"Theses are the best four years of your life. When you leave here, the things you will remember the most are the Friday night football games. This year the school as a whole has become much more unified; each grade level has shown increasing amounts of bulldog pride and dedication." - Sam Greene, 11

"Highland offers many different clubs that allow students to become involved. Clubs like FCA, FFA, FBBLA and many more prepare students for their futures. In Model UN we learn about world issues and how to debate them. We also eat donuts, drink coffee, and play on the McDonalds Play Place!" - Darrin Reinhardt, 12

"Whether it is homework, a test, or a chemistry lab, you get what you put into it. Learning is how we progress in life. We may not like what we're learning, but we persevere because knowledge is power, and laziness doesn't write inspirational quotes." - Luke Coring, 12
Being at Highland is amazing. There are so many people you meet and become friends with; the spirit days and all the activities make me feel like I am part of a family. My senior year was awesome because of how close the school is.”
- Maddie Wilke, 12

It is important to be involved in sports, because you learn how to work toward a goal with a group and accomplish that goal. Involvement in sports builds community at school, because even if you are not on a team, by supporting the team it brings everyone at HHS closer together.”
- Brendan Schrage, 10
"I like how we all come together as a school." -Tren
are at HHS is special." -Rece Portell, freshman
is cool how our school is a big family." -Kate
educationally engaging." -Naomie Day, freshman
"Anything is possible at HHS." -Brendan Sands, senior

STUDENT LIFE
Preuter, senior "The freedom to be who you can"

"I really like the lunches here" -Michael McGill, junior "I think it

Katherine Maxwell, sophomore "The teachers are

What makes HHS special is all the after school activities." -Abigail Rogier, freshman

Student Life
Teachers strike for the first time in Highland history.

Power outage leaves Kirchenfest in the dark.

Hot peppers ignite the school.

Lip dub advertises HHS on the world wide web.
Hunter Rain Boots

TRENDS

Bubble Vests

Flannel Shirts

Alex and Ani

Nike Roshes

White Nike Socks

Gas Prices Fell

Remember When
Luke Thomae jams out on the drums and earns his fellow competitors' votes. His stellar performance won him the Contestant's Choice award.

Backstage, Trevor Langhauser, Grant Geppert, and Hunter Coker practice their opening dance moves a few minutes before the show.

The Hype Crew goes crazy as Nick Czar, 12, raps original lines featuring his fellow classmates.

As a member of the lumberjack club, Clint Rielson's sportswear represents his sponsor.

The sixth annual Mr. Irresistible contest was held September 10, 2014 in the elementary school auditorium. The Drama Club sponsored the show to raise money for future plays. The senior boys showed off their irresistible talents and qualities. The four female judges were current students at Breese Central and Triad. The 18 boys were judged in a series of three categories. After the group dance, the boys modeled their sportswear and tried to win over the judges with gifts. Digging deep down to find their inner talents, the contestants performed in front of the audience and judges for three minutes. Mrs. Kloss then directed them to “fancy up” for the formal wear event. Finally, the contestants were narrowed down to the top seven and were then asked interview questions. After voting and tallying the scores, Riley Zimmerman and Nick Czar were the runners up and Cole Landmann was announced the winner of both Mr. Irresistible and the People’s Choice.

by mireille beaubien & jordyn grawe

Jordan Comish, 12, sings his rendition of “You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch” in the talent portion of the competition.

“M my mom always said I was irresistible; I guess she was right.”

Cole Landmann, 12
Homecoming Dance

The theme for this year's annual homecoming dance was "Midnight in Morocco." This year was the third year the dance was the first event of homecoming week, but with the help of Mrs. Liza Basden, Mrs. Tina Beyer, and the members of student council, the dance ran smoothly. Student council members spent countless hours with other student volunteers transforming the gym into a Moroccan night complete with a moon, stars, and sparkling minarets. Students arrived and filled the gym at 7:30 pm, waiting for coronation to begin at 8:00 pm. During coronation, class officers of each grade announced the students selected by the student body to represent their grades. Emily Deichmann and Cole Landmann were crowned queen and king. After coronation concluded, the students filled the dance floor, eager to get their night officially started. The students enjoyed the variety of music the DJ played and glow sticks that were passed around for students to wear during the dance. When the DJ played the last song, Time of Your Life by Greenday, the seniors embraced in a heartfelt group hug.

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Senior Dylan Spencer, dives into an enthusiastic crowd of students at the homecoming dance in the high school gym. Crowd surfing was a popular way for teenagers to celebrate.
Breanna Hediger, 11, Kevin King, 11, and Katie Good, 9 take pictures before heading off to Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton for dinner. Kevin said, “Homecoming was so fun! I had a great time with my friends and dinner was amazing.”

Freshmen, Raven Miranda and Tyler Zobrist pose arm in arm in their red dresses. Red proved to be a very popular color choice this homecoming. “The DJ was really good and I liked the songs he played. I hope next year is just as fun” said Raven.

Seniors, Logan Geiger, Maggie Keeven, Matt Augustin, Kaylee Baer, Taylor Wendler, and Crystal Beckman, stop to take a selfie during the night.

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FRESHMAN COURT

Cameron Altadonna, Kallie Painter, Claire Pabst, Stephen Schniers.

SOPHOMORE COURT


JUNIOR COURT


HOMECOMING COURT

King & Queen
Cole Landmann & Emily Deichmann

Special Maid & Special Escort
Michelle Ferguson & Eric Melosi
Following the homecoming dance, the student body continued the excitement with a week of class competitions that kicked off with "Clique Day." Each grade dressed like a specific clique; seniors were nerds, juniors were jocks, sophomores were goths, and freshman were preps. That night, students built their class floats. Tuesday's dress up day was "Salad Dressing." Seniors wore togas to represent Caesar dressing, juniors wore Ranch attire, sophomores dressed as Italians, and the freshmen wore 1000 Island clothing. The powder puff game took place that night, where the seniors pulled out a win. Wednesday, each class supported "Class Colors Day" with seniors in black, juniors in red, sophomores in blue, and the freshmen in green. The seniors went undefeated, winning the best float for the fourth year in a row at the parade. Holiday spirit was everywhere on Thursday when seniors wore Christmas sweaters, juniors wore July fourth red, white, and blue, sophomores wore St. Patrick Day green, and freshmen wore Valentine's Day colors. The juniors defeated the freshmen for a second year at the power volleyball game. At the pep rally on Friday, each class sported bulldog gear to get ready for the win against Civic Memorial that night.

What was the best part of the pep rally?

"My favorite part was the tug-o-war, but I thought Justin Twyford, 11, was funny during the court dance."

Justin Melosi, 9

"My favorite part was when the court members danced. Senior Claire Litzenberg's, moves were on point."

Jordan Medina, 12

by jenna spies & mckenzie rosen
Freshmen: 60
Sophomores: 80
Juniors: 120
Seniors: 145

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Members of the drum line, Luke Thomae, 12, Robert Jacobs, 11, Cally Callahan, 11, Lexi Korte, 11, and Patrick Holcomb, 9 play the school song to begin the homecoming week assembly.

by jenna spies & mckenzie rosen

LETS GET PEPPEP UP

Homecoming Pep Rally

To wrap up homecoming week, the school rallied together in preparation for the big football game against Civic Memorial. The pep rally was held Friday, October 3rd, following the dance. Football cheerleaders started the assembly by performing an exciting routine. The class cheers followed, adding to the energy. After a tie between the juniors and seniors, a rematch resulted in a senior cheer win. Next up, was the competitive tug-o-war contest where the juniors pulled out a close victory over the seniors. Twelve male senior athletes also performed a mash up with the help of the Varsity Dance Team. Continuing the humorous performances, all of the court members were called down to the floor. They were asked to dance to a variety of music genres as Ms. Beyer judged each couple. Rounding out the assembly, the football captains executed a new play they planned to do at the game later that night. Performing the school song, the band and cheerleaders ended the pep rally with spirit.
Joe Range, 12, prepares to hike the ball during a play demonstration. That night the team used the same play to beat Mascoutah.

Seniors, Logan Geiger and Maggie Keven dance to the YMCA song, with the rest of the court members during the dance off.

Junior class officers along with a few fellow classmates, work together to defeat the seniors in the tug-of-war championship.

Reid Aebischer, 12, begs Ally Becker, 10, to dance with him. Athletes performed with the Varsity dancers to a mix of pop songs. This routine has become a favorite tradition.

Football cheerleaders execute a stunt at the beginning of the assembly. The girls split up by class to lead their peers in the cheer contest.
"The best part about the fall play was our new director, David Whitacre. He made us work, but still incorporated fun into our practices."

Emily Wiegand
2014 proved to be a defining year for thespians at HHS. Under their new adopted name “The Crimson Masques,” the troupe of actors, led by David Whitacre, staged the comedy *The Iliad*, *The Odyssey*, and *all of Greek Mythology in 99 Minutes or Less*. The play, which was two acts, featured veteran stars including, Zachary Wesselman, 12, Emily Dant, 12, Emily Wiegand, 11, Parker Wroebbel, 11, Samuel Frederickson, 12, Katie McGlasson, 10, and Kristy Hindman-Cook, 10. Also, Alicia Burris, 12, was stage manager. Cathleen Yung, 12, and Josh Moore, 9, were readily accepted into the world of theatre. "I didn't expect it to be so much fun. This is the first time I've ever been involved with anything like this; it's not really my thing, but it was an amazing experience," said Yung. The corny comedy featured cardboard swords, bedsheets as togas, and a multitude of one-liners. This gave an overall impression of carefree entertainment which merited a standing ovation at all three performances. Show nights were Thursday, November 6th, Friday, November 7th, and Saturday, November 8th. Doors opened at 6:30 in the evening, with performances lasting from 7:00 to 9:30, just under the 99 minute time constraint.

**Fall Play**

by kylie burdick and megan hundsdorfer

"Achilles sat in his tent a lot" Parker Wroebbel, of his character, Achilles, who is pictured sitting in his "tent" while Katie McGlasson, 10, as Odysseus pleads with him.

Senior, Emily Dant and Junior, Katie McGlasson demonstrate the proper wrapping of a bed sheet toga during a costume change between acts on Thursday night's show.

Katie McGlasson, 10, pleads to the audience as Tiresias the blind prophet during a dress rehearsal.

Kate McGlasson, 10, and Emily Wiegand, 11, banter about during Act One as Apollo and Demeter, while Parker Wroebbel, 11, makes a quick costume change to Zeus in the background.
In a matter of hours, volunteers turned our school cafeteria into a theater fit for a king...and a princess, and it became the setting for the 2014 Madrigal Christmas Dinner. The singers dressed in 15th century gowns and tunics. These costumes were ornate and usually hand sewn. Also, many of the actors were part of this group for multiple years. Ben Leman, 12, said, “These past four years of madrigals have shaped my high school career on the levels of friendship and the performing arts.” The Christmas dinner was the choir’s main performance and they took time to show case their skills in acting, singing, and dancing. Madrigal singers began song rehearsals in August. The dinner was hosted by Choir Director, Rueby otherwise known as Mrs. Ruebhausen. Amanda Graves, 11, said. “You're busy all the time. Each show is humorous and there's always variety so people can relate. Along with very random things that are really out there, we're like a family, and Ruby is like everyone’s Mama.”

by katy daiber and kylie burdick

Both Madrigal and Chamber choirs stand at the front gates of the Renaissance Festival grounds in Kansas City. Freshman, Sophia Sterzl-McMullen said, “I was excited and worried about preforming. But overall, my favorite parts of Ren Fest were when people asked to take pictures with me. Also, as a fairy, children flocked around me, asking questions. The fire blowers were cool, too.”

Senior, Jordan Comish and Junior, Pacey Perez enthrall the audience with a harmonious tune. The Madrigal singers charmed the audience with many songs about love, food, and drinking. Near the end of the show, the songs shifted to Christmas carols since the Madrigal Dinner was held in December.

Lord Northumbuland, played by Cullin White, 12, wields a bow against Lord Luchious, Darrin Reinhartd, 12. He defends the tricky gypsies who have been known to steal rolls, jewelry, electronics, and generally stir up trouble during the dinner.
Raising their arms to the mural depicting Mary and the baby Jesus are the madrigal actors at the conclusion of their dance. The princess created a distraction when she gathered all actors and asked them to perform the Pavane, a slow processional couples dance often used as a display of elegant dress. The Pavane's basic movement consisted of forward and backward steps; the dancers rose onto the balls of their feet and swayed from side to side.

While spectators enjoyed the feast, sideline actors such as the faeries, gypsies, and townspeople interacted with guests by putting on dances, telling jokes, selling roses, or competing in handstand competitions. Here, the faeries of all seasons and elements celebrate with a joyous, airy dance.

At the start and halfway peak of the dinner, madrigal actors involve the guests by teaching and performing the town dance with live music. The town dance was led by Junior, Parker Wrobbel, with the accompaniment of Senior, Cullin White.
Coffee House Cabaret

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Ms. Romero assigned a research paper due on Monday, you...

