the year of
Change
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Welcome to "The

We hope you enjoy reading it as much as we enjoyed creating it.

2020 was one of the most life altering years in modern day history. Throughout the hardest times of the year, no matter the circumstances, we believe everyone can agree that Highland High School tried to make the best and healthiest school year as possible for their students and staff. This year HHS changed its typical way of life to provide the safest plan for students to remain healthy while continuing their education. On a daily basis, the school followed the COVID-19 protocol by wearing masks, social distancing when possible, and self quarantining when exposed to the virus. This year many sports and events were changed, canceled, postponed, and overall a different experience than many would have wanted when it comes to events hosted at Highland High School. This was out of the control of anyone, and our hearts go out to those who did not get to play or perform during these seasons as they were hoping to. In this yearbook we tried to project the good that happened throughout this school year. We took this hardship and transformed it into an opportunity to create a yearbook different than any produced in previous years by the HHS yearbook staff. Our main goal and theme of this book was to show the "Year of Change."
We chose to create a cut out cover with a mask to show one of our main changes throughout this school year, COVID-19. Our "Year of Change" theme is carried throughout the book in every section describing how the change truly effected everything. Our goal was to feature every student in this book and give the appropriate recognition that each student at HHS deserves. Together, our staff worked to create the best book possible. Plans for the book started with editor meetings over Zoom in July, and the conscientious work was continued on all throughout the 2020-2021 school year. We could not have created this yearbook without the amazing parents, staff, and students of Highland High School. We sincerely thank everyone who has contributed to the Iris: Volume 101.

Our hearts go out to those who were personally affected by COVID-19 or any other hardships that took place this year; we hope we were able to provide a sense of light for this not so bright year.

Sincerely,
The Highland High School 2020-2021 Yearbook Staff
2020-2021

CHANGED

Proud

Strong

United

Dedicated

Supportive
The first day of school was very different in comparison to previous years, due to the new COVID-19 guidelines. What used to be a normal day at Highland High School has changed drastically with new regulations that everyone must follow on a day-to-day basis. That being said, all students, staff, and faculty members must wear a mask at all times while in the building. Everyone must social distance and keep six feet apart when possible. At the beginning and end of each class period, all students must clean their desks, Chromebooks, and seats with a disinfectant wipe. Passing periods are now staggered to where all Freshman get released from class after the first bell rings. Then Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors get released by the second, third and fourth bell. School days are now split up between red and black days, including a new dismissal time of 12:35. Remote learners typically log on to Google Meets during the school day, but have the option to meet individually with teachers from 1:15 to 2:35. This is the new normal for everyone at HHS.
Freshman Kara Shaw says her expectations for high school changed due to the COVID guidelines. She states that having to wear a mask all day long can be a distraction when trying to learn and participate in class.

Senior Caden Fears says that his first day of school as a Senior was not the same as his past first days and that he is sad his Senior year has to be different due to COVID. He feels that he is missing out on part of his last year of High School.

New English teacher Mr. Mak talks about his first day of teaching at Highland High School. He says, "The first day of school was very interesting because I only got to see a third of my students faces, due to the masks." He claims it was definitely a change for him with social distancing, the constant cleaning and sanitizing, and only getting to see his students every other day.
Making the Best Out of a Mask

By: Maddie Noeltner

To make the best of wearing a mask, Senior Kylie Erwin wears a silk mask to help keep her skin healthy.

Junior Samantha Wall matched her mask and jacket in spirit of flannel day before Winter Break.

Posing against the lockers, Senior Paige Schaible shows off her school spirit with a paw print mask and Hooligan overalls.

Juniors Ansley Lelm and Grace Kurtak pose together with their floral masks.

Caitlin Oller (9)
Finn Steven (9)
Laney Kelly (9)
Riley Frey (9)

Full Bloom // Juniors Ansley Lelm and Grace Kurtak pose together with their floral masks.

Bright & Happy // Freshman Kennedy Purtle smiles with her eyes in her yellow mask.
"Wearing a mask isn't fun but it is good to know it could possibly be saving other lives."
-William Jones (10)

"The best part about wearing a mask is that you don't have to smile." -Erick Jr Jones

Senior Sam Miener made the best out of masks by matching them with her outfits on a daily basis.

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One of the senior students chose to draw a *Monster's Inc.* inspired parking spot.

Inspired by the bright colors of the rainbow, Senior Claire Korte said, "Although this isn't the most ideal type of school year I am so grateful that we still get some type of normalcy."

Senior Tess Wilson chalks her spot with the help of Junior Julia English. Wilson decided to chalk in her spot inspired by a "Lil Uzi Vert" album.

Excited for his senior year, Senior Tyler Holzinger decorate his spot with a unique piece of art depicting a check for the class of 2021.

**Chalk Your Spot: Senior Style**

Before the senior's last first day of high school, they had the opportunity to come to the HHS parking lot and create artwork as a way to claim their parking spots. This was the second annual "Senior Chalk Your Spot Day" that the HHS has hosted. Many students were inspired by pop culture, quotes that captured their emotions about their long awaited senior year, and more. Students followed the COVID-19 guidelines by social distancing and only removing their masks for photos and when they were six feet away from other students.
Donning shades matching the pair of sunglasses drawn in her parking spot, Senior Natalie Houk chalked in her spot around the quote, "Eyes on the Diploma." Houk said, "I am excited for my senior year, I feel like this year has been something that I have looked forward to since I was younger. I hope that through it all we stay positive and the HHS school spirit never fails!"

Inspired by the "Kylie Jenner Cosmetics" brand, Senior Kylie Erwin chalked her spot with cherries.
Espíritu de Halloween //
While getting ready for Halloween, Spanish teachers Mrs. Cope and Mrs. Twyford dressed as twins.

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Sophomores Morgan Friesner, Carolynn Parsons, and Laila Bailey dress as Alvin and the Chipmunks.


Sophomores Gillian Trover and Juniors Rheanna Fowler and Madison Banks dress as hippies for Halloween dress up week.

Twinning with school spirit // Juniors Abigail Huelsmann and Emma Warner dress in their basketball sweatshirts for twin day.

Sophomore Adalee Clarke builds a candy pumpkin structure in the HHS Library during Halloween week.

Would HHS Students Attend a Haunted House?

9.8% No way!
38.2% Eh, I guess
52% Yes!

Sleeping in // Junior Lydia Marti dresses in a onesie while working on class work.

Twin It to Win It! Freshman twin Maxwell and George Walk dress alike for twin day.

Building the Halloween Spirit // Sophomores Bailey and Julia McPhillips dressed as Thing One and Thing Two.

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The Year the Election Changed
Due to Covid-19, more mail in ballots were cast, which caused a delay in the final results of the 2020 Presidential Election.

On the 2020 election survey, the students voted for History teacher Mr. Holt as the teacher they were most likely to elect as president.

When asked his feelings on his recent victory of the "presidential" election, Mr. Holt states, "I want a recount."

Use Your Voice and Vote
To motivate students to get out and vote, Senior Natalie Houk wore a vote shirt on election day.

Student Election Survey Results
The Election survey, sent out to juniors and seniors students, showed that most people get their political knowledge from family members and TV News sources.

Most students also stated their political engagement has increased in the past two years.

The majority of students said when they are 18 years of age they are very likely to vote.

Election Results
The winner of the 2020 Presidential Election is Joseph R. Biden.

The votes were to be cast by November 3, 2020, however, the results were not announced until November 7, 2020.

Joseph R. Biden won the election by 74 electoral votes.
The performance of *The Little Mermaid* by the students of HHS was shown to the audience via live stream from the Highland Elementary auditorium onto a large screen that was set up on the Four Diamonds just across the street. To the audience it seemed to be a well rehearsed performance, but, in reality, the cast and crew only had one week to prepare. The cast and crew worked day and night to perfect every musical number within the show. At any given moment, the cast and crew could've been told that the show was shut down. However, this didn't stop them from giving 100% at every rehearsal. Due to the COVID-19 guidelines, everyone was required to practice and perform in masks and stay six feet apart when possible. This made it hard for the performance to reach its full potential, but with the given circumstances, the cast and crew put on an unforgettable performance.

This year the musical was performed live from the Highland Elementary School and projected onto a massive screen on the Four Diamonds field. The show turned out to be a major success for the members and the audience watching. The cast was very excited to be the first high school to perform *The Little Mermaid* live in 2020. After every performance, the cast stood on the side of the road to thank the audience for coming to watch and support. This also gave audience the opportunity to honk their horns and praise the resilient performers. The cast was elated to know all of their hard work paid off.
1. Last Minute Fix // During vocal warm-ups, Senior Reyna Boergerhoff assists Junior Julia English with her wig

2. Picture Perfect Princesses // After the final show, Skylar Phenix (11), Joanna Fogg (10), Kayla Peery (12), Julia McPhillips (10), Sophia Himsel (9), and Autumn Meyer (12) pose in their princess gowns

3. Pre-Show Performance // Before opening night, Sophomore Julia McPhillips and Freshman Sophia Himsel rehearse the song "Kiss the Girl"

4. A Villain and her Hench-Women // Seniors Madison Crawford, Julia Graham, and Kagney Riggs strike an evil pose as Flotsam, Ursula, and Jetsam

5. Singing Sailors // Senior Andrew O'Toole and Junior Issac Rieke run through a final rehearsal of the musical number "Fathom Below" on opening night

6. Mer-mazing Performers // Julia English (11), Abby Koch (12), Mikayla Smith (10), Haylie Gombos (12), Hollyn Diamond (10), Autumn Meyer (12), and Reyna Boergerhoff (12) pose for a photo to capture the memories they created during the production

7. Final Touches // Mysaiah Chambers sits patiently as Junior Payton Eddy adds the finishing touches to his makeup look before the second show

The Man Behind It All

Q: How did you feel about the cast members performing with a mask?
A: "I think the cast members did an amazing job with the masks. It's difficult to sing with the mask and the cast overcame that challenge."

Q: How did you feel about the overall performance?
A: "I think the performance turned out very well, and I was glad to see a large amount of people come to the show."

Q: What was the best memory you have from the musical?
A: "I loved seeing everyone come together to work as a team and put the show together in one week."

Q: "How did it feel knowing that at any moment that you could've been told that the show was not going to be able to go on?"
A: "Nervous, but I was mainly focused on doing what it would take to have the production go on."
Royal subjects, Grace Powers (10), Robert Williams (12), Blake Zarinelli (10), Julia McPhillips (10), and Naomi Saathoff (9), bow to their king, Caleb Stratton (12), during the festival as members of the court, Hollyn Diamond (10), Madeline Crawford (12), Abby Koch (12), and Sutherland Allen (12) look on.

Caleb Stratton, 12
Q: How did it feel to be one of the main roles?
A: "It was fantastic! Terrifying, stressful, and a little embarrassing at times, but getting to do it with all the other choir goons made it a fantastic experience!"

Andrew O'Toole, 12
Q: How many years have you been a Gypsy?
A: "I've been a gypsy for 3 years, and have loved every minute of it!"

Haylie Gombos, 12
"I'm so glad to have had the opportunity with the year we've had, we put on so many wonderful productions for the community."

Spencer Powers, 12
Q: Was this year different in years from the past?
A: "It was definitely different from what I was used to with everything going on, but it was an exciting challenge and character."

"My favorite memories from this year were getting to hang back stage with Suth and Tim, Elast! jokes, and getting lots of pictures with my girls. I'm also so glad we got to have dinner this year even if it wasn't normal."

-Julia Beil, 12

Julia Grahm, 12
Q: What is your best memory from this year?
A: "There was a line in the show that was super funny, so almost everyone would say it during microphone checks."
Choir Officers

The Madrigal Must Go On

Tryouts for the Madrigal Performance were held on October 16th and 17th. As soon as the results of the tryouts were posted and roles were assigned, the performers were able to begin practicing. Practices were held everyday after day after school at either the HHS kennel, Highland Elementary School, or online. Costumes for the performance were either made by the performers or rented. The Madrigal Performance was held at the Highland Elementary School auditorium. The audience was able to view the show safely at home through a live stream. The show was held on the weekend of December 4th, 5th, and 6th. The tickets to view the live stream were twelve dollars, and there was a virtual meet and greet held after the show that could purchased for an extra seven dollars. The show was directed by Mr. Gibb-Clark. Although there was not a in-person audience to view the show, all cast members wore a mask during the performance to ensure maximum safety for themselves and those around them. Many of the performers explained that the most emotional part of this year was not being able to go to Kansas City for the Renaissance Festival.

The traditional "Pig Head" was not present at this year's Madrigal Performance. Along with not having an audience, many performers explained that this was one of the major changes for the performance.

President
Jula Grafen, 12
Vice President
Myah Chambers, 12
Secretary
Reyna Boergerhoff, 12
MS Officer
Kayla Perry, 12
Treasurers
Jula Bell, 12
Hayley Semboe, 12
Librarians
Spencer Powers, 12
Aby Kirsch, 12
Daniel Williams, 12
Alyssa Cooksey, 11

The Year the Madrigal Changed

"Do not let anyone convince you that something you genuinely enjoy is weird—because they are weird for caring so much about what you enjoy."
-Senior, Reyna Boergerhoff

King and Queen

By: Maddie Noeltner
Although 2020 wasn’t an ideal year, it was able to end on a positive note when in December, a COVID-19 vaccine was released. It was first released to health care workers, and then others exposed in the public.

In July of 2020 we got a sense of normalcy when Major League Baseball finally returned; it was played in front of cardboard cut-outs, but that was better than nothing.

In May of 2020 the nation’s focus shifted to justice and equality after the death of George Floyd, sparking protest all over the country.

On January 6th 2021, the Capitol building in Washington D.C was breached by an extremist group. This moment caused a political outbreak all over the country.

In October of 2020 COVID-19 officially hit the Oval Office with President Trump diagnosis hospitalized, then released, all in the waning days of campaign.
A DAY IN THE LIFE
THE YEAR STUDENT LIFE CHANGED By: Faith Hickam

Do HHS Students Eat Breakfast?

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What is your favorite memory so far at HHS?

"When I was a freshman at one of our home soccer games they played "Party In The U.S.A." instead of the National Anthem." - Morgan BonDurant (11)

43.5% of HHS students enjoy eating at Dairy King after school.

The polls stated that most of HHS students wake up at 6:30 A.M.

The polls stated that most students drive their cars or ride with an older sibling or friend to school.

How have you adjusted to the new block schedule?

"I have adjusted by having my homework done for certain days. It has improved my time management." - Gracy Levin (11)

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What are your plans after high school?

"I am planning on working construction" - Cody Howard (12)

What is your most embarrassing memory at school?

"Probably tripping over myself and falling down the stairs" - Makenna Watzler (10)

What is the biggest change from middle school to high school?

"opportunities to play many different sports or get involved in different organizations" - Brooke Hunsche (9)

What is the most creative excuse you've used to get out of an assignment?

"I don't want to do it" - Mason Marcus (11)
Quarantine

Easton Belford
To stay active during quarantine Easton ran, practiced golf, and completed homework assignments.

Lucy Daiber
After gaining a lot of free time, Lucy did chores, homework, slept, baked, and watched Netflix, Youtube, and TikTok.

Wayde Quitmeyer
To spend time outside, Wayde rode four wheelers and hunted with friends.

Maxwell Clarke
To adjust to the change, Max exercised, played video games, worked, and helped remodel his family’s kitchen.
Josie Hapack
In an effort to enjoy quarantine, Josie created the High School environmental club, *Seeing Green*, participated in a national track meet, and researched national issues.

Clayton Pate-Mallard
During his quarantine, Clayton practiced baseball, lifted weights, hung out with friends, and spent time with his family.

Lexy Riechmann
During the two weeks in quarantine, Lexy reread *How to Kill a Mockingbird* and *Animal Farm*, spent time with family, and researched astrology.

Claire Schultz
To stay productive, Claire completed homework, practiced softball, did projects, and helped clean the house.
Vincent Ermer
Vince plans to attend Ranken Technical College in hopes of becoming a constructional engineer.

Jessie Wieter
Jessie plans to graduate early and continue to work at the Wooden Tie in Pierron while taking classes at SWIC.

Alexia Edwards
Lexie plans on attending SWIC’s nursing program. She later hopes to find a specialization at Barnes Jewish Hospital during her first year of nursing.

Olivia Hawkes
Olivia plans to become a professional makeup artist. She wants to perfect her skills in order to make people feel confident in themselves.

Tatum Stock
Tatum plans to graduate early in December and attend SWIC for two years. After, she plans to transfer to SIUE and attend their nursing program.

Jordan Grieve
After graduation, Jordan plans to go into the field of nursing.

Delanie Wutzler
Delanie is unsure of the school she will be attending but hopes to study in the medical field.

Tegan Schauwecker
Tegan plans to graduate early in December and study Psychology at SIUE.

Kylie Erwin
After graduation, Kylie plans to attend SIUE.

Caden Fears
Caden plans to attend trade school to become a Welder or Fabricator.
Kyleigh Haller
After graduation, Kyleigh plans to attend cosmetology school.

Marissa Kleinhoffer
Marissa plans to graduate early and work full time until the next school year. She is still deciding between going to a trade school to become a Dental Hygienist or going to college to become an Architect.

Kiara Slattery
After high school Kiara plans on going far away for college. She hopes to major in Psychology and minor in Sociology or Chemistry.

Hannah Hogshead
Hannah plans to start her studies at SWIC and later transfer over to SIUE to study psychology in hopes of becoming a therapist.

Austin Shaw
Austin is leaning towards attending SIUE after graduation.

Christian Kassay
Christian is unsure of his plans after graduation.

Kaiden Miles
Kaiden plans on getting his associates degree at SWIC and then becoming a tradesman.

Reid Thole
Reid plans to attend lineman school at SLTC after graduation.

Steven Reinacher
Steven plans to attend Kaskaskia College to study agricultural business.

Tucker Engelmann
Tucker plans to attend Midland University to study agricultural business.
On Salad Dressing day, Freshmen from Mrs. Schwarz's class dress up as Thousand Island and Ranch Dressing.

Freshmen Naomi Saathoff, Hannah Huckleberry, Ava Lercher and Chloe McTeer dress up in their favorite throwback outfits for Decades Day.

Back Row: Reece Belim, Emma Ernst, Jake Ottensmeier, Larissa Taylor, Sophia Donoho, and Emma King
Back Row: Kara Shaw, Lexie Fears, Kalysta Hyre and Alyssa Berry

Naomi Saathoff, Hannah Huckleberry, Ava Lercher and Chloe McTeer

On Salad Dressing day, Freshmen from Mrs. Schwarz's class dress up as Thousand Island and Ranch Dressing.

Back Row: Corrine Kemper, Madalyn Walker, Tom Nyquist, G. Stratton, and Jon Saathoff
Front Row: Sylvia Carroll, Ashlyn Korte, Julia Leoh and Grace Meyer

In Mrs. Case's class, Seniors dressed up as Caesar Salad for Dressing Day.

Freshmen
Naomi Saathoff, Hannah Huckleberry, Ava Lercher and Chloe McTeer

Going Back in Time
Freshmen Bayla Fitterer, Lacey Schroeder, and Nevaeh Fensterman travel back to the 70's for Decades Day.

Back Row: Chad Barker, Bryce Iberg, Kaiden Miles
Middle Row: Sydney Parkerson, Jordyn Fields, Mady Fenton, Alex Gilliam, Eva Peterson, Tyler Holzinger
Front Row: Maddie Noelte, Emma Ruffini, Sam Miener, Christian Kassay, Connor Reinaman, John Walker
Homecoming week this year was held March 22nd - 26th. Due to the new COVID-19 restrictions, HHS was unable to have a normal homecoming week. Although we weren't able to do everything we have in the past years, Mrs. Buchtel and Mrs. Case, along with the Student Council members, did everything they could to make this week as normal as possible for all of the students. Because there was no homecoming dance this year, there was no official theme, choosing instead to focus on "Bulldog Pride." To kick off the week, each class wore their class color from head to toe on Monday. On Tuesday, students dressed up as their favorite salad dressing with western clothes for ranch, Hawaiian attire for thousand island, and more. Wednesday was Holiday Day where students were able to dress up as their favorite holiday or multiple holidays. That evening, Power Volleyball was held in the gym where each class competed against each other for the Spirit Stick. On Thursday, students went back in time and dressed up as their favorite decade. The week ended on Friday with students decked out in their camo gear. The night ended with students attending the Homecoming football game against Triad High School.

