



September 2019 Board Notes from Highland High School

From Dr. Becker, Principal- We hope you're having an amazing school year so far! Our students continue to do phenomenal things in the classroom, with clubs and activities, and athletics and extracurriculars. We are forever grateful for such a talented, supportive, and caring faculty and community. We appreciate your continued support and please let us know if there is anything we can do to help your son or daughter to be successful at HHS. You can reach us at 618-654-7131 or send us an email. Please review the following link for [staff contact information](#) on the HHS website.

Homecoming 2019- We are excited to kickoff **Homecoming Week Sept, 23-28!** This year's theme is ***Mardi Gras Masquerade*** and the **Homecoming Dance is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 28 from 7:30-11:30 pm.** Dance tickets are \$20 (cash or check) per person and can be purchased before or after school and during lunch at the HHS information desk Sept 23-27. Ticket sales will conclude on Friday, Sept. 27 at 3:00pm and no tickets will be sold at the door on Saturday. Students bringing outside guests must submit a completed [Outside Guest Permission Slip](#) to purchase a ticket by Thursday, September 26th at noon. Please see the 2019 [Homecoming Letter](#) for more information on events and activities.

While we want students to enjoy this exciting week, as a community, we must also pledge to promote a safe and enjoyable Homecoming that supports positive choices. Please communicate these expectations at home and know that you're not alone when implementing guidelines that promote safety and sound decision-making. As a reminder, all Highland CUSD #5 Handbook policies are in effect during Homecoming events, and alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, and other illegal items are not allowed on



school grounds. HHS Administrators, Faculty, Highland Police, and the SRO will be present at the dance to maintain a safe and secure environment.

Eagle Scout Project for School Safety-Highland CUSD #5 and the Highland Police Department would like to send a huge 'thank you' to HHS senior, Jackson Marchal, for choosing to make our students safer for his Eagle Scout project! In November of 2018, Jackson approached our SRO, Chris Flake, about creating emergency preparedness kits for each classroom in the Highland School District and St. Paul Catholic School.

Through the generosity of the citizens and businesses of this great community, he raised over \$14,000.00 to make this happen. A few weeks ago, Jackson and Boy Scout Troop 1043 put everything together and placed these emergency kits into every classroom. That's over 260 in all for Highland and St. Paul. We would like to thank everyone that donated time, money, products, and ideas to Jackson and his Eagle Scout project! He is a fine example of our school and community and we are proud of him.

Nation Merit Scholarship Program- Highland High School senior Jackson Marchal has been named a Commended Student in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship program. About 34,000 Commended Students throughout the nation are being recognized for their exceptional academic promise. Commended students placed among the top 50,000 scorers of more than 1.5 million students who entered the 2020 competition by taking the 2018 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT). Jackson is the son of Michael and Kimberly Marchal of Highland, IL.



HHS Parking Lot- HHS continues to work hard to maintain a safe and secure environment in the HHS Parking Lot during the school day and after hours. Over the years, some current and former students have used the parking lot as a safeplace to hang out with friends. The newly renovated tennis courts have also been popular with the community. Unfortunately, the number of people hanging out in vehicles in the evenings and on weekends has increased and resulted in chronic loitering, littering, and other activity. We have encouraged students to clean up the lot and also started school and community cleanups on the weekends. Although these clean up efforts have helped, loitering, littering, and other Highland CUSD #5 Handbook violations continue to be a concern for our school and community.

Highland CUSD #5 Administration and the Highland Police Department have collaborated on the matter and determined action is necessary to correct the issues. HHS students and visitors are no longer permitted to loiter in the HHS or HMS Parking Lots in vehicles after dusk unless they are on campus for a legitimate school purpose (waiting for a school bus, attending a school event, practicing for a club or team, etc.) HHS students and or visitors not following this expectation may face school consequences, loss of school parking privileges, and/or possible referral to the Highland Police Department if deemed necessary. Students and or visitors found littering or in violation of Highland CUSD #5 Handbook policies on campus during or after school hours may also face school consequences, loss of school parking privileges, and/or possible referral to the Highland Police Department if deemed necessary. Again, we appreciate your assistance regarding this matter in order to maintain a safe and secure environment for our school and community.



