

HIGHLAND

CARDINAL CONNECTION



From the Desk of the Superintendent

It's hard to believe that the first semester of the 2023-24 school year is behind us. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve as superintendent and want to share my appreciation for our community and for the support shown to our students and staff. The saying, "It takes a village" is exactly how I view the connection between our community and our school. One doesn't work well without the support of the other. Highland is known for always coming together to help others and I witness this every day at school.

The students have been working hard and are doing a great job again this year. I am very proud of their accomplishments and look forward to witnessing many more achievements before this year is complete. Many of their successes wouldn't be possible without the support of community members and mentors.

As a district, we continue to share information regarding the financial difficulties facing public schools. In a few months, we will be asking you to consider voting for a \$600,000 recurring referendum. This money is for operational expenditures that will allow us to keep our current programs for the next several years. It is very important we continue to support each other and work together to keep our school moving in the right direction and prepare our graduates for their post-secondary choices.

When looking back at my time here in Highland, I can't help but remember all the memories I had as a student. I made a choice to return to Highland to live, work, and raise my family. I am thankful and feel fortunate that it was able to happen. I know my story is similar to many of you who have deep roots in our small community and want to see it grow and prosper.

In this winter edition of the newsletter, I'd like to draw your attention to the referendum information section. Please take the time to read it and fully understand the contents. If you have any questions, please call or email me, and I will do my best to provide the answers or clarification you are seeking. Additional information is also available on our website by clicking the referendum button.

My goal as superintendent is to do my best to make sure students are provided a quality education and are proud to call Highland their home. I also want to make sure every community member is provided the facts and the clarification needed to make an informed decision when it is time to vote on April 2, 2024.

Sincerely,
Josh Tarrell

Mission: The Highland School District aspires to be a challenging and exciting school district in which students achieve personal responsibility, social maturity, and academic success.



SCHOOL START AND DISMISSAL TIMES

K-12 8:00 a.m.
K-5 3:25 p.m.
6-12 3:28 p.m.

LATE START DAYS

School begins at 10:00 am on the following late start Wednesdays

February 7
February 14
February 28
March 6
March 13
March 20

NO SCHOOL:

February 23

March 26

(snow day makeup if needed.)

SPRING BREAK:

March 27-April 1

(School resumes Tuesday, April 2.)



2024 Referendum

The recently approved state budget provided less funding for Highland Community Schools. As a result of **lower revenue and higher expenses**, the district is projecting a budget deficit. To offset this expense, Highland voters are being asked to approve an operational referendum to provide the district with additional funds on a recurring/ongoing basis.

What is needed right now?

Highland Community Schools is facing a projected \$270,563 operating deficit in the 23-24 school year, and an estimated \$196,150 operating deficit in the 24-25 school year. This is a total deficit of \$466,713 in the next two fiscal years. In order to maintain current staffing and programming, **we are asking taxpayers to approve a \$600,000 recurring operating referendum**. A passed referendum will financially support our district through the next several school years. The key variables in how schools are funded include: student enrollment (of which we have declining enrollment) and how the state funds school districts. Additionally, rising costs due to inflation have created a significant increase in our expenses. This referendum is needed to simply continue providing the staffing, services and programs we currently have.

Fiscal Responsibility

Historically, if there are excess funds at the end of a fiscal year they can be put into two different accounts: Fund Balance or Fund 46. These accounts are described below.

- **Fund Balance:** Our District policy states a goal of 15-20% of our total budget is in this fund balance. This money provides a cushion to cover expenses throughout a school year. Some recent examples include: boiler replacement, kitchen equipment, ongoing/unexpected building maintenance, waterline break, etc.
- **Fund 46:** In an effort to be fiscally responsible, the district started a Fund 46 in 2019. This fund has allowed the district to save money for future capital projects and buildings and grounds maintenance, such as those listed above. Our current balance in Fund 46 is just under \$800,000. This money will be available to spend starting in July 2024 after an initial holding period ends. This money cannot be used for operational expenses. Fund 46 is a long-term capital improvement trust fund.

Declining Enrollment

Along with the majority of Wisconsin schools, Highland is facing declining enrollment. State aid is tied to student enrollment; therefore, schools are facing referenda to make up for the loss of revenue. We are projecting this referendum will financially sustain our District operations for the next several years. Our projections include a 4% inflation increase each year, and continued declining enrollment. Because enrollment is tied to state aid, we carefully monitor our enrollment and expected enrollment to forecast future budget implications. The referendum approval we are asking for this spring is an **operational referendum**. An approved operational referendum in 2024 will go towards maintaining our current services. There are, however, other capital projects we know are on the horizon for our district. In the coming years, we are estimating the district will need between \$1.5-2 million for maintenance and capital projects for our building and grounds. This will come in a **future capital project referendum**. The following table lists the top priority projects we are currently monitoring due to known issues and/or approaching life expectancy. These projects will be completed based on need and/or state requirement.