By: Jessica Miller
Homecoming Court
By: Faith Hickam

Special Maid and Special Escort

Seniors Reyna Boegerhoff & Connor Reinaman were voted Special Maid and Special Escort

King and Queen

Seniors Caleb Stratton and Isabella LaPorta were crowned king and queen for the 2021 senior class

Senior Court

Kiara Slattery and Jeffery Blunt

Madison Fenton, Evan Peterson, and Maddie Noeltner

Natalie Houk and Liam Gallagher

Alim Deva and Jordyn Fields

Isabella LaPorta and Connor Reinaman

Nevaeh Brown and Sutherland Allen

Julia Beil and Caleb Stratton

Reyna Boegerhoff and Tom Nygren

Not pictured: Reid Thole(12)
Hunter Kapp(9) and Taylor Dressler(9) begin the annual homecoming court ceremony at the homecoming football game against Triad by waving to the crowd.

King, Caleb Stratton (12) and Queen, Isabella LaPorta (12) walk in front of the crowd to celebrate their coronation to homecoming royalty.

Jacob Noll (11) escorts Rayanna Geilhausen (11) and Jessica Miller (11) at the homecoming game against Triad as members of the Junior Court.

Laila Bailey (10) and Gabriel Korte (10) walk at the homecoming football game and represent the Sophomore Court.
Give Me an H: Seniors Evan Peterson, Connor Reinaman, Clayton Mallard, Josh Prusa, John Walker, Bryce Iberg, Cody Howard, Cole Reed, and Chance Watkins show their support for the first home football game by painting letters on their chests to spell out "HIGHLAND".

You Can't See Us: While waiting for the game to start, Seniors Jack Geest, Julia Loeh, Jenna Fenton, Jessica Borror, Sydney Basler, and Maggie VonHatten stand together to capture a photo from their last first home game of their senior year.

Camo Queens: Smiling under their masks, Juniors Payton Eddy, Claire Zobrist and Seniors Kiara Slattery and Reese Schrage pose together for a picture after kick off.

Cheering together in the stands, Seniors Maddie Noeltner and Alex Gilliam get ready for the game with silly string and cut outs of the football boys in hand.

We Put the Power in Power Volleyball

Power Volleyball was during homecoming week and held in the gym that Wednesday night. It started with the Freshmen playing against the Seniors leaving the Seniors with a win. The Sophomores then played the Juniors and won. Playing for first, the Seniors won against the Sophomores, bringing home the spirit stick.

Senior Power Volleyball team huddles to discuss their game plan during a time out.
This year, homecoming week was held in the spring which also means our activities were held that same week. The homecoming football game was played at home against Triad. We were able to have a student section which provided all of the students something to look forward to since COVID has taken away a lot of school activities this year. Even though we lost to Triad, everyone was super pumped up throughout the whole game. Being able to go to a football game this year began to make the year feel somewhat normal for everyone. The student body kept the energy up throughout the entirety of the game.

While playing against the Sophomores, Junior Logan Oestinger throws the ball into the air to serve it over the net.

After getting the ball passed to him, Freshman Chase Pacatte bumps the ball to his teammate to spike over to the other side.
What's Trending In

Joggers

Brown Clothing

Hair Clips

Colorful Nails

Casetify cases

Lululemon

Biker Shorts

Pit Vipers
2020-2021?

By: Madison Fenton

- Mullets
- Mini Gold Hoop Earrings
- Air Force Ones
- Carhartt Beanies
- Blue Light Glasses
- Gold Chains
- Mini Backpacks
"Choose WISEly."
- Anthony Wise (12)

The song 'Young, Dumb, Broke' was a mood of high school career.
-Jordan Grieve (12)

Ethan Fears (9)
Q: Do you have any dislikes or likes about this year?
A: "I don't like how we have to wear masks and how lunch is no longer at school"
Q: What is your favorite sport to watch?
A: "I like watching hockey, my favorite team is the Blues"
Q: What is your favorite HHS memory?
A: "Playing hockey in PE has been the most memorable so far"

Elena Konradt (9)
Q: Do you have any dislikes or likes about this year?
A: "I really like the shortened days, but dislike masks because how hot they get"
Q: What is your favorite social media?
A: "Snapchat"
Q: Do you have any new hobbies or schedules you've taken up from Covid?
A: "I've really focused on my skincare routine because of the toll masks have on our faces"

Gracie Gietl (9)
Q: Do you have any dislikes or likes about this year?
A: "I dislike wearing a mask at school"
Q: What is your favorite place to eat after school?
A: "I love eating at Taco Bell and I usually get 2 cheesy gordita crunches"
Q: What is an embarrassing moment you've had at HHS?
A: "I slipped and fell in front of a bunch of people going up the stairs one time"

Evan Hardas (9)
Q: Do you have any dislikes or likes about this year?
A: "I don't like masks, but enjoy the shortened days"
Q: Do you have any new hobbies or schedules you've taken up from Covid?
A: "I've picked up boxing"
Q: What is an embarrassing moment you've had at HHS?
A: "I went to the wrong class on the wrong block schedule day"

Shane Stallard (10)
Q: Do you have any dislikes or likes about this year?
A: "I like how we have block scheduling"
Q: Do you have any new hobbies or schedules you've taken up from Covid?
A: "I've started thrifting and shopping for clothing more"
Q: What is your favorite place to eat after school?
A: "I love to eat at Dairy King"

Laila Bailey (10)
Q: Do you have any dislikes or likes about this year?
A: "I dislike the lengthened class periods and wearing a mask"
Q: What is your favorite social media?
A: "Snapchat is my favorite social media because it is easier to communicate"
Q: What is your favorite place to eat after school?
A: "McDonald's"
Dakota Rosson (10)

Q: Do you have any dislikes or likes about this year?
A: "I enjoy having shortened days"
Q: What is your favorite social media?
A: "Snapchat is my favorite app"
Q: What is your favorite sport to watch?
A: "I like to watch football, and my favorite team is the Kansas City Chiefs"

Jessica Olliges (10)

Q: Do you have any dislikes or likes about this year?
A: "I really like having block scheduling"
Q: What is your favorite social media?
A: "I like using Instagram because there are a lot of different influencers you can discover"
Q: What is your favorite place to eat after school?
A: "Subway"

Megan Sapienza (11)

Q: What is your favorite social media?
A: "Pinterest because I find new recipes and workouts"
Q: Have you ever been in any car incidents?
A: "I've hit a red truck, a deer, and now I only have one mirror"
Q: What is your favorite elective?
A: "Foods and nutrition because I love to cook and bake"

Chase Noeltner (11)

Q: What is your favorite sport to watch?
A: "Hockey"
Q: What is your favorite place to eat after school?
A: "McDonald's, and I get a number 3"
Q: What is your favorite elective?
A: "Welding"

Joseph Pinkel (11)

Q: What is your favorite sport to watch?
A: "Wrestling"
Q: What is your favorite place to eat after school?
A: "Wally's, I get two burgers and a hotdog"
Q: What is your favorite elective?
A: "Construction"

Elysia Hugger (11)

Q: What is your favorite social media?
A: "Instagram or Snapchat"
Q: What is your favorite elective?
A: "Photoshop"
Q: Do you have any plans for after high school?
A: "I want to move to Japan and become proficient in Japanese"
Show Your Work // Math teacher Mrs. Ayer explains a math problem to Senior Maddie Noeltner

Three Brains Are Better Than One // Juniors Bailey Duncan, Jacob Noll, and Molly Cadagin working on an algebra 2 group assignment

Math Online // Freshmen Kalysta Hyre, Jake Ottensmeier, and Emma Ernst, use class time to practice their math skills on the Chromebooks

Sum it up

1. KAYLEE DIESEN (12)
2. BRENNON AUSTIN (12)
3. CHASE NOELTNER (11)
4. ETHAN FEARS (9)

Words of Wisdom //
"Give me reasons for your success, not excuses for your failure." - Mr. Uhls

Learning Goes Both Ways //
When asked about his favorite part of teaching, Mr. James, the statistics and college placement math teacher said, "My favorite part about teaching is the interaction with my students and learning from them."

Math

By: Mady Fenton
At the board, Sophomore Maci Miles explains how she solved chemical equations.

In Anatomy and Physiology, Junior Sky Freeman presents a model of the brain.

Working together, Senior Julia Bell and Junior Meredith Owens complete a project in Biology.

Science

1. SOPHIA FELDT (9) AND TRISTA LAMM (9)
2. KRISTA RITENHOUSE (11)
3. ELENA SCHROF (10) AND KORI HUELSMANN (10)
4. EVAN PETERSON (12)

In Science We Trust
Adjusting the Rules// The year of 2020-2021 for physical education is taught by Mr. Vance, Mr. Warnecke, and Mrs. Hayes. This year has been different than years in the past. There had to be changes due to COVID-19.

These changes resulted in kids wearing masks while inside, no dressing out for PE because of sanitary reasons, and social distancing during sports and activities. Even with all the craziness, students and teachers found a way to have a fun year while practicing COVID precautions.
In 2004, Mr. Durbin started the engineering program at HHS. This program has helped students realize what the world of engineering is like while also assisting them in achieving their careers. Durbin gives a unique and friendly atmosphere to the program and gives students the opportunity to participate in many out of school experiences that other programs don't get.

Explaining the year//Mr. Durbin said, "This year our 'Project Lead the Way' program has adapted our online curriculum to be even more user friendly for the remote learner. This year many of the hands on activities have been modified so that if a student does not have a partner or a team, they can still complete the project at home. We have large monitors in the engineering lab that display the students at home. The kids in class can interact with the remote learners by talking to the television monitor."

1. Minds in Motion // Senior Mason Gaddis tests gear ratios in order to design a fishing rod
2. While on Break // On a search for inspiration, Senior Garrett Roth scans the web
3. New inventions // Sophomore Matthew Bojarzin shows his 8th version of a 3D printed headphone holder
How has your Spanish class changed since last year?

"Last year we didn't have to wear masks so when Mrs. Twyford says a certain word in Spanish, it's harder to fully understand what she says."

Are there more safety precautions because of the virus?

"Yes, we have to wear masks the whole time and we have to distance our desks from each other. Therefore, just whispering something to a friend during class is impossible."
How has your foods class been different this year compared to past classes?

"The groups are assigned by the teacher so we can't pick out our own groups."

Are there more safety precautions because of the Covid-19?

"We make the food for ourselves with only a few people in the kitchen at one time. When we make the food for our group, we wear gloves and change them every so often."

Senior Brianna Schmerbauch talks on how her Culinary Occupations experience has changed since her Foods and Nutrition class.

Is it harder to do the labs due to a possible quarantine/ the virus?

"It's a little bit harder than it used to be and it took sometime to get used to but now that we've been in class for a while, it's not that bad."

1. In Culinary Occupations, the students created a Thanksgiving feast to eat before leaving for Thanksgiving break
2. Students display one of the many cutting techniques they've learned using a radish
3. Sophomores Ryleigh McMillen, Jonathon Miller, Rhiannon Croom, and Freshman Allison Pohlman work on recipe conversions in Mrs. Stille's Foods and Nutrition class
History Teacher Mr. Strong grades papers (above) while his students, Seniors Autumn Meyer, Nevaeh Brown, and Taylor Kesner complete a project using Chromebooks (right).

Senior Alim Deva gives a thumbs up next to Mr. Strong's festive decorations.

Our Story Becomes History

1. Studying together, Freshmen Allison Pohlman and Nathaniel Tetreau review in Mr. Weber's Economics class.
2. Working independently, Sophomore Kendal Hughes completes his assignment.
3. While in Psych class, Seniors Whitney Lightle and Jake Brauns listen to Mr. Strong's lecture.

By: Hannah Wilkes-NL

Reading her Economics book, Sophomore Raeghan Henrichs studies in Mr. Holt's class.

Studying in Mr. Holt's class, Senior Vinny Ermer prepares for his Economics assessment.
Collaborating in a group, Seniors Tom Nyquist and Eli Jones complete an assignment in Mrs. Case's AP Literature course.

In Mrs. Huson's English II class, Sophomores Reagan Adolph and Madalyn Trauernicht submit the final drafts of their argumentative writing assignment.

1. Junior Megan Sapienza reads a novel in her AP Composition class.
2. Junior Corrin Heilig completes her homework in AP Composition.
3. Senior Ashlynn Korte annotates a paper in Mrs. Case's AP Literature class.

ENGLISH

With the COVID-19 mandates, teachers moved classes outside so that students could have a "mask break." Students, like freshmen Mackenzie Davis (above) and Taylor Dressler (below) in Mrs. Miller's class, were able to still work on their assignments while spread out from others.

Reading *Cat on the Hot Tin Roof*, Seniors Kiara Slattery and Reese Schrage complete a literary analysis activity in Mrs. Case's class.
All of the art classes available at HHS are taught by Mrs. Wander. In previous years, Mrs. Wander has taught at both HHS and the Highland Elementary School. Staff changes at HES allowed Wander to expand the courses available to her high school students. The 2020-2021 school year allowed for new classes alongside the classes that have been offered for years: Art I&II, Advanced Drawing, Painting, Prints, Set Design, AP Art, and Studio. The biggest change, due to COVID-19, are the massive dividers on the edges of each desk (which can be seen reflecting in some photos). Other than the dividers, the students in the art room are required to spray down their desks with a sanitizing spray and wipe it down with a reusable cloth provided by Wander.
Junior Brooke Morgan, Painting II & III and Advanced Drawing and Prints I student said that art class makes her feel relaxed. She also said "I love to paint. Especially this year, I've gotten into it a lot more. Art is honestly the only class I look forward to."

When questioned about a new thing she learned this year, Senior Reyna Boergerhoff mentioned that she is now able to do portraits. Because she never took Advanced Drawing, she was never taught how to draw or paint people. This year, Reyna is enrolled in Painting III & IV and is working hard to define her style.

When asked about her feeling towards art and how it has affected her, Senior Whitney Lightle stated "Art makes me happy and helps me express myself. It has allowed me to open up to others within my pieces and find myself." Whitney is currently taking Advanced Drawing & Prints III as well as Ceramics I. When interviewed about her feeling towards art, Senior and AP Art student Sylvie Carroll said "I find it a very calming place where I can express my ideas freely." Sylvie also said that her biggest struggle this year has been making her pieces fit together cohesively.

Junior Julia English is currently taking Advanced Drawing & Prints III as well as Painting II. Along with many other skills, Julia stated that this year she has learned how to make a canvas. She also said "I look forward to class with Mrs. Wander everyday. She teaches me so much every period."

Senior Autumn Meyer is currently enrolled in AP art, Studio, and Painting II & III. She says that a new thing she learned this year has been how to oil paint. She picked up the medium during quarantine and has been growing her skills everyday in her classes.

Junior Danielle Little is currently enrolled in Painting II for the 2020-2021 school year. She explains that this year is especially hard to focus in class with the new distractions that have been presented this year. However, Danielle states that art has always been a fun and easy class. "It's a nice brain break during the school day."

AP Art, Studio, and Senior Anne Marie Beckemeyer says her biggest struggle in art class this year has been staying motivated during quarantines. She also said it's also difficult to work on larger pieces at home, especially when the lighting isn't the best.
Birds of a Feather // In Welding class, Seniors Connor Miller and Tucker Engelmann create a metal seagull.

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Say Aloe to My Little Friend // Senior Brandon Canterberry takes care of the plants in the greenhouse.

Just Keep Growing // HHS students, Hannah Wilkes-Null (12), Brooke Landmann (11), Corrin Heilig (11), and Mackenzie Landmann (11), work together in the greenhouse by watering the plants and checking the soil.

Fearless Leaders // Teachers Mrs. Barr, Mr. Lamp, Mr. Deibert, & Mrs. Geiger (left to right) lead the way in the Ag and Industrial Ed classes.

Be Precise // Working together in welding, Freshman Ryan Trame and Wayde Quitmeyer double-check their measurements.

Staying On Top of Things // On top of the greenhouse, Senior Joshua Prusa fixes the solar panel on the roof.

Agriculture & Industrial Ed

 Been There, Herd That
License & Registration/
HHS Students show off their permits, providing them with their ticket to drive. Students must pass the Drivers Ed course before being allowed to practice behind the wheel.

1. Cheyenne Choat (10)
2. Maddie Haller (9)
3. Ethan Hollenkamp (10)
4. Joe Jansen (10)

Driver's Education

Going for a Spin // Julia Snyder (9) uses her permit to practice driving around in the parking lot.

Checking It Twice // Before backing out, Sophomore Chloe Neumann checks her surroundings.

Rules of the Road // Drivers Ed teacher Mr. Elledge prepares for an afternoon drive with his students. Per COVID protocol, another one of the many changes this year is that Mr. Elledge and drivers ed students wear their masks while completing their "Behind the Wheel" practice.
Within his years of teaching, Mr. Vance has coached for 27 years and has run the annual blood drive held at HHS for at least ten years. When asked his favorite thing about teaching he replied, "Seeing the look in a student's eyes when they 'get' it. They go from a dazed and confused look to an 'aha - I get this". Some advice he would like to pass along is to find something you love to do, and if it's legal, you can make a career out of it. During retirement, Mr. Vance is looking forward to traveling to see his 5 children and 10 grandchildren with his wife when the pandemic passes. Also, he plans on becoming a financial advisor. His big smile will be greatly missed in years to come.

1. While cheering on his class, Mr. Vance acts as a referee for his class's volleyball game
2. Every year Mr. Vance encourages kids to sign up for the annual blood drive
3. Coach Vance at the 2015 Cross Country State meet cheering on his runners
4. Seniors Paige Schaible, Jessica Borror, Julia Loeh, and Grace Meyer pose with Coach Vance surrounding the iconic Gator after their race in Alhambra
5. Before the team workout in 2017, Mr. Vance calculated every runner's splits

Back at the 2008 graduation Mr. Bradley and Mr. Vance got together for a quick picture. The two have coached cross country together since 2006. When Mr. Bradley described coaching with Mr. Vance, he said their first year together had some "contentious moments, but each year thereafter we've learned our strengths and weaknesses and have really bonded over trying to help kids contribute to the team's success". Mr. Bradley also added, "He'll certainly be missed. The things he's good at are mostly things I'm terrible at. He pays close attention to details and many of the team building activities that the team takes part in were suggested or devised by him. He's also good at math."
Mrs. Stille says that her teaching life has changed dramatically by transitioning from group activities to individual activities. At first, she was not thrilled by this, but she feels it has given students a wider variety of skills. She will enjoy going back to “regular” teaching again. For her entertainment, she likes to watch the St. Louis Cardinals.

When asked to explain the biggest change that he has seen so far, Mr. Strong explains that the change has been the way technology has changed learning and students’ behavior. He says his favorite high school sport to watch is football because he enjoys watching all the kids compete and the intense atmosphere of a home football game could not be matched by any other sport.

The pandemic has affected Mrs. Huson’s year by having to run Google Meets during class time as well as doing almost all of her grading online. She is also the new yearbook adviser which is fun, but crazy in its own way. Additionally, she does not get to attend as many sporting events as she usually would, despite being Highland Hooligans sponsor. Her favorite food is pizza because she can get all different kinds.

Mrs. Cope says, mostly because of the vast number of digital tools she has had to learn online. She has been most inspired by teachers and coaches growing up and hopes to have a positive impact on her own students.

This year has been a handful for Mr. Welz. The hardest part about teaching for him this year has been making connections with students that are remote. One thing you may not know about him is that he was crowned homecoming king at HHS in 2012.

Mr. Hawkins has been teaching for 35 years. He says this year is very different and crazy because you never know when you could be quarantined but he is happy to be in school with his students. In the summer, he likes to watch baseball and go on family vacations.

Mrs. Perkes says her teaching life has changed with yearly software updates and new technologies. Her favorite thing about teaching is interacting with students because “they keep you young!”
Highland High School

The Year Clubs
This year has been challenging, but Student Council has done their best to keep the days exciting. Led by Mrs. Buchtel and Mrs. Case, Student Council members have put together many events this year, including dress up days, door decorating competitions, and leadership workshops.

1. The classroom doors are decked out in travel themes for the door decorating contest held by student council

2. After delivering signs to teacher's yards, Abbey Mortland (12), Julia Beil (12), Ashlynn Korte (12), and Nicole Bluhm (11) pause to capture a selfie

3. Council officers Julia Beil (12), Abbey Mortland (12), Ashlynn Korte (12), Autumn Meyer (12), Rhea Fowler (11), and Nicole Bluhm (11), stand alongside their leaders Mrs. Buchtel and Mrs. Case as they deliver treats to the teachers

4. Sporting their new look, student council leaders, Mrs. Buchtel and Mrs. Case, pose in their crazy outfits on holiday dress up day

5. During a leadership workshop, student council members attempt to use their teamwork skills to tie a knot

6. In preparation for a competitive game of "guess that song," Reese Bolen (11), Josh Reed (10), Ashlynn Korte (12) wear their game faces

7. Josie Hapack (11) poses during a dress up day while remote learning

8. Addison Crask (10) smiles from home, showing off her school spirit on pajama day
1. To add a little fun, Seniors Paige Schaible, Olivia Wilke, Bella LaPorta, Taylor Kesner, and Kirsten Taylor display their overalls before school.

