



THE HIGHLANDER

AROUND THE DISTRICT

OCTOBER 23, 2026

October News & Highlights

October is full of exciting learning experiences, student achievements, school traditions, and Raider pride!

Take a look at what's happening across HFFM in this edition of The Highlander!

HIGHLAND FALLS-FORT MONTGOMERY CSD UPCOMING EVENTS

OCT 30TH

Half Day for Students: Vertical Articulation

NOV 3RD

Superintendent Conference Day: No School for Students

NOV 4TH

FMES & HFMS Parent/Teacher Conferences (Afternoon Only)

NOV 5THBOE Meeting PM
JIO Library**NOV 10TH**

NJHS Induction Ceremony 6:00 PM

NOV 11TH

Veteran's Day — School Closed

NOV 12TH

Fall Varsity Recognition Ceremony 6:00 PM

NOV 18TH

JIO Parent Teacher Conferences (Afternoon & Evening)

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DISTRICT NEWS

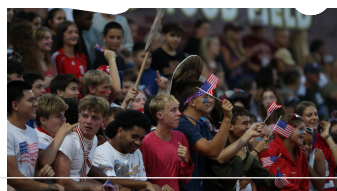
Last week, the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District partnered with Greenwood Lake, Florida, and Chester school districts to co-host a regional workshop focused on student safety and violence prevention. The training centered on the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG), which provide school personnel with a structured approach to identifying, assessing, and responding to potential threats while supporting the needs of students. Participants learned strategies for evaluating concerns, gathering information, and developing appropriate intervention and safety plans. This collaboration reflects our district's ongoing commitment to maintaining a safe, supportive, and welcoming learning environment for all students and staff. By working together with neighboring districts and strengthening our practices, we continue to take proactive steps to ensure that school safety and student well-being remain among our highest priorities.

ATHLETICS SPOTLIGHT: THE RAIDERS ARE READY!

The postseason is calling, and J.I.O. Athletics is building momentum! As the regular season winds down, our Raiders are finishing strong, celebrating big wins, and setting their sights on championship runs. From the varsity level to our modified teams, Raider pride is on full display.

- **Football:** Travels to Highland October 24 with the No. 1 sectional seed on the line!
- **Volleyball:** Varsity earns wins over Monticello and Beacon; Modified continues to improve.
- **Girls Soccer:** Defeated Fallsburg to secure a top sectional seed!
- **Girls Tennis:** Finished strong at the OCIAA Championship.
- **Boys Golf:** Two Raiders advanced to the Section IX Championship!
- **Cross-Country:** Boys and girls prepare for the Section IX Championship on November 3 at The Mount Academy.
- **Modified Football:** Celebrated an exciting win over Marlboro!

Congratulations to our athletes and coaches for their hard work and dedication.
GO J.I.O.! GO RAIDERS!





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AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

James I. O'Neill High School

O'Neill is buzzing with exciting developments! Planning is underway for the Remembrance Bowl's Normandy, France, trip this June, bringing 14 students and six chaperones together for this meaningful experience. We're also welcoming prospective Garrison students and families with upcoming visits and an invitation to the October 30 varsity football game to experience Raider pride and school spirit. Meanwhile, staff are exploring future course offerings in AI and cybersecurity, freshmen are celebrating their Class of 2030 crest contest, and plans are underway for a parent meeting to support recent transfer students and their families.

Fort Montgomery Elementary School

At Fort Montgomery Elementary School, we're bringing the outside in! Hands-on learning and science exploration encourage our young learners to observe closely, ask questions, and discover more about the natural world. Students also use nature as their inspiration to create art, exploring colors, shapes, and textures while expressing their creativity. These experiences build curiosity, support problem-solving, and connect classroom learning to the world around them.

Highland Falls Intermediate School

HFIS is buzzing with excitement! Mrs. Magyar's fifth-grade STREAM students put their creativity to the test during yesterday's Shark Tank presentations, pitching their innovative products to see which big ideas would earn Mr. Femia's investment! The fun continues Friday as the PTP hosts the annual Glow Dance, giving students a chance to light up the dance floor. Looking ahead, Halloween excitement is building as students get their creative costume ideas approved for next Friday's Halloween Parade!

HFFMCSD ENROLLMENT AT A GLANCE

FMES
159

HFIS
324

JIO
382

TOTAL
865

