

October 2019 Board Notes from Highland High School

From Dr. Chris Becker, Principal: Quarter 2 Begins- Quarter 2 is well underway and the school year is 25% finished. Students continue to showcase success with academics, athletics, and extracurriculars in multiple ways as they balance time for grades, practices, clubs, part-time jobs, and other responsibilities in order to succeed. We appreciate the continued support from families who help to monitor attendance, behavior, and academics, and we are thankful for such a passionate and dedicated faculty and staff who work with our students on a daily basis. When our school, parents, and community come together, students are more likely to be successful.

As we move forward in the semester, we know that students deal with adversity from time to time, and need our encouragement, love, and support to help them through. Our young people are doing their best to find their way in a world that is sometimes messy and uncertain. Please take a look at the graphic below and consider sharing some of these these concepts and ideas at home. They matter and can have a significant impact on success. Find ways to support them, encourage them, hold them accountable, and help them work through adversity. Additionally, if your student needs help with something at school, please 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.

7 things every child needs to hear:

1. I love you, 2. I'm proud of you. 3. I'm sorry. 4. I forgive you. 5. I'm listening. 6. This is your responsibility. 7. You've got what it takes.



Quarter 1 Grades- Grades for Quarter 1 are final and available to view in Powerschool. Please continue to check your student's progress throughout the semester and call or email teachers as needed. You can visit the following Powerschool link at: https://ps.highlandcusd5.org/public/ to access your child's grades at any time. Please contact the HHS Office at 618-654-7131 or email ijansen@highlandcusd5.org if you need more information on grade access.

Homecoming 2019 Review- HHS had a spectacular Homecoming week as students, staff, and community celebrated *Mardi Gras Masquerade* in style. Our school and community participated in dress up days, the parade, and carnival, pep rally, coronation, and an amazing Homecoming Dance. A huge thank you to Student Council and Bulldog Nation members and their sponsors, Mrs. Stephanie Buchtel, Mrs. Danielle Case, and Mrs. Kelsey Huson for their planning and preparation of events. Finally, thanks to HHS custodians, chaperones, parents, students, and faculty who helped make it an amazing week!

From Mrs. Stephanie Buchtel and Mrs. Danielle Case, Student Council sponsors- On Thursday, October 17th, Ted Wiese, a national leadership speaker, delivered a schoolwide assembly on leadership and the power of having a positive attitude. After the assembly 80 of our students representing student council, principal's advisory committee, Snowball, FFA, athletic council, class officers, and Brighter Futures worked with Mr. Wiese in a two hour leadership conference. Students participated in engaging, team building activities to practice taking action, having a positive attitude, and helping others. Students left the workshop feeling energized and ready to make a positive impact at HHS.

From Mr. Caleb Houchins, Associate Principal- On Tuesday, October 15, Highland High School conducted an Earthquake/Fire Drill in conjunction with Highland Fire Department and Highland Police Department. Students evacuated the building to the Football Stadium to prepare for situations where we are



unable to re-enter the building due to an emergency. It was a very successful drill, and students and staff did an amazing job.

When the school year began in August, the *Teaching and Learning Committee* created updated Behavior Expectations based on staff input to improve school culture and soft skills. Expectations included *being on time, professional use of cell phones, appropriate language, and respect to all peers and faculty.*Administration believed in these expectations and posters were made and hung in classrooms and throughout the school. Students and staff have been very receptive to these ideas and have worked to maintain a positive learning environment and school culture at HHS.

As we move into the second nine weeks, we are excited to report that we have seen improved behaviors throughout our school in multiple areas. We've seen a reduction in tardies through the start of the school year with a decrease near 50% percent based on data. This is a tremendous improvement, and is directly linked to students and teachers making this a priority. Students understand how important it is to be on time, and we have seen a direct reflection in the tardy numbers as teachers are working to hold students accountable.

We have also seen a significant drop in electronic device and cell phone violations to start 2019. In 2018, there were 28 cell phone violations for the first nine weeks. In 2019, the number has been reduced to 12 violations, with a reduction near 58%. Teachers have shared expectations and students are learning proper phone etiquette.

Administrators have noticed a considerable reduction of profanity this year, especially before school and during lunches. We ask that students are mindful of how they communicate with each other, continue to use appropriate language, and talk in a positive manner towards faculty, staff, and peers.



