Journey

Homecoming Dance

Back to School

Game Day Friday

Test Next Monday

Another Year Finished!!!

HHS 2015-2016

Prom ????
spring sports and activities are in the supplement
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Total Enrollment: 967

Freshman Class of 2019
Enrollment: 249

Sophomore Class of 2018
Enrollment: 236

Junior Class of 2017
Enrollment: 226

Senior Class of 2016
Enrollment: 256
#TBT

#TBT is a hashtag used on social media sites that stands for "Throwback Thursday." Users hashtag old pictures to "throwback" to when they were younger. Below are baby pictures of students at HHS. Can you guess who is who?
Remember When...

News from HHS:

We Glowed at the Triad BB Game.

Texting on Stairs was Banished.

Cards were Prohibited.

Girls basketball won super sectional & advanced to state for first time in school history.

The Dab Hit the Halls.

Senior guys started up The Wings Club.
World News:

At the Miss Universe pageant, host Steve Harvey mistakenly called Miss Columbia the winner instead of Miss Philippines.

Top Artist:
1. The Weekend
2. Taylor Swift
3. Fetty Wap

Billboard Magazine 2015

Top Apps:
Student Survey
1. Snapchat
2. Stop
3. Euchre 3D

Isis bombed Paris; Parisians were undaunted.

The St. Louis Rams moved to L.A.

Leap Year!!

by alivia meskil, ally iberg, & ally becker

remember when
Trends

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Flannels

Ankle Boots

OVO

Hair Flow

Blanket Scarves

Nike SB

Ivory Ella
ARMY JACKET

Fitbit

Converse

Patagonia

Monogram

Oversized T-Shirts

Joggers

Duck Boots
This year's homecoming theme was "A Touch of Class." With the much appreciated help of sponsors Ms. Beyer, Mrs. Basden, and all the hard working members of student council, the dance was a stunning success. The students were immersed in beautiful golden, sparkling decorations as they made their way into the gym. Coronation started promptly at 8:00, and was followed by the dance. "Cupid Shuffle" was the first song and all the students danced and laughed. Student council and their sponsors did a splendid job. This year was the fourth year that the dance came before the rest of the homecoming week's activities. Due to popular request, for the first time, the dance ended at 11:30, instead of 11:00. This allowed the students just a bit longer to dance to the variety of music played by the DJ.

by hannah luitjohan & emma moos
In full lifeguard pose are juniors, Ally Becker, Hope Imming, Ben Thomae, Jack Landmann, and Abby Melosi on the Geist Farm in Highland. They all work at Korte Rec Center.

Freshman girls, Brooke Wilson, Lexi Gibbons, Hannah Kernan, and Parisse Waldman, lift up Alex Thies at Brady Feldmann's house, before their dinner at Popeye's in St. Rose.

Sophomores, Olivia Genteman, Lake Bircher, Abby Mcteer, Luke Landmann, Claire Pabst, Kayla Davis, Justin Melosi, Katie Etter, Stephen Schniers, and Recre Portell show off their muscles in preparation for the upcoming power volleyball and powderpuff football games during homecoming week.

Seniors, Chase Bircher, Emily Canterberry, Kate Sikora, Amanda Ponce, Brianna Becherer, and Lexy Hagler, pose for their last homecoming picture at Paula Shea Calvert's historic Highland home. Canterberry said, "I will miss getting dressed up and taking pictures with all my friends."

"Hoco isn't that classy, but I sure made it classy."
*Cory Stieb, 10*

"On a scale from one to ten, I was probably a thirteen."
*Lauren Baer, 10*

"That shouldn't even be a question. Look at me."
*Ethan Billhartz, 11*
Homecoming Court

Trenton Allen & Robbie Brown

King & Queen

Adam Kelso & Allison Zobrist

Special Escort & Special Maid

Freshman Court

Sophomore Court

Junior Court
Senior Court

Emily Canterberry & Trent Carriger

Pacey Perez & Adam Kelso

Audrey Kosydar & Zander Hayes

Stephanie Olivares & Austin Bush

Marylyn Dinh & Will Michael

Lexy Hagler & Sam Greene

Shelby McCarthy & Sam Ahlmeyer

Lily Happold & JR Tscherney

Allison Zobrist & Joey Bittenhouse
Ranch day was my favorite because everyone dressed up and it looked really funny.

Ally Iberg, 11

My favorite part of homecoming was all of the decorations and effort put into the activities.

Nigel Bennett, 9

Mrs. Brown and Ms. Hall guard Mrs. Holtzclaw as she successfully runs the ball down the field. She scored multiple touchdowns for the HHS faculty team in the powderpuff game against the HMS faculty team, resulting in a win for the high school.

In the high school gym on Thursday night, the senior boys huddled for a quick pep talk before their last game. The seniors beat the freshman, sophomore, and junior boys power volleyball teams including the faculty. One of the senior coaches, Anderson Wiegman, 12, said, "We like how our team matured throughout the years and their mental capacity increased along with the knowledge for the game."

Karina Hately-Vargas, 9, Victoria Thomae, 10, Nick Bottom, 11, and Ethan Emery, 12, are decked out in their salad dressing apparel for Thursday's dress up day.

David Lutostanski, 11, practices bumping before competing in the senior vs. junior power volleyball game. The seniors were the champions.

In a minute to win it competition at the square, Austin Bush, 12, beat Zander Hayes, 12, Alex Thies, 9, and Nick Dugan, 11, by 20 seconds. They each had to knock all of the cups off the table by only using the air they blew into their balloon.
Homecoming Week
A Touch Of Class
Following the homecoming dance, the student body continued the excitement with a week full of class competitions that kicked off with "Class Colors Day." Each grade wore a specific color: seniors in black, juniors in red, sophomores in blue, and freshmen in green. That night, the first annual kickball tournament took place and seniors came out with a win. Holiday spirit was everywhere on Tuesday when seniors wore Christmas sweaters, juniors wore Halloween costumes, sophomores wore St. Patrick's Day green, and freshmen wore red, white, and blue for Fourth of July. At the powderpuff game that night, seniors defeated all of the underclassmen teams. Wednesday was "Clique Day." Seniors were nerds, juniors were jocks, sophomores were goths and freshmen were preps. That evening at the homecoming parade, the seniors won the minute to win it competition. On Thursday, each grade dressed as a different salad dressing; seniors wore togas for Caesar dressing, juniors wore Ranch attire, sophomores dressed as Italian, and freshmen wore Thousand Island clothing. Power volleyball took place that night and seniors pulled out a win. At the pep rally on Friday, each class sported Bulldog apparel to get ready for the win that night against Waterloo.

Seniors defeat the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors at the first annual kickball tournament held at Pic Park in Pierron. Following the tournament, the seniors celebrated with ice cream at Dairy Queen in Highland. Austin Elledge, 12, said, "Kickball was the best part of the whole week!"

Attempting to run the ball during the freshman vs. senior powderpuff game, Katelyn Marti, 9, gets her flags pulled by Amanda Ponce, 12, resulting in a senior first down. The game took place on Tuesday at the high school football stadium.

by Lydia Schutzenhofer & Chase Bircher
Ashley Terveen, 12, hits a heel stretch at the beginning of the pep assembly to grab the audience's attention. The girls went on to entertain the crowd with a flawless routine.

Senior boys stun the crowd with a slow motion mash up. Austin Elledge, Andrew Winning, Tyler Pollard, and Austin Bush spent many hours practicing with the dance team.

To conclude the homecoming week activities, students gathered together in the gym on Friday, September 25 for the traditional pep assembly. Varsity football cheerleaders began the assembly by nailing a flawless routine. The cheerleaders, then separated into their class sections to rally the classes up for the class cheer competition. Each grade gave it their all, but the juniors came out on top. Next, the class officers were called to the floor with a chosen classmate to participate in the tug-o-war between the competitive classes. The seniors pulled, and pulled for a victory over the sophomores in the final round. To continue the fun, the students enjoyed watching 15 senior guys dance with members of the Varsity dance team. Trent Carriger's backflips and Jarett Dubach's slow motion were highlights. After the senior guys left their moves on the dance floor, the freshman through junior court members faced an interesting challenge. The members of court had to split up into boys versus girls and the object of the challenge was to lay down and get up the fastest holding hands. The girls got tripped up towards the end, letting the boys win by a landslide. The last event was the senior court members with two activities. The first event was a series of relays. The court members had to run up and down the court and complete four tasks to win. Trent Carriger and Emily Canterberry finished first. The second activity was a dance off between court couples. The couples busted their moves to try to win the dance off, but it ended as a three way tie.

by ally becker & alivia meskil

Who Has Spirit?

During the class cheers at the pep assembly, the juniors, class of 2017, smash the other grades with the loudest cheer. It was the first ever win for a junior class in Highland history.

Pep Assembly

20.55 15.71 12.82 7.85
The senior court members, Zander Hayes, Lexy Hagler, Sam Greene, Emily Canterbury, and Trent Carriger show off their dance moves while grooving to "YMCA" by The Village People.

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Emily Hoepker, 9
With only eight characters in the fall play, each actor had an important role. Here's a close look at each actor in his element.

Who's Playing Who?

Parker Wrobbel, 12, as Hobart Berelzheimer
Kristy Hindman-Cook, 12, as Cinnamon Schmidt
Jacob Wiseman, 12, as Orville Maddox
Alex Mungia, 12, as Joe Shimko
Don't Tell Mother

Fall Play

This year's fall play titled, Don't Tell Mother, was directed by David Whitacre. The cast put on outstanding performances on the nights of October 29, 30, and 31 in the high school kennel. The entire plot of the play rested on one lie, that soon created a "snowball" effect on the rest of the characters. After an earlier unfortunate encounter with a Chicago bank robbery, Cinnamon Schmidt, played by Kristy Hindman-Cook, 12, was made an accomplice to the heist. That same day, Cinnamon and her mother, played by Katie McGlasson, 11, heard a knocking on the door from federal agent, Joe Shimko, played by Alex Mungua, 12. In fear of the robber, Miss Schmidt lied about her identity, saying that she was her friend DeeDee Malone, played by Johannah Comish, 11, and vice versa. Little did they know, the federal agent was only there to question the Schmidt's of unpaid taxes. This lie required DeeDee to keep pretending to be Cinnamon, while "her" fiancé and his mother came to visit the Schmidt's for the very first time. Characters introduced themselves with fake names and this led to an extremely confused, yet humorous group. In the last act, the players collapsed into hysterical laughter and all eventually confessed their true identities. Senior Parker Wrobel said, "My favorite scene was when Hobart entered, because everyone was pretending to be him. So it was cool to keep everyone wondering who the real Hobart was until the end." The 2015 fall play attracted large crowds on all three nights.

by ally iberg & austin elledge

Shannon Miller, 11, as Magda Bereizheimer

Johannah Comish, 11, as DeeDee Malone

Mackenzie Bishop, 11, as Rikki Tickey

Katie Mcglasson, 11, as Sarah Schmidt

Backstage, fellow actor, Mackenzie Bishop, 11, carefully applies make up to Shannon Miller, 11. It was not unusual for actors to do their own make up.