Home Athletic Events- As we prepare for the Homecoming Game on Friday, September 27th, please be aware that all Highland CUSD #5 Handbook policies are in effect for students during school events. As Bulldog fans, it's important for all spectators to display pride, sportsmanship, and respect for athletes, fans, opponents, and our community. Remember these tips for a safe and fun gameday experience and check out the updated MVC *Courtesy Guidelines* as well.

- Bottles, outside drinks, and containers are not permitted in the stadium.
- Per Illinois State law and the Illinois School Code, alcohol, tobacco, e-cigarettes, and other illegal items are not allowed on school property at any time.
- If tailgating, please keep parking areas clean and bring extra trash bags if necessary.
- Reentry to the stadium is not allowed without permission from Highland CUSD #5 staff.
- Cheer in a positive manner. *Let the players play...Let the coaches coach...Let the officials officiate...Cheer for the Bulldogs with pride, spirit, and class.*

A reminder that all Highland CUSD # 5 students are welcome to attend school events. Primary and elementary students attending HHS events should sit on the bleachers with parents and enjoy the event. Since supervision is not provided for primary, elementary, or middle school students, please be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We ask that students avoid playing football or running around on the grassy areas next to the field, parking lot, or restrooms to maintain a safe environment.

Please review our [Athletic Events Note](#) that was sent to parents in August. We need your help in following these guidelines and appreciate the continued support from our parents and community.



See you at the next game to proudly support our football team, marching band, color guard, and cheerleaders. And make sure to check out our tennis, soccer, cross country, golf, and volleyball teams as well! GO BULLDOGS!

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

- Our girls tennis team is off to an outstanding start. They have shutout six teams so far this season and won the Highland Doubles Tournament with all five competing pairs placing first.
- Cross country was outstanding when they competed at Peoria's Detweiller Park finishing in 6th place, which is their highest finish in school history. There were 47 full girls teams and 414 runners in the race. The boys finished 29th out of 61 schools, which is the highest boys' finish since 2010.
- Volleyball took home the championship at the Southern Illinois Preview Tourney in Carbondale.
- Boys golf had a big conference win defeating Mascoutah and Waterloo at the Highland Country Club.
- Girls golf had a strong match at the Highland Country Club defeating Civic Memorial and Breese Central.
- Soccer had a strong showing competing in the Metro Cup Tournament finishing with a record of 2-1.
- Football had a strong victory against Belleville East.
- The HHS Marching Band had a strong performance at competition in O'Fallon.

We are preparing for a record crowd for our Homecoming football game vs. Waterloo. Plans are also being made to honor 1953 HHS graduate, Bill Tschudy, along with our regular Homecoming activities.



From Mr. Caleb Houchins, Associate Principal: School Safety and Positive Choices Assembly- On Wednesday, September 11, Chip Minton from SportWorld.org spoke to the entire student body regarding positive choices and decision making. Chip was a former award winning body-builder who transitioned to bobsledding after seeing a flyer on his gym wall. Chip competed in the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. The United State Bobsled team finished 4th in that Olympics, missing out on a medal by less than a tenth of a second. Chip continued to train with the bobsled team and once again competed in the 1999 Winter Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Chip is a motivational speaker who does an excellent job of inspiring his audience to dream big, as well as make good decisions along the way. This was a very beneficial assembly, and one our students can use to help guide them as they are faced with difficult life choices.

From Mrs. Dawn Jones, CTE Department Chair-

Family & Consumer Science: Sixty-eight students enrolled in foods and nutrition classes taught by Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Stille received their *ServSafe Food Handler's License*. This license is required by every worker in any business that serves food to the public. These students are immediately employable in many businesses in the community including restaurants, nursing homes, child care centers, and movie theaters.

Construction Trades: Students have been busy repairing and updating several areas on the high school campus. The students reconstructed the roof of a feeder and began minor repairs on the greenhouse for the ag department. They are currently constructing walls under the football stadium to assist the WDOG team with their broadcasts of the games.