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Future Capital Projects

PROJECTS	PROJECTED COST	EXPECTED TIMEFRAME
Elementary school roof replacement	\$472,500	Within 2-3 years
Elementary school EIFS replacement	\$158,400	Within 2-3 years
Boiler replacement	\$100,000	2-3 years
Sidewalk replacement	\$199,800	Within 5-8 years
Curb and gutter replacement	\$48,375	Within 5-8 years
Shop overhead door masonry head flashing repair	\$10,000	1-3 years
Locker room shower upgrades*	\$64,000	Within 5-10 years
Main entrance safety improvements	\$175,000	3-5 years
Remodel of Agriculture & Technical Education classroom	\$500,000-750,000	3-5 years
Softball field lighting*	TBD	TBD
Kitchen updates (all equipment original to building)	TBD	Unknown
School safety upgrades (Key FOB system, main entry remodel)	TBD	TBD
*Possible state required upgrades TOTAL	\$2,000,000+	

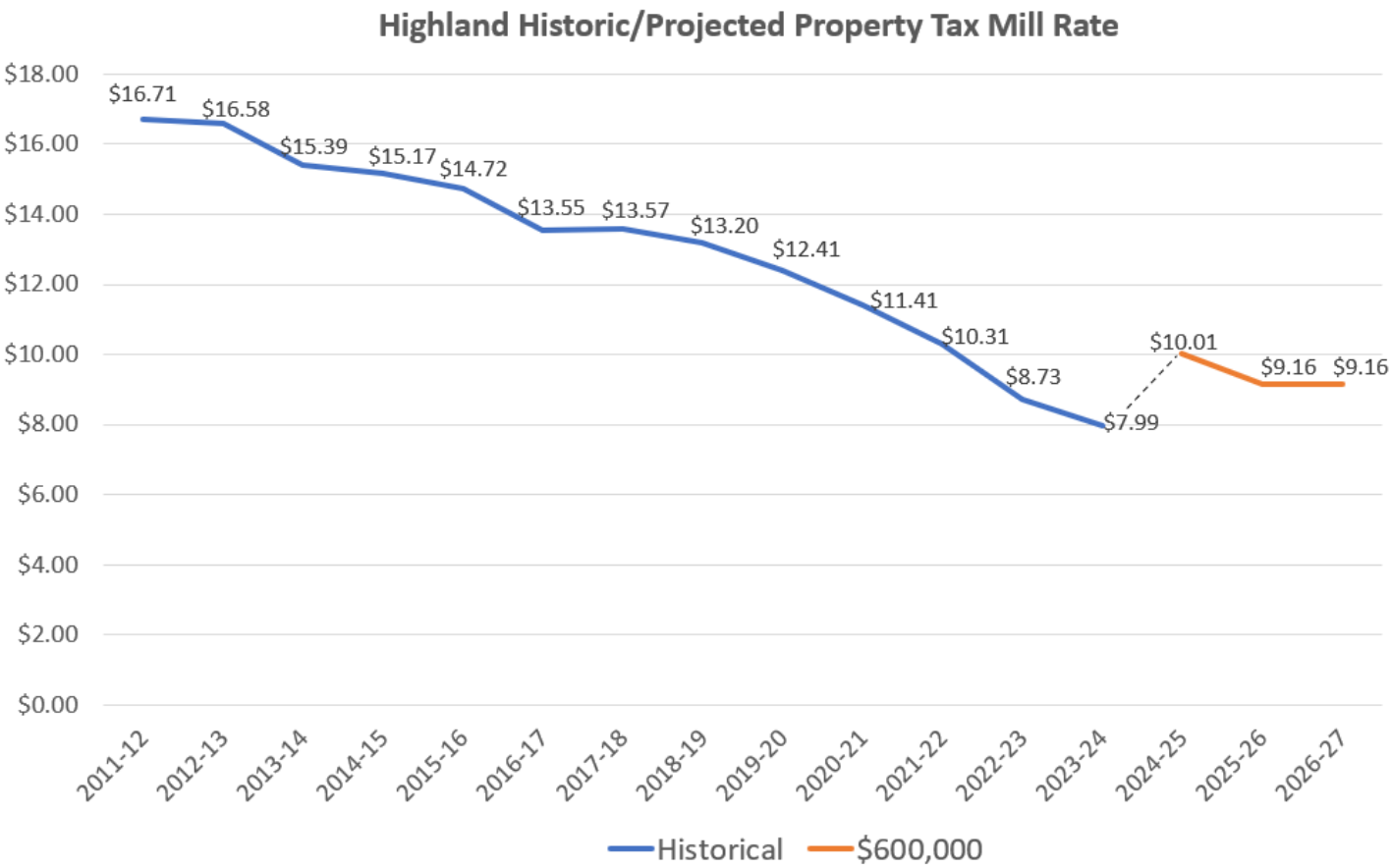
State Budget

The table below demonstrates state funding over the past 12 years. This table outlines the Class of 2024 from 4K until present and the funding districts statewide have received per pupil in that timeframe. As you can see there is a discrepancy between state funding and the rising cost of inflation. Over the past 12 years the gap in per pupil funding compared to rising inflation is \$3,235 per pupil. This is a major challenge all districts in Wisconsin are facing today.

