

THE BLACK AND GOLD

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Superintendent's Section

By Dr. Hatfield

I know I have said it before, but this school year is flying by. It is hard to believe that the 3rd quarter is almost complete and spring break is literally just around the corner.

Spring brings a super busy part of the school year: spring sports, graduation, various academic competitions, and ISAT testing. Standardized testing might not be everyone's favorite topic, but it is one that needs to be discussed. It is important that our students do their best on the ISAT's. You may or may not know, but every school is required to report their ISAT scores to the state and these scores are linked to what is known as a school's report card. Everyone has access to these report cards. In the past we have not had very good scores on the ISATs and it is not because we don't have capable students, because we do; however, we have had some students that do not put their best effort into them and try to get finished in record time. Students not taking the ISATs or any other form of assessment seriously does reflect poorly on the school. So, please talk with your school-aged children about the importance of trying their best not just on the ISATs, but in everything they do, even if they think it is not important.

Snow Days: We will have to make up at least one of the snow days that we had to take. We will let you know when that day is scheduled.

Parent Survey: Every year school districts across the state have to participate in three surveys (Staff, Students, and Parents). The parent survey has been emailed to all parents that we have email addresses for. Please check your mail box and complete the survey; it is short this year. If you did not receive the email and would like to complete the survey, please email me and I can send the link directly to you: shatfield@sd305.org

Upcoming Events

March 1-4: Parent/Teacher Conferences

March 5: Senior Presentations

March 29-April 2: Spring Break

Principal's Piece

Dear Community Members, Parents and Students,

Welcome to semester two! Congratulations - we've made it half-way! While there have been struggles, I feel confident that we are on a path toward a greater sense of normalcy. I would like to thank our students, parents, and community members for all of their support during these challenging times. As we continue to move forward, we encourage parents to be vigilant in monitoring student progress through PowerSchool. Our staff is very active to make sure our students get the second semester off to a great start!

While our winter sports seasons - Basketball, Wrestling and JH Volleyball - are winding down, you should be proud of the time and effort that our athletes and coaches have put into our programs. It was FANtastic to be able to boost our spectator allowance for the remaining games and tournaments... your support added a great atmosphere for our teams! Thank you all! As you can tell by the snow on the ground, our spring sports are right around the corner. Baseball, softball and track will begin soon and we anticipate a great showing from all of our teams.

Outside of athletics, our clubs have been very active - and successful - in competitions. BPA and FFA have numerous students that will be competing in regional and state competitions. Our Robotics club is off to a great start with students building and testing their creations! The yearbook team continues to create an outstanding memory book for students.

By the time you read this, we will have had our first winter "Spirit Week". With the school closure from the weather, the event was moved out a week. Because this timing was also designated as FFA week, both events were combined. Student leaders organized dress-up themes, door and hall decorations, and many class activities for 6th grade through 12th grade students. Thursday's pep assembly also included our JH/HS pep band. It is very exciting to see some of our "normal" activities!

As we begin March, Student-Led conferences will be held to allow the students to present their successes with parents and for parents to visit with teachers. Senior students will also be busy with their Senior Project presentations. The National Honor Society will hold their induction ceremony as well. Our Band program will feature their annual Jazz night - with a change from desserts, to a raffle fundraiser. Seniors and Juniors are working on finalizing their plans for a real-life, in person Prom for April!

In closing, I want to share my thanks for the hard work and dedication of our staff. As you have read about all that is happening at our school, without their efforts, very few of these could take place. To our families and community - I also want to reiterate our gratitude for your continued support and wish you and your family good health and good spirits for the remainder of the winter months.

