

# HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER



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## Superintendent's Corner

Hello Parents, Grandparents, Guardians and community members,

Highland Schools has experienced a powerful winter these last few weeks. My first three years here in Craigmont I did not cancel a single day of school and last month I cancelled three. These cancelled school days have sent many questions my direction and every question has been centered on "how" or "if" we are required to make-up the cancelled days of school. I will attempt to provide a simple answer to a sometimes confusing topic.

Idaho code dictates that students are required to receive a minimum number of "instructional" or "teacher contact" hours. That means only minutes involved with the teacher actually count. Time spent at lunch, recess or passing from class to class does not count. Minutes turn into hours each day and school districts are required to produce a school calendar showing the total number of hours and minutes of instructional time provided to a student each day. School district administrators then calculate the total number of days it will take to meet the minimum hours required by law and school board trustees then approve a calendar. Every school district and their school board may have a different calendar as long as those days have enough minutes that add up to enough hours to meet the minimum requirement by law. Since Highland School District operates on a 4-day school week, we do not need to schedule extra snow days into our yearly school calendar because we have access to every Friday of the school year if a make-up day is required.

The State grants school districts 11 hours each year to cover any type of reason for school closure due to emergency or weather related issue. As a school district, we simply file a request for those hours and we are granted the time. On cancelled day three (3), we ran out of those emergency hours. To make-up for our third cancelled day, we will attend school on Friday, February 10th. It is my intent to plan those make-up days a few weeks out so that you and your family have time to adjust your calendar. Hopefully, when this newsletter reaches your household, Highland will not have a need for any additional make-up days.

Now for Levy information; I will be making a Levy presentation in the Highland Gymnasium at 6:30pm, February 13th. Once again we will stay with a \$499,000 School Levy along with a \$50,000 Facilities Levy. When I arrived four (4) years ago, our financial resources were almost none existent. Your school board, faculty and business manager did an excellent job of managing limited resources through the downward spiral of a 2008 recession and managed to keep Highland out of the red. If no financial surprises occur before the end of this school year, we will be able to move forward on some needed facility repairs or improvements. Our school building may be old but it is sturdy and has great bones. Our facility improvement focus is now paying attention to a few major items: heating system, flooring, concrete work in front of our gym and main entry, and some new leaks in our gym area.

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Your support of our annual levy helps keep Highland as one of the least expensive or most affordable public schools in Idaho. Unlike other Idaho school districts, Highland has no assessed classroom fees, no pay-to-play fees for sports, and with the purchase of a season ticket, our community members can attend any of our after school activities or sporting events for little to nothing. The truth is our levy covers the cost of all our extracurricular academic or athletic activities. So many times we forget that part of the costs associated with these activities also involves coaches, advisors, bus drivers, transportation, uniforms, referees and safety equipment. Our community is too small in population size to expect gate receipts to cover all the cost associated with running these school club or athletic programs. When needed, your support also allows Highland to act as a community center for Craigmont, Winchester and Reubens as well. For more information, please attend my levy presentation held just before our regular scheduled school board meeting on Feb 13th.

Respectfully,  
Brad Baumberger  
Superintendent

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## Principal's Corner

It is hard to believe that we are already in February; before we know it school will be over. February always brings lots of student activities from basketball to FFA and science activities. With all that goes on, especially at the secondary level, it can be easy for students to forget homework or to study for a test, so it is important that they use their planners to keep track of everything.

As the year progresses and we are part way through the 2nd semester, I just want to remind everyone of some policies.

### Attendance Policy

Students are to be in attendance 90% of the year, which constitutes no more than 7 absences each semester. If a student is absent a parent/guardian must call, send a note or email Shannan, or provide documentation from a doctor or the court system, within 48 hours of the absence in order for the absence to be excused, if more than 48 hours lapses then the absence will remain unexcused permanently. Students can have seven (7) excused absence for each semester. Excused absences include doctor appointments, illness, family emergencies or an excuse by a parent/guardian. Students that have more than three (3) unexcused absences or more than seven (7) excused absences or a combination of excused and unexcused absences of more than seven (7) absences face losing credit for their class(es). Students that miss class(es) due to a doctor's appointment should bring back a note from the doctor's office. Also, three tardies is equal to one unexcused absence, so arriving to class on time is very important.

### Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones are not allowed to be used during class time. Students can use their phones between classes and at lunch. Students that choose not to use their cell phones wisely will face disciplinary action. The first offense for a student with a cell phone during class time will have the phone confiscated by the teacher and returned to the student at

the end of the period, for the second offense the phone will be confiscated and turned into the office and the student can pick their phone up at the end of the school day. If there is a third offense, a parent/guardian must pick up the phone and the student will be placed on a contract where the phone is turned in each morning and returned at the end of the school day. Students who refuse to turn their phone over to the proper personnel will be subject to further disciplinary action, including suspension.

#### Food/Drink Policy

There is to be no food or drink in the classroom, hallway or lockers except water in a spill proof bottle. Food and beverages attract bugs and rodents, so it is important that these items are not brought into the school. Food and beverages, excluding water, can be confiscated by any school personnel and disposed of. Occasionally a class may have a celebration or a student might need food or a beverage for a class project or demonstration, in these circumstances they will be allowed.