Selected years	Class of 2023 Grade	Combined resource change per pupil (revenue limits + per pupil aid)	Amount behind inflation (Cumulative, per pupil)	National spending ranking (Census)	Context Notes
2009-10	4K	\$200	\$-75	17th	1 st year revenue limits were decoupled from inflation
2010-11	5K	\$200	\$-156	17th	State raised proficiency cut scores, Act 10
2011-12	1st	-\$554	\$-998	21st	Revenue limits cut/state aid cut in 2011-13 budget
2013-14	3rd	\$100	\$-1,395	21st	Statewide voucher program established
2015-16	5 th	\$0	\$-1,856	23rd	Sharp rise in referendum questions and dollars
2019-20	9th	\$263	\$-2,365	25th	COVID-19 global pandemic hits
2020-21	10th	\$179	\$-2,520	25th	Inflation soars
2021-22	11th	\$0	\$-2,863	NA	Revenue limits are frozen, no increases for two years
2022-23	12th	\$0	\$-3,235	NA	Graduation! 2 nd year of frozen revenue limits, amid continued inflation

Historical Mill Rate

Mill rates are calculated by assessing community services needs (including schools), and applying the applicable tax based on property value to meet those needs. The projected mill rate on the survey, as it applies to Highland Community Schools, was \$8.77; however, the most recent property value report and confirmed equalized state aid decreased our mill rate to \$7.99. The mill rates represented by the orange line are estimates based on the best available data we have at this time.



Did you know?

- In our overall budget, state aid makes up approximately 70% of our revenue, and local support in the form of taxes makes up 30%.
- Wisconsin is predicted to have a record number of districts going to referendum within the next year. We are one of many schools facing budget hardships and asking for local financial support.

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Vote on Tuesday, April 2, 2024

By 2026, we will have paid off the elementary building. At that time, our district will have no outstanding debt. Because of this debt relief, we will have higher taxes in 2025 with a reduction in taxes following in 2026. The net tax impact is shown in the far right column below.

Before 2026, the elementary portion of our building will be paid off. The local tax impact will be a decrease as outlined below.

Description	Operating Referendum	Retiring Debt Service	Net Tax Impact
Fiscal Year	2025	2026	2026
Amount	\$600,000	-\$259,787	
Levy Mill Rate Impact	\$2.02	-\$0.85	\$1.17

The net tax impact after two years when our retiring debt reduces taxes in 2026.

The approximate assessed market value of your house.

Equalized (Market) Value	Estimated Tax Impact		
\$100,000	\$202	-\$85	\$117
150,000	303	-128	175
200,000	404	-170	234
250,000	505	-213	292
300,000	606	-255	351
350,000	707	-298	409
400,000	808	-340	468
450,000	909	-383	526
500,000	1,010	-425	585

STEM Club

Students in grades K-2 enjoyed a design challenge on their first night of STEM Club! The night started out with a team building activity where the students needed to build the tallest tower with Legos in 5 minutes and 1 minute. It was so much fun! Then we read the story Ten on a Sled. The students had to design a sled that would hold all ten animals using a piece of cardstock, 4 popsicle sticks, 4 pipe cleaners, and tape. There was a wide variety of sleds created!



2023 Christmas Store

As I sit home on a snow day and reflect on how our Highland Community Christmas Store went this year, I am still amazed! Our middle school students are tasked with pulling together an amazing feat and this year they were up to the task. We were a bit more restricted this year with time and space for multiple reasons, but that didn't stop them from putting their hearts into this project. In one week's time, we had the library transformed, decorations and coloring pages made, and happy elves to assist shoppers.

New this year, we had a draft type process for students to be the morning greeters on Friday, December 15th for the Elementary Students. We had a great group of students who dressed up, sang and danced to Christmas songs building the anticipation for our store.

As in past years, all the elementary students were able to shop! Most of the middle school students choose to shop and quite a few high school students found time to come in and buy some treasures for their friends and families. This would not be possible without the support of our amazing community. This year the donations were amazing! There were so many generous donations from community members and organizations that I could not begin to thank everyone.

A huge thank you to all those who came in and helped with set up, gift wrapping, and the clean up. Our wrappers are top notch and we have so many dedicated volunteers! This store runs smoothly because of all the help of those volunteers! The middle schoolers estimated that over 2,000 gifts were wrapped.

This year we passed all previous record amounts of money earned at the Christmas Store. Our total this year was well over \$1000. Most gifts are marked as \$0.25, \$0.50, \$0.75, or \$1, with a few gifts marked at \$1.50. As a middle school, we have discussed this amount and would like to divide our earnings between three different charitable groups. However, with all the snow and cold days, we haven't been able to have the students vote yet, so we will have to pass on the winners after our votes are taken.

Please keep us in mind for next year's Christmas Store. I apologize for not being able to take items earlier in the year, but we just do not have the storage space in the building and the middle school math classroom gets taken over with gifts and supplies for a few weeks before the store.

Submitted with great appreciation by,
Abbie Ramel





2024 Spelling Bee

Ten spellers competed in our school spelling bee on Thursday, January 11. After winning their classroom bees, the following students represented their classes in the competition:

Grade 4: Tre Talo and Finley Kalmerton

Grade 5: Bryant Imhoff and Aidan Tassoul

Grade 6: Eli Straka and Stella Biba

Grade 7: Bella Soto-Wadel and Bailey Kelsey

Grade 8: Samuel Biba and Parker Brown

After 12 rounds of spelling, Eli Straka became our champion, with Stella Biba as runner-up. Sixth graders Eli and Stella will represent Highland Schools at the Regional Spelling Bee on Wednesday, January 24th at Southwest Tech College Auditorium in Fennimore. Well done, spellers!



