



September 2018 Board Notes from Highland High School

Homecoming 2018- We are excited to kick off the Homecoming Dance Saturday, Sept. 22nd from 7:30-11:30 pm. See the 2018 [Homecoming Letter](#) for information regarding events and activities.

HHS Math Team Results from Mrs. Kimmle and Mr. James- At the first of four Southwest Math Conference Competitions for this season on 9/17/2018, senior Emilie Hoepker earned a 1st place medal and Hannah Jansen placed 7th. In the junior division Tyler Werner placed 5th and Zach Bluhm placed 6th. Sophomore Grant Brinker placed 6th and Jon Saathoff placed 8th. Freshmen Elizabeth Rensing earned a 3rd place medal, Summer Carroll placed 7th and Nicole Bluhm placed 8th. Placing second in the team competition were Emilie Hoepker, Tyler Werner, Grant Brinker, and Summer Carroll.

From Ms. Amy Boscolo, Assistant Principal Athletic Director: Fall

Athletics-Athletics has had a successful start. As of 9.18: The volleyball program is 14-1 and each level has won a tournament, with varsity winning 2 tournaments. Football is also on a role with a record of 4-0 at both the varsity and frosh/soph levels. Tennis has been outstanding and winning more than 1/2 of there contests. These ladies will continue to be tough considering we have no seniors in the program. The boys golf team has their MVC tournament on 9/20 while the girls compete for the MVC title on 9/26. Cross country has been doing well with various individuals stepping up at each contest on both the varsity and JV levels. Soccer has completed the first half of their season at home, now they are on the road for the rest of the season, except for senior night.

Senior Night Dates:

Sept 17 - Girls Golf

Sept 27 - Boys Golf

Oct 2 - Soccer



Oct 11 - Volleyball

Oct 19 - FB/Sideline Cheer/Band/Color Guard

Nov 26 - Cross Country - Honored at banquet due to not hosting a meet this season

Cross Country-The cross country teams in participated in the Edwardsville Invitational this past Saturday. Grace Meyer earned a varsity medal for the girls program and Nick Hanratty took a medal in the boys varsity race. Danielle Little and Lydia Hadowsky medaled in the F/S girls race and Syler Hogg medaled in the F/S boys race. The cross country team will participate in the Springfield Invitational on Saturday the 22nd.

Boys Golf-The boys and girls golf teams combined efforts in the first ever O'Fallon Co-Ed tournament on Tuesday. Audrey Wilke and Evan Sutton finished second overall with the programs finishing 4th out of 6 teams. The varsity and JV will play at Bent Oak on Monday, JV will play in the Alton Invite on Tuesday, both teams will play at home on Wednesday. Varsity team will play in the MVC tournament on Thursday at Belk Park starting at 9am and the Orphan Invitational on Saturday at Greenview Golf Club also starting at 9am.

Girls Golf-The varsity girls will play at home on Monday starting at 3:30pm. The play at Acorns on Wednesday as the JV travels to Yorktown. The varsity girls head to Bent Oak Golf Course on Thursday and have the weekend off.

Soccer-Varsity Soccer fell to Columbia and Waterloo earlier last week, but they won a big one against Mascoutah on Thursday scoring with 18 seconds left in the game making the final score 1-0. The second half of the soccer season take our Bulldogs on the road for the remainder of the season, with the only exception being senior night. This week the varsity soccer team will play at Granite City on Monday, Jersey on Tuesday, Triad on Thursday and at Marion on Saturday. JV will play the same games during the week and play in the Greenville Jamboree on Saturday.



Tennis-Girls tennis defeated Waterloo Monday night 8-1. The girls won all six singles and at number one and two doubles. On Tuesday night, the girls beat Collinsville 5-4. They won 4 out of 6 singles and Taylor Fleming and Ashley Basden got the win at number two doubles to clinch the team win. On Thursday, the girls fell 4-5 to Triad. Taylor Fleming, Kate Feldmann and Hannah Geest were victorious in varsity singles wins and Taylor Fleming and Kate Feldmann got the win at one doubles. This week the girls will play at Granite City on Tuesday, and at home on Wednesday vs. Mt. Vernon and Thursday vs. Marquette.

Volleyball-Volleyball had their first lost against Collinsville last week, but bounced back beating CM in two on Tuesday. They got a second conference win on Thursday at Triad. The varsity girls had a big day winning the Granite City Fall Classic. Jennessa Kimmle and Emmy Nyquist made the all tournament team and Claire Diercks was name the tournament MVP. The varsity girls are currently 14-1. The volleyball team plays at Jersey on Tuesday and home against Waterloo on Thursday. Our JV and freshman program will head to O'Fallon this Saturday for a tournament, while the varsity program has the day off.

Football-The varsity football team won 68-21 at Jersey on Friday night. Jack Etter stood out completing 12 of 14 passes for 267 yards. Yet again, another standout came to the surface in Jacob Willis. Jacob rushed for 120 yards on four carries for three touchdowns. This win took our varsity dogs to 4-0. The frosh/soph team is also 4-0 this season beating Jersey with a late touchdown with 1:20 left in the game on Saturday. They showed grit and heart battling back for the win in the heat of the day. Prior to this week's game, we partnered with an organization called The Power of the Giraffe. This organization helps families rise above their fight with cancer. They make care packages for those that are undergoing cancer treatment. For this week's home game against Triad, there



will be members of *The Power of the Giraffe* handing out flyers and meeting fans. We will also be donating the profits of our 50/50 raffle to *Shop with a Cop* in honor of the late Chief Bell.

HHS Band -The HHS Band competed in Edwardsville on September 15th earning a 3rd overall and 1st place for Color Guard. Students are excited to play in the Homecoming Parade on September 26 and their next competition on September 28 at McKendree.