2. Wearing their jerseys, Hooligans Logan Oestringer (11), Owen Morris (11), Tyler Holzinger (12), Travis Roberts (12), and Josh Loeh (12) show off their nicknames.

3. During study hall, Seniors Bella LaPorta, Olivia Wilke, and Taylor Kesner work on decorating their overalls to prepare to show their school spirit.

4. Back row: Kirsten Taylor (12), Logan Oestringe (11), Owen Morris (11), Tyler Holzinger (12), Josh Loeh (12), Travis Roberts (12), Bella LaPorta (12)
   Front row: Madison Fenton (12), Olivia Wilke (12), Paige Schaible (12), Taylor Kesner (12), Jenna Duff (12), Jessica Miller (11)

5. In an effort to show their pride, Juniors Brooke Geromiller, Logan Oestringe, Bradey McKinley, Owen Morris, and Jessica Miller look fierce outside the school in their overalls.

6. As the tennis match approaches, Seniors Travis Roberts, Jenna Duff, and John Walker prepare to cheer on the team with the spirit stick.

7. In preparation for Bulldog Friday, Juniors Owen Morris and Logan Oestringe show off their outfits outside of the school.

8. Hooligans sponsor, Mrs. Huson, poses outside with Juniors Jessica Miller, Bradey McKinley and Brooke Geromiller.

Highland Hooligans is the spirit club lead by Mrs. Huson. Although the pandemic has taken a toll on the sporting events, the Hooligans have been working hard to keep school spirit alive. Dressing up in Bulldog gear on Fridays, decorating the halls, and cheering on the athletes are just some of the ways the spirit members continue to show their Bulldog pride.

Highland Hooligans
Can't Hide Our Bulldog Pride

By: Paige Schaible
MODEL UN

Model UN is sponsored by Mr. Holt and Mrs. Himsel and is made up of 25 students. The club's goal was to debate other schools and get their point across. This year's club president was senior Jonny Saathoff. The club participated in virtual meets with McKendree University. They used a program called Gatherly to hold their online meets. The students had mixed feelings on whether they preferred in-person or virtual meetings. In the future, they hope to eventually return to in-person conferences.

KIDS SAVING THE WORLD

Junior Skylar Hengehold was asked how he felt about virtual meetings and responded with, "At first, I was really bummed because of the virtual meet up this year. But after we started, I found that it actually kind of brought down the weird social wall part of talking to the other delegates."

Junior Ethan Wilson was asked what his favorite part about Model UN was and responded with, "I think it's fun to be able to debate and talk about serious topics but still have fun in the end."

Tuned in, Junior German participates in the virtual conference through the Gatherly Program. Students sit socially distanced while attending the conference with McKendree University.
When asked how the club was handling Covid-19 restrictions, Junior Krista Rittenhouse stated, "we make the best with what we have while following Covid guidelines and try to spread positivity throughout the school and community."

Senior Anne Marie Beckemeyer was asked what the club’s greatest challenge was with Covid-19 and responded with, "I think the hardest thing during Covid has been to work with such a small group that’s often missing people because of quarantine."

Junior Rayanna Geilhausen was asked what her favorite annual Snowball event was. She stated, "Thanksgiving is the event where we all are able to come together, eat a lot of food, and get to know everyone in the club more. We also share what we are all most thankful for."

When asked what challenges the club had to face this year, Senior Steven Campbell stated, "With Covid, it’s been really difficult to use the normal ice-breaker activities we do in meetings."

When asked what her favorite part about Snowball was, Senior Julia Loeh stated, "I enjoy the positive atmosphere the most and surrounding myself with people who really care about making the school a better place."

Operation Snowball is sponsored by Mrs. Hall, Mr. Konopka and Mr. Welz. The club works to prevent drug and alcohol use and promotes youth leadership. The club faced many challenges this year due to Covid-19. At their first meeting, group members attended virtually and in-person. Club leaders worked to lead the meeting on Google Meets and help conduct in-person activities. Unfortunately, the club had to cancel their annual Thanksgiving and Christmas potluck due to Covid-19. This year’s club president was Abby Athmer.

President Abby Athmer stated, "I love snowball and the atmosphere we create at each and every meeting. As a club we enjoy bringing kids with a variety of different interests together to bond! I have made many lasting friendships through my work as president!"
Scholar Bowl this year was sponsored by Mr. Durbin and Mrs. Cope. Mr. Uhls- a past sponsor of the club- participated by being the club's MC. The club members attended practices and meets both in-person and virtually. The team used an online program called Buzz In Live for both practices and meets.

"My favorite part is probably when somebody knows an answer and buzzes in on time. They know that they are helping the team get closer to the win for the match"- Bailey McPhillips (10)

"Covid-19 has forced Scholar Bowl online, and while it is still great to be able to participate, it was more fun when we were all able to interact in person"- Abigail Bowers (12)

1. **IN THE ZONE** Sophomores Lillian Niebrugge and Maddie Rock get ready to participate in practice

2. **TUNED IN** The junior varsity scholar bowl team tunes into their virtual meet in the teacher's lounge

3. **AT HOME** Team members connect virtually through a Google meets

4. **IN ACTION** The varsity scholar bowl team participates in their meet virtually in Mr. Durban's classroom

5. **LEADING THE WAY** Sponsors Mr. Durbin (left) and Mrs. Cope (right) pose with their Scholar Bowl team virtually

By: Paige Craw
What's your favorite part about Seeing Green?

"My favorite part of Seeing Green is coming together to plan activities to better our environment in our community, like park clean-ups and building bat houses" - Madalyn McCall (11)

"My favorite thing about the club is that we are not just trying to better the school, but the community as a whole" - Allison Fuller (11)

The Seeing Green Club was new to HHS this year. Josie Hapack founded the club and is the club's president. Seeing Green was sponsored by Mrs. Basden. The club works to make the community a cleaner place. Seeing Green is now working with the city and possibly the elementary school. They are excited about their volunteer work.
The 2020-2021 National Honor Society is sponsored by Mrs. Himsel. In order to be apart of NHS all members must uphold the "everyday pillars." The four pillars of NHS are Scholarship, Service, Leadership, and Character. Amongst other requirements, students must maintain a GPA of 4.75 or higher and complete a number of volunteer service hours. A virtual induction was held in the fall to honor all of the members who met the requirements for this year. The induction video was created with the help of the senior officers: President Grace Meyer, Vice President Julia Loeh, Secretary Tyler Holzinger, Secretary Hannah Geest, Treasurer Steven Campbell, and Historian Abbey Mortland.

One of the biggest events for NHS each year is the Polar Plunge. Due to COVID-19, members were not able to participate in the Polar Plunge at Carlyle Lake like in years past; however, instead of going to the lake, all participants went to Mr. Matt Elledge's house to jump into his pool and submit their virtual plunge for the year. A final meeting was held in the spring where senior members received their NHS graduation cords and watched a farewell video.
National Art Honor Society is a club that recognizes students with exceptional artistic abilities. NAHS is sponsored by the school art teacher, Mrs. Laura Wander. Students must create and submit an art portfolio to be judged in order to be accepted as a member of the society. All participants spent weeks preparing their artwork, and in February a small handful of talented students were accepted. Those students included, Autumn Meyer (12), Anne Marie Beckemeyer (12), Sylvie Carroll (12), Whitney Lightle (12), Julia English (11), Payton Eddy (11), Lydia Hadowsky (11), Danielle Little (11), and Joanna Fog (10). NAHS allows students to present their artwork to their peers and continue to expand their artistic skills.
The Fellowship of Christian Athletes, better known as FCA, is an organization dedicated for young athletes. At FCA meetings, all group members participate in fun activities such as: wiffle ball, kick ball, bucket ball, infection tag, and more. To close out each meeting, the group participates in a Bible study. This year, FCA has experienced a couple changes due to Covid-19. Masks have made meetings more difficult for activities. FCA participated in a leadership meeting on Google Meets, allowing students to meet with FCA members from other schools. The leaders of FCA include Paige Schaible (12), Julia Loeh (12), Katelin Augustin (11), Lauren Herman (11), Josh Loeh (12), Easton Rosen (12), and Landon Gunter (10). FCA leaders take charge of the meeting and start prayers for the rest of the group members. Seniors leaders, Paige Schaible (12), Julia Loeh (12), Josh Loeh (12), and Easton Rosen (12) all agree their favorite parts of FCA is meeting new people and enjoy being able to have a place to talk about their faith weekly.
Due to Covid-19, the Highland FFA officer team and chapter has made a lot of adjustments and worked together to overcome many challenges. This year’s officers include: President, Bailey Birchler(12), Vice-President, Allison Workman(12), Secretary, Hannah Geest(12), Treasurer, Rylee Rogier(12), Reporters, Tiffany Hediger(11) and Addison Rode(11), Historian, Mackenzie Landmann(11) and Sentinel, Syler Hogg(11). Adjustments were made to the officer positions immediately. All officers were installed at the annual banquet (nearly 2 months late) which was filmed at Schwarz Barn and then posted online later. The location of the annual officer retreat was moved; the original location was closed indefinitely. Finally, communication among officers was even more important than usual as the team navigated through multiple quarantines throughout the year. Chapter members also made adjustments this year. Competitions against other schools were moved to a virtual online format, members wore masks at all functions, socially distanced, and were challenged with many quarantines as well. Large events such as the annual member auction and banquet were modified into a virtual and drive-in format, respectively. The annual teacher breakfast was reduced to take-out boxes, 2nd grade visits shifted to a virtual Google Meets format, and events such as the Illinois FFA State Convention, National FFA Convention, and Annual Agriculture Safety Day were canceled completely. Despite such disappointments, officers and members focused on the positives of these crazy times and concentrated their efforts on helping various non-profit organizations, local businesses, community members, and fellow students through rough times.
The Multicultural Club is sponsored by Mrs. Beil and Mrs. Lentz. The Multicultural Club's President is Daniel Williams, the Vice President is Alexandria Mcreynolds, the Treasurer is Oily Odle, and the Secretary is Josh Reed. This year the Multicultural Club has focused on making bulletin boards to celebrate different cultures.

1. Back row Nicole Yann (9), Tom Nyquist (12), Olly Odle (10), Lee Thomas (9), Xyla Nixon (10), and Joshua Reed (10)
   Middle row Alexandria Mcreynolds (11), Autumn Meyer (12), Julia Graham (12), Sophia Feldt (9), and Sophia Siedhoff (9)
   Front row Daniel Williams (11)

2. Joshua Reed (10), Olly Odle (10), and Alexandria Mcreynolds (11) are taking down their previous board for the month of March.

3. Naomi Saathoff (9), Alexandria Mcreynolds (11), and Nicole Yann (9) put a boarder around the board for the month of April. The April board is about the most common religion among Arab-Americans

4. Sophomore Josh Reed helps plan what the April board will look like while Landon Smith (10) and Gavin Coleman (10) discuss ideas for the new board.

5. Jessica Chen (10) and Naomi Saathoff (9) start putting up the board for the month of April.

6. Back row: Bethany Williamson (9), Daniel Williams (11), Tom Nyquist (12), Landon Smith (10), Josh Reed (10), and Gavin Coleman (10)
   Middle row: Lydia Marti (11), Alexandria Mcreynolds (11), Jessica Chen (10), Caitlin Oiler (9), Naomi Saathoff (9), and Olly Odle (10)
   Front row: Ryleigh McMillen (10), Sophia Siedhoff (9), and Sophia Feldt (9)
When asked what her favorite memory was, senior Rachel Henss said "My favorite field trip was when we went to the city museum. I'm sad the spring field trip didn't get to happen this year because of how fun I had at the City Museum."

Senior Kelli Spurlin was asked what her favorite field trip was, she said "My favorite field trip we did was the one where we went to the Hill and learned about the long process of soap making and how each bar of soap is created and manufactured."

Senior Annie Reynolds was asked what her favorite memory was from FCCLA, she said "My favorite memory was going to the City Museum. We got to hang out with friends and do activities all day. We also got to tour a roof top place for plants and we learned all these interesting facts."

When asked what was her favorite field trip in FCCLA, senior Hannah Hogshead said "My favorite field trip was going to the City Museum"

FCCLA stands for Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America. FCCLA is sponsored by Mrs. Jones. FCCLA is a club dedicated to inspire future leaders. This club normally attends a leadership meeting every year, but unfortunately they could not attend this year due to Covid-19. FCCLA also has an educational, end of the year field trip that supports what the club stands for; family, career, and community.

When asked what was her favorite memory/field trip was, junior Summer Carroll said "My favorite memory from FCCLA was the team building station at the leadership field trip. We were with students from other schools and had to work to complete a task we were given. Another of my favorite memories is running across the street with fellow members to get our lunch after the leadership field trip. I really enjoyed being in FCCLA and Mrs. Jones is a great sponsor and leader for us. I wish we could have done it this year, but I will hopefully be able to participate next year."
Brighter Futures, sponsored by Mrs. Himsel and Mrs. Huson, is a club that works to improve the school’s atmosphere. The members of the club do small activities and projects to help improve the school, such as decorating the bathrooms, handing out popsicles, and surprising the staff with yard signs. During second semester, the club traditionally throws “Destress Fest,” an event which includes many fun activities to help everyone “destress,” such as inviting students down to see the therapy dogs, creating art projects, and playing board games.

Brighter Futures members wrote “Thank You” cards to all of the staff members. The cards and candy were delivered to teachers before Thanksgiving break.
While managing the fall musical, *The Little Mermaid*, tech director Josh Case, took a moment to capture images of the club's awesome back stage set-up.

The Tech Club is a group which embraces the use of technology throughout the school. The club has been an essential asset this year with all of the COVID-19 restrictions put in place. The club has been able to broadcast assemblies and sporting events so that those who are unable to attend, due to the restrictions, can still view the event. The Tech Club's involvement in the musical was essential this year so that the action could be streamed to the drive-in style screen outside the auditorium.

Playing a vital role in this year's sporting events, Matthew Bojarzin (10) and Lily Niebrugge (10) livestream the girl's basketball senior night game. Many people would have missed out on the chance to catch Bulldog basketball games this year if it wasn't for this year's tech club.
Playing through the Pandemic

By: Samantha Miener

Drum line members, Cameron Deatherage (11), Gavin Schlarmann (10), Andrew O'Toole (12), Landon Smith (10), and Sophia Siedhoff (9) rehearse with new equipment.

In set position, the woodwinds prepare to march in the commons.

The band is led by Mr. Case and Ms. Keys. Like other activities, band was forced to practice and perform differently than in years past. The band practiced in the kennel in order to have space to spread out. Following COVID protocol, the instruments had their own masks, with students putting covers on the ends of them.

Drum majors, Daniel Williams (11), Caleb Stratton (12), Julia Graham (12), Abbygale Koch (12), conduct the brass section during practice.

When it was too cold outside, the brass section took to the Commons to perfect their marching technique.

Preparing for the upcoming performance, the brass section practices "I Want You Back" by The Jackson 5. The band practiced in the Kennel in order to have space to social distance.
Seniors Say...

"When I look back, this will be one of my fondest memories" - Reyna Boergerhoff (12)

"Choose passion over meaning even if there are people that you don't necessarily agree with, regardless if you truly love something you will overcome it" - Mysaiah Chambers (12)

"I'm so grateful for the people and opportunities this group has led me to" - Haylie Gombos (12)

"My favorite memories of choir have been the days we celebrate GC's birthdays, it's a very unifying feeling to celebrate with the guy that works so hard for us choir students" - Issac Rieke (11)

Mr. Gibb-Clark plays the piano along with his students during rehearsal.

Just like any other class this year, because of COVID-19, choir struggled with only having half the number of class periods a week; however, lacking the essential class periods didn't stop them from preparing for three productions this school year. With the limited amount of class time, these students, led by Mr. Gibb-Clark have to work twice as hard just to stay on track with productions. Their hard work and dedication doesn't go unrecognized in their performances. This group of students truly showed how to push through the tough times to achieve and conquer their passion.

We Sing—What's Your Superpower?

Choir

By: Samantha Miener
"The reason I like chess is it inspires me to do better and helps me become the best version of myself" - Sutherland Allen (12)

"It's challenging and makes you think" - Robert Williams (12)

This year's chess team went to state for the first time since 2006. The team practiced weekly, but due to Covid-19 they had to play each other online. Their first record as a team was 4-2. Chess team is sponsored by Nic Weiss.

Student Ambassadors is sponsored by Mrs. Jackson. The group is in charge of freshman orientation and welcoming new students.

"I met a new senior, Adria she was super sweet and I sat next to her all last semester, which was really cool" - Natalie Houk (12)

"I like getting to meet new students" - Easton Rose (12)
"I just really enjoy math and its fun to be around people who also enjoy math" - Summer Carol (11)

"We get Jimmy Johns after school" - Emily Jansen (10)

"My favorite memory was probably the first sign language club whenever we had a ton of people show up and it was really exciting" - Autumn Meyer (12)

"When we held a musical and all had to do our own song and sign the whole thing. It was a great experience to do that in front of a group of people" - Julia Graham (12)

Math team, sponsored by Mrs. Kimmle and Mr. James, competed in four weekly Southwest Math Conferences leading up to their regional competition. Due to COVID-19, the competitions had to be competed virtually instead of at SWIC. At each Southwest Math Conference Competition everyone from the team has placed in the top eight, and many members qualified for state.

Math Team

The sign language club meets every two weeks and is sponsored by Mr. Lewis. Due to COVID-19 the club had a delayed start. Senior Autumn Meyer leads the club and teaches the fellow members sign language.
Highland High School

The Year Sports
Cross Country
Taking the EXTRA Distance

The HHS Bulldog Cross Country team was thrown many challenges. Training began on the third Monday in May, in groups of only ten. Many new rules were put into place such as bringing your own water, masks must be worn unless running the workout, and temperatures had to be checked at the start of practice, which Coach Bradley stated "the thermometers would not work outdoors." The traditional post run game, Frisbee football, was put to a halt until the end of the season. Considering all the challenges and not being allowed the full experience, the Bulldogs had an outstanding season.

Boys cross country had a terrific year! The boys qualified as a team for the IHSA Sectionals, which were held in Olney, Illinois this year instead of the traditional course located in Decatur, IL.

It was really tough adjusting to the new race format, but I’m still glad that I was lucky enough to get a season, even if I had to face some adversity.

- Easton Rosen (12)
Cross Country

1. While waiting for their race to begin Mason Steinbeck (10), Ethan Smith (10), Cole Basden (10), Kole Fisk (12), Kyle Mollitor (11), Ethan Hollenkamp (10), and Dallas Mancinas (9) for pre-race advice.

2. After earning the MVC title Liv Heinzmann (10), Faith Brindley (11), Jessica Borror (12), Grace Meyer (12), Paige Schaible (12), Madalyn McCall (11), and Julia Loeh (12) strike a serious pose.

3. At the gun Justin Wakeley (10), Kole Fisk (12), Braden Wakeley (10), Andrew Snyder (12), Kyle Mollitor (11), Vance Brindley (11), Isaac Irving (10), Kade Loyet (9), and Ethan Hollenkamp (10) begin their Alhambra race.

4. Sophomore Liv Heinzmann taking on Triad's tough cross country course.

5. In preparation for their race, JV girls, Tarryn Keeney (9), Maddison Dortch (10), Maggie VonHatten (12), Chloe Marti (12), and Danielle Little (11) take some run-outs.

6. After the race, Mason Steinbeck (10), Kyle Mollitor (11), Cole Basden (10), Ethan Smith (10), Dallas Mancinas (9), Josh Loeh (12), and Easton Rosen (12) pose for a group picture.

7. While leading the pack, senior Grace Meyer sprints to the finish.

8. Madalyn McCall (11) pacels Brooklynn Lackey (10) throughout her race.

9. Sophomore Mason Steinbeck rounds the course.

10. Kade Loyet (10), Kole Fisk (12), Justin Wakeley (10), and Vance Brindley (11)

11. Tarryn Keeney (9), Madalyn McCall (11), Danielle Little (11), Brooklyn Lackey (10), Julia Loeh (12), Maggie VonHatten (12), Riley Frey (9), Jessica Borror (12), Liv Heinzmann (10), Faith Brindley (11), Paige Schaible (12), and Grace Meyer (12)

"COVID-19 hasn't really affected my expectations for XC this year. It has been weird having only a few teammates at the start line with you instead of your whole team. This season has been so much fun still even during a global pandemic."

