

HIGHLAND ~ A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE

BE RESPECTFUL

BE ENGAGED

BE COMPASSIONATE

BE EMPOWERED

SHARON FAMILY BULLETIN

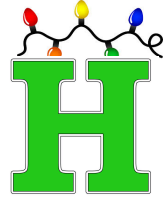
WE LEAD

WE LEARN

WE GROW

December 2025

To celebrate the holiday season, we are offering optional spirit days throughout the month.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Merry Monday  Wear your favorite holiday pajamas CogAT Testing Week (2nd & 5th Grade) Holiday Shop	2 Tinsel and Tee Day  Wear your favorite holiday shirt Holiday Shop	3 Wrapped in Red or Green Day Holly Jolly Vibes Wear red or green or both Holiday Shop	4 School Spirit Sparkle Day  Wear your school shirt & lights Music Programs, 3rd Grade, 6:00 PM 4th Grade, 7:00 PM Holiday Shop	5 Festive Flannel Friday  Wear your favorite flannel or plaid Holiday Shop
8 Merry Mickey Monday  Wear your favorite Disney gear Jan Duncan Food Drive Week	9 Tidings of Kindness Tuesday  Wear your favorite positive message	10 Winter Wonderland Wednesday  Wear white and/or blue	11 Head-to-Holiday  Wear a holiday themed hat or headband	12 Highland Holiday  Wear your Highland gear & lights
15 Mele Kalikimaka Monday  Wear a Hawaiian shirt & sunglasses	16 Jolly Cozy Toes-Day  Wear your favorite holiday socks	17 Time to be VEST-ive Day  Wear a cozy vest	18 Trim-a-Team Day  Wear your favorite team jersey & lights	19 Holiday Cheer Day  Wear your favorite holiday gear Parties, 1:45-2:45 End of 2nd Quarter



HAPPY RETIREMENT DEPUTY JEFF!

Sharon Families,

Please join us in wishing
Deputy Jeff a "Happy
Retirement!"

Deputy Jeff's last day at
Sharon Elem. will be
FRIDAY DECEMBER 19.

If you travel through
the car line, please
be sure to send him
a honk and a wave!



PBIS SHOUT OUT!

Sharon Elementary has been shining bright with positive choices! Students earn coins when they are observed being **Respectful, Engaged, Compassionate, or Empowered**. This is part of our schoolwide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. All students are taught the same expectations across every setting—classrooms, hallways, the cafeteria, recess, and more.

Coins go straight into classroom jars, and when a jar fills, it shows that the whole class has been working together to make our school an awesome place to learn and grow.

Here's the exciting news: in November, our students have filled **34 jars!** That's a LOT of positive choices worth celebrating. We are so proud of the many ways our students contribute to making our school a wonderful place!



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

SHARON ELEMENTARY PTO



Sharon PTO Officers

President:	Jennifer Grabenstetter, sharonPTO@gmail.com
Treasurer:	LeAnne Fuetter, lfuetter@truxandequipment.com
Secretary:	Kayla Sandridge, dvkksand@gmail.com
Communications:	Sarah Davis, sarahforesterdavis@gmail.com
Volunteer Recruitment:	Elise McMichael, elisemcmichael@gmail.com

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 2025-2026 Students \$3.25 – Extra Milk .65 				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
December 1 Mini Corn Dogs Diced Carrots Pears or Juice Double Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	December 2 Chicken Nuggets Roll Potato Triangle Baked Beans Applesauce or Juice Orange Sherbet Milk 	December 3 Cheeseburger on a Bun Twister Fries Corn Fresh Orange or Juice Fruit Snacks Milk	December 4 Romeo's Pizza Oven Fries Fresh Broccoli Florets with Ranch Fresh Grapes or Juice Milk	December 5 Cheese Quesadilla Black Beans Fresh Berries or Juice Goldfish Cheddar Crackers Milk 
December 8 Tony's Personal Pan Pizza Corn Tossed Salad Peaches or Juice Teddy Grahams Milk 	December 9 Hot Dog on a Bun Waffle Fries Baked Beans Fresh Apple or Juice Fortune Cookie Milk	December 10 Chicken Tenders Roll Penne Pasta with Alfredo Sauce Broccoli Florets Mandarin Oranges or Juice Milk 	December 11 Romeo's Pizza Diced Carrots Fresh Grapes or Juice Chocolate Pudding with Whipped Topping Milk	December 12 French Toast Sticks Sausage Links Tater Tots Fresh Berries or Juice Danimals Yogurt Milk
December 15 Pizza Crunchers Marinara Sauce Corn Pears or Juice Chocolate Chip Cookie Milk	December 16 Holiday Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Roll Applesauce or Juice Fruit Snacks Milk	December 17 Walking Taco Tater Tots Diced Carrots Fresh Orange or Juice Holiday Cookie Milk 	December 18 Romeo's Pizza Smiley Fries Fresh Broccoli Florets with Ranch Fresh Grapes or Juice Milk	December 19 Cheese Stuffed Breadsticks Marinara Sauce Tossed Salad Garbanzo Beans Fresh Berries or Juice Vanilla Ice Cream Milk
December 22 	December 23 	December 24 	December 25 	December 26 
December 29 	December 30 	December 31 		

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2025-2026 YEARBOOK



ybpay.com

Yearbook ID Code: 11582426

Order Deadline: April 9, 2026

SAFE SCHOOLS SPEAK UP!