#### Parent/Teacher Conferences in March

Students in grades 3-12 are now compiling assignments/tasks and compiling them into portfolios. These portfolios will be used to help direct the spring parent/teacher conferences. Secondary students will have two assignments/tasks from each of their classes along with a reflection for those assignments/projects. The elementary students will be different than the secondary, but they will also have assignments/tasks along with reflections for those. The purpose of the portfolio is for students to not only see how much progress they have made in a class, but to see progress from school year to school year.

Secondary spring parent/teacher conferences are March 14 and 15 and these conferences will be led by the students. All the secondary teachers, along with the student portfolios will be in the gym. Students will guide their parents through their portfolio and then teachers will be available, so any concerns, questions, or praises can be done at that time.

Elementary parent/teacher conferences are March 13-16 in their classrooms. Students in grades 3-6 will be conducting student-led conferences with their portfolios. Students in grades K-2 will also have conferences during that week. Elementary conferences are scheduled with the teacher.

By Dr. Hatfield

#### Important Dates:

Friday, February 10: School is in session (Make-up Day) for grades 1-12  
Monday, February 20: No School (President's Day)  
Tuesday, February 28: Donuts for Dudes  
Thur., March 2: Elementary students are in Culdesac for Shakespeare  
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Wed., March 8: 4th Grade take the NAEP  
Thur., March 9: End of 3rd Quarter  
March 13-16: Parent/Teacher Conferences  
Wed., March 22: Secondary students are in Culdesac for Shakespeare  
Thur., March 23: Juniors attend Higher Ed Day  
Friday, March 24: Spring break starts  
Monday, April 3: Return from spring break

# Business Professionals of America

The Business Professionals of America organization held their Region 2 competition on January 20 at LCSC with 278 students competing. We had 14 students compete in the events and 11 qualified for the state event which will be held in Boise March 9, 10, 11. There are numerous individual and team events to participate in and the students are allowed to compete in 2 of them. In addition, they may also compete in Open Events, which are written tests that members can take to test their knowledge. I have listed below students placement in their events that qualified for the state competition.

Advanced Accounting – Morgan Weeks 1st  
Payroll Accounting – Emma Johnson 2nd  
Digital Publishing with InDesign – Emma Johnson 1st  
Medical Office Procedures – Abbie Johnson 1st  
Intermediate Word Processing Skills – D’Rikka Cruz 1st  
Advanced Word Processing Skills – Malayna Hambly 1st  
Integrated Office Applications – Malayna Hambly 1st  
Graphic Design Promotion – Chiara Stigum 2nd  
Personal Financial Management Concepts – SheaLynn Randall 3rd  
Small Business Management Team – Morgan Weeks, Kaden Schwartz, Logan Droegmiller 2nd

Open Events (top 10 are qualified):

Business Meeting Management Concepts–Jordan Pentzer 3rd, Chiara Stigum 5th, SheaLynn Randall 6th  
Financial Math & Analysis Concepts – Morgan Weeks 1st, Emma Johnson 7th, Abbie Johnson 10th  
Administrative Support Concepts – D’Rikka Cruz 1st, Malayna Hambly 4th, Kadin Canup 10th  
Management, Marketing & Human Resources – SheaLynn Randall 9th  
Accounting Mathematics Concepts – Morgan Weeks 1st

By Terrie Hines

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## Box Tops

Thanks to all of the patrons and parents who collect Box Tops for our school! Joan Tiede volunteers her time to manage the Box Tops for Education program here at school, and we greatly appreciate her efforts. The December 2016 payout check in the amount of \$292.00 just arrived, which will be used to purchase extra classroom supplies, such as PE equipment, music players, and PACK incentives. Thanks to all for helping us with this program!

By Shannan Randall

# Honor Roll Semester 1

Highland High School  
Semester 1 Honor Roll  
2016-2017

12th Grade: \*Trace Brammer, \*Abigail Johnson, \*Emma Johnson, Bailey Shawver, Chiara Stigum

11th Grade: Hunter Davis, Logan Droegmiller, Rylan Gehring, \*Malayna Hambly, \*Jordan Pentzer, SheaLynn Randall, \*Kaden Schwartz, Justin Wassmuth, and \*Morgan Weeks

10th Grade: Darah Brammer, \*D'Rikka Cruz, \*Alyssa Dau, \*Abbigail Davis, and Amanda Young

9th Grade: Kayla Freeberg, Emma Grimes, Clarisse Hambly, Brayden Osburn, Taylor Osburn, Acacia Randall, \*Megan Schwartz, Mattisyn Sheppard, Sierra Wright, and Kendel Wynott

8th Grade: Taiylor Crea, \*Kobe Droegmiller, and Hunter Leal

7th Grade: \*Chani Brammer, Owen Case, \*Payton Crow, Emily Dau, Emie Espinosa, Casi Freeberg, Kenny Freeberg, Katie Goeckner, and \*Keira White

\*denotes all A's for term

All have media release approval

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## Honor Roll Quarter 2

2nd QUARTER HONOR ROLL  
HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL  
CRAIGMONT, IDAHO  
2016-2017

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11th Grade: Kadin Canup, Hunter Davis, Logan Droegmiller, Rylan Gehring, \*Malayna Hambly, \*Jordan Pentzer, \*SheaLynn Randall, Kaden Schwartz, Justin Wassmuth, and \*Morgan Weeks

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