-Tarryn Keeney (9)

By: Jessica Borror
At the end of the season, the girls golf team got together at the Highland Country Club to host a banquet, celebrating their time spent together. While at the banquet, Seniors Claire Korte, Hannah Wilkes-Null, and Maddie Noeltner showed off their fancy outfits by posing for a fun picture.
1. Lily Barker (11), Brooke Hunsche (9), Kalei Gould (9), Lauren Janini (10), Raeghan Henrichs (10), Claire Korte (12), Maddie Noeltner (12), Maci Miles (10), Hannah Wilkes-Null (12), Camryn Burns (10) gather together to capture a memory from the Senior’s last home match. Maddie and Claire received flowers as a Senior Night present.

2. Freshman Kalei Gould, swings her club with a look of determination.

3. Sophomore Raeghan Henrichs, pushes her golf bag on a cart so she can move from hole to hole.

4. Freshman Brooke Hunsche, crouches so she can accurately line up the ball before putting it into the hole.

5. Junior Lily Barker, stays bundled up with her beanie as she sends the ball flying through the air.

6. Lily Barker (11), Brooke Hunsche (9), Kalei Gould (9), Claire Korte (12), and Maddie Noeltner (12) pose together after their MVC match. Kalei, Raeghan, Claire, and Maddie all earned medals for placing in the match.

Favorite Memory

Barbara Meguire: “My favorite thing was having fun with the girls and getting to play the sport I love.”

Hannah Wilkes-Null: “The ongoing joke throughout my high school golf experience was that any course I played on, I most likely left a club on it at some point. It got so bad that I went through like 3 irons this year.”
Boys Golf
Junior Varsity and Varsity

The boys golf team was fortunate enough to not be terribly effected by the COVID-19 outbreak in comparison to other sports. Besides being required to wear masks, practice social distancing, and the cancellation of their state meet, they were able to carry out a fairly normal season. Jeffrey Brauns and Brent James coached the boys through the season. Despite the challenges, the boys became the second team in HHS history to qualify for the state meet.

1. Meet the Team
Front row: Easton Belford (9), Chase Zobrist (9), Jaxton Black (12), Evan Sutton (12), Connor Reinarman (12), Jacob Brauns (12), Dominick Emig (10). Middle Row: Reid Koishor (12), Logan Oestringer (11), Abe Hawkins (9), Cody Howard (12), Tanner Gilliam (9), Trey Branson (9). Back row: Jeffrey Brauns (Coach), Chase Noeltner (11), Connor Miller (12), Ben Cramer (11), Bryce Knackstedt (11), Mason Emig (10), Brent James (Coach)

"I feel like the coaches did as much as they could to make the season feel as normal as possible, but they still wanted to keeping us safe at all times."

-Logan Oestinger (11)

The boys golf team had a big year as they won the title of "Regional Champs" for Highland High School. Unfortunately, the boys were unable to advance to state, due to COVID-19. In response to being asked how he felt about state being canceled, Senior, Jaxton Black said, "I was pretty upset, the team had so much potential this year, and it was a goal for Evan and I to bring the whole team to experience what we did last year."

By: Claire Zobrist
2. **Movin' On** // Senior Reid Koishor acts as his own caddy by carrying his bag to the next hole.

3. **Kiss my Putt** // Senior Jaxton Black lines up his shot to ensure that he has a perfect putt.

4. **Strike a Pose** // Senior Connor Reinarman gets photographed by his mom and athletic director, Ms. Boscolo.

5. **Lunch Break** // Bryce Knackstedt (11), Jaxton Black (12), Reid Koishor (12), and Dominick Emig (10) enjoy Chick-fil-a during their break.

6. **Tee-rific** // Senior Connor Miller skillfully drives the ball up the course in hopes to land on the green.

7. **Teammates** // Seniors Evan Sutton, Reid Koishor, Jaxton Black, Cody Howard, Connor Reinarman, and Jake Brauns all pose for a group picture to remember their last season together.

8. **We are the Champions** // Sophomore Dominic Emig poses with the MVC Championship plaque that the boys earned from their conference meet.

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**Caught on Camera**

Evan Sutton (12), Bryce Knackstedt (11), Jake Brauns (12), and Jaxton Black (12), were all photographed with their hands on their hips. It must be a golf thing.

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"I think the thing that changed the most for me over the course of the season was my mindset. I started off very nervous but I have gotten more comfortable with everything the more I play."

-Chase Zobrist (9)
Girls Tennis
By Jenna Duff

Front Row: Lauren Herman (11), Katie Augustin (11), Brianna Helm (12), Sydney Basler (12), Jenna Fenton (12), Hannah Geest (12), Braden McKinley (11), Krista Rittenhouse (11)
Middle Row: Abigail Chalfant (9), Nicole Bluhm (11), Mya Thomilson (9), Mackenzie Davis (9), Reese Bolen (11), Madison Stehlik (9), Anna Ray (9)
Back Row: Sophia Thomas (9), Addison Crask (10), Megan Helm (9), Addison Rode (11), Morgan Langendorf (11), Tiffany Hediger (11), Ashlyn Ray (9), Maya Pollard (9)

Seniors Hannah Geest, Brianna Helm, Jenna Fenton, and Sydney Basler, laugh and have fun as they continue to celebrate their senior season.

Queens of the Court
As the girls dominated the court, they had learned they would be unable to compete in any state matches. However, this did not stop them from placing second in the MVC. The Varsity team did not stop there. They placed third in the Alton tournament. The girls worked very hard to place second in the matches and made sure to have fun during the entire season.

Double Trouble

Tag Team
Seniors Jenna Fenton and Brianna Helm work together on the court to defeat the opponent with their outstanding team work.

Team work makes the dream work
Seniors Sydney Basler and Brianna Helm play doubles on the court to try and get the win against their opponents.
What was the best memory of your tennis season?

"My best memory would be playing varsity for the first time and getting second at MVC" - Jenna Fenton (12)

"My best memory of senior year was being able to have a season" - Sydney Basler (12)

"My best memory was beating O'Fallon's number one doubles team with Krista" - Hannah Geest (12)

"My best memory is all six varsity girls making state my junior year" - Brianna Helm (12)
Bowling

The 2020-2021 Girls and Boys Bowling Teams were coached by Mrs. Wander and Mrs. Schrumpf. Like many sports this year, their season was pushed back a couple months, but they still ended up having a great season. At the end of the season, the girls bowling team won the conference championship, and many members were named to the All-Conference team. Juniors Carissa Merkle & Hunter Hediger were named First Team All-Conference; Juniors Tiffany Hediger and Sage Thole, along with Senior Steven Reinacher and Freshman Mackenzie Davis were named Second Team All-Conference; Honorable Mentions were given to Megan Marshall (10), Cole Korte (10), and Logan Oestringer (11).

"My favorite part of bowling this year is how well all of the girls get along, sure we have our arguments every now and then, but most teams do. We all do better when we're bowling together as a team and cheer each other on."

- Amara Vrell (9)

Showing off their bowling team masks, Juniors Carrissa Merkle, Sage Thole, and Tiffany Hediger pose for a photo.

Celebrating a strike, Leanora Nicklin (9) and Bailey Mettler (9) fist bump during the match against Civic Memorial.

By: Piper Myer
1. Thats How We Roll // Junior Carissa Merkle throws the ball down the lane as her team watches

2. Split Happens // Sophomore Megan Marshall is about to throw the ball down the lane

3. Eat, Sleep, Bowl // Junior Tiffany Hediger bowls while her team cheers her on

4. Leave No Pin Standing // Senior Steven Reinacher watches as he knocks down the pins

5. Lets Knock Em Down // Sophomore Talon Vrell is bowling while his Coach/Mom watches

6. Keep Calm And Bowl On // Junior Logan Oestringer gets ready to throw the ball down the ally to beat Civic Memorial

7. Strikes 'R' Us // Junior Hunter Hediger turns around to celebrate his strike with his team

Lean, Mean, Bowling Machine

Senior Steven Reinacher has been bowling since his freshman year. Steven’s average his freshman was an outstanding 182. His average has improved throughout his high school career. Steven’s average his senior year has grown to a 205. His favorite memory was when he bowled back to back 700’s during his senior year. When Steven was asked what will he miss most about bowling when he graduates, he said that he will miss the coaches and the fun teammates.

When asked his favorite part of the season, Junior Hunter Hediger said "Watching the Red Rocket."

The "Red Rocket" is Senior Steven Reinacher’s nickname on the team.
This year looked a little different for the HHS wrestling team. Due to Coronavirus shut downs, wrestling was deemed a high-risk sport and was put on hold, but that didn't stop the boys from keeping their heads and working hard. The team and coaches continue to have practices off campus to stay in shape in hopes of a season in the future. At the end of the school year, IHSA announced that the season could move forward; unfortunately, though, with the season being pushed, many students had to choose between wrestling and another sport, and the team looked to recruit new members. Regardless of the difficulties, we were just happy they were able to take the mat.

In his last season as a Bulldog, Bryce Kirsch was the only senior to hit the mat this season. When IHSA announced the team would have a season, Bryce was going to have to choose between multiple sports, like many other athletes on the team had to do. Luckily, he was able to figure out his schedule and finish out his wrestling career. The pictures above showcase Bryce on the way to his win against his Belleville West opponent on Senior Night.
Until March, the wrestling team was not planning to have a season, and even though everyone did not have the chance to wrestle this year, we wanted to know how they spent their off-season. So, how did they stay in shape this year with no season?

**Gage Pogue (10)**
Besides doing the practice plan on his own, Gage says he also works out every day to stay in shape.

**Jaiden Thole (10)**
Jaiden stays in shape by running during the off season.

**Joseph Pinkel (11)**
Joseph says he doesn't do much to stay in shape except going to work.

**Brodan Lewis (10)**
Brodan runs on his own and goes to the gym in order to stay in shape.

**Trevor Bowman (10)**
To stay ready during the off season Trevor says he eats healthy.

**Tanner Schranz (12)**
Q: What is your favorite memory over the years?
A: "The vibe at wrestling tournaments"

Q: What is your favorite wrestling move?
A: "Duck under"

Q: What is your hype song?
A: "Legendary"

**Bryce Kirsch (12)**
Q: What is your favorite memory over the years?
A: "Going to the bowling alley in Lincoln after the majority of the team had a good day at wrestling"

Q: What is your favorite wrestling move?
A: "Double chicken wing"

Q: What is your hype song?
A: "Back in Black by AC/DC"

1. Sophomore Aiden Conrad competes hard against his weight class opponent from Civic Memorial.
2. Freshman Phoenix Lewis maneuvers to flip his Belleville West opponent.
3. Sophomore Trevor Bowman initiates contact with his opponent in the center of the mat.
The HHS hockey team has faced a relatively normal season with a few exceptions. Practices began in late October and the season went through March. The boys collectively stated that the minor changes included social distancing in the locker rooms, wearing masks before and after games, less games but more fans, and no playoffs. Despite coaching and player changes, the hockey team has worked on their team chemistry to fulfill a successful season.

The Highs and Lows of Hockey

While trying to steal the puck, Junior Jacob Noll collides with an opponent with the same goal.

Sophomore Gabe Korte gracefully falls to the ice.

Senior Brett Williamson defends himself against a rival team member.

Senior Kaiden Miles launches an opponent into the walls.

Freshman Abe Hawkins catches himself after taking a hit from a member of the rivaling team.

In an attempt to defend the goal, Sophomore Nolan Geest falls and moves it instead while Senior Connor Reinarman watches from a distance.

Junior Tyler Griesbaum watches Junior Jacob Noll take a shot while relaxing on the ice.

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First Row: Dylan Giffhorn (10), Gabe Korte (10), Jacob Noll (11), Griesbaum (11), Garrett Burton (9), Nathan Houk (12), William.
Second Row: Dominic Emig (10), Brennan Fears (9), Reid Koester, Connor Reinarman (12), Landon Gunter (10), Brett Williamson, Abraham Hawkins (9), Max Price.
Third Row: Alex Reinarman (8), Dylan Kreke, Blake Reinarman (8), Adolph (8), Brevin Lappe (8), Nolan Geest (10), Kaiden Miles.
Fourth Row: Blaise Hawkins (8), Coach Joel Hawkins, Coach Steve T., Coach Scott Giffhorn, Bryce Ed.
Despite only playing on the HHS hockey team for one year, Nathan stated that his favorite memory from the season was "being with the boys."

Reid has only played HHS hockey for one year but said "I've enjoyed playing and will most likely join a league in the future, but nothing for college."

After playing hockey for HHS the last 5 years, including 8th grade, Kaiden said his favorite memory was winning the championship his freshman year.

Second year HHS Hockey athlete, Max Price, stated that he plans to join a college hockey league after high school. He says his favorite memory was his first ever shootout against Edwardsville HS for playoffs.

When asked how the team overcame the many challenges thrown this year, first year team member, Connor said the team has always practiced hard even though the games weren't guaranteed.

Brett has played with the HHS hockey team for the past 4 years and plans to continue his hockey career at SIUE next year. Brett's favorite memory is celebrating with his teammates after scoring.

Seniors in the Spotlight

1/ In pursuit of the puck, Freshman Garrett Burton aggressively pushes past his opponent

2/ Kaiden Miles (12), Brennon Fears (9), and Connor Reinarmann (12) quickly split up to get open for a pass

3/ Dylan Giffhorn (10) and Gabe Korte (10) race across the ice to defend their goal

4/ Ready for the shot, Senior Max Price prepares to defend his goal

5/ Sophomore Dominic Emig prepares to beat his opponent in a face off

6/ To help his teammates, Sophomore Landon Gunter drives the puck across the ice

7/ Sophomore Dylan Giffhorn chases his opponent to win the loose puck

8/ After scoring, Senior Brett Williamson celebrates by the Highland fan section with Sophomore Nolan Geest

9/ Nolan Geest (10) watches the puck fly past him into the glove of Max Price (12)

10/ After warm-ups, the Varsity team huddles for a pre-game pep talk
The Freshmen and Junior Varsity girls basketball teams did exactly what the Varsity team did. The girls played as a 16s division club team and traveled to Missouri for tournaments until the season officially started. This is not what the girls had in mind, but they made do with what they were offered. The Junior Varsity team is coached by Austin Welz and the Freshman team is coached by Kelsey Forsythe. Traveling to tournaments in Missouri gave the younger girls an advantage to get more touches on the ball.
1. Freshman Lauren Maas pivots around her opponent to look for open teammates.
2. Calling the next play, Coach Welz gathers his team together to get the next bucket.
3. Dribbling down the court, Ashlyn Ray (9) moves the ball down the court.
4. Refusing to let the opposing team score, Larissa Taylor (9) blocks the ball and refuses to let the opposing team score.
5. Sophomore Addison Crask shoots a free throw.
6. During a fast break, Katie Brown (10) dribbles the ball down the court.
7. On defense, Emma Warner (11) guards her Triad opponent.

With experience at the high school level, the girls were able to help the freshmen become more comfortable competing at the high school level.
The Girls Varsity Basketball Team is coached by Clint Hamilton. The team was forced to normalize a completely different season. They started practices in October, but shortly after they had to cease due to COVID restrictions. From having a two hour practice everyday, to not being in the gym for weeks at a time, the team faced a drastic change in abilities. Fortunately for the team, a season was underway. Even though the season was shortened and there was no post season, the team made the best of the time they had together.

Senior Olivia Wilke dives for a loose ball under a CM player.

How have you adjusted practices due to the Covid-19 guidelines? "Less intense and focused more on teaching the younger players" - Coach Hamilton
1 Junior Lydia Hadowsky, rips the ball to the rim
2 Senior Olivia Wilke, goes up for a layup
3 A pre-game huddle among the starters
4 Senior Kirsten Taylor goes in hard against rival, Triad
5 Junior Krista Rittenhouse goes for a rebound
6 Junior Abby Huelsmann dribbles the ball down the court
7 Senior Bella LaPorta goes up to put the ball back up in the net
8 Sophomore Grace Wilke steals the ball from a Triad opponent
9 Senior Taylor Kesner swats the ball out of her opponents hands

"What are you going to miss most?"

"Listening to music in the locker room before home games." - Olivia Wilke, 12
"My teammates, who made going to basketball easy." - Kirsten Taylor, 12
"The bus rides home after winning a big game." - Bella LaPorta, 12
"My teammates and coaches." - Taylor Kesner, 12
Boys Basketball

Freshman & Junior Varsity

Huddle Up!! The JV team gathers together to discuss a game plan before defeating Triad.

The basketball season was delayed this year due to COVID-19, but the teams made the best of their time on the court once they had the chance to officially play. The freshman boys basketball team is coached by Cody Best, and the JV team is coached by Billy Sullivan. The freshman team had a standout season, finishing the year undefeated. After starting the season with just 1 win and 5 losses, the JV team stepped up and finished with a record of 6 wins and 6 losses.

The team, composed of mostly freshman, also included one junior and three sophomores. With such a young team, and many great moments like the buzzer beater from Logan Powers and the end-of-season 25 point game from Shane Field, the basketball program is looking forward to the future of these teams.

Sophomore Logan Powers said that his favorite moment of the JV season was "hitting the buzzer beater" against Triad.
1. **Take It to the Net**// Freshman Trey Koishor dribbles the ball at a home game against Triad.

2. **Court Is In Session**// Setting up the play, John Story (10) prepares to shoot the ball at a home game against Triad.

3. **Be Aggressive**// Sophomore Shane Fields goes up for an offensive rebound against Triad.

4. **Lead the Charge**// Taking it down the court, Logan Powers (10) looks for an open teammate while commanding the play on offense.

5. **Shoot and Score**// Junior Colton Watkins goes in for a lay up at a home game against Jerseyville.

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**Freshman Jack Hadowsky said** his favorite moment of the season was getting to watch his friend John Story, 10, shoot a buzzer beater lay-up at their first away game of the season.
The Varsity Boys Basketball team was coached by Coach Cunningham. The team consisted of 12 members with 3 being Seniors: including Evan Peterson, Jacob Brauns, and Caleb Carter. They began practices in November for 2 hours a day but soon got shut down due to COVID restrictions. In January, the boys went to their first tournament of the year in Missouri. They played Columbia and Father McGivney and finished 1-1. Shortly after, the team began 2020-2021 Season practices to prepare for their regular season. Their first big win of the regular season was against Civic Memorial on February 18th, 2021. That game finished with a final score of 35-32. After senior night on March 11th, 2021 the boys finished their regular season 6-6.

The Varsity Boys Basketball team was coached by Mr. Deryl Cunningham. This was his second year as a coach at HHS. The basketball season started off to a rough start after coach Cunningham was diagnosed with COVID-19. Unfortunately, Cunningham was hospitalized with kidney failure. The community came together to raise funds for him and his family through gofundme.com and at Chick-Fil-A. Cunningham is now on a transplant list and is doing well at home with his family.
Cade Altadonna, 10
"My favorite memory is playing in the shootout last year because it's such a big event and was so fun to play in"

Evan Peterson, 12
"My favorite memory was winning regionals as a sophomore because it gave me such a thrill"

Caleb Carter, 12
"My favorite memory was playing fun games at the end of practices for gift cards and other prizes."

Jacob Brauns, 12
"My favorite memory was scoring the most rebounds in the game against CM my senior year."
The Highland Varsity Cheer Team is coached by Angie Fears and Tess Henke. The squad held tryouts in the summer and began practice soon after. After a few weeks of practice, COVID-19 restricted the team from practicing for the beginning months of the school season. Once February hit, the team was allowed to practice again, but it came with some restrictions, including no stunting. They had also come to learn that the season was shortened to 6 weeks. The Varsity Cheer Team had 4 virtual competitions and the girls placed 1st in three of the four competitions. After days and days of recording and rerecording the routine, the squad pulled out a 4th place win at the state wide cheer competition.
To put a smile on everyone’s face, the cheer team had a pep-talk before performing and recording their routine.

The squad comes together to pose with their plaque from winning regionals.

Upside down, Senior Emma Ruffini throws a full during the routine.

While recording for a competition, the team poses in their next formation after tumbling.

In action, Freshman Chloe McTeer, jumps into a toe touch during the routine.

Jumping in the air, the cheer team executes a hurdler for the performance.

With smiles, the team completes the motions finishing out the dance at end of the routine.