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"It's important to study. If you study you will be successful and love Mrs. Barr. She helps me get through wisely, I am being challenged more this year than any other year. But, I services.

senior  "I like how HHS offers Ag classes." - Kali B.

like a challenge." - JD Wellen, sophomore
"I just really like my class." - Tricia Hug, junior

"Academic here will make the transition to college easier." - Bailey Leitschuh, Hutz, freshman

"Chemistry is a challenge, but I am definitely academics." - Mason Lee, senior
Many course options were needed to help students graduate, and the Math Department offered many choices. HCUSD required a minimum of three years of math credits to graduate, but four years was recommended because some colleges and universities would not accept a student with only three math credits. If students chose to take the regular path, they could take Algebra I as a freshman, geometry as a sophomore, Algebra II as a junior, and pre-calc as a senior. If they felt a little more daring, they also had the option of taking honors math classes. They could even take statistics as a senior which was a math elective. The teachers in the math department included Mr. Uhls, Mrs. Ayer, Mr. Misick, Mrs. Duncan, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Uhls. They worked with the students to make sure that everyone understood what they were learning and kept up with the rest of the class as the year went on. When asked what was his favorite part about being in Mrs. Ayer's Algebra II class, senior Taylor Hohl said, "It's my favorite class because I love math, and it is my last period of the day."

by megan hundsdorfer
Science Department

Students, enrolled in science classes at HHS, were taught a wide variety of concepts. From exciting curriculum to hands-on labs, they learned by having fun. Freshmen could choose to take Honors Biology I or Integrated Science, while sophomores had the options of Honors Chemistry I or Biology I. Junior year, students took Chemistry I or II, Anatomy and Physiology, or AP Biology. Seniors took classes such as Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, Physics I, or Anatomy and Physiology. Much of what the students learned in science class could be applied to the real world due to common core standards. When asked her favorite class to teach, Mrs. Hirsch said, “Anatomy, because it helps prepare students for their collegiate life, and they also learn a lot about themselves.” The students were taught a wide variety of concepts such as: learning the parts of the body and all of its functioning systems, how different substances react with each other, and the components of a cell. Audrey Kosydor, 11, said, “My favorite lab was when we put methane bubbles in our hands, lit them, and held actual fire.”

by jordyn grawe

Eric Powell, 9, adds cabbage juice, a universal indicator, to vinegar. In Mrs. Simmons’s Integrated Science class, the students conducted an experiment to tell if substances were acidic by adding cabbage juice to substances. They found that when it is neutral, it is a purplish color; if an acid is poured into it, it will turn reddish. If a base is added, it turns blue or greenish.

Jenna Melosi, 12, takes part in a Chemistry II flame test lab in Mrs. Simmons’s class. The color emitted by an element heated in a flame is unique to each element. Therefore, the colors observed when a substance is heated in a flame can be used for identification of the element. The metal Jenna tested was copper.

As the third athlete in event four of Mrs. Basden’s Mole Olympics, Mitchell Duncan, 12, quickly does 25 jumping jacks while his teammate, Ben Foppe, 12, cheers him on. The athletes raced to complete six sit ups, two side steps, 10 push ups, and 25 jumping jacks to help them remember that 6.02 times 10 to the 23rd power is Avogadro’s Number.
Sophomores. Nathan Peery, Caleb Denby, Emma Moos, and Nicole Beaubien study in partners for an Exploration test they have to take in Ms. Beyer’s AP European History class. Advanced Placement European History was a sophomore class where students earned college credit. This class covered a variety of information about the different countries in Europe.

Michelle Ferguson, 12, works on a “Selfie” packet. She had to answer questions and find ten main points from an article about “Selfies,” in Mr. Strong’s sociology class. Sociology was one semester and only offered to seniors.

Mr. Houchins fills in for Mr. Holt’s economics class. He explains a lesson from the book while the class takes notes. The class is learning how to compare and analyze different charts and graphs including pie charts, scatter plots, and line graphs. In economics, the class also learned how to manage money and interpret different stocks. Economics was an elective offered to sophomores, juniors, and seniors.

History Department

Fourscore and seven years ago, the History Department was added to Highland High School. Not really, but the department offered classes including AP Economics, World History, American History, AP European History, and many more. These classes and optional electives were taught by Ms. Beyer, Mr. Strong, Mr. Weber, Mr. Bradley, Mr. Houchins, and Mr. Hawkins. In order to graduate, a student needed at least two history credits, which could be obtained freshman and junior years from mandatory classes or from electives that could be taken anytime. The mandatory history class that each student must take his freshman year was World History, and during junior year all students were required to take American History. Students were allowed to take as many history classes as they wanted. Popular classes for seniors were psychology and sociology taught by Mr. Strong. Psychology attracted students because a hypnotist visited the class and hypnotized volunteers. Mr. Strong said, “Sociology and psychology makes students think outside the box.”

by ben menke
Seniors, Julia Dillow, Taylor Prusa, and Mackenzie Kleinmann, work on their College Application Essay Portfolio in Ms. Kloss's composition class. Each student wrote a total of four essays chosen from a list of given prompts. After completing each essay, students were put into peer editing groups and received grades on their comments and constructive criticisms.

by sarah dvorak

In Ms. Swank's English III class, Amelia Garde, 11, revises her letter to a student in Africa. Each student spent a great amount of time composing and editing their pieces before each was sent to their Kenyan pen pals. This experience allowed students to be exposed to a different culture and way of life, as well as work on their written correspondence skills.

Freshmen, Patrick Holcomb and David Dvorak, listen attentively as Ms. Romero reads a play during their Literature of the Holocaust class. Each student was given a part to recite in order to bring alive the rendition of a Jewish family relocated to a concentration camp during the Holocaust.

English Department

For graduation, students needed to earn four English credits. With many standard English classes, as well as a variety of electives, obtaining enough credits was not difficult. To earn dual credit for college, courses such as Composition and Public Speaking were popular options. This year the teachers in the English Department spent a great deal of time during the summer and after school realigning all lessons to the Common Core Standards, in order to better serve and educate all students. The Common Core may account for some added stress to students and teachers, but Mrs. Kloss, an English II and composition teacher, said "The increasing rigor will only benefit students in the long run and prepare them for college by constantly encouraging higher order thinking." But the English Department knows how to have fun too, with elective classes such as Greek Mythology, Creative Writing, and Yearbook. Also, this year marked the last for a favorite HHS English teacher, Ms. Swank, who was well known and loved by many students. Ms. Swank said, "What I will miss the most is how much I learn from my students by simply seeing and hearing the way they think; it's inspiring. These people are the future of our country, and getting to be a part of their education was a privilege."
All Spanish classes ranging from Spanish I to A.P. Spanish IV were taught grammar, vocabulary and culture. Spanish class also enjoyed of various activities including a Day of the Dead skeleton building project. Also Mrs. Twyford's Spanish II class put on a fashion show using their vocabulary to describe outfits. Mrs. Deets SWIC Spanish III took a field trip eve to Fiesta Brava restaurant where the students and waiters only communicated using Spanish. Also, Mrs. Twyford's class required a "password" to enter or exit the room which helped with pronunciation. Spanish I and II focused heavily on learning new vocabulary and conjugations. Then students use the vocabulary learned from Spanish I and II, and apply it to SWIC Spanish III and IV where the focus was on pronunciation. They practiced pronunciation and speaking fluently by giving many oral presentations. The A.P. Spanish students work diligently all year to earn college credit by passing the A.P. exam at the end of the year. Spanish teacher Mrs. Twyford said, "Spanish is the fastest growing language in the United States today; it is exciting to see students' faces when they learn the language."

by allison young

ME GUSTA ESPAÑOL

Spanish Department
A variety of Business classes were offered at HHS, ranging from Desktop Publishing to Consumer Education. New to the business department was Mrs. Heinz, who used to be a frequent substitute teacher, but this year took on all of the accounting, Microsoft Word and Powerpoint, and Computer Concepts classes. Mrs. Heinz said, "I enjoy teaching accounting because it gives my students real life skills that after just one year in that class, they can take to a local business and easily do the books for a small company." Also, there was an increase in volume of computer classes available to students this year, and Introduction to Computer Programming was added as a semester course. Another semester long class was Microsoft Word and Powerpoint, which taught students useful skills they were able to apply in other classes, and they earned dual credit at SWIC. Students interested in going beyond the offered business classes joined the Future Business Leaders of America, a club run by Mrs. Perkes. FBLA introduced its members to all types of business scenarios ranging from small companies to corporate enterprises. President Joe Range, 12, said, "I would've been lost without FBLA. It's my whole life and I love it with all my heart."
The Family and Consumer Science Department offers Foods I and Foods II, Child Development, and Adult Living. These classes gave students the opportunity to learn real world skills. Mrs. Dawn Jones taught all of the courses offered in this department. Foods I and II was offered to freshmen through seniors where they were taught not only to prepare and cook meals, but correct kitchen sanitation and dining manners. Periodic cook-offs gave students a chance to be the best chef in their class. In Child Development, freshmen and sophomores were allowed to take home a mechanical baby for a weekend. They experienced what day-to-day life was like with a child. During class, students learned to care for the baby by practicing to change it and feed it. Adult Living was a class for juniors and seniors. Students learned common skills needed to operate a household for a family. They planned for their future careers, weddings, and family life. "These classes are important because they prepare our students for the future," said Mrs. Jones.
The Physical Education Department offered a course for students of all grades. A typical class period included a warm up jog, stretching, and an activity. The class completed a variety of stretches followed by push ups and sit ups. Throughout the year, students participated in multiple units including volleyball, hockey, basketball, dodge ball, whiffle ball, mat ball, pickle ball, tennis and archery. The students got ready for each unit by working on the fundamentals such as passing, form, and rules. They then finished the unit by playing each other in games and tournaments. Katie Etter, 9, said, "My favorite part of PE was free days! I got to hang out with my friends while passing a volleyball or walking up top." Mr. Mark Geppert, Mr. Jim Warnecke, Mrs. Jodi Hall, Mr. Matt Elledge, Mrs. Molly Hayes and Mr. Bob Vance were the teachers in this department.

by jenna spies

During a hockey game, Dylan Spencer, 12, and Cody Bentlage, 12, fight for the puck while Griffin Welz, 11, is ready as goalie to stop the shot. After learning proper form for holding the stick and shooting a goal, the class participated in a scrimmage game.

Kirsten Plocher, 9, does her ten push ups which are an every day activity. The goal of the PE teachers was to help students gain strength, flexibility, and endurance.

Tristan Buss, 9, questions a call during a pickle ball round robin tournament. His class learned the rules and how to serve before the tournament. Each student got to pick a partner and compete against each other.
The Engineering Department offered many classes. Most of them used engineering, math, and science skills to solve complex problems. Morgan Sikora, 12, said, "I am going to Missouri S&T next fall to major in engineering. Being involved in the department during my high school career has really prepared me for what I am going to be doing in college and more. I'll be able to carry over things I have learned in the class to what I will be doing for my life and career after college as well." The teachers of the Engineering Department stressed the importance of being able to use real world skills in their everyday class work. A project that was a crucial part of their class was the creation of a 3D block puzzle. Using a protractor, students sketched the shapes in their lined, engineering notebooks. This project helped them to visualize the different forms that the blocks could make. Above the board in the classroom was the phrase, "Design Your Future." The teachers and students of all the engineering classes strived every day to design creatively and live up to the inspiring phrase displayed in their classroom.

by haydan fahrenholtz
Lane Rinderer, 11, works on a drafting project during his Industrial Education II class taught by Mr. Schmitz. This project taught students how to properly draw a floor plan for houses and other buildings.

Together, Anthony Huelman, 11, and Kyle Whittaker, 9, splice three wires during their Industrial Education class. Working with wiring was just one part of the class that included welding, blueprinting, and woodworking.

by jacob gill

OUT IN THE COUNTRY

AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Within the Agriculture Department, students chose to take Introduction to Agriculture, Welding I and II, Industrial Education I and II, Pre-Vet, Agriculture Machinery, Physical Science Application in Agriculture, Floral Design, and Agriculture Science. These classes taught students trade skills and gave them hands-on experience with machinery. Industrial Education I and II taught students blueprinting, electrical principles, welding, and woodworking. In Pre-Vet class students learned about animals and veterinary techniques. Welding I and II taught students advanced welding skills, while offering college credit to underclassmen. "These classes help prepare my classmates and me for our future careers in the agricultural field," said Justin Gill, 10. Some seniors worked during the day in Co-Op class through the Agriculture Department. Ag Business Management was a favorite class for many students who bought and sold Ski soda during the class. Mrs. Barr, Mr. Jones, and Mr. Schmitz were not only teachers, but mentors to the students because they taught through experience.

During his Introduction to Agriculture class, Mr. Schmitz explains the guidelines of FFA and has students go through procedures that take place during an FFA meeting. Many of the students who took part in an Agricultural Class were members of the FFA.
After Marching Band ended, auditions were held for Symphonic Band and Concert Band. Mr. Trent Mason directed Concert Band, and Mr. Chris Wilson directed the Symphonic Band. For try outs, each set of instruments was given a scale and part of a piece of music to preform. Each musician was assigned a number. When his number was called, he preformed his music for the two directors who were blind folded. The two directors then conferred before making their final selections. Leah Erickson, 11, said, "My favorite part of band is how fun and unique the music is." The band worked on two pieces for the winter concert called *A Christmas Festival* by Leroy Anderson and *Of Sailors and Whales* by W. Francis McBeth. To showcase their talents, both bands performed three pieces each at an all school assembly. Senior, Kylie Burdick said, "The best feeling is after a performance and knowing you personally and as a whole exceeded expectations." Both Symphonic and Concert Bands participated in the O'Fallon IHSA Organization Contest. Selected band members played the Mississippi Valley Conference and the Symphonic Band also competed at Illinois State University in Normal, IL.

**by jenna spies**
During the morning rehearsal, Danielle O'Connell, 12, practices perfect posture and pitch with other choir members. The Chamber and Madrigal Choirs did a ten minute warm up before practicing their songs for the Christmas Concert in December.

by kylie burdick

BABY GET BACH?

