



Dear Highland High School Students and Families,

I can't believe we are in the final few weeks of school. We have AP testing in early May, graduation for our seniors and fun activities planned throughout the month. The last four days of the school year will be dedicated to final exams.

Upcoming Events:

April 29 & 30	Delayed start for students not testing; refer to email sent home in March/April and included at the bottom of this newsletter
May 1	7:00 p.m. Band Concert - Wind Ensemble
May 2	7:00 p.m. Band Concert- Green and Black Ensembles School Day Spring Awards assembly: adjusted schedule
May 3	9:00- 10:30 Prom Promise Assembly 10:40- Seniors early release Students attending Prom must be in school half day. All seniors will attend school for the first half of the day. Students who are not seniors but have been invited to prom may leave half day <u>with a note from their parent/guardian</u> . Please do not call the day of this event to dismiss your child. Please do not allow students who aren't attending prom to leave early. 6:00-10:30 PM - Prom at Blue Heron 10:30 PM-1:30 AM After prom (Scene 75)
May 6 - May 17	AP Testing
May 9	7:00 p.m. Orchestra Concert
May 14	6:00 p.m. Scholarship Ceremony (by invitation only)
May 15	2:45 p.m. Academic Signing Day for all those who registered (info. below)
May 16	7:00 p.m. Spring Spotlight 7:00 p.m. Medina County Career Center Senior Awards Ceremony

May 17	Seniors Last day Mandatory Graduation Practice for seniors- Seniors will be released early after graduation practice
May 18	5:00 p.m. Highland Athletic Boosters: Night at the Races
May 24	First Day of final exams- details below
May 25	11:00 a.m. Graduation at Highland High School stadium
May 27	Memorial Day- No school
May 28- June 30	Final Exams - details below

Final Exam Schedule

Final exams will take place on May 24, 28, 29, 30. Students will follow the exam schedule listed below:

Time	Friday, May 24	Tuesday, May 28	Wednesday May 29	Thursday, May 30
7:30 – 9:00	1st Period Exam	3rd Period Exam	8th Period Exam	10th Period Exam
9:15 – 10:45	2nd period Exam	4th Period Exam	9th Period Exam	Make-up Exams
10:45 – 11:30	LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS who remain at school	LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS who remain at school	LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS who remain at school	LUNCH FOR ALL STUDENTS who remain at school
11:35– 2:30	Make-up Exams or Report to Study Hall	Make-up Exams or Report to Study Hall	Make-up Exams or Report to Study Hall	Make-up Exams or Report to Study Hall

The intent of the schedule is to ensure students have a maximum of two exams per day. This schedule also provides time for students to prepare for their tests, as in many classes, the exam is 20% of the student's final grade. Please note the following:

- We are providing full days. Students who are staying the entire day **MUST** register [here](#).
- Students dismissed from school must leave the building immediately and may not return during the school day. Students who remain in school will either report to their scheduled make-up exam or to the cafeteria for a study hall. Students **must** take their exams during the scheduled times.

- Buses will run as normal. Students who choose to arrive late or leave early must have their own transportation. Parents can pick up students anytime between 10:45-11:30. The heaviest traffic will be at 10:45. Parents may want to choose to pick up their students between 11:00/11:15 to avoid traffic delays.
- If you are picking up your son or daughter, **please expect heavy traffic during dismissal (10:45)**. We ask the parents of 9th grade students to use the lower level to pick up their student (s), whereas, 10th, 11th and 12th grade students can be picked up from the upper level. We encourage families to carpool during these days.

Students who sit for AP exams and/or students who earn a remediation free score on the EOC tests (Algebra I, Geometry, English 10, Government, American History and/or Biology) are exempt from taking the final exam in those courses. More information will be sent home with the student when EOC preliminary scores are available. Students may choose to take the final exam to increase his or her semester average

Bell Schedule May 2

Please note the changes to our school schedule on May 2. Students are encouraged to prioritize their CCP courses if there is a conflict with the schedule. Students who choose to attend our school sponsored activities can work with the CCP instructors.