Business: Mrs. Perkes and Mrs. Heinz have been busy registering their students for dual credit with SWIC. Over 15 hours of college credit is offered by the department for their students.

Ag: The teachers aren't the only things looking fresh-faced...After a major clean-out of several classrooms, the ag department is looking brand new! The work areas and equipment have been rearranged for more productivity and ease of movement. All the excess equipment will be sold at auction on October 12th.

From the School Counselors: Mrs. Mary Jackson-Department Chair, Mrs. Carrie Lieberman, and Mrs. Amber Spaeth- The School Counselors have had a busy start to the school year. In August, 237 students signed in to meet individually with their school counselor, nurse, or social worker. Roughly 13.9% of students were 9th graders, 15.6% were 10th graders, 26.2% were 11th graders, and 44.3% were 12th graders. Approximately 67.1% of the students who signed in were for academic reasons, with 16% for college and career plans, and 8.4% were for personal reasons. Counselors also presented to seniors about college and career planning. Some of the Senior English classes invited us in to work with students on resumes and cover letters. We hosted a college admission parent night with over 75 people present. We also sponsored Club Day at lunch, helped Mr. Vance organize the ASVAB (military aptitude) test at HHS, and helped coordinate the first of the Dual Credit registration. Currently, we have 4 students participating in the SWIC Running Start program and 7 students attending the Collinsville Area Vocational Center. Students at Collinsville are participating in Automotive, Criminal Justice, Clinical Health Occupations, and Cosmetology Programs. September and October involve activities to support and encourage students to complete their college



applications and FAFSA financial aid forms. Here is the link to our latest newsletter: <https://www.smores.com/up9b1>

From Mr. Andrew Gibb-Clark, Fine Arts Department Chair: This month the marching band started their season by playing at home football games and competing in their first competition at O'Fallon Township High School. They performed very well and finished 4th! They will be competing at Edwardsville on September 21st, Mckendree University October 12, and at BOA in St. Louis on October 18. The first band concert of the year will be on October 17th.

The choirs have been busy with rehearsals preparing for multiple upcoming events! The first concert is on October 2nd in the Kennel at HHS. For this concert, the Madrigal and Chamber singers will perform music that they will sing at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival on October 5th. On October 22nd, we will have our first major concert of the year involving all choirs from both HHS and HMS. The show choir will be performing an initial preview of this year's show at this concert. Hope to see you there!

Events & Happenings:

Please check out the links below for information on the HHS website, social media & other communication tools:

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/>

Links for HHS Events and Happenings-

2019-2020 HHS Important Dates

2019-2020 School Calendar

Athletic Website, FALL SPORTS, WINTER SPORTS & SPRING SPORTS

Educationally Yours,

Dr. Chris Becker
Principal

Mr. Caleb Houchins
Associate Principal

Ms. Amy Boscolo
Assistant Principal/Athletics





August and September Highlights





HHS Homecoming 2019

Mardi Gras Masquerade Spirit Week

Monday 9/23-Homecoming Shirts

Wear your homecoming shirt & your color from head to toe! (F: Gold So: Green J: Purple and Sr: Tie Dye)

Tuesday 9/24-Twin/Trio

Grab a friend or a few and make them dress just like you!

Wednesday 9/25- Happy HoliDAY

Pick your favorite holiday, dress up and celebrate

Thursday 9/26-Throwback Thursday

Travel back to your favorite decade and dress up!

Friday 9/27-Class Colors

Show your Bulldog Pride! (F: White So: Grey/Silver J: Red and Sr: Black)





Mardi Gras Masquerade Homecoming Carnival!

PANCAKE BUFFET!!

Enjoy some pancakes at the carnival
\$5 in advance

-OR-
\$6 on September 27th



PRIZES!!

MINUTE TO WIN IT!!

INFLATABLES!!

Jousting! Ladder Climb!
Human Football!

SPIRIT CRAFTS!!

prepare for the
Pep-Rally
-and-
Homecoming Game

RELAY RACES!!

FACE PAINTING!!

