



April 2019 Board Notes from Highland High School

From Dr. Chris Becker, Principal- Greetings Bulldog families! Spring Break is just about here and we are busier than ever preparing for the end of the year! The school year has flown by and we are extremely proud of our students, faculty, and community. Our students continue to excel in so many areas! Thanks for helping to prepare your student for the PSAT/SAT Test on April 9. Students took the test seriously, were prepared, and tried their best. We look forward to test results in a few months to measure growth and progress.

Please review the April newsletter for information on HHS events and happenings for the last month of school. You will find details about the upcoming Mock Crash Assembly, Junior/Senior Prom, End of Year info for Seniors, Final Exams, and Graduation on May 19. Additionally, Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week takes place May 6-10. We are grateful for such a passionate, caring, and dedicated staff at HHS, and thank them for all they do for students. Please feel free to reach out and send an email or make a phone call to say thank you. As always, if you have questions, feedback, or concerns, please contact HHS at 618-654-7131. We appreciate your continued support as a partner in education.

Important Dates:

April 2019

Fri., Apr. 12 **4th Quarter Midterms**

Tues., Apr. 16 **Senior Grad Meeting @ Kennel 2nd Hour FTT-8:40-9:29 am**

Wed., Apr. 17 **National Intent Signing Day-Athletics Kennel 7:40-8:35 am**

Thurs., Apr. 18 - Mon. 22, **Spring Break – NO SCHOOL**

Tues., Apr. 23 **Return to Classes**

Tues., April 23 **SAT/PSAT Makeup Test-9th, 10th, and 11th**

Wed., Apr 24 **Art Honor Society Awards Night @ Commons 7:00 PM**

Thurs., Apr. 25 **Mock Crash Assembly 9:00-10:15 am (ALL STUDENTS)**

Fri., Apr. 26 **ISA Science Test in Biology Classes**

Sat., Apr. 27 **PROM KC Hall 7:00-11:00 pm**

Sat., Apr. 27 **Post PROM @ HHS Gym 11:30 pm-3:30 am**



May 2019

Wed., May 1 **Jostens Cap & Gown Delivery** 11:15-12:45 (all lunch periods)

Wed., May 1 **Bulldog Appreciation Awards** Commons 7:00 pm

Mon., May 6-Fri., May 10 **Teacher Appreciation Week**

Mon., May 6-Fri., May 17 **AP Testing**

Tues., May 7 **Seniors Last Day**

Wed., May 8 **Senior Final Exams**

Thurs., May 9 **Senior Final Exams**

Fri., May 10 **Teacher Inservice/Retirement-Half-day Dismissal** 11:00 am

Mon., May 13 **HHS Awards Night**-Commons 6:30 pm

Wed., May 15 **Baccalaureate @ St. Paul** 7:00 pm

Fri., May 17 **Graduation Practice** 9:00 am - 11:00 am Commons & Gym

Fri., May 17 **Final Exams** Hours 1,2,3

Sun., May 19 **HHS Graduation** – 2:00 pm

Mon., May 20 **Final Exams** Hours 4,5

Mon., May 20 **Board Meeting @ Admin Building** 6:00 pm

Tues., May 21 **Final Exams** Hours 6,7

Wed., May 22 **Make Up Exams**

Wed., May 22 **Last Day of School-Half-day Teacher Inservice** 11:00 am

Thurs. May 23 **Summer School Begins:** English & Driver Education

HHS 2018-19 Important Dates & FTT Calendar for Semester II- Please review the [Semester II FTT Calendar](#) & [HHS Important Dates](#). These dates and times are subject to change based on school cancellations and other factors.

HHS Mock Crash April 25- “In 2016, more than **1 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics**” (Centers for Disease Control and Preventions, 2018). “**Cell phone use while driving leads to 1.6 million crashes** annually (National Safety Council, 2018). These shocking statistics suggest the importance of educating students about the dangers of making poor decisions (using alcohol or drugs, or texting while driving).



We have partnered with local EMS, fire, police and area services to create a Mock Crash on Thursday, April 25 at 9:00 am. If necessary, a rain date is scheduled for the morning of April 26. In previous years, only 11th and 12th grade students have viewed the event. **This year, we are opening the event to ALL HHS students** as we believe it is important for everyone to attend and learn about the dangers of drinking, cell phones, and driving. Please see the [2019 MOCK CRASH PARENT LETTER](#) for more information.