Jacob Wiseman, 12 and Alex Mungua, 12 rehearse their roles. In this scene, Wiseman, as Orville Maddox, was startled by the sudden appearance of Mungua, as Joe Shimko, and reacted in self defense. This created tension throughout the rest of the act.
Front Row: Alex Munguia, 12, Josh Kineke, 12, Brandon Gieseking, 12, Brigid Range, 10, Rachael Watkins, 12, Karli Steinbruegge, 12, Emily Baldock, 11, Jenna Swindle, 11, Beylee Stone, 11, Victoria Moss, 12, Sophia Sterzl-Mcmullen, 9, Victoria Lynn, 9, Second Row: Brendan Varner, 11, Madeline Wesselmann, 9, Lily Becker, 9, Brianna Bennett, 9, Samantha Hawkes, 11, Heather Kim, 9, Ashley Buchmiller, 9, Autumn Riggs, 9, Nicole Beaubien, 11, Third Row: Kylee DeLuca, 10, Emily Wiegand, 12, Mackenzie Bishop, 11, Amanda Graves, 12, Katie Mcglasson, 11, Allie Friesland, 12, Pacey Perez, 12, Mary Austin, 12, Kristy Hindman-Cook, 12, Lacey Hanratty, 10, Elaina Cooksey, 9, Lauryn Cook, 12, Abigail Cutler, 9, Emily Glenn, 11, Shannon Miller, 11, Nathan Harris, 12, Back Row: Jayce Kustermann, 9, Nigel Bennett, 9, Jacob James, 9, Jacob Wiseman, 12, Alexander Phalen, 10, Mitchell Delee, 11, Johannah Comish, 11, Ziven Soyka, 12, Dietrich Gossmeyer, 10, Parker Wrobbel, 12, Justin Wheeler, 10, River Buchanan, 10, David Palenchar, 10, Josh Miller, 10

Gypsies, Karli Steinbruegge, 12, Rachael Watkins, 12, and Victoria Lynn, 9, prepare the audience for dinner at Friday night's show. The gypsies dismissed each table by judging how loud they could cheer "huzzah."

Before the first show, Mrs. Ruebhausen talks to River Buchanan, 9, who played the role of Lord Chamberland, about his solo and how to perfect the pitches of his voice. All madrigal singers warmed up in the choir room before each show.
Who Stole Madrigals Christmas?

After long days of planning, volunteers turned our school cafeteria into a festive holiday theater and it became the setting for the 2015 Madrigal Christmas Dinner. The singers dressed in 15th century gowns and tunics. The gowns took fifteen minutes to get on before every event. These costumes were normally hand sewn and one of a kind. The Christmas dinner was the choir’s main performance and they took time to showcase their skills in acting, singing, and dancing. Performers practiced every day after school in the commons. Madrigal singers began rehearsing in August. The dinner was hosted by Choir Director Rueby, otherwise known as Mrs. Ruebhausen. Parker Wrobbel, 12, said, "In the four years that I've been in choir I've seen us grow together as a group and as a family and I'm very pleased with the show we've put together this year."

Mackenzie Bishop, 11, applies her makeup for the Saturday night show. Makeup, hair, and costumes were time consuming for girls and boys.

The four post, Mary Austin, 12, Parker Wrobbel, 12, Pacey Perez, 12, and Ziven Soyka, 12 lead the song "Little Drummer Boy" for the audience at Sunday night's show. Practice for the Madrigal singers started in August, a few days before the school year began. The seniors enjoyed collaborating together for the past four years.

by lydia schutzenhofer and alisse koishor
Bringing a remix to the stage, sophomores Emmaline Eyrich and Brigid Range perform their rendition of "Toxic" by Britney Spears.

"I have performed in the cabaret since my freshman year, and it's one of the highlights of my school year every time."

Nicole Beaubien, 11
Every spring the students of HHS reveal their hidden talents. For one night the commons is transformed into a sophisticated coffee house. With the four dollar admission fee the audience sipped free coffee and noshed on delicious desserts. The guests were entertained all night with acts consisting of many talents from singing, to rap battles, to stand up comedy. While this show was not a talent show because there were no judges or prizes given, it was for entertainment purposes and attracted a great crowd. The performers auditioned with Mrs. Reubhausen weeks before the show. "It was really fun to go up and perform and also seeing all the talent your friends have was really cool. I was a little nervous when I first walked on but then I started to relax and have fun," said Victoria Thomae, 10. The show this year contained about 30 acts and each grabbed the audience's attention in a unique way. Tinsel draped the wall behind the performers to allow them their moment in the spotlight.

Coffee House Cabaret

Rocking along to "Texas Flood" by Stevie Ray Vaughan, Logan Wieter, 10, shreds on his electric guitar along with a CD accompaniment.
Tyler Pollard celebrates after scoring a basket during the senior donkey basketball game. Pollard said, "It was almost like the donkey was whispering to me to shoot the ball, so I did and the rest is history." The basket helped lead the seniors to Highland's only victory of the night.

During the junior game, Maddie Wellen takes control of her donkey. The juniors lost to Triad by two baskets.

Wearing a red Highland poncho, Anderson Wiegman, 12, runs his donkey down the court to the basket. Players had to be on the donkey to shoot the ball.

"I'm glad I didn't make a donkey of myself.

Brent Rapien, 12."
This year the first ever Highland versus Triad Donkey Basketball game took place on March 16 at the HHS gymnasium. The Principal's Advisory Committee spent weeks prior to the event planning everything. The competition was held in an effort to raise money for both high schools. The game was played like a normal basketball game except in order to pass, shoot, or block shots the players had to be riding a donkey. Ten students from the junior and senior classes, as well as ten teachers, from both high schools competed in the event. Three games took place throughout the night, as well as a donkey ride for younger fans in attendance. The first game was Highland juniors versus Triad juniors. Triad came out on top with a score of 3-1. Next the teachers saddled up, but Highland was once again defeated 4-1. The last game was played between seniors from each school. Highland was victorious with a score of 4-2. The scores from the three games were combined to determine the champion, which was Triad. The Highland versus Triad Donkey Basketball game was a success and it is already in the planning stages for next year.

by: chase bircher, ashlyn fenton & caitlin lammers

Amanda Ponce, 12, riding Sparky, lines up a backward shot.

Senior Zeke Kaufmann cheers after sinking the winning basket in the grueling match against the Knights.

During the senior game, Hope Wilken, 12, receives a pass from a teammate to score a bucket.
MJ Austin, 12, gasps in delight as she watches a chemical reaction ignite on her hand. Austin combined methane and soap and then lit the substance on fire to demonstrate combustion.
Math teachers and their students divided and conquered numbers, proofs, problems, and equations every day. Each teacher perfected her own subjects and taught each with unique style. To graduate a student must earn three math credits. Because of this, Highland offered a wide variety of classes. Freshmen could choose from Honors Geometry and Algebra I. Sophomores could take regular geometry or Honors Algebra II. Juniors were given the choice of Honors Pre Calculus, Pre Calculus, and Algebra II. Meanwhile, seniors had a multitude of options, consisting of, Pre Calculus, calculus, AP Calculus, and statistics. Covering this wide variety of subjects was not an easy task, but the department was up to the challenge. The wing was lead by department head Mrs. Duncan, and included Mr. Uhls, Mr. James, Mrs. Kimmle, Mrs. Ayer, Mr. Hawkins, and Mr. Miscik. To some, math was a wearisome subject, but the teachers at Highland strove to make it both entertaining and educational. For one, Mr. Miscik likened his classwork to Leonardo Da Vinci’s Mona Lisa. He said, "Calculus may not be pretty but it sure is valuable." Along with using new TI Nspire calculators, Mr. Hawkins’ overly decorated room during Christmas and Mrs. Duncan’s quirky sayings, math was truly a marvel at Highland.

by tyler pollard
Tyler Zobrist, 10, and Kourtney Zobrist, 10, take a "selfie" using an ornament made in Honors Chemistry II. Students made the ornament by using a glass ornament and mixing different chemical solutions to create a mirrored effect.

With a hands on and experimental approach to learning, the Science Department was a favorite for many students. With a wide variety of class options, students could nearly always find something that interested them. Freshmen had the option of taking Integrated Science or Honors Biology. Sophomores could take biology or Honors Chemistry. Juniors were given broader options; chemistry, AP Biology, natomy, or Chemistry II. Seniors could round off their science education by taking Chemistry II, AP Chemistry, natomy, or physics. Students took part in dissections, labs and experiments to become more aware of the world surrounding them. Mrs. Mertes, who taught Life Science, biology, and chemistry, retired after teaching 21 years. When asked about her favorite memory from teaching she said, "I enjoyed watching the faces of my students as I held a two or three foot stack of bubbles on the palm of my hand and lit it on fire." Also teaching in the Science Department were Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Basden, Mrs. Simmons, Mrs. Hirsch, and Mrs. Golder.

Science Department

Taking A Moment of Science

by caitlin lammers
In seventh hour, Ms. Beyer reviews with her freshman world history class before Winter Break. All freshmen were required to take exams at the end of each semester.

The History Department offered many interesting classes and electives. Students could take a wide array of courses in order to attain their required three social studies credits. Freshmen were required to take a world history course taught by Mr. Bradley, Mr. Strong, or Ms. Beyer. While sophomores were not required to take a history class, they had the option to take the AP European History class taught by Ms. Beyer or take a history elective like geography or government. Juniors took an American history course taught Mr. Warneke or Mr. Weber in order to prepare for the U.S. and Illinois Constitution tests. Seniors had the option to take AP Microeconomics and macroeconomics taught by Mr. Holt or they could take sociology and psychology with Mr. Strong.
A New Chapter

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. Elective classes included Greek Mythology, Creative Writing, and Yearbook. The new Common Core Standards that were addressed last year still applied this year. Teachers continued to work to provide the best teaching methods possible. This year the English Department hired its first male teacher in ten years, Mr. Basso. Also, this year marked the last year for one of our favorites, Mrs. Meyer. "In college, my goal was to graduate and find a job. When I started teaching, I realized I had found my calling. I have enjoyed my career at HHS. I made dear friends and trusted colleagues. I've been allowed to experience my creativity, in class and in other areas like the Madrigal Dinner and the No Talent Talent Show. Although I have many wonderful memories, I'll close the door on Room 256 with a smile. I'm ready for a new adventure," said Mrs. Meyer.