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.

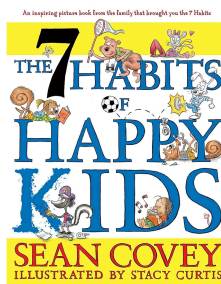
1.866.listen2me (1.866.547.8362)

HIGHLAND COAT DRIVE



New and gently worn winter coats/accessories are currently being collected at Sharon Elementary. A collection box is located in the entryway and items will be accepted through December 19.

SHARON LEADERSHIP



Habit 3: Put First Things First ~ Work First, Then Play

- ★ I do the things that I have to do before I do the things that I want to do.
- ★ I stay focused on what I'm doing. I try to minimize distractions and regroup if I get off task.
- ★ I spend my time on the things that are the most important.

SHARON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S ANNUAL
Jan Duncan Memorial

FOOD
DRIVE
DECEMBER 8-12

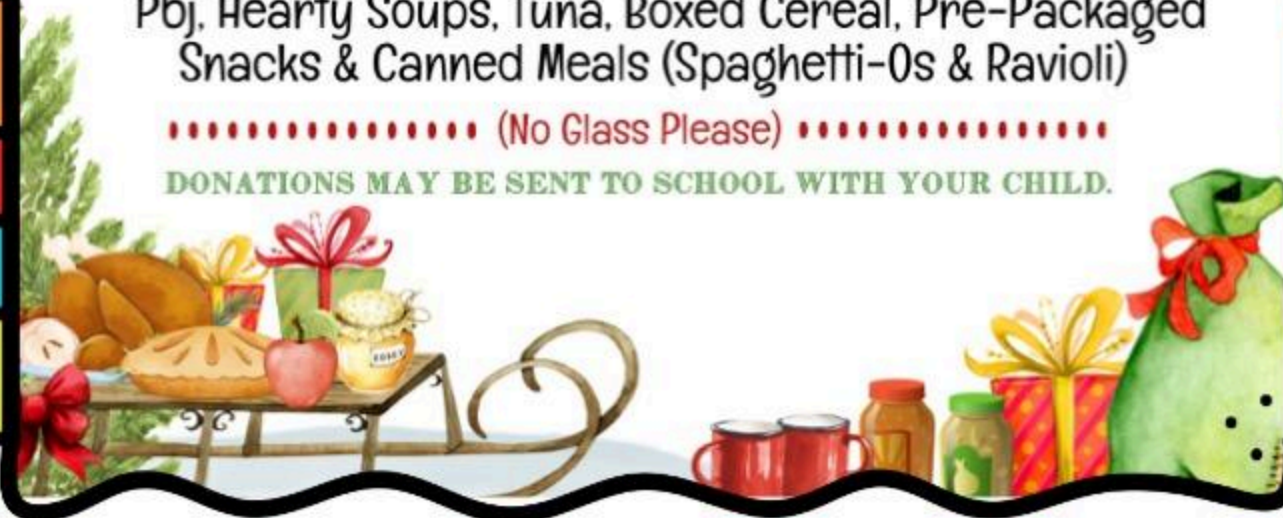
DONATIONS HELP SUPPORT THE ST. PAUL SHARING CENTER

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

Pbj, Hearty Soups, Tuna, Boxed Cereal, Pre-Packaged
Snacks & Canned Meals (Spaghetti-Os & Ravioli)

..... (No Glass Please)

DONATIONS MAY BE SENT TO SCHOOL WITH YOUR CHILD.



HOLIDAY PARTIES



Holiday parties for K-5 students will be held on December 19 at 1:45-2:45 p.m. We look forward to this being a fun event for our students! Due to capacity limitations and the safety of our students and staff, we are limiting volunteers 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).

DECEMBER MUSIC PERFORMANCES



Thursday, December 4th
Sharon Elementary Stage

3RD GRADE ~ 6:00 PM

4TH GRADE ~ 7:00 PM

Sharon Elementary

Holiday Shop 2025

ALL STUDENTS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOP DURING THEIR ENCORE TIME! PLEASE SEE DATES BELOW FOR WHICH DAY YOUR CHILD WILL SHOP.