ISA SCIENCE TEST- Students currently enrolled in Biology (Honors & Regular Bio) will take the **required Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) on Fri., Apr. 26 in their Biology class (Some may test on a different day due to FFT and other factors).** See [ISA PARENT LETTER](#) for details.

HHS Prom April 27-The **HHS Prom takes place Saturday, April 27 at the KC Hall in Highland.** Juniors and Seniors, along with their guests, will celebrate “*Under the Canopy*” with their peers. **Tickets will be sold during lunch and the cost is \$20 per person. Doors will open at 7PM and close at 8PM; prom concludes at 11PM.** Students who plan to bring a guest who does not attend HHS MUST complete a [PROM Guest Form](#). If a student chooses to leave during the event, the student will not be allowed to re-enter. Police will be present and students not following school rules may face consequences for their actions. Please encourage a safe and sober event for all students. We appreciate your support.

SENIOR INFORMATION- The **last day for Seniors is Tuesday, May 7,** and **Senior Final Exams are May 8 and 9** for those not exempt. Please see the [SENIOR informational letter](#) and [SENIOR PowerPoint](#) for more details regarding end of year activities including Honors Night, Baccalaureate, and Graduation.

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Sun., May 19 **HHS Graduation** – 2:00 pm

FINAL EXAMS- Exams for grades 9, 10, and 11 are scheduled for **May 17, 20, and 21, and make-up exams occur May 22.** Please see info below for more details on Semester II exams.

- [EXAM SCHEDULE](#) for SEMESTER II
- Students are required to take exams on scheduled days unless a [Final Exam CHANGE FORM](#) is signed and approved by Friday, May 3.
- Students need a [PERMISSION SLIP](#) signed by parent and administrator to leave early on each exam days.
- [FINAL EXAM HANDBOOK INFO 18-19](#)
- [Electronic Device Info during exams](#)
- [Final Exam Calculator](#)
- [FINAL EXAM FLOW CHART](#)

Summer School 2019- Please see information regarding [Summer School English](#) and [Summer School Drivers Ed.](#) Contact your student's counselor or Cheryl Holtzclaw, Administrative Assistant at 618-654-7131 for more information.



From Ms. Amy Boscolo, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director- Spring sports are underway and all teams are off to a great start. We host an event almost daily. Stop on out to HHS to catch a game or two before the end of the year.

Fall athletic schedules have been published to the HHS Athletic Website. <https://sites.google.com/highlandcusd5.org/hhsathletics/home> Please remember that all games/times are subject to change. Are you prepared for Homecoming 2019? Homecoming week has been set for September 23-28, 2019. Start your planning today!

From the School Counselors-Mary Jackson (Department Chair), Carrie Lieberman, and Amber Spaeth- March and Early April have been very busy for the school counselors. In addition to preparing for the State SAT/ PSAT test administration, we've been busy helping seniors apply for scholarships, finish up college applications and registration, and working with SWIC to placement test students for next year's dual credit courses. We have also been busy preparing the master schedule for the 2019-2020 School year. We have 3 students registered for SWIC's Running Start Program for 2019-2020. We had 176 students sign in individually in March. For those who visited, 16% were 9th graders; 21% were 10th graders; 38% were 11th graders and 25% were 12th graders. Students came in to see us about academics 28% of the time; college and careers 31% of the time; personal reasons 21% of the time, and 20% of the time to see the nurse. We are looking forward to meeting with seniors to gather exit information, attending the State ISCA Conference, helping with the Mock Crash, and meeting 1-on-1 with the Class of 2020 about their senior HHS Schedule. Check out our latest newsletter for additional information: <https://www.smore.com/9tzuy>

From Mr. Caleb Houchins, Associate Principal-SAT TESTING

On Tuesday, April 9, all HHS Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors took the state mandated PSAT/SAT with over 650 students testing. Seniors were given a College and Career Day and had opportunities to visit colleges and potential



employers, complete post high school paperwork, and take entrance exams for their perspective schools.

This was a huge undertaking for the entire school, and many thanks goes to teacher assistants, faculty, custodians, school counselors, and office staff who helped prepare and administer the tests. A special thanks goes to HHS Counselor and Testing Coordinator, Mrs. Amber Spaeth, who did a wonderful job planning and preparing for the testing.