Finally, we have found that students who are getting detentions are serving them in a more timely manner. In the past, students could continually avoid detentions, and they would eventually turn into in-school-suspension hours. This year, the administrative team has made a concerted effort to ensure students are serving their detentions and not getting additional time in ISS. ISS is a last ditch effort and we do not want students to miss instructional time. At this time last year, there were 241 no show referrals. This year, we have only had 26 referrals for no show detentions. We are thrilled that students are being more accountable for their actions and behaviors, and serving detentions helps to reaffirm this value. Thanks for your continued support.

From Mrs. Valerie Kimmle (Math Team Coach), Mr. Brent James (Assistant Coach):Math Team Results
At the first Southwest Math Conference
Competition, Joe Jansen tied for 3rd and Jessica Chen placed 5th in a three-way
tie in the freshman division. Summer Carroll tied for 4th place in the sophomore
division. Abby Bowers tied for 2nd in the junior division. At the second Southwest
Math Conference Competition, Joe Jansen placed 4th and Jessica Chen placed
6th in the freshman division. Summer Carroll placed 5th and Audrey Harris placed
6th in the sophomore division. In the junior division David Forys placed 5th and
Abby Bowers placed 8th. We are extremely proud of their efforts!

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

The fall sports season has been one for the record books with so many amazing accomplishments! Congratulations to the girls Cross Country team for earning their second MVC title in a row as 6 of the 7 runners earned MVC all conference honors! The boys have been plagued with injuries, but still had 2 runners earn all MVC awards! Coach Bradley, Coach Vance and our runners have done an outstanding job! If you are in town on Saturday, please join us at Alhambra for the IHSA Regional Cross Country Meet at 10am. Our course is fan friendly and this will be an outstanding field of runners! Come cheer on our cross country teams at one of the biggest meets of the season!



Football defeated Jerseyville on Friday clinching a share of the MVC Title! We will share this top spot with Civic Memorial. The varsity football team has been undefeated at home during the regular season for the last seven seasons! Congratulations to Coach Warnecke for earning his 70th career win! Football is traveling to Charleston on Friday for their final regular season game. Fans are always welcome on the road! We will see who we draw in the playoffs soon!

Boys golf sent Jaxton Black and Evan Sutton to State! This is the first time in a number of years we had qualifiers on the boy's side. Evan made it to day two and finished 28 out of 112 golfers! The boys team also snagged MVC Conference and Regional titles this season. The girls golf team also had an amazing season battling into the regionals and set personal bests on the course throughout the year. Great job to Coaches James, Brauns, Keevan, Desalm, and all our golfers.

Soccer battled hard on senior night and for their Regional play in game and came up just short of a victory. Our soccer season has ended, but this is not due to a lack of effort by Coach Roberston, Coach Held, and our amazing players. They improved all season and we are excited for the future.

Coaches Matt Pellock, Zach Plocher, and Brenda Plocher have taken the girls tennis team to their second Sectional Championship in a row as well as the MVC title. The entire girls tennis team qualified for State and will travel to Buffalo Grove in the Chicago suburbs this weekend! Best of luck at State ladies!

Volleyball finished third in the O'Fallon Tournament this weekend. A big thanks to Staci LaPorta who filled in while Coach Hagarty was on leave. As Coach Hagarty returns to the bench, another big congratulations is in order for Kristen Torre and Natalie Ott who have run our volleyball program this season. Their hard work has not gone unnoticed! Volleyball clinched the MVC title against Waterloo Tuesday and celebrate senior night Thursday. Regionals play begins next week!



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



From Mrs. John Case, HHS Band-

The Marching Bulldogs have had an amazing season this fall! After earning 3rd in their class at the Edwardsville Tiger Ambush Classic, the band traveled to McKendree University to compete in the Preview of Champions Marching Band Competition, earning 1st place in their class. They also earned caption awards for Best Music, Best Visual, Best General Effect, Best Percussion, and Best Color Guard at McKendree. The band finished out their season with their premiere performance at the Bands of America St. Louis Super Regional, a two-day event held in the Dome at America's Center.

Band members also auditioned for the ILMEA District 6 Honor Band and Orchestra over Columbus Day weekend. Congratulations to the following students for being selected for the District Honor Band: Reyna Borgerhoff, Justin Galligos, and Jon Saathoff. Additionally, congratulations to Amanda Penberthy for being selected for the District Honor Orchestra.