IPI Team- We appreciate efforts from the faculty *IPI team* who conducted the first coding of the year on Thursday. Walkthrough data provides a snapshot of student engagement throughout the building. Data will be shared at a later date. The ultimate goal is for faculty to engage in collaborative conversations about teaching, learning, and professional practices that drive instruction.

Mrs. Dawn Jones, FACS- ALL foods students in Foods and Nutrition and Culinary Occupations received the ServSafe Food Handler's Training to obtain a license. The ServSafe Food Handler's License is required of any person who works in any establishment that serves food (restaurant, nursing home, child care center) in any capacity from dishwasher to hostess to server. 51 students took the test and obtained their license. They are instantly employable in many businesses in town!

Culinary Occupations- Students from this class are preparing for the Platinum Chef competition in October. This competition is similar to the show *Chopped* in that they are given 4 surprise ingredients and 2 hours create a full menu with those foods. Students are practicing after school on Mondays to prepare for this intense day. In class, students are trying out various appetizer and dessert recipes in preparation as well.



Foods and Nutrition- Students have completed three labs using the various forms of heat to cook food available in the classroom. They have learned to bake, cook on the cooktop, and use the broiler. The next unit on fruits and vegetables leads to instruction on knife skills and food terminology such as julienne and mince.

Parenting- Students are beginning a unit on family planning and pregnancy. Students wear an empathy belly during this unit that simulates the weight gain, balance change, and comfortableness of pregnancy.

Child Development- Students finished a unit on guiding and disciplining children. They learned various methods of positive reinforcement with little ones by watching Dr. Jean on YouTube. They also role played negative reinforcement situations that may occur while they are babysitting.

From the School Counselors-Mary Jackson (Department Chair), Carrie Lieberman, and Amber Spaeth: In August, 237 students signed into the counseling offices. Of those 19.8% were freshmen, 19% were sophomores, 25.3% were juniors, and 35.9% were seniors. Students reported the following reasons for their visit: 63.8% for Academic, 18.6% for College and Career, 5.5% for Personal, and 12.2% for the Nurse. In addition, the school counselors met with all of the seniors to talk about College and Career plans. There was also a parent night where 81 people attended a short presentation from the counselors and a panel of college admissions representatives as well as a Chamber business member. For more information on the counseling program, please check out the latest newsletter: <https://www.smore.com/15w4m>.

HHS Events and Happenings- Please see the following links for [HHS Important Dates 18-19](#) and [Meetings and PLC Assemblies](#) that will take place during the school year. Notes that dates and activities are subject to change.



Vocational Classes “Getting to Work”-

Mr. Larry Jones and Mr. Don Schmitz have been busy adding some final touches to HHS before retirement. Several classes recently worked to beautify the campus while learning valuable trade skills along the way. Students rehabbed the football concession stand, originally painted black, to match the color scheme of the stadium and ticket both. Work began with pressure washing, sanding, and a total face lift. The existing roof of 20 years was replaced with architectural shingles and a vented ridge, with new windows and gutter repairs also completed. Additionally, the Track and Field record sign was hung on the north side of the stadium next to the new painting of *Fat Al*. Students took great pride in the heart of a heat wave to update the stadium area for their school, district, and our community.

Schmitz and the Landscape Class are currently working to renovate the entry area to the stadium by adding new tarps, pavers, mulch, and greenery creating a focal point as fans enter. Finally, Jones and vocational students are replacing the outdated roof on the pavilion near the tennis courts. We are so proud of our students and staff for making our campus look amazing. Larry Jones even penned a letter on the roof as a “time capsule” hoping the next group of HHS students will find it 20 years from now.

Roofing Time Capsule History by Mr. Larry Jones -September 13, 2018

To the next vocational teacher and class that have the opportunity to roof this pavilion. The original site was a greenhouse that we (The Ag Students) had built. The FFA and FFA Alumni had taken down a greenhouse from Mckendree College, poured the concrete, and built the greenhouse structure.

Then, the week that we completed the structure, we had a large tornado go through which leveled the greenhouse and damaged the roof of the gym. To our good fortune, Administrative Secretary Carol Stratton had just insured the greenhouse the day before. So, the Ag Students were able to build a larger greenhouse facility behind the Gym.



That left us with the problem of what to do with all of the new concrete. So, the Senior Class of 1999 decided to construct a multi-use pavilion for all of the classes at HHS to enjoy. Students designed and built the structure that school year and the welding classes built the picnic tables.

The picture that is drawn on the plywood was of me, Larry Jones, the Agriculture instructor at HHS for 26 years. The class of 1999 drew the picture and signed it.



This year, 2018-2019, is my last year of teaching at HHS and the administration asked if we could remodel the stadium concession stand and the tennis court pavilion.

The main work was done by Seniors: Colton Brown, Blake Rode, Reese May, Ben Willie, Jason Haase, Adam Buske, Cody Iberg, Bailey Trame, Tyler Langendorf, Payne Waldman, Jack Ruffini, Ross Spies, Nick Luitjohn, Mitchell Focht, Ian Anderson, and Max Poston. Juniors included: Zane Bircher, Nora Thiems, Jack Korte, Gage Bircher, Elijah Kehrer, Lucas Hollenkamp, Dylan Litzenberg, and Abe Koch.

The pavilion was a great learning experience for the students and they are very proud of it. So hopefully, it makes it another 20 years and you find this. Doubt I will be around, but if I am, let me know you found this-618-781-1069.

Thanks, LJ



Don Schmitz

Bulldog Bulletin

Vocational Students Beautifying the HHS Campus

September 14, 2018-Week 5



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