



July 30, 2019

Dear HHS Families:

On behalf of administrators, faculty, and staff, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 2019-2020 school year at Highland High School, home of the mighty Bulldogs! We are thrilled to begin the school year and can't wait to welcome everyone on the first day, Wed., August 14. Together, we will work as partners in education to ensure a positive, meaningful, and impactful school year for your student.

Our faculty and staff are excited to work with you and your student this year. We always appreciate the continued support from parents and guardians who join us on this important journey. HHS 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. Feel free to click [HHS Admin](#) or [HHS Faculty & Staff](#) to learn more about our talented team of educators.

We maintain high expectations for teaching and learning at HHS. Whether pursuing a college or university, trade school, military, or a career pathway, we do our best to prepare students for success during high school and beyond. Students are encouraged to get involved with school clubs, athletics, and activities, to be respectful and kind to others, to take pride and ownership in their school and community, and to do their best. Our goal is to maintain a positive school culture that supports teaching, learning, and real world experiences for all.

In closing, we believe in effective communication at HHS and the information below provides important details about the start of 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. See you soon!

Educationally Yours,

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## **Start of School Information-**

**Registration-** Students should be registered for school. If not, click the [Registration Link](#) or contact the HHS office for an *Infosnap* code to begin the process.

**Freshman Day-** All incoming 9th graders are encouraged to attend **Freshman Day** on **Tues., Aug 6, from 9:30am-11:15am** in the HHS Commons to receive schedules, tour the building, and learn about school life at HHS. This event is for students only and put on by HHS Counselors and Student Ambassadors. It is a great way to transition to the new school year!

**Semester I Schedules & PowerSchool Access-** Parents/students may pick up class schedules in the HHS Office on **Wed., Aug. 7th and Thurs., Aug 8th from 8:00am-3:00pm.** Schedules will also be available via [PowerSchool](#) beginning **Fri., Aug., 9th.**

**Semester I Schedule Changes-** Students needing schedule changes can make appointments for August 9th or see their school 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 teachers, parents and administration. Please see the [HHS Counseling Website](#) for more details.

**HHS Open House- Back to School Night** is scheduled **Tues., Aug. 13 from 5:30 – 6:30pm.** Students and families are welcome! Be sure to bring your student's schedule so you can check out classrooms, meet teachers, and tour the building. Student locker numbers will be found on the printed schedule. We hope to see you there!

**First Day- Wed., Aug. 14** is the first day of school with classes beginning at 7:40am and dismissal occurring at 2:35pm. Doors open at 7:00am and students arriving early may get breakfast or visit in the HHS Commons. Here is a copy of the HHS [Daily Schedule](#). Please bring a copy of your class schedule that day.

## **2019-2020 Student Information & Other Reminders**

**HHS Handbook, Behavior Expectations & Class Meetings-** Students will review the *HHS Handbook* and *Behavior Expectations* during 1<sup>st</sup> period on Wed., Aug. 14. Handbooks are online at [HHS Student Handbook](#). Administrators will review schools rules, expectations, and procedures at grade level assemblies on Thurs., Aug. 15. An informational PowerPoint will be shared with parents following the meetings. Finally, please review the slides below and the [HHS Behavior Expectations](#) as this will be a point of emphasis for 19-20 school year.

### **HHS Student Behavior Expectations**

1. Use **Respectful & Appropriate Language**.
  - Be mindful of volume, tone, and body language
  - Speak kindly towards and about others
  - Keep conversations school appropriate
2. Display a **Readiness to Learn**.
  - Be on time
  - Be prepared
  - Have necessary materials for class
  - Complete assignments on time

### **HHS Student Behavior Expectations**

3. Show **Respect** to everyone-peers, faculty & staff, school property, and yourself.
  - Be positive, kind, and courteous
  - Be considerate of learning environment, personal property, space, and opinions of others
  - Be accountable for your actions
  - Participate and represent our school with class
4. Use **Professionalism** with **Phone/Electronic Devices**
  - Store devices out of sight during instruction
  - Use electronic devices only when teacher directed
  - Think before **posting** on social media

**Parking & Student Lot-** Please see the [Student Lot](#) configuration which includes parent pick-up and drop off areas and [Student Parking](#) info. A reminder that students should not park in the teacher lot, middle school lot, or visitor locations. Students are also asked to avoid loitering in the student lot and to keep it clean. Parking tags for those who ordered online through *MySchoolBucks* will be delivered to students when school begins.

**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. 20 at HHS during the school day. Students will receive school IDs in a few weeks. Please see the [2019-2020 School ID Policy](#).

**School Supplies-** HHS does not have a specific school supply list as each classroom teacher provides a list when school begins. Students should consider bringing typical school items such as pencils, pens, notebooks, a backpack, and folders to begin school. More specific supply items may be required for each course such as binders, calculators, highlighters, colored pencils, etc. Here is a current list for [MATH SUPPLIES](#).

**HHS Athletics & Fall Sports-** [Fall Sports](#) begin on Monday, Aug. 12. Please complete a [Fall Sport Registration Form](#) prior to tryouts. Sports physicals must be completed and turned into Highland High School before Monday, Aug. 12. All athletes need current physicals to tryout for sports. (Athletic physicals are valid for 13 months.) Please see [IHSA Physical Form](#) and visit the [HHS Athletic Website](#) for more details regarding athletics. There will be an all **Fall Sports Parent Meeting** on **Thursday, Aug. 15 at 6pm** in the **HHS Commons**. We ask that one parent/guardian attend to learn about the upcoming season.

**Physicals, Immunizations & Medications-** All incoming 9th graders need current physicals and dental exams and all students must be up to date with immunizations. Any medication – over the counter or prescription – requires a [medication release](#). Paperwork regarding medical information can be found online at [Student Forms](#). Please call or email HHS School Nurse, Mrs. Natalie Propst at [npropst@highlandcusd5.org](mailto:npropst@highlandcusd5.org) if you have questions or concerns.

**New Faculty & Staff-** We are excited to announce several staff changes for the 2019-2020 school year. Please extend a warm welcome to:

Mr. Bruce Deibert-Building Trades Teacher

Ms. Claire Geiger-Ag & Industrial Ed Teacher

Mr. John Lamp-Ag & Industrial Ed Teacher

Ms. Bethany Mantz-Life Skills/Special Education Teacher

Mrs. Emily Stille-Family and Consumer Science Teacher

Mrs. Shellie Donoho-Program Assistant (Bulldog Grounds Coffee Shop)

TBA-Librarian/Media Specialist

**SRO-** Officer Chris Flake begins his 2nd year 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.

**See the links below for information on the HHS Website & Social Media:**

[Highland CUSD 5](#) and [HHS Web Pages](#)

***HHS Smartphone App-*** [Apple App Store](#) & [Google Play](#)

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

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

***HHSFacebook-***<https://www.facebook.com/Highland-High-School-IL-501479483667441/>

***Highland CUSD 5 Facebook-*** <https://www.facebook.com/highlandcUSD5/>

***HHS Counseling-***

<https://www.highlandcUSD5.org/o/highland-high-school/page/counseling-department--18>

***PowerSchool Login-*** <https://ps.highlandcUSD5.org/public/>

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

[2019-2020 HHS Important Dates](#)

[2019-2020 School Calendar](#)

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

[Athletic Website, FALL SPORTS, WINTER SPORTS & SPRING SPORTS](#)

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