A big thanks to everyone, especially teachers and parents, who helped prepare students for their tests. We also thank students for giving their best efforts on test day. We look forward to results in a few months and appreciate the efforts from our school and community.

[From Susanne Himsel and Kelsey Huson, Brighter Futures sponsors, and Jen Harsy and Steve Konopka, Snowball Sponsors-](#) The first ever *Destress and Rest Fest* was a huge success- beyond what we even thought possible! From Mindfulness Monday to Friendship Friday, students took time out of their school day to focus on their mental health, connect with their fellow students, and put down their cell phones. They did yoga, listened to calming music and painted and made origami animals, played board games and games in the gym, and they even made buttons in the library. Students also had the opportunity to speak with various outside agencies to learn more about coping with stress, anxiety, and grief. The most popular day of the week was Therapeutic Thursday. Therapy dogs from Got Your Six visited with students and staff during all three lunch hours. The smiles on everyone's faces were confirmation that the research about how dogs can improve one's mental health and increase one's happiness is absolutely true. There were over 400 students who took time to visit with the dogs and hear about Got Your Six's mission: to help veterans and first responders suffering from PTSD. In all, throughout the week, there were almost 700 (non-unique) students who participated in activities.



Next year, we hope to expand the events offered during the week and reach out to more community organizations for their participation and assistance. We appreciate the support of the HHS students and staff, and we are looking forward to bringing an even keener focus to students' mental health and the importance of self-care and breaking the mental health stigma.

Social Media Info and Highland CUSD 5 App- Please check out the [Highland CUSD 5](#) and [HHS web pages](#) and download the Highland CUSD 5 app. Links below are provided for HHS and Highland CUSD 5.

HHS Smartphone App- [Apple App Store](#)

HHS Smartphone App- [Google Play](#)

HHS Twitter- <https://twitter.com/HHSbulldogsIL>

HHS Twitter Athletics- <https://twitter.com/HHSBulldogAD>

HHS Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/Highland-High-School-IL-501479483667441/>

Highland CUSD 5 Facebook- <https://www.facebook.com/highlandcud5/>

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, WINTER SPORTS and **SPRING SPORTS**

Please note that dates, times, and activities are subject to change. If you have questions, concerns, or feedback, please contact HHS at 618-654-7131.

Educationally Yours,

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Highland High School - 4d
MATH TEAM ICTM REGIONALS
Feb. 23, 2019

Class of 2019 is closing in on graduation May 19. Where has the time gone?



Ms Heidi Houchins, counselor at Triad, giving a presentation on good decisions and mental health to the freshman and sophomores at Highland High School



Highland High School IL
Monday at 7:46 PM · 📍

Varsity Baseball opening on the road this afternoon.



Highland Optimist Oratorical Contest-1st place Reagan Crask and 3rd place Lily Becker in Highland girls division from HHS



Highland High School - 2d
Highland CUSD 5 Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Derek Hacke presenting to HHS seniors on preparing for Colle...



Highland High School @HHBulldogsLL · Mar 26

Mr. Case conducting band students this morning.



Highland High School @HHBulldogsLL

Mrs. Case and AP Lit students breaking down Othello by Shakespeare. Students discuss text pieces in small groups to add meaning and purpose to what they've read. Learning is in the hands of students.



Highland High School @HHBulldogsLL · Mar 26

Mr. Houshins, Associate Principal, talking with 10th graders about the upcoming PSAT 10 on April 9th



Highland High School @HHBulldogsLL · 10h

Student art show at SWIC. Geena Budwell wins the Ron Isom Contemporary Art Award.



More from the SWIC Student Art Show. Reece Mercer and Madison Self displaying their pieces.





Highland High School @HHSbulldogsLL · 23h

More photos from Destress and Rest Week with our service dogs-Over 400 students came to visit during lunches.



Highland High School @HHSbulldogsLL · 18h

More from the SWIC Student Art Show, Reece Mercer and Madison Self displaying their pieces.



Senior Olympiad-1st PLACE!