Why Learn Spanish?

Highland Community Schools offers Spanish (middle school and high school up to level 4) and that is an amazing opportunity for all of our students. Here's why:

1. Spanish is the official language of 21 world countries and is spoken by more than 400 million people.
2. There are more than 33 million Spanish speakers in the United States, which makes Spanish the 2nd most spoken language in the USA.
3. Hispanics are the largest minority group in the United States, most of whom speak Spanish.
4. Studying other cultures fosters the understanding of other people and a deeper understanding of one's own culture.
5. Communication skills are developed in the process of learning other world languages.
6. Learning world languages can open doors to international travel and create a deeper appreciation for music, cuisine, art, dance, fashion, philosophy, science, and more.
7. Studying world languages enhances listening and memory skills, as well as bolstering skills in problem solving and dealing with abstract concepts.
8. One's opportunities in government, medicine, law, military, industry, marketing, technology and business are enhanced by the study of world languages.
9. Knowing additional world languages will give one an edge in the job market, improving one's chances of getting a job.
10. World language study enhances one's world view and bridges gaps between cultures.

Please encourage the learning of world languages as much as possible, as it is a wonderful way to prepare our students for the future—theirs and that of our nation.



SPORTS AWARDS

FOOTBALL



Team Awards

Most Improved Player: Kaden Washa,
Most Valuable Player and Offensive Player of the Year:
Darren Laufenberg,
Special Teams Player of the Year: Jackson McGuire,
Scout Team Player of the Year: Jephtha Greene,
Lineman of the Year and Defensive Player of the Year:
Bryce Nankey

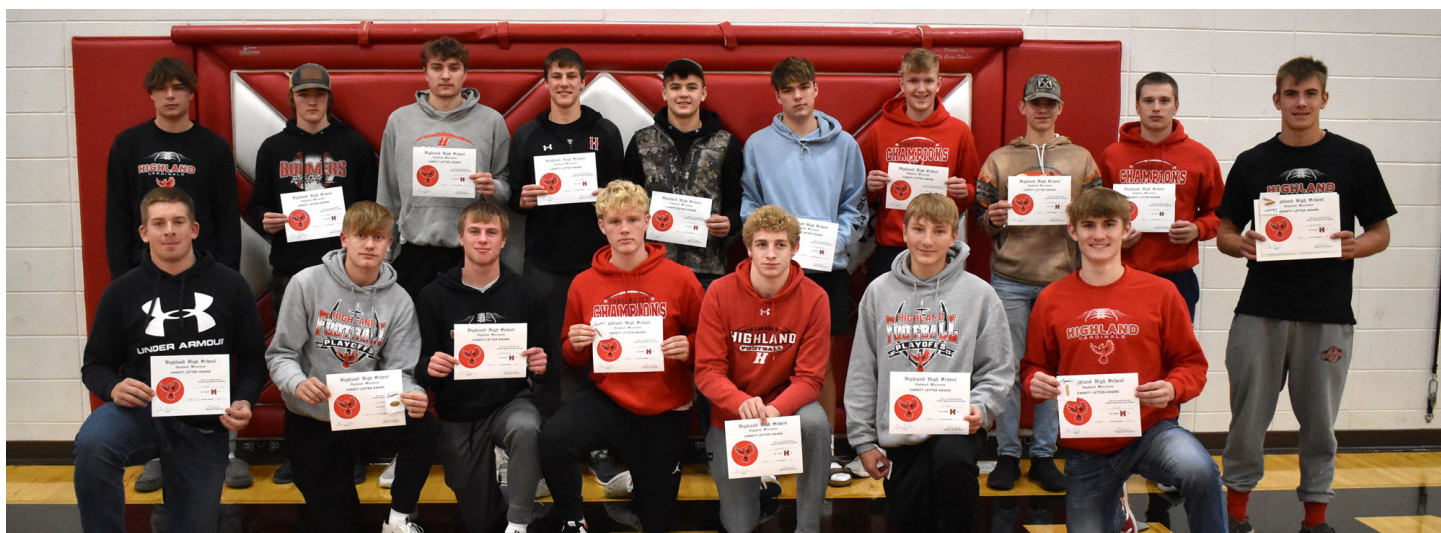


2023 Conference

Row 1: Tucker Degenhardt - First Team Defensive End and
Second Team Offensive Line, Bryce Nankey - First Team
Offensive Line, First Team Defensive Line, Sportsmanship
Team, Offensive and Defensive Lineman of the Year, John
Dreichsmeier - First Team Wide Receiver and Second Team
Corner Back, Landis Newberry - Second Team Kicker, Jason
Johnson - Second Team Center

Row 2: Darren Laufenberg - First Team Running Back, First
Team Linebacker and Second Team Punter, Wes Kraisinger -
First Team Safety, Joseph Bomkamp Drone - Honorable Mention
Offensive Line, Bennett Smith - First Team Quarterback, Tyson
Imhoff - Second Team H Back and Tight End

Missing: Davis Dorota - Second Team Linebacker, Jaydon
Bomkamp Drone - Honorable Mention Defensive Line



Letterwinners

Row 1: Bryce Nankey, Cooper Oleson, John Dreischmeier, Landis Newberry, Jackson McGuire, Jack Tarrell, Tyson Imhoff