Chorus Department

The Chorus Department was divided into three different choirs which consisted of Madrigal Choir, Chamber Choir, and Mixed Choir. All three choirs were directed by Mrs. Lori Ruebhausen. The Madrigal and Chamber Choirs traveled to Kansas City, Missouri to sing in the annual Renaissance Festival. In December, the Madrigal and Chamber Choirs held a dinner for the school taking the audience back in time to the Renaissance. The show was entitled *A Princess, a Pinchpenny, and a Pensionary Pickle*. The princess threw a party while the king and queen were away and then was audited for overspending. Darrin Reinhardt, 12, said, "This show depicts the socioeconomic class and its relevance to modern America." The choir had morning rehearsals and after school rehearsals in preparation for the Madrigal Dinner and winter concert. All three choirs, Madrigal, Chamber, and Mixed, competed in the O'Fallon IHSA Organizational contest and selected members sang in the Mississippi Valley Conference. Both were held in the spring.
Marching Band and Color Guard

The long hot summer days spent marching on the football field were worthwhile for the Color Guard and Marching Band. These practices, along with before school and after school practices every Tuesday and Thursday, prepared them for the season ahead. At practices, the Color Guard usually performed their work and drill sets with the band. This year was different than previous years because the Color Guard did not practice on their own; they became a part of the band, rather than two separate groups. This helped them earn many trophies because they worked together as a team. Under the direction of Mr. Chris Wilson and Mr. Trent Mason, the Marching Band enhanced their theme of "Journey into Darkness" with new marching movements. The Marching Band and Color Guard competed in four competitions this year. They traveled to Eastern Illinois University, The University of Illinois, Effingham High School, and Newton High School. A major accomplishment of the Marching Band and Color Guard was placing third at the U. of I. against schools all across Illinois. Wilson said, "It was a successful season for so many good reasons."

How do you feel when you perform?

At first, seeing the hundreds of people in the crowd is nerve racking, but then it becomes enjoyable. -Dacoda Riechmann, 9

The roaring of the crowd and the music brought joy to my heart and made me feel alive. -Dylan Sparrowk, 12
At the annual Highland Switzerfest Parade, the Marching Band and Color Guard strut up and down the city streets. The Switzerfest was held in June.

At this competition at Eastern Illinois University, the Marching Band and Color Guard placed 6th.

Waiting for musical direction under the summer sun are the clarinet and flute sections.

Jessica Andrews, 11, tosses a saber in the air at Eastern Illinois University during a competition. "I feel like I lose myself in the performance every time I get a chance to perform on the field. I know that it's a time for me to show the crowd. It's what I love to do," said Andrews.
"Art class is the only way I get through the day. If I didn't have art, I might not take the rest of my classes seriously," said Abby Ermer, 9. Art I and II, painting, ceramics, Advanced Drawing, and AP Art were taught by Mrs. Laura Wander. Students learned about line, value, composition, and more. Select seniors took AP Studio Drawing where they created 24 independent projects throughout the year. "Free Draw Fridays were great for gesture and developing individual styles. Although AP is the most rigorous, students show the most growth over the course of the Advanced Drawing class," said Mrs. Wander.

by katy daiber

Madelyn Feldt, 11, dabs yellow paint onto her self portrait. "We are studying Chuck Close who did large scale portraits with his fingers instead of paint brushes," said Feldt.

On "Free Draw Friday," the Advance Drawing class created still lifes to gesture draw in a half an hour. Junior, Madelynn Shively, sketches in pen what she observes in the still life across the room.

Painting III student, Miranda Weiss, 12, paints a still life of a sweater and perfume bottle. "I take art to become a future fashion designer. Painting class is one of the classes I'm excited to go to everyday," said Weiss.

Art Department

DRAW, PAINT, CREATE
Drivers Education

"It's a joy to teach students skills that they will use from the rest of their lives," said the Drivers Education teacher, Mr. Elledge. This year for a field trip, the two Drivers Ed classes went to a Youth Drivers' Convention in Collinsville, Illinois. At the convention, the students learned driving tips while doing hands on activities. When the students received their driving permits, they had to drive six hours for Behind the Wheel with either Mrs. Hirsch, Mr. Hirsch, Mr. Elledge, or Mr. Durbin. The students had to drive ten hours at night time, 50 hours total before receiving their drivers' licenses. They also had to pass a written test. Drivers Education helped students learn the rules of the road and safe driving techniques.

by brianna becherer

Mr. Elledge teaches his third hour class the rules of road to help prepare the students for Behind the Wheel. Elledge said, "Students must know the rules before they can hit to road."

Amanda Korsmeyer, 10, and Brett O'Connell, 9, teach the class how to drive on the highway by making a visual representation on the board.

Assuming a the proper driving position is Bryan Abbe, 9. Some Behind the Wheel classes were held before school every morning.
"That's what freshmen said"

"Wait, where is Mrs. Kimmle's room?"

"Can I have a ride home?"

"That's what juniors said"

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So... when's graduation?

"I miss block scheduling."
CLUBS

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Advisor “I like being on the male dance team

binson, 10 “Spanish Club is the best club because of all the food

with our heads up and shoulders down. We are in it to win

get to pick our own books to read.” - Reagan Stowers, 11
by allison young

Student Council consisted of students, from all grade levels, who got together to help build and plan homecoming. This year the student council chose an Arabian theme, and the title, “Midnight in Morocco.” The club also voted and chose the dress up day themes for homecoming week along with selecting the Arabian decorations for the dance. They met on Sundays in the gym to put up decorations for the dance and finished building the homecoming dance set the Friday before the event. Student council was led by Mrs. Basden and Ms. Beyer. Student Council also held an election for president, vice president and treasurer. Matt Beyer, 11, was elected president, Kaylee Baer, 12, was elected vice president, and Lauren Wright, 11, was elected treasurer.

Kate Sikora, 11, said, "My favorite part of planning homecoming was being able to get everyone involved for a night we would never forget."
Guard Dogs

Guard Dogs stands for: Group Unleashing A Real Difference and Doing Other Good Stuff. It was a peer support group that helped teenagers cope successfully with the challenges of school, relationships, anxiety, depression, and self harm. Leaders were trained to become skilled listeners to help other students. The past few years, leaders have attended the "Cebnn-Goodman Teen Institute," a summer camp for future young leaders. At the annual Lifesavers Retreat, students spent the night at Highland Hope Church. There, they learned about the signs of suicide, dating violence, what to say to a peer who is depressed, and more. It was not all heavy stuff though. The retreat and monthly meetings included movies, listening circles, snacks, games, group discussions, and sociology lessons. Zander Hayes said, "Guard Dogs is a sanctuary where everyone can open up and realize that they're not alone."

Guard Dogs sponsors were Ms. Dobbs and Mrs. Thomas.

by katy daiber

Alicia Burris, 12; Rachael Watkins, 11; Dylan Sparrowk, 12; Jordan Comish, 12; Kyle Wasser, 11; Taylor Barker, 12; and Zander Hayes, 11 sit in a listening circle to discuss healthy coping techniques at the November meeting in the kennel. "When your upset going for a walk is a healthy alternative because driving leads to accidents," Alicia Burris said.

Guard Dogs celebrate Halloween and safe partying by dressing up at a bonfire at a leader's home. The attendees include, in no particular order: Miranda Munguia, 12; Stephanie Olivares, 12; Tristan Daily, 12; Sophia Sterzl-McMullen, 9; Isabella Michael, 12; Amelia Garde, 11; Jessica Andrews, 11; Kaitlyn Miller, 11; Trenton Allen, 11; Ryan Stone, 12; Pacey Perez, 11; Lily Happold, 11; Reagan Smith, 11; Gavin Ware, 9; Abigail Ware, 10; Eric Powell, 9; David Palenchar, 10; Samantha Hawkes, 10; Parker Wrobbel, 11; Alexa Ruskus, 11; Kyle Wasser, 11; Beylee Stone, 9; Alexandra Morris, 10; Trent Hund, 10; Jenna Swindle, 10; Jaykob Marti, 10; Kristy Hindman-Cook, 11; Johannah Comish, 10. Leaders: Taylor Barker, 12; Kathryn Daiber, 12; Dylan Sparrowk, 12; Alicia Burris, 12; Joey Rittenhouse, 11; and Zander Hayes, 11.

In the high school library, Isabella Michael, 12; Amelia Garde, 11; Jessica Andrews, 11; and Kaitlyn Miller, 11; create seasonal cards to hand out to nursing home patients.
Christian Zuccarelli, 9, takes notes on a Fall debate. The notes were an issue for the country he was given. Zuccarelli said, "I was a little nervous for my first debate, but in the end it was really fun."

Darrin Reinhardt, 12, inquires into research and progress with the Ebola virus in the security council. The country he represented was Lithuania. Darrin was a leader of Model UN and a member for four years.

THAT'S DEBATABLE

Model UN

Model United Nations (UN) was a group of students who had two competitions throughout the year, one in the Fall and one in the Spring. All members were assigned a country and they assumed citizenship of that country. The goal was to find ways to solve problems occurring in these countries. It taught members how to research world issues, speak publicly, debate, and think own their own. Senior Ben Leman said, "I like how we were able to resolve real world issues. It taught me a lot of the world itself, and it was cool how we were able to argue about it. That was my favorite part of Model UN."

by ben menke
Scholar Bowl was a trivia based game where students went head to head against other schools. Scholar Bowl involved Jeopardy like questions to test students knowledge in various areas including, calculus, entertainment, literature, science, geography, music and art. They put their knowledge in these areas to the test as they tried to answer questions quickly and accurately. Scholar Bowl team was led by Mrs. Meyer and the Varsity team captain was Evan Coedelmann. In competitions, the first team to hit the buzzer and answer the question correctly earned points for their team. If the answer was incorrect, it went to the other team and they had a chance to steal the points. Players could be switched out at halftime depending on how they were scoring that day. For practice, the club members met after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They were divided into two teams red and green and then quizzed by the mediator to improve their knowledge on challenging questions. JR Tscherney, 11, said “My favorite part about Scholar Bowl is getting questions right.”

by allison young

Emily Gutzer, 11, and Kayla Greenh's, 11, buzzer lights up as they prepare to answer the next question for the JV team, while their opponents wait to steal. We beat Triad at Mascoutah in a six round series.
Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday observed on the first and second of November to honor lost loved ones. The Spanish Club decided to put together a “Casa Espantosa,” or haunted house, to celebrate. Actually they created a haunted trail that took visitors to scary sights by the tennis courts and football fields. Showing off their masks are seniors Addison Korsmeyer, Crystal Beckman, and Alex Bruchhauser.

Luke Landmann, 9, tastes his friend Dylan Rolningsmeier salsa to make sure it is perfect for the judges. He used his dad’s secret recipe. As a result, his group’s salsa won the title of most original. The were awarded treat bags with candy, since Day of the Dead is celebrated near Halloween. Landmann also took part in the haunted house. He said, “I sat in the dugout and waited for people to walk by. It was so fun seeing their faces after I jumped out at them.”

Spanish Club

Many students who enrolled in a Spanish class also decided to join Spanish Club. The club was led by the Spanish teachers: Mrs. Twyford, Mrs. Deets, and Mrs. Wagenblast. The Spanish Council, made up of seniors Crystal Beckman, Alex Bruchhauser, Shyanne Gibson, Jordyn Grawe, Abbey Johnson, Maggie Keeven, Addison Korsmeyer, Jenna Melosi, Clint Reilson, Luke Thomae, and Cullin White, also helped with planning events. Throughout the year, the club met to take part in seasonal activities that had to do with the Spanish culture. In the Fall, the club put together a haunted house to represent the Day of the Dead. For a salsa contest, the students were given basic ingredients to make their own salsa for a contest, but the participants could bring in any other special ingredients they chose. The Spanish teachers judged each group’s salsa on spiciness, originality, and most traditional. When asked why he joined Spanish Club, Trent Carriger, 11, said, “I really like all of the Spanish teachers, and it is a great way to meet new people.”

by jordyn grawe
French Club

Upper level French classes were cut last year, but the French Club was still able to hold strong with some new and some familiar faces. Many seniors and juniors who were in French Club in past years returned to be involved in the club, which met once every month to discuss upcoming activities. The French Club participated in the homecoming parade in early October decked out a truck with balloons and cloth with the French flag colors. They also held a food class where club members whipped up an assortment of French foods such as; crepes, quiche, and truffles. Because the club was low on funds, they did not go to the Fox Theater to watch the play, *The Phantom of the Opera*. Instead, members came together and held a movie night and showed the live version of the play. The club was sponsored by French teacher, Mrs. Schwarz. President, Kylie Burdick, 12, Vice President, Moira Lynott, 12, Secretary, Alicia Burris, 12, and Treasurer, Matt Hoffman, 12 planned events and scheduled meetings. Hoffman said, "Being able to have a fun time with people who enjoy the French language and culture like I do is my favorite part of French Club."

by kylie burdick
Pep Club

Bulldog Nation was created to raise school spirit at HHS. Club members purchased t-shirts, emblazoned with Bulldog Nation, at the beginning of the year to wear to all types of school sponsored events. They decorated the commons for each sport's season with streamers and window paint. Members also made and hung locker decorations for student athletes' lockers during their season. "Bulldog Nation has brought spirit back to the student body at HHS," said club sponsor, Mrs. Deets, "I am so proud of the founders for their always creative ideas." The club also voted on which theme should be worn by the student body's fan section for home games. Freshman, Luke Landmann said, "My favorite theme during football season was USA night. It was cool how everyone painted themselves in red, white, and blue."

by jenna spies & mckenzie rosen

Jared Bargetzi, 12, helps Lexie Plocher, 11, hang streamers in the commons for the winter sports' season. The two, along with others in the club, hung streamers, posters, and painted windows to add spirit to the school. Music was also played every Friday during lunch to add pep to the student body.

