

HIGHLAND ~ A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE ENGAGED

BE COMPASSIONATE

BE EMPOWERED





SHARON FAMILY BULLETIN

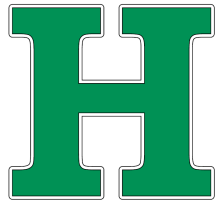
WE LEAD

WE LEARN

WE GROW

February 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4	5	6	7 February Favorite Fridays  Favorite Team Gear Mother/Son Bowling, 6:00
10	11	12 Kindergarten Registration Opens	13	14  Favorite Valentine Outfit Valentine's Parties, 1:45-2:45
17 NO SCHOOL, Presidents' Day	18	19	20	21  Favorite Hat Day
24	25	26	27	28  Favorite Highland Spirit Wear Father/Daughter Dance, 7:00



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION OPENS 2/12/25



Highland's program consists of an all-day, everyday model. In order to register, a child must be 5 years old by September 30, 2025. The following items will need to be uploaded to Final Forms: parent identification with a picture I.D., proof of residency, the child's original birth certificate or passport, the child's complete immunization records, and certified custody papers (if applicable).

Please register your child through FinalForms at:
<https://highlandmedina-oh.finalforms.com/>.

Note: FinalForms registration for 2025-26 does not open until 2/12/2025.

If you are enrolling a child in Kindergarten, please review the [Welcome to Kindergarten](#) packet.

VALENTINE'S PARTIES

Valentine's parties for K-5 students will be held on Friday, February 14 at 1:45-2:45 p.m. Due to capacity limitations and the safety of our students and staff, we are limiting volunteers to up to five per classroom. Families sign-up to volunteer with their child's classroom teacher prior to each event. The list of expected visitors/volunteers is then given to the office. Only those volunteers listed will be permitted in the building during the parties. If you are volunteering for a party and plan to take your other child(ren) home from a different classroom, please send in a note to the appropriate classroom teacher(s).



HELPFUL HORNETS

"Buzzing To Better Our Community"



BUZZING IN... FEBRUARY

Our **5TH GRADE** students and families will be working this month to collect donations of **LAUNDRY DETERGENT**. These donations will help support the **MEDINA PERSONAL CARE PANTRY**.

5TH GRADE FAMILIES:

Laundry detergent donations may be sent to school with your child from **FEBRUARY 3-7**.



We want our students to feel **EMPOWERED** by supporting their community through service projects that will provide items to various programs in Medina County. By serving others, giving generously, and showing **RESPECT** and **COMPASSION** to our community members in need, the students at Sharon Elementary will be **ENGAGED** in a positive experience that will transcend throughout their lives. We will form unity among our students and staff as we serve the Medina County community.



SPECIFIC DATES AND DETAILS WILL BE SHARED WITH FAMILIES EACH MONTH.

HELPFUL HORNETS ~ THANK YOU

Wonderful news from the 2nd grade Hornet Helpers at Sharon Elementary! In anticipation of National Children's Dental Health Month in February, they promoted the benefits of good oral hygiene by asking for donations of toothbrushes and toothpaste to donate to the Medina County Personal Care Pantry. The second graders talked about the importance of dental health alongside being generous and compassionate by helping out the community in a way that ensures that everyone has access to maintain their own dental health.

The pantry appreciates the contributions as many families in our county depend on the pantry for these items for their family's health and well-being every month.



SHARON ELEMENTARY PTO PRESENTS



THE FATHER-DAUGHTER
MASQUERADE BALL

KINDLY DON YOUR MOST EXQUISITE MASK AND ATTIRE FOR AN ENCHANTING EVENING OF ELEGANCE, MYSTERY AND MERRIMENT

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH

7:00-8:30

SHARON ELEMENTARY

\$5 PER FAMILY

CURRENT SHARON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ONLY
QUESTIONS? VISIT SHARONPTO.ORG OR CONTACT ELISEMCMICHAEL@GMAIL.COM



PLEASE RSVP BY FEBRUARY 21ST, 2025

PLEASE INCLUDE \$5 PER FAMILY (CASH OR CHECK TO: SHARON ELEMENTARY PTO) WITH YOUR RSVP

NAME: _____ HOMEROOM: _____

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[FATHER-DAUGHTER SIGNUP GENIUS ~ CLICK HERE](#)



