



## **October 2018 Board Notes from Highland High School**

**From Dr. Chris Becker, Principal: Quarter 2 Begins-** Quarter 2 is underway and the school year is already 25% complete. We are proud of our students as they showcase continued success with academics and extracurriculars. It's not always easy as students juggle their studies, athletics, extracurriculars, jobs, and other responsibilities, but they find a way to persevere. We appreciate the continued support from parents and guardians who help to monitor attendance, behavior, and grades, and we are also grateful for such a caring and dedicated faculty and staff who work hard for kids daily. When parents, our school, and community work together, students are more likely to be successful. If you need help with something, reach out and give us a call, email a teacher, or stop by the office. Collaboratively, we will do our best to support your student socially, emotionally, and academically.

**Quarter 1 Grades-** Attn Parents & Guardians: Grades for Quarter 1 are now final and available to view in Powerschool. Please check your student's progress and address any concerns during Parent - Teacher conferences on Nov 1-2. Please visit the following link to obtain access to your child's grades via Powerschool:<https://ps.highlandcusd5.org/public/>. You can contact the HHS Office at 618-654-7131 or email [jjansen@highlandcusd5.org](mailto:jjansen@highlandcusd5.org) if you need more information on accessing grades.

**Homecoming 2018 Review-** HHS had an amazing Homecoming week as students, staff, and community celebrated the *Let's Glow Crazy* theme in style. Our community came alive with spirit and it was wonderful to see so many taking pride and ownership in their school. A huge shout out to Student Council members and their sponsors, Mrs. Stephanie Buchtel and Mrs. Danielle Case, for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm. Additionally, a big thank you to HHS custodians, dance chaperones, parents, students, and faculty who helped make it a memorable week! More details below from our sponsors.



**From Mrs. Stephanie Buchtel and Mrs. Danielle Case:HHS Student Council-**

Student Council hosted *Let's Glow Crazy* Homecoming Week starting on Saturday, Sept. 21st with the dance and ending with an exciting pep rally, which included a teacher flash mob, on Friday Sept. 28. Students & staff participated in dress up days, played in a kickball tournament, donated money to see Officer Flake kiss a pig (money was collected for each administrator and Officer Flake's charity of choice) and cheered on the football team to victory over Civic Memorial! It was a great week, full of spirit and excitement and Student Council is already excited about next year! (Pictured, StuCo Sponsors Danielle Case & Stephanie Buchtel with 2018 Officers: Jimmy Metzler, Kayla Rutz, Mackenzie Becker, Abby Beyer, Mackenzie Schoeck, Audrey Wilke, Lexy Gilliam & Alexis Hartman)



**A Word About School Culture-** HHS started the school year with a strong focus on positive school culture which supports our school and community. According to the *Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development*, school culture is the way teachers and staff work together and share beliefs, values, and assumptions. Evidence suggests that positive school climate and school culture promote students' ability to learn. The more connected students are to their school the more successful they will be in their endeavors. We appreciate continued efforts from students, staff, and community helping to create a healthy



and robust school culture at HHS. Plans are in place to expand school culture initiatives in the future as HHS student and teacher groups explore additional avenues.

# CULTURE MATTERS

**Parent Teacher Conference Information-** Highland High School faculty and staff invites you to attend our annual Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 1 and 2. Private conference times will be by appointment and may be scheduled by contacting Administrative Assistant, Cheryl Holtzclaw at the HHS office at 618-654-7131 ext 4102 from October 10 to October 29. Open House sessions are also listed below. We hope to see you there.

<b>Thursday, November 1</b>	11:30 am - 5:00 pm	Appointments Only
	5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Dinner Break
	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Appointments Only
<b>Friday, November 2</b>	8:00 am - 11:30 am	Open House
	11:30 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch Break
	12:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Open House

**District to Launch New App for Parents and Students-** See the recent article from the [Highland News Leader](#) regarding *Apptegy* which will help increase and improve communication with all stakeholders. The app and new website are in their pilot stages and we are excited to explore new capabilities and functionality.