Sincerely, Dennis Fredrickson, Principal

Club Cluster

FFA Updates

North Idaho District Career Development Events

By: Keira White, Reporter



Emalissa Espinosa

On February 5th, the Highland-Craigmont FFA Chapter participated virtually in Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Conduct of Chapter Meetings. Conduct of Chapter Meetings is a competition that introduces the freshmen to parliamentary procedure and how to conduct efficient meetings. They also had to practice the correct use of the FFA opening and closing ceremonies and each person got various officer positions. They have been practicing really hard in their Ag Personal Skills class and all their work paid off. There was a team of seven freshmen who all played the role of an officer. They had a challenge to overcome when one of their teammates got sick the week of the competition, and we had another freshman step up to fill the position. The members that competed were Gage Crow (President), Lance Horrocks (Vice President), Hannah Smith (Secretary), Trenton Wren (Treasurer), Ty Goeckner (Reporter), Sydney Shumaker (Sentinel), and Noah Watson (Advisor). With all their hard work, they placed 2nd at the competition which met their goal to bring home a banner. To get a banner you have to place within the top three teams. Emalissa Espinosa competed in Extemporaneous Public Speaking. For this competition, members showcase their agriculture knowledge and their ability to think quickly on their feet. During the competition, the member draws three agriculture related topics. The member will select one topic from the three and has 30 minutes to prepare a four to six minute speech. After they give their speech, they will be asked 5 minutes worth of various questions about their topic. Emalissa worked really hard in this competition, and it paid off by her getting 5th place. Our chapter is super proud of all of our members who competed at the series of events and representing our chapter well!

Jr High/High School Jazz Night and Raffle

March 11 - 7:00PM

Tickets will go on sale Feb 25- March 10th. Tickets are \$1 dollar each, and the raffle will commence during the concert. We will accept donations to the music department through on-line or at the concert. The concert will also be streamed live on Facebook.

BPA Updates

Highland Craigmont BPA is heading to STATE!
Everyone worked really hard to compete in the Region 2 Districts and are excited for State!

Thank you for your support!

We have 7 students who qualified for the Virtual State Conference!

Keira White took 3rd in Advanced Word Processing

Kalei Smith took 2nd in Fundamental Desktop Publishing

Katie Goeckner took 3rd in Fundamental Desktop Publishing

Lane Wassmuth took 1st in Advanced Desktop Publishing

Cheyenne Brown took 1st in Interview Skills

Emalissa Espinosa took 2nd in Advanced Interview Skills

Emalissa Espinosa took 2nd in Extemporaneous Speech

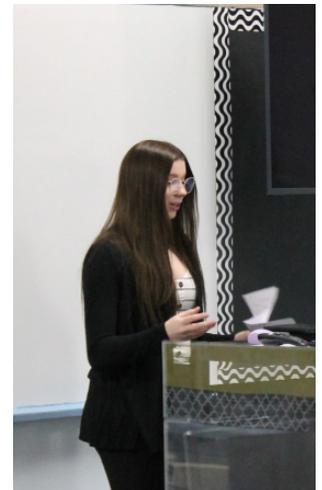
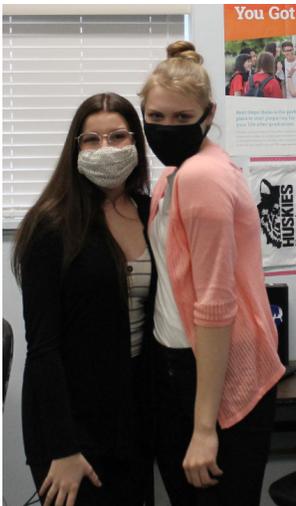
Katie Goeckner, Kalei Smith and Caristae Robinson took 2nd in Presentation Management Team!

Noah Watson took 5th in Beginning Word Processing

Hannah Smith took 9th in Beginning Word Processing

Emily Dau took 4th in Graphic Design Promotion

Josh McCorkle took 5th in Personal Finance



Athlete Highlight

Noah Watson - Freshman

What inspired you? I played basketball as a kid and have always loved the game.

What is the best part about competing? When competing, you get to play your heart out and try your best to win. When you win, it feels really good.

What are your goals? I want to be able to shoot the ball faster and work on my dribbling skills more; thankfully I have a few years to do so.

What is your favorite quote ?

My favorite quote is by Michael Jordan, "Never say never because limits, like fears, are often just illusions."

What are three reasons you like being a part of the team? Being a part of the team is fun, it allows you to learn how others play, and you get to laugh at each others mistakes. Playing on a team allows you to learn how others play and then make fun plays with them. Lastly, you get to combine others' skills to make one great team.

What advice would you give younger athletes?

I would want to tell younger athletes that they should practice as much as possible so when you get to high school you are able to rise to the top and be your best. Make sure you work on foot work and dribbling when you practice and for games; no matter how much you play, you're only the best if you work together and be a team.





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