In first hour English III with Mrs. Martz and Mrs. Eaker, Austin Woolf, 11, and Jacob Mettler, 11, perform Act 1 of "The Crucible" by Arthur Miller. Woolf played the part of Abigail who accused Tituba, played by Metter, of witchcraft. Trent Vosholler, 11, also took on the role of Rev. Parris.

by alisse koishor

In the library, Lexy Hagler, 12, Anna Abert, 12, Audrey Kosydar, 12, and Alexis Workes, 12, read their outside reading books for the first semester of English IV. The library also offered coffee and cozy spots to curl up in and read.
Spanish classes came with homework and tests that often caused stress just like any other class. They also came with fun activities to accompany the school work. The Spanish Department staff included Mrs. Wagenblast, Spanish I and II, Mrs. Twyford, Spanish I, II, Honors III, and AP IV, and Mrs. Deets, SWIC Spanish III and IV. Those who decided to take the SWIC Spanish classes their junior and senior year received college and high school credits while enrolled in the class. Those who took the Honors and AP Spanish route earned a weighted grade. Students did many activities like making paper skeletons for Day of the Dead and making guacamole while learning the Spanish cooking vocabulary. The students were also taught Spanish vocabulary and the verb tenses.

Spanish teacher, Mrs. Deets, teaches her sixth hour Spanish IV class animal vocabulary. She held up numerous beanie baby animals for her class to identify in Spanish.

Troy Mehrtens, 9, points to the day of the week on the Spanish calender in Mrs. Twyford's Spanish I class. Students learned how the Spanish calender different from our American calender.

by ashlyn fenton
Business classes were offered to freshman through senior grade levels. These classes helped prepare students for the real world and taught them computer skills. Business classes offered were accounting, and personal finance. These classes taught students how to handle money in the future and finance properly. Also, they provided the skills on how to find and apply for jobs in the future. Students who were interested in the business career path also had the opportunity to join the Future Business Leaders of America. Computer classes offered were Computer Graphics, Desktop Publishing, Computer Concepts, and Computer Programming. These classes provided students with the knowledge to successfully use Photoshop, letter formatting, and Microsoft Excel skills. Teachers in this department were Mrs. Heinz, and Mrs. Perkes.

Taking Care of Business
Business Department
In fifth hour foods class, Mia Walters, 10, and Mady Potthast, 10, cut onions for their chicken noodle soup. The girls got a perfect score on their soup and said it was the best soup they had ever tasted. The soup making was part of the Foods class, which prepares one to two food items per week.

by alisse koishor

Mrs. Jones, Madison Clemons, 9, and Hannah Wilson, 9, perform their spider children's song for the seventh hour Child Development Class. The purpose of this activity was to learn how to entertain children and teach them new skills.

Family & Consumer Science

The Family Consumer Science Department offered Foods I and Foods II, Child Development, Parenting, and Adult Living. These classes gave students the opportunity to learn real life skills. Mrs. Jones taught all of the courses offered in this department. Foods I was offered to freshmen through juniors. Culinary Occupation (Foods II) was offered to juniors and seniors. The class learned not only to cook meals, but correct kitchen sanitation and dining manners. In Child Development, freshmen and sophomores were required to take home a mechanical baby for the weekend. They experienced day to day life with an infant. Students also learned how to teach toddlers through the use of songs and books. 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 as well. "This department teaches students how to prepare for life on their own," said Mrs. Jones.
Physical Education was an elective offered to freshmen through seniors. The typical period started off with a five minute warm up lap and then students lined up to take role and do stretches. After warm ups the class began their unit. Activities in a unit included football, volleyball, soccer, hockey, dodge ball and whiffle ball. Once a semester students were expected to run a mile as a test. Sophomores in the Physical Education program were exempted a semester from P.E. and were enrolled in a health class. In health class students were taught how to preform CPR. Also they were taught about the human anatomy and tested over various subjects about personal health. The teachers in this department were, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Warnecke, Mr. Elledge, Mr. Vance, and Mr. Geppert.

Keely Rittenhouse, 10, and Emma Gietl, 10, walk laps around the gym during sixth hour P.E. Students were given the opportunity to do any activity during free days.

Zachary Moore, 10, performs CPR to the beat of "Staying Alive" on a test dummy while his partner hooks up an AED. After completing this unit students became CPR certified in Mrs. Hall's health class.

Blake Stulir, 10, attempts to pass to a teammate during a game of quittance, where students try to throw a dodge ball through a hula hoop hanging from a basketball rim. The team that scored the most goals won.

by allison young
The Engineering Department was home to the four Project Lead The Way, also known as PLTW, courses. PLTW was a series of four courses designed for engineering based students with an interest in science, technology, engineering, and math, or STEM. Students involved used a STEM based skill set to advance through the four PLTW courses. The courses included Intro to Engineering and Design, Principles of Engineering, Civil Engineering and Architecture, and Engineering Design and Development. Each class taught the students a different component of engineering as a whole. Taught by Mr. Chris Durbin and Mr. Max Uhls, the department prepared and inspired students for an engineering based career. Alexa Ruskus, 12, said, "I really enjoyed being a part of the engineering program. They have helped me to advance my knowledge and solve problems in a more complex way. I am glad that our school offered all of the PLTW courses; my senior class was great. Thanks Durbinator!" The department was loved by the teachers as much as it was by the students. Mr. Durbin said, "I love teaching the engineering courses at Highland. By the time the students are seniors, many of them are pretty smart. Seriously, I love to see kids begin to want to learn new stuff. May the mass times acceleration be with you!"
One of the most unique things about Highland High School was the opportunity to get quality agricultural studies. Within the Agriculture Department, students were able to choose between many classes such as, Introduction to Agriculture, Welding I and II, Industrial Education I and II, Pre-Vet, Agriculture Machinery, Agricultural Science, and the newest addition to the Ag Department, Landscaping and Horticulture. These classes provided students with knowledge they will need in the future. Classes such as Welding and Industrial Education provided students with trade skills and hands-on experiences with machinery, while Pre-Vet students learned about animals and specific veterinary techniques. The new landscaping class was popular to students. This students learned about plant identification and taught design techniques to use in a landscape. The Ag teachers said, "Success without hard work is like trying to harvest where you haven't planted." Mrs. Barr, Mr. Schmitz, and Mr. Jones made up the department.
When Marching Band season ended, an audition for the Symphonic Band or Concert Band was held for the musicians. In the first semester of the school year the band was directed by Mr. Chris Wilson, but was then taken over by Mr. John Case. For the audition each musician had a different piece of music which he performed for the director. Emily Baldock, 11 said, "I wasn't that nervous for the audition because I was on the Symphonic Band last year, so I was prepared." The Symphonic Band has different skill levels than the Concert Band. Their concert was held on December 8, 2015 at the Highland Elementary Auditorium. The performance was composed of many difficult pieces. The musicians played Sleigh Ride by Leroy Anderson, Chorale and Shaker Dance by John Zdechlik, and Amazing Grace by John Newton for the concert.

"I play the trombone and I really like the challenge that it provides. Also being a bass instrument is amazing to be able to support all of the instruments." - Nigel Bennett, 9

"I play the tenor saxaphone. The Second Suite from Military Band is really amazing and the saxaphone part is just so fun to play". - Katie McGlasson, 11

"I play the bassoon and trombone. I like playing the bassoon because I just started playing it in February and I'm still learning to play. The trombone is a really cool instrument so it is really fun to play". - Tony Gant, 9

by hannah luitjohan
The Chorus Department consists of Mixed Choir, Jazz Choir, and Acapella Choir which is divided into Madrigals and Chamber Choir. All choirs are under the direction of Mrs. Ruebhausen. Students auditioned for Acapella Choir and were cut, or put in either Chamber Choir or Madrigals. Madrigals performed at many churches and fund raisers throughout the year. The Madrigals and Chamber Choir attended and performed in Kansas City at the Renfest in September. They also performed at the Victorian Days in Lebanon, IL. The Madrigals and Chamber Choir met during the second class period of every school day for rehearsal. The Jazz Choir met after school and performed at the annual Coffee House Cabaret. The Mixed Choir required no audition, making it open to all levels. All the choirs performed at both the Winter and Spring concerts.

Chorus Department

Living in Harmony

by emma moos
Halftime is Game Time

The brass players line up during the halftime show on a Friday night football game.

Drumline majors Jennifer O'Brien, 12, Cally Callahan, 12, Lexi Korte, 12, John Wick, 11, Robert Jacobs, 12, and Josh Wagner, 12 perform at a timeout during senior night at the last home football game against Jerseyville.

The band and color guard line up and take the field during a halftime show. They performed a new show, "Pulling Strings" at a home varsity football game against Mattoon on September 11.

Dressed as marionettes, Claire Thomas, 10, and Camie Ernst, 12, perform at the halftime show for the first home football game.

During a timeout the trombone players perform on senior night.
On October 16, freshman Karlene Rheaume, waves her flag.

At a home against Mattoon, senior, Jessica Andrews twirled her baton in their halftime routine.

Color guard has made me a better person inside and out.

Jessica Andrews, 12

The Marching Band and Color Guard started practice last May. Their twirling, playing, and marching proved successful at all of the competitions. The band and Color Guard's new high tech show was called "Pulling Strings" composed by Ted Reicher with a marionette theme. Their first competition was the Belleville East High School Lancer Invitational. The band earned first place in class 3A best music and visual. At the O'Fallon High School Metro East Marching Classic, they received third place in the class 2A field. They achieved second place in the gold division and best guard in preliminaries and fourth place in the finals out of 14 bands at the Seckman High School Jaguar Pride Invitational. The Marching Band director, Mr. Wilson, said, "This has been a really good year. We have made some important strides in areas that put us in a situation to compete with some upper level bands. This year's show is unlike any other show Highland has ever performed, utilizing a story line, props and electronics, makes for a complicated and technical show. The band has really stepped up their game in overcoming some of the obstacles that have held us back. Overall, Mr. Case and I are extremely proud of this band and we look forward to a promising and successful future!"
Artists at Work

Art Department

Creating a colorful self-portrait, Avry Wills, 11 paints herself using a shading technique.

Taught by Mrs. Wander, Art I and II, painting, ceramics, Advanced Drawing, and AP Art gave students an opportunity to express themselves and show their creative sides. Students learned about line, value, composition, and more. These students mastered skills they will utilize for the rest of their lives. "Art has the role in education of helping children become like themselves instead of more like everyone else. The art classes throughout the day give my students a time to relax and enjoy what some of them love the most! Free draw Fridays were great for developing individual skills," said Mrs. Wander.