Row 2: Jaydon Bomkamp Drone, Kaden Washa, Michael Esser, Wes Kraisinger, Tucker Degenhardt, Joseph Bomkamp Drone,
Bennett Smith, Jephtha Greene, Jason Johnson, Darren Laufenberg

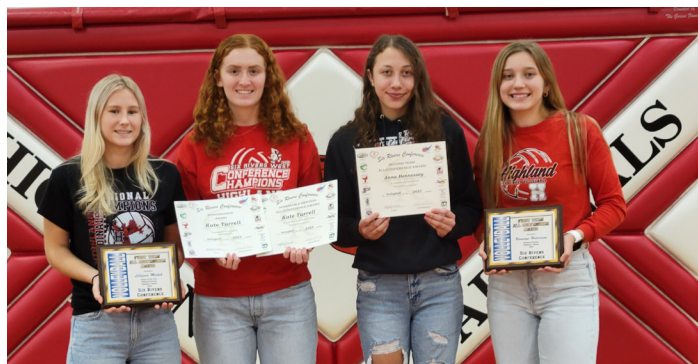
Missing: Aiden Bedward, Aiden Gates, and Davis Dorota

VOLLEYBALL



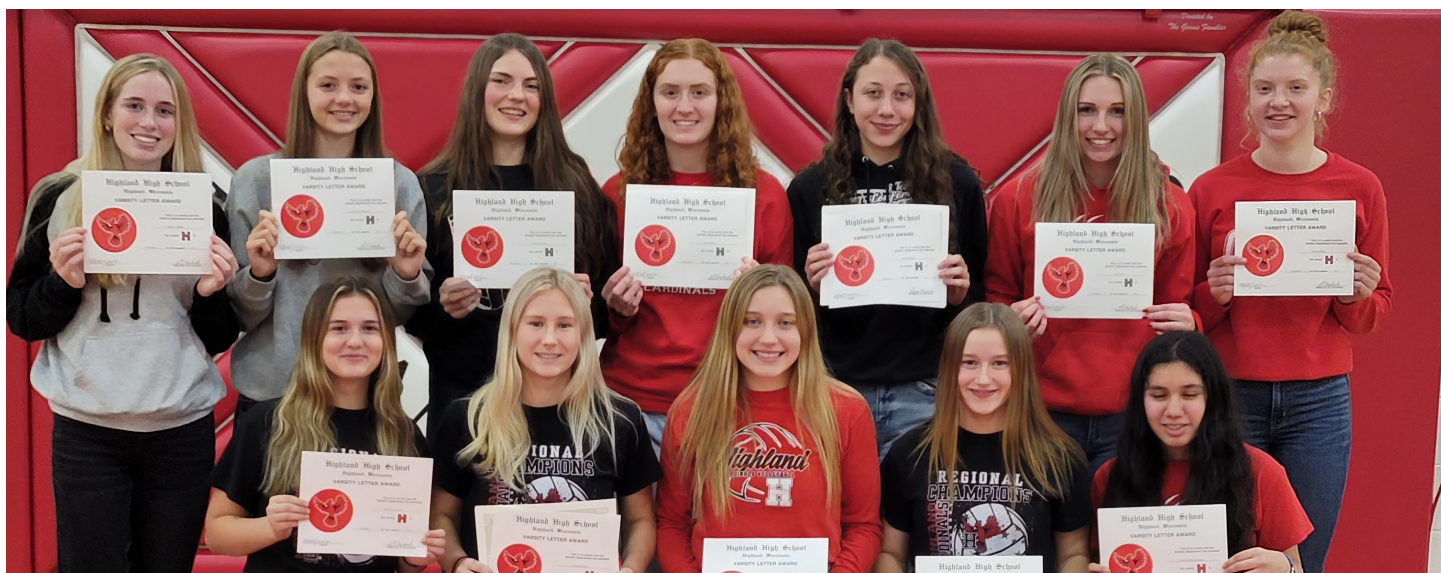
Team Awards

Most Improved Player: Sumaryn Halverson,
Most Valuable Player, Hustle Award, and Defensive Player of the Year: Lillyana Michek,
Offensive Player of the Year: Anna Hennessey,
Coaches' Award: Bronwyn Halverson



2023 All-Conference

First Team and Conference Player of the Year: Lillyana Michek,
Honorable Mention and Sportsmanship Team: Kate Tarrell,
Second Team: Anna Hennessey,
First Team: Bronwyn Halverson



Letterwinners

Row 1: Brinleigh Bollant, Lillyana Michek, Bronwyn Halverson, Sumaryn Halverson, Yezlin Mondragon-Gaytan

Row 2: Addison Bedward, Cora Healy-Doughterly, Kaitlyn Miller, Kate Tarrell, Anna Hennessey, Faith Yaun, Sophie Tarrell

Missing: Maria Soto Wadel and Chloe Tucker

College Courses Available

Any sophomore or junior (next year's junior or senior) has the option to enroll in a college class for both high school and college credit. This program is available to next year's juniors and seniors who are interested in taking college courses. If interested, contact Mrs. Hesseling. Students interested in these programs are required to fill out an application by March 1st which notifies the school board of his/her intent to be involved in these programs. If you have any questions, call Mrs. Hesseling at 929-4525 or see our website for more information.