Senior Tanille Thompson said her favorite memory was eating team dinners before tumbling classes.
The Highland Varsity Dance Team 2020-2021 season was coached by Erin Cotto and Carrie Eilermann. The team consisted of 11 members: 8 freshmen, 1 junior, and 2 seniors. The team started practice in the summer and practiced weekly until IHSA put winter sports on pause in November. During the break, the team practiced 2-3 times a week on Zoom from 3:30-5:15. In January they were allowed to start in-person practices again, so they practiced everyday from 3:30-5:30 to gear up for virtual IDTA and IHSA competitions. They started winning 1st place in many of the regional competitions where they sometimes completed against 20-25 different routines. As IHSA week rolled around, they competed in the class 1A sectional and won the sectional championship. One week later on March 6th, 2021, they competed at the IHSA state championship and became 2nd in the state of Illinois with an outstanding score of 90.26 points out of 100. Finishing the year off, the girls performed at Senior Night before their IDTA state finals where they finished as state champions in the AA lyrical and AA pom dance categories.

"This year was definitely different than years past, but this team made the absolute best of it. I feel so lucky to be able to work with such special people who love to dance!"
Isabelle Hodge, 9 does a toe touch during her lyrical performance.

We Are Highland!

1. Full of emotion, the team huddles up after successfully completing their IHSA sectional performance.

2. After taking the victory, the team proudly reaches for their IHSA state trophy.

3. At senior night, the dance team, along with the coaches, had their IHSA state trophy presented to them.

4. While filming for sectionals, the team hits one of the ending poses in their lyrical dance.

5. After the presentation of their Sectional Championship plaque, the team posed for a picture.

Bayla Fitterer, 9 practices her fire bird jumps before filming for their sectional performance.

Tegan Beard

"I am so proud of this team and everything we accomplished this season. The Highland Varsity Dance Team and the friendships I made will forever hold a huge place in my heart."

Isabelle Hodge, 9 does a toe touch during her lyrical performance.
Freshman Volleyball

The freshman girls volleyball team is coached by Staci LaPorta. The girls had to normalize to a different experience for a first high school season. Having open gyms two times a week for three months was not what they had in mind. The team was excited to find out a shortened season was underway. Throughout the season, they worked hard to get the job done. The team finished 11-4 overall and 7-3 in the conference.

1. Freshman Lauren Maas sets the ball to her teammate
2. After a rally, the team huddles up for the next
3. The girls pose for a picture after a win against Civic Memorial.

The Freshman volleyball team was unsure of what kind of season would unfold. Finishing with a winning season set the standards high for the future freshmen bulldogs. Pictured to the right, the girls gather together after a long rally finished by a kill from Emma Ernst.
The Junior Varsity volleyball team is coached by Natalie Ott assisted by Katelyn Hagarty and Staci LaPorta. Along with the freshman and varsity teams, the girls didn't know if a season would happen. Even with only playing 15 games, the girls made the best of what they were given. The Junior Varsity's team finished with a record of 14-1 with a tough loss to Central in the beginning of the season.

1. For the Kill// Junior Emma Warner jumps up to spike the ball over her opponent's head

2. With a Killer Ace// Sophomore Elena Schrof serves the ball over the net for the point

3. Vicious Serve// Sophomore Grace Wilke gets an ace for her team eventually defeating the Eagles

4. Focused Up// Junior Kate Becker eyes the ball, making certain her footwork is at the right spot.

"My favorite memory was beating Mater Dei in the last game of the year. We worked really hard to get to that moment and we were able to pull it off." - Elena Schrof (10)
The Bulldog's Varsity volleyball team is coached by Katelyn Hagarty. The team was fortunate enough to have a shortened season in the Spring, and with that, was extremely successful. The team took first in the Mississippi Valley Conference along with wins against non-conference schools such as Collinsville, Alton, Marquette, Breese Central, and Althoff. The team's overall record stood at 14-1. The team finished the season off with a banquet held at Diamond Mineral Springs with food and awards.

Back row: Morgan Langendorf (11), Lilli Evans (11), Reese Bolen (11), Anne Beckemeyer (12), Bella LaPorta (12), Taylor Kesner (12)

Front row: Addison Rode (11), Kate Becker (11), Olivia Wilke (12) Grace Wilke (10)

After a big block by Anne Marie Beckemeyer (12), the team throws up their arms followed by loud cheering and excitement.
"Seniors, what was your favorite memory?"

Bella LaPorta
"Winning conference four years in a row"

Olivia Wilke
"Beating Mater Dei on senior night, my sophomore year"

Anne Marie Beckemeyer
"Saturday themed practices"

Taylor Kesner
"Beating Mater Dei sophomore year"
The freshman and JV soccer teams are both coached by PJ Held. The freshman soccer team finished their season 1-1-3. Freshman Jacob Lewis said that one thing that was different was that the players "had to wear masks during the games" due to COVID protocol. The JV soccer team certainly had a memorable season. One thing that stuck out to Center Back Nick Schoeck (10) was that "even throughout everything that happened with COVID, we never let ourselves get down." He went on to say, "We never gave up during any game and fought 'til the end." This perseverance is what helped propel the JV boys to their undefeated season.

Freshman Jacob Lewis said his favorite memory from this season would be "the bus rides after a win."
1. Ready to make a run, Reece Korte (10) checks for open space

2. While settling the ball, Easton Belford (9) looks for a passing opportunity

3. Sophomore Shane Field stands ready for an oncoming pass

4. Freshman Cole Ellis commands the team from his goalie position

5. In an effort to score, Sophomore Drew Schonhardt makes a break for the goal

6. To make an accurate pass, Jacob Lewis (9) checks for a teammate

7. Toe-to-toe with his opponent, Chase Korte (11) dribbles down the field to find an open teammate

Sophomore Nick Schoeck said his favorite memories from this season include "going undefeated and hanging out with teammates."
As the boys went through their season, they had faced many hardships with COVID. They had late tryouts, late practices and their season pushed back into the spring. The boys have made the most of it by taking the season very seriously, as for some, it is their last. The boys have practiced out on the HHS practice field and in the HMS Pups Pen in hopes to have some normalcy. The team is coached by Jay Robertson, PJ Held, and trainer Scott McCall. As their season carried on the boys continued working hard into their games. Masks had to be worn on the field and COVID precautions had to be taken. Working around quarantines and COVID protocols, the boys ended their season with 3 wins. Also at the end of the season, five players were named to the All-Conference teams—1st team, Josh Loeh; 2nd team, Cam Mortland & Cole Reed; Honorable Mention, Jayce Powell & Andrew Snyder.

"It made me set an example for my teammates both on and off the field on how I carried myself" 
-Nathan Houk (12)

"It made me focus more on the team than on myself. It also made me feel like I had more to give out on the field" 
-Josh Loeh (12)

"I would say it made me strive to be the best player and leader I could be" 
-Cameron Mortland (12)

"I got to become more of a bridge between the field and coaches to my teammates" 
-Cole Reed (12)
Do w n the F ield // Senior Cole Reed

dribbles past his opponent

Alive & Kickin’ // Junior Owen Morris sends the ball down the field to his teammates

Final Memories // The seniors huddle together one last time before the end of their final high school soccer season

Take It Down The Field // Senior Cole Reed

Not Today Triad // Head-to-head with his Triad opponent, Caden Newman (11) wins the ball in the corner

Kick It Where It Counts // Senior Brandon Canterberry, turns to pass the ball up the field

1. Get Your Kicks // Junior Alex Roach sets up a pass to teammate Josh Loeh as they move the ball down the field

2. Our Goal? Stopping Yours // Junior Luke Stieb jumps up to catch the ball to prevent the opposing team from scoring

3. Best In The Field // Senior Josh Loeh keeps his pace while looking for an opening down field

4. Let The Feet Do The Talking // Senior Jayce Powell clears the ball up the field

5. Footwork Makes the Dream Work // Senior Travis Roberts plays keep away from his opponent as he sets up a pass to his teammate
Beginning the year in the unknown, the Marching Bulldogs finally got their season. Throughout first semester, the marching band continued to practice and teach their freshman how to march in hopes of a chance to show off their skills. The HHS Band is led by John Case and Jamie Keys. They performed three shows at our home football game, all music from The Jackson 5. Additionally, they were able to hold a parent preview and a recording of this year's show. The band is already in preparation for next year's season.

// John Case

"I'm really proud of the kids. There were a lot of challenges this year that we've never had to deal with before, but they stepped up and did a fantastic job"

// Jamie Keys

"It was definitely a memorable season. Everyone came together and put together a great show. Let's go band!"

First Row// Abbygale Koch (12), Haylie Gombos (12), Jaden Armstrong (12), Julia Bell (12), Molly Marshall (12) Second Row// Andrew O'Toole (12), Julia Grahm (12), Amanda Penberthy (12), Caleb Stratton (12), Corrine Kemper (12), Garrett Roth (12) Third Row// Grant Brinker (12), Madalyn Walker (12), Sutherland Allen (12), Reyna Boergerhoff (12), Johnny Saathoff (12), Tom Nyquist (12), Justin Gallagos (12), Roberts Williams (12)
Saxy and We Know It

Drum Majors

Head Drum Major
Senior Caleb Stratton

Senior Julia Graham

Junior Daniel Williams

Senior Abby Koch
The Color Guard team is coached by Civic Memorial band director, Michaela Davis. Tryouts for the 2020-2021 season were held in mid October, and the girls began practicing in hopes for a season this year. Although the girls weren't able to attend competitions and football games like in previous years due to COVID-19, they continued to practice weekly and bond together as a team. In order to continue practices with COVID restrictions, coach Michaela Davis said she had to rearrange her formations with six foot social distancing, and continuously wipe down the flags the girls were using.

**Senior Spotlight**

When asked what her favorite memory from color guard is, captain Haylie Gombos said she always enjoyed the bus rides to competition because it gave her the opportunity to get to know all of her teammates.

Julia Beil stated that one thing she will miss the most is being able to perform at the football games during halftime.
1. Winter guard members Elizabeth Brown (11), Julia McPhillips (10), Hollyn Diamond (10), Kori Huelsmann (10), Mikayla Smith (10), Maya Bailey (9), Adilyn Goodwin (9), Julia Beil (12), Haylie Gombos (12), Madelyn Walker (12), and Jaden Armstrong (12) take a much needed break from practice to take a fun team picture.

2. Freshman Adilyn Goodwin is taught how to properly hold her flag.

3. Senior Haylie Gombos takes the time to help freshman Adilyn Goodwin and freshman Mya Thomilson and sophomore Julia McPhillips learn proper marching technique when holding their flags.

4. Wearing their USA gear, Brooke Rheaume (11), Julia McPhillips (10), Madelyn Walker (12), Haylie Gombos (12), Kori Huelsmann (10), Mikayla Smith (10), and Julia Beil (12) stop to take a group picture at their 4th of July themed practice.

5. In search of perfection, freshman Mya Thomilson practices her spins while using good technique.

6. Mya Thomilson (9) and Adilyn Goodwin (9) stand together for a quick photo while taking a break at practice.

7. Pictured in 2020: Several guard members set down their flags and take a moment to jump in the air for a perfectly timed photo.
The Football Cheer Team is coached by former Highland cheerleader and second year coach, Ashley Terveen. Due to COVID-19, the cheer team had to postpone practices until early March 2021, and had a very limited time to prepare for the football games. However, the team made the best of it and had a great season cheering on the Bulldogs to victory and hyping up the crowd.

Senior Spotlight: What will you miss most about cheer?

"Making new friendships and memories with the team."
Nevaeh Brown

"Cheering in front of the student section at home games and hearing them call the cheers with us"
Tanille Thompson

"I'm going to miss the bus rides to away games and singing with the girls on the bus."
Savannah Graham
We'll Sure Miss These Friday Night Lights // The team soaks in the last moments before Senior Night begins.

1. Celebrating Senior Night, Seniors Nevaeh Brown, Savannah Graham, and Tanille Thompson show off their sashes and crowns.

2. The team gets the crowd fired up by calling "ACTION" at the start of the game.

3. Freshmen Caitlyn Morris, Anna Ray, Adrianna Kennedy, Ava Lercher, and Gracie Gietl take a group picture at halftime during the game against Collinsville.

4. The girls form a circle to practice sidelines before the start of the game.

5. The team sits down to discuss what cheers are going to be called throughout the night.

6. Everyone hits sharp motions as they cheer to the crowd at the Senior Night game against Triad.

7. Before warm-ups, Adrianna Kennedy (9), Paige Clarkin (11), and Gracie Gietl (9) take the opportunity to pose for a picture.

HIT // Before the game, Gracie Gietl (9) practices her motions.
Fresh/Soph Football

The Huddle is Real
By: Paige Schaible

Freshman/Sophomore football, like varsity football, took place in the spring this year due to covid regulations, and the team had many challenges to face. Some of the challenges include, having to wear masks at games and practicing social distancing rules during practice. Coached by John Lamp, the boys worked hard during practice and games to get closer as a team, even during the struggles this year had to throw.

The Huddle is Real

By: Paige Schaible

Seasons Favorite Moments

Coach Lamp says that his favorite moment from the season was when the team played Civic Memorial and they won their first game.

Coach Welz says that his favorite moment this season was watching the boys compete during all 4 quarters in their first game against Mascoutah.
Sophomore Gabe Korte says his favorite moment was when everyone was celebrating in the locker room after a big win against CM.

Sophomore Rory Gallagher says his favorite memory this year was watching his older brother Liam on the varsity field.

Freshman Cale Houchins says that his favorite moment was when the team won their first game.

Sophomore Gannon Keeney says that his favorite season memory is the feeling of winning a game after a couple of tough losses.

1. Freshman Adam Munie rolls out his legs during the home game against Jerseyville to get ready to get in the game.

2. In the fall, the boys stayed game-ready with their yoga meet-ups.

3. The boys charge down the field for a first down.

4. Sophomores Tyler Prusa, Kendall Hughes, Rory Gallagher, and Dylan Beadle (9) stand up after taking down a Jerseyville player with the ball.

5. Freshman Caiden Riedemann is working on a defensive drill during a pre-season practice.

6. During the game against Collinsville, the boys huddle up to hear the next game plan.

7. Freshman Kye Kruse gives the coaches a thumbs up during the game against Collinsville.

8. Sophomore Gannon Keeney alongside other defensive players fight hard during the game at Collinsville.

9. Freshman Dylan Beadle and Kye Kruse (10) work together to carry the ball.
Although the 2020-2021 football season was cut short because of COVID, it didn’t stop the boys from challenging other teams. One thing that stands out about this team is the brotherhood they share. This team had been working hard since last school year to prepare for this year’s season. While they had a few hurdles due to COVID, the continuous hard work and dedication was seen clearly underneath the Friday Night Lights. The boys have many team coaches to thank for their success over the years, most notably, head coach, Jim Warnecke.

After running out on the field, the players get pumped in a team huddle before the game starts.

Seniors Alim Deva and Logan Vidmar get hyped as the rest of the line rushes to celebrate with them.

Front Row: Parker Fensterman (12), Ian Gallagher (12), Reid Thole (12), Logan Chandler (12), Tucker Engelmann (12), Alim Deva (12), Shelton Black (12), Deth Vogel (12), Jeffrey Blunt II (12), and Gard Roth (12)
Second Row: Joey Geromiller (10), Colton Pott (10), Brenden Gelly (10), Eli Jones (12), Sam Buck (12), Logan Vidmar (12), Kendal Hughes (10), Caden Newman (11), and Dylan Bollman (10)
Third Row: Brody Lewis (10), Adam Kuta (11), James Beard (11), Travis Gieseking (10), Sky Freeman (11), Greyson Klueter (10), Cameron Willis (10), Toby Allen (11), Jarrett Kruse (11), and Vance Brindley (11)
Fourth Row: Paul Graham (10), Cade Altadonna (10), Connor Hormann (11), Brent Wuebbels (10), Travis Porter (10), Gabe Marti (11), and Bryce Iberg (11)
With a win, the seniors gather to celebrate their last football game.

**Obey Your Seniors**

**Sam Buck**
When asked about his most memorable game, Sam Buck said, "the game junior year with a cast on my arm." In regards to his favorite post-game meal, he said, "Chic-Fil-A hits different after games."

**Liam Gallagher**
Liam said that his favorite hype song is, "Love Sosa by Chief Keef." He also said that "to prepare for game time I eat subway and then be an absolute dawg."

**Logan Chandler**
When asked about how he keeps the team hyped in tough situations, Logan said, "Bend, don't break. Show everyone that it is okay to be in a bad situation. I have to keep my poise." He also said that his favorite sports idol is, "Steven Jackson."
Front Row: Easton Belford (9), Tanner Gilliam (9), Adam Munie (9), Gannon Keeney (10), Brayden Bircher (9), Kyran Weak (9), Zane Korte (9)
Second Row: Gale Houchins (9), Tyson Kunz (10), Blase Kurwicki (9), Landon Gunter (10), Jack Hadowski (9), Aidan Miller (10), Austin Werner (10), Trent Clemens (9)
Third Row: David McFarland (10), Mason Emig (10), Abe Hawkins (9), Cameron Willis (10), Shane Stallard (10), Nick Schoeck (10), John Story (10)
Back Row: Keaton Favre (9), Kye Kruse (10), Chase Pacatte (9), Grayson Klucker (10), Gavin Buhmann (9), Owen Holzinger (10)
1. Sophomore Tyson Kunz sends the ball towards second base.

2. Leading off, Kye Kruse (10) swings and runs hard to put himself on second base at the bottom of the inning.

3. Sophomore Mason Emig singles to drive in a run against Springfield.

4. Sophomore Nick Schoeck sends the pitch over the plate to strike out the Springfield batter.

5. Third baseman Joe Jansen (10) throws the ball to second baseman Tyson Kunz (10) for the force out.

6. Watching the pitcher, Cale Houchins (9) leads off of first base.

7. Freshman Easton Belford sprints to third after tagging up.

8. Sliding into third base, Abe Hawkins (9) reaches for the base to beat the tag.

9. Swinging hard, Gavin Buhmann (9) hits the ball into center field.

10. Freshman Adam Munie winds up as he prepares to send the pitch over the plate.
We have been working out as a team, and we've come together for early morning and late night practices that bring us closer as a team. We lost our season last year which makes this one very important to us.

- John Walker (12)
1. Hot Corner // Near the third baseline, Luke Darling (11) fires the ball to first base

2. Swing for the Fences // Senior Bryce Iberg launches the ball for extra bases

3. The Pitching Hour // On the mound, Brady Knackstedt (11) prepares for his next pitch

4. I Have a Batter Idea // Standing ready at the plate, Blayne Kapp (11) waits for his pitch


6. Okay, Strike That // Throwing a fastball, Josh Prusa (12) strikes out the batter

7. All You Need is Glove // Junior Tyler Griesbaum gets under a pop fly in the infield

The team takes the field at Busch Stadium for the National Anthem
A diamond is a girl's best friend

The HHS Junior Varsity Softball team began the season with open gym practices hoping for a typical season without COVID interference. The team had a completely normal season with a couple exceptions; the season was pushed back to have a later start, the team members had to wear masks in the dugout and they had the expectation of keeping social distanced whenever possible. The JV team worked together to have a successful season. The team is coached by Steve Schultz.

Back Row: Coach Steve Schultz, Annie (9), Abigail Schultz (9), Macy Buss (10)
Middle Row: Katie Frank (9), Madyne (9), Karli Dant (10), Lauren Wenzel (9), Sophia Donoho (9)
Front Row: Lucy Daiber (10), Bailey Mettler (9), Katie Augustin (11), Mya Iberg (11), Abby Athmer (11), Kaley Hyre (9)

My favorite memory from this season was celebrating Coach Schultz's birthday and overall becoming closer with the girls.

-Lucy Daiber (10)
A word from the athletes...

By: Faith Hickam

Karli Dant (9)
Karli was asked if she had a pre-batting ritual and she said, "Before I step in the batter's box, I usually try to give myself a small pep talk."

Katie Frank (9)
When asked what her favorite hit was, Katie said, "My favorite hit was probably my home run against Waterloo."

Lauren Wernle (11)
Lauren was asked how her softball season was changed due to Covid pushing back seasons. She said, "It was hard having to miss the first 5 softball games during volleyball season, but I am glad that I was able to play both of the sports that I love."
The HHS Softball team experienced a mostly normal season despite the Covid-19 pandemic. The typical spring season was pushed back to allow for this normalcy. The athletes were still expected to wear masks inside the dugout and attempt to keep social distancing whenever possible. Throughout this season, the team put in hours to be dominant on the field, which allowed these athletes to work together to hold a winning record. The seniors consisted of Sam Miener, Sydney Parkerson, and Claire Schultz. This season, the team won the MVC with a record 10-0 for the first time in school history. The coaching staff is Glenn Nicholls, Deanne Voegele, Brian Braun, and Alyssa Seegers.

What has been your favorite memory during HHS Softball?