To kick off the first Friday night football game, the students in the fan section held up signs and letters to cheer the boys on. Students chanted "We Believe!" and other cheers to keep the momentum strong. After a victory over DuQuoin, the fans made a tunnel to congratulate the boys as they came off the field.
Club sponsors, Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Jackson give the Ambassadors a pep talk before students and their parents arrive at the high school for eighth grade parent night in August.

Eighth grade students and their parents flip through folders that contain information about their upcoming freshman year. A slide show helps parents learn about specific school rules and class options.

**Ambassadors**

The student ambassadors were a group that mentored incoming freshmen and new students. These juniors and seniors were chosen by coaches and teachers based on their leadership in and out of the classroom. The ambassadors met over the summer to plan freshman orientation. There, they planed activities and ice breakers for the students to get to know each other. The ambassadors led group tours and answered any questions the freshmen had about life at the high school. The student ambassadors also held a new student breakfast on the first day of school. They met with students who were new to our school and showed them around the school for the first few days. Ambassadors could easily be spotted because they wore their bright blue Ambassador t-shirts. The Ambassadors also gave tours to parents and new students who moved into the district during the year.

“The Ambassadors at HHS serve the important role of assisting new students and freshmen transition into a new school and feel connected,” said Mrs. Brown. “A smooth transition helps all students be successful.”

**by mireille beaubien**
by katy daiber

Advanced artists tried out for membership in NAHS their sophomore through senior years. Requirements included a portfolio of five artworks, a full sketchbook, ten hours of art related community service, an essay, and character and service voucher signatures. "We paint faces, matte and frame artwork, and hang up shows for NAHS hours," said senior member, Taylor Barker. A panel of past and present art teachers and artists judged the students' artwork based on use of materials, technique, imagination, visual thought and intent, composition, style, format and technical skill for an overall score of 30 possible points. AP art students were required to try out for National Art Honor Society to receive feedback on their portfolios and support the importance of art within the school. NAHS aids members in attaining art scholarships while bringing art awareness into the school and community. This year, NAHS produced two shows at SWIC, one at SIUE, and the Coffee House Cabaret gallery. Mrs. Wander sponsored NAHS.

Front Row: Miranda Munguia, 12, Taylor Barker, 12, Rachel Koehnemann, 12, Laine Hendrix, 11. Middle Row: Danielle O'Connell, 12, Alison Zeller, 12, Abby Sloan, 12, Tilly, the Skeleton, President Katy Daiber, 12, Madeline Field, 11, Katherine Smith, 11. Back Row: Madelyn Feldt, 11, Madelynn Shively, 11.

During fourth hour study hall on Wednesday, March 4th, Rachel Koehnemann, 12 and Katherine Smith, 11 hang fellow students' artwork outside the English hallway. NAHS took down the old artwork in hopes of displaying more contemporary pieces by AP art alumni.
NHS, or National Honor Society consists of students who have excelled academically, been involved in community service, and have maintained a 4.5 GPA or higher. First, qualified students received a membership application. Only interested students completed and submitted the application. Next, the NHS committee made up of teachers and coaches were asked to verify the student's involvement in clubs, activities, and any awards. After being selected, all members attended an induction ceremony in the fall. At the end of the ceremony, new members were given their pins and gathered in a circle. They recited an oath while holding lighted candles. "Membership in HHS National Honor Society is a privilege," said club sponsor Mrs. Wagenblast. "Members are expected to uphold the tradition and reputation of this organization." NHS met on the second Thursday of every month where they discussed upcoming events and community service hours. Students kept a 4.5 GPA or higher and completed six community service credits.

by mireille beaubien

NHS member Abbey Johnson, 12 passes out permission slips and information at one of the monthly meetings. She informed other members how to earn credit hours.

Seniors inductees Joe Range, Nathan Sullens, Clint Reilson, Tyler Kimmel, and Nick Czar pose with the NHS flag after the ceremony. This year 46 members were inducted.

Juniors Amanda Ponce, Paige Fischer and Trent Carriger sign up for the annual Polar Plunge. On February 28th, members dressed in Hawaiian attire and plunged into Carlyle Lake, after they cut a hole in the ice.
Amanda Ponce, 11, Austin Brown, 11, and Trent Carriger, 11 pray after a discussion on athletic balance. The meeting was held in the library.

Singing Christmas carols are freshmen, Dustin Phelps and Noah Schmitt. Caroling for the Highland Home residents is an FCA tradition.

The coed FCA group meets in the library to play a game of catch phrase. The boys beat the girls that night and the meeting was led by seniors Jayden Shelton and Brendan Sands.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) was a club whose members met weekly. The meetings were ran by the three F's: Food, Fun, and Fellowship. Group discussions revolved around topics related to sports and the Bible. The main point of FCA was to bring athletes together through their faith in God. There was a large group of students who attended each meeting. Some of the activities consisted of ice skating at the Steinberg rink in Forest Park, Christmas caroling in Highland, relay races in the gym, and many more. A student favorite was capture the flag, which was played outside the high school. The team who captured the flag first reigned as heroes all year. Nick Czar said, “FCA has really impacted me and made me stronger in my faith. I made friends through it and it will help me continue to play my sport for the right reasons.” The two coaches for FCA were Joel Hawkins and Staci Brown.

By ben menk
The FFA, or Future Farmers of America, was composed of students who participated in the agriculture classes at HHS. Student leaders were President Ashlyn Gietl, 12, Vice President Mallory Rutz, 12, Secretary Logan Landmann, 12, Treasurer Lane Rinderer, 11, Reporter Katie Kloss, 12, Historian Kim Weis, 12, and Sentinel Alex Rode, 11. Members participated in Career Development Events (CDE's), the Relay for Life, and other volunteer events for the community. Hunter Gray, 11, said, "The best part about FFA is that we are always fund raising for a cause. Either a community organization or for our local FFA; we are always helping out." The year started with a new member barbeque to introduce all the new future farmers to the club. Members also helped out with the Harvest Days at the Latzer Homestead in the fall. As a fundraiser, members auctioned off themselves as paid workers for the community in the spring. This was often the largest fundraiser of the year, raising over $10,000. These funds were used toward activities and competitions throughout the year. The year concluded with a banquet to honor the achievements of the club.

by jacob gill
The Math Team, coached by Mrs. Valerie Kimmle and Mr. Brent James, played in many competitions this year. They competed in the Southwest Math Conference which had four matches. Only three "mathletes" per grade were allowed to participate. They all competed against each other to decide who would play at the meets. At the Southwest Math Conference, there were individual and team tests. They also participated in the Excellence in Math competition which was at St. Louis Community College in Forest Park. Another important competition for the team was Regionals at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. This year the team competed in 2A instead of 3A for a better chance of winning. Junior Emily Duncan said, "The best part of Math Team was after the tests all my teammates debated over answers while we waited for the results." At the Regional Competition, three of the ten teams placed second: the Two-Person Freshman/Sophomore Team, the Freshman/Sophomore Eight Person Team, and the Calculator Team tied for second.
Drama Club consisted of students who love everything about the performing arts. Although Drama Club was known for putting on the Fall Play and Spring Musical, members did not have to be actors to participate in the club. There was an excessive amount of things members could do to contribute to the club such as; work lights, sound, help out backstage, help with costumes, and even decorate for both the Fall Play and Spring Musical. Members of the club met every quarter for Improvisational Nights. These nights consisted of laughter, character, and the improvement of their acting skills. The Drama Club hosted the annual Mr. Irresistible contest with the help and support of the club sponsor, Mrs. Kloss. Every semester the Drama Club took a trip to the Fox Theater to see professional plays. This year they attended A Midsummer Night's Dream. The officers of the club were: MJ Austin, 11, President, Kristy Hindman-Cook, 11, Vice President, Jordan Comish, 12, Historian, and Treasurer, Samuel Fredrickson, 12.

by kylie burdick
by Megan Hunds dorfer

Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, also known as FCCLA, was a club that helped prepare students to become leaders in their communities and their families. The President of FCCLA was four year member Emily Dant, 12. Once a month, the members met with their sponsor, Mrs. Jones. Meetings were held at the high school. The fund raisers that they hosted raised money for their field trips. One of the activities that the club hosted was a babysitting night, so parents could Christmas shop child free. The FCCLA members went to a conference at the convention center in Springfield, IL. Here they learned about the dangers of tanning beds and skin cancer, healthy foods and overall health, and seatbelt safety for drivers and passengers. Amber Milleson, 12, said, "I love being a part of something that can help me in the future one day. It can make us better leaders of our community and also become closer to our families."

Front Row, Alyssa Bruggemann, 10, Mollie Pfister, 10, Rose Ficker, 10, Liz Arnold, 10, Emily Dant, 12, Adrianna Jake, 12, Amber Milleson, 12, and Anna Heinold, 12. Back Row: Lexi Hornmann, 10, Tiffany Haney, 11, Jessica Drewer, 12, April Dew, 10, Madisen Jones, 10, Grace Curry, 10, Kayla Green, 11, Brieanna Hediger, 11, Isabella Micheal, 12, and Sergio Tovar, 11.

Morgan Capelle, 11, Kayla Green, 11, and Emily Dant, 12, dye their FCCLA T-shirts in Mrs. Jones' room after school.

FCCLA ON A MISSION
The Tech Club was comprised of students who had an interest in various technical fields. Mr. Durbin led Tech Club. Within this club there was also the Trebuchet Team, the Video Editing and Broadcasting Team, and the Robotics Team. The president of Tech Club was Phil LaFrance, 12, and the Vice President was Adam Kelso. The Robotics Team designed, programmed, and built robots for an international competition called Botball. The Botball regional for this area was at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. The Trebuchet Team researched medieval siege weapons. They also designed and built trebuchets for a competition at Lewis and Clarke Community College. The Video Editing and Broadcasting Team broadcast digital documentation of assemblies, guest speakers, the Coffee House Cabaret, Mr. Irresistible, hypnotists, plays, and sporting events. Overall the Tech Club was active in helping students and teachers with information technology needs. “From running sound and lights at special events to trouble shooting and maintaining personal computers, the Tech Club members freely gave their time and expertise to make their school a better place to enjoy learning,” said Mr. Durbin.

by brianna becherer

Seniors, Phil LaFrance, Collin Chasteen, Ryan Long, and two assistants, work on the computers at a Tech Club meeting.

Collin Korte, 10, works on machinics in Tech Club by building and taking apart electronics.
The Hockey Team prepared for the season well before school even began. Coached by Jeff Weinacht and Jerem Kirsch, practices were held at the East Alton Ice Rink on Friday nights starting in August. The team was lead by Captain Shayne Korte, 12, and Assistant Captains Nick Lange, 12, and Austin Zurline, 12. Games started in early November, and were played at either the East Alton Ice Rink or the Granite City Ice Rink. Throughout the year, Korte, led the team in points with 21 and goals with 15. After the regular season, he and Tyler Verson, 11, were selected for the MVCHA All-Star Game played between the end of the regular season and the beginning of the playoffs. “It's great to be able to play in the All-Star game got to play next to the best players in the area and these are the players that I am playing against during the regular season,” said Verson. After completing the season with a record of 4-11-4, the team faced off against the Edwardsville Tigers in the first round of playoffs. “We knew it was going to be tough, but we worked hard during the games against Edwardsville but it all didn't work out in the end.” said Assistant Captain Lange. The season ended after the loss to Edwardsville in the playoffs.

“I'm glad I got to play with this group. I regret not playing before this year”

- Mitchell Duncan, 12

by jacob gill

Before a game against Edwardsville, Shayne Korte, 12, warms up off the ice by handling a ball with his stick to work on hand-eye coordination. Shayne was the captain of the team for both his Junior and Senior years.

After a 7-1 victory over Jerseyville, the team celebrates around goalie Hunter Micheletto, 10. This was Huntel’s first year as the starting Varsity goalie.

Preparing for his regional test, Tyler Kimmie, 12, looks over problems from his calculus textbook.

by jacob gill

A BUNCH OF WISE GUYS

WYSE

WYSE, or Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering, were a group of students who competed in academic competitions throughout the spring. Members vied for placements by taking tests about topics such as biology, chemistry, English, mathematics, physics, computer fundamentals and graphic engineering. Competition days consisted of a two hour test, and the rest of the time was devoted to setting up and presenting awards. This club has been at HHS since 1982 and was originally called the Junior Engineering Technical Society. The name was later changed by the University of Illinois. Students chose to compete as a team or in individual competitions. Because of how well he did during the Regional competition, Luke Goring, 12, moved on to the Sectional competition. Senior Jordan Lynn said, "WYSE is great because I get to challenge myself over the questions asked. I get to use the information that I do not normally use outside of the classroom for competition."
My favorite part of being on the dance team is getting to dance in front of girls at competitions and hanging out with my friends at practices.

Mitch Wallace, 12

My favorite part about being on the dance team is learning new tricks and hip hop moves.

Riley Zimmerman, 12
The boys catch Mitch Wallace, 12, after he was tossed into the air to execute a trick that earned the team extra points in the difficulty portion on the score sheet.

Seniors, Riley Zimmermann and Riley Eblı execute a toe touch during their hip hop routine at the Edwardsville Regional. This team trick added to the technique and difficulty scores on the overall score sheet.