High School Spring Sports Schedule 2024

VARSITY BASEBALL

3-28-24	Away	Southwestern	4:30 pm
4-1-24	Away	Dodgeville	4:30 pm
4-4-24	Away	Lancaster	5:00 pm
4-8-24	Away	River Valley	5:00 pm
4-9-24	Home	River Ridge	5:00 pm
4-15-24	Away	Potosi/Cassville	5:00 pm
4-19-24	Home	Argyle/Black Hawk (DH)	5:00 pm
4-22-24	Home	Shullsburg/Benton	5:00 pm
4-23-24	Away	Belmont	5:00 pm
4-26-24	Away	Barneveld	4:30 pm
4-29-24	Away	River Ridge	5:00 pm
4-30-24	Home	Potosi/Cassville	5:00 pm
5-3-24	Away	Pecatonica (DH)	4:30 pm
5-6-24	Home	Iowa-Grant	5:00 pm
5-7-24	Away	Shullsburg/Benton	5:00 pm
5-10-24	Home	Monticello/Albany (DH)	4:30 pm
5-14-24	Home	Belmont	5:00 pm
5-20-24	Home	Belleville	4:30 pm

JV BASEBALL

JV Games may follow single varsity games.

VARSITY SOFTBALL

3-21-24	Away	Dodgeville	4:30 pm
3-26-24	Away	Lancaster	5:00 pm
4-2-24	Away	Richland Center	5:00 pm
4-5-24	Home	Fennimore	5:00 pm
4-8-24	Home	Argyle/Black Hawk	5:00 pm
4-9-24	Home	River Ridge	5:00 pm
4-11-24	Away	Pecatonica	5:00 pm
4-15-24	Away	Potosi/Cassville	5:00 pm
4-18-24	Home	Monticello/New Glarus	5:00 pm
4-20-24	Away	Prairie du Chien (tourney)	9:00 am
4-22-24	Home	Benton/Shullsburg	5:00 pm
4-23-24	Away	Belmont	5:00 pm
4-25-24	Away	Juda/Albany	5:00 pm
4-27-24	Away	Iowa-Grant (tourney)	9:00 am
4-29-24	Away	River Ridge	5:00 pm
4-30-24	Home	Potosi/Cassville	5:00 pm
5-7-24	Away	Benton/Shullsburg	5:00 pm
5-10-24	Away	Barneveld	5:00 pm
5-14-24	Home	Belmont	5:00 pm

JV SOFTBALL

5-11-24	Away	Barneveld	8:00 am
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JV Games may follow varsity games.

See the web page for additional games or rain dates.

Spring Sports Practice

Softball practice begins March 11 and Baseball practice begins March 18. Any high school student planning to participate needs to make sure all forms are turned into the office. If you are not sure if everything is turned in, contact the high school office.

For all 6th through 11th grade students interested in participating in football or volleyball next year their grades at the end of this semester are very important. The grade requirements apply to all 8th graders becoming freshmen, as well as any high school student. It also applies to the 6th and 7th grade girls interested in Middle School volleyball at the beginning of the school year. Each student is responsible for making sure that they have at least 3 C's and no F's for their 2nd semester grades. Second semester grades determine fall eligibility. The WIAA requires that schools use the last grading period to determine your eligibility. It is very important for our students to continue their hard work in all classes to guarantee that they will be successful, and if interested in sports, be able to participate from the first day of practice next fall. Please remind your student(s) that now is the perfect time to begin thinking about next school year!

Lunch Accounts

You may deposit money into your family breakfast/ lunch account weekdays at the middle/high school office or in your Infinite Campus Portal-Campus Online Payments. You can check your balance in your Infinite Campus Portal or call the District Office at 608-929-4525. You can also mail payment to:

Highland School District
Attn: Lunch Program
1030 Cardinal Drive
Highland WI 53543

Semester 1 Report Cards

Semester 1 report cards are available through your Infinite Campus Portal. Please call the school if you would like a hard copy of your child's report card. If you need help setting up your Infinite Campus Portal, please call the school at 608-929-4525.

Prom 2024

Junior Prom will be held on Saturday, May 4th from 8:00 p.m.-11:30 p.m. Grand March will be at 8:30 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Spring Testing

ACT

11th grade students will take the ACT plus writing at the beginning of March. The ACT consists of 5 multiple choice tests: English, Math, Reading, Science and a 40 minute essay to measure the student's writing skills.

Dates for these assessments are as follows:

ACT: March 12 (makeup date - March 26)

*If there is a weather emergency, test date will be April 9th.

PreACT

9th and 10th grade students will take the PreACT Secure over the course of a couple of weeks this spring. This assessment is aligned to the ACT. Tests included on this assessment are: English, Math, Reading, and Science. The PreACT Secure scores predict how students will perform on the ACT when they reach 11th grade.

Dates for the PreACT: March 18 - April 26

Forward Exam

This exam is designed to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin Academic Standards. This assessment will be given to students in grades 3rd-8th and 10th in the spring.