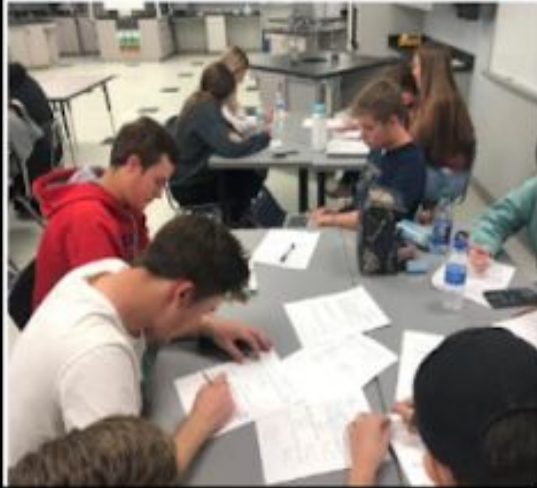
GREAT THINGS happening at HHS!

1. Students learning to run electrical wiring in Industrial Ed II class.
2. Visitors from SWIC sharing info about careers in CTE classes.
3. Students taking the ACCUPLACER test to prepare for college.
4. Students dressing up for speeches in Public Speaking class.
5. Students working the April election earlier this week.
6. An amazing performance of Shrek the Musical last weekend.
7. Students learning about The Vietnam War in history classes.
8. Sports teams working hard and showing great sportsmanship at events.
9. Students and staff participating in Destress and Rest Fest last week.
10. Students attending a Model UN Conference with sponsors.
11. Students preparing for SAT in Math, English, and other classes.
12. Special Education teachers leading IEP meetings for students and parents.
13. Office staff helping with discipline, attendance, scholarships, and athletics.
14. Custodians continuing to make the building look amazing.
15. Science classes taking students on a field trip to learn about nursing.
16. Foreign language learning about the human body in Spanish.
17. Students in PE finally getting outside to participate.
18. Counselors registering students for Running Start and SAT Test
19. Students watching Hotel Rwanda learning about the 1994 genocide.
20. Students reading The Call of the Wild by Jack London in English.
21. Students creating CAD drawings in PTLW classes.
22. Scott Credit Union coming to teach students about financial literacy.
23. And many, many more!





Chemistry students solving problems in teams in Mrs. Basden's class



Highland High School @HHSBulldogs - Apr 3
Students learning about residential wiring in Mr. Schmitz's Industrial Ed II class with a hands on activity.



Highland High School @HHSBulldogs

Representatives from SWIC talking with Seniors in COOP class about career opportunities in technical areas as they prepare for life after high school.



Seniors in Mrs. Case's English IV class view the movie Hotel Rwanda and learn about the horrible genocide that occurred in 1994. It is our hope that students learn about history to prevent tragedies like this from ever happening again.



Highland High School @HHSBulldogs - Apr 2
World Autism Awareness Day



Students in Mr. Durbin's PTLW class work on CAD drawings.



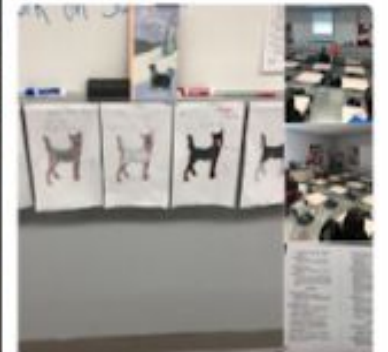
Chris Flake, SRO, speaking to 5th graders in Mrs. Spies' class about the dangers of vaping and importance of making good decisions.



HHS Girls Soccer Team!-Good luck in your game today!



Students in Mrs. Martz's English class reading and watching The Call of the Wild by Jack London. A big theme students noted was that "loss of imagination in Alaska" can be deadly." Students also did a Close Read and answered questions about the text.





Destress & Rest Fest





Awesome job GC! Shrek Director, Mr. Andy Gibb-Clark and his wife & niece after the show on Friday.



Shrek-sound and light





Shrek!