HERE TO SAVE THE DAY

Boys' Dance Team

The Boy's Dance Team, otherwise known as the DOGS, were coached by senior, Addison Korsmeyer, and junior, Kelsey Lane. The boys started off their season in October by getting their hip-hop routine choreographed. This year, the theme of the dance was "Superheroes." The boys each wore a different Marvel Superhero's trademarked symbol on their shirts to portray their hero in the routine. One of their first performances was for an exhibition at the Lindbergh Invitational Dance Competition. This performance helped prepare them for other competitions during the year. The team placed second at their first regional contest at Althoff in Belleville, IL. At the Edwardsville Regional, the team placed second and was just two points shy of qualifying for state. The boys ended by placing second at the Highland Regional. Coach Addison Korsmeyer said, "They have accomplished so much since their first practice, and I could not be more proud of these boys for all of their hard work this season!"

Dylan Spencer, 12, embodies his "Batman" character during his solo part. He helps increase the team's showmanship score by mouthing the words, "I'm Batman."
From the beginning of the school year to the end, the HHS Yearbook staff worked to cover every aspect of school life for the entire year. To help staffers prepare for the work ahead, yearbook sponsor, Mrs. Martz, took the students to an all-day workshop at the University of Missouri in Saint Louis. The event was hosted by our publisher, Herff Jones, and it was held on September 4. Ten other schools from Missouri and Illinois attended. Here our staff learned how to use the software, take effective pictures, and how to write copy and captions. They stopped for a late lunch in Collinsville on the way home. After the Iris staff became comfortable using eDesign, they jumped right into creating layouts. At almost every club, sporting, and student event, there was a yearbook member reporting and taking pictures to use in their assigned layouts. Editors Maggie Keeven, Morgan Korte, Jenna Melosi, and Molly Schutzenhofer created layouts and selected the theme, "That's What We Said," to carry throughout the book. Time flew and by March, the staff had completed the entire yearbook with the exception of the spring supplement. The books were published and distributed to students in May.

"SUM UP YEARBOOK IN TEN WORDS OR LESS."

"What happens at yearbook camp, stays at yearbook camp."

-Mckenzie Rosen, 11

"It will get done."

-Jacob Gill, 12
Cullin White, 12, Adrianna Jakel, 12, Trent Carriger, 11.
Not pictured: Alexandra Morris, 10, Allison Zobrist, 11, Trevor Langhauser, 12.

Junior Optimists

The Junior Optimist Club was led by Mr. Tim Hirsch. The club met and discussed service projects they could accomplish for the community throughout the year. They participated in collecting food for the local Highland Food Pantry by holding food drives at school and in the community. The Junior Optimists also made Optimist pizzas, which they sold frozen to the many Optimist pizza fans.

Front Row: Emily Gutzler, 11, Katelyn Duncan, 9, Emily Wiegand, 11, Mary Austin, 11. Back Row: Katherine Smith, 11, Lily Happold, 11, Abbey Metzler, 11, Emily Duncan, 11, Elisabeth Meadows, 10, Madisen Jones, 10, Kennedy Riedemann, 10.

Book Club

The Book Club was led by Mrs. Genteman. As a club, they voted on which books to read and discuss throughout the year. This year the club read 3 books, Stolen, Mazes and Monsters, and Son of Achilles. After every book, club members met in the library to discuss their thoughts and opinions about that book.

by brianna becherer, mckenzie rosen & allison young

Front Row: Emily Wiegand, 11, Moira Lynott, 12, Katherine Smith, 11, Back Row: Alison Zeller, 12, Abbey Metzler, 11, Cullin White, 12, Stephanie Olivares, 11, Joel Parris, 12, Alicia Burris, 12.

Writing Club

The Writing Club was a new club offered at HHS this year, and was sponsored by Mrs. Case. They met in her room every second hour study hall to write about a prompt she would have previously selected. Club members would then share what they wrote and discuss their opinions at the end of each meeting.

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Front Row: Katelyn Duncan, 12, Allison Buchmiller, 12, Lily Happold, 11, Adrianna Jakel, 12, Lexy Hagler, 11, Lydia Schutzenhofer, 11, Emily Canterberry, 11, Abby Metzler, 10, Polly Czar, 10. Back Row: Emily Duncan, 11, Jaclyn Boekhout, 12, Taylor Rogier, 12, Marissa Wheeler, 11, Kelsey Lane, 11, Alex LaPorta, 10, Amanda Ponce, 11, Megan Frey, 10, Amanda Korsmeyer, 10, Katie Kampwerth, 10.

FMCC

The goal of Future Medical Careers Club (FMCC) was to help high school students increase their knowledge about the variety of careers in the medical field. As club sponsor, Mrs. Duckworth gave club members the opportunity to job shadow at the local and St. Louis hospitals. Students met throughout the year to discuss the research and experiences they gained while shadowing.

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Saturday Scholars

In Saturday Scholars the students met on Saturdays and visited various venues that gave lectures about math, science, and technology. Saturday Scholars was led by Mrs. Wagenblast and Mrs. Hirsch. This year the club visited the University of Illinois and had the opportunity to learn about the human anatomy. The goal of the club was to widen students' knowledge on different career opportunities.

SMASH Bros.

Super Smash Bros club was led by Mrs. Perkes. The club was for students who were interested in the video game Super Smash Bros. The goal of the Super Smash Bros club was to have a good time and share and enjoy playing the game with new people. Smash Bros met twice this year and teams brawled against each other. This was the first year for the club.

FBLA

Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) was led by Mrs. Heinz. The club met once a month to do activities and learn lessons about business. FBLA also competed against surrounding FBLA teams. Club members also participated in a fund raiser that gave back to the community. FBLA helped the students that were interested in computer technology and business broaden their understandings of business concepts.

Art Club

Art Club was rediscovered this year after Dr. Gauen suggested that founder Katy Daiber, 12, and sponsor Mrs. Wander, decorate the school. Similar to National Art Honor Society, Art Club is a talented group of artists striving to emerge art within the community and high school. Meetings take place during fourth hour floating tutor time in the art room, where members mat, frame, and hang artwork donated by past AP art students.
"I started playing volleyball in sixth grade for fun, and I ended up liking it more than a ball and two goals, it connects people.

Sophomore "Golf is a mental sport. Determination and a positive attitude comparable to the feeling we get when we step out on the soccer field four years is something I'll always be thankful for." - Jayden Shelton, senior

Junior "I love standing on the track on Friday nights. I like to..."
"To me soccer is so much from all corners of the globe." -Luke Jones,

"There's nothing I do." -Hayden Smart,

and set is everything." -Mackenzie Kleinmann, senior

"The memories and friends I have made over the past my passion and I take pride in what I do." -Hayden Smart,

"I get people pepped up and excited." -Raven Miranda, freshman

"I love it a lot." -Taylor Braswell, freshman
The boys do warm ups together before a race to loosen their muscles.

The girls listen for the sound of the starter gun to signal the beginning of the race. Taking the lead at the beginning of a race was critical.

The Girls Cross Country team huddles together to yell their team chant for the last time before they run at the state meet in Peoria on November eighth. They placed 25th as a team.

WHAT GOES THROUGH YOUR MIND WHILE YOU ARE RUNNING A RACE?

I want water.

Jacob White, 10

If I push myself for 20 seconds, I'll be 20 seconds closer to the finish line. Then repeat.

Devon Korte, 9, maintains a steady pace while racing towards the finish line last October in Troy. His time was 21:15.

Abbey Johnson, 12
Cross Country

The Cross Country team worked toward their season starting in June with early morning practices. These practices consisted of long distance runs around town with occasional 300 sprints afterwards. When school began in August, practices continued with the addition of meets. Although prepping for the larger meets at the end of the season was important, the smaller meets at the beginning of the season were also vital because it gave the runners a chance to advance into larger meets such as regionals and state. The Boys Cross Country team made it all the way to the Mississippi Valley Conference Championship at Mascoutah and the regionals located at Triad, which marked the end of their season. The girls team made it a little further than the boys team by qualifying for state. The girls placed 25th at state in Peoria. It was a large accomplishment especially for the returning runners because this was the second time in a row that the girls had made it to state together as a team. Also, Jayden Shelton, 12, returned for a fourth year as a co-captain for the girls team. She was the third fastest female runner in the three mile from Highland in Highland Cross Country history. "Although, Cross Country is an individual sport, working as a team is crucial. Making it to state verified that all of our hard work was worth while. Going there as a team made it even more memorable because they’re like my second family", said Abbey Johnson, 12. She was one of the co-captains on the girls team.

by megan hundsdorfer

Jayden Shelton, 12, pushes herself to beat one of her Triad opponents at the Granite City Invitational on September 6th.

Adam Kelso, 11, keeps his focus on the course while running in a meet at Triad. His final time was 24:34.

Abbey Johnson, 12, runs in her last high school state Cross Country meet in Peoria with a personal record of 22:22.

Hayden Smart, 11, sprints to the finish line with 400 meters to go at the Triad Invitational on October 1st. He placed 23rd at this meet.

Front Row: Alyssa Freimann, 9, Breann Wernle, 9, Lexi Plocher, 11, Hanna Rose, 9, Taylor Prusa, 12, Brittany Cunningham, 9. Middle Row: Jacob Plocher, 10, Devon Korte, 9, Keely Ritterhouse, 9, Jayden Shelton, 12, Allison Zobrist, 11, Sydney Nyquist, 10, Courtney Hengehold, 10, Adam Kelso, 11, Caleb Machuca, 9, Hayden Smart, 11. Back Row: Archie Schwehr, 10, Ben Geppert, 10, Zach Plocher, 12, Zach Chapman, 12, Seth Schwappach, 9, Jacob White, 10, Brett Cochran, 10, Trevor Langhauser, 12, Grant Riggs, 12, Nick Schiavel, 9, Brock Schrage, 9. Not pictured: Abbey Johnson, 12.
My favorite part of the season was placing 10th at conference.

- Race Portell, 9

"My favorite part was eating breakfast at Ninth Street with the team right before we won conference."

- MacKenzie Kleinmann, 12

Girls Golf

Coach Gina Hirsch and the Ladies' Golf team had an impressive season after losing four seniors last year. They kicked off their year with the Mascoutah Invitational where they placed fifth. Then they placed third at the O'Fallon Invitational at Tamarack Golf Course in Shiloh, IL. The girls stepped it up for MVC and continued a winning tradition by placing first for the ninth year in a row at Belk Park in Wood River, IL. Coach Gina Hirsch said, "The girls defended their MVC title as well as setting a record at Belk Park." At the MVC tourney, senior Emily Vonder Haar shot the low for the year with a 77. Also medalists for the Bulldogs was Maddie Wilke, 12, Allison Young, 11, and Race Portell, 9. The next day was the Gary Bar Invitational at Oak Brook Golf Course, in Edwardsville, IL where the Lady Bulldogs defeated Masac County who were ranked highly in the state. The girls went on to compete in West Franfort, at the county club, where they placed seventh in sectionals. Coach Gina Hirsch said, "We had some really good rounds and winning conference was a real big win." The girls ended their season with a 10-4 record.
Following through on her fairway shot, Allison Young, 11, hits towards the green at McKendree Hills. The girls won the match 9-3.

Emily Vonder Haar, 12, putting out her 18th hole at Spencer T. Olin in Alton. Emily placed fifth overall at Regionals. She also finished with the lowest total score for the team.

by allison young

Mascoutah Inv. 5th
O'Fallon Inv. 3rd
Belk Park MVC Tourn. 1st
Gary Bair Inv. 3rd
IHSA Regionals 3rd
IHSA Sectionals 7th

At Belk Park golf course Maddie Wilke, 12, studies a putt. Wilke went on to medal eighth in the tournament and the Bulldogs placed first.
Boys Golf

After a weak start and high scores at the Spencer T. Olin Invitational in Alton, the Boys Golf Team used the tournament as a learning experience by slowly lowering their scores during the season. When the next tournament, the Madison County Tournament, came around, the team's overall score showed a drop that gave hope to Coach Caleb Houchins. Playing almost every day in the middle of the season, the team did not change the pace of their scoring. As the season drew to a close, the team went on to the regional tournament at Belk Park in Wood River. Although the team score was not low enough for them to move to sectionals, Jacob Gill, 12, and Brode Portell, 11, were able to shoot low enough scores to move on as individuals to the sectional tournament held at The Acorns Golf Course in Waterloo. Portell said, "It takes everybody contributing in order to succeed. We had each class representing and helping this year and I liked that."

By Jacob Gill

"The thing I will miss most are our practice competitions."

Justin Bruggemann, 12

Cameron Donahue, 9, watches as his putt rolls on during a home match against Triad. Cameron beat both of his playing partners by three strokes each.

Don Hocker, 12, follows through with his swing during a home match against the Edwardsville Tigers. Don was a four year member of the team.

Before a match against Triad, Brandon Munie, 9, practices lining up putts on the practice green at the Highland Country Club.
Stephen Schniers, 9, listens to Coach Brendan Bargetzi explain how to hit a competitive drive during a JV golf match at Highland Country Club. Schniers used this advice and shot a 41 during the match. He said, "I like getting help during my round. It refreshes my mind and often times lets me shoot lower scores."

On the practice green, Brandon McTeer, 11, practices his chip shots at the country club during an after school practice. Brandon polished his skills not only after school, but also on the days when no practice was scheduled.

During an after school practice at Highland Country Club, Brode Portell, 11, hits a long approach on the first hole. Brode was a key scoring player during the school season, often he was the second lowest score on the team.

**TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

- Alton Invitational: 406
- Madison County: 376
- O'Fallon Invite: 375
- Edwardsville Invite: 365
- Orphan Invite: 256
- MVC Tournament: 365
- Regionals: 361
The girls kicked off the season with their first game on September 4th away at Granite City. The game ended in a win beating Granite 2-0. Coach Dawn Hubbard said, “This win set the tone for the season and JV had a wonderful season.” The girls also played in the O’Fallon Tournament where they placed fourth at O’Fallon. Soon after the tournament the girls went up against Mater Dei at home. Megan Frey, 10, said “The highlight of the season was beating Mater Dei”. JV had an exceptional season with a record of 15-5 overall, and a conference record of 9-1. Coach Dawn Hubbard said, “We had a very strong group of ladies who worked well together as a team.”

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Cassie Lamzik, 11 bumps the ball up to her fellow teammates. The Bulldogs were able to defeat the Jerseyville Panthers with a score of 2-0.

"The hardest part about practice was playing war with varsity, but it helped us all improve."

Cassie Lamzik, 11

"My favorite part about volleyball is being able to play with my peers, and having varsity as my role model and making me a better player."

Hayley Taylor, 10

Alyssa Anderson, 11 serves an ace against the Mascoutah Indians. With many serves like this, the girls beat the Indians 2-1 at home.
ATTACKING THE SEASON

Varsity Volleyball

The volleyball team started preparing for the season in July. Over the summer they played in a league at Belleville West; they also participated in tournaments in Springfield and O'Fallon. The team was 5-0 at the Granite City Fall Classic Tournament. The girls placed second at their own tournament, and third in the O'Fallon Autumn Classic Tournament. In the Mississippi Valley Conference the team went 7-3. The senior night game was against Collinsville and it was a win for the girls. Olivia LaPorta, 12, said, “My favorite game of the season was senior night because it was the icing on top of the cake to a great four years spent with some of my best friends.” Their first regional game was against Breese Central and Highland won. Unfortunately, the season ended in their second round of regionals against Mater Dei. Overall the girls ended their season with a record of 24-8. Coach Beyer said, “With a 24-8 record, the girls performed outstanding... finishing with the second most wins in school history.”
Brooke Hustedde, 12, serves the ball in the game against Vandalia at the Highland Bulldog Invitational. The girls lost the match in three games.

by: brianna becherer

In a close match against Breese Central, Olivia LaPorta, 12, attacks the ball. The girls ended up winning the match and placing second in the tournament.

In a match against Wesclin, Sarah Beth Wiegman, 10, sets the ball from the back row. The girls won in two games with scores of 25-14 and 25-14.

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At the last home game of the season against Mascoutah, Blake Hagler, 9, punts the ball as an opponent charges him. The game ended in a shutout with a Bulldog victory of 2-0.

What was your favorite part of the season?

"Our crushing victory over Waterloo in the JV tournament"
- Luke Jones, 10

"Experiencing the ups and downs of the season with my teammates"
- Jack Landmann, 10
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Goal keeper Luke Jones, 10, launches the ball toward one of the defensive players.

ONE SHOT
JV Boys Soccer

With the help and guidance of head coach, Brian Lammers, the JV boys will be undoubtedly ready for their futures on the varsity team in the coming years. Many of the boys will attest that not only did their skills grow and develop as players on the field, but their character grew as young men off the field. Their season started over the summer with captains' practices. The team visited Iowa for a two day tournament. The week before school started, the boys practiced twice a day leading up to their season. For two hours every day the boys mastered their footwork, fitness, and working together as a team. The practices were led by varsity captains Mitchell Duncan, Cole Landmann, and Tyler Kimmie. When asked what made the season special for him, Drake Gehrs said, "Our first home game. Walking onto the field for the first time as a high schooler is something I won't forget". The team ended the season with three losses and seven wins.

by mireille beaubien

Front Row: Zach Korte, 9, Drake Gehrs, 9, Brett Flesch, 9, Caleb Denby, 10, Anthony Gallo, 10, John Wick, 10, Middle Row: Zach Korte, 10, Andrew Roach, 9, Brendan Schrage, 10, Luke Jones, 10, Blake Hagler, 9, Cory Stieb, 9, Sam Million, 11. Back Row: Coach Josh Oswald, Jake Ramsey, 10, Tyler Higgins, 10, Montana Gilbert, 10, Jack Landmann, 10, Evan Capelle, 10, Coach Brian Lammers.
Reid Aeblischer, 12, clears the ball from Highland's defensive end. In a game against Triad, the boys wore pink jerseys to support breast cancer awareness. Although it was a close game in the beginning, the Bulldogs crushed their rivals by ending the game with a score of 4-1.

What have you learned from your team on and off the field?

Focus on what I can control, not on what I can't, and continue learning.

I learned many new passing skills that I can use for years to come.

Evan Herman, 9

Brett Korte, 11
OUR GOAL: STOPPING YOURS

VARSIITY SOCCER

The positive chemistry of the 2014 Boys Varsity Soccer team contributed to their season's record of 10-8-1 and left them with memories they will never forget. After school resumed, the boys went 7-3 in the final ten games. This included a stretch of six games where the team went 5-1 and outscored the opposition 18-4. Emil Garcia, 12, allowed only 20 goals in 19 games and recorded six shut outs. Ben Powell, 12, and Brent Rapien, 10, led the team in goals. Ben scored 13 goals while Brent had 12 goals and two assists. While the record may not look too impressive on paper, this team had to overcome many distractions and obstacles and became better men as a result. Their coach, Josh Oswald, said “They can know they are one of the better teams to put on a Highland soccer jersey and represent their school and town respectfully and proudly.”

Playing under the stadium lights, Tyler Kimmell, 12, and Mitchell Duncan, 12, celebrate with a night fly. Tyler had just contributed to the 6-0 shut out on their senior night against Mascoutah. The boys led the team in assists. Tyler finished the season with seven goals and seven assists, while Mitch had four goals and six assists.

Oliver Pfeiffer, 10, saves the ball from going out of bounds. After all the seniors were taken out, the Bulldogs fought hard and earned the win against the Mascoutah Indians.

Ben Foppe, 12, heads for the goal after receiving a pass. He then crossed the ball over to Ben Powell, 12, who scored and contributed yet another goal on their boys’ senior night.

Lucas Ammann, 10, battles for the ball against an opposing Mascoutah player. Dribbling away with the ball he went on to assist a teammate with a goal.

Celebrating their years of dedication to Highland soccer, the senior boys smile for their end of season photo shoot. The boys willingly woke up early on a Saturday morning to take many pictures on their home field.

by jordyn grawe

Varsity Soccer
Our season started off good. We lost a couple of matches along the way but we ended strong.

- Sarah DeVries, 12

Being on JV all four years has taught me that people can learn fast.

- Moira Lynott, 12

During senior night, Coach Matt wore a princess crown; on his birthday, a Burger King crown.

- Stephanie Olivares, 11

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Triad 4-5 L
Granite City 9-0 W
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Jerseyville 1-8 L

Coach Matt called a time out before ushering Elisabeth Meadows, 10, and Kirsten Plocher, 9, over to explain strategies. No one was allowed on the courts during matches except the players.
This year, the Girls Tennis team had players from every grade level, which has not happened since 2011. Sarah DeVries, 12, and Elisabeth Meadows, 10, won their first medals of the year playing together. The pair went on to place second in the Mississippi Valley Conference Tournament on Tuesday, October 14th. Overall, Melanie Wick, 12, was number one on the team. "We're lucky to have so many senior leaders, including Moira Lynott, who is a great leader for the JV," said Stephanie Olivares, 11. The Civic Memorial and Greenville matches were canceled due to rain. "When the court is slick, it's unsafe to play. Having to cancel was not ideal but we pushed through," said Coach Matt Pellock. The girls went on to win third place in conference, behind Triad and Mascoutah.

Melanie Wick, 12, returns the serve in her singles match at the Edwardsville tournament. Wick held the number one spot on varsity this year.
Football Cheer

Coached by Casey Fields, the Varsity Football Cheerleaders went from a squad with seven seniors, last year, to just two this season. Tyler Zobrist, 9, said, “Because we only had two seniors this year, it really made everyone come together to help out. It made us closer because we couldn’t expect them to lead the team on their own.” Not only did the girls cheer and perform at football games, but they also participated in a two-day cheer camp at Highland. At this clinic, the upperclassmen helped newer girls learn classic favorites such as “Big G-Little O” and the “SUCCESS” cheer. First time freshmen were also taught the ins and outs of being football cheerleaders, including how to build the confidence to stand in front of the student body and lead cheers. Also, they were taught the importance of being role models for younger girls who may want to be cheerleaders in the future. This lesson was put to the test during a clinic at the beginning of the season for elementary level students interested in cheerleading. Later on in the season, the clinic participants were invited to cheer alongside the varsity members for a whole quarter under the Friday night lights. Because the Varsity Football team advanced to playoffs this year, the cheer season was extended.

By Sarah Dvorak
**WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE PART OF THE SEASON?**

"Every game day, looking up into the stands and seeing everyone pumped up and going crazy when the boys scored."

- Senior, Anna Heinold

"The circle time once a season where we took a practice to sit down as a team and have a deep talk about everything."

- Freshman, Tyler Zobrist

Claire Pabst, 9, and her stunt group preform during the half time show on October 26 on our home field.

The girls lead the fans section in the school song. The crowd went crazy at the home opener against Salem on September 5th.

Clapping along to the music, the team eagerly waits on the boys to tear through the bulldog logo. The band played loudly, the crowd went wild, and the boys had a fiery first game at their home stadium on September 5th.

Before the big game with Triad, the girls practice a new mount. We beat Triad 31 to 28.
How did this season stand out from other seasons?

“The teachers' strike affected our play schedule.” - Nick Bottom, 10

“I came to know the players a lot better.” - Andy Kampwerth, 10

“This season we won our games and it was a blast doing it.” - Avery Evans, 10

Garrett Marti, 9, hands the football off to number eight Jimmy Smith, 11, while number 25 Trent Rakers, 10, blocks ahead. Smith went on to score to help beat the Salem Wildcats at Salem.

Junior Cody Zobrist, number 54, tackles a Triad runningback and keeps the Knights from scoring a touchdown. The boys played Triad on Saturday and beat them at Triad.

The offensive line blocks for number five Garrett Marti, 9, as he drops back to pass. He completed the pass to Paxton Vonder Haar, 11. The Bulldogs played at home and beat Jerseyville.

The offence sets up for a pass play and the line makes their blocks. The Bulldogs beat Mascoutah at Mascoutah for the last game of the season.
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Junior, Seth Levad, number two, tackles a Triad running back for a loss in yards. They played this game before homecoming, and Levad said, "We had to get the show on the road."

**HUT, HUT, HIKE**

**JV Football**

As the season began, the expectations and pressure was up for the players and offensive Coach Brendon Delaney, and defensive Coach Derrick Rolfingsmeier. Some games were played on Saturdays and some on Thursdays, and two games were canceled due to the teacher strike and bad weather. While the coaches worked with different players on various drills, the common goal was for the team to grow as group of young men. The boys played scouting team against the varsity and worked three practices a week. This paid off with a record of 5-2. "It was an honor coaching this group of talented kids. They came to practice every day ready to learn and to get better, and for a coach that's all you can ask for. We had a fun time coaching them," said Coaches Delaney and Rolfingsmeier.

By ben menke
DuQuoin 56-0 W
Salem 55-7 W
Mattoon Forfeit L
Jerseyville 42-19 W
Triad 31-28 W
Civic Memorial 49-28 W
Waterloo 44-22 W
Mascoutah 59-39 W
Charleston 62-14 W

"He always lifted our spirits and never lost faith in us when we lost faith in ourselves."

How did your coach inspire you through the season?

"Coach instilled attributes like dedication and teamwork into all of us. He inspired us to be better men on and off the field."

Senior captains, Clint Reilson and Nick Ozar hold the school flag and the American flag as they charge onto the field during an away game against Waterloo. The team went on to win the game, 44-22.

Coming off of their 11-1 season last year, The Varsity Football team strove for similar results this year. After cutting it close against Triad, 31-28, the team often beat their other opponents by 20 or more points. This led the team to finishing their regular season 8-1. The only loss was a forfeit to Mattoon. Being undefeated in the Mississippi Valley Conference allowed for the team to win the conference title for the second year in a row. Entering the class 5A playoffs as the second seed, the team played Mattoon and Highland went on to win that game 57-26, taking the Bulldogs to the second round for the second year in a row. The squad then faced Taylorville at home and lost 36-15. On November 7, Highland completed their season with a 9-2 record. Coach Jim Warnecke said, "I am very proud of this year's team. On the field they were able to earn a conference championship and they achieved an undefeated regular season for the second year in a row. This is the first team in school history to accomplish this back to back seasons. I am truly honored to have worked with such a fine group of young men."
RAISING THE BAR

Varsity Football

By Jacob Gill and Hayden Fahrenholtz

The team lines up to shake hands with opposing team DuQuoin after winning the game, 56-0. This game allowed the team to get off to a strong start to the season.

Kicking off at an away game at Waterloo is junior Zeke Kaufman. He was a multiple-position player on the team playing the roles as kicker and linebacker.

Garrett Marti, 9, prepares to hand off the ball to Matt Augustin. 12. This was one of many successful plays that led the team to beat the Salem Wildcats 55-7.
PAY to Play

$150
BOWLING BALL

$45
VOLLEYBALL

$100
TRACK SPIKES

$60
SHIN GUARDS
$1,200 GOLF CLUB SET

$170 FOOTBALL HELMET

$60 BASKETBALL WARM-UP

$299 BASEBALL BAT
The pregame speeches by Cole Landmann gets Rittenhouse, 11 “Bowling is very competitive, which the pump up before we perform.” - Lacey Grawe, 9 “This year all will is looking to defend their state championship. The wrestling team is smaller this year; however a lot of success.” - Steve Lanxon, Athletic Director “Everything I do in basketball is "Participating in sports has shaped me in"
whole basketball team ready to win.” - Joey
makes it that much more fun.” - Molly Pfister, 10 “I love
sports have high expectations to meet. Both boys and girls basketball teams are strong. Dance
quality of the boys is strong. With all winter sports this year we are all hoping and expecting
for the love of the game. It is a rewarding sport.” - Brittany Cunnigham, 9
to who I am.” - Mason Lee, 12
During my first year of wrestling, the best part was, despite the opponents, I was still able to make tons of new friends.

