

HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER



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Superintendent's Corner

Hello Parents, Grandparents, Guardians and Community Members,

As your departing Superintendent I would like to thank you for the five years I have spent here in Craigmont. Here are a few important announcements for your upcoming 2018-2019 school year. Your school board has chosen Dr. Sarah Hatfield to step up as your new Superintendent. The transition should be seamless as Highland School District moves forward.

Head Coaches for the fall and winter sports are as follows:

Football – Monty Moddrell

Volleyball – Tami Church

JV Volleyball – Amy Arnzen

Girls Basketball – Brett Arnzen

Boys Basketball – Patty Weeks

Four years ago your school board decided to make after school activities just a bit more enjoyable by establishing an affordable way for parents and community members to attend school events. Highland will once again sell annual activity passes to individuals, couples, and families. Your pass will save you over \$100.00 if you attend most or all of our home events. A lifetime pass is available if you are a senior (65 or older). If you are a retired veteran, the pass is “free” and it is also good for a lifetime. I would also like to thank community members who have made donations back to Highland Schools because they feel our price for an annual pass is too low. We do appreciate your generosity. Another idea is to take your savings and spend it at one of our local fundraising events held in our community and enjoy the food, fun and entertainment.

If your child plans to participate in any activity associated with Highland Joint School District they will need a qualified physical. Here is the guiding narrative from the (IHSAA) Idaho High School Activities Association that all school districts follow.

The Idaho High School Activities Association requires that an athlete receive a physical examination and have on record with the school the interim questionnaire prior to his/her first practice in any IHSAA sponsored sport (grades 9-12). Physicals are required prior to the first day of practice in the 9th and 11th grades. A student will not be required to have an additional physical examination during the 10th and 12th grades unless: (1) The physician recommends the student have an additional physical examination.

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(2) The parents request an examination via the Interim Questionnaire. (3) Affirmative answers on 1-9 of the Interim Questionnaire indicate a possible need for a repeat physical examination. (4) A transfer athlete had a physical examination during the preceding year in another state. NOTE: The physical examination must not be completed before May 1 of the athlete's 8th or 10th grade year in order to count for the next two years.

Physical examination and Interim Questionnaire forms are available on our school website at www.sd305.org or IHSAA at www.idhsaa.org or The original, completed Idaho Health Examination and Physical Exam/Consent form must be on file at the school prior to the first day of practice. St. Mary's Hospital dedicates a few days out of the year for school physicals. The cost is only \$25.00 and a portion of that money is returned to the athlete's respective school. We will post dates and locations of school physicals on our website and Facebook when we receive the information.

Sincerely,
Brad Baumberger, Supt.

Principal's Corner

The end of the school year is fast approaching. I cannot believe how fast this school year has flown by. Even though the year is almost over, there is still plenty of learning taking place. FFA students are competing in several different events, students are busy taking the ISATs, the 4th grade class is going on their annual jet boat tour and qualifying BPA students are competing at Nationals. May is also busy with non-academic events. There are track meets, baseball and softball games aplenty, along with city-wide clean-up, and numerous other events taking place.

On Wednesday, May 9 at 10:00 a.m. seniors will be presenting their senior projects. Community members, family, and friends are invited to observe the seniors give their presentations.

All secondary students are required to take semester finals. Finals will constitute 10% of their grade, so it is important that students study hard for their finals. Finals will take place the last week of school. Seniors will take their finals before their last day of school.

Quick reminder as the weather gets warmer that attire needs to be appropriate for school. So, this means that shorts need to be an appropriate length, shirts need to cover all areas, etc. Students who are wearing inappropriate clothing will be asked to change or have parents/guardians bring appropriate attire to change into.

Mark your calendars for some upcoming events:

May 3	Elementary Concert
May 7	Secondary Concert
May 8	District Softball
May 9	Senior Presentation (10 a.m.)
May 9	Kindergarten Pre-Screener (Call the school, 924-5211, to setup an appt.)
May 11-12	District (Softball and Baseball)
May 14	City Clean-up
May 15	FFA Awards Night

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May 15 Last day of Kindergarten
May 17 Last Day for elementary students
May 18-19 State Softball, Baseball and Track
May 21 Last day for seniors
May 24 Last day for secondary students. Released at 1:19
May 26 Graduation @ 1:00

Although the 2018-2019 school year is months away, here are some important dates for next school year. Please try to schedule doctor appointments, vacations, etc. when school is not in session.

August 20-21	Secondary Registration (Grades 7-12)
August 27	First Day of School
September 27	NO School...Lewis County Fair
November 21-22	NO School...Thanksgiving
December 21-Jan 3	NO School...Christmas Vacation
March 25-28	NO School...Spring Break
May 30	Last Day for Elementary Students/Seniors
June 1	Graduation
June 5	Last Day for Secondary Students

By Dr. Hatfield

Grant Awarded to Highland Elementary Library

The Idaho Commission for Libraries has selected our district to receive an Elementary School Library Access grant. In September, the district will receive \$4000 for the purchase of books of interest to elementary students. Mrs. Pentzer, district librarian, reports that the emphasis of the purchases will be on nonfiction books. The grant also benefits our junior and senior high as this will make more of our regular library budget available for improvements to the high school collection. This is the second library access grant our district has received.

Mrs. Pentzer has been removing worn, out-dated, and never used items from both the elementary and high school collections. "We have many books taking up shelf space that have not been checked out for over twenty years," said Mrs. Pentzer. "We need to offer our students materials that are current and interesting. Our school should be a constantly changing library that endeavors to meet the educational needs of our students, not an archive of old books kept out of sentimentality."

National Honors Society

The National Honor Society is pleased to announce the 2018 Inductees. These members have demonstrated great work ethic and displayed their ability to be strong leaders in the community. It is a great honor to have the opportunity to work with them. This year's inductees are Alyssa Dau, Kayla Freeberg, Emma Grimes, Megan Schwartz, and Kendel Wynott. These young leaders will be recognized at the annual induction ceremony on Wednesday, April 25th at 7 pm at Highland High in the gymnasium.

Highland-Craigmont FFA Chapter State Leadership Conference Results

Scrapbook CDE

Division II
2nd Place

Floriculture CDE

17th Place Team
Alyssa, Acacia, Darah, Taylor

Farm Business Management CDE

3rd Place Team
Morgan—2nd Individual
D'Rikka—8th Individual
Jordan, Abbigail

Agriscience Fair

Morgan—**Gold—State Winner**
Div. 5—Environmental Sci.
Jordan—**Gold**
Div. 5—Environmental Sci.
SheaLynn & Malayna
Silver—1st Place
Div. 6—Social Sci.

Proficiencies

Megan Schwartz
Beef Production—Ent.
Bronze
Justin Wassmuth
Diversified Ag Prod.
Silver
Rylan Gehring
Diversified Crop Production—
Placement
Gold—State Winner
Jordan Pentzer
Beef Production—Ent.
Gold—State Winner

State Degrees

Darah Brammer
Alyssa Dau
Abbigail Davis
Hunter Davis
Rylan Gehring
Jordan Pentzer

State Stars

Jordan Pentzer
North Idaho District
Star Farmer
Rylan Gehring
North Idaho District Star Ag
Placement—State Finalist

Conference

Parliamentarian Exam

D'Rikka, Emma, Megan

National Chapter

One Star Application
Abbigail, Mattisyn

This is our last newsletter for the school year.

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