Select seniors took an AP Studio Drawing class where they got to create over 20 independent projects throughout the year. Students in art agreed the class was the most relaxing out of their day and some even said it relieved almost all of their stress. "Art is a great way to explore and create new worlds and experiences for people," said Mrs. Wander.

by alivia meskil

Artist Toolbox
Students explain the different tools used during art class.

Drawing a still life, Carroll strokes the pen back and forth creating a steady effect.

To give off a realistic effect, Stowers caresses the paper by using small strokes with a thick marker.

Using a filbert paintbrush, Pabst dabs paint onto her canvas giving it a stressed look.

Skylan Carroll, 11
Reagan Stowers, 12
Claire Pabst, 10

Gavin Kohlbrecher, 10, exerts the mode of creative expression while he paints a realistic version of a chair.
by ally iberg

Mr. Elledge demonstrates to his third hour class, the proper placement of ten and two on the steering wheel.

To demonstrate the effects of distracted driving, the class watches a Youtube video of a railroad accident.

Teachers, Mr. Elledge, Mrs. Hirsch, Mr. Hirsch, and Mr. Durbin prepared their students for the precautions of driving. Over the course of the quarter, all students learned requirements that needed to be met to pass the class. Such as, driving six hours behind the wheel, ten hours of driving at night, 50 hours with a guardian, and they had to pass a written test. "When I get my license, I am most nervous about going over the speed limit and getting pulled over," said Alex Thies, 9. Drivers Education was an important class at HHS, that taught students a skill that they will need every day for the rest of their lives.

Life is a Highway

Drivers Education
**doppelganger** -/dɒpelˈɡæŋgər/) a ghostly double or counterpart of a living person.

Some people never find their doppelgangers; however, others are lucky enough to see their doubles roam the halls at HHS.

Payne Waldman, 9

Tanner Huelsman, 11

Jake Kruse, 9

Ollie Pfieffer, 11

Alisse Koisher, 11

Lexy Gilliam, 9
JOURney Clubs
Student Council consisted of students from all grade levels that got together to help plan and set up for homecoming. This year the student council members chose the theme, 'A Touch of Class'. Members were also in charge of picking the dress up day themes for homecoming week as well as choosing the decorations for the dance. On the Friday before the homecoming dance, Student Council members went down to the gym alternately throughout the day to help set up decorations for the dance. The rest of the decorations were put up after school on that Friday and the dance took place the following day. Student Council was led by Mrs. Basden and Ms. Beyer. Members of Student Council also held an election and voted Matt Beyer, 12, as President, Paige Fischer, 12, as Vice President, JR Tscherney, 12, as Treasurer, Lauren Wright, 12, as Executive Secretary, Trent Carriger, 12, as Communication Secretary, and Emily Canterberry, 12, as Social Media Director. Amanda Ponce, 12, said, "It's really nice being involved in something that is school wide, and it gives you the opportunity to meet other students."

Although the dance was Saturday night, members labored with decorations the entire Friday afternoon before the event. "A Touch of Class" used black, white, and silver columns and backdrops to class up the gym.
Leading the Pack

Guard Dogs

Guard Dogs was an acronym for a Group Unleashing a Real Difference and Doing Other Good Stuff. One club sponsor, Mr. Konopka said, "Guard Dogs is a peer leadership group that promotes healthy relationships, encourages prevention of alcohol, tobacco and drugs, and discourages bullying." This year Guard Dogs focused on campaigns to promote awareness of different causes. In October the club participated in Red Ribbon Week, Mental Health Awareness Day, and the Thumbs Up Campaign. On November 19, the Guard Dogs helped with Child Grief Awareness Day. In February club members helped spread awareness for Teen Dating Violence. On April 17, Guard Dogs honored Child Abuse Prevention Month with a day of silence. This year's student leaders were Trenton Allen, Ali Morris, and Abby Ware. The club sponsors were Mr. Konopka and Mrs. Thomas.

On November 19, Children's Grief Awareness Day, Highland students wrote messages on butterflies during lunch time.

by brianna becherer
Model United Nations (M.U.N.) was a club that combined the skills of debating and public speaking while using history and English backgrounds. Students pretended to be modern day United Nations delegates and debated on pressing controversial matters and also wrote position papers explaining the viewpoint of their country. This year's Model U.N. group represented the countries of Nigeria, Andorra, Greece, and Singapore. Club meetings were held after school from 3:00 to 4:30 p. m. on Mondays and debates were held at McKendree College on November 16 and 17 and April 11 through 13. Model U.N. sponsors were Ms. Romero and Mr. Holt.

Arguably, the Best

Model United Nations

by allison young

Sydney Nyquist, 11, and Nigel Bennett, 9, participate in a debate at McKendree College. Bennett raises his card to ask a question regarding Andorra. Both were on the Sci-Tech committee.

Johannah Comish, 11, competes at the McKendree Model U.N. competition. She represents Nigeria and holds the position of third S.C.

Abigail Metzler, 12, sits in a conference on November 16th at McKendree College. Metzler represented Nigeria as a security counselor.

Senior, Emily Gutzler keeps score at the first match of the year. The varsity squad competed against Metro East Lutheran, Althoff, and Alton.

by brianna becherer

Madelynn Shively, 12, JR Tscherney, 12, Abigail Metzler, 12, Brett Barker, 12, and Caleb Denby, 11, compete against Althoff in their first round of three on December 3. Highland won the match.

Delaney Rigney, 10, Elijah Moore, 10, Sophia Sterzl-Mcmullen, 10, and Lexi Holzinger, 10, competed in the JV division at home against Metro East.

What's All the Buzz About?

Scholar Bowl

Scholar Bowl was a club that quizzed students knowledge in varying subjects that involved entertainment, English, social studies, math, science, and the arts. The team was in the Metro East Quad League. They competed in nine matches from December through February. This year's captain was senior Abigail Metzler. Four year veteran of Scholar Bowl, JR Tscherney said, "The thing I like most about Scholar Bowl is debating with Abbey if we can take the other team in a fist fight."
Spanish Club

We Are

#Juan

This year the Spanish Club, which consisted of freshman through senior Spanish students, decided to make a few changes within the club to make planning events easier for the members. With the help of sponsors Mrs. Twyford, Mrs. Wagenblast, and Mrs. Deets, the Spanish Council, decided that all students that are currently enrolled in a Spanish 1 through 4 course would automatically be a member. Every student was allowed to attend events hosted by the club as long as they paid a $1 fee before attending. Throughout the year, the Spanish council, planned and hosted seasonal activities related to the Spanish culture. To celebrate Day of the Dead in the Fall, the club created a haunted trail in the Spanish Department hallway for all of HHS to experience. The events served as a way for students to learn about the culture hands on. Mrs. Twyford said, "Spanish Club offers students the chance to expand their classroom knowledge of the language and culture."

Senior President Sergio Tovar shakes hands with club co-sponsor Mrs. Twyford after brainstorming new ideas for an upcoming Spring event. The events hosted by the club were set up and run by the group of seniors on the Spanish Council, after themes and ideas were approved by a club.

In Mrs. Twyford’s classroom, members Lexy Gilliam, 9, and Stephen Torre, 9, work together on a review.

Front Row: Cassie Lamzik, Kate Sikora, Paige Fischer, Lydia Schutzenhofer. Back Row: Joey Hobbs, Sergio Tovar, Amanda Ponce, Kelsey Lane, Marissa Wheeler. This is the senior council.

Competing against each other, AP Spanish students play a trivia game to quiz themselves over their Spanish culture knowledge.
Adding school spirit, Carollyn Dinh, 12 decorates a cheerleader's locker before the state competition.

A group of seniors tailgate before the first home football scrimmage. The Pep Club provided food, drinks, candy, and games to get the fans pumped up before the game.

**Loud and Proud**

Pep Club

by emily canterberry

The student body wore their class colors to show their spirit at the first home football game. It is a tradition for seniors to wear black, juniors to wear white, sophomores to wear gray, and freshmen to wear white. Alivia Mescik, 11, said, "My favorite part about the football season was wearing our jaded juniors shirts and cheering on the football team with my friends."

This year's Pep Club decorated the school, decided dress up days, and pumped up the crowd at all sporting events. During the fall sports season, the Pep Club spiced up the commons with banners, streamers, paint, and locker decorations. The decorations boosted everyone's spirit during the school day. Pep Club announced the theme for the football games each week by hanging posters in the hallways and in teachers' classrooms. They were also in charge of planning the first ever tailgate before the football scrimmage. The event was a success, getting everyone excited for the football season while eating and playing games. The Pep Club stepped up their pep and made the year one to remember.
"Meeting teachers and having a tour to find my locker and classrooms was the most helpful part of freshman day."

- Austin Reinhardt, 9.

"So many freshmen and new students stress about classes and passing periods and making new friends. I love being an ambassador because I can help calm their fears and let them know that they are not alone. All the other ambassadors and I are here to help them anytime they need help. They can always find a friend in us!"

- Allison Zobrist, 12.

The student ambassadors was a group who helped welcome all incoming freshmen and new students to the school. This group was made up of juniors and seniors who were selected by teachers and coaches who noticed their leadership skills in and out of the classroom. The ambassadors met a couple times over the summer to plan and prepare activities for freshmen orientation. The ambassadors took incoming freshmen on tours around the school and answered any questions they had on what high school was going to be like.

On the first day of school, the ambassadors group held a new student breakfast to make them feel welcomed and showed them around the school for the first few days. Ambassadors all wore green t-shirts with orange letters so new students could easily spot them in the busy halls, classrooms, and the cafeteria. The ambassador job did not end with orientation.

Throughout the entire school year, ambassadors gave tours to new students as well as parents who were new to the district.
Nerd Herd
National Honor Society

NHS, or National Honor Society, was an organization focused on scholarship, leadership, service, and character. In order to be accepted, students achieved a 4.5 cumulative grad point average. The anonymous NHS committee, made up of teachers, reviewed applicants' GPA's and their involvement in volunteer and after school activities. After new members were selected in the fall, all attended the Induction Ceremony held in the HHS Commons on November 17. At the ceremony, new members received their official pins, and gathered in a circle to recite the NHS oath and light their candles. The tradition of the president choosing a guest speaker for the night continued as President Allison Zobrist chose Mrs. Meyer to address the new members. Sponsor Mrs. Wagenblast said, "We may be nerdy, but only periodically." Members maintained a 4.5 GPA and completed six community service credits throughout the year. In the spring, National Honor Society gathered in the commons to celebrate graduation, eat cake, and to hear senior members explain their plans for the future.

by: cassie lamzik
After working on her artwork all day, senior NAHS member, Stephanie Olivares, lays her head down in exhaustion. Olivares said, "Art is for open minded people."

by: cassie lamzik

Students artists tried out for membership in the National Art Honor Society during their sophomore through senior years. In order to be accepted, students submitted a portfolio that included five artworks and a full sketchbook. They also had to complete ten hours of art related community service, write an essay, and gather character and service voucher signatures. An official panel of artists judged each applicant's portfolio on use of materials, technique, imagination, visual thought and intent, composition, style, format, and technical skill. AP Art students were required to try out for NAHS in order to receive critiques on their portfolios. National Art Honor Society helped students earn the highest standards in scholarship, character, and service through art. This year, NAHS members produced works displayed in art shows at SWIC and SIUE. In addition, students had the opportunity to have their work displayed in a gallery at the Coffee House Cabaret. Sponsor and mentor, Mrs. Wander said, "Art is as art does."