SKI SLUSHIES

& SNACKS!!

Sold by Highland FFA



PEP-RALLY WILL
BE AFTER THE
CARNIVAL!!

KARAOKE!!

DUNK TANK!!

Dunk your favorite
(or least favorite)
teachers in the dunk
tank!

3 balls for \$1
-OR-
automatic dunk for \$5

CORNHOLE!!

FREE COTTON CANDY!!



**Homecoming Carnival-September 27
7:50AM-9:50AM**

Multiple events and activities will be offered during the Homecoming Carnival and include movies, a dunk tank, karaoke, games, arts and crafts, and inflatables. Quiet study areas will be available in the library and English classrooms for those who prefer not to participate. Please contact the HHS Office at 618-654-7131 if your student will not be participating.



Mrs Jones' Food Classes receiving their certificates for passing the food safety certification. This certificate allows them to work in the food safety industry. Congrats to all the students on their accomplishment.



In golf, Highland took 5th place as a team in the Belleville East Co-Ed Tournament. Evan Sutton and Claire Korte took 3rd place overall with a 9 under. Great job!





Mr. Lamp and Ag Science students tour the campus for a weed identification lab.



Highland Superintendent, Mr. Mike Sutton visits the Bulldog Grounds Coffee Shop today to meet with students and Program Assistant, Mrs. Donoho. The new shop has been an amazing addition to our school.



Chip Minton from [SportsWorld.org](https://www.sportsworld.org) gave a great presentation today on following your dreams and never giving up. Great presenter and great audience.





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Highland hires its new Bulldogs basketball coach away from SIUE
Deryl Cunningham, a former assistant basketball coach at SIU
Edwardsville, has been named as the new head boys basketball coach at...
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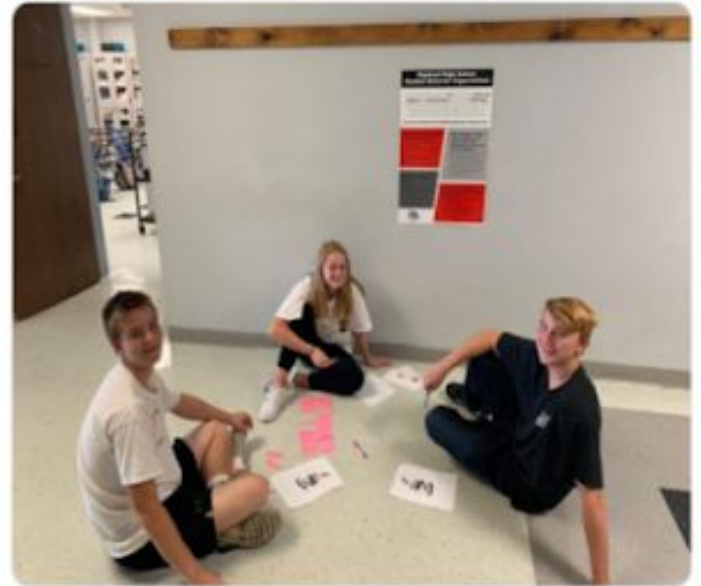




Students in Ms. Geiger's Ag Science Class conduct a lab to measure and analyze soil content from the area. They found clay, sand, and silt as their primary elements and noted that Southern Illinois soil tends to high in sand and clay.



Students in Mrs Ramsey's Biology Class learning the different parts of the microscope. They are building towards starting lab work.



Tournament Champions!





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Highland High School Marching Bulldogs pre-game performance. The 2019 Marching Season has officially begun! LET'S GO BAND!





Mr. Welz and chemistry students conducting a measurement lab and learning about the International System of Units.



AP Chem students perform a redox titration to determine if a hydrogen peroxide sample falls within acceptable range.



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In Nov 2018 he approached SRO Flake about creating emergency kits for each classroom for Highland and St. Paul Schools.



Mr. Lamp leads FFA students on a parking lot clean up this morning. Thanks for taking pride in our school and community to keep it clean.





