

# *The Black and Gold*



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## Superintendent's Section

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Dear Highland Community,

As a school community we know the importance of supporting our students learning, both inside and outside of the school building. In my short time here at Highland I have been impressed with the level of engagement of our parents and staff in fostering a positive school to home relationship. In this spirit I wanted to share with you some tips from [www.schoolnews.com](http://www.schoolnews.com) on four evidence based ways parents can improve student achievement.

**1. Encourage parents to actively teach their students**

Parents can support their child's learning by taking time to sit with your child and help them work through the new skills and strategies they are learning.

**2. Make rules about homework and help your child when he/she struggles**

Designate a specific time and place for homework each evening, and don't just monitor your child's work, engage with them and help them when they struggle.

**3. Set high expectations for your child.**

Communicate expectations often and encourage them along the way, both when they struggle and when they are successful.

**4. Academic socialization: making high achievement normal**

Make academic success a norm in your home. Talk with your children about their future aspirations and foster a success mindset by helping them set goals to work towards.

Scharton, H. (2018, September 5). Retrieved from [www.schoolnews.com](http://www.schoolnews.com): <https://www.schoolnews.com/2018/09/05/4-evidence-based-ways-parents-improve-student-achievement/>

Sincerely,

Jacob Gion

Superintendent - Highland Schools #305



# Principal's Piece

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**Dear Highland Community,**

**I am writing this a week before Thanksgiving. This time of the year is a time that I reflect on the many things that I am thankful for. The first part of the 2021-2022 year has gone by quickly, and it has been an exciting time. Parents have attended with their children's teachers during parent-teacher conferences at the beginning of November. Our school has completed our first quarter and is well into our second.**

**We are thankful for the many things as we reflect. Please let us share just a few them with you:**

**We are pleased with our students who come to Highland every day ready to learn. They provide us all a daily reminder of why we are here and what is essential.**

**We are grateful for the support of the parents in building an excellent community for our students. We are also thankful that our parents have kept the trust and confidence in us. They continue to leave their most valuable ones with us. We have parents who work hard and advocate to be a partner in their children's education, safety, and well-being. For this, we will always be so thankful. We are also grateful for our volunteers who enthusiastically provide so much to our school.**

**We are grateful for the administration, school board, coaches, bus drivers and our teachers and support staff who care about student success and have the best interests of our students at heart. We see dedicated and hard-working individuals going above and beyond to make sure that great things happen in our school. They do make a difference, and our students benefit from those efforts.**

**Sincerely,  
Dennis Fredrickson**



# Club Cluster

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## **FFA**

**Christmas Wreath Fundraiser. Contact a member to get one!**

**Thank you for supporting us through our ButterBraid fundraiser.**

## **BPA**

**Thank you for all the support of our Shop Hop Fundraiser and our Christmas Photo Fundraiser!**

**Students will compete in Region 2 competitions soon!**

## **National Honor Society**

**President: Olivia Antone**

**Vice President: Kalei Smith**

**Secretary: Katie Goeckner**

**Treasurer: Cheyanne Brown**



## Updates

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### **National Honor Society**

**We have 12 members and pending Mrs. Poxleitner's certification process, we are planning to have induction before Christmas Break.**

**Sophomore and Juniors with a 3.5 GPA or higher, keep a look out for applications being mailed soon.**

**It will be a great year!**



# Athlete Highlights

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**Name: Shaylee Stamper**

**Sports Played: Volleyball and Basketball**

**How long have you played each sport?**

**I have played basketball for 3 years and volleyball for 4 years.**

**Favorite Sports Memory:**

**My favorite memory was in basketball when I swished a three at the buzzer. Another one would be last year in volleyball when the score was tied and I got the winning point by smacking the ball down. I also remember when in basketball Brett was saying that I couldn't make a shot and if I made it then we didn't have to run but I proved him wrong and swished it.**

**Tips for younger athletes:**

**My advice for younger athletes is to always work hard and learn from your mistakes and always keep your head up and have a positive attitude. You might get yelled at by your coach but they aren't there to be mean to you, they are there to help you improve.**

**Biggest Supporters:**

**My biggest supporters I would have to say are my grandpa and my mom. They are always there for me when I need them and they always show up to the games. Even though they could be doing other things they decide to come and support me and I am very thankful for them.**

**Thank You:**

**I would like to thank my family, friends and teammate for also supporting me and always being there for me. I know that I can count on them and that I can trust them. I would just like to thank all of them.**

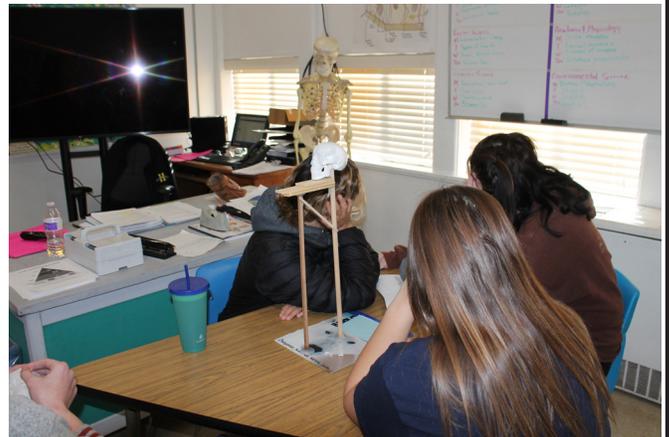
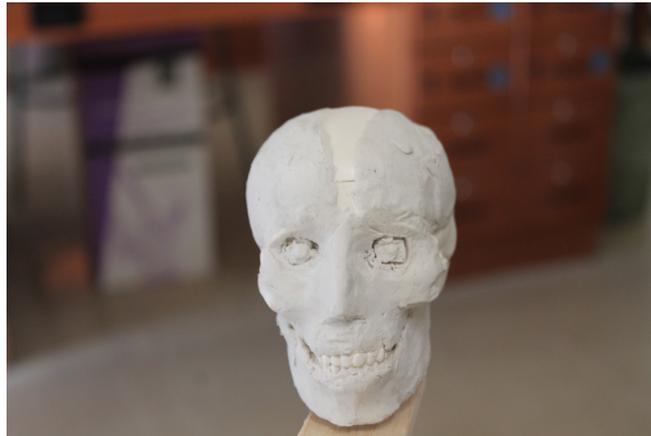


# Teacher Spotlight

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**From Mrs. Davis,**

**The Forensic class has been busy working on facial reconstruction. The science classes will be traveling on December 2nd to a STEM fair.**



# Husky Pride



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