

THE BLACK AND GOLD



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Superintendent's Section

Welcome 2020!!! As the new year starts, so does the new semester. It is hard to believe, but there are only 4 months of school remaining.

Levy Information

Once again the school district will be asking for a \$499,000 School Levy. There will be a Levy presentation at the school board meeting at 7:00 p.m., February 10th. The truth is our levy helps covers the cost of our extracurricular academic and 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, competitions and equipment. For more information, please attend the levy presentation held at our regular scheduled school board meeting on Feb 10th. This year the levy has supported our athletics, academics, and improvements to the school. With help from the supplemental and plant facilities levees, we were able to do some maintenance work to the building and install a new intercom system. We appreciate all of the support we have received in the past in supporting these levees.

Snow Day Information

For those of you wondering how the decision to call a snow day is made, here goes. The road crew managers discuss with Gail Lowe, bus transportation director, what the conditions are like. The road crews are out on the roads super early. Gail keeps me informed of what the conditions are. If the road crews think it is bad enough on their routes that school needs to be cancelled, then the decision is made. We try to make that decision before 6:00 a.m. However, sometimes conditions worsen after the 6:00 a.m. time and a decision is made later than what we hope for, but unfortunately we can't control mother nature. School can be cancelled for a number of reasons; snow drifts, fog, road conditions, etc. Sometimes the roads are fine in town, but the outlying areas may be a totally different story.

Upcoming Events:

Wed., & Thur., Jan 29 & 30: Highland's accreditation

Monday, Feb. 4: Pennies for Patients kick off

Monday, Feb. 10: Levy information at school board meeting

Thursday, Feb. 13: Donuts w/dad (dudes)

March 2-5: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tues. March 10: Levy Election

March 23-27: Spring Break

-Dr. Hatfield

Principal's Piece

THE BENEFITS OF HIGH SCHOOL AND YOUTH SPORTS

Everybody knows that regular physical activity helps contribute to healthier, longer lives. But, did you know that involvement in high school sports delivers a wide array of non-physical benefits as well?

BETTER GRADES

For starters, high school students who participate in sports are far less likely to drop out of school. In fact, participation in high school sports actually has been shown to deliver consistently higher grades.

BETTER LIFE SKILLS

People who played competitive sports in high school demonstrate more confidence, leadership, and self-respect. They are better at setting goals and managing their time and they have a better appreciation for diversity and a more developed sense of morality. High school sports participation can also make a difference in earning power. People who played competitive sports in their youth tend to earn significantly higher incomes than those who did not.

GREATER WELL-BEING

Student athletes manifest stronger peer relationships, higher self-esteem, a closer sense of family and participate more in volunteerism. They are also less likely to engage in high risk behavior. They have a greater sense of initiative, persistence and personal responsibility. A survey of more than 14,000 teens found that those who participated in team sports were less likely to use drugs, smoke cigarettes and carry weapons.

BETTER HEALTH OUTCOMES

Participation in youth sports and other physical activities is a lead indicator in improved health and fitness. It's little wonder why the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that children ages six to 17 participate in one hour of physical activity daily.

-Mr. Fredrickson

Club Cluster

National Honor Society:

WILLIAM CRAIG CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY of Highland High will be hosting the 2019-2020 induction ceremony February 6th, 2020 at 6:30 pm in the gym. This year there have been several students selected for membership.

There will be cake & punch to follow.

Nerd Club:

~Students are working on presentations for our local science fair so they can advance to the regional fair.

~Good luck to all students participating !

BPA:

~Students who qualified for state are prepping for a great opportunity to represent Highland!

FFA:

Jan 22. The chapter successfully hosted a blood drive!

Jan 24 Members participated in district CDE's and are preparing for more CDE's coming up shortly in February.