From Mr. Gibb-Clark, HHS Choir-

September and October have been very busy and successful months for the choir. A cappella choir attended the Kansas City Renaissance Festival during the first weekend of October. While there, they performed wonderfully for very large audiences and had a safe and successful trip. The following weekend many students auditioned for the ILMEA District 6 Honor Choir. The following 13



students were selected to participate in the District Honor Choir: Sutherland Allen, Cloe Altevogt, Jakob Clark, Madi Crawford, Julia Graham, Elizabeth Huntley, Tristan Maslar, Dale Miller, Andrew O'Toole, Spencer Powers, Isaac Rieke, Caleb Stratton, and Daniel Williams. These students will participate in the festival at SIUC on November 2nd and are eligible for All-State selection. Our fall concert took place on October 22 and all the choirs performed very well.

The HHS Show Choir performed for the first time this year at the concert and are looking forward to more performances and competitions this year! Rehearsals for the Madrigal Dinner started and there are close to 90 students participating this year! We are adding a 4th performance to the dinner that will take place Saturday afternoon. The Madrigal Dinner will take place Dec 6, 7, and 8, and tickets will be going on sale soon. We hope to see you there in December!

HHS Fall Play- The annual fall play is coming up soon! This year students will perform WhoDunit...and to Whom? on November 8 and 9 @ 7pm in the HHS Kennel. Tickets are \$8.00 each and will be sold at the door. Come check it out!

From the School Counselors-Mary Jackson (Department Chair), Carrie Lieberman, and Amber Spaeth: September was all about college and careers for the School Counselors. Twenty-nine students completed the ASVAB- military aptitude test on September 12th. Roughly 245 students signed-in for individual meetings with the School Counselors. Of those, 57.6% were 12th graders; 17.6% were 11th graders; 15.1% were 10th graders, and 9.8% were 9th graders. Students signed in for College or Career reasons 39.2% of the time; Academic reasons 32.7% of the time; Personal reasons 15.9% of the time, and 12.2% of the time was to see the Nurse. The School Counselors also attended professional development learning opportunities at SIUE, UMSL and McKendree University. We also helped students enrolled in SWIC dual credit courses complete their online new student enrollment forms to obtain their SWIC ID numbers; hosted a financial aid night, and worked with students and teachers to



create a tutoring list. Counselors followed up with seniors about our college and career presentations, helped plan for SWIC's Manufacturing field trip, and prepared to meet with juniors regarding career planning. We are currently participating in ISAC's College Changes Everything Month and raffling off prizes to seniors who complete college applications or their FAFSA- Financial Aid applications. Finally, a reminder regarding AP Exams and that College Board has changed their AP (Advanced Placement) test ordering deadlines. Students must order and pay \$40 of the exam fee by November 6th to secure an exam in May. For more information see the AP Parent letter and AP ORDER FORM or contact your student's AP Teacher. Additional counseling information can be found in our latest newsletter at https://www.smore.com/0hqr2

Check out the links for info 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-501479 483667441/

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 Mr. Caleb Houchins Ms. Amy Boscolo

Principal Associate Principal Assistant Principal/Athletics



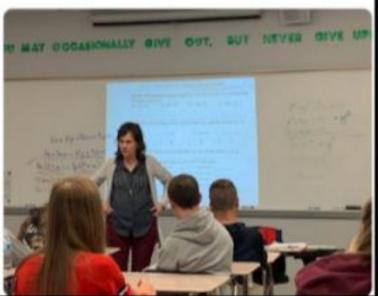
Ms Wander helps instruct students while they paint a tea pot with water colors. Today is country music Wednesday on the juke box.



Mr. Weber and US History students doing some review and discussion as they prepare for an upcoming assessment on the Industrial Age.



Ms Duncan teaching her Honors Algebra II class different rules of factoring. Ms Duncan is so good at teaching Algebra it even makes sense to an old History teacher.



