May 2019 Board Notes from Highland High School

From Dr. Chris Becker, Principal- Greetings to students, staff, and community!

What a wonderful end to the school year. From the Mock Crash Assembly, Prom 2019, the Bulldog Appreciation Awards and Honors Night, to Baccalaureate and the Graduation of the Class of 2019, this year has been one to remember. Our seniors were a class act as they completed their last day on May 7. They were respectful, polite, and appreciative to faculty and their peers. We took some pictures to celebrate where seniors are headed after graduation, enjoyed some time in the parking lot before school, and had a great Senior Picnic. Thanks to our supportive parents for everything you have done to prepare students for their future. Graduation takes place **Sunday, May 19th at 2:00pm in the Highland High School gym with doors opening at 12:30pm.** We can’t wait to celebrate. Congrats to the Class of 2019 and we wish you the best!

The high school celebrated Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week May 6-10 with food, fun, fellowship, and appreciation for all. We are grateful for such a passionate, caring, and dedicated staff at HHS and thank them for all they do. A special thanks to Mr. Larry Jones and Mr. Don Schmitz as they retire at the end of the school year. We are grateful for their service and impact as educators, and wish them well in their retirement. There are a few staff changes which we are very excited about for next year which include the addition of Ag teachers Mr. John Lamp and Ms. Claire Geiger, Mr. Bruce Deibert-Building Trades, Mrs. Emily Stille-FACS, and Ms. Bethany Mantz who will replace Mrs. Lowder as our Life Skills teacher. Ms. Richardson will be leaving Highland High School for a new opportunity and there will be a new librarian. We thank Mrs. Lowder and Ms. Richardson for their service and wish them the best.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your continued support this year. We aren’t perfect, but do our best to prepare students for the future and make them
outstanding citizens. We are so proud of them and our school. We will continue to support everyone who walks through the doors at HHS. The strong partnership between parents and community allows us to do wonderful things as a school and for our students, faculty, and staff. We hope you have an amazing summer and look forward to welcoming the new Freshman Class of 2023 and our returning students on August 14 for the first day of school. A few welcome back dates are listed below and a summer letter will be sent at a later date. As always, if you have questions, feedback, or concerns, please contact HHS at 618-654-7131 or stop by the office. We’d love to hear from you.

**Important Dates for the 2019-2020 school year-**

**JULY 2019**
Mon., July 1- July 22  **Student Registration ONLINE (Email will be sent July 1)**  
Tues., July 9  **Open Registration**  8:00 am-3:00 pm  
Tues., July 9  **Student Picture Day @ HMS**  8:00 am-3:00 pm  
Tues., July 16  **Open Registration**  8:00 am-3:00 pm  
Tues., July 23  **Student Picture Day @ HMS**  8:00 am – 3:00 pm & 5:00-8:00 pm

**August 2019**
Tues., Aug. 6  **Freshman Day**  9:30-11:15 am  
Fri., Aug. 9  **Powerschool Open for Students/Parents**  
Mon., Aug. 12  **Teacher In-Service Day**  
Tues., Aug. 13  **Teacher In-Service Day**  
Tues., Aug. 13  **HHS Open House**  5:30-6:30 pm  
Wed., Aug. 14  **First Day of School**

**Final Exam Info:** Final Exams for non-senior students take place May 17, 20 & 21 with make-up on May 22. Exemption lists will be provided on May 15. Please check flow charts for more information on qualifying. Permission slips to leave after exams must be signed by parents and administration the morning of each exam day. All detentions and outstanding discipline must be served before a student leaves! Final exam forms are available on the HHS website.
https://www.highlandcusd5.org/o/highland-high-school/page/final-exams or the information desk. Please stop by or call the HHS office for more info.

**Mrs. Heinz's Computer & Business Classes**-
Scott Credit Union came to deliver their "CU Reality Day" again this semester. Students chose a future profession a week before the simulation. Teachers from the Ag Department, Business Department, and Special Education participated. Approximately 200 students took part in this exercise this semester. Students have found out if they can live comfortably on their chosen career, and how much it actually costs to "be an adult." Students had the opportunity to make choices about housing, pets, groceries, work clothing, cable, cell phones and insurance. They also had temptations to choose from such as salon visits and gym memberships.

