

**February/
March
2022**

Scottie Newsletter



Highlands Middle School, Kennewick School District

Principal Message

At Highlands we offer:

- Tutoring in all subject areas through Varsity Tutors (FREE)
- 21st Century Extended Day programs M-Th from 2:45-5pm

Upcoming Dates

Black History Month	Feb
Dr. Seuss Read Across America	3/2
High School Visits	Week of 3/8
Spring Sports Start	3/11
Mask Updates	3/21
ATP Science Night	3/22
Spring Break	April 2-9

It is hard to believe that we are in the 3rd quarter of the school year.

This year (along with the past two years) have been filled with a lot of challenges for educators, for families and for our students. Our staff is working harder than ever to make sure your child is getting back on track, socially and academically. Here is how you can help:

Check in with your child.

- Do more than ask how their day was, ask them to **share a positive** fact about their day and what makes them proud.
- Ask your child if they treated others with **respect and kindness** and if they were treated the same.
- Check their Power School grades and ask them to **show you** some of their work. Pick an assignment and have your child tell you about it and have them show you on their Chromebook. Pick a different subject each week.
- Contact your child's teacher, counselor or principal if you have any questions or concerns. We are here to help and your child's success is VERY important to us.
- On **2/22/22 at 2:22 pm** we had all students take a "selfie" to record this time in history! Ask them to show you their picture!

Supporting our Teachers

WE need parent volunteers to support our teachers and other staff. Many teachers are working most days without a break because of our sub shortage. Many para educators and secretaries are putting in extra time to cover for those who are out sick. If you would like to donate your time or help organize some support activities (goodies, potlucks, etc.); please send me an email or give me a call!

From Mrs. Lori McCord, Principal

No One Eats Alone

WEB celebrated **No One Eats Alone** on February 18th at all lunches; WEB Leaders worked to have activities and an environment where students felt connected with one another at lunch.

This is a great yearly activity that shows students that there are people here that care about them.

Dr. Seuss Day March 2nd

To celebrate Dr. Seuss Day and Read Across America, the National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) will be spending the day reading Dr. Seuss books and asking questions about their favorite part to the students at Westgate Elementary.

Arcade– Games and fun the Science Way!

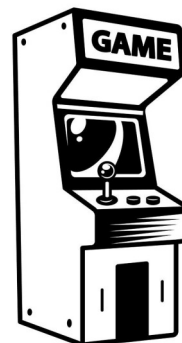
ATP– Science Night– March 22nd 5:45-6:30

This will be an Arcade themed night with tons of fun and prizes! We will be in PERSON so there be fun for everyone!!

Dinner and childcare will be provided by 21st Century!

We will be in PERSON so that there can be fun for everyone!!

Talk to your Science Teacher to get more information as well as the link for fun!



Spring Sports Alert!!

Baseball, Softball and Track will have a pre-season meeting (counts as the first practice) on **March 11** after school in the gym.

- Students must have their paperwork completed in PowerSchool,
- have a current physical on file at the office and
- have ASB and User Fee paid.



If your family needs any assistance or needs some help this month or ANYTIME do not hesitate to contact us.

Counselor Corner

College Bound has changed!!

Be aware that your student will not have a signature sheet but in order to qualify for the scholarship there will need to be paperwork completed in high school!

Beginning with the 2019-20 school year, students enrolled in public school who are eligible for free and reduced price lunch in 7th, 8th, or newly eligible in 9th grade will be automatically enrolled in



College Bound. This is through a partnership with OSPI and WSAC. OSPI identifies free and

reduced price lunch eligible students via data from districts that is reported. Additionally, students in state

foster care at any point from 7th grade through age 21 (or they graduate high school) will be automatically signed up. This is

through a partnership with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) and WSAC.

For more information see Miss Piceno, Mrs. Davis or Mr. Sandoval!



High School Planning

The Delta High School, Legacy High School and the Jr. ROTC from Kennewick High came and presented their programs to all of the 8th grade Science classes.

This upcoming month we will see all three schools, Kennewick (March 8th), Kamiakin and Southridge coming to share with the students their school, classes and clubs!