HIGHLAND BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAM



Medina County District Library

February

February 17: The Presidential Pancake - Join us and make a perfect pancake in a mug (Grades 3-5). 11:00am

February 24: Pokémon Trading Card Hour - Come and use this time to trade with fellow collectors!
(Grades 3-5). 6:00pm

March

March 6: Nature's Brushstrokes - Paint nature coloring pages using watercolors made from natural soil pigments. While expressing your artistic talents, learn about soil colors and the importance of conserving soil and water (Grades 3-5). 3:30pm

March 8: Secret Library Tour - Explore secret, behind the scenes places, scan a book and play librarian.
11:00am

March 22: Popsicle Bridge Contest - Tweens will compete against one another to see who can build the strongest bridge out of popsicle sticks. (Grades 3-5)

April

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29: Lego Club - Come every Tuesday in April and build something based on prompts. Your creations will be displayed until the following week. (Grades 3-5)

April 3: Nature's Brushstrokes - Paint nature coloring pages using watercolors made from natural soil pigments. While expressing your artistic talents, learn about soil colors and the importance of conserving soil and water (Grades 3-5). 3:30pm

April 12: Canape under the Canopy - Wear a bonnet or top hat as we hear stories and picnic outside. (Ages 3 and up) 11:00am.

May

May 2-3: \$3 Bag Book Sale, 10:00am - 4:00pm

May 5: Mother's Day Canvas Paint - Come and paint a canvas for Mom (ages 3 - 8). 6:00pm

May 8: Ojo de Dios Craft - This craft originates from the Ojo de Dios (Eye of God) cultural symbol made by the Huichol Indians of Mexico. (Grades 3-5) 6:00pm.

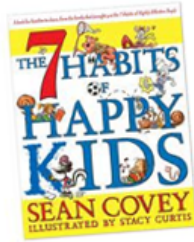
May 24: Chalk Day - Come and take part in turning Highland Library's sidewalk into a giant work of art with chalk. 11:30am.

****Library Live opens up Registration for the Spring Programs on February 15th at 10am****

Limited Space Available

****Summer Reading Program: May 30th - August 23rd****

SHARON LEADERSHIP



Habit 6: Synergize ~ *Working together is better*

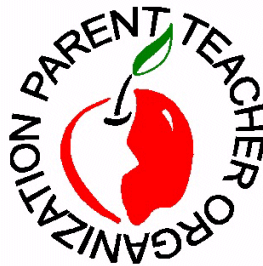
- I get along well with other people and work well in groups.
- I value the strengths of others and allow myself to learn from them.
- I know that by working together as a team we can get more done and come up with better solutions than we could alone.

WINTER GEAR FOR RECESS



Students go outside for recess if the temperature feels like 20 degrees or higher. Please continue to make sure that students come to school with appropriate winter gear. If you need assistance, please contact the school office and we will help provide a winter coat, hat, gloves/mittens and/or boots.

SHARON ELEMENTARY PTO



Sharon PTO Officers

President: Jennifer Grabenstetter, jennlr10@hotmail.com
Secretary: Lauren Fairbanks, fairbanks_lauren@yahoo.com
Volunteer Recruitment: Betsy Hartschuh, betsylbh@gmail.com
Treasurer: LeAnne Fuetter, lfuetter@truxandequipment.com