**Summer School 2019**-
Please see information regarding [Summer School English](https://www.highlandcusd5.org/o/highland-high-school/page/final-exams) and [Summer School Drivers Ed](https://www.highlandcusd5.org/o/highland-high-school/page/final-exams). Drivers Education is now full, but there are still spots for available for English. 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 finishing up on a positive note and it's been a great season despite the rainy
weather. We are proud of all our athletes and coaches and thank you for the continued support. Many of our teams are currently participating in postseason events for regional, sectional, and state competitions. We wish them well. Finally, a huge shoutout to our building and grounds personnel who have spent countless hours tending to game fields and practice areas which allow our athletes to participate. Thank you for all your work.

Fall athletic schedules have been published to the HHS Athletic Website. [https://sites.google.com/highlandcusd5.org/hhsathletics/home](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 is set for September 23-28, 2019. Start your planning today!

**From the School Counselors-Mary Jackson (Department Chair), Carrie Lieberman, and Amber Spaeth**- April was another busy month in the school counseling office. Counselors were busy with SWIC Running Start registration, SAT/PSAT State testing, Senior Exit Interviews, the Mock Crash and meeting 1-on-1 with the Class of 2020 regarding their senior schedules. Time was also spent working with students interested in the Collinsville Area Vocational Center, wrapping up scholarships and preparing for graduation. A total of 171 students signed in to see a counselor individually and 14.6% were freshman; 17% were sophomores; 41.5% were juniors and 26.9% were seniors. Students reported that they came in 64.06% of the time for academic concerns; 26.54% of the time regarding college and careers; and 9.4% of the time for a personal reason. May has been busy preparing for graduation, life after high school, and the fall semester. Please see the attached information about the Class of 2019.
Class of 2019

Oh the places you'll go!

- Straight to Work: 1.1%
- Military: 4.4%
- Trade School: 7.8%
- 2 Year College: 30%
- 4 Year College: 56.7%

College Choice by State

Chosen Career Path

- Agriculture: 3.6%
- Art: 3.3%
- Business: 19.9%
- Construction: 1.5%
- Education: 3.2%
- Finance: 3.1%
- Government: 7.4%
- Health Science: 10.5%
- Human Services: 2.3%
- IT: 4.8%
- Law/Security: 1.9%
- Manufacturing: 1.4%
- Marketing: 1.8%
- STEM: 17.5%

Class of 2019 Scholarships

$2,251,947

Total Scholarship Dollars Reported

- Local Scholarships: $57,700
- Institutional Scholarships: $2,194,247
- Academic Scholarships: 67 Students
- Fine Arts/Athletics Scholarships: 21 Students
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.

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/highlandcusd5/

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

2018-2019 HHS Important Dates
2018-2019 School Calendar
2019-2020 School Calendar NEW!
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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CLASS OF 2019

Ali Kelso  Damien Kerbel  Hannah Kernan  Heather Kim  Jennessa Kimmie  Dylan Kloss

Kennedy Klucker  Drew Koehnemann  Brianna Korte  Kealy Korte  Alexis Kramer  Jacob Kruse

Alec Kustermann  Jayce Kustermann  Joey Kutz  Trent Lammers  Tyler Langendorf  Samuel LaPorta

Trevor Leitschuh  Riley Lengermann  Zachary Linhart  Bryce Lovsey  Olivia Loyet  Nicholas Luitjohan

Victoria Lynn  Jacob Maas  Katelyn Marti  Reese May  Anna McArthur  Kelsie McDonald

Wesley McMillen  Troy Mehrtens  Reece Mercer  Jerritt Mettler  Cordes Michael  Kara Miller
CLASS OF 2019

Wyatt Wiebe
Mackenna Wieter
Audrey Wilke
Benjamin Wilke
Jacob Willis
Devin Willis
Brooks Wilson
Caitlyn Wilson
Hannah Wilson
Isaac Wieter
Seledad Woodcock
Holland Wrobbel

Mason Yates

Congrats
GRADUATES
2019
Congrats to Larry Jones and Don Schmitz on their retirements at the end of the year. They will both be missed at HHS.

Taylor Kesner won a sectional championship tonight in the shot put!

Students in Mrs. Lowder’s class helping with Staff Appreciation Week!

Highland Parks and Recreation
DENNIS RINDERER PARK
ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND
Ribbon-Cutting
1ST JUNE
STARTS 10:30 A.M.

