



August 2, 2018

Dear HHS Parents, Guardians, and Students:

On behalf of administrators, faculty, and staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2018-2019 school year at Highland High School, home of the Bulldogs! I am honored to begin my tenure as HHS Principal and look forward to serving you. Joining the HHS Administrative Team are Mr. Caleb Houchins, Associate Principal and Ms. Amy Boscolo, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director. We are excited to work with you and your student this year. Feel free to click [HHS Admin](#) to learn more about our team.

Education is a collaborative process involving targeted efforts from students, parents, faculty, and community. We are grateful for the strong support from parents and guardians who join us as partners in education. High achieving schools are known for excellent teachers and HHS is blessed with an amazing faculty. Our staff is dedicated, skilled, and passionate about teaching and learning. They care about students and go above and beyond the call to positively impact the lives of young people.

At HHS we have high expectations for learning and do our best to meet the needs of all students as they prepare for the future. Whether pursuing college, trade school, military, or a career pathway, we ensure that students are prepared with the proper knowledge and skill sets for success beyond high school. HHS students have multiple opportunities to learn, grow, and succeed with academics, social skills, problem solving, athletics, and extracurriculars. We encourage them to get involved with school activities, to be respectful and kind to others, and to take pride and ownership in their school. Our goal is to maintain a positive school culture that supports teaching, learning, and real world experiences.

We are thrilled to begin the 2018-2019 school year and can't wait to see everyone on August 15. Together we will travel on a journey doing our best to ensure a memorable and impactful school year for everyone.

In closing, we believe in effective communication at HHS and the information below provides important details about the school year and beyond. As always, please feel free to contact us at 618-654-7131 or via email with questions, concerns, or feedback.

Educationally Yours,

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## **Start of School Information-**

**Registration-** Students should be registered for school. If not, please contact the HHS office for your Infosnap code to begin the process as soon as possible.

**Freshman Day-** Incoming Freshman are welcome **Tues., Aug 7, from 9:30-11:15 AM in the Commons** to pick up schedules and learn more about HHS from counselors, student ambassadors, and faculty. Freshman Day is voluntary, but highly encouraged as it helps students transition to the high school experience.

**PowerSchool-** Parents/students can **pick up schedules in the HHS Office on Wed., Aug. 8 from 8:00am-3:00pm** or **access PowerSchool for schedules on Thurs., August 9.** Students requiring schedule changes should make an appointment for August 10, or see their counselor the first two days of school. Changes can only be made if a student did not request the scheduled course. Level changes require approval from teacher and parent. Please utilize <https://ps.highlandcusd5.org/public/> to access PowerSchool. Student locker numbers will be found on the printed schedule.

**Open House-** **HHS Back to School Night is Tues., Aug. 14 from 5:30 – 6:30 PM.** Students and families are welcome! Be sure to bring your student's schedule so you can check out classes, meet your teachers, and tour the building.

**First Day- Wed., Aug. 15 is the first day of school** with classes beginning at 7:40 AM and dismissal occurring at 2:35 PM. Doors open at 7:00 AM and students arriving early may get breakfast or visit in the HHS Commons. Here is a copy of the HHS [Daily Schedule](#).

## **2018-2019 Student Information & Other Reminders-**

**Handbook & Class Meetings-** Students will review the HHS handbook during 1<sup>st</sup> period on Wed., Aug.15. Handbooks are online at [HHS Student Handbook](#). Administrators will review school rules and procedures at grade level assemblies on Thurs., Aug.16. An informational PowerPoint will be posted on the HHS website following the assemblies.

**Parking & Student Lot Update-** The HHS Student Parking Lot has been resurfaced and restriped with the addition of a designated parent drop off and pick up lane to ease congestion before and after school. A reminder that students should not park in the teacher lot, middle school lot, or visitor locations. Please see the updated [Student Lot](#) configuration and [Student](#)

[Parking](#) info which can be also found on the HHS website. Parking tags for those who ordered online through *MySchoolBucks* will be delivered to students at a later date.

**Electronic Devices & Cell Phones-** The [HHS Electronic Device and Cell Phone](#) policy is attached. We ask that students are mindful of their usage and follow school procedures. Students should not have phones out in class without teacher permission. Misuse of electronic devices will result in school consequences and a loss of phone privileges at school. Please talk to your student about the importance of using electronic devices in moderation and waiting until the end of class or lunch to check their phone.

**Pictures & School IDs-** Picture Day for students needing pictures or retakes will occur Tues., Aug. 21 at HHS during the school day. Students will receive school IDs in a few short weeks with a lanyard or clip option. Please see the updated [2018-2019 School ID Policy](#).

**School Supplies-** HHS does not have a specific school supply list as each classroom teacher will provide a list when school begins. Students may want to consider bringing typical school items such as pencils, pens, notebooks, a backpack, and folders to start school. More specific supply items may be required for each course such as binders, calculators, highlighters, colored pencils, etc.

**Optional Ordering for PE Uniforms-**Students in PE class are required to wear a gray t-shirt with their last name clearly printed on the back, black shorts, and tennis shoes. For convenience, HHS is offering an option to order t-shirts with the last name printed on the back and shorts. Orders will be taken until August 31. All PE uniforms will be delivered and handed out to students in PE class at a later date. Please click the link below to place an order <https://hhspe2018.itemorder.com/sale>.

**HHS Athletics & Fall Sports-** Check out the new athletics website on the *HHS webpage* by clicking on the [Athletics Link](#) where you will find current schedules, registration information, and contact information. Please complete a [Fall Sport Registration Form](#) if you plan to tryout for a fall sport.

**Bulldog Apparel-** Are you in need for new Highland Bulldog gear? Please shop from our school store which will be open until August 22. All items will be delivered to HHS by September 12 for pick-up <https://hlbd2018.wswebstore.com/store>.

**Physicals & Medications-** All incoming freshmen need current physicals and all athletes need current physicals. (Athletic physicals are valid for 13 months.). Any medication – over the

counter or prescription – requires a medication release. This can be found online at [Student Forms](#).

**Website & Social Media-** Please view the HHS website at <http://hs.highlandcusd5.org/> for more information on events and happenings. You can also follow HHS on Twitter at <https://twitter.com/HHSbulldogsIL> and HHS Athletics at <https://twitter.com/HHSBulldogAD>.

**New Staff-** We are excited to announce several staff changes at HHS for the 2018-2019 school year. They include: Dr. Chris Becker-Principal, Mr. Caleb Houchins-Associate Principal, Ms. Amy Boscolo-Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Officer Chris Flake-SRO, Mrs. Natalie Propst-Nurse, Mrs. Kelsey Huson & Mrs. Sarah Ruder-English, Ms. Natalie Ott-Science, Ms. Kati Richardson-Librarian, Ms. Kaitlyn Seelhofer-Special Education, Mrs. Jamie Keys-Assistant Band, Mrs. Amy Cope-Spanish, Mrs. Christa Huelskamp & Mrs. Amy Michaels, Program Assistants, and Mrs. Sarah Wiegman-Counseling/Media Secretary.

**SRO-** We are thrilled to welcome Officer Chris Flake who will serve as the School Resource Officer helping to maintain a safe and secure environment at HHS. You can learn more about his role by clicking [School Resource Officer](#) on the HHS website.