Students in Mr. Welz's chemistry class learning about the Periodic Table, classifying elements, and creating their own table as a lab activity

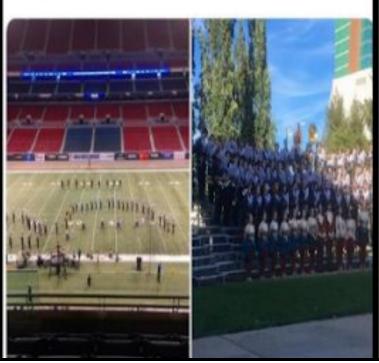




More from senior night **
#CantHideThayBulldogPride



Highland Marching Band at the Bands of America competition in St. Louis



What a great night for senior night and a MVC conference win! * WeLoveOurSeniors #HighlandBulldogs



Bulldog Volleyball did well in O'Fallon tonight and are seeded 1 in their pool. They continue play tomorrow at 930am.





Thank you to all of our generous students, staff, and families that helped with Pink Week! Austin Davis, Trevor Zobrist, and Megan Vidmar presented a check for \$1008.03 to Alyssa Fuhrmann with the American Cancer Society today. Thank you Bulldogs for your donations!



Highland Police, Fire, and CUSD #5 officials all working hard during our safety drill today to keep our students and community safe.



Students working on practice welds today in Mr. Lamp's class. Examples of welds include Butt, T, Lap, Edge, 6011, 6014, 7014, and 7018. Any businesses looking for future welders? These kids have are learning the skills for the trade.







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Here are your MVC Conference Champs with a 42-21 win over Jersey tonight! Well done!



Tonight was Coach Warnecke's 70th career win. Congratulations Coach! You are an excellent teacher and mentor and we are blessed to have you!





Thank you Dance Team for your halftime routine! Well done!



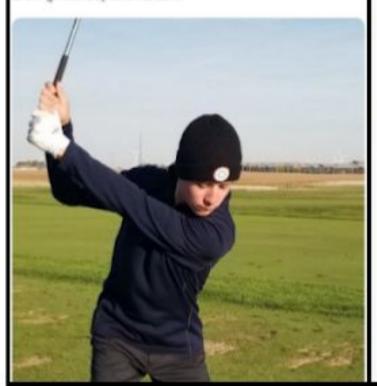








The windmills are starting to spin at ISU! We tee off at 9:24 and 9:33. Should be a fun day of golf. Good luck Evan (pictured) and Jaxton!



Thank you seniors for your dedication to Highland Soccer! It was a hard fought battle against Mascoutah tonight. The Bulldogs fell 2-1. We hope to see you Saturday night at 6pm for our Regional play in game in the HHS Stadium!



Here are the full results from the MVC Conference Championship tonight. Thank you Endurance Race Timing!

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Thanks to the Cheer Team coming out tonight and supporting the Senior Soccer Players and the entire HHS Soccer Team



Congratulations to Austin Davis, Peyton Strong and Austin Roach our Senior Soccer Players on their Senior Night.





Thanks Ted Wiese for talking to the students today about the power of a positive attitude and being part of the solution, not the problem! Everyone had a blast!

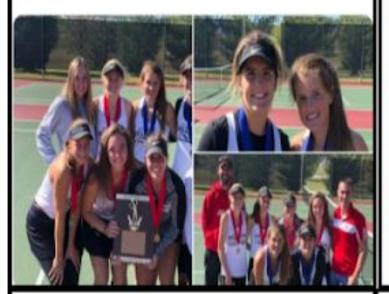


Student leaders participated in a leadership workshop with Ted after the assembly! They learned about teamwork and had fun at the same time!





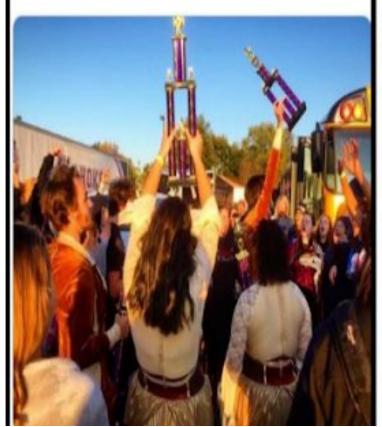
Here are your MVC Conference Champs! Well done ladies!



It's a beautiful day to compete! It's the MVC tennis tournament, day two!



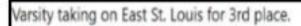
1st place today at McKendree-Well done and congrats to Mr. Case, Mrs. Keys, and our amazing band!



Congratulations to our Marching Bulldogs for taking 1st Place in all categories today at the Preview of Champions Marching Band Competition at McKendree University.