<u>Period</u>	<u>Time</u>
1 st	7:30 – 8:02 (32 minutes)
2 nd	8:07 - 8:39 (32 minutes)
Assembly	8:45-10:00 Assembly
3 rd	10:05- 10:37 (32 minutes)
5th	10:37 – 11:07 (30 minutes)
6th	11:05 – 11:35 (30 minutes)
7th	11:32– 12:02 (30 minutes)
4 th	12:07 – 12:39 (32 minutes)
8 th	12:44 – 1:16 (32 minutes)
9 th	1:21 – 1:53 (32 minutes)
10 th	1:58-2:30 (32 minutes)

ACT Prep Course

Highland High School will host an ACT preparation seminar from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday, May 20. Students will learn specific testing and time management strategies to help them score their highest on the ACT. This six-hour session is presented by Next Level Prep, a company known for its subject matter experts in test preparation and college admissions. Because HHS is hosting the seminar, the special price for our students is \$69 each, which also includes a comprehensive workbook with hundreds of sample test questions and free, live call-in tutoring after the seminar. Register online at <https://nlpamerica.com/product/highland-hs-act-seminar-may-20-2024/> Enrollment is limited.

AP Fees

Students enrolled in AP courses must have their test fee paid before sitting for the test. Fees can be found in PowerSchool.

Graduation

The HHS Commencement Ceremony is scheduled to take place outdoors at the Highland Stadium. In the event of inclement weather, we will have to move the ceremony to the high school gym which would require us to limit the number of guests to four per graduate. Please use this link to secure your four tickets in case we have to move to an indoor ceremony. [Graduation Tickets for Indoor Ceremony](#).

- Use your student's 6-digit student ID number for the passcode.
- All tickets are free.
- All other guests will be able to watch from home, as it will be streamed.
- We are looking into options for streaming it from a different space at the school for those people who may not be able to stream the event from home.

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION : 2024 SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Summer Camp 2024 has been scheduled for the week of June 10th at Highland High School - as well as several virtual and athletic camps! 2024 Summer Camps include American Sign Language Camp, Safe Sitter Babysitting, Kidz-Safety Camp, Lacrosse Camp, Hummingbird Soccer Camp, Young Rembrandts Cartoon Adventures in Space Camp or Pastel Drawing Workshop - OceanLife Camp, Crayola Art Camp - The Art of Conservation, Mad Science's Fun-gineering, Mix-Ups and More Camp, Red Hot Robots Camp, and many virtual Coding Camps including Scratch, Python, Roblox, Minecraft, Fortnite, Java and three new A.I. Camps! Enroll in one of these exciting camps early as space is limited! Camp descriptions and enrollment forms can be downloaded from our website www.highlandschools.org. Then scroll down to Quicklinks - to Highland Community Education. For questions or for more information email Mary Fran Kudla at mkudla@highlandschools.org.

School Counseling Office:

Honors Diploma & President's Award for Educational Excellence for Graduating Seniors

In mid-April, the Counseling department posted all graduating seniors that qualify for an [Honors diploma](#) and/or President's Award Program. Students should review for accuracy and inform their school counselor of any discrepancies.

Senior Awards

All senior awards will be distributed at graduation practice.

Underclassmen Awards

Award pick up after the Spring Awards ceremony (9th-11th grade) will occur during ALL in the cafeteria. Your student will be notified via email the date in which they can pick up their awards.

Academic Signing Day

Academic Signing Day will occur on May 15th at 2:45 pm. This event recognizes seniors who have met one of the following criteria; 1) Receive a merit based scholarship from a university that meets or exceeds 50% of the tuition cost. 2.) Matriculate to a university with a highly selective acceptance rate (20% or fewer of those who apply). 3.) Enlist to serve in a branch of the United States Armed Forces. If you believe your student meets this criteria, [please fill out this letter](#).

Honoring Military Commitments

Graduating seniors that are opting to serve our country either through enlistment or a delayed entry program will be recognized at graduation. Your student received an email inviting them to opt into this recognition. Please encourage them to respond if they qualify. They must respond by Wednesday, May 1.

Course Request Verification Form

Course request verification forms will be available in the parent portal of PowerSchool on Friday May 10, 2024. Any changes to the courses in which your student will be scheduled need to be sent via email to your student's school counselor by Friday, May 17, 2024. This verification form simply reflects the courses in which your student will be enrolled in the 24-25 school year; schedules that reflect the timing and teachers will be available before school in August.

Athletics:

Any unpaid athletic fees need to be paid by April 26th, 2024.

Families, reminder that your students physical is good for 13 months, please be sure to stay current on your child's physical and be sure to upload it to final forms.

All athletes are reminded to be enrolled in 6 full credit classes or equivalent for the 24-25 school year.