National Art Honor Society

Arts & Smarts
The Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) met every Wednesday night. Coaches Joel Hawkins and Staci Brown aided leaders, Austin Brown, 12, Lydia Schutzenhofer, 12, Trent Carriger, 12, Jenna Spies, 12, Kyle Schmitt, 12, and Polly Czar, 11. At every meeting leaders provided the three F's: food, fun, and most importantly fellowship. The main point of FCA was to bring athletes together through their faith in God. Every night started out with a game or activity that corresponded to topic of the meeting. Each topic was related to sports and the Bible. Some of the club's favorite games included capture the flag, human tic tac toe, bucket ball, flag football, and relay races. Following the game, the group would listen to and participate in a message given by the six leaders. Every year the FCA members help the Highland HIS KIDS facility get ready for Christmas. Before leaving for Christmas break, the students went caroling to local nursing homes. After returning from break, Coach Joel Hawkins took the group to Steinberg's ice skating rink in Forest Park.

Zeke Kaufman, 12, directs Trent Carriger, 12, as he lifts a box of toys onto a shelf at the Highland HIS KIDS facility. The members of FCA helped organize their storage rooms two weeks before Christmas. Carriger said, "I enjoyed helping out because I know it means a lot to the owners and even more to the children who suffer from cancer."

The week before homecoming, members of FCA competed at the annual "Homecoming Havoc" relay race. Students watch as Rece Portell, 10, shoves an entire can of Pringles into her mouth to complete a leg of the race.

The FFA, or Future Farmers of America, was composed of students who participated in the agricultural classes at HHS. The student leaders were: President Morgan Potthast, 12, Vice President Lane Rinderer, 12, Secretary Camie Ernst, 12, Treasurer Alex Rode, 12, Reporter Alison DeLuca, 12, Historian Michaela Potthast, 12, and Sentinel Hailey Landmann, 11. FFA members participated in Career Development Events (CDE's), Relay for Life, and other volunteer events in the community. The year began with a new member bar-b-que to introduce all of the new FFA girls and boys and welcome them to the club. In the fall, members attended the National Convention in Lexington, Kentucky and helped out at the Latzer Homestead for Harvest Days. Lane Rinderer, 12, said, "The best part about the National Convention this year was dancing with Mrs. Barr." For fund raisers, members sold Optimist pizzas, participated in the Relay for Life activities, held a Big Buck Contest, and hosted a Food Drive to donate to Highland Food Pantry. The money raised from fund raisers was used toward activities and competitions throughout the year. The year concluded with a banquet that honored the club's achievements.

Members line up to walk in the Homecoming Parade that started at the elementary building. FFA member, Kat Maxwell, 11, said, "Being in the parade was a great experience and it felt good to represent my school for FFA."

by chase bircher

FFA members attend a field trip at the Madison County Fairgrounds in November that was put on by Trouw Nutrition. The object of the field trip was to help students learn more about animal nutrition.
Seniors, Paige Fischer, Emily Duncan, Brode Portell, and Blake Carroll, hold their fifth place ribbons and plaque. They competed against many groups of seniors at the Excellence in Math competition.

The Math Team consisted of students who enjoyed solving math problems. The coaches were Mrs. Kimmle and Mr. James. The season started off in the Fall with four competitions for the Southwest Math Conference located at SWIC. The members each had to take a qualifying test to earn a position in the competition. For each contest, the team was allowed three people from each grade level. Many students excelled and brought home medals and ribbons. At the end of the fourth SWIC competition, the team brought home a third place conference finish. The members were overjoyed to be placed in the top three because the competition was challenging. On November 17, a total of 17 students participated in the small school division at the Excellence in Math competition. A group of four seniors placed fifth in the team competition. Brode Portell finished eighth individually in the senior division as well.

by: ally becker & tyler pollard

Keepin' it Real
Math Team
FCCLA, also known as Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America, was a club that helped students become leaders in their community. The president of FCCLA was Kayla Green, 12. Every month, meetings were held after school at the high school. They met with their sponsor, Mrs. Jones. The club conducted many fund raisers throughout the year. One fund raiser sold cases of caramel apple suckers to the student body. They also hosted events such as the breakfast after the Veteran's Day assembly. The breakfast was a buffet prepared for the veterans in their honor. The members of FCCLA also attended the National FCCLA Convention in Springfield, IL in December. At the convention they learned cooking skills, how to start up a business, and the right steps to begin life after high school.

Karlene Rheame, 9, Molli Pfister, 11, and Rose Ficker, 11, serve breakfast quiche to a veteran's wife. FCCLA members prepared many breakfast dishes for the buffet the night before.

At an FCCLA meeting, some members play an ice breaker outside the hall of Mrs. Jones' room to get to know one another. The ice breaker consisted of two groups. They battled each other to see which line could get around the upstairs hall the fastest.

The yearbook staff labored from the beginning of the year to the end. They worked on the main book and the supplement through the year and met 12 deadlines. Advisor Mrs. Martz and the staff attended the Herff Jones yearbook convention at the University of Missouri St. Louis in September. The students attended multiple seminars where they learned photography, layout, and copy skills. The staff members used these skills throughout the year on their sport, club, and academic pages. Editors McKenzie Rosen and Jenna Spies designed layouts and created the theme "JOURrney" which they carried throughout the book. The cover art was an original pastel drawing by Stephanie Olivares.
The Tech Club, met every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and consisted of about 15 members. Adam Kelso, 12, was president, Lexie Plocher, 12, was vice president, Alexandra Morris, 11, was the secretary, and Tanner Zbinden, 10, was the treasurer. Mondays were spent in the video room where members of the broadcasting team practiced their programs and brainstormed ideas. The team videotaped the spring musical, the fall play, homecoming, prom, the coffee house cabaret, and all home football and basketball games. Tech Club created a YouTube channel to live stream all of these events. The robotics team met on Tuesdays to work with the drone that they received for Christmas. In the Spring, six Trebuchet teams competed at Lewis and Clark Community College. President Kelso said, "It's interesting to see the different types of people who work together to achieve a common goal in Tech Club."

by lydia schutzenhofer
The members of the Worldwide Youth in Science and Engineering Club (WYSE) were handpicked by teachers at our school. Each student was given 40 minutes to complete a test in the subject of their choosing with question amounts ranging between 30 to 100 questions. The test material ranged from senior year in high school to freshman year of college level difficulty. These juniors and seniors were chosen to compete in various subjects by taking tests on February 5 at a testing center with the rest of the schools in their region. At Regionals, Brett Brown, 11, placed first in Engineering Graphics and Adam Kelso, 12, placed second. Brown also took third in Chemistry, while Sydney Nyquist, 11, placed third in English. Moving onto the Sectional, which took place in March, were Brown and Kelso. Kelso said, "Taking a test not for a grade but for a rank, is so much more rewarding."

by courtney hengehold
WYSE Club

Time To WYSE Up
It was a rough year record wise, but we made the most of it and had a blast.

Tyler Verson, 12

This was my first year playing hockey. I had a great time and made some great friends.

Jake Ramsey, 11

Zach Korte, 10, skates towards the puck after stealing it from an opponent. Only a sophomore, Korte was a defensive stalwart, starting most every game.

Sophomore center Devin Korte, faces off against an Alton Redbird in East Alton.

Junior Jake Ramsey receives a pass from his sophomore teammate Brock Troxell. Ramsey proceeded to clear the puck in a big defensive possession for Highland.
Skates & Sticks  
by tyler pollard

The 2015-2016 season started off with a lot of promise for the Highland Hockey Club. The young, talented Bulldogs raced out to three straight victories against East Alton Wood River, Granite City, and Bethalto. The early victories were keyed by solid defense and timely goals. Things quickly took a turn for the worse, however, when starting goaltender Hunter Micheletto injured his ankle during their third game. With injury issues at goalie, Highland struggled to the tune of 19 straight losses. Although their final record of 3-19 did not look appealing, the season was critical in the development of younger players. The general thought was that the improvement of the juniors and sophomores could result in more victories in following seasons. The Bulldogs wrapped up their season at the Granite City Ice Rink with two losses to Collinsville.

Who's your favorite NHL player?

"My favorite NHL player is Kevin Shattenkirk. He's a defense man just like I am, and our playing styles are similar."

"Mine is Vladimir Tarasenko for the St. Louis Blues. He's got a great shot and he's really good."

Freshman goalie Cody Blackburn clears ice from the crease after being inserted into a game against East Alton. Blackburn joined the team after an injury to junior goalie Hunter Micheletto.
Book Club

Book club was led by Mrs. Genteman, and they met every other month. They took one month to read, and one month to meet and discuss the chosen book. The seniors in the club, helped with the book selections. Sometimes, in meetings the club watched a movie that correlated with the book they just read. In January the club took a day out in Edwardsville IL. They went to Books a Million, ate at Panera, and went to see a movie. This year they saw "Star Wars: The Force Awakens".

Saturday Scholars

Saturday Scholars was a club led my Mrs. Hirsch and Mrs. Wagenblast. They went to different lectures every Saturday in February. They learned new skills in technology, math, and science. The club took trips all around St. Louis, MO and Springfield, IL. "Designing Ball Park Village" and "Living in the Age of Airplanes" were two outstanding lectures the scholars attended. Saturday Scholars was introduced to give students the opportunity to experience a variety of new information and occupations.

Future Medical Career's Club

Future Medical Careers Club or FMCC was a club designed for students who thought they may want to pursue a career in the medical field. FMCC provided the information and experience to help confirm their decision. They met once a month and at each meeting they had speakers come in and talk about what they did in the medical field, and they discussed different medical career options. They also took many field trips to Barnes Hospital in St. Louis and shadowed the doctors and nurses while they were on duty.

by emma moos, hannah luitjohan, ally iberg, & katy dalton
The Jr. Optimist Club was sponsored by Mr. Hirsch. The club met and discussed possible community service projects they wanted to pursue throughout the school year. This year, they participated in a food drive for the Highland Food Pantry. They collected canned goods throughout the school and the community. They also sold Jr. Optimist pizzas to raise money for their club. The pizzas were sold at the Madison County Fair. Both of the fund raisers were successful.