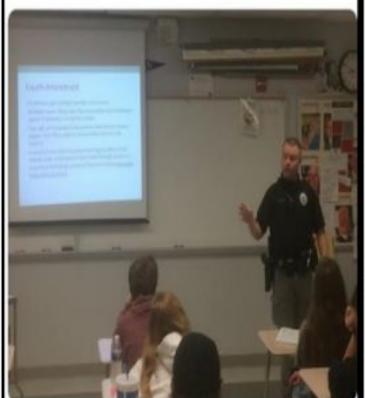




JV battling Roxana for 7th place



Officer Flake teaching Civics classes about 4th Amendment



Saturday practice underway.



It's a final in Troy. Highland 21 - Triad 7.



The Highland Football Program was proud to present "His Kids" with a donation of \$395. Thank you, His Kids for all you do for children!



Logan Chandler is spending his morning teaching freshmen Paul Graham about ball carrying technique.



Congrats to this week's College Changes Everything Raffle Winner! Seniors make sure you submit your college applications and complete your FAFSA financial aid forms!





Now this is football weather! It's freshman football, Highland vs. Triad!













Bulldogs



Amazing win today against Alton! Highland with a 195. Claire Korte was the match Metalist with 40. Also scoring tonight were Meridith Kleinmann 48, Maci Miles 53, Lilly Barker 54. Another Highland win at all levels at Triad tonight! Great job, ladies!

Go Bulldogs!!

Record: 17-4



It's a final at Civic Memoral. The Bulldogs win 64-28. Highland will travel to Triad next week. Let's go Dogs! #618football





Here's our Highland Bulldog soccer team!



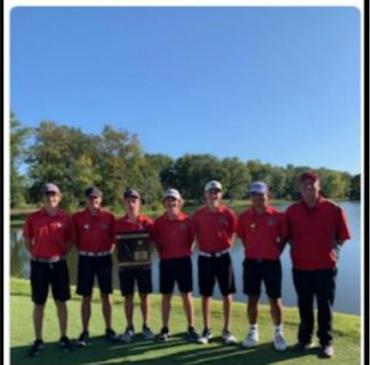




Thank you seniors for your dedication to HHS Tennis! Congratulations on your shutout win tonight vs. Granite City. That's 9 shutouts this season! Keep up the hard work! W I W







Highland Varsity Boys Cross Country team getting ready to run at the Madison Co Meet at Belk Park.



It's a beautiful day for golf at Highland Country Club. Congratulations seniors! Let's go Dogs!





Mr Bradley teaching his Civics class about Freedom of Speech and Supreme Court Cases concerning free speech.



Highland High School @HH-Sbuildogstl.

Anatomy and Physiology students learned today about the nursing profession from Chamberlain College of Nursing guest speakers.



Madrigal singers performing in the enchanted forest at Ren Fest in KC



Can't think the US Army enough for bringing their STEM trailer to HHS today. Students got to see Army Technology in action and how their technology is used in the private sector.





Madison Co Champs!!! Congrats to Coach Bradley and the entire team on winning the Madison Co Cross Country Championship.



HHS Senior Jackson Marchal was recognized at a Board Meeting earlier this month for being a Commended Student for the National Merit Scholar Program and his Eagle Scout Project where he created safety buckets for Highland and St. Paul schools. Well done!







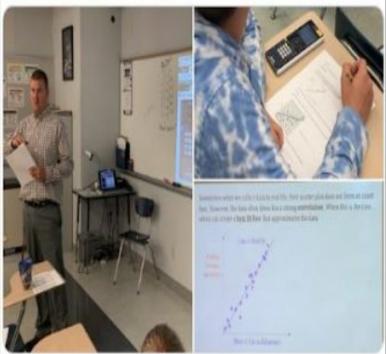




Teaching and learning at its best! Foreign exchange student, Damaris Tambia, spent her morning teaching Estonian to our acapella choir to help them prepare for their Madrigal dinners! We miss you Damaris! Thanks for coming back, via Skype, to teach today!



Mr. James and Algebra II students learning about Scatter Plots and Lines of Best Fit.



Students in building trades class wrapping aluminum for door jams bright and early this morning.



Mr. Barford and students selling cookies this morning in our Life Skills class.