BPA Updates

During December, members of BPA competed at regionals and the results are in! Our video production team, Emma Grimes, Kendel Wynott, Taylor Osburn, and Megan Schwartz, placed second and qualified for state. Kendel took home first in Fundamental Desktop Publishing and Emma came in fifth. In Digital Publishing Megan took first followed by Taylor at second which means they are both headed to state. In interview skills Payton Crow came in fourth, and Emie Knowlton came in sixth. Keira White placed third in Intermediate Word Processing and advances to state. Katie Goeckner recieved an honorable mention. In Fundamental Word Processing, Chani Brammer took home fourth. Our Presentation management team of Chani, Katie, Keira, and Kalei Smith took fourth for Highland. Dalton Davis took fifth in Java Programming. Honorable mention to Lane Was-smuth and Emily Dau in Graphic Design Promotion. Now on to State!!!

Athlete Highlight

Clip and Save Calendar

Feb. 1: Wrestling @CDA
GBB/BBB vs. Kendrick

Feb. 6: National Honors Society
Induction

Feb 6-8: WPL Girls Tourney

Feb. 11: BBB vs. Timberline

Feb 13: Donuts for Dudes

Feb. 20-27: WPL Boys Tourney

Feb. 21: SB/BB first practice

Feb. 22: Wrestling Districts

Feb. 28: Wrestling State

Feb. 29: WCPA Benefit Dinner

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Our athlete of this month is Ty Hambly. Ty is a freshman who participates in football as a quarterback, basketball as a point guard, and he runs track. His favorite event being triple jump. His favorite sports memory is any time that Highland beats Nezperce. Ty says his biggest supporter is his teammate Dalton Davis.

Ty's favorite sport is basketball. He has been playing since way back in Kindergarten in the CRW program. He says he would love to pursue sports in college if he gets the opportunity and when asked if he would coach, he said he has considered it. The athlete that he looks up to most is Steph Curry from his favorite basketball team, the Golden State Warriors. He also looks up to Michael Jordan and, if he could play a game with any athlete, he would pick him. Ty also likes the Green Bay Packers football team.

His greatest achievement was being a varsity starter in football and basketball his freshman year. His most embarrassing memory in his sports career is when he went to take a three point shot but his shoe came off in mid air and he fell to the ground.

Teacher Spotlight

Ms. Yochum, 1st grade

On January 20, we celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. First graders learned about why MLK was an important figure in history. Students listened to the chapter book, *Martin Luther*

King, Jr., and the pop-up picture book, **Martin Luther King, Jr.: An Adventure in Courage**.

First graders also read a Weekly Reader article and watched a short clip of MLK's I have a Dream speech. Students completed the history study by making a poster that answers why Martin Luther King was a hero. Jasmine (daughter of Monica and Dennis Dau) explained he was a hero because, "He stopped segregation. That is separation of people by black and white."

Olivia (daughter of Stephanie and Josh Arnzen) shared a moment that stood out for her. "When Martin was in Kindergarten, his best friend was white and Martin was brown. He was told by his friend's father that he could not play with his friend. That was so sad. I felt like I was going to cry because they can't play together. It makes my eyebrows go down." Other facts that made an impression on First Graders was that MLK started preaching in his father's church when he was in grade school, and he skipped two grades to graduate at the age of 15.



Mrs. Zenner, Secondary Math

Hello! There are so many fun things happening in math this year. I have been focusing on creating end of unit projects or activities and thought I would share one of my favorites from this semester.

In Algebra 2 we spend a lot of time studying polynomials, with a large emphasis on quadratics. As a fun end to our quadratic unit my Algebra 2 students got to create their own Angry Birds scene. To create this project students had to create four quadratic equations each with their different parameters. Once they created their equations they then had to find specific properties of the equation. While the content was difficult and really made them think about all of the content we had learned, almost all of them said that they enjoyed the project.



**Pie eating contests
show school spirit
right?**



Husky Pride

Snowman building!



To the left the sophomore class shows off their contest winning snow-couple



Above, Lane W. and Taiylor C. are on a mad dash to the finish of a balloon race.

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