Flame tests and gas spectrum tubes in Chem II this week. #chemisawesome 🍷



Building Trades students hanging, taping, and mudding drywall. Learning by doing.

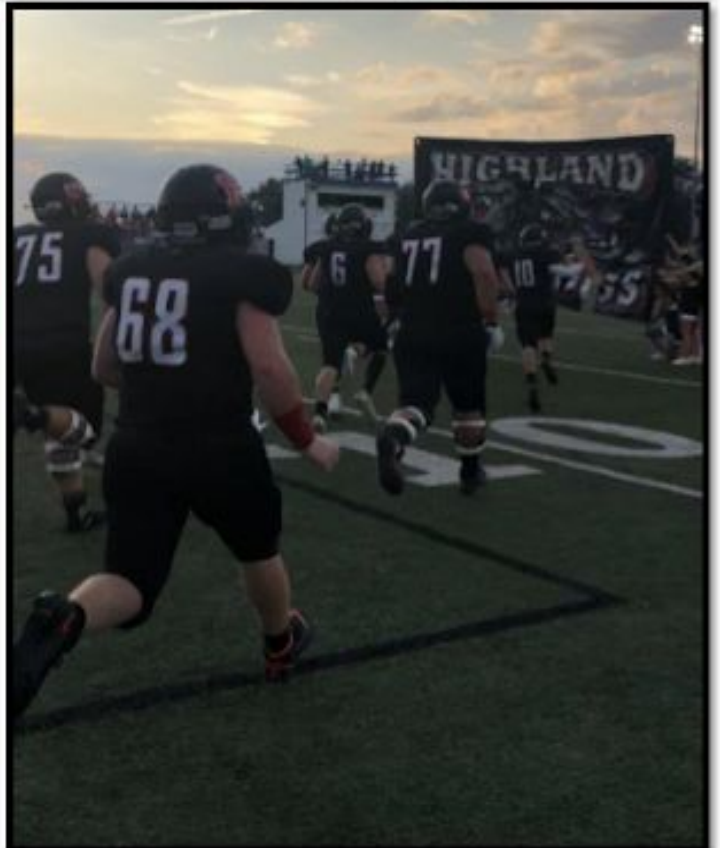


Bulldog Volleyball taking on Granite City!





Bulldogs 7 - Roxana 1







Physics classes, with Mrs. G, pulling out prior knowledge on speed and reviewing graphing skills with little cars.



Students in Mrs. Stille's Child Development class are completing infant stations. They are also prepping to bring the babies home as part of a simulation.



Thanks to the Highland Jaycees for their generous donation of school supplies for students in need. We always appreciate support from our community.



Mr Elledge and Mr Strong twinning today at school. Safe to say they have spent way to much time in the same hallway over the last 18 years.





Club Day at HHS during lunches today as students learn how to get involved at our school.



Gearing up for the soft opening of Bulldog Grounds Coffee Shop at HHS! Students getting some training today.