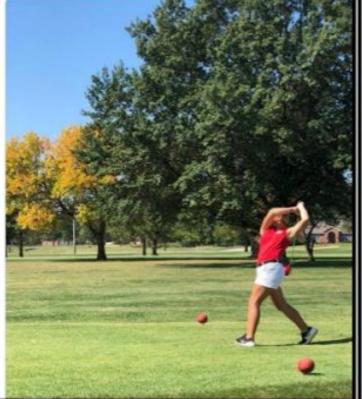




Students in chemistry I learning to write the formula and names for ionic compounds while viewing the compounds they create.



It's a beautiful day at Belk Park for the MVC Girls Golf match. Let's go Dogs!



Seniors in Mrs. Huson's English IV class annotating text and creating a poster. They are looking for examples of logos, pathos, and ethos.



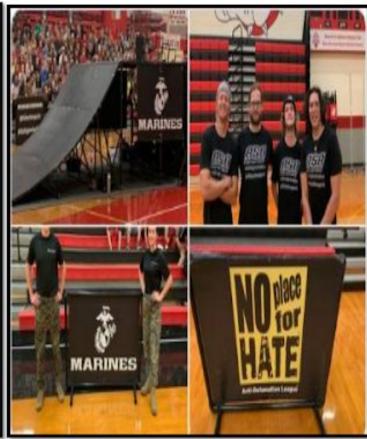
Students in Child and Daycare Services course were able to observe all grade levels at the Highland Primary and Highland Elementary Schools today.





ASA Entertainment and the US Marines Corp shared a BMX and anti-bullying presentation today at an all school PLC Assembly.





Honors Chem students forming and naming ionic compounds 🍑 🧳



Thank you department chairs for your insightful discussion after school today. It's your dedication to your craft that continues to drive curriculum at HHS.





AP Bio students in Mrs Ramsey's class simulating enzyme activity with the Popbeadase lab.



Girls team after the Triad Invitational victory last night.



Students in Mrs. Hayes' PE class learning to juggle.

Benefits include focus on fine and gross motor skills,
concentration, problem solving, and plain old fun.



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Congratulations to the volleyball program for a sweep of CM tonight. All levels won in two games. A HUGE thank you to all who attended and celebrated our Dig For a Cure event!



Can't think the US Army enough for bringing their STEM trailer to HHS today. Students got to see Army Technology in action and how their technology is used in the private sector.



Students in Mrs. Ruder's English I class learning to "slow down" their writing by using imagery, adjusting word choice, and adding powerful words. Students also did a "quick write", watched a Ted Talk, and some old school silent reading.



Chemistry II students determining the changes in freezing and boiling points by adding a solute to water.











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More of our cheerleaders last night. They are a talented group









Charleston Tournament Champions!!! Congratulations on a job well done!

Shout out to Liv Wilke on being named to the All Tournament Team and Bella LaPorta on being named Tournament MVP!!

Go Bulldogs!! 💗 🏐 🖤

Record: 13-3





Football vs. Mascoutah (Photos by Jody Becker)









Some of our cheerleaders last night. They are a very talented group!



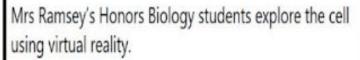








Foods and nutrition students preparing microwave apple crisp lab.







HHS Marching Band earned 3rd in our class today at Edwardsville, out of 9 bands! Color Guard was 2nd place in their caption.





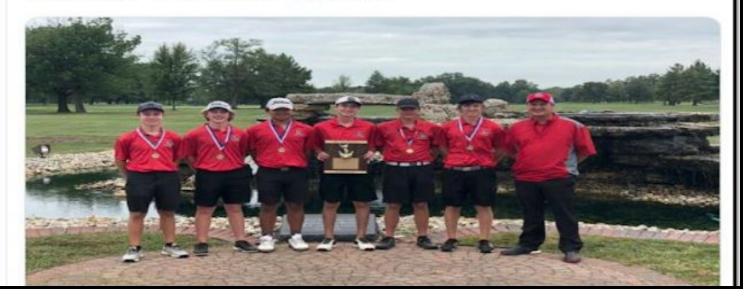
A young Bulldog cheerleader made a special sign for our football team







Congratulations to the Highland Bulldogs who won the MVC Boys Golf Conference meet today. Evan Sutton was the overall medalist (76). Jake Brauns, Jack Massa, Jaxton Black, and Reid Koishor also medaled for the Bulldogs. Well done!