**From Mr. Caleb Houchins, Associate Principal-** Teachers from the Highland district attended the Madison County Institute on Friday, October 5. While grade levels went to various locations, most high school staff traveled to Granite City High School for professional development sessions. Two keynote speakers



presented material on trauma informed education focusing on how to best support students who are dealing with trauma and adversity outside of school. Rodney Walker told his courageous story about significant trauma he faced in his life and shared instructional practices that helped him to succeed and eventually become a Yale graduate. Dorothy Mosby presented on conflict resolution strategies and how best to manage student behavior using Senate Bill 100 tactics. After keynote presentations, teachers broke into small group sessions focusing on subject matter and interests. It was a great day of collaboration and professional development for the high school and the entire district.

**From Mr. Chris Durbin, Technology, Media, and Engineering-The WDOG Media Group** continues to live stream and broadcast all HHS Football games, and the group is looking forward to broadcasting IHSA playoff game as well. Please check out [www.NFHSNetwork.com](http://www.NFHSNetwork.com) and search for Highland High for details. The team will broadcast select men's and women's basketball games in hopes of doing home and away games. The Media Group consists of members of the Technology Club and has been designated as a "Select School" from the National Federation of High Schools Network for the quantity and quality of their broadcasts.



**The Girls Engineering Math and Science Club (GEMS)** has partnered with a consortium of alternative energy companies to explore situations created by



natural disasters. GEMS is hosting a "Renewable Emergency Energy Fair and Symposium" (REEFS) in the Highland High School Kennel on November 29, 30 and December 1. The event gives teachers at Highland Middle and High schools an opportunity for an "in house field trip," and a chance to create activities using current events and relevant ideas as a springboard. On Saturday December 1, the fair will be open to the public with the expectation that St. Louis area companies promote the event throughout the Metro East.

The girls are welcoming local companies to come on board and offer professional expertise and advice, as well materials for creating prototypes. Professional leadership in project management is also welcome. For more information please contact Chris Durbin at the high school at [cdurbin@highlandcusd5.org](mailto:cdurbin@highlandcusd5.org).

**The Technology Club** will be forming multiple teams for the annual Trebuchet Competition at Lewis and Clark Community College. The club has entered up to 6 different teams in previous years and has participated since its inception. Students explore physics to research, design, and build trebuchets and compete against other high schools. The event will be held April 5th, 2019. If you're interested in helping students design or build "siege weapons," contact Chris Durbin at the high school for more details at [cdurbin@highlandcusd5.org](mailto:cdurbin@highlandcusd5.org).

**From Mrs. Valerie Kimmle (Math Team Coach), Mr. Brent James (Assistant Coach): Math Team Results** On Oct. 15, 2018 at the third of four Southwest Math Conference Competitions for this season, senior Emilie Hoepker earned a 2nd place medal and Tyler Werner placed 6th in the junior division. In the sophomore division Jon Saathoff tied for 1st, Grant Brinker earned a 2nd place medal, and David Forys placed 8th. Freshmen Summer Carroll placed 4th and Nicole Bluhm placed 5th. Placing first in the team competition answering an amazing 8 of the 10 questions were Emilie Hoepker, Tyler Werner, Grant Brinker, and Nicole Bluhm.



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

**Senior Night Dates:**

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 girls ran a smart and spirited race to win the MVC conference title over Waterloo, the 11th-ranked 2A team in the state.

Leading the way for the Bulldogs was Julia Loeh. Jessica Borrer finished in 3rd place where Sam Hengehold continued her comeback from a stress fracture with a strong performance to finish 5th overall. Grace Meyer finished 7th overall.

Kate Marti is a remarkable story. She was part of an MVC championship as a freshman and then lost both of her next two seasons to ACL surgeries. She ended like she began...with a team MVC championship. The last medalist for the girls was Britin Machuca.

Nick Hanratty ran his best race of the year. Finishing 6th and earning all-conference honors.

Easton Rosen picked up his first conference medal as well with a nice race. Easton has worked hard and it was great to see him earn a MVC award.

The next race will be regionals at Triad on Oct. 20th. Advancing teams must finish in the top 6 (12 schools). The girls will come in as favorites after the MVC race. The boys are on the bubble and we'll need a great race to pull it off. The boys haven't advanced to a sectional as a team since 2011.





### Girls Golf

Audrey Wilke battled rain and sleet in her trip to the State Golf Championship. Audrey shot 88 and didn't make the cut to day two, but she was impressive even in less than ideal weather conditions.