Sam Miener: "One of my favorite memories is when Ali Koerkenmeier hit the game winning in-the-park home run to win our 14 inning game."

Sydney Parkerson: "My favorite memory was going undefeated in conference and being able to have a full season during the pandemic."

Claire Schultz: "I would say my favorite memory has been the team bonding like scavenger hunts and stuff we did in prior years."

There is no place like home...
1. Slapping for a hit Sophomore Maci Miles winds up to slap the ball against Collinsville

2. Looking for a play Junior Ali Koerkenmeier stands in left field awaiting a hit she can make a play off of

3. Before the game the team stands together to honor the nation with the playing of the national anthem

4. Sacrificing for the team Freshman Sydney Parkerson lays down a sacrifice bunt to advance a runner on base into scoring position

5. Getting ahead Junior Emma Strubinger prepares to get a lead off on second base against Collinsville

6. Commanding the mound Senior Sam Miener pitches at home and leads the team to a victory over Belleville West

7. Guarding home Junior Faith Hickam prepares to catch an incoming pitch against Collinsville

8. Hitting the sweet spot Senior Sydney Parkerson swings and gets a solid hit against Belleville West

Back: Claire Schultz(12), Kelly Fuller(10), Maggie Grohmann(10), Madalyn Traunmicht(10), Sam Miener(12), Breanna Haberneh(11), Alicia Pitkin(11), Ali Koerkenmeier(11)
Front: Alex Schultz(9), Maci Miles(10), Rayanna Geilhausen(11), Sophie Parkerson(9), Emma Strubinger(11), Sydney Parkerson(12), Faith Hickam(11)

After beating Mascoutah, the team poses in front of the 4-0 scoreboard to celebrate their victory!
Girls Soccer
By: Payton Eddy

The Girls Soccer team was faced with many setbacks before the season even officially began. Due to COVID, their season was pushed back about a month. Practices started in the beginning of April, and the season continued through early June. With low numbers, countless injuries, and some brand new players, the team had to push each other to work twice as hard. Unlike previous years, the girls only had enough people for a Varsity roster. Though they faced many hurdles, the girls pulled through to successfully complete the season.

Back: Taylor Schrage (9), Cami Friederich (9), Jessica Miller (11), Payton Eddy (11), Lilli Evans (11), Maya Pollard (9), Lauren Janini (10), Brooke Hunsche (9)
Front: Abby Huelsmann (11), Madalyn McCall (11), Mackenzie Davis (9), Jaden Armstrong (12), Piper Myer (12), Whitney Lightle (12), Morgan BonDurant (11), Britin Machuca (11), Lea Nora Nicklin (9)

Captains' Corner

Morgan BonDurant
Co-Captain Morgan BonDurant (11) states that this year has been different from previous years due to the masks that must be worn at games and practices, social distancing when possible, and the change in location of home fields.

Madalyn McCall
Co-Captain Madalyn McCall (11) states that the team has overcome the challenges of this year by "learning how to roll with the punches and put in the hard work even when the odds are against us."

Jaden Armstrong
Jaden says her favorite position is right wing defender. She hopes to continue her soccer career at Eastern Illinois University.

Whitney Lightle
When asked about her favorite memory, Whitney replied, "My sophomore year when Jessica Miller, a Freshman at the time, bombed a ball to the back of my head."

Piper Myer
Piper said the biggest change between the season and previous seasons was "starting our season with only one week of practice instead of a month."

By: Payton Eddy
1. Stepping for a throw in, Lauren Janini (10) prepares to launch the ball to an open teammate.

2. After saving a corner kick, Goalie Lee Nicklin (9) and Defenders Mackenzie Davis (9) and Jaden Armstrong (12) share a laugh.

3. In warm-ups, Payton Eddy (11) steps in front of an attempted pass from Brooke Hunsche (9) while Jessica Miller (11) gets open for the ball.

4. With an opponent on her heel, Piper Myer (12) swiftly takes the ball up the field.

5. Captains Morgan BonDurant (11) and Madalyn McCall (11) break the huddle after providing the team with a speech to hype them up.

6. Avoiding members of the opposing team, Junior Lilli Evans runs up the field on a breakaway.

7. In pursuit of the ball, Madalyn McCall (11) pushes past members of the Jerseyville team while Lauren Janini (10) steps back to get open for a pass.

8. Junior Morgan BonDurant holds her ground against her opponent to win the incoming ball.

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Senior Spotlight

Although they were forced to miss out on their junior season because of COVID, each of the seniors have played the three remaining years. Collectively, they stated the team has worked together to stay positive throughout the chaos of the year and they have all pushed each other to improve their skills.
Due to COVID-19, the boys tennis team had only a six week season. Since the sport is outside it wasn't as affected by COVID-19 safety procedures. Throughout the season, the boys played fun games to bond, including some rounds of "Target Practice". At the end of the season, the boys earned a third place MVC finish. Following the MVC, the team placed second in the IHSA Sectional, and Sutherland Allen qualified for the State Tournament.
1. Serves Up // Junior Ben Mitchell tosses the ball and lines up to serve over the net to his opponent.

2. You May Only Live Once, But You Get to Serve Twice // Taking his second serve, Tyler Kutz (11) eyes the ball as he prepares to send it across the court.

3. Order on the Court // Junior Alex Roach lightly backhands the ball as a return, forcing his opponent to dig close to the net.

4. Game, Set, Match! // Winning the set, Ben Mitchell (11) returns the ball. Ben ultimately won the match against his Collinsville opponent.

5. Let Your Racket Do the Talking // Junior Tyler Kutz steadies his return with both hands, sending a powerful shot over the net.

Spotlight

Using a backhand stroke, Sutherland Allen (12) returns the ball to his Collinsville opponent.

Returning the serve, Tyler Hunter (12) twists to send the ball back to his opponent.

Tyler Hunter's favorite memory about tennis is the bus ride to state.
This "band of bulldogs", the Girls Track team had much success, and a whole lot of fun, during their first summer season. The season consisted of a lot of sweat, hard work, and multiple "fast braiding" sessions. These speedy girls began their season unfamiliar with what was to come. Amongst many other things, preparation included: perfecting jumps and steps, increasing speed and endurance, yoga on rainy days, teaching new comers how to set up their blocks. Together, the team became very successful on the score chart and within their own personal records.
Grace Meyer (12)

1. Freshman Tarryn Keeney patiently waits at the start line to be handed the baton

2. Coach Beyer gives throwers Rhea Fowler (11), Amara Vrell (9), and Lilly Barker (11) some pointers during practice for the shot put

3. Rainy days call for some team yoga as a way to rest up prior to competition

4. Team champs pose with their first place plaque at the Roxana Relays

5. Junior Lydia Hadowsky makes her way down the track during the 100m hurdle race

6. Senior Grace Meyer runs in style at Mascoutah

7. Senior Tanille Thompson impressively pushes herself over the pole vault

8. Senior Maggie VonHatten kills it running solo in her open 1600m at Triad

9. Senior Taylor Kesner throws on her home turf

10. Junior Faith Brindley lives up to her nickname "Frog" in the long jump

11. Freshman Gillian Trover sits in her blocks, prepared to shoot out for her race

#FastBraids

As a way to bond and feel confident, braid sessions were very popular amongst the girls' track team. Whether it be on the bus, before warm ups, or in the middle of the meet, a teammate could be seen helping out her "sister" get prepped before their race. This fun tradition was inspired by Olympian Colleen Quigley, who uses the trendy hashtag #FastBraidFriday on her Instagram to connect and empower young female athletes.
Boys Track
By: Paige Schaible

Boys track had a late start this year with practices beginning on April 5th. The season went all the way through June with COVID regulations pushing all sports back. The boys, along with their coach, Bob Vance, fought many extra challenges including the hot summer weather, mandatory running with masks on, and social distancing at practice. Although it was more difficult than a normal year, the boys were glad to be able to have a season.

This year has been especially tough on track athletes and other spring sport athletes. They lost a season of development and now half of their season is after school is out and they could be doing other things. I give these kids a lot of credit because they haven’t complained and they bring their best everyday. It reinforces what I love about coaching. I will miss these guys.

- Coach Vance
1. Go, Sweat, Win// Jack Geiger (12) and Connor Miller (12) take a quick picture before getting their steps in for long jump at the meet at Civic Memorial

2. Run Hard!// Easton Rosen (12) takes his last lap of the 1600 meter run to finish in a time of 4.36

3. Practice Makes Perfect// Connor Miller (12) does a run through to make sure that he doesn't scratch during long jump at the meet at Civic Memorial

4. Teamwork Makes the Dream Work// Mason Steinbeck (10) carries the baton in the 4x8 relay at Granite City and does his part to lead the team to a 1st place finish

5. Run Fast or Be Last// Isaac Irving (10), Mason Steinbeck (10), Dallas Mancinas (9), Ethan Smith (10), Cameron Pace (11), Kyle Molitor (10), and Cole Basden (10), also known as the "Funky Bunch", are all smiles after great efforts and personal records were made at the distance meet at Triad

6. Scream and Shout// Issac Irving (10), Josh Loeh (12), and Kole Fisk (12) cheer on their teammates at the Granite City relay meet, which was ultimately a victory
Since the trap team was able to socially distance and maintain little contact between each other, they didn't have to worry much about COVID regulations. Coached by Dave Rensing, the team participated in weekly competitions beginning in March and ending in early June. Members of the trap team competed with kids all over the state, and if they placed high enough, they were presented with the opportunity to compete in a national competition July 7th-11th.
The bass fishing team was able to carry out their season like normal for the 2020-2021 school year. Each school is allowed to send two boats, with a duo on each, to the IHSA sectional tournament on May 6th. Coached by Jon Rinderer and assisted by Scott Sautman, one of the duos placed high enough to qualify for the state tournament on May 21st & 22nd.

Practicing for their next competition, Evan Sutton (12) and Dylan Beadle (9) work as a team to catch their fish. Evan reeils in the fish with the pole as Dylan uses the net to capture it.

Working as a team, Evan Sutton (12) and Logan Oestringer (11) placed 2nd in their sectional at Coffeen Lake, allowing them to qualify for the state finals at Carlyle Lake.

Posed with some of their catches, Senior Reid Koishor (left) and Freshman Mason Darling (right) served as alternates for the sectional competition.

After competing at sectionals, Cole Brown (11) and Dylan Beadle (9) show off their catches of the day.
2020-2021 ATHLETICS
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE YEAR

// Lightning Quick
Senior Easton Rosen became the Sectional Champion in the mile with a time of 4 minutes and 40 seconds. With this time, Easton qualified for state where he placed 15th with a 4 minute and 34 second time.

// Throwin' Down
In the IHSA State Tournament Senior Taylor Kesner took 3rd place in the shot put and 6th place in the discus. Junior Josie Hapack placed 7th in the discus.

// Eye on the Target
Sophomore Mackenzie Acinelli earned 1st place for the Conference Season Average in the Female Spring Skeet League

Comin' in clutch, Logan Powers (10) sinks a buzzer beater to defeat our rivals, Triad

The boys golf team qualified for state as a team for only the second time in school history
Our varsity softball team finished the season with a perfect 10-0 record in the MVC, which sealed their Conference Championship win. In early June, the girls won the Regional Championship, and, soon after, they beat Waterloo to secure the Sectional Championship. The following week, the girls made school history by winning the super sectionals and advancing to the final four.

On Thursday, June 17th, the team took the field against Sterling High School at the Louisville Slugger Sports Complex in Peoria, IL. They opened the scoring early, with Syd Parkerson (12) hitting a two run double in the bottom of the first. Senior Sam Miener and Junior Faith Hickam quickly added to the lead, and it was 4-0 by the end of the first inning. By the end of the game, the girls defeated Sterling 8-1, sending them to the championship game.

Later that same day, the Varsity Bulldogs competed against Lemont High School for the title. This final game was a battle of the pitchers, and the score remained 0-0 until the last inning. Leading off in the bottom of the 7th, Sam Miener doubled, and Alicia Pitkin (11) came in to run for her. With one out, Alicia on second base, and Maddie Trauernicht (10) at the plate, Alicia stole third without the other team's knowledge. With her teammate only sixty feet away, Maddie hit a sacrifice fly into the outfield, sending Alicia home with the only run of the game and securing the crown for Highland. Winning the State Title, the girls made history twice in one week and brought home the State Championship trophy, where their families and friends waited at the square as they paraded into town.

Refuse to Lose
Senior Sam Miener led the way for the Bulldogs all season, striking out over 200 batters along the way. Dominating in the circle, Sam finished her pitching season with a record of 24-0—many of those games shutouts. With her .21 ERA, she ranked #9 in the MaxPreps list of nationally ranked ERA Stat Leaders.
Dear Angie,

You have inspired me to be a leader. You taught me how to guide a group of peers to be successful. Not only have you helped me become a better cheerleader, but you have helped me become a better person all around. You have taught me teamwork and how to make any difficult situation work out. You strive to keep everybody doing their best, even when you can tell we are struggling. You treat our team like we are your kids. You create a bond with your athletes that will last a lifetime. I will never be able to truly express how thankful I am for you.

-Karlie Hooton, 12

Dear Coach,

You have influenced me in basketball with all of your knowledge of the game. You have helped me become a better player by teaching me different ways of basketball. I really appreciate all you do for the team.

-Cade Altadonna, 10

Dear Alex,

Thank you for taking time out to teach me how to play tennis last year! In the last year, I have gone from never even stepping on the court to playing all the time to the best of my ability. You have taught me how to be a better tennis player and a better teammate all around. You always told us to cheer on our teammates, and when I had support, it helped me to play better. So when it was my turn to cheer on my teammates, I always did to help boost their spirits and to hopefully help them to play better. You never gave up on me or any of the new players last year, even if they did not want to cooperate with you well. I applaud you for that, and it made me realize even if people do not always want to listen to you, that you still have to try and not give up on them. So thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything you did last year!

-Tiffany Hediger, 11
Coaches,

Thank you, Ashley and Jordan, for being my coaches this year. You both pushed me to become a better golfer everyday. Thank you for all the support and encouragement throughout the season.

-Raeghan Henrichs, 10

Coach Hawkins,

Thank you for a great four years. Time flew by, and playing for three official years made me realize my true potential, and I learned not only how to be a great teammate, but also how to contribute to my community off the field as well. Whether I decide to play in college or not, I will cherish the playing career I've had for you.

-Clayton Mallard, 12

Dear Coach Warnecke,

I wanted to thank you for everything you've done for me in my four short years in high school. Being a part of the football team has changed my life for the better. You taught me how to be a better man and the importance of teamwork and synergy. I've created bonds with some players on the team that will carry on throughout my life. You've pushed me to break past barriers and overcome obstacles that I never would have otherwise overcome. I have the most respect for you and the sacrifices you've made for the team. I'll never forget my time as a Highland Bulldog, and you're a big reason for that, thank you.

-Logan Vidmar, 12
Senior Josh Prusa demonstrates his talents by performing a back flip for a small audience.

"Morp," or Prom backwards was an event prepared by Spanish teacher and head of the Prom planning committee, Karen Twyford. Due to COVID-19, prom was off the table because of social distancing and capacity rules. The event was open to seniors only as a way to make up for the two proms they had been forced to miss out on. "Morp" loosely resembled our traditional "after prom" activities. It included lots of food (most of which was donated by different businesses around town), an ice cream truck, inflatable activities and a photo booth. Although it wasn't our typical idea of prom, the seniors were happy to celebrate with something close to normal in the chaos of this year.

Senior twins Jack and Hannah Geest compete for bragging rights in the bungee race.

Connor Reinarman (12), Eli Jones (12), Tyler Holzinger (12) and Bryce Iberg (12) play a quick round of euchre.

Bella LaPorta (12) gives Jenna Duff (12) a pep talk while latching a helmet before a jousting match.

Flip that Prom Upside Down!

By Payton Eda
Seniors Josh Prusa and Easton Rosen wait for a thumbs up from Olivia Wilke before beginning their bungee race.

Seniors Tanille Thompson, name, Kayla Thompson, and John Pena snap a quick picture at the ax-throwing game.

Seniors Madelyn Walker and Jaden Armstrong mock prom poses of the past.

After a visit from the ice cream truck, Reese Schrage (12) enjoys a popsicle.

Senior Kylie Erwin triumphantly stands on her pedestal over her losing opponent Jenna Duff (12).

Seniors Karlie Hooton, Emma Ruffini, and Sydney Parkerson stand posing with props in the photo booth.

With a slim lead, Senior Grace Meyer pushes herself to beat competitor Senior Julia Bell.

In an attempt to beat her friends, Senior Whitney Lightle bends over backwards to hit the target.

Seniors Jessica Borror and Grace Meyer compete for a win in the jousting competition.

Senior Easton Rosen aims for the target while throwing between his legs.
This year's spring musical production, directed by Mr. Gibb-Clark, was *Curtains: "The Musical Comedy Whodunit."* *Curtains* is a play within a play, with students performing as members of the cast who are putting on an off-Broadway show; it follows the murder investigation of the star of the show led by a quirky investigator who just so happens to love musicals himself. While the cast was able to sell a limited number of tickets for the audience to see the show in-person, the performance was also presented with a livestream option to the public. The cast said that rehearsals were relatively more normal for this performance, with students attending rehearsal Monday-Thursday. While students still performed in masks, one difference between our fall production and the spring production was that the COVID protocols weren't as strict, meaning that stage blocking wasn't strictly six feet apart. The main numbers include "Thataway!," "Show People," "Wide Open Spaces," and "A Tough Act to Follow."

Get Your Kicks

The girls, Reyna Boergerhoff (12), Kayla Peery (12), Julia McPhillips (10), and Abby Koch (12) strut through their sassy choreography during "Thataway!"

Performing as townspeople, Justin Galligos (12), Skylar Phenix (11), Julia English (11), Abby Koch (12), and Julia Graham (12), kick their way through "Wide Open Spaces"
Applying his stage makeup, Graham (12) helps Mysaiah Chambers (12) get ready for the show. Stage makeup is used on all cast members to enhance their characters and help better show facial expressions under the stage lights.

2. Shining Star // Senior Spencer Powers directs his cast mates during tech week. Tech week is used to finalize lights and effects before opening night.

3. Wide Open Spaces // Singing & dancing, cast members "see those wide open spaces" during the opening number.

4. Row, Row, Row Your Boat // Before the show's run-through, Julia English (11) and Autumn Meyer (12) walk through their stage blocking in their boat

5. Move This Way // Senior Kayla Peery sings "Thataway" while performing choreography with Daniel Williams (11)

6. CUT! // Playing the role of the director, Elias Allen (9) directs his cast, explaining why they should make changes before their next performance

7. The Critics Say...// After reading their horrible reviews and ripping up the newspapers, Sutherland Allen (12), performing as the play's financial backer Oscar Shapiro, sorts through the critiques on the stage floor

8. It Wasn't Me // Junior Isaac Rieke, portraying the show's producer, tells the nosy detective to back off with his investigation since he has an alibi

9. No Press is Bad Press // Junior Julia English comes face-to-face with newspaper critic Daryl Grady, played by Mysaiah Chambers (12). Grady turns out to be one of the murderers in the show.

10. Practice Makes Perfect // While backstage, Sophia Himsel (9) rehearses her dance moves alongside cast mate Evelyn Williams (9)

11. Senior Caleb Stratton, songwriter "As weird as it sounds, I think I'm going to miss grueling tech weeks with my friends the most."
The Bulldog Appreciation Awards is an event sponsored by Student Council. Each teacher, staff member, and administrator has the opportunity to nominate one student for the award. Students can be nominated for any reason the faculty member sees fit, and then the student will receive an invitation to the awards banquet. One unique aspect about this evening is that students do not know who nominated them or why when they arrive. As the evening goes on, the staff members take the stage and one-by-one introduce who they chose to present their award to and why. It is a wonderful evening celebrating the actions and accomplishments of many wonderful students.

Mrs. Cope poses with her nominee, Xyla Nixon (10), after presenting her award.

Mrs. Himsel nominated Kassidy Goth (12). Mrs. Himsel said, "Kassidy is a very hard worker both inside and outside of the classroom. She perseveres through challenges, and I am incredibly proud of her."

Mrs. Buchtel nominated Garrett Schlarmann. She said that "Garrett is a bright spot in my day. His positivity and sincere enthusiasm for learning are infectious."

Junior Kevin Schuette was nominated by Mr. Weber. Mr. Weber said, "Highland High School is very blessed to have Kevin as a student."

Junior Daniel Williams was nominated by Officer Flake.

Senior Nathan Houk was nominated by Mrs. Huson.

Freshman Allison Pohlman was nominated by Mrs. Ruder.