Tax deductible donations will be accepted through the Highland Area Community Foundation

Located at 2540 Veterans Honor Parkway

A quick faculty meeting this morning with some dialogue and discussion on future PD topics. We have such a talented faculty and staff.
Mr. Don Schmitz and Mr. Larry Jones will be honored at the Highland CUSD #5 Retirement Ceremony on Friday, May 10 at the Elementary School Auditorium. Both educators have touched the lives of thousands of students over the years. We thank them dearly for their service and will miss them next year.

Lunch @ 11:30am-Lindendale Park
Awards Recognition @ 1:45pm-Elem. Auditorium
CLASS OF 2019

Staff Appreciation Week

Highland High School
Faculty
2018-2019
HHS Faculty and Staff,

Happy Staff Appreciation Week! We wanted to let you know how much you are appreciated as a member of the HHS community. Thanks for all you do for students & staff, our school, and our community. You are true professionals who care about kids. Each of you bring a passion, energy, and enthusiasm for teaching and learning. You matter—teachers, custodians, office & support staff, program assistants, counselors, everyone. Please know that we are a better school because you are here. And for that, we thank you.
CLASS OF 2019

BE HAPPY.
NOT BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS PERFECT.
BUT BECAUSE YOU CHOOSE TO FOCUS ON THE PERFECT MOMENTS.

PROM 2019 - Under the Canopy
Granite City Warriors Relay Champs for second year in a row! Girls were terrific! Meet records in SP, Discus, & Pole Vault!

Congratulations to HHS seniors Kate Marti and Trent Lammers who were honored at the IPA Leadership Breakfast today.

The first annual Bulldog Appreciation Awards was a huge success this evening. Thanks to all our award winners, faculty and staff, parents, Student Council members, and Mrs. Buchtel and Mrs. Case for their leadership. What an awesome event!

If you see someone falling behind walk beside them. If you see someone being ignored, find a way to include them. If someone has been knocked down, lift them up. Always remind people of their worth. One small act could mean the world to them.
2019-2020
STUDENT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Student registration will be July 1-22, 2019. Registration will take place online. You will be sent an email with information for logging into the system July 1, 2019. The email will contain instructions to guide you through the registration and payment process.

Student Registration will be July 1-22, 2019

Families who do not have access to the internet may complete registration at Alhambra Primary, Highland Primary, Highland Elementary, Highland Middle School, or Highland High School on Tuesday, July 9, or Tuesday, July 16, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR
Highland High School
@HHStuddogsll

We have an amazing group of Administrative Assistants at HHS!

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Ag Teachers Mr. Jones and Mr. Schmitz at the FFA banquet with Mrs. Jackson earlier this week. We will miss both of them as they enter retirement in a few weeks. We thank them for their service.

Mr. Warnecke and US History students discuss the role of America in the Vietnam War.
Brayton Moss signs to play football at Illinois College.

Lexi Taylor signs to play volleyball at Webster University.

2019 Bulldogs at Busch Stadium today.
Bulldog Tennis is hosting a portion of the Triad Tournament today. Come out and enjoy tennis with a side of sunshine.

A few members of the HHS Bass Fishing Team with some pretty nice fish. Postseason coming in May!

Rally for Safe Driving! Mr. Elledge and Driver Education students on a Field Trip at Gillespie High School with 13 other schools attending.

Come to the Spring Bloom at Silver Lake today from 9-2!
2019 MOCK CRASH

Special thanks to Highland PD, Highland FD, Highland/Pierron FD, HSHS Rescue and Highland Parks and Rec for donating their time and expertise.
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2019 MOCK CRASH

Thanks to Steve Nonn, Coroner and Crystal Uhe, District Attorney’s office for lending reality and credibility to the Mock Crash.

Thanks to Randy’s Towing, ADR, Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home and Troy Heman for donating services and expertise to the Mock Crash. Our community is always incredibly supportive of our kids.

Caleb Houchins-Associate Principal, 9 minutes ago
Big thanks to Todd Zobrist, Ty Barr and Ryan Dumstorff for organizing and putting together the Mock Crash. It was an incredible event.
Science teachers learning from @StationCDRKelly at #NSTA19 “How good you are when you start something has no relationship to how good you can become if you work hard.”

Carol Wylie from Scott Credit Union presents to Highland High School Students on CU Reality during 2nd Period. Special thanks to Ms Heinz for organizing.

Steve Moore Invitational Champs!

HHS Softball Team! Waiting for dryer weather

More HHS Softball!

Congrats to all of our National Art Honor Society Inductees tonight at the Induction Ceremony. Great to see students honored for their talents.

Coffeehouse Cabaret 2019!