### **Soccer**

The boys soccer team faced Mascoutah October 11 and October 13. They lost 2-1 on October 11 at Mascoutah and they played a rematch at home on Saturday, October 13. Saturday's game was a regional play in game. The winning team moved on to the Regional and the losing team's season was over. After a hard fought battle, double overtime and PK's, Mascoutah had the upper hand winning 5-4 in PK's. The team battled very hard and came up just short.



### **Tennis**

The girls went to Sectionals on Friday, October 12, but the match was postponed to Saturday due to weather. The girls still had matches to complete on Monday, October 15, but had enough wins to clinch the Sectional Title by the end of the day on Saturday! Taylor Flemming, Kate Feldmann, Ashley Basden, and Ashlen Deluca head to State on October 18th.





### Volleyball

Volleyball has been on fire this season. They were victorious versus Jerseyville on Tuesday, October 9, and raised over \$500 in their first Dig for a Cure game. They then fought hard and knocked off Mater Dei in 3 games on October 11. They went to the Autumn Classic in O'Fallon over the weekend and finished 3rd. Claire Dierks and Jennessa Kimmel were put on the all tournament team. The team is now 30-2 as they recently were crowned MVC Champions with a win over Waterloo on October 16.



### Football

Our football team was victorious against Mascoutah winning 41-7. This win clinched the MVC title for the Bulldogs who have only one conference loss in the last 30 games. The bulldogs welcome Charleston for the last regular season game of the year on October 19. This is also senior night for football, cheerleading, and band. Our senior recognitions will start at approximately 6:15 pm on Friday, October 19.





### **Winter Sports Sign Up**

Anyone interested in trying out for a winter sport needs to sign-up online. Sign up today! <https://sites.google.com/highlandcusd5.org/hhsathletics>





### **HHS Band**

The HHS Band has had fantastic marching season thus far. The band has placed at every competition they have attended, and has taken home multiple caption awards as well. A special shout out to color guard this season, winning the Best Color Guard Award in our class at both the Edwardsville Tiger Ambush Classic and the McKendree Preview of Champions.

Earlier this month, HHS students also participated in ILMEA District 6 Auditions. This year, 8 HHS instrumentalists were accepted into either the the All-District Band or the Orchestra. Congratulations to the following students: Jacob Baldock, Reyna Boergerhoff, William BonDurant, Justin Galligos, Brianna Korte, Tim McLaughlin-Heil, Amanda Penberthy, and BayLee Wetzel!

### **From Mr. Gibb-Clark HHS Choir**



It has been a very busy and exciting month for the choral program at HHS. To add to and expand the availability of our concerts, we have partnered with the Tech Club to live stream all of our concerts and events. Recently, Madrigal and Chamber Singers performed their first concert before heading to Kansas City. The students performed very well in the concert and the trip to the Kansas City was a great success. Following the trip, the students auditioned for the ILMEA District 6 Honors Choir. This year there are 14 students who were accepted into



the choir! They are Elizabeth Brown, Madi Crawford, Dietrich Gossmeier, Julia Graham, Elizabeth Huntley, Heather Kim, Abbygale Koch, Tori Lynn, Dale Miller, Kayla Peery, Isaac Rieke, Caleb Stratton, Ayiana Turner, and Ian White. Finally we had our Fall Concert on Monday October 16th. This concert included the Middle School and all of the High School Choirs. All of the ensembles performed very well and the concert was a great success!



**Congratulations to Mr. Joel Hawkins** on being elected into the *Highland Area Schools Alumni Association Hall of Fame* on September 29. Hawkins began his teaching career in Highland in 1985 and has coached multiple sports, sponsored FCA, and won two IHSA baseball state championships in along the way. His leadership, passion, and influence have shaped students, faculty, and community for over 30 years.



**From the School Counselors-Mary Jackson (Department Chair), Carrie Lieberman, and Amber Spaeth:** In the month of September, 208 students signed in to see the school counselor individually. Of those students, 17.3% were freshmen, 13% were sophomores, 17.3% were juniors, and 52.4% were seniors. The students who signed in stated they were visiting counselors for the following reasons: 30.9% for Academic concerns, 30.3% for College/Career concerns, and 24.6% for Personal concerns. In addition to seeing students who walked-in the office, the counselors also helped register students for SWIC and SLU dual credit, met with students on the academic watchlist, met with students



who signed up to graduate early, met with students to go over ASVAB results, and prepared students for the PSAT/NMSQT. Nancie Zobrist from the Highland Chamber visited the high school and offered a resume workshop to HHS students. The counselors also hosted a parent and student financial aid workshop with Washington University. The school counselors are excited about working with the juniors and freshman on college and career searches in the month of October!