All updates on schedules and all athletic updates can be found at <https://highlandhornets.net/>

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Carrie Knapp, Principal

Mr. Ryan Taylor, Assistant Principal

Mr. Jon Bailey, Athletic Director

Highland High School 2024 SAT/OST Testing Schedule

Highland High School Families:

As we near the end of the school year, we are required to administer several state-mandated tests to students. This letter includes important details for all HHS families, as school operations for all grade levels will be impacted.

SAT: Juniors will take the school day SAT on April 16. There is no cost for this test, and all juniors are expected to sit for the test. Medina County Career Center students or juniors who take classes off campus will test at HHS. Juniors will take the test from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30* p.m. At the completion of testing, they will be dismissed from HHS for the remainder of the school day. This test will be given on the computer. **Students must bring their school-issued chromebooks to school for testing. Please have computers charged.**

OST: The State of Ohio's graduation pathway includes state-mandated (OST) exams. There are six exams. They include: English II, Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, American History, and American Government. Please visit the following website for additional information:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-s-Graduation-Requirements>

AP Tests: AP Tests are scheduled by the College Board from May 6 - May 17. The schedule below does not include the AP schedule. The AP test schedule is available from the College Board website or by clicking: [2024 AP Exam Schedule](#). Testing location and arrival times will be sent out to students in April after Spring Break.

Testing will occur on the following days:

April 16: Testing Day Only - SAT (11th grade) and ELA II (10th grade)

Testing Day Only/No Classes: only students who are testing will report to school. Students will be dismissed from school when they finish their test.

- **SAT:** All Juniors will test from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30* p.m. At the completion of testing, they will be dismissed from HHS for the remainder of the school day. Students who can't provide their own transportation are welcome to stay at HHS for the entire day. Buses will run at normal times.
 - Due to College Board rules, students are not permitted to take a break during testing for lunch. They are permitted to have a snack and are encouraged to bring one. Students who are staying a full day should pack their lunch. They will be able to eat lunch when they finish their test. The cafeteria kitchen will be closed.
 - **Students must bring their school-issued chromebooks to school for testing. Please have computers charged.**
- **ELA II:** All sophomores will test from 7:30-11:00*a.m. This includes sophomore students enrolled in CCP English and students who have been contacted to retake the test. At the completion of testing, students who can provide their own transportation will be dismissed from HHS for the remainder of the school day. Students who can't provide their own transportation are welcome to stay in study hall at HHS for the entire day. Lunch will be available from 11:30-12:00 for students who are taking the ELA II test and staying all day. Buses will run at normal times.

- **Students must bring their school-issued chromebooks to school for testing. Please have computers charged.**

*Students with extended time per their IEP/504 will test longer. Those students are still welcome to leave upon completion of the test and, if needed, may call for a ride at the completion of their test.

April 29, 30: Delayed Start

- **April 29: Test - Geometry, Algebra and Government:** Students enrolled in Algebra I, Geometry, Honors Geometry, second semester Government and students who need to retake the test will take the test from 7:30-11:00, eat lunch from 11:00-11:30 and then attend classes from 11:30-2:30.
- **April 30: Test - American History and Biology:** Students enrolled in American History, Honors American History, Biology, Honors Biology and students who need to retake the test will take the test from 7:30-11:00, eat lunch from 11:00-11:30 and then attend classes from 11:30-2:30.

For students not testing, there will be a delayed start. School will be in session from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Students who participate in late arrival must provide their own transportation. Buses will run at normal times.

Lunch will be served from 11:00- 11:30. Students in grades 9, 11 and 12 who are participating in late arrival are welcome to arrive early for lunch. Otherwise, students should arrive by 11:25 a.m.

The daily schedule is as follows: Please note we will attend morning classes on April 29 and afternoon classes on April 30.

Testing		7:30-11:00
Lunch		11:00-11:30
Period		Time
April 29	April 30	
1	8	11:30 - 12:12
2	9	12:16 - 12:58
3	10	1:03 - 1:45
4	ALL	1:48 - 2:30

MCCC Students

Medina County Career Center students who are in 11th grade will report to the high school on April 16 for the SAT test. Transportation to and from the Career Center will run as scheduled for all other students.

For all other state testing, transportation to and from the Career Center will run as scheduled. Career Center students needing to take an EOC test will test at the MCCC, not at Highland High School.