Grades 3-8 are assessed in English Language Arts and Math

Grades 4 and 8 are assessed in Science

Grades 4, 8 and 10 are assessed in Social Studies

Dates for the Forward Exam: March 18- April 26

ACT Testing

There are also several other opportunities throughout the year for students to register and take the ACT exam. There is a fee involved with these exams. Students can find more information about these exams and can register to take these ACT exams at www.actstudent.org. If students plan on taking the exam on April 13th they need to register by March 8th and/or if they plan to take the exam on June 18th they need to be registered by May 3rd. If the registration date is missed, there is an additional \$38.00 late fee. If you need further information, contact Mrs. Hesseling in the guidance office at 929-4525.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT HONOR ROLL

Distinguished Honors: Grade point average 4.00 and above

High Honors: Grade point average 3.50 – 3.99

Honors: Grade point average 3.00 – 3.49

1st QUARTER HONOR ROLL

GRADE 9

Distinguished Honors

Milena Straka
Sophia Tarrell

High Honors

Marissa Biba
Denissa Pierick
Lily Tarrell

Honors

Natalie Breiwa
Kinnley Zadrazil

GRADE 10

Distinguished Honors

Cora Healy-Dougherty
Hilary Hying
Hailee Kohout
Faith Yaun

High Honors

Addison Bedward
Caitlyn Fritsch
Sumaryn Halverson
Valerie Johnson
Hunter Kelsey
Kelsi McGuire
Marcus Moore
Landis Newberry
Cooper Oleson
Aaliyah Soto Wadel
Jack Tarrell
Tatum Thielorn

Honors

Brinleigh Bollant
Tyra Couey
Finley Falkenberg
Lucio Mondragon
Javon Morales
Kaden Washa

GRADE 11

Distinguished Honors

John Dreischmeier
Tyson Imhoff
Jason Johnson

High Honors

Ciara Campbell
Kyle Dax
Michael Esser
Wesley Kraisinger
Kaden Michek
Kaitlyn Miller
Wiley Reeck
Bennett Smith
Katherine Tarrell

Honors

Travis Aloisi
Aiden Bedward
Anna Hennessey
Yezlin Mondragon-Gaytan
Isabella Washa

GRADE 12

Distinguished Honors

Elliott Biba
Harlee Fredericks

High Honors

Bronwyn Halverson
Lillyana Michek
Norbert Sanchez
Maria Soto Wadel
LiaLiz Thao

Honors

Jaydon Bomkamp
Jamesie Carter
Thomas-John Hermanson
Bryce Nankey

Medication at School

If your child requires medication and/or an inhaler at school, please remember that we require a permission form to be filled out before we can administer it. If the medication is **prescribed by a physician**, we require **both** a parent and a physician signature, this includes inhalers. If it is an **over-the-counter med**, just a parent signature is needed. There are two separate forms that are now located on the school's website. Go to District Information and click on the applications and forms link.

Parents of 6th Grade Students

Current **6th grade** students must receive a **Tdap**, tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough) immunization **before** they enter 7th grade. The importance of this vaccine is discussed in another article in this newsletter.

Students with health insurance will need to have their immunizations done by their primary health care provider/clinic. Those who are uninsured or have Badgercare may get theirs at the Iowa County health department, free of charge.

Protect Infants and Your Babies Against Pertussis

Pertussis, also known as whooping cough, puts babies and young children at great risk. Pertussis is a highly contagious bacterial disease that causes uncontrollable violent coughing and difficulty breathing. Those most vulnerable for developing this disease are newborns and infants, as they need multiple doses of the vaccine to develop immunity. Babies often get pertussis from older children and adults, whose symptoms are milder and less life-threatening.

The most effective way to prevent babies from developing pertussis is to get vaccinated. There is a booster vaccine with pertussis for adolescents and adults. Parents, siblings, grandparents, childcare providers, and any person who is in contact with a newborn or infant should receive this Tdap booster vaccine. Protection from the disease wears off, so anyone ten years of age or older who has not received the booster should receive the vaccine at least two weeks before having contact with a baby. For more information on pertussis prevention and vaccination, contact your health care provider, or your local health department. The Iowa County Health Department's number is 930-9870 and they are located in the new Health and Human Service Building.

High School Students— The Importance of the Meningitis Vaccine

Meningitis is a serious infection of the covering of the brain and the spinal cord. This infection can be treated with antibiotics, however, many people who get this disease die and many others are affected for life. This vaccine is highly recommended for adolescents 11 through 18 years of age. This vaccine is important for people at highest risk, mainly college freshmen living in dormitories. **Many colleges and vocational schools require or strongly encourage this vaccine.**

Two doses are recommended: the first dose at age 11 or 12 and then a booster dose at age 16. If the first dose is given after the 16th birthday, a booster is not needed.

This vaccine is available at your doctor's office for those with medical insurance. It is available at the Iowa County health department for those who are uninsured or who have BadgerCare. To make an appointment to get the vaccine there, please call 930-9870.