Mrs. Case nominated Claire Korte (12). In the nomination, Mrs. Case said Claire is "funny. She’s kind. And she genuinely makes me smile."
Mrs. Wiegman nominated Jake Brauns (12). Regarding Jake, Mrs. Wiegman said, "he is always so positive and gets the job done no matter what the task is. His upbeat attitude and pleasant demeanor always puts a smile on our faces."

Sophomore Grace Hanvey was nominated by Mrs. Beil

Senior Julia Beil was nominated by Mrs. Spaeth

Senior Claire Schultz was nominated by Mr. Makarewicz

Senior Jenna Fenton was nominated by Mrs. Huelskamp

Senior Evan Sutton was nominated by Mr. James

Senior Logan Chandler was nominated by Mrs. Boccola

Front Row: Jesse Kuzma (12), Nick Schoeck (10), Evan Sutton (12), Logan Chandler (12), Jake Brauns (12), Carter Dapkus (12), Emily Vandersand (11), Kayla Thompson (12), Ansley Lelm (11), Nathan Houk (12), Nate Tetreau (9)
Back Row: Claire Korte (12), Kassidy Goth (12), Allison Pohlman (9), Gage Markus (10), Taylor Dressler (9), Jenna Fenton (12), Kevin Schuette (11), Katie Augustin (11), Xyla Nixon (10), Claire Schultz (12), Sylvie Carroll (12), Grace Hanvey (10), Payton Naney (9), Barb Meguire (12)

Award Winners Not Pictured: Keely Gruenenfelder (11), Danny Brennan (12), Jocelyn Curis (9), Kylie Bloemker (9), Katie Steinwagner (12), Gurman Tut (11), Hayden Quietmeyer (12), Abby Koch (12), Julia Beil (12), Corrine Kemper (12), Garrett Schlarmann (10), Haley Nishwitz (10), Alim Deva (12), Daniel Williams (11)
Quarantine Dodgers!


Michayla Grieve (10)  Easton Rosen (12)  Sydney Parkerson (12)  Sam Miener (12)  Maya Pollard (9)

Sophie Parkerson (9)  Breanna Habermehl (11)  Maddie Noeltner (12)  Caleb Fohne (10)  Molly Cadagin (11)
Pictured below are some of the HHS Students who have managed to dodge quarantine for the 2020-2021 school year! This information is up to date as far as April 16, 2021.

**CONGRATS**
THE YEAR OUR STAFF CHANGED
MATCH THE BABY PICTURE TO THE TEACHER!

1. 2. 3.

4. 5. 6.

7. 8. 9.

ANSWERS:

1. MRS. CASE 4. MS. GIEGER 7. MRS. MILLER
2. MRS. C A P E 5. MR. WEBER
3. MRS. HENDZ 6. MR. MIRSKY 9. MRS. TWFORD

By: Paige Crawford
Worst at Google Meets
Mr. Hawkins
"I am good at being worst."

Most Athletic
Mr. Warnecke
"I have to get in the Heisman pose."

Most Likely to Bleed Black and Red
Mrs. Huson
"Give me an H!"

Coolest Car
Mr. Strong
"Woo hoo!"

The Funniest Staff
Mr. Weber
"I am honored to win this award."

Best Storyteller
Mrs. Beyer
"I love stories!"

Most Likely to Give a Pop Quiz
Mrs. Twyford
"I love giving pop quizzes!"

Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Student
Mrs. Cope
"I feel honored because I'm old."
Most Parent-Like
Mrs. Golder
"I think I am most parent-like because I yell at kids a lot."

Best Dressed
Mrs. Buss
"I would like to thank TJ Maxx and Marshalls for the nomination."

Best Hair
Mr. Lewis
"I think I messed it up after I brushed it."

Coolest Classroom
Mrs. Perkes
"It's hard to pick a favorite spot in my room because I try to change something every year."

Can Fix Anything
Mr. Lamp
"Thanks everyone."

Most Likely to Win Jeopardy
Mr. Uhls
"Thank the whole student body for voting me in."

Most Likely to Cure COVID-19
Mrs. Basden
"I love being a science teacher at HHS because even though I'm not actually going to find a cure for COVID-19, it is possible that I may be teaching someone who will someday."

Most Likely to Survive an Apocalypse
Mr. Holt
"I would go cannibal if I had to so I could survive."
HHS Faculty & Staff

Michael Barford
Liza Basden
Chris Becker
Tina Beyer
Amy Boscolo
Douglas Bradley

Dianne Buch
Stephanie Buchtel
Carrie Buss
Danielle Case
John Case
Amy Cope

Sandra Dant
Bruce Deibert
Christopher Durbin
Matt Elledge
Kirk Essenpreis
Kelsey Forsythe

Kristin Frey
Claire Geiger
Angela Germaglotti
Andrew Gibb-Clark
Christy Golder
Jody Hall

Joel Hawkins
Molly Hayes
Michele Heinz
Jennifer Hibbard
Ronald Holt
Cheryl Holtzclaw

Caleb Houchins
Christa Huelskamp
Kelsey Huson
Mary Jackson
Thomas James
Jami Jansen

Dawn Jones
Valerie Kimmie
Steven Konopka
Brenda Korte
John Lamp
Tara Lentz
Mrs. Wellen has worked in the Highland School District 21 years. When she retires, she plans on doing some traveling.

Mrs. Phillips has worked in the Highland School District for 20 years. When she retires, she is looking forward to focusing on her private practice and traveling.

At the end of the 2020-2021 school year, Secretary Cheryl Holtclaw transferred to Highland Elementary after 8 years at HHS. Thank you for everything, Cheryl. You will be missed!
Highland High School

The Year Freshmen
Proud

Strong

Dedicated

2020-2021

CHANGED

Supportive
"If you could have any superpower, what would it be?"
Freshmen

Jedidiah Humm  Hunsche  Hunter  Kalysta Hyre  Hunter Kapp  Tarryn Keeney
Laney Kelly  Adrianna Kennedy  Emma King  Trey Koishor  Elena Konradt  Claire Korte  Reese Korte  Zane Korte
Blase Kurwicki  Logan Lackey  Kyler Lake  Trista Lamm  Taylor Large  Alex LaRose  Kylie Lawhorn
Madey Leonard
Ava Lercher  Jacob Lewis  Phoenix Lewis  Harley Lightle  Kylene Lowry  Audrey Loyet  Kaden Loyet  Paul Lyons
Lauren Maas  Dallas Mancinas  Mackenzie Marshall  Brystin Martinez  Ashley McGee  Chase McGee  Chloe McTeer  Nicholas Meffert
Victoria Meffert  Bailey Mettler  Jonathan Meyer  Brandon Mifflin  Logan Mollet  Caitlyn Morris

"I would say the Ozarks because my Grandpa has a house there."

"Somewhere it's warm."

"Somewhere by a beach."

"Definitely Wisconsin."

"The Bahamas because the weather is nice and because I could tan and go scuba diving in the beach."

"If you could've been on COVID lock down anywhere, where would it be?"
"If you could speak any foreign language, what would it be?"

FRESHMEN

two thousand and twenty four

Highland High School

224 freshmen

Graduation MMXXIV

Class of TWENTY FOUR
HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL

Bulldogs

CLASS OF 2024
Highland High School

The Year Sophomores
"I would be a snickers because all the good stuff is in the inside."

If you were a candy bar, which candy bar would you be?
Sophomores

Emily Jansen  Joseph Jansen  Nyles Johnson  Alexander Jones  William Jones  Ryder Keelin

Gannon Keeney  Kylie Ketcham  Grayson Klucker  Timothy Koenig  Abigail Kopsic  Cole Korte  Gabriel Korte  Reece Kim

Kye Kruse  Tyson Kunz  Brooklynn Lackey  Benjamin Lamm  Adriana Lance  Kayla Larson  Taylor Lederman  Brodan Lee

Colton MacCachran  Gunnar Mackey  MariEva Mallrich  Riley Marsholt  Gage Markus  Megan Marshall  Jackson Massa  Joshua Men

David McFarland  Ryleigh McMillen  Bailey McPhillips  Julia McPhillips  Bryce Meacham  Ava Michael  Blake Michaelis  Avery Mile

Maci Miles  Aidan Miller  Jonathon Miller  Dana Mobley  Nathan Moore  Chloe Neumann

If you could've been in COVID lock down anywhere, where would it be?
"I would want to be stuck at the beach because it would always be warm."

"I would like to be quarantined in Florida."

"Lowkey quarantine at my house was not bad. I wouldn't mind another 3 month quarantine at my house. I really just played PS4 that's about it and it was fun."

"The lake because you can always have a good time there and you don't have to wear a mask."

"The beach."

"I would be on a sunny beach because wherever the sun shines you will too!"
What would you do with $1,000,000?

"I would split it into 3 portions. The first portion would go to my parents so they can enjoy living their lives. Second portion would go to investing towards the future, and the third portion would be being able to spend that money on others or myself."

"Go on a cruise for the whole summer with my friends."

"I would move to Florida on the beach and build a mansion."

"I would build a house for my mom and dad then give some of it to charity."

SOPHOMORES

two thousand and twenty three

Highland High School

217 sophomores

Graduation XXIII

Class of TWENTY THREE
"I would want to be quarantined in Mexico that way I could be at the beach."

"A beach somewhere so I'm not stuck in the house."

"My house because I have everything I need there."

"Florida because it's warm and fun."

"I would like to be quarantined in Florida because it is warm all year round."

If you could've had your COVID lock down anywhere where would it be and why?
"Hawaii because it's warm."

"I would probably want it to be at my Grandma's so I can eat whatever I want."

"I would pick Bali so I can live on the beach and off a diet of all the fruit that grows there."

"I would want to be quarantined at cheer camp because I got nothing better to do."

"If I could be quarantined anywhere I would want pick Seattle because it captured the same sort of essence that quarantine had."

"If I could be quarantined anywhere I would pick Florida so I could do my homework on the beach."

Aiden Daft
Baily Duncan
Payton Eddy
Julia English
Lilli Evans
Noah Fisher

Morgan Flench
Morgan Focht
Savannah Forehand
Elise Forys
Payton Foster
Rheaanna Fowler
Kenneth Foxworthy
Sky Freeman

Kennedy Freimann
Allison Fuller
Noah Galow
Rayanna Geilhausen
Lexa Gelly
Brooke Geromiller
Katrina Goth
Tyler Griesbaum

Keely Gruenenfelder
Shane Gruenenfelder
Breanna Habermehl
Greyson Habing
Lydia Hadwsky
Josie Hapack
Audrey Harris

Dominic Hayes
Hunter Hediger
Tiffany Hediger
Corrin Heilig
Abigail Heinemeir
Skylar Hengehold
Lauren Herman
Tyler Herman

Faith Hickam
Syler Hogg
Connor Hormann
Brody Huckleberry
Abigail Huelsmann
Lucas Hund
Bryce Iberg

Mia Berg
Beau Imming
Bryce Johnson
Juniors

Erik Jones  Livia Jones  Logan Kannall  Blayne Kapp  Aurora Kerbel  Brady Knackstedt
Bryce Knackstedt  Allison Koerkenmeier  Katrina Korsmeyer  Adam Korte  Chase Korte  Jarrett Kruse  Grace Kurtak  Tyler Kuz
Brooke Landmann  Mackenzie Landmann  Morgan Langendorf  Ansley Lelm  Gracy Levin  Danielle Little  Evan Loyet  Britin Malin
Mason Marcus  Gabriel Marti  Lydia Marti  Madalyn McCall  Nicholas McCallister  Keith Mcgarity  Braden McKinley  Tim Licol McLaughlin  Hal
Alexandria McReynolds  Bryce Mercer  Carissa Merkle  Jessica Miller  Rowan Milesen  Matthew Miscik  Benjamin Mitchell  Kyle Miller
Brooke Morgan  Owen Morris  Caden Newman  Chancellor Nicolaides  Chase Noeltner  Jacob Noll

"My hero is my dad because he has shaped me into the person I am today."

"My hero is my dad because he inspires me to work hard and not to slack off."

"Kathleen Hanna because she completely embraced a culture to be more accepting and spoke out about her beliefs."

"My dad because he always keeps a smile even though he works all the time."

"My hero is my future self because I try to focus on the future and look ahead to see where I could be a few years from now. So I work hard now to be better than yesterday in order to reach my goals."

Who is your hero, and why do they inspire you?
"Jon B, a YouTube fisherman, because he does what I want to do in my future."

"My biggest hero is my mom because she motivates me to do better and is always there to help me when needed."

"My middle school art teacher, Mrs. Sellers, is my biggest hero because she helped me out in a really hard time."

"My dad because he inspires me to work hard for everything I have to do and be."

"My biggest hero would probably be my brother because he has always been there for me and he always helps me with everything we go through."

"Great grandma is my hero, she would give her clothes off her back for anyone that needed it and she inspires me to be the best person that I can be."

John Nyquist  Logan Ostringer  Collin Oglesby  Joseph Oliver  Christian Osborn  James Osborne

Nahita Oswald  Hayden Oswald  Logan Oswald  Paige Overby  Meredith Owens

Nathan Owens  Cameron Pace  Isaiah Parsons

Isaac Pasley  Blaise Pearson  Karyssa Peterson  Skylar Phenix  Annabella Pike  Joseph Pinkel  Alicia Pitkin  Paige Podstawa

Dylan Pohl  Maecynn Poston  Vayda Ramsey  Allison Reiling  Elizabeth Rensing  Logan Rensing  Rebecca Reynolds

Brooke Braxton  Isaac Rieke  Logan Rinderer  Krista Rittenhouse  Alexander Roach  Addison Rode  Georgia Rose  Konner Sadler

Megan Spilmanza  Nicole Schmidt  Kade Schuepbach  Kevin Schuette  Kady Shaw  Zoe Shaw  Robert Stennett  Luke Stief

Nathaniel Strubinger  Emma Strubinger  Sage Thole
"If you could have dinner with anyone - dead or alive - who would it be and why?"
CLASS OF

2022

HIGHLAND BULLDOGS
Highland High School

The Year Seniors
2020-2021

CHANGED
SENIORS

Jaden Armstrong
Tegan Beard

"My favorite memories would be the bus rides to marching band competitions and soccer games."

Brennon Austin
Anne Beckemeyer

"What I am going to miss most is going to the pep rallies."

Julia Beil

"What I'm going to miss the most about HHS is FFA."

Macey Bergkoetter

Bailey Bircher
Jaxton Black

"My favorite memory was going to state junior and senior years for Golf"

Shelton Black

Jessica Borror

Jeffrey Blunt

Sutherland Allen
Tyler Arbogast

Sydney Basler

Jacob Brauns
"My favorite memory is being in Marching Band and being in my first halftime show."

Samuel Buck

"My favorite memory of high school was getting 'Best Dressed' with my bestie."

Sylvie Carroll

"My favorite memory is last year's football games when we didn't have to wear masks."

Marshall Chasteen

"My favorite memory was watching the football team block Triad's PAT and seeing Liam Gallagher score a touchdown."

William Cook

Nevaeh Brown

Steven Campbell

Mysaiah Chambers

Kaiwen Chen

Bailey Connors

Carter Connors

Taylor Bussett

Brandon Canterberry

Caleb Carter

Logan Chandler

Madeline Crawford

Brett Cull

Carter Dapkus
"My favorite memory from high school is the confetti throws at the home football games."

"My favorite memory from high school...the day Logan Oestrienger fell down the steps."

"What I will miss most is sporting events, like football games, and supporting the school."

"I'm going to miss talking to and seeing people every day."

"My favorite memory of high school was getting 'Best Dressed' with my bestie."
"My favorite high school memory was dressing up for homecoming week and winning one of the events."

"What I'm going to miss most about HHS...I'm going to miss my group of friends."

"What I'll miss most is how the teachers interact with the students to try to make the classes fun."

"What I'm going to miss most about HHS is seeing all of my friends."

"My favorite part of high school was the memories I made within FFA!"
"My favorite memory was doing all of the events for homecoming week junior year and the pep rally."

Audrey Habling

"My favorite high school memory is going to homecoming every year with my friends and having a blast."

Alexander Head

Nathan Houk

"My favorite memory is football games Junior year."

Brianna Helm

Hannah Hogshead

Natalie Houk

"My favorite high school memory is being in Deibert’s building trades class."

Rachel Henss

Tyler Holzinger

Trey Huckleberry

Olivia Hess

Karlie Hooton

Reilly Hug

Olivia Hawkes

Jada Hediger

Kylie Heldenbrand

Jacob Hoffman

Nathan Houk

Cody Howard
"I will miss seeing all my awesome teachers." - Reid Koishor

"My favorite memory would be when winning the sectional game against our conference rival, CM." - Eli Jones

"I'll miss seeing the friends I've made." - Corinne Kemper

"My favorite memory about high school is the overwhelming support from students and staff at Friday night football games when the band performs." - Claire Korte

"I'll miss looking at the stars with Brett." - Ashlynn Korte
"My favorite memory is lunch fights."

"I'll miss the good times and people I'm around."

"My favorite memory from high school was watching Officer Flake kiss a pig."

"I will miss all of my friends from high school and the parties and activities we do as a school."

"What I'll miss the most about HHS is the staff."
"What I'll miss most is hanging out with my cross country teammates."

"What I'll miss most is the bus rides coming home from winning a soccer game."

"What I'm going to miss most is sitting in my car in the mornings."

"What I'm gonna miss most is the teachers and the people."
"I think what I'll miss most is hanging out in the choir room."

Kayla Peery

"I am going to miss Connor Reinarman the most."

Amanda Penberthy

Evan Peterson

Maci Pfister

Jayce Powell

"My favorite high school memory would be the volleyball game during HOCO week last year."

Spencer Powers

Max Price

Joshua Prusa

Rylie Pugh

"What I'm going to miss most about HHS is accelerating Mr. Gibb Clark's brain aneurysm."

Hayden Quitmeyer

Brayden Ramsey

Zachary Ramsey

Cole Reed

"What I'll miss most is getting to see my boy Mr. Ron Holt."

Steven Reinacher

Connor Reinarman

Annie Reynolds

Tyler Richard
"My favorite memory was blowing up my engine."

"The thing that I will miss most is teasing Mrs. Buchtel every day."

"My favorite memory was getting to play volleyball for our HOCO week Senior year."

"I'm going to miss playing trombone with Tom Nyquist."

"What I'm going to miss the most is working at Bulldog Grounds."
"My favorite memory was football sophomore year."

"What I'll miss most about HHS will be the football games."

"My favorite high school memory was being on the track team."
"My favorite memory is when I got my big hit in the Civic Memorial game."

"My favorite memory is freshman year baseball when we used to make fun of the other teams."

"I'll miss having close connections with my teachers and seeing my friends every day."

