vy Herrejon

Secretary: Lainey Padilla

Social Media Coordinator: Alisha Hildalgo

Comm. Outreach Coordinator: Miranda  
Cruz

At HHS, diversity is the fabric of who we are. The goal of Diversity University is to celebrate cultural differences and promote cultural awareness among staff and students in our school and community, and create a climate in which all students and staff voices are valued and differences are appreciated.

# **GERMAN CLUB/GERMAN HONOR** **SOCIETY**

Sponsor: Mrs. Brittney DeLaRiva

Membership in the German Club increases the students' knowledge of Germany and its customs. Members learn about the language and the German culture.

To become a member of the German Honor Society, students must have an "A" average in Level I and the first semester of Level II, be enrolled in the language for the current school year, maintain a "B" average in all other classes, and participate in the formal initiation ceremony.

## **GIRL UP CLUB**

Sponsor: Abigail Kraupner

Girl Up is an organization through the United Nations Foundation. They focus on bringing awareness to the many girls in underdeveloped countries that do not have an opportunity to get a proper education, and they advocate for those girls by raising money for supplies and helping set up educational opportunities. Our Highland High School Girl Up club will work in connection to the UN organization and help bring awareness in our community. We will advocate by raising money and working with other organizations that support this club. (Girls on the Run).

# **HIGHLAND THEATER COMPANY**

Sponsors: Mr. Matt Domasica

Mr. David Markley

President: Alex Schmidt

Vice President: Madison Karulski

Secretary: Madison Pischner

Treasurer: Wilfred Akanbi

Historian: McKenzie Markus

Social Media Managers: Reis Maldonado

Dakota Kowalik

Highland Theater Company (HTC) is a student-run theatre organization. HTC utilizes the talents of band, choir and orchestra students, the auditorium staff, and the student body at-large. Musicians, actors, dancers, and singers audition for parts in the productions. Technical area positions, such as costumes, lighting, sound, make-up, publicity, and house are also available based upon a student's background and interest.

# **HIGHLAND THEATER TECH STAFF**

Sponsor: Mr. Matt Domasica

The Theater Staff consists of students who work on all events held in Monbeck Auditorium. These students are involved in lighting, sound, stage, and ushering activities for approximately 50 events each year, including Highland Theater Company productions, School Town of Highland events, and commercial events through outside agencies.

# **JAPANESE CLUB/JAPANESE HONOR SOCIETY**

Sponsor: Mr. Joe Rybarczyk

Membership in the Japanese Club increases the students' knowledge of Japan and its customs. Members learn about the language and the Japanese culture.

To become a member of the Japanese Honor Society, students must have an "A" average in Level I and the first semester of Level II, be enrolled in the language for the current school year, maintain a "B" average in all other classes, and participate in the formal initiation ceremony.

## **KEY CLUB**

Sponsor: Mrs. Jodi Olah

President: Miranda Gonzales

Vice President: Tristen Slaven

Treasurer: Haylie Houchin

Secretary: Brooke Munoz

Bulletin Editors: Mia Rivera/Sarah Swallow

Key Club is affiliated with the Highland Kiwanis Club. The international motto is “WE BUILD” and the main goal is service to the community. Key Club members participate in a variety of activities and events, all of which help others. A Key Club Scholarship is provided to a senior member each year.

# **NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Who may participate: Committee

Recommendation

When: To be determined by the sponsor

Sponsor: Brittney DeLaRiva

President: Wilfred Akanbi

VP of Character: Elizabeth Herejon

VP of Leadership: Mia Rivera

VP of Scholarship: Leah Stone

VP of Service: Trinity Frazier

Deputy VP Character: Joanna Zurlis

Deputy VP Leadership: Grace Beanblossom

Deputy VP Scholarship: Madison Stephens

Deputy VP Service: Emma Padilla

National Honor Society honors juniors and seniors who are outstanding in Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character, and have attended Highland High School for the equivalent of one semester.

Students meeting these basic requirements may then be considered for membership by a faculty committee in the spring of the year.