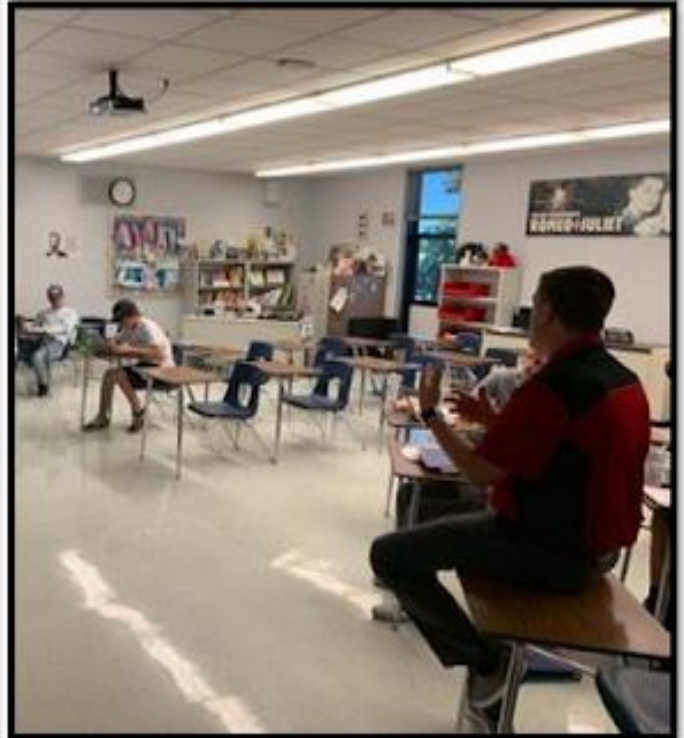


First game of the season tonight at Collinsville!
Freshmen/JV start at 4:30 with Varisty to follow. Hope to see you there!

Go Bulldogs!! ❤️🏐❤️



Mrs. Himself and Mr. Houchins discussing with senior English students the importance of a good resume and cover letter. Students will also write their own to prepare for college and careers.



CTE Ag & Welding teacher John Lamp has students practice welding using Cheese Whiz and crackers, (yes, Cheese Whiz), to mimic welds prior to entering the shop. A great way to simulate the real thing as students problem solve to build a tower with various beading techniques.



Me Cope teaching Espanol Uno (Spanish 1) how to pronounce the letters of the alphabet and spelling in Spanish. Great lesson.





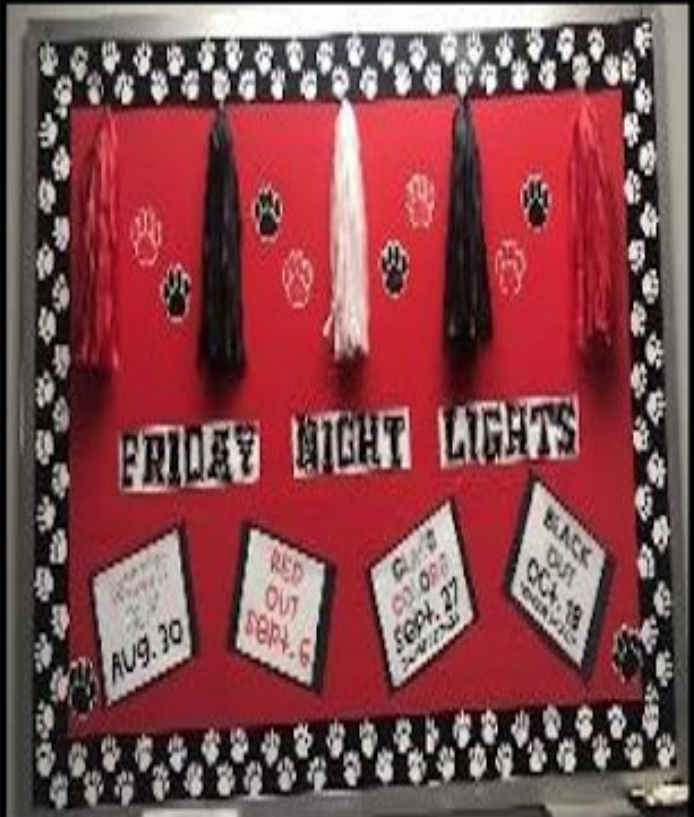
Mr. Bruce Deibert teaching students in the Building Trades classes how to measure rafters. We are thrilled this program is back at HHS.



Students in Ms. Hayes' PE class playing tennis this afternoon getting some physical activity, competing, and having fun.



More work by the Building Trades classes as they disassemble a structure and prepare move to a new location.





THANK YOU to everyone who worked last night's Charity Scrimmage and everyone who brought donations. We delivered 1,123 lbs of food/items and over \$120 in cash to the Highland Food Pantry. Absolutely extraordinary!! @HHSbulldogsIL @HHSBulldogAD @HHS_DogFootball @HHSBulldogOLine



SRO Flake rocking the lunches and keeping us safe. He's always connecting with kids and working hard to establish positive relationships with students, faculty, and community.



We've had a great couple of days meeting with seniors about plans after high school. Check out this crew who was excited about winning the scavenger hunt.



Ms. Ott's Biology class working on a stations lab covering graphing.