2024-2025 YEARBOOK










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Yearbook

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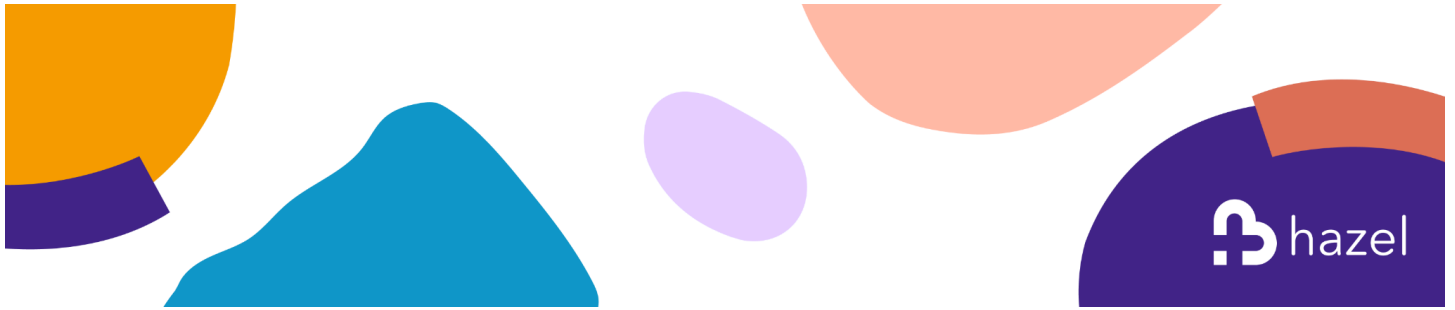
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HIGHLAND ELEMENTARY LUNCH MENU

Questions? Please contact the Highland Food Service Department at 330-239-1901, ext. 5512 or email emakarek@highlandschools.org.

 Highland Elementary Lunch Menu 				
Choose the lunch of the day or Peanut Butter and Jelly Lunch 2024-2025 Students \$3.25 – Adults \$3.90 – Extra Milk .65				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
February 3 Hot Dog on a Bun Waffle Fries Baked Beans Peaches or Juice Fortune Cookie Milk	February 4 Tony's Personal Pan Pizza Corn Tossed Salad Fresh Apple or Juice Teddy Grahams Milk 	February 5 Chicken Tenders Roll Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges or Juice Milk	February 6 Romeo's Pizza Diced Carrots Fresh Grapes or Juice Chocolate Pudding Milk 	February 7 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tater Tots Fresh Berries or Juice Danimals Yogurt Milk
February 10 Chicken Nuggets Roll Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Pears or Juice Milk	February 11 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Garbanzo Beans Applesauce or Juice Vanilla Ice Cream Cup Milk	February 12 Walking Taco Crinkle Cut Oven Fries Fresh Baby Carrots with Ranch Fresh Orange or Juice Goldfish Cinnamon Grahams Milk	February 13 Romeo's Pizza Smiley Fries Fresh Broccoli Florets with Ranch Fresh Grapes or Juice Milk	February 14 <i>Valentine's Day Lunch!</i> Heart Shaped Chicken Nuggets Roll Twister Fries Broccoli Florets Fresh Berries or Juice Valentine Cookie Milk 
February 17  No School President's Day!	February 18 Popcorn Chicken Roll Corn Tossed Salad Fresh Apple or Juice Milk	February 19 Cheeseburger on a Bun Twister Fries Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges or Juice Milk	February 20 Romeo's Pizza Diced Carrots Fresh Grapes or Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk 	February 21 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tater Tots Fresh Berries or Juice Danimals Yogurt Milk
February 24 Tony's Personal Pan Pizza Potato Triangle Baked Beans Pears or Juice Teddy Grahams Milk	February 25 Chicken Nuggets Roll Macaroni & Cheese Diced Carrots Applesauce or Juice Milk 	February 26 Hot Dog on a Bun Smiley Fries Fresh Orange or Juice Milk	February 27 Romeo's Pizza Crinkle Cut Oven Fries Fresh Broccoli Florets with Ranch Fresh Grapes or Juice Milk	February 28 Popcorn Chicken Roll Tossed Salad Garbanzo Beans Fresh Berries or Juice Goldfish Cheddar Crackers Milk
 February				

HAZEL HEALTH



The Highland Local School District is pleased to announce a partnership with Hazel Health to provide telehealth counseling services to students beginning Wednesday, January 8, 2025. All students, including those who are insured through private insurance plans and Medicaid, can access free online counseling and therapy. Please note, these services are 100% confidential and will not be provided without guardian consent.

Through the program, your child can work one-on-one with a licensed therapist in weekly video telehealth sessions. The telehealth option is offered to help support the well-being of students in a manner that brings less disruption to their school day by not having to leave for appointments and parents not having to miss work.

Students can see one of Hazel Health's therapists who specializes in supporting students who need short-term care and can help with the following:

- Mood & behavior changes, motivation, grief, loss
- Separation anxiety, worry, fears
- Social skills, bullying, peer & family relationships
- Academic stress

For more information or to enroll your child in online counseling services, please click [HERE](#)

NO SCHOOL
Monday, February 17
Presidents' Day



ABSENCE REPORTING SAFE ARRIVAL



Highland Local School District has implemented new procedures to report the absence of your child from school through **SafeArrival**.