Transfer students who have been initiated into the National Honor Society at another school must inform the sponsor of their membership within 30 days of enrollment. Membership criteria in the Highland Chapter may be different than at the student's prior school. Therefore, deficiencies may have to be removed in order to qualify for membership in the Highland Chapter.

National Honor Society members are committed to participating in various school and community service projects, such as a Thanksgiving food drive, Christmas gift drive, and after school tutoring.

# **ROBOTICS CLUB**

Sponsor: Rodney Glenn

The excitement of sport, the rigors of science

Under strict rules, limited resources, and the guidance of volunteer mentors including engineers, teachers, business professionals, parents, alumni and more, teams of students build and program robots to perform challenging tasks against a field of competitors. They must also raise funds, design a team "brand," hone teamwork skills, and perform community outreach. In addition to learning valuable STEM and life skills, participants are eligible to apply for \$80 million in college scholarships.

# **SCIENCE OLYMPIAD**

Sponsor: Mrs. Nicole Weber

Science Olympiad is open to all students in grades 9-12. It consists of a team of 15 students who compete in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Space, Engineering, and Problem Solving events. Practices start in the fall and the Regional competition is held in February. Winners advance to the state and possibly the national competition. Students can earn an academic school letter by participating in Science Olympiad.

# **THE SHIELD YEARBOOK STAFF**

Sponsor: Ms. Sherri Terrell

Yearbook Editor: Kylie Tratta

The Yearbook Club works collectively and individually on creating the published history of *The Shield*, Highland's yearbook. Staff works throughout the school year to gather photos, interviews, and other information to create a representation of the school year. Staff members are required to photograph various events, work with local businesses to obtain ads and develop the content and design of the book. Editor positions are available for application, and are chosen by the Sponsor and Principal through an interview process. Yearbook staff members are eligible to earn awards for their efforts and work.

# **SPANISH CLUB/SPANISH HONOR** **SOCIETY**

Sponsor:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Historian:

Students who desire to know more about the cultures of Spain and Latin America are encouraged to join this club. To become a member of the Spanish Honor Society, students must have an “A” average in Level I and the first semester of Level II, be enrolled in the language for the current school year, maintain a “B” average in all other classes, and participate in the formal initiation ceremony.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL**

Who may participate: Clubs and organizations choose a representative in the spring. Other students who want to be involved in Student Council go through a spring application process.

Sponsor: Julie Larson/Molly Wagener

President: Mia Rivera

Vice President: Gracie Beanblossom

Recording Secretary: Allycia Garcia

Corresponding Secretary: Mikayla Rebeles

Treasurer: Bri Ozelie

Parliamentarian: Natalie Ziadat

Historian: Sarah Swallow

The Highland High School Student Council represents the student body. Its purpose is to make significant contributions to the total education and development of all students, to serve as a liaison between the administration and the student body, to provide organization and direction of school functions, to establish and maintain high standards of conduct and scholarship and to promote leadership.

## **SUSTAINABILITY CLUB**

Sponsor: Heather Oaks

Head Coordinator: Vy Herejon

Asst. Coordinator: Gwen Weyhe

Secretary: Mikeyla Rebeles

Social MEdia: Anaiyah Fonseca

Treasurer: Natalie Stromberg

We meet every other Monday in the LGI to plan activities and discuss how we can have a more meaningful impact upon our environment. We are in charge of paper recycling and have a lot of great members with great ideas, come join us to add your ideas or just help out/hang out with some like minded people.

# **TROJAN TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER**

Sponsor: Mrs. Amanda Koulianos

Editor-in-chief: TBD

Co-curricular club. Online student publication. Mission is to report school and community news, give students a voice, and promote school involvement.

# **HIGHLAND SCHOOL SONG**

Fight on Highland High School  
Fight to win this game  
Win or lose we'll cheer you  
We love you just the same  
RAH! RAH! RAH!

For the sons and daughters  
Who wear the blue and gold  
Fight! With loyal courage  
Be brave and bold.

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y Victory, Victory that's our  
cry  
Yeeeeeeaaaaah HIGHLAND!