- Nathan Tucker, 11

It turned me into the man I am today. I truly accredit my work ethic and overall character to what that sport has given me.

- Carsten Brauns, 11

Despite many defeats, the Wrestling Team managed to end the season with a record of 12-9. This was impressive considering the team was full of fresh new faces. Only five out of 14 boys on the varsity team were upperclassmen and seven of the 14 were first year wrestlers. They practiced every day except for Sunday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. The squad competed in various tournaments throughout the year such as the Civic Memorial Tournament on December 6, Mascoutah Tournament December 19 and 20, the Lincoln Tournament on December 29 and 30, and the Carbondale Tournament on January 10. The team competed at the annual Mississippi Valley Conference held at Waterloo placing fifth in their division. The wrestlers also returned to Waterloo to compete at Regionals held February 7. The wrestlers who advanced to Sectionals in Mattoon were, Mason Lee, 12, with second place, Nick Czar, 12, with first place, Trent Rakers 10, with first place, and Jacob Mitchell, 10 with second place. All four wrestlers also qualified for IHSA State which was held at the University of Illinois in Champaign, Illinois. After having an off season due to a knee injury Nick Czar came fighting back to the top for his senior year with a nearly perfect record. Nick also won Sectionals and placed second at State losing to a Lombard Montini wrestler, Michael Johnson. Nick Czar said, “Winning Sectionals felt like being the male gorilla who finally usurped his father to rule the pack of gorillas.” This is the third year for the team that the heavy weight wrestler made it to the State Finals undefeated. The team motto for the year was "Don't Quit. Do it" and that is exactly what the boys did. "There was never once a moment when I left a meet disappointed. Win or lose these boys put in their heart and soul during each match,” said Head Coach Terry Ohren.

by kylie burdick

Band of Brothers

Pinkneyville
O'Fallon
Althoff
Wood River
Litchfield
Hillsboro
Home

12-09

W W
W L
W L
W W

Wrestling

After taking his junior year off due to a knee injury, senior Nick Czar, bounces back strong and locks down his opponent.

Pinning his opponent and then winning his match at the Carbondale Tournament is senior, Mason Lee. He earned six team points for the Highland Bulldogs who placed fifth at the tournament.

Seconplace, Trent Rakers, gets in position to pin his Jacksonville opponent in a half-nelson. He won this final match for a third place finish at the Civic Memorial tournament.

Jacob Mitchell, 10, pins his opponent in one of his favorite wrestling moves, "the cradle," during the Civic Memorial Tournament held in early December. Mitchell ended up placing fourth out of the 120 weight class.
What was your favorite part of the season?

"I like the pep talks Mr. Hartlieb gives us before games!"

AIsse Koishor, 10

"Only losing one game!"

Madison Wellen, 10
### Triad Results

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**SHOOT TO WIN**

**JV Girls Basketball**

The JV Girls Basketball team had a very busy off season. They played in a league and tournaments during the summer. Practice started in October. The practices consisted of conditioning, lifting weights, ball handling, and going through schemes. Caitlin Lammers, 11, said, “It was fun playing with a team that got along on and off the court and winning games against good teams.” Terri Menke and Chris Hartlieb coached the girls. Coach Hartlieb said, “This year’s JV squad is as talented as any team I’ve ever coached. They make my job awfully easy.” The team had a great season finishing 9-1 in conference with their only loss was against Civic Memorial, and an impressive overall record of 15-1.
Makin' History

Led by Coach Mike Arbuthnot and assistants Terri Menke and Chris Hartlieb, the girls accomplished a winning season. Beginning in the summer, the team held open gyms where they conditioned and practiced shooting. To build team spirit, they took trips to Notre Dame and Louisville to play basketball and visit the campuses. Starting the season off strong, the girls won first place in the Salem Thanksgiving Tournament for the first time in team history. The squad went into the Mascoutah Christmas Tournament with a 13-0 record. They came out with a fifth place trophy. Following winter break, the girls headed into the Highland Girls Tournament where they had a tough loss to Mater Dei but came back with a win against Central to take third place overall in the tournament. Coach Mike Arbuthnot said, "The greatest mistake we make is living in the constant fear that we will make one." It was their team motto. The team lost to Civic Memorial in the Regional Championship, ending with a 27-4 season. This was the second best record in school history.

by jenna spies
During a game against the Civic Memorial Eagles, Olivia LaPorta, 12, posts up for a pass to score. The team pulled out another win for the season. “My favorite game was when we played Breese Central and there was a huge student section. They really helped us keep the momentum going,” said LaPorta.


During a game against Mater Dei, guard Amanda Ponce, 11, reaches to steal the ball from her opponent. The team was played Mater Dei for the second time in a close game. They came out 12 points on top.

Before the game against Salem, the girls get in a huddle. MacKenzie Kleinmann, 12, said, “My favorite part of the season was being so successful with my teammates my senior year.”

MacKenzie Kleinmann, 12, jumps up to grab the ball before it goes out of bounds. The game was during the Salem Tournament; the team played Civic Memorial. They finished first in the tournament.

Varsity Girls Basketball
The JV Dance team was coached by Emily Wellen. The team was made up of five freshmen and three sophomores. Practices were each day after school for two hours to prepare for their season. The girls had three dance routines they preformed at JV basketball games and competitions. They included lyrical to the song "Kiss Me," jazz to the song "Applause," and a fire themed pom routine to a remix of pop songs. The team preformed in multiple competitions including Highland Regionals, Althoff Regionals, Edwardsville Regionals, and IDTA State at Springfield. "My favorite dance was pom, because there were two turn sections," said Claire Pabst, 9. The dance team also preformed with varsity on New Year's Eve at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida. Coach Emily Wellen said, "My favorite part about coaching is seeing how much my team grows from the beginning of the season to the end. I have truly enjoyed getting to know each team member this season." They earned first place for all their dance routines at the IDTA championships.
The girls hit their marks at the end of their pom routine during the Althoff Regional Competition. Overall, the team placed first in all three dances at this competition.

What was your favorite part of the season?

The Orange Bowl was my favorite, because it was a great learning experience and I got to spend time with my teammates in Florida.

Alana Hollenkamp, 9

During their performance to the song "Kiss Me" Quintie Hayden, 10, and Claire Pabst, 9, transition to their next formation.

At the Edwardsville Regional, Claire Pabst, 9, and Reagan Thornton, 10, preform their pom routine. The team placed first in this routine.

Reagan Thornton, 10, Hannah Luitjohan, 10, and Paige Foster, 9, preform a turn sequence during their jazz routine at the Highland Regional Competition.
By mckenzie rosen

What was your favorite dance this season?

- Lyrical was my favorite dance because I really like the song and it was easy to connect to.
- Hip Hop was my favorite routine this year because it is high energy and a lot of fun to perform.
- My favorite routine was Pom Dance because I like wearing my sparkle dress.

Abigail Rogier, 9  Kelsey Lane, 11  Katie Etter, 9
WE RUN THIS TOWN

Varsity Dance

The Varsity Dance Team, coached by Mrs. Michelle Deets, had a busy year. They competed in both the IDTA and IHSA dance competitions. Over Christmas break, they danced during Little Big Town’s half time show at the Orange Bowl in Miami, Florida. The team was made up of 12 girls. Practices were held every day after school to prepare their routines. The girls perfected four routines in the Hip-Hop, Lyrical, Jazz, and Pom Dance categories. They qualified all of these routines for their IDTA State at local regional competitions. The girls placed first in all three categories at IDTA State. At the third annual IHSA sectional, held at Effingham High School, the team took first place as well as a qualifying score for state for the third year in a row. The next weekend, the dancers competed at IHSA State in Bloomington where they received third place. Coach Deets said, “I am so proud of my team this year. It was a young team—six new freshmen so we had a lot of ground to cover at the beginning of the season. However, the young ladies grew as a team throughout their year together, and continued with the tradition of excellence that this program is known for.”

Raven Miranda, 9, Chloe Beard, 9, Katie Etter, 9, Kayla Davis, 9, Leslie Drueke, 11, Kelsey Lane, 11, Addison Korsmeyer, 12, McKenzie Rosen, 11, Lexy Hagler, 11, Ally Becker, 10, Abigail Rogier, 9, Olivia Centeman, 9.

The team hits their ending pose in their jazz routine at the IHSA State Finals in Bloomington. The girls placed in the top 10, which allowed them the opportunity to compete the next day for a state title.

Addison Korsmeyer, 12, and Lexy Hagler, 11, hold their legs during a lyrical performance at the Lindberg Regional.

Leslie Drueke, 11, executes a tilt kick to increase the difficulty in the team’s Pom Dance routine.

The girls finish their hip hop routine with a “Boss” pose at a home came.
The 2014-2015 cheer season started in September and the girls were coached by Leah Nungesser and Kristy Elliot. Practices were from 6:00 to 9:00 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays in the Pups' Pen at the middle school. On Wednesdays they practiced stunting from 4:00 to 5:00 and then tumbling from 5:00 to 7:00 at Core Elite Tumble and Cheer. They trained throughout the year and competed in the Highland Regional where they placed seventh. They also competed at the Pickneyville Regional where they placed sixth. Finally they competed at the Normal West Regional where they tied for first qualifying for state. They also attended all home basketball games and cheered on the sidelines for the JV Boys Basketball team. Mariah Thuenemann, 10, said "My favorite part of the year was getting close with the girls, and qualifying for state."

by brianna becherer & allison young

The JV cheerleaders perform their routine at the pep rally. The routine was the same one they performed at regionals and it advanced them to state.
What's the hardest part about cheerleading?

"Qualifying for state with only seven people on the team."

-Madelyn Potthast, 9.
MAKE SOME NOISE

Varsity Cheerleading

From the start of the season in April, to the end in February, the Highland Varsity cheerleaders practiced over 15 hours a week with coaches Angie Fears and Chelsey Kantner. Both coaches were former members of the squad. In the summer, the team attended a NCA cheer camp in Kentucky to learn new moves and perfect their stunting techniques. On August 22 and 23, the cheerleaders drew a crowd while performing at the St. Paul Kirchenfest. When hosting the Highland Regional, the squad took first and qualified for the ICCA Championship in Springfield, IL. There, they took third place, and the stunt groups won second and third. After changing parts of their routine, the team competed at the Oakforest Invitational, and earned fourth place. To make it to IHSA state in Bloomington, IL, the cheerleaders had to earn top five at the Mascoutah Sectional. Even with two deduction points, the team pulled through to receive fifth place. IHSA state took place on the first Friday and Saturday of February. The squad had to make top ten in the preliminary round to advance to Saturday. They finished their season sixth in the state.

Front Row: Madi Zobrist, 12, Marlee Singler, 12, Jordyn Grawe, 12, Jenna Melosi, 12. Middle Row: Marylyn Dinh, 11, Leah Sutton, 9, Rebecca Nation 12, Bailey Willis, 10, Anna Heinold, 12, Audrey Kosydar, 11, Marissa Wheeler, 11, Carolyn Dinh, 11. Back Row: Coach Angie Fears, Dani Zobrist, 10, Lacey Grawe, 9, Jessica Wilson, 10, C.J. Kutzgar, 10, Hope Immong, 10, Ally Iberg, 10, Abagail McTeer, 9, Coach Chelsey Kantner.

The team hits a motion in the middle of the cheer section of their routine. At the ICCA championship, the girls and C.J. took home third place.

At a basketball game against Mascoutah, the squad performs their signature "Stomp" timeout cheer. It included loud stomping and clapping to gain attention from the fan section.

At the end of the routine in the preliminary round of IHSA state, the squad puts up a surprise mount that they had not used at a competition before.

by Jordyn Grawe
The most memorable part of the season was the NCA camp in Kentucky. The seniors made us shirts and we bonded during those three days.

Ally Iberg, 10

Being a senior, the part of cheer I will miss the most are the competitions. This year was my first and last time performing at IHSA state.

Anna Heinold, 12

At the ICCA State competition held in Springfield, IL, the team performs their 360 stunt. This stunt combination included a 360, low to high tick-tock, and a twist cradle.
What was the most memorable part of your season?

"The calm atmosphere on game day." - Matt Kleinmann, 11

“When we were down against Triad and bounced back to win the game.” - Stephen Schniers, 9

“Coach Strong yelling at Matt Kleinmann for making silly mistakes.” - Austin Brown, 11
# Scoreboard

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*Matt Beyer, 11, jumps above his opponent to shoot a two pointer at a game against Triad. The boys won this game.*

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## Thru Hoops

**JV Boys Basketball**

During their season, the JV Boys Basketball Team won the majority of their games. The team, comprised mostly of juniors, also had some underclassmen in the mix. These future varsity players won all of their conference games, which included two wins against Highland rival, Triad. The team worked together on offense and defense. Practices were held in the gym every night. During practices, the players ran full and half court defensive and offensive drills and they practiced playing many different positions. Coach Todd Strong said, “This group has been so much fun to coach because they are a competitive group that likes to win! The team shows that the future of Highland basketball is in good shape for years to come. When you have kids like that, they make it easy. They play with heart and guts during every game.”
Cole Landmann, 12, drives through Triad defenders toward the basket for a layup. We beat Triad at home.