It was another outstanding Homecoming Parade! Thank you Monica Rensing and football parents for putting the parade together! Fun was had by all!











Highland Primary was outstanding! Thank you for singing to us! We are inspired!!



Our Grantfork students welcomed us with lots of cheers! Thank you!



Thank you Alhambra for having us today!



It's Homecoming Assembly Day! Thank you Highland Elementary for having us!





Homecoming Carnival 2019!



Today's pep rally has us fired up for our homecoming game tonight! #LetsGoBulldogs





Highland High School Staff and Administration enjoying a sampling of CD Meals and Kitchen during our wellness fair at HHS



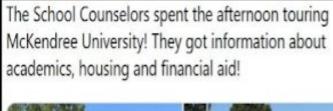
And the Sophomores win!















More Carnival Fun! Yes! More Carnival Fun!









Homecoming Carnival 2019! What a day!









Carnival Fun!

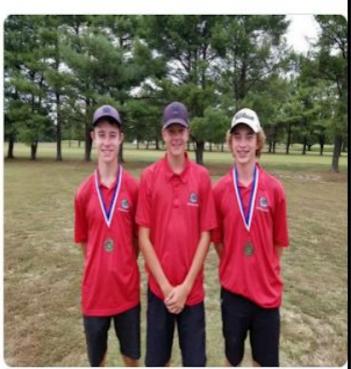


Homecoming Carnival 2019! Fun for all!





In varsity boys golf, the boys took 4th of 16 teams at the Centralia Best Ball Tournament with a 233. Evan Sutton and Jake Brauns finished 2nd with an even par 70.

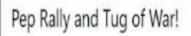


Carnival Fun!











Pep Rally!



Honoring Bill Tschudy, an American hero.



More Carnival Action!





Mrs. Duncan thought this young man's shirt was pretty inspirational, especially when dealing with math.



We won the doubles tournament with all first place finishes! Kate Feldmann/ Ashlen Deluca at number 1, Taylor Fleming/Nicole Knackstedt at 2, Krista Rittenhouse/Brianna Helm at 3, Sydney Basler/Hanna Geest at 4, Jenna Fenton/Payton Wernle at 5.





Post race photo from Detweiler.



JV placed 3rd at the Waterloo Tournament today! Way to go, ladies!! Go Bulldogs! ♥ ⑤ ♥





Senior Homecoming Court



Junior Homecoming Court



Sophomore Homecoming Court



Freshman Court Members





Students learning the all important skill of keyboarding in Ms. Heinz's class.





Platinum chef competition workshop day. Our team members sat through a variety of sessions enhancing their knife, sanitation, sauce, plating, and flavor skills to begin their prep work for the competition in October.



Great turn out at our Financial Aid night. Thanks to Ciera Field from Washington University for presenting.



HHS Senior Jackson Marchal has been named a Commended Student in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship program. Jackson is the son of Michael and Kimberly Marchal of Highland, IL.





It was a battle on the courts tonight, but the Bulldogs were victorious! Highland Tennis defeated Triad 5-4. Well done ladies!



Students working on Homecoming Float posters during FTT.



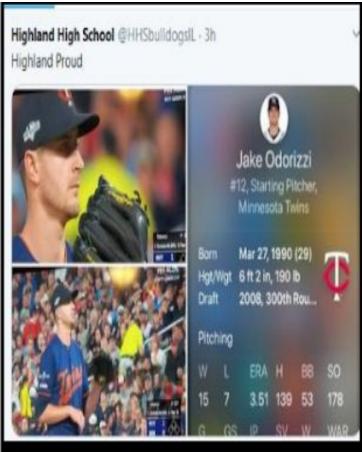
Girls Tennis vs Triad



Mr. Miscik and Honors Pre Calculus students solving equations of circles.













BULLDOGS



Who Dunit...





November 8,9, 2019 7:00pm

Highland High School Kennel \$8.00 at the door

Produced by Pioneer Drama Service, Inc. Denver, Colorado





STRONG PEOPLE STAND UP FOR THEMSELVES, BUT STRONGER PEOPLE STAND UP FOR OTHERS.

CHRIS GARDNER

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