The new SafeArrival system helps improve efficiency by reducing the time it takes to verify student attendance - making it easier for you to report your child's absence and easier for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these 3 convenient methods:

1. Using your mobile device, download and install the **SM Home app** from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store (or from the links at home.schoolmessenger.com). The first time you use the app, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
2. Use the SafeArrival website home.schoolmessenger.com. The first time you use the website, select **Sign Up** to create your account. Select **Attendance** then **Report an Absence**.
3. Call the toll-free number at **1-855-677-8609** to report an absence using the automated phone system.

These options are available 24 hours/day, 7 days a week. Future absences can be reported at any time.

In addition, we will use the **SchoolMessenger Communicate** automated notification system to contact parents whose child is absent when the absence was not reported in advance. The automated notification system will attempt to contact parents at multiple contact points until a reason is submitted for the absence. If our system is unable to reach the designated contacts, office staff will follow up.

If you report your child's absence in advance using the SafeArrival toll-free number, website, or mobile app, you will NOT receive these notifications.

If your student will be out for a planned absence of three days or longer, please continue to complete the planned absence form that can be found on the Highland Local School District website under Quick Links on the webpage of your child's school building. You may also contact the school secretary for this form.

STUDENT ABSENCES



When students are absent due to illness or appointments, please send in any documentation provided by your physician's office (if applicable). When medical documentation is provided, those absences are coded differently and the hours missed do not count towards a student's cumulative attendance record.

SCHOOL WIDE BEHAVIOR SYSTEM

HIGHLAND HORNETS®

All students at Sharon Elementary follow the same set of rules and expectations throughout all areas of the school including the bus.

Rule #1 Be Respectful **Rule #2** Be Engaged **Rule #3** Be Compassionate **Rule #4** Be Empowered

FINAL FORMS - PLEASE UPDATE



Please review and update your child's Final Forms by clicking [HERE](#). Google now requires parent permission for students to access Google Workspace. This permission must be granted through Final Forms and is due March 1. After this date, students will lose access to their Google account and chromebook. Several student registration forms are incomplete, as indicated by any red tabs on the left-hand side of the dashboard. Please log-in and confirm all student forms are complete (shown as a green tab). Thank you for your attention to this!

SAFE SCHOOLS SPEAK UP!

1.866.listen2me (1.866.547.8362)



Several years ago, the Highland Local Schools partnered with Public School Works to offer the “Stay Safe, Speak Up!” hotline. The purpose of this service is to report issues that affect safety and allows students, parents and staff to do their part to maintain a safe environment and promote a positive culture within our schools. Stay Safe, Speak Up! provides easy, private, confidential and anonymous reporting of concerns within the Highland Local Schools. The link is found on all pages (under Quick Links) of the district website. Remember, if you see something, say something. Immediately report any of the following concerns to a trusted adult or administrator, or feel free to use the hotline. 1.866.listen2me (1.866.547.8362)

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION NEWS

Highland Community Education has exciting brand new and returning classes for winter and spring of 2025! Come join us for our two BRAND NEW Saturday morning classes at the high school- **FUTURE FASHION STARS** and **CLUB INVENTION!** Also held on Saturday mornings at the high school are SAFE SITTERS BABYSITTING, AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE, YOGA, COOKING, KIDZ SAFETY AND YOUNG REMBRANDTS DRAWING.

We will again be offering the very popular in-person elementary after school classes - Mad Science, Crayola Arts Academy and the all new BRIXOLOGY! Hummingbirds Soccer will be held in the evenings and Little Hoops/HoopStars Basketball will be held on Saturday mornings at Granger Elementary for our little Hornets. Students ages 8 - 18 also have the opportunity to enroll in our virtual 12-week coding classes for Scratch or Python! 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, Retirement Planning and Stop Smoking or Weight Control seminars in the evenings.

A detailed brochure and registration form is posted on the Highland website - www.highlandschools.org. - scroll down to HIGHLAND COMMUNITY EDUCATION. 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