If you have any questions about this vaccine or if your child needs the first dose or a booster, feel free to call me at 929-4525

Sharon Friederick, RN, School Nurse

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1 GB-H-Belmont 6:00 MSGB-H-River Ridge 4:30 (parents' night)	2 BB-H-Barneveld 6:00 MSWR at Mineral Point 4:30	3 FBLA Regionals at River Ridge WR Conference at Mineral Point 9:00 JVWR at Mineral Point 8:30 Gym at TBA 10:00
4	5 BB-H-Ithaca 6:00 MSWR at Iowa Grant 4:30 Gym at Platteville 6:00	6 GB-H-Dodgeville 6:00 MSGB at Fennimore 4:30	7 Late Start 10:00	8 MSGB at Boscobel 4:30 BB-H-Belmont Var-6:00 JV-7:30 GB-H-River Ridge 6:00	9	10 WR Regionals Gym at Platteville 10:00
11	12 Sub-District Forensics at Potosi	13 MSGB at Riverdale 4:30 BB-H-Lancaster 6:00 WR-Team Sectionals	14 Late Start-10:00 School Board Meeting 6:00	15 MSGB-H-Richland Center 4:30 GB at Shullsburg 6:00 Gym at River Valley 5:00	16 BB at Cassville 6:00	17 WR Sectionals
18	19 HS Honors Band at Potosi-Concert at 7:00	20 GB Regionals	21	22 State WR BB-H-Potosi 6:00	23 NO SCHOOL State WR GB Regionals	24 State WR Gym Sectionals at Platteville 10:00 GB Regionals
25	26 MS Solo/Ensemble at Benton 4:00	27 BB Regionals	28 Late Start	29 GB Sectionals		

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					1 BB Regionals	2 GB Sectionals BB Regionals
3	4	5 Pops Concert & Pasta Supper Pasta-4:00-6:45 Concert- 7:00	6 Late Start-10:00	7 HS Drama- Improv Show 7:00 State GB BB Sectionals	8 GB State	9 GB State BB Sectionals
10	11 SB Practice Begins	12 Juniors ACT Testing	13 Late Start-10:00 School Board Meeting 6:00	14 State BB	15 State BB	16 State BB
17	18 Baseball Practice Begins District Forensics	19	20 Late Start-10:00	21 SB at Dodgeville 4:30 JV to follow	22	23 HS Solo/ Ensemble- Home-8:00-4:00
24	25 End of 3 rd Quarter	26 NO SCHOOL- Work Day (Snow Make-up date if needed) SB at Lancaster 5:00-JV to follow	27 NO SCHOOL- Spring Break	28 NO SCHOOL- Spring Break BS at Southwestern 4:30	29 NO SCHOOL- Spring Break	30
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	1 NO SCHOOL- Spring Break BS at Dodgeville 4:30-JV to Follow	2 Beginning of 4 th Quarter SB at Richland Center 5:00	3	4 BS at Lancaster 5:00-JV to follow	5 SB-H-Fennimore 5:00	6
7 State FBLA at Green Bay	8 State FBLA at Green Bay SB-H-Argyle/ Black Hawk 5:00 BS at River Valley 5:00-JV to Follow	9 State FBLA at Green Bay SB-H-River Ridge 5:00 BS-H-River Ridge 5:00	10 School Board Meeting 6:00	11 SB at Pecatonica 5:00	12	13
14	15 SB at Potosi/ Cassville 5:00 BS at Potosi/ Cassville 5:00	16	17	18 SB-H-Monticello/ New Glarus 5:00	19 State Forensics at UW-Madison BS-H-Argyle/ Black Hawk (DH) 4:30	20 State Forensics at UW-Madison SB Tourney at Prairie du Chien 9:00
21	22 BS-H-Benton Shullsburg 5:00	23 SB at Belmont 5:00 BS at Belmont 5:00	24	25 SB at Juda/ Albany 5:00	26 BS at Barneveld 4:30 JV to follow	27 State Solo/ Ensemble at UW-Platteville 8:00 SB Tourney at Iowa Grant 9:00
28	29 SB at River Ridge 5:00 BS at River Ridge 5:00	30 SB-H-Potosi/ Cassville 5:00 BS-H-Potosi/ Cassville 5:00	1	2	3 BS at Pecatonica 4:30 (DH)	4 PROM 2024 Dance-8:00-11:30 Grand March 8:30 Post Prom-TBA

Reminder

Parents and/or guardians are asked to notify the school office by telephone prior to or on the day of an absence. Calls made on the date of an absence should be made by 8:30 a.m. So that we do not have to disturb students during class time, please send a note to excuse them from school if they will be leaving for a scheduled appointment. Elementary students are asked to bring a note if their afternoon routine will change, i.e. you will pick them up, rather than ride the bus. Thank you.

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4K Screening—March 6th

Highland is hosting their annual Early Learning Play Day for incoming 4K students for the 2024-25 school year.

Please note: Plan on dropping your child off and picking them up.

Who should attend?

- Students who will be 4 years old by September 1, 2024.
- Students who will be eligible to attend 5-year-old kindergarten in the fall of 2024 who did not attend 4-year-old kindergarten this year.
- Students who will be 3 years old by September 1, 2024 and may have developmental concerns.

When and Where?

- The Early Learning Play Day will take place on Wednesday, March 6th.
- In case of weather, the reschedule day will be Wednesday, March 13th.
- It will run from 8:00-9:30
- Please plan to arrive around 7:45 to get your child settled and to drop off any paperwork.

What do I need to do?

- If you would like your child to attend, please call Barb at (608) 929.4525 by February 26.
- Information will be provided at the time for online registration instructions.

If you have any questions, please call Lindsay Jackson, School Psychologist at (608) 929.4525.