AN ENVELOPE WILL COME HOME IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER PRIOR TO SHOPPING. PLEASE SEND YOUR CHILD WITH THEIR FILLED OUT ENVELOPE AND MONEY (CASH OR CHECK MADE OUT TO SHARON PTO) ON THEIR SHOPPING DAY.

FOR INVENTORY AND SHOPPING TIME LIMITS, WE KINDLY ASK YOU KEEP YOUR CHILD'S SHOPPING LIST TO UNDER 8 PEOPLE.

12/1

Franz
Boggs
McMichael
Heckman
Sopata
Schroeder

12/2

Kilway
Ansberry
Sesler
Vorndran
Lucius
Helton

12/3

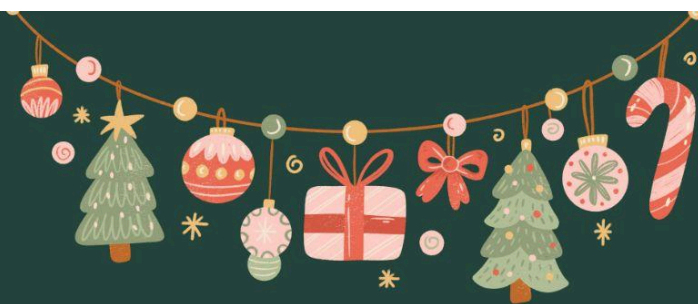
Salmonski
Blum
Thonnings
Vecchio
Valantasis
Thomas

12/4

Lewis
Steinmetz
Meyers
Woods
Yuschak

12/5

Bardar
Large
Stenroos
Reeder





December 22- January 5

SCHOOL RESUMES

January 6, 2026

WINTER GEAR



As the weather continues to get colder, please make sure that students come to school dressed for the temperatures. If you are unable to provide your child with winter gear, please contact the school office and we will help provide a winter coat, hat, gloves or mittens and boots.

2ND/5TH GRADE ASSESSMENT

Highland second and fifth graders will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) during the first week of December. There is no preparation for the test except for a good night's rest and a nutritious breakfast. If you have questions regarding your child's specific testing schedule please contact the classroom teacher. The CogAT is administered to all second and fifth graders as well as new third grade students and is used as our grade-level screener for superior cognitive gifted identification. We inform our students that the test is a way for us to learn about their problem solving skills.

VETERANS PROGRAM 2025



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



GOT BOOKS YOU NO LONGER NEED?

Sharon's Book Bingo is coming soon!

We are looking for gently used books! Toddler books, kid books, chapter books, Mom & Dad books!

If you've got books you'd like to donate, please drop them off at

The Hornets Nest
1325 Sharon Copley Rd

Thank you for your support!



Questions? Feel free to contact:

LeAnne Fuetter - 330-310-7012

Amanda Standish - 724-433-9141

HIGHLAND BRANCH LIBRARY PROGRAMS



Register at the library for events

December

December 9: Visit with Santa, 6:00-7:30pm

December 11: Toilet Paper Roll Stars (Grades 3-5). 6:00pm

December 13: Animal Portrait Ornaments (Grades 3-5). 12:30pm

December 20: Pokémon Trading Card Hour, 1:30pm

January

January 10: Pokémon Trading Card Hour, 1:30pm

January 14: Mindfulness Storytime (Kids and Families). 6:30pm

January 21: Guatemalan Worry Doll (Grades 3-5). 3:30pm

January 26: Snowy Craft and Storytime (Kids and Families).

February

February 4: Nighttime Monster Defense Storytime (Kids and Families). 6:30pm

February 7: Friends Book Sale. 10:00am-2:00pm

February 11: Valentines Rock Paint (Grades 3-5). 6:00pm

February 12: Pajama Storytime (Kids and Families). 6:00pm

February 18: Didn't See That Coming Storytime (Kids and Families). 6:30pm.

February 21: Pokémon Trading Card Hour, 1:30pm

TEAM TRESSEL FITNESS CHALLENGE

The Team Tressel Fitness Challenge ends on December 7. Students need to turn in their completed form located in the back of their challenge book during the week of December 8. All booklets are due December 12. Students who have completed any level of the fitness challenge (Bronze, Silver, or Gold) and turn in their completed form will be included in the reward and recognition.



MAGICAL THEATRE COMPANY

**THE HIGHLAND
FOUNDATION**
for educational excellence

The Magical Theatre Company visited Sharon Elementary on 11/24 to perform *Squirrellock Holmes*.
Thank you to the Highland Foundation for bringing this production to our students!



On behalf of everyone at Sharon,
may you have a wonderful holiday
with family and friends.

Let your
heart be
light. ❁❁❁