The Drama Club was composed of students that enjoyed the theater and the performing arts. The club sponsor was Mrs. Kloss. As a tradition the club went on a trip to the Fox Theater to see a play. Each quarter the members met for their Improvisational Nights. These nights consisted of fun, laughter and most of all improvement of their drama skills. This club was known for their contribution to the Spring Musical and the Fall Play. Some members of the club preformed as actors while others worked backstage operating lights, sound, and props. The club a hosted the annual Mr. Irresistible in February.

Superhero's Club

The Superhero's Club was a club that did charity work throughout the year for those in need. The club was ran by Mrs. Fredericksen. They met approximately every other week. This year they brought families in need Thanksgiving dinner and they adopted families for Christmas, and provided them with presents and meals. They also visited the cancer ward at St. Louis Children's Hospital, to bring joy to ill children. To raise money for all their work, they sold candy in and outside of school throughout the year.
What's Your Favorite Emoji?

by ally ibergh & alivia meskil

1. Mr. James
2. Adam Kelso, 12
3. Morgan Pace and Kali Rutz, 10
4. Mrs. Meyer.
"I have no idea where my journey is taking me, I just hope it's somewhere successful."

"My journey will take me to college. After that, I have no idea."

Where is your journey taking you?
"My journey is taking me to SWIC for my first two years, then SIUE for my last two. I want to get a degree so I can become a teacher."

"My journey is taking me to California to live in an apartment by myself and have no kids."

"I'm going to the higher ups of life and beyond on my journey through life."

"Throughout the course of my high school career, my journey will take me to be on homecoming court."
journey Fall Sports
The girls race against Waterloo, Triad, Mascoutah, Centralia, Cahokia at the Triad Invitational in Troy. With medal winners Sarah Beth Wiegman, 11, Katelyn Marti, 9, Allison Zobrist, 12, Breann Wernle, 10, Courtney Hengehold, 11, Brittany Cunningham, 10, and Sarah Kampwerth, 9, the girls won first place. Sydney Nyquist, 11, said "The Cross Country team is like family, sweat together, be gross together, and win together."

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 100 meter sprints afterwards. When school began in August, practices continued as usual, with the addition of meets. Although prepping for 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 sectionals. The Boys Cross Country team made it all the way to the Mississippi Valley Conference Championship at Principia College and the Regionals hosted by Alhambra, which was the last race of their season. The Girls Cross Country team made it further and qualified for State in Peoria. This was the third consecutive time for the team to qualify, and the fifth time in Highland history. Co-Captain Allison Zobrist, 12, ran it as her third State meet after qualifying as an individual her freshman year.

by courtney hengehold
Holding their third place award at the Jacksonville meet in Jacksonville are Marion Emme, 9, Sarah Jansen, 11, Breann Wernle, 10, Courtney Hengehold, 11, Lexie Plocher, 12, Allison Zobrist, 12, Sarah Kampwerth, 9, Kayla Eads, 9, Sydnei Nyquist, 11, Lily Becker, 9, Hanna Rose, 10, Lexy Gilliam, 9, and Keely Rittenhouse, 10.

"The best part of Cross Country is the scavenger hunt, because it's so much fun that you forget you just ran ten miles."

Breann Wernle, 10

Caleb Machuca, 10, Gavin Ware, 10, Cole Dresen, 9, Jacob Mens, 11, Grant Thole, 11, Bret Cochran, 11, Joseph Gallo, 9, Isaac Jones, 9, Seth Schwappach, 10, Adam Kelso, 12, Nicholas Schaible, 10, Alex May, 9, and Jacob White, 11, wait for results at the Peoria meet with their mascot, Leroy the Bear.

Allison Zobrist, 12, races her last 300 meters on the track at the Triad Invitational. Finishing in 13th with a time of 20 minutes and 36 seconds, Zobrist said, "I am really happy with the way we performed because having close teammates makes us even stronger!"

At the homecoming parade, both teams leave from the elementary parking lot and head for the square. Lexie Plocher, 12, said "This team is not only fast, but we're also a family. We always have fun together, and I always want to spend time with them."
My favorite practice was the one where we all scrambled as a team.

"Kelsey Lane, 12"

At the Highland Country Club on hole number two, sophomore, Rece Portell puts in for par. Portell shot a round of 42, coming in with the lowest score for the team in the match against Altoff Catholic High School.

Teeing off on hole number three at the Highland Country Club, on September 26th, senior, Allison Young drives the ball down the fairway. Allison scored for Highland with a round of 42 against Triad and Mascoutah High School.
Girls Golf

Girls golf started to practice on August 12th. Practices were right after school for two hours Monday through Friday. At practices the girls worked on their putting and chipping skills. This season the girls were coached by coach Gina Hirsch and assistant coach Brendan Bargetzi. After losing four seniors the previous year, new recruits Caitlin Lammers, 12, and Breanna Frahm, 11, were brought into play for Varsity. The girls first tournament this season was a scramble held at the Highland Country Club, where the girls placed fourth. MVC was held at Belk Park where Highland placed fourth and senior Allison Young and junior Rece Portell placed individually, medaling fifth and sixth place. Regionals were held at Salem Country Club where Young and Portell, advanced to sectionals. At sectionals Portell shot an 89 and Young shot an 86 going into a playoff for state. The girls Varsity record this year was 4-15 and the JV record was 2-6. Coach Hirsch said "This season was mainly about improving and helping the girls learn the rules of golf."

"My driver is my favorite club, because I can hit the ball the farthest with it."

"My favorite club is my seven iron, because it's the club I use in tough situations."

by allison young
Teeing off at West Lake on September 15, Brandon Munie, 10, hits a drive straight down the fairway. The team scored a 187 for the round.

Ben Brauns, 10, enters his back swing before driving the ball during his match at the Highland Country Club on September 9. The team defeated Mater Dei by six strokes.

Using a range finder, Coach James and Brode Portell, 12, shoot the distance to hole 15. While at the state tournament, Portell shot a 172.

At the Jerseyville match, Braden Rehkemper, 11, Stephen Schniers, 10, Ben Brauns, 10, and Brandon Munie, 10, listen to instructions from Coach James before beginning their round.

Coach Brent James, Brode Portell, 12, Stephen Schniers, 10, Will Michael, 12, Braden Rehkemper, 11, Brandon Munie, 10, Ben Brauns, 10, and Coach Brendan Bargetzi pose in front of the Rolling Hills Course map, in Godfrey, after the Varsity team qualified for sectionals on October 6.

Puttin' Around
Boys Golf
This year the boy's golf team started off the season with a new coach. This was Coach Brent James first year, and he had assistant Coach Brendan Bargetzi to help with the JV team. The boys began their season at the Madison County Tournament after the Alton Redbird Classic was canceled two days prior. On September 11 the boys competed at the Carbondale Invitational. The first nine holes of the round were a scramble, and the second nine were best ball. A week later the team attended the O'Fallon Invitational at Tamarack Country Club; they placed last. The MVC Tournament was held at Belk Park, where the team scored a 356 and finished in fifth place. The boys went into regionals with a 9-13 record. Varsity shot a 341 at regionals and finished third, which was low enough to advance all six players to sectionals. Coach James said, "I am very proud of the way the boys persevered through the season. The boys peaked at the right time, finishing with their best golf of the season. Which led to the team qualifying for the sectional match." Portell made it out of sectionals with a 76 and was the only player to compete at state. Coach James said, "I was honored to have the opportunity to walk by Brode's side as he competed with the best golfers in the state."

by Lydia Schutzenhofer

Front Row: Tristan Buss, 10, Kaleb Fuller, 9, Griffin Frahm, 9, Carter Sutterfield, 9, Ethan Fenton. Middle Row: Brandon Munie, 10, Zach Korte ,10, Michael Barth, 9, Cameron Donahue, 10, Braden Rehkemper, 11, Anderson Wiegman, 12. Back Row: Coach James, Will Michael, 12, Stephen Schniers, 10, Brode Portell, 12, Ben Brauns, 10. Not pictured: Trevor Leitschuh.

Putting at Belk Park on hole number ten, Brode Portell, 12, putts in for birdie. Portell shot a 77 on September 24 at the conference tournament, and he earned all-conference honors and a medal for finishing third overall.

At West Lake Country Club, Stephen Schniers, 10, drives the ball across the water on hole 12. Schniers said, "My favorite part of the season was when the team stayed the night in West Frankfort for sectionals."
The JV volleyball team started off their season in the summer by conditioning and working on the basic fundamentals to prepare themselves for their upcoming season. The girls started off the season with their first game on September 3 at home against Granite City. They beat the Warriors within two games. This game set the tone for the rest of the season. Mid-season they placed first in the O'Fallon JV tournament. The JV team remained undefeated until they lost to their rival Mater Dei. However, they were undefeated in their conference and completed the season with a winning record.

"Our team worked really well together. We had a lot of talent that led us to end the season with a good record."

by ashlyn fenton

Jumping above the net, Hayley Taylor, 11, sets up for the kill along side teammates Addison Rinderer, 10, and Jennessa Kimmle, 9. In this home match against rival Triad, the JV team recorded their seventh win of the season to stay unbeaten. Taylor says, "When playing good teams it's not really about how hard and good you are working as an individual, it's how hard you and your teammates work together to get the win."

Amanda Korsmeyer, 11,

Welcome to the Block Party

JV Volleyball
In the first match of the JV season against Granite City, the ladies pulled through with a win. Sarah Frank, 11, sets the ball up for her hitter Morgan Mesle, 10, as Megan Sands, 10, prepares for a returned block.

To earn the point, juniors Hayley Taylor and Amanda Korsmeyer block Triad’s spike at their home match. The JV team finished strong with an overall win within two games, adding another win to their season.

During the JV match at Mater Dei, Hayley Taylor, 11, Addison Rinderer, 10, Megan Frey, 11, Emerson Nyquist, 9, and Jennessa Kimmle, 9, celebrate a kill made by Taylor against Mater Dei.

Jumping up, Morgan Mesle, 10, and Amanda Korsmeyer, 11, block Wesclin’s spike during the second game of the match at home. The JV girls beat the Warriors in just two games.

