



Dear Highland High School Students and Families,

Happy New Year! We hope you had a wonderful (and restful!) winter break. We are excited to start the second half of the school year. HHS runs on true semesters, so this is a great time for students to have a fresh start. Please remind your student to check his or her schedule as many of our students change classes in the second semester. This applies to not only 18 week courses, but it may also apply to our 36 week courses.

#### Upcoming Events:

January 5	Report cards available in Power Schools
January 15	No School- MLK day
January 16	Last day to add a semester long course
January 17	6:00 p.m. Parent Scholarship Meeting
January 18	During ALL - Senior Scholarship Meeting (Seniors will not be able to utilize Open Campus. They will stay at school during the ALL periods)
January 22	7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Prestige Photography will be at the high school (Aux Gym) to photograph seniors. All seniors must be photographed by Prestige in order to have their picture in the yearbook. The <b>deadline</b> to be photographed is <b>January 31, 2024</b> .
January 25	7:00 p.m. Steel Drum Band Concert
January 26	Winter Sports Pep Assembly: Schedule below
January 30	Sophomores visit Career Center- more information below

### INCLEMENT WEATHER /Open Campus

Due to inclement weather that occurs during the school day, there may be days that students are required to remain on campus and not permitted to leave for open campus activities. For their safety, we will always err on the side of caution. The students are aware that this may occur and are encouraged to have money in their school lunch accounts. They are not permitted to order from a food delivery service while in school. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

### Winter Sports Assembly:

On January 26th, we will have an adjusted schedule. If the schedule interferes with a CCP or MCCC course, please work with your Highland teacher(s).

Period	Start Time	Start Time
1	7:30	8:06
2	8:10	8:46
3	8:50	9:26
4	9:30	10:06
8	10:10	10:50
5	10:50	11:20
6	11:25	11:55
7	12:00	12:30
9	12:34	1:10
10	1:14	1:50
Assembly	1:55	2:30

### PTO Update:

The Highland High School PTO is preparing for this year's After Prom event scheduled for Friday, May 3, 2023 from 10:30 pm -1:30 am at Scene 75 in Brunswick, OH. Our goal is to sponsor a night of safe, drug-free entertainment. All seniors are welcome whether they attend prom or not. Scene 75 provides a wide variety of fun activities to include: cart racing, bowling, laser tag, mini-golf, 3-D simulation, skee ball, and TONS of other video/interactive gaming. In addition, we will provide food, beverages...and PRIZES! Students can enter the raffle of their choice to win these amazing prizes to be awarded at the end of the evening.

We need to raise a minimum of \$13,000 to host this event!

Our funds are generated from generous parent donations, corporate sponsorships, and PTO-sponsored fundraisers (e.g., Senior yard signs).

Your support is greatly needed! Please consider helping us with one or more of the following:

Sponsorship/Donation:

\_\_\_\$1000 \_\_\_\$500 \_\_\_\$250 \_\_\_\$100 \_\_\_\$75 \_\_\_\$50 \_\_\_\$25

**Send checks:**

HHS PTO  
c/o Highland High School  
4150 Ridge Rd.  
Medina, OH 44256

**Donate via PAYPAL:**

[paypal.me/HighlandHSAfterProm](https://paypal.me/HighlandHSAfterProm)

Thank you for your support and generous donation!  
Julie Reeves, PTO president [jreevesmd@gmail.com](mailto:jreevesmd@gmail.com)

**Highland Community Education**

Highland Community Education has exciting brand new and returning classes for winter and spring of 2024! Come join us for our two BRAND NEW classes - **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE** - for the family or individual, or **SAFE SITTERS BABYSITTING** class for boys and girls ages 11-14. Both are scheduled on Saturday mornings at the high school.

We will again be offering the very popular in-person elementary after school classes - Engineering Exploration, Madscience, and Crayola Arts Academy. Hummingbirds Soccer and Little Hoops Basketball will again be offered for our little Hornets. Also returning this fall for our students are our Etiquette classes, Fundamentals of Cooking, KidzSafety and the always popular Young Rembrandts Art on Saturday mornings.

High School students have the opportunity to enroll in our ACT and/or SAT Test Preparation classes during the school day! Adults can also register for our Beekeeping, CPR certification, Retirement Planning, Virtual Voiceover, and Stop Smoking and Weight Control seminars in the evenings.

A detailed brochure and registration form is posted on the Highland website - [www.highlandschools.org](http://www.highlandschools.org). Evening and Saturday morning classes are **not** restricted to Highland residents. For questions, enrollment, or more information, email Highland Community Education Director, Mary Fran Kudla, at [mkudla@highlandschools.org](mailto:mkudla@highlandschools.org)

**School Counselors:**

**College Visits**

Here are dates of when colleges, universities, trade, or military organizations will be tabling in the cafeteria:

Jan 4 - National Guard

Jan 16 - Army

On **January 17**, the Counseling department will be hosting a ***Scholarship Information Meeting*** at **6:00 p.m.** This is primarily for parents of graduating seniors, but can provide useful information for all parents. It is a meeting held annually in January.

On **January 18, during ALL**, seniors will be asked to stay from offsite in order to attend the Student Scholarship Meeting. This will review the scholarships available to them and instruct them on how to access applications.

School Counselors will begin academic advising with students in late January. They will review course offerings, discuss future plans, and provide students with the opportunity to begin scheduling classes for next year.

All 10th grade students had the chance to see the Medina County Road Show on either November 14th or 15th. **On January 30th**, all sophomores will visit the MCCC to explore two programs of their choice. The date for the permission form has been extended. The permission form for this Career Exploration activity was due to the Counseling office by December 14th. Great job Sophomores, as of this week - over 90% of Sophomores have turned in their permission slip.

College Now continues to provide services for Highland families. Dr. Gates' availability is listed on the booking site. More information can be found [here](#).

***Schedule change policy:*** Students may add 18-week courses to their second semester schedule within 10 school days of the start of the second semester, after which they can no longer add a class. The proper scheduling form needs to be completed to add the class.

Have a great start to the New Year! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carrie Knapp, Principal

Mr. Ryan Taylor, Assistant Principal

Mr. Jon Bailey, Athletic Director