Parents look for course handbooks and signature forms for classes that your student wants to take!

Watch your student's high school webpage for more information such as Sports that will start in June (tryouts, practices, team camps, etc.) as well special information nights!

We will do our best to send out information as we get it but the best source is the high school itself!

HIGH SCHOOL: HOW IT WORKS

aka: "the best four years of your life"
 ↑ **WRONG!** it is actually the biggest learning experience of your life ← **RIGHT!**

FRESHMAN YEAR:

- ① it is not terrifying or like anything you see on TV
- ② DO NOT try and be friends with everyone
- ③ everyone hates the freshman, so don't act like you're better than everyone because you're not
- ④ walk on the right side of the hallway, stairs - don't walk in packs AND stop screaming, you'll see your friends at lunch.

SOPHOMORE YEAR:

- ① this year contains a lot of drama
- ② LET'S LEARN TO DRIVE!
- ③ you'll learn that the mitochondria is the powerhouse of the cell.
- ④ freshmen are annoying... I hope I wasn't like that

JUNIOR YEAR

- ① **SATs**
- ② **CHEMISTRY** will consume your life
- ③ you have to start thinking about college
- ④ PLEASE STOP asking me what I want to be because I DO NOT KNOW.
- ⑤ Junioritis is real
- ⑥ you find your group of friends

SENIOR YEAR

- ① college applications = college acceptance letters "THE FUTURE IS OUT THERE"
- ② why am I still here?
- ③ how long until I graduate?
- ④ **SENIORITIS**
- ⑤ your last everything: prom, class trip
- ⑥ **GRADUATION**... finally!

Black History Month was observed through our morning announcements with Anchor Michael Craig reading daily inspirational quotes as well as teachers/staff introducing the students and community to influential Black Americans who changed history in their actions and talents. Check out our Youtube channel to watch them all!

Mask Update!!

Starting March 21st, students and staff will not be required to wear masks at school. However, students MAY wear masks if they choose!

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The Scottie Way—Impact each other in a positive way, every day.

Our KSD Mission: To provide a safe environment in which every student reaches his or her highest potential and graduates well prepared for success in post-secondary education, work, and life.

We are on
the WEB!!

Find us on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUSzVcbikuPnQGHYS-EMsOg>

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HighlandsMiddleSchool>

Find us on Instagram: [highlands_ksd](#)

Website: www.highlands.ksd.org

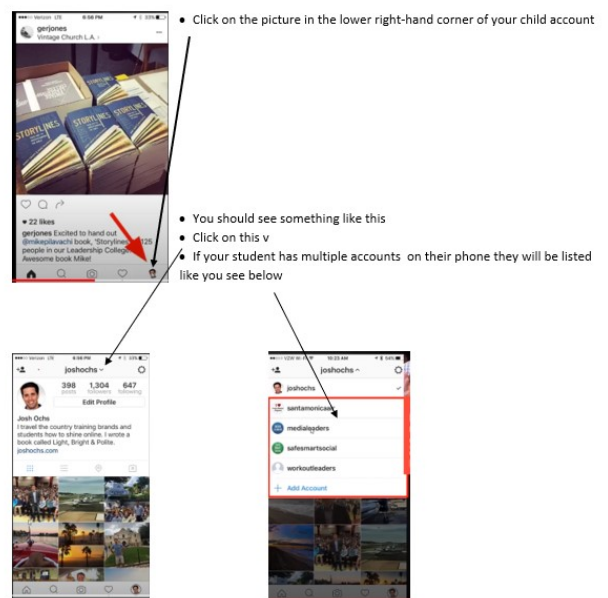
Keeping Kids Safe One Phone At A Time

Over the past two weeks we have spent many hours investigating social media accounts set up to bully and harass students and staff.

We want to let parents know that these accounts exist. Please take the time to have your student open their social media accounts and show it to you and take the time to look at who they are following.

If they are following an account that starts with hms_ or has hating in it them it is likely inappropriate. We also encourage you to look for multiple accounts.

To do this in Instagram follow the following steps:



Here is a link to a video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=isU_Bd4gJ4U