Emerson Nyquist, 9, gets in position to bump the ball, while Jennessa Kimmle, 9, backs her up. The ladies won the match in two games, moving their record to 2-0.
We Dig It
Varsity Volleyball

Led by Coach Tina Beyer, the lady bulldogs volleyball team kicked off their season by participating in a summer league at Lewis and Clark Community College. They also played summer tournaments at various locations in order to prepare for the MVC conference games in the upcoming season. Early in the season, the team played in the Granite City Fall Classic, where they went undefeated and took home the first place trophy. This year was the first year that the Lady Bulldogs were invited to the Metro East Classic which hosts all of the top teams from the St. Louis area. The team played well in the tournament, and ended up in tenth place. To end the tournaments for the year, the team placed first at their Highland Bulldog Invitational after a win over the top seed in the tournament, O'Fallon. Sami Beyer, 12, said "my favorite part of the season was beating O'Fallon and winning our tournament. Overall, the team finished with a record of 24 wins and 12 losses, which ties for second most wins in school history.

by: cassie lamzik

Sarah Beth Wiegman, 11, Madison Wellen, 11, and Hayley Taylor, 11, anxiously await a serve from Alton High School during their summer league. It was hosted by Lewis and Clark Community College for Metro Area high schools to scrimmage before their seasons officially started. The team drove to their scrimmages every Wednesday night in June and July to play.

Hayley McSparin, 12, sends her signature jump serve over to Granite City on the team's first home game of the season.
Blocking an outside attack from Breese Central on September 10 are Madison Wellen, 11, and Claire Diercks, 9. The non conference game was the team's third before their conference play started. The game gave the team a chance to face a tough competitor before they began their conference games for the season.

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Sarah Beth Wiegman, 11, passes the ball up to setter Sami Beyer, 12, during their game against Wesclin on their second game of the season. Madison Wellen, 11, keeps her eye on the ball as it is passed up to her teammate. The game final was 2-0 with the Lady Bulldogs taking home the win.
With a head butt, freshman Jack Ruffini keeps the ball in play at a home game against Belleville West. It was a tough fight ending in a 3-1 loss.

Zachary Linhart, 9, speeds toward the ball, trying to make a steal from opponent Belleville West at a home game. The team ran sprint drills and long runs in practice to prepare for the games.

Bryce Smith and Philip Petri, both freshman, head off the field after a team meeting following a tied game with Mater Dei.

Caleb Denby, 11 rushes the ball, attempting to steal the ball from the opponent at a home game against Civic Memorial. Highland took a big 4-0 win.
Get the Goal
JV Boys Soccer

With the guidance and assistance of Coach Brian Lammers, the JV soccer boys had a great start to their high school careers. The boys prepared for the season with rigorous practices, taking place twice a day, during the first week of soccer practice, in June. Morning runs and afternoon sprint sets were some of the exercises required during the first week. They worked hard to prove themselves and make an impression over the course of the season. Overall their record for the season was 15-16. At their last game they earned a win 3-0 over Mascoutah. Coach Brian Lammers said "These were a great group of boys and I look forward to coaching them over the coming years."

Sophomore, Blake Stuiler, dribbles the ball up the field in an effort to score against Mascoutah. The team rallied together to pull out a 3-0 win over their opponents.

by emma moos

Freshmen, Ryan Schrage, Jack Ruffini, Evan Dapkus, Bryce Smith, Jack Drueke, and Troy Mehrtens cheer on their team during a game, against Waterloo. It was a tight game, with Waterloo being up by three. The game ended 5-0.

Looking like a pro, freshman Bryce Smith sports a headband before a home game against Belleville West. Bryce said "I was feeling off that day, and thought the headband might bring some good luck."

Front Row, Jack Ruffini, 9, Alec Kustermann, 9, Dylan Bargetz, 9, Jack Drueke, 9, Troy Mehrtens, 9, Zachary Linhart, 9, Evan Dapkus, 9, Middle Row, Bryce Smith, 9, Wesley McMillen, 9, John Wick, 11, Caleb Denby, 11, Max Poston, 9, Philip Petri, 9, Benjamin Wille, 9, Back Row, Coach Brian Lammers, Zach Korte, 11, Ryan Schrage, 9, Tyler Howard, 9, Blake Stuiler, 10, Riley Field, 9, Evan Capelle, 11, Andrew Roach, 10, Coach Josh Oswald.
Despite finishing the season with a record of 7-15, the Boy's Varsity Soccer Team displayed exceptional teamwork. Being in a tough conference this year, the boys showed leadership and determination by holding their heads high and becoming closer as a team. Junior Brendan Schrage, said: "When I was out on the field I focused on the team's goals and put them before mine." Senior Night against Mascoutah was a much deserved win for the season. They had solid communication and ball movement the entire game. The Team Captains were Payton Barowski, 12, and Mitchell Miller, 12. They were responsible for keeping the team positive and focused throughout the season. This season's leading scorers were Brent Rapien, 11, with 15 goals and Evan Herman, 10, with seven goals. Leading in assists were Brent Rapien, 11, with nine, and Evan Herman, 10, and Brendan Schrage, 11, tied with seven assists each.

On Senior Night against Mascoutah, Evan Herman, 10, patiently waits for his team to set up for a long throw. The boys won the game 8-1 at the HHS football stadium. Brent Rapien, 11, dedicated his hat trick to his senior teammates.

The boys rev up in a team huddle to start off their regional game against Jerseyville. It was a tough battle and one they had been preparing for all season. The Bulldogs lost 0-3.

Early in the season, Nick Sikora, 9, slams a free kick to Mitchell Miller, 12, for a scoring opportunity against the Triad Knights at Glik Park. They had possession throughout the game, but struggled to put the ball in the net. The boys lost 1-4 in overtime.
With support from Lucas Ammann, 11, and Brendan Schrage, 11, Mitchell Miller, 12 knocks a header up the field. This conference game was played at home against the Triad Knights. It was a back and forth match, but the boys lost by three in overtime. "The support of my teammates helped me become a better player," said Miller.

"Soccer is simple, but it's difficult to play simple."  
Brent Rapien, 11

"I enjoyed this year with but the results just weren't there."  
Drake Gehrs, 10

Goalie Luke Jones, 11, denies a scoring attack by the Triad Knights during a conference game played at Gilk Park on October 1. The game went into overtime after the teams played to a 1-1 draw in regulation play. Highland fell short with a 4-1 loss. "We battled hard, but we couldn't end in a victory," said Jones.

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O'Fallon  0-9 L
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O'Fallon  4-1 W
Edwardsville 2-3 L
Collinsville 7-2 W
Jerseyville 7-2 W

by tyler pollard and caitlin lammers

In a match against the Greenville Comets, on October 8, Elisabeth Meadows, 11, concentrates on serving the ball over the net. She ended up winning the point for the Bulldogs.
Baby Got Backhand

Girls Tennis

With the largest turnout in over five years, the Highland Girls Tennis team anticipated a successful season. In Edwardsville at the Heather Bradshaw Invitational on September 4 and 5, the girls went 2-2. The team beat Roxana and O'Fallon, while falling to St. Joseph's Academy and Edwardsville. This tournament, one of the toughest in the area, prepared the Bulldogs for what contests were ahead. The veteran team, which wielded five seniors, had five players advance past the first round of sectionals. Kirsten Plocher, 10, advanced to the second round of sectionals in the singles division. Meanwhile, in the doubles division the teams of Stephanie Olivares, 12, and Liz Arend, 12, along with Anjuli Kampwerth, 11, and Elsabeth Meadows, 11, also proceeded into the second round of sectionals.

Under the tutelage of Coach Matt Pellock and his college assistant, Jack Martens, the Girls Tennis Team had one of the most successful seasons in school history.

"I'm just always thinking about getting the ball back over the net."

Kirsten Plocher, 10

girls tennis 89
Flyers, Raven Miranda, 10, Emily Canterberry, 12, Leah Compton, 11, and Ashley Terveen, 12, stunt to pump up the crowd during kickoff against Mascoutah at their home field. The girls chanted "Everybody stand up and yell," and the crowd joined in with "Let's go Bulldogs!"

Squad Goals
Football Cheerleaders

Football cheerleading, coached by Casey Fields, began with a summer camp held at the Elementary school. The girls were taught their floor cheers, sidelines, and mounts by SIUE cheerleaders. Leah Sutton, 10, said, "Camp starts everything. It determines how the rest of the season will go and luckily camp was a fun and motivating experience this year." The girls spent two days in July perfecting their new skills before starting practices in August. Practices were held on week nights for two hours. At practice, the girls worked on their kick off stunts and sideline cheers. Seniors taught the freshmen girls crowd favorites like "Bring It!" and "Big G-Little O." The upperclassmen also taught the new cheerleaders how to be confident standing in front of their student body and community. Alex Thies, 9, said, "I was really nervous to be in the spotlight, but after the first game, I realized how fun it was leading the student fan section and cheering on the football team." This season, the team went from having two seniors to six seniors. Having that much authority helped the team bond and become closer. Tina Kernan, 11, said, "Football season means cheer season, and that's the time of year that I look forward to the most. The seniors really stepped up as one to help the team and make it a fun season."
During the Triad game, the cheerleaders perform the "What" cheer to charge up the crowd during halftime. The crowd shook their Bulldog back out of excitement to encouraging the boys to push ahead and beat our long time rival, Triad.

At the homecoming pep rally on September 25, the girls perform the popular "Champs" cheer. The girls worked on this cheer at practices on week nights for two hours to perfect the cheer for the pep rally.

Tricia Hug, 12, flies in a stunt on senior night against Jerseyville. Tina Kernan, 11, and Tyler Zobrist, 10, base her after the boys score against Jerseyville. Tricia Hug, 12, said, "I loved carrying on the tradition of having seniors fly at senior night. Although it was fun, I was also really scared, and I realized I should stick to basing."

Lexi Gibbons, 9, Emily Canterberry, 12, Alex Thies, 9, Tricia Hug 12, Brooke Arbogast, 12, and Tyler Zobrist, 10, jump in the air as they celebrate the defeat of Jerseyville on senior night. Highland beat Jerseyville 47-13 making their record 6-1.
The Junior Varsity Football team officially started practice on August 12. At the end of June the team went to Illinois College. The team spent three days and two nights there. They focused on getting closer as teammates, practiced drills, and scrimmaged. The boys played on Mondays and Saturdays. Two games were cancelled and they won two and lost three. The JV head coach Derrick Rolfingsmeier said, "Even though we only played five games this year, the boys played hard and gained valuable experience for next season."

by brianna becherer
On September 26, Justin Bugger, 11, Levi Voss, 11, Austin Hayes, 10, Sam La Porta, 9, line up at the line of scrimmage. The boys played Waterloo. Highland won 36-13.

Receiving the ball, Andy Kampwerth, 11, scores a touchdown against Waterloo. Kampwerth said, "Scoring touchdowns makes all the hard work in practices worth it."

Randy Feldman, a freshman running back, speeds past his defender. The JV boys played at Mattoon and they won 33-7.

Freshman, Sam LaPorta, passes the ball to sophomore, Cameron Altadonna. The JV played their first game of the season at Cahokia. The boys lost 22-20.
Trent Rakers, 11, and Sam Laporta, 9, celebrate a touchdown made against the Decatur Eisenhower Panthers in the first round of playoffs. The boys lost the game 29-39, bringing the football season to an end.

