

# HIGHLAND NEWSLETTER



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## Principal's Corner

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As the weather gets colder it is important to remember that students need to be dressed appropriately for the winter conditions. Elementary students that do not have the proper attire (boots, gloves, winter coat, hat) risk the chance of not being able to go to recess. Many of the teachers keep extra winter attire supplies on hand, but sometimes those get used up quickly and there isn't enough to go around. If you are in need of some winter attire supplies for your student, please do not hesitate to communicate with your child's teacher or the office and we will try and find what you need with regards to a coat, gloves, etc.

Internet and App safety. There are many Internet sites and apps that students can download that are not appropriate for students for many different reasons. Here are a couple of apps that should be avoided because of the potential harm that they may cause: GroupME, IMVU, Gather, and tbh. Some of these apps have chatrooms or private messages and you can't always tell who the actual sender of the messenger is. With the increase in cyber bullying it is important that children don't have access to technology, such as apps or websites that can lead to inappropriate relationships, cyber bullying or exposure to information that they should not see. If you would like more information about apps or information for how to speak to your student about cyber safety, this link can be a useful resource: <https://smartsocial.com/>

The end of the first semester is Wed. December 20th. Students in grades 7-12 will have their semester finals on December 18-20. There is no school on the 21st. It is important that students start studying for their finals prior to the night of the final. They also need to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast and lunch. Students return to school on Tuesday, Jan 2nd for the start of the second semester.

Congratulations to all of our students that made the honor roll and/or had perfect attendance for the 1st quarter. It truly is hard to believe how fast this year is going.

### Phone Calls/Messages

If it is necessary for a parent/guardian to call the school to speak with a student or staff member it is important to remember that the staff may be busy teaching a lesson, the class may not be in the classroom, etc. so they may not be available to answer the phone. A message can be saved to their phone or you can leave a message with the office and it will be delivered to the student/staff member when the

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office staff is available to make the delivery. Please do not make multiple calls to the school because you are not able to speak with your child or staff member right at the moment, if a message has been left they will call you back when they have time. Obviously, if it is an emergency we will do everything we can so you may speak with your child as soon as possible, but if it is not an emergency, please be patient and realize that the staff is busy and may not be available to answer your phone call, but will return your phone call if a message is left. Also, if you need to speak with your child, please leave a message with the office to have them call you, remembering that they may not receive the message right away.

Upcoming events:

Elementary Concert    December 5

Secondary Concert    December 12

For a schedule of upcoming athletics, please visit the schools website: <http://www.sd305.org/sports/sports.php>

By Dr. Hatfield

## Superintendent's Corner

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Hello Parents, Guardians and Community Members;

Highland School District recently ran a test of our emergency phone communication system known as School Messenger. School Messenger is our parent information system used to distribute information immediately for a school closure or school emergency via phone and/or email. You received your test call from 208-924-5211 our main line here at Highland. This was a very successful test in terms of helping to correct and update our contact phone numbers. Hopefully we will not have to use the system anytime during this school year.

School closure in our area occurs mainly from a combination of snow with wind that causes snow to drift and pile up. Our county workers do an amazing job of keeping roads clear for our buses to transport students early in the morning. On a few occasions roads simply fill in behind the workers as they clear the roads. When this happens you will receive your message about school closure via School Messenger.

Athletically, the winter months bring us indoors for high school boys and girls basketball seasons, JH Boys basketball and JH Volleyball. High School basketball seasons have started and end in mid to late February. JH boys basketball has started and will end by Holiday break. JH Volleyball will start when we return from Holiday break. You can find the schedules on our school web page at [www.sd305.org](http://www.sd305.org). Just click on "calendars" in the left hand column, below the calendar that appears you will find our "Sports & Activities Calendar". Click on it and you will have access to all schedules or schedule changes.

Thank you and have a great Holiday Season.

Brad Baumberger, Ed.S.

# FFA News

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## **Article 1:**

The Highland-Craigmont FFA Chapter will be selling Christmas Wreaths to help the Soils team fund their trip to Oklahoma City. Contact Advisor, Ms. Nebeker, if you are interested in placing an order, (208)925-7469 in the shop.

## **Article 2:**

The Highland-Craigmont FFA chapter has to raise money to cover the costs of events, travel, and awards. One way to raise money is through their Christmas Tree Pick-Up. Members of the FFA Chapter, after Christmas, will come take away the old tree for a donation. Anyone interested in having your tree picked up can contact FFA Advisor, Josette Nebeker at school (208)925-7469 or email [jnebeker@sd305.org](mailto:jnebeker@sd305.org). Dates for pick up are yet to be scheduled but will be posted soon. Help support our FFA Chapter and not have to worry about what to do with your tree after Christmas.

By Nathan Case

## **Article 3:**

The Highland-Craigmont FFA Chapter is raffling a butcher hog, currently scheduled to be butchered at Marshall Meats on December 9th. Members will be selling tickets until Tuesday, December 4th. The winner will be drawn during the Highland Girls Basketball Game. Tickets are \$1/each, 6 for \$5, or 30 for \$20. Thank you to member Alyssa Dau for donating her pig to our chapter.

## **Article 4:**

The Highland-Craigmont FFA Chapter attended North Idaho District Career Development Events on November 10th at the University of Idaho in Moscow. The chapter had great success, bringing home 1st place in the Greenhand Knowledge Event, with Chani Brammer and Kalei Smith tied for 1st high individual, Taiylor Crea 3rd individual, and Tylar Crow and Keira White tied in 4th. Also on the team were Lane Wassmuth and Dalton Davis. Tylar Crow and Keira White also represented the chapter in FFA Creed Speaking, category B, they did not make the top three, but both learned a lot and plan to participate again next year. In the Creed A category our chapter was represented by Taiylor Crea and Dalton Davis, although they didn't make the top 5 they both received high marks from the judges. Hunter Davis participated in the Extemporaneous Public Speaking Event, where he placed 3rd. He was tasked with writing a four to six-minute speech in less than thirty minutes from drawing his topic. The Ag Sales Team placed 2nd overall, the first time to have such success in this event ever for our chapter, members included Luke Wassmuth in Sale Presentation A. Individually he placed 1st with a perfect score from both judges. Sales Presentation B was Jordan Pentzer. Morgan Weeks represented the chapter in Telephone Skills, he placed 2nd individual. Also placing 2nd individual was Kaden Schwartz in the Customer Prospecting category. Lane Wassmuth participated as an alternate for the team in Customer Prospecting. Malayna Hambly is representing the Highland-Craigmont Chapter this year as North Idaho FFA District Reporter and was helpful in numerous events and ceremonies throughout the day. The chapter is thankful to everyone who supported them and helped them prepare for this event. Members are motivated to keep the trend of success going as we continue with many Career Development Events in the new year.

By: Josette Nebeker



**Elementary Concert**  
December 5th @ 7 p.m.  
**Highschool Concert**  
December 12th @ 7 p.m.

**End of 1st Semester: Dec 20**  
**Start of 2nd Semester: Jan 2**

# **Walking Taco's**

**BPA Fundraiser**

**December 21st and January 18th**

**During the Boys and Girls Basketball games**

**We appreciate your support**

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