Shrek-Matinee at 2pm today! Come see the final show. The cast is phenomenal



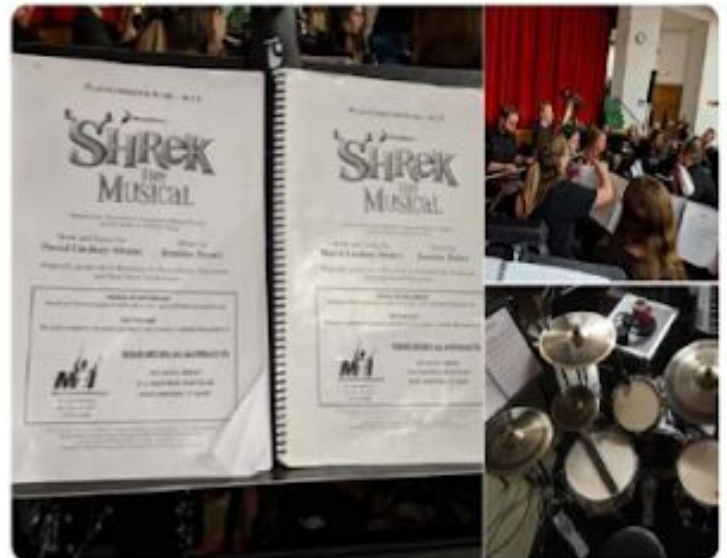
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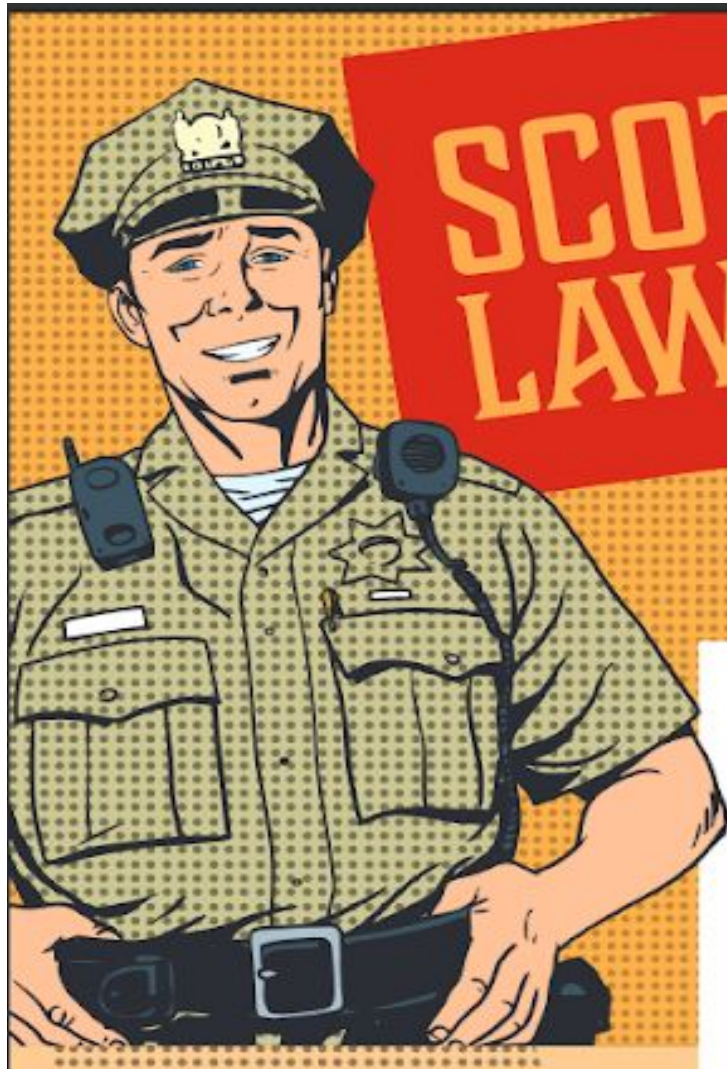


More Shrek!



Shrek- some key parts of the show!





SCOTT'S LAW THE "MOVE OVER" LAW



Illinois
State Board of Education

PLEASE
PROTECT
THOSE
WHO
PROTECT
US

EMERGENCY VEHICLE



HAZARD LIGHTS FLASHING



WHAT IS SCOTT'S LAW?

625 ILCS 5/11-907(c)

Scott's Law was named after Lieutenant Scott Gillen of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while assisting at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway. **Scott's Law** mandates that upon approaching any stationary vehicle with flashing emergency lights, including commercial trucks and cars, all approaching vehicles shall:

- **reduce speed**
- **change lanes if possible; and**
- **proceed with caution.**

IF IT'S FLASHING, MOVE OVER!

NOTICE

**MOVEOVER-SLOWDOWN
FOR STOPPED
EMERGENCY OR
MAINTENANCE VEHICLES
IT'S THE LAW**