Tyler Pollard, 11, shoots over a Civic Memorial player to score two points while getting fouled. Because of the foul, Pollard went on to make a free throw to score a third point on the play.

Matt Beyer, 11, shoots a free throw after taking a foul from a Triad defender. Matt went on to make both free throws to help the team.

The team forms a huddle after the starting lineups are announced to discuss their plans for the game. The players were often led by senior Cole Landmann, or by junior Tyler Pollard.
IN IT TO WIN IT

Varsity Boys Basketball

This year's basketball team had its ups and downs, but they went on to win a Mississippi Valley Conference Championship. This victory at the Conference match was the fourth consecutive time that Highland has won the MVC. Led by lone senior Cole Landmann, the team finished with a record of 11-15 and 8-2. The team was composed of all juniors who played the year before for Coach Matt Elledge and Assistant Coaches Todd Strong, Austin Welz, and Wes Degroot. "It was a fun year and we had a great season. Our goal was to win a conference title, which we did and I couldn't have asked to play with a better group of guys. I hope that they have the best of luck next season," said Landmann, 12. Highland placed second in the Triad Mid-Winter Classic, and ninth in the Mater Dei Holiday Tournament. The season ended after a tough loss to Civic Memorial in the first Regional game of the tournament. The group of players that will be returning the following year hope to have similar success and continue the trend of winning the MVC title.

by jacob gill and ben menke

Waterloo 50-39 W
Civic Memorial 63-61 W
Mascoutah 59-56 L
Triad 67-61 W
Jerseyville 63-55 W
Triad 48-44 W
Mascoutah 64-55 W
Waterloo 64-45 L
Civic Memorial 54-49 W
Jerseyville 47-36 W
The HHS Bowling Team consisted of both boys and girls as well as varsity and junior varsity teams. During the season, they practiced every day after school at the Poplar Junction Bowling Lanes in Highland. That is also where they held all of their matches. "Girl's Varsity and JV, and Men's JV were Mississippi Valley Division Champions. Girl's Varsity and Girl's JV ended 14-2, Men's Varsity finished 11-5, and Men's JV had a strong 15-1 record. We had a terrific season," said Coach Wander.

During practice, the bowling teams' warm ups included rolling the ball to partners, practicing slides, one step, two steps, and hitting a "mark" or a certain pin. "No one likes when Coach Schrumpf gets her towel out, because we know that we have to hit our mark or we have to keep trying until we do. I'm proud of the team's accomplishments, and I feel we achieved so much," said Gina Zbinden, 11.
The funniest part of the season was when Brett Harrison ripped his pants because he kicked his leg too high on a throw.

Megan Gruner, 12

At sectionals, we all wore Wonder Woman socks for good luck.

Lexi Korte, 11
KEEPIN' IT FRESH
Freshman Sports

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Front Row: Kate Camillo, Kallie Painter, Caitlin Basden, Mackenzie Gould; Middle Row: Megan Sands, Addison Rinderer, Taylor Braswell, Emma Drysdale, Allie Litzenburg, Sarah Francis and Sydney Kesner; Back Row: Coach Kelly, Coach Hubbard, Mikayla Kampwerth, Jessica Hudson, Bridg Range, Morgan Mesle, and Coach Beyer.

FOOTBALL

BOYS BASKETBALL


GIRLS BASKETBALL

"HHS is a great school. The teachers are supportive and classmate."

- Jillian Garbett

Extra curricular activities. All the people here are supportive and know I can go to any of the teachers at HHS if I need
to prepare you for college.” - Ben Leman, senior

"I have funny phomor." - Mason Lee, senior

"All the people in our school is involved in activities of each other.” - Tristan Hutter, sophomore

"I did nothing at all.” - Emma Drysdale, freshman
"Teaching is a hoot. Everyday is a new adventure." - Mrs. Duncan

"students and faculty is unrivaled." - Mr. Weber

"Highland High School is a great
administrators, wonderful faculty, and
love teaching science because we get to blow stuff up."

now, I have considered it a privilege to be a
“Highland’s atmosphere that is created by

place to work because of the great hardworking students.” - Mr. Houchins

Mrs. Simmons “From teaching my siblings until part of others' learning.” - Ms. Swank
Most Entertaining - Mr. Strong

Best Dressed - Mrs. Ramsey & Mrs. Jones

Most Likely to be Mistaken for a Student - Mrs. Jackson

Craziest Teacher - Ms. Swank

Most Inspiring - Mrs. Ruebhausen
TEACHER SUPERLATIVES
Toughest to get an A from/Toughest Grader - Mrs. Mertes

Most Quoteable - Mr. Misick

Most Likely to Save the World - Mr. Holt
Best Storyteller - Mr. Hawkins

Most Likely to Catch a Student Texting - Mrs. Heinz
Best Teaching Method - Mrs. Basden

Most Creative - Mrs. Wander
Best Personality - Ms. Romero

Best Car - Mrs. Martz
"High school is not as scary as it's made so far!" - Lauren Baer

"One benefit of the high school school." - Tyler Allen

"The middle school food was better." games are so much fun!" - Brandon Munie

"It is
out to be. Freshman year has been great
more freedom from the teachers. It is a big change from the middle

Seby Wolf “All the girls.” - Justin Melosi “High school football
more of a challenge this year.” - Megan Sands
"I usually go to the favorites line."
Cain Clarke, 9

"I go to the salad line; it's the only thing that doesn't taste like cat foot."
Brett Flesch, 9

"Uhhh... the pizza line."
Britney Lacckey, 9
Top 10 songs that described my freshman year

1. Hell and Back by Kid Ink
2. Uptown Funk by Mark Ronson featuring Bruno Mars
3. Take Me To Church by Hoizer
4. Slum Anthem by K Camp
5. Dead and Gone by Ti
6. Can't Be Tamed by Miley Cyrus
7. Misery by Maroon 5
8. Ain't It Fun by Paramore
9. Blank Space by Taylor Swift
10. I Lived by One Republic

Student's Favorite class

My favorite class is Spanish with Mrs. Twyford.
-Lucas Haney

History with Mrs. Beyer is fun. Definitely my fave!
-Lacey Hanratty

I have Mrs. Ramsey for bio and it's the best!
-Alyssa Freimann

Mrs. Fredericksen's English is the class I look forward to!
-Taylor Braswell
"I'm a sophomore, don'tcha know?" - Megan

to learn how to perform CPR." - Bryan Abbe

"Getting my year special." - Brenna Maas

"We love First Lunch Sophomore Girls' Table "

"Sophomore year has been "

"At least I'm not a freshman." - Evan Capelle
Frey "Getting to take health class was really fun. I used the mannequin license is something that made my being sophomores because we are practically invisible."
real, and it has been fun. But it has not been real fun." - Chase Leitchuch

"Disregard females, acquire currency." - Collin Meyers
Anthony Gallo
Jillian Garbett
Ben Geppert
Ethan Gibson
Montana Gilbert
Justin Gill
Mason Glasco

Emily Glenn
Jenna Gnaedinger
Lexi Green
Aubrey Hacke
Eric Harrison
Cayla Hartlieb
Samantha Hawkes

Quincie Hayden
Courtney Henghold
Maggie Hereford
Nathan Higgins
Tyler Higgins
Peyton Holzinger
Alexis Hormann

Dustin Hubbard
Tanner Huelsman
Sierra Huelsmann
Trent Hund
Tristin Hutter
Savannah Hyde
Ally Iberg

Hope Imming
Isaac Imming
Joshua Janiszewski
Sarah Jansen
Caley Jerman
Drew Jerman
Erica Jerman

Luke Jones
Madisen Jones
Andy Kampwerth
Anjuli Kampwerth
Katie Kampwerth
Kayleen Kampwerth
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Colin Knopp
Alisse Koishor
Clayton Kopsic
Amanda Korsmeyer

Brett Korte
Colin Korte
Zach Korte
C.J. Kutzgar
Shawn Lada
Brianna Laleman
Hailey Landmann
how long does it take you to get ready in the morning?

15 minutes 42%
30 minutes 9%
45 minutes 19%
60 minutes 24%
90 minutes+ 6%

"I always pick my clothes out the night before because it saves me three minutes in the morning. Then, I get up and take a shower. Sometimes I put mascara on, but it really depends on my mood."

Jack Landmann

"I set my outfit out the night before because it's just easier that way. Sometimes I fix my hair, and that takes about ten minutes."

Jenna Magee
**Behind The Wheel With...**

*Who Did You Drive With?*

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**STUDENT'S BEST excuses**

1. I asked my math teacher a lot of questions and finished it while she was talking.
   - Jordan Braundmeier

2. We said we didn't have enough money to buy pencils.
   - Ethan Billhartz and Chase Leitschuh

3. We had the entire class convince the teacher she didn't assign anything.
   - Alex LaPorta

4. I was abducted by aliens while I was working on the farm and they yelled "Triad Rocks" out the window.
   - Archie Schwehr
"I am so proud to be in the class of 2016! We are full only for each other, but for our entire school." - Lexy

"In my opinion, our class

"Being a junior means no exams for the first time." - Anderson

Stephanie Olivares
of pride, support, spirit, loyalty, and friendships not

Hagler  "I think that what makes our class great is our

Tyler Pollard  "Our class has a special energy. We can always talk to anyone in our

is the loudest and most spirited." - Liz Arend

Viegman  "We are an interesting class. That's all." -
Marylyn Dinh
Leslie Druke
Jarett Dubach
Hampton DuFran
Emily Duncan
Austin Elledge
Ethan Emery

Leah Erickson
Camie Ernst
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Simon Potthast

Portraits
"I hit a parked car because I stepped on the gas instead of the breaks."

- Will Greenwald

"One time my friend drove on a one way street the wrong way."

- Jenna Spies
"I stressed out a lot and lost sleep."
Zeke Kaufman

"I kinda of stressed out."
Reagan Stowers

"I didn't stress out at all."
Justin Twyford

STUDENTS' BEST excuses

"I made up that my hamster, Bebe, died and I was up all night crying."
- Tricia Hug

"I left my backpack in my truck when it rained and my homework got wet."
- Cole Goestenkors

"I flushed my homework down the toilet."
- Hampton DuFrain

"I always do my homework. I don't need an excuse."
- Kyle Schmitt
“You mess with the best, you end up with the worst.” - Eric Melosi

“Everyone always has a good time.” - Everyone

Abbey Johnson, Class President

“You guys gave me the senior class because the whole class is outgoing. We have some bad influences.”

“Procrastination, use it wisely.”

Hunter Coker

Portraits
up like the rest.” - Clint Reilson  “Dang, each others backs. Seniors stick together.” -
the best four years. Thank you!” - Maddie Wilke  “I like the
grown closer during these years” - Mitch Wallace

- Moira Lynott  “Our senior class is like a family.” -
WHERE ARE YOU GOING TO SCHOOL NEXT YEAR?

READY OR NOT

Prepared to Graduate?

YES 56%

NO 44%

“I am excited and ready for college because I am looking forward to running for a college team.”

Jayden Shelton

“I’m ready to move on to bigger and better things. The possibilities are endless after high school.”

Logan Landmann

“No. I am not ready to leave high school because the real world is scary.”

Austin Zurliene

“Western Kentucky University.”

- Adrianna Jakel

“Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.”

-Ben Foppe

“Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.”

-Jordan Medina

Portraits
Nick Czar, 12, Olivia Centeman, 9, and Ben Menke, 12 get in the groove at a Glow Party for Centeman. Czar and Menke DJ'd the party. Although you might have known them as DJ Young Squaw and DJ Big Slam.

After three consecutive years of winning the homecoming float competition, the class of 2015 takes the win again with a tropical oasis.

At a home girl's basketball game against Mascoutah, a group of senior boys, known as the "6th Man," dressed in beach attire to cheer on their favorite athletes. The "6th Man," went to home and away girls' basketball games with a different theme each game. Other themes were western, neon, jersey, and classy.

After defeating the juniors in the championship homecoming powderpuff game 7-0, the seniors rally together for a photo. This helped the seniors win homecoming week.
Senior Superlatives

Best Personality: Sarah DeVries & Eric Melosi

Best Smile: Emily Deichmann & Matt Augustin

Best Hair: Miranda Weiss & Trevor White

Most Changed: Peyton Guthrie & Joe Range

Best Instagram: Brook Zapisek & Mitch Wallace

Most Artistic: Katy Daiber & Brett Wetzel

Biggest Flirt: Maggie Keeven & Jarrad Drzewucki

Best Friends: Molly Schutzenhofer & Taylor Wendler
Ben Menke & Hunter Coker

Worst Driver: Morgan Korte & Grant Riggs
Worst Case of Senioritis
Everyone

Most Likely To Be Late To Graduation
Jenna Melosi & Zachary Chapman

Most Likely To Be Famous
Nick Czar & Mallory Rutz

Most Likely To Win A Grammy
Jordan Lynn & Jordan Comish

Most Likely To Teach At NHS
Grant Geppert & Claire Litenburg

Cutest Couple
Jayden Shelton & Brendan Sands

Teacher's Pet
Tamera Hanna & Samuel Fredericksen
Not Pictured

Best Twitter Account
Jacob Gill & Marlee Singler

Most Athletic
Olivia LaPorte & Logan Geiger

Best Eyes
Brooke Hustedde & Shayne Ferguson

Best to Bring Home to Mom and Dad
Cole Landmann & Hannah Dawson
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Ashley McPherson
He love you to the moon and back!

I hope you dance!!

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