

THE BLACK AND GOLD

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Superintendent's Section

By Dr. Hatfield

**THANK YOU to all that voted in support of the supplemental levy.
We appreciate it so much.**

It's hard to believe that we are down to 2 months of school. Even though this year has been crazy with COVID-19 protocols, it has been great to see students, staff, and parents pull together so we could stay in school safely. I know masks have been a pain in the backside, but many students have been able to stay in school and not be quarantined due to mask wearing. Our hope is two weeks after spring break that masks will become optional if COVID cases in the county remain low and we don't have any cases here at school. Fingers crossed. The 4th quarter is upon us, which means lots of spring sports that will inevitably need to be rescheduled due to weather. To keep up on changes you can check out the calendar at <http://www.sd305.org/sports/sports.php>.

Upcoming Events:

ISAT Testing: Now until May

April 13: SAT for Juniors

April 17: PROM

May 21: Seniors Last Day

May 22: Graduation

May 27: Last Day for Elementary

June 2: Last Day for grades 7-11

Principal's Piece

Dear Highland Families,

It is hard to believe it is already Spring Break – a week when we will get to enjoy a bit of time to rest and recharge. After that, it is back to work to finish this year strong! We have much to do and, as always, your involvement is needed.

The month of April will mark the beginning to the end-of-the-year ISAT testing window. We will start administering ISAT's the week of April 12th. This testing window will run through April 22. It is very important that your students be at school and on time on ISAT testing days. Past experience has shown that students who take the assessments with their class perform at a higher level than those who take a make-up assessment at a different time. If you need to schedule a medical appointment for your child during these two weeks, be sure to check with your child's teacher to find out what days to avoid when scheduling the appointment.

Spring sports - Softball, Baseball and Track - are in full swing (pardon the pun). Sports schedules are on the school calendar, and on our weekly bulletins. Changes to game and meet dates may occur due to weather or other factors. Checking these resources will provide the latest information as you travel to watch our students in these sports.

We appreciate all that you do to support us in what we do. Our Highland community is a wonderful place to be and, as a team, we continue to work hard to ensure our school's success!

Dennis Fredrickson



Club Corner

Honors Society

The William-Craig Chapter of the National Honor Society had the opportunity to induct 14 new members on Wednesday, March 17th. They were recognized for their qualities in the four attributes of being part of the National Honor Society: Character, Service, Scholarship, & Leadership. These students have shown grit and perseverance throughout the course of their education. They certainly did not let the pandemic stand in the way of accomplishing their goals.



Olivia Antone, Kadence Beck, Chani Brammer, Cheyanne Brown, Owen Case,* Payton Crow, Emily Dau,* Kobe Droegmiller,*^ Katie Goeckner, Allison Kinzer, Caristae Robinson,* Kalei Smith, Lane Wassmuth,*^ Keira White

* 2020-21 NHS Chapter Officers
^ 2021 Graduates

BPA

Highland-Craigmont BPA competed in the Idaho State Leadership Conference on March 10-12. We had 10 students compete, 1 group made the top 8, 3 students made the top 10 and 1 made the top 5.

Caristae Robinson, Kalei Smith, and Katherine Goeckner placed top 8 in Project Management Group

Kalei Smith placed 9th in Digital Publication and qualified for Nationals

Lane Wassmuth placed 10th in Advanced Digital Publication and qualified for Nationals

Keira White placed 8th in Advanced Word and qualified for Nationals

Cheyanne Brown placed 5th in Interview Skills and qualified for Nationals



FFA:

Article by: President Taiylor Crea

On Friday, February 19, members of the Highland-Craigmont FFA chapter stepped up and competed in the North Idaho FFA District Parliamentary Procedure Leadership Development (LDE). For this LDE, there is a team of six with one member acting as chairman. Gage Crow acted as chairman for this team and the other five teams members included Taiylor Crea, Chani Brammer, Emily Dau, Hannah Smith, and Sydney Shumaker. Members are given an assigned Main Motion and a required motion for each team member to demonstrate. Members are graded on their ability to accurately demonstrate their required motion, a second motion of their choice, as well as forming and presenting well thought-out and professional debates. The chairman is graded on his/her ability to accurately hold a meeting and present the assigned motions.



Highland-Craigmont FFA Week

By Keira White, Reporter

Starting on February 22, the Highland-Craigmont FFA Chapter participated in National FFA Week. Monday was FFA Swag/Dress like a Farmer Day and members got goodie cups. For the first two days of the week we had FFA history and officer trivia. Tuesday was Tie Dye and Tacos Day this relates back to our Tie Dye and Taco event back in August. Unfortunately, due to Covid, we weren't allowed to serve tacos, so this time we gave out pre-packaged taco theme candy to all of our members. Wednesday was Career day so our students dressed up as a career they want to pursue later on in life. During advisory, we played a dress up volleyball game. The Junior class won the game. Thursday was Official Dress Day and our BPA chapter took professional head shots of every member, our annual chapter photo, and a group photo of our 2021 State FFA Degree Recipients. Also during the week chapter members selected our new 2021 Shirt Designs. Throughout the week, there was a morning FFA Trivia Question, and members earned points for a raffle of FFA prizes.

Athlete Highlight

Name: Cheyanne Brown

Sports Played: Volleyball, Basketball, Softball

Cheyanne has played volleyball for one year, basketball for eight years, and softball for eight years. Cheyanne's best sports memory was when she was a freshman and she went to state for softball. She said "It was my first year of high school sports, and it was a big deal for me to be a starter on a varsity team. State was the best softball exposure that I have ever received."

Her tip for younger athletes is to be grateful if you are on a JV team because being on a JV team gives you extra playing time that a varsity team would not offer you. Being on JV also helps you build up the skills you need to be on a Varsity team.

Cheyanne said that her mom is her biggest supporter. She said "Whenever I have a game no matter what sport it is, she will leave for work an hour early and work through her lunch just so she can leave work early that day to attend my games. It truly amazes me how supportive she is."

She wants to thank her coaches and the staff at Highland along with Mr. Fredrickson for all the help they have given into making our sports possible.



Teacher Spotlight

Mrs. Crow - High School English

The reading of Uncle Tom's Cabin brought forth a variety of learning elements. The junior class gained knowledge not only in literature but art & history, as well. The students grouped up and created dioramas for their assessment of the book.



Mrs. Horrocks - 4th Grade

Currently, the 4th graders are learning about and raising steelhead. They received them as eggs and are watching them hatch and grow. Along with watching and raising the steelhead, the 4th graders are also learning about them. They are learning terms such as "anadromous" and "alevin". The kids know all the different stages of the fish and are also learning about the life cycle of steelhead. The 4th graders even named some of their fish with names such as Zippy, Jeff, and Bob. They said that their favorite parts of raising steelhead are watching them swim in circles and watching them huddle together like a little school of fish. The 4th grade is planning on releasing their fish in Lawyers Canyon at the end of the school year.



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