"My favorite memory is the Madrigal junior year when I got to pick Spencer Powers up like a big baby over my shoulder and carried him through the middle school foyer."
"If I kindly gave someone my ear and they rejected it, I'd probably start eating yellow paint, too." -Sylvie Carroll

"See you all at the reunion."
-Neveah Brown

"It's a GRRREAT day to be a bulldog!!" -Reyna Boergerhoff

"Don't do anything I would do, and definitely don't do anything I wouldn't do. There's a little gray area in there, and that's where you operate." -Tony Stark, Spider-Man: Homecoming" -Caleb Stratton

"My sentence is up. I'm finally free!" -Annie Reynolds

"I don't like it when I get called a dumb blonde. Just because I'm dumb doesn't mean I'll always be blonde." -Jenna Duff

"Long story short, I survived (high school)." -Taylor Swift
-Hannah Geest

"ALWAYS FIND A WAY TO KEEP THE LAUGHTER IN YOUR LIFE." -ABBY BOWERS
"Don't be sorry, be better." - Tyler Holzinger

"The past is history. The future is a mystery. But today is a mystery. But today is a gift, that's why they call it the present." - Logan Chandler

"Hannah Montana said nobody's perfect, but here I am." - Vincent Ermer

"I'm a lot nicer than my 'walking to class' face. I promise." - Kayla Thompson

"One way or another, everything will work itself out." - Brent Stalcup

"Remember who you are and never change for anyone but yourself." - Vincent Ermer

"'Love with your heart, use your head for everything else.' - Captain Disillusion" - Quinton McReynolds

"We learn from failure, not success!" - Bram Stoker

"The office season 6, episode 16, 2:11, 'the only time I set the bar low is for limbo" - Paige Schaible

"Beginnings are usually scary, endings are usually sad, but it's what's in the middle that counts. So when you find yourself at the beginning, just give hope a chance to float up and it will." - Hope Floats" - Olivia Fowler

"The world isn't supposed to change you, you are supposed to change the world." - Rylie Pugh

"See it, Feel it, Trust it." - Evan Sutton

"Knock Knock 'Who's there' 'Shmiener' 'Shmiener who?' 'Shmiener out'" - Samantha Miener

"I would like to thank Google." - Andrew Snyder

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"If you don’t share someone’s pain, you can never understand them" - Jay Powell

"Win some ya lose some gotta come back like Bron did when he was down 3-1" - Kenneth Watkins

"Don’t let others tell you who you are." - Barbara Merguer

"I’m just too high maintenance for high school" - Alexia Edwards

"When nothing goes right... go left." - Anna Elkins

"Errr body loves the dream" - Alim Deva

"You can’t refund time, so spend it wisely." - Marshall Chasteen

"I don’t always graduate, but when I do it’s barely." - Amanda Kuhn

"Life goes on... time flies. Memories only stay..." - Savannah Graham

"Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don’t matter and those who matter don’t mind." - Kassidy Goth
"Keep Moving Forward" - Tj Hunt - Shelton Black

"You only need to know a few to make it through." - Michael Woodcock

"If you're scared to walk the plank, don't get on the pirate ship." - Connor Reinarman

"My senior year experience and Dr. Becker's finger have two things in common: a good chunk of it was lost, and it is a whole lot harder to get a grip on things." - Spencer Powers

"I knew exactly what to do in high school. But in a much more real sense, I had no idea what to do." - Michael Scott - Jack Geest

"They told me high school was gonna go by fast but I didn't know it was gonna go by in a zoom." - Kirsten Taylor

"Do your homework it helps." - Jeffrey Blunt II

"Sorry for being late to school but I got stuck enjoying my last few moments of not being at school." - Rachel Henss

"Have fun in your high school life, but make sure you are building a foundation to have a happy life later." - Justin Galligos

"Find your motivation, and it will take you where you want to go." - David Forys

"Run! (cross country :)"
- Easton Rosen
"I did my waiting! 12 years of it! In Azkaban!" - Sirius Black  
- Abbygale Koch

"What can I say about school? I laughed, I cried. It was fun, and now I'm done." - Tanille Thompson

"My life is just a bunch of it seemed like a good idea at the time moments."  
- Jessie Gilomen

"Guess what?"  
-Austin Shaw  
"Chicken Butt."  
-Jacob Rittenhouse

"High School went by faster than Lightning McQueen....Kachow."  
-Sydney Parkerson

"If I had a nickel for every time a deadly pandemic messed up my school year I'd have two nickels, which isn't a lot but it's weird that it happened twice."  
-Autumn Meyer

"Four years of education, countless memories, and I only have one thing to say: No. Mr. Dempsey, the fifth grade teacher, is not my dad." - Olivia Dempsey
"Grace steals the QOM* "unkudos"  
-Maggie Von Hatten

"I steal strava segments from Maggie."  -Grace Meyer

"IF YOU GUYS EVER WANNA SEE ME AGAIN... MAYBE I CAN BE YOUR THERAPIST ONE DAY #PYSCMAJOR :)
  - Maddie Noeltner

"I wish I could but I don't want to. Friends episode 1 season 1"  
-Jessica Borr

"I'm Tired."  -Carter Dapkus

"And that's high school, weird, messy, complicated, sad, wonderful, amazing, and above all epic"  - Elena Gilbert"  -Haylie Gombos

"An idiot with a plan can beat a genius without a plan."  
-Katie Steinwagner

"Grades don't determine how intelligent you are."  
-Liam Gallagher

"Euphoria, season 1, episode 8, minutes 40:21-40:34."  -Marissa Kleinhoffer

"ELJ/I, PEOPLE."  -Jaden Armstrong

"I could have dropped my croissant."  
-Lauren Fillingim

"Ask questions you won't regret it."  -Nathan Houk

Where's my Oscar for acting like I knew what was happening the last four years;  -Julia Beil
Cutest Couple That Never Was
Grace Meyer & Easton Rosen

Best Dressed
Kylie Erwin & Steven Campbell

Most Likely To Be Famous
Autumn Meyer & Mysaiah Chambers

Senior Superlatives
By: Jenna Fenton

Best Personality
Jeffery Blunt & Jordyn Fields

Biggest Flirts
Josh Prusa & Kiara Slattery
Best Shoes
Evan Peterson & Sam Miener

Mom and Dad
Bryce Iberg & Natalie Houk

Best Hair
Chloe Marti & Christian Kassay

Friends Forever
David Forys & Logan Vidmar

Best TikToks
Sydney Parkerson & Connor Reinaman

Most Likely to be President
Madelyn Walker & Eli Jones
Most Likely to be a Millionaire
Tucker Engelmann & Ashlynn Korte

Cutest Couple
Cody Howard & Kaylee Diesen

Most Athletic
Sam Buck & Bella LaPorta

Best Car
Hannah Hogshead

Most School Spirit
Paige Schaible & Tyler Holzinger

Life of the Party
Maddie Noeltner & Reid Thole
Worst Drivers
Hannah Wilkes & Alex Gilliam (not pictured)

Class Clowns
Tom Nyquist & Mady Fenton

Brainiacs
Claire Korte & Steven Reinacher (not pictured)
Abby Bowers & Grant Brinker

Best Mask Collection

Most Likely to be Caught Sleeping in Class
Tegan Beard & Carter Dapkus

Best Eyes
Austin Shaw
Anne Marie Beckemeyer
Wise Words

Caden Fears
"You only live young once."

Anne Marie Beckemeyer
"Instead of focusing on grades, focus on finding what you're passionate about."

Sutherland Allen
"Say no to drugs, say yes to pizza."

Maddie Ellis
"I believe that people should make a difference. We are human beings, we need to be treated like ones. Why don't you find hope? I want to make this school a safe place to go!"

Alim Deva
"Claim your spot in the parking lot."

Nathan Houk
"Just have fun."
Advice from the Class of 2021

By: Madison Fenton

Karlie Hooton
"Don't worry about what people think of you."

Reid Thole
"You can cheat your way through high school."

Jacob Hoffman
"Don't drive stupid in the parking lot."

Claire Korte
"Be nice to your teachers; they're there to help you."

Reid Koishor
"Minimize your friend group quick."

Tegan Beard
"Take it all in because the 4 years really do go by too quick."
Senior Cameron Mortland exclaimed that his least favorite thing about being a twin is that, "Abbey sets the expectations" and he always has to try and meet them.

When asked if they get along with each other, Seniors Joshua and Julia Loeh respond with, "For the most part." However, Julia also adds, "...but sometimes he makes fun of me."

When Senior Natalie Houk was asked if she could have a choice to be a twin or not if she would still choose to. She responded, "I would definitely still want to be a twin. It's a weird bond that I've never had with anyone else, and I feel like it would be odd to not have him in my life as a twin."

The senior class features TEN sets of twins!
Senior Ryan Riggs says, "My favorite part about being a twin is that I always have someone in my corner and someone to set me straight when I need it."

When asked about what his favorite part about being a twin is Senior Tanner Schranz responds, "They both know when something is wrong with one another because they can just sense that something is up."

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Twins, Twins, and More Twins!
By: Tatum Stock
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Senior Bailey Connors exclaims, "My favorite part about being a twin is how you connect like no one else can."

Seniors Brayden and Zachary Ramsey are fraternal twins.
On their last Friday of high school, the seniors took on the staff in volleyball during homeroom. They swept the teachers, winning all 3 games.

"As We Go On, We Remember...

Senior Christian Kassay jumps up to set the ball while his teammates, Sydney Parkerson and Olivia Wilke (12) wait for the play.

Seniors Alex Head and Josh Prusa go up for the spike while the staff team waits to block.

Don't Get Hit! By: Piper Myer

Many students participated in the senior water gun fight. This event was put together by students and spanned across the last month of senior year. In teams, the goal was to "hit" their target team by spraying them with water guns while attempting to avoid being hit themselves.

1. Catching him off guard, Senior Karlie Hooton "hits" Jake Brauns (12) while he plays golf

2. Showing off their team, Seniors Easton Rosen and Julia Loeh pose with their water guns

3. Senior Travis Roberts "hits" Gaige Ferguson (12) while in the parking lot

4. Attacking after practice, Audrey Habing (12) and her partner, Delanie Wutzler (12), "hit" one of their targets, Alim Deva (12)
The night before their last day of school, the seniors attended the first ever "Senior Sunset." Seniors were invited to the football stadium to hang with their friends, eat some food, and watch the sun set on their senior year. The event was organized and hosted by Mrs. Buchtel, Mrs. Case, and Mrs. Huson. While getting to socialize with members of their class under the stadium lights one last time, students enjoyed playing football, frisbee, and lawn games. As the sun went down, the countdown ticked down on the scoreboard until the sirens went off for the final time in honor of the class of 2021.

All the Times We Had Together

May 1st is National Decision Day, so our seniors celebrated by sporting their decision via t-shirts and hats on Friday, April 30th.

Back Row: Tom Nyquist, Paige Schaible, Lexie Korte, Claire Schultz, Alex Head, Logan Vidmar
Front Row: Claire Korte, Julia Loeh, Autumn Meyer, Julia Graham, Karlie Hooton
"The thing about new beginnings is that they require something else to end."
THANK YOU FOR READING

"We didn't settle for fine, we went for amazing" - Sam Miener

"Yeah I joined second semester, what about it?" - Paige Schaible

The 2021 Iris, Volume 101, was produced by the Highland High School in Highland, IL and was printed by Jostens in Clarksville, TN. Our Jostens sales representative was Mr. Trent Schauster, & our adviser was Kelsey Huson. This year was Mrs. Huson's first year as the yearbook adviser. Together as one, the yearbook staff chose the theme "The Year of Change." To go with our theme we decided to create a cover with a much more simplistic look. The idea of the cut out mask on the cover was to show one of the main differences that students had to endure this year, wearing a mask. The yearbook theme "The Year of Change" was produced using Jostens Yearbook Avenue, on Apple and Asus computers. Professional portraits were provided by Voegele Photography in Highland. Copies were pre-sold for $60.00. This year we chose to produce a summer yearbook; therefore, all activities in the spring will be featured into the book without a spring supplement needed.

We appreciate the faculty, staff members, coaches, parents, students, and community members who contributed to the success of this year's yearbook by providing photographs and information, including Voegele Photography & Rick's Pics. This yearbook was produced by students in the HHS yearbook club class. Each staff member was able to choose what pages they wanted to dedicate their work to. The editors created the layouts for each page and polished all pages before submission. Staff members were responsible for copy, captions, and photo selections on all pages. Our main goal this year was to provide fair and equal coverage for all aspects of school life. As a group we signed a contract to commit to coverage of every student possible.

There are some things over which we had little control, including some picture quality, changed or canceled dates, sports events or campus activities, students who missed both picture days and all make-up days. Consequently, any omissions or errors were accidental and in no way intentional on the part of the yearbook staff, adviser, or publisher. We apologize for any misspelled words, names, missing punctuation, or inaccurate credits to photo captions. We did our best, and we hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed creating this yearbook. Thank you for reading Highland High School's Iris for the last 101 years! Through the changes of this year, we are so happy we were able to cover it all, through the hard times and the good times.

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### Delaina Sigman

**Congratulations to Our Amazing Daughter**

We are beyond proud of your accomplishments and hard work. We hope you will continue to be a person who shows up day in and day out for those things that are important in life. There is no limit to what you can do. We will always believe in you. Go do great things, always set goals, and be who you want to be!

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Bill

### Sylvie Shyanne Carroll

We are so proud of our curly girl! You have brought tremendous joy to all of us. You are truly a star in our family. Your courage and resilience is amazing and your talent is beyond measure. We love you!

### Chloe Agnes

**Congratulations!**

Love,
Dad, Mom, and Gabe

### Joshua Prusa

**Congratulations!**

We are so proud of you. You have become an incredible person, we have loved watching you grow up. We can’t wait to see what you do next.

Love, Mom & Dad and Tyler

### Kyleigh Haller

**Congratulations!**

Another milestone down. It was a tough year but you did it! Love you baby girl!

Love, Mom
Jaxton Black

We've watched in amazement as you have grown into the person you are today. As your parents, you have always given us a reason to walk with our heads held high. We can hardly wait to see the success that will come your way in the future. As you continue your journey, stay true to who you are! Love Your Biggest Fans,
Mom & Dad

Alexis Mobley

Congratulations Alexis!

"Behind you are your memories; Before you are your dreams; Beside you, those who love you; Within you all you need"

We are so proud of you and ALL of your accomplishments!

Luv u bunches!
Dad, Mom & Dana

Logan Chandler

Greatest Kid. Ever. I’m proud of you for graduating high school, but I’m even more proud of you for growing up to be such an amazing person. Love Mom

“The greater danger for most of us lies not in setting our aim too high and falling short; but in setting our aim too low, and achieving our mark.”

Michelangelo

Nathan & Natalie Houk

Nate & Nat,
We are so very proud of both of you. Always remember to follow your gut, do good, and be kind!
Love you more,
Mom and Dad
xoxo

Mysaiah Chambers

Congratulations!

You have overcome so much in your life so far & we are certain that you are going to do amazing things.
Proverbs 3:5-6,
Dad, Mom, Sydney, Caleb, Bella & Sophie
Sydney Basler

Congratulations!

We are so proud of everything you have achieved. You’ve worked hard to reach your goals and now you are on your way to new adventures. Hold on to your dreams, embrace life with passion and keep reaching for your star. We know you will shine bright. We believe in you and love you very much.

Love, Mom and Dad

Ariana Mya Rucker

Congratulations!!

Ariana,

We’re so proud of you! You are now a Senior graduate. You believed you could so you did!

You have a bright future ahead of you. For God already knows the plans He has for you. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Continue to do what you love and love what you do!

We love you very much and we’re so proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad

Jenna Fenton

Congratulations, Jenna!

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished! We know you will do amazing things!

Love, Mom and Dad

Lexie Korte

Congratulations Lexie!

So proud of you and your accomplishments during a very strange senior year. Wishing you continued success at K.U. in the fall.

Class of 2021 strong!

Love, Mom and Dad

Brett Williamson

Congratulations Brett!

We are so very proud of the young man you have become & are excited to see what your future holds.

Love, Mom and Dad
Sydney Parkerson

We are so proud of you and we love you with all of our hearts. It's been a joy watching you grow up and we know you will do great things!

Love you so much,
Mom and Dad

Haylie Gombos

Congratulations!

Today you're a little bit Stronger, Tougher, Smarter, Patient and Better than you ever were before. You believed you could, and you did! So be proud of all the work you have done, the person you have become and the difference you will make. We Always Believed in You and we are so incredibly proud of you.

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain. Sweet girl, we hope you dance and never lose your sense of wonder!

We love you Lots!!
Mom, Dad and Hunter

Caleb Stratton

Congratulations Caleb!

"Success is not what you get by reaching your destination, but by who you have become by reaching it."

We're very proud of you,
Mom, Dad & Lauren

Madison Noeltner

Maddie,
We are so proud of the amazing young lady you have become. Your beauty shines on the inside and out. We are so excited to see what the future holds for you. The sky is the limit so reach for the stars.

Love,
Mom and Dad
Travis Roberts

Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!
Best wishes to you on your future!
Love, Mom, Dad, Blake & Whitney

Jessica Borror

Congratulations Jessica!
From K-12 you've always been "on the run". You're a wonderful young lady, and your family is very proud of you! Remember to always stay grounded, but reach for the stars!
Love,
Mom, Dad, Nick, and Kaitlyn

Andrew Snyder

Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!
We know that you will do great things.
Love, Mom and Dad

Tyler Hunter

Tyler,
From your wit to your work ethic, your protectiveness to your kindness, your humor to your humbleness, you have made us very proud.
You have everything inside that you need to become the man you were meant to be.
Love,
Mom and Dad
Congratulations Cameron and Abbey on your Graduation from Highland High School!

We are very proud of all of your accomplishments! You have become amazing young adults! We can’t wait to see what the future holds for both of you!

We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Connor

Eli Jones

Congratulations Eli!
Your drive and determination will take you so far in this life. We are proud of you!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mac, & Ben.

Cody Howard

Congratulations!
We are so proud of the hard working, and kind young man you have become. We can’t wait to see what great things you accomplish.

Love, Mom and Dad
Emma Rose Ruffini

Watching you grow from our cute little girl in pig tails into the beautiful and smart young lady you’ve become today has been a true blessing.

We are so very grateful and proud that you’re our daughter and little sister, Emma Rose.

You have everything you need for the journey ahead: faith, strength, compassion, determination, creativity and the love and support of your family. We look forward to watching you follow your dreams!

All our love,
Mom, Dad, Nick, Jack & Sarah

Karlie Hooton

Congratulations!

Be bold, be brave, listen to your heart, face challenges head on, have confidence in your decisions, and take risks carefully. Most importantly, always believe in yourself as much as we have always believed in you.

Love, Mom and Dad

Garret Roth

Congrats Garret!

Your success and accomplishments prove that you can achieve anything you set your mind to.

Have fun this summer and take advantage of every opportunity that comes your way in college!

Love, Mom and Dad
We are so proud of you, Jack & Hannah! To watch you become smart, kind, confident people is our greatest joy. You are off to do great things! ILL! We love you! Mom, Dad, & Nolan

Jenna Duff

Congratulations!

We are so proud of you and the young lady you have become. Keep on making us proud. We are excited to see what comes next for you!

Love, Mom and Dad

Corinne Michelle Kemper

Congratulations Corinne!

Your joy, strength, and brilliance has brought an immeasurable happiness to our lives. Wherever your path takes you, we will watch with wonder and anticipation for you to share it with us!

Love,
Mom, Dad, AJ, and Ivy
Bryce Iberg

Congratulations Bryce!

We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. It has been a pleasure to watch you grow into the capable and caring young man you are today. We are so excited to see where life takes you!

Love - Mom & Shaun

Grace Meyer

Grace,

We are so incredibly proud of who you’ve become and all you have accomplished.

Can't wait to see what your future holds.

Love- Your biggest fans!
Tyler Arbogast

Congratulations! We are so proud of you!

Dreams come true if you just believe. Stay motivated! Good Luck at College in Nebraska. We can't wait to watch your dreams come true and see you grow.

Love, Mom, Dad, Mike, Brooke, Zak and Mitchell

Abbygale Koch

Congratulations Abs...

We love you more than words can describe and we are so proud of all that you have accomplished in the last 4 years. The sky is the limit and we can not wait to see what your future holds.

Mom, Scott and Berkley

Piper Myer

Congratulations Piper!

You did it! We are beyond proud of you. Hard work pays off in so many ways. Remember that you can achieve anything in life. Stay fierce and remember to be true to yourself. Both the Air Force Reserve and the University of Iowa are lucky to have you. We cannot wait to see what you will do next! Best wishes to the class of 2021!

All our Love, Mom and Dad
Tyler Holzinger

Tyler, Someday you'll look back and think about the people and events that shaped your life. Now it's time for new adventures! We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what happens next!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Connor

Delanie Wutzler

We are so proud of you. It has been a joy to watch you grow into the person you have become. We know you have a bright future ahead of you! We love you so much, Dad, Mom, and Makenna

Rachel Henss

And then she's a SENIOR...
Almost as tall as you are...
As beautiful as ever...
And ready to fly...

So proud of who you are...
And excited for what's to come...

Love, Mom

Maggie Von Hatten

You're off to Great places!
today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So...get on your way!

Congratulations!
We love you!!

Shelton Black
Justin Galligos

We could not be more proud of the man you have become. There's a million things you haven't done and we can't wait to see them all.

Love, Dad & Paige, Mom & Rob, Orion, and Jackson

Hannah Norris

Congratulations!

We are so proud of you and can't wait to see what you do next!

Love, Dad, Mom and Maggie

Jordan Grieve

My wish for you is that you have the courage to take risks, the strength to be compassionate & the wisdom to be humble. Most importantly stay true to you!

Love you, Love me!

Tanille Thompson

You made it!

My dearest daughter, you have made my life a never ending roller-coaster ride and I wouldn't change a moment of it! I can't express the joy I feel seeing your hard work get you this far in life. Looking forward to what you have next to offer the world!

Love you to the moon and back, kid!

Mom
To my yearbook staff:
I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to be part of the staff for my first year as yearbook adviser, and I'm going to miss you all so much! I'm thankful for all of the hard work you put in this year, and I'm so amazed by the book you produced. I am proud of all of you, and I really hope you are all proud of yourselves. I know that each and every one of you will do wonderful things in the future. Shine bright, girls!

Love,
Mrs. Huson
2021

Congrats!

TO THE NEW GRADS

Best of luck on your new journey!
"We will derail your taste buds!"

"Congratulations! We wish you many more smiles in the years to come!"

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