**HHS Events and Happenings-** Please see the following links for:

[HHS Important Dates](#)

[2018-2018 School Calendar](#),

[HHS Meetings, Assemblies, PLC calendar](#),

[Athletic Website](#), [FALL SPORTS](#), and [WINTER SPORTS](#)

Please note that dates, times, and activities are subject to change.

Educationally Yours,

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# 2018 HoCo Week Edition



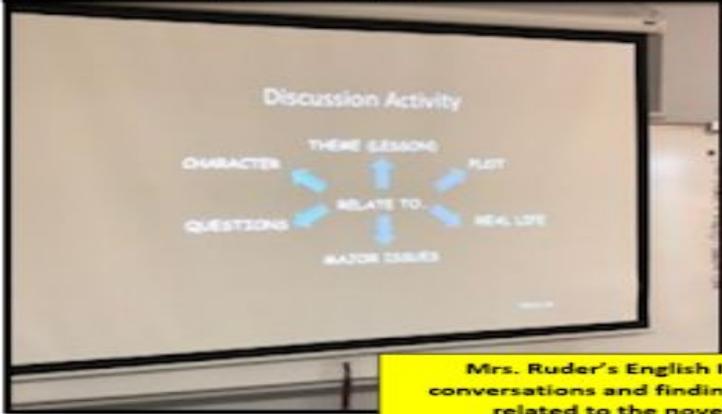
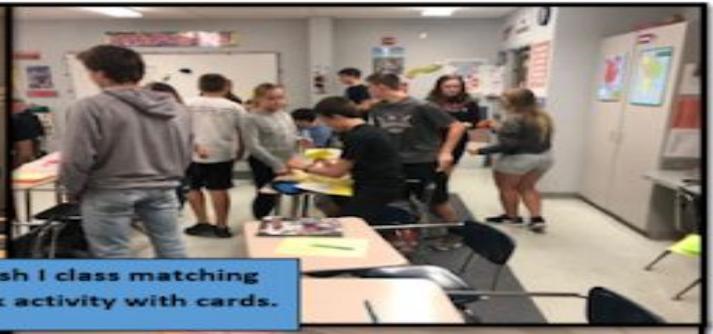
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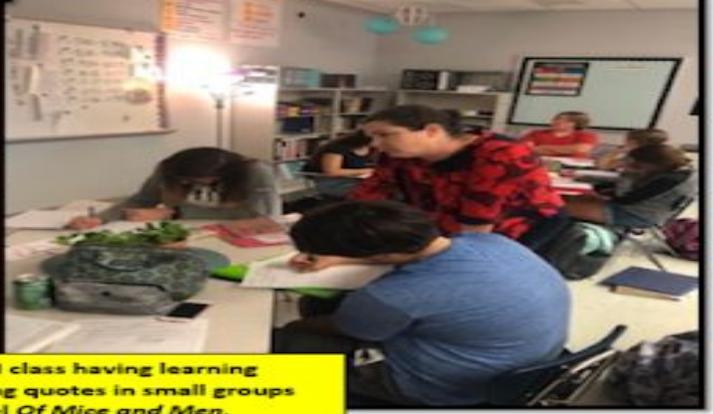




Mrs. Cope's Spanish I class matching opposites in a quick activity with cards.



Mrs. Ruder's English I class having learning conversations and finding quotes in small groups related to the novel *Of Mice and Men*.



Final touches on the stadium project from Mr. Schmitz's Landscape Class





**Mr. Bradley's World History class learning about nationalism, culture and some causes of WWI.**



**Ms. Beyer's World History class exploring and discussing kingdoms in Ancient China and how they functioned and operated.**

**Mr. Strong's class learning about paranormal activity in Psychology class.**



**Mr. Weber's American History class discussing and exploring the American Revolution and the movie *The Patriot*.**