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Seniors Brayden Menke and Austin Bush shake the hands of the Decatur Eisenhower captains before their playoff game.
The Boys of Fall

Varsity Football

After an impressive 8-1 season last year, the Varsity football team had even higher expectations of success for this year. The boys started their season with a win over Cahokia at home that resulted in a final score of 45-8. The team kept up their record of high scoring games throughout the season, leaving Mattoon and Charleston in the dust by not allowing them to score during their games. Finishing their Mississippi Valley Conference games with a record of 4-1, the bulldogs took second place overall in conference, with their only loss coming from an intense game against Triad which resulted in a final score of 3-13. The season came to a close after the first round of playoffs, where the team played Decatur Eisenhower. The Saturday playoff game was held at home where the bulldogs finished their season with a game final of 29-39. Prior to the beginning of the 2015 season, Coach Warnecke said "There are a lot more important things than talent, like hard work. I think this class and this team, this year, is ready to prove themselves and show what the 2015 Highland Bulldogs are all about." Throughout the season, the team proved exactly that, and ended with an impressive 8-2 record.

The team circles up to pray one last time after being defeated by Decatur Eisenhower in the first round of playoffs.

The offensive line gets ready to snap the ball into play against Mattoon. Brayden Menke, 12, and Austin Bush, 12, sport their American flag sleeves at the 9-11 home game to honor veterans. Fans were decked out in USA apparel to also show their support for the victims of the 9-11 tragedy.
"I have a special red shoelace I wear on my left soccer cleat that I never switch out."

Luke Jones, 11

"I go over my routine twice in my head so that way when I compete, it's the third time, and the third time's a charm."

Abby McTeer, 10

Before sporting events, many athletes did something or said something to get their "heads in the game." These pre-game rituals were unique to each individual. Here are some of the pre-game rituals our athletes used this year.

Get Your Head in the Game
"I say a quick prayer before every football game."

Austin Nix, 12

"I just get really nervous and hope my legs don't give out on me before every race."

Katelyn Marti, 9

"Before all of my volleyball games, I always eat one whole kiwi."

Sarah Beth Wiegman, 11

"I like to listen to music before each basketball game. 'Getcha Head in the Game' from the High School Musical soundtrack gets me especially pumped."

Elliott Prott, 10
On senior night, Coach Ohren, Brennan Smith, Brody Kirsch, Austin Hickam, and Coach Basso celebrate the last home meet.

The best part of the season was receiving my first high school wrestling pin.

Colten Knebel, 10

Pin and Win

Wrestling

The wrestling team trained and competed in tournaments tirelessly throughout their season. This team participated in various invitational matches including the Civic Memorial Invitational on December 5, the Lincoln Valley Invitational on December 29-30, and the Mt. Olive Invitational on January 13. The Missouri Valley Conference was held at Highland, on senior night, where the team placed second. Brody Kirsch, 12 said, "The most memorable part throughout any season would be whenever the team can place in the top three as a whole. It's something you just can't forget." Trent Rakers, 11, and Jacob Mitchell, 11, advanced to state where they faced tough competition. Both boys were two-time state qualifiers and Rakers finished fourth at the state meet.
Junior Trent Rakers takes down his opponent winning his fourth tournament title in a row. Rakers said, "I worked really hard this year with my teammate Brody Kirsch and I am proud of our accomplishments."

Mason Geiger, 10, pins down his opponent at the Carbondale tournament as Highland takes fourth out of 23 teams.

The referee raises senior Austin Hickam’s arm in victory after pinning his opponent at the Alton Woodriver meet. The team beat Mt. Olive and Alton Woodriver.

My favorite wrestling move would have to be "the cradle" because with enough power I can secure the pin.

Jacob Mitchell, 11
Scoring for her team at the Centralia game, Alisse Keiser, 11, makes a lay up. The team added another win to their record.

Highland point guard Emerson Nyquist, 9, looks to steal the ball and a potential point from opposing team Centralia.

What was your favorite memory from the season?

"Winning our first game."

Rece Portell, 10
The Highland Bulldogs Junior Varsity girls had an outstanding 2016 season. They began their training back in the summer alongside their varsity counterparts. Monday through Friday they ran, shot baskets, and repeated drills. The actual season began in November, and the girls were 13-3 by February. Undefeated in conference, they cleaned up the competition this season with only three losses. Katelyn Marti, 9, said "It was a great JV season, especially because we had a winning record! I think we all became better this year, which benefits future teams. I'm happy my first season was so successful!"

by courtney hengehold

At a home game against Mascoutah, Breanna Frahm, 11, sets up to take a three point shot. The game ended in a Highland victory.

Coach Hartleib calls for a huddle in the last minutes of the second period in their game against Central. The team lost, making this game one of their few losses.
The funniest part of my basketball season was when I scored in the other team's basket to start off a game.

**Madison Wellen, 11**

The girls basketball team poses with their first place trophy. The girls beat Breese Central 46-44 to win the Mascoutah Christmas Tournament. This was the first year Highland won since 2010.

Coach Mike Arbuthnot talks to his team during the final minutes of a game against conference rival, Triad. The game was part of the 25th Annual Highland Optimist Shootout. Highland pulled away in the fourth quarter and won by a score of 56-50.

At home, against Mater Dei Catholic High School, Madison Wellen, 11, drives to the hoop to shoot a baseline jumper. The game was played on January 4 and resulted in a Bulldog victory.
Making History

Varsity Girls Basketball

The Varsity Girls Basketball season started much before the 2015-2016 school year. The team participated in workouts, games, and tournaments throughout the summer break. The highlight of their summer was taking a trip to the University of North Carolina to participate in a team camp. The official season started in the beginning of November, with two weeks of practice before playing in the Salem Thanksgiving Tournament. The girls went 3-2 in the tournament to capture third place. In the Mascoutah Christmas Tournament, Highland beat the Central Lady Cougars to claim first place. The girls went a perfect 4-0 in the tournament. In the annual Highland Basketball Tournament the girls suffered one loss and received fifth place. In conference play, Highland went 9-1 to repeat as conference champions. One of the goals of the team was to win a regional championship, and they surpassed that. They beat the Mascoutah Indians to claim the regional title. The team advanced to the Benton Sectional where they beat conference foe Civic Memorial to claim the first sectional title since 2008. The ladies punched a ticket to the state tournament by beating Lincoln High School in the super sectionals. In the semifinals the girls suffered a loss in double overtime, but beat Morgan Park to claim third place. The girls set the record for most wins in a season and for advancing the farthest in school and conference history. The Lady Bulldogs finished the season 31-5.

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Mascoutah 51-45

by caitlin lammers and tyler pollard
The Varisty Dance Team, coached by Michelle Deets and Emily Wellen, had a busy season. The team consisted of 15 girls from all grade levels. They practiced every day after school to get their dances prepared and perfected for competition. They competed at both IHSA and IDTA competitions. The categories they preformed in included lyrical, pom dance, jazz, and hip hop. At the girls first regional, at Altoff Catholic High School, they qualified all of their routines for state. They also received first in all categories. The girls took a clean sweep at the Belleville East, Edwardsville, and Highland regional competitions. They placed first at IDTA state in the lyrical, jazz, and pom dance. At the IHSA sectional the team placed first and moved on to semi finals at IHSA state. At IHSA state, the girls performed a beautiful routine. Their performance won them the IHSA 1A state championship, with a score of 91.84. The team had a very successful year and they owed all of their winnings to their coach, Mrs. Deets. It was her 24th and final year as head coach of the team. The members of the dance team dedicated this season to Coach Deets.

Varsity Dance

The Letting Go

On January 15, the current varsity and dance alumni honored Michelle Deets at a basketball game. After starting up the program in 1992, she retired this year. Mrs. Deets coached for 24 consecutive seasons. In her years of coaching, her team won 34 IDTA state championships and two IHSA state championships.

Happily, the girls hold up their first place trophy at IHSA state in Bloomington, IL. The team performed at semifinals and made top ten to move onto day two. They improved their routine that day, and had the highest score in the 1A division.

Lexy Hagler, 12, sits on the shoulders of Reagan Thornton, 11, and Kayla Davis, 10. The theme of the pom dance routine was Eyes, and all of the songs had eye references.
The crowd roars as the girls strike their hip hop ending pose. The girls performed at the Belleville East IDTA regional competition. They placed first place in the hip hop category and also qualified for state.

My favorite part of the season was winning the IHSA 1A state championship title. We put a lot of extra time and energy into our practices. We left everything on the floor with no regrets. I am so proud of my team for all of our accomplishments, and for winning this title for Deets' last year as the head coach.

Kayla Davis, 10

At the Altoff regional IDTA competition, the girls carry out an arabesque as a team. Their great timing and difficult technique in their jazz dance made them fly high above their competition. They received a first place in the jazz category and qualified for state.

McKenzie Rosen, 12, hits her ending pose at the end of her solo performance. Her solo was dedicated to letting go of senior year and letting go of Deets as a coach. McKenzie received first place in the solo category.

In the beginning of the lyrical dance, the girls execute a difficult lift. Katie Eter, 10, and Abigail Rogier, 10, are hold Ally Becker, 11, as she does a penche. "The Letting Go" was the title of the lyrical dance and was dedicated to Coach Deets. The girls performed this routine at both IDTA and IHSA state.
Loud and Proud
JV Cheer

The 2015-2016 season was a success for the JV Cheerleading Team. The team put in much effort and practiced long hours to polish their routines. Practices were held every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 3-6 p.m., but on Wednesday nights the team mixed it up and had stunting from 5-7:15 p.m. and then went right to tumbling until 9 p.m. Their hard work at practices earned them ninth place out of 26 teams at state. The team also cheered at every home JV basketball game. Mariah Thuenemann, captain of the team, helped the cheerleaders to perfect their cheers and boosted their confidence at basketball games and competitions. The team's coaches, Shelli Salter and Leah Nungesser, said, "We are proud of how far we came as a team and we wouldn't change any of it."

by tori netzer

The JV Cheerleading squad hits the ending pose of their performance during the ICCA competition at the Prairie State Convention Center in Springfield, IL.

Between the third and fourth quarters at a home basketball game, the squad did a floor cheer to help motivate the boys basketball team and excite the crowd.
We came a long way from our first practice and we became a family.

Mariah Thuenemann, 11

This season was so much fun. We all worked hard throughout. We all got along and had fun. Overall this season was a lot better than last year.

Alyssa Voss, 10

At a home basketball game against Teutopolis, the team showed off their stunting skills on the sidelines.
The Highland Varsity cheer team had a very successful year. At their first two competitions which took place at Highland and Edwardsville, the team earned a second place and qualified for the state competition. At the ICCA Championship, they received first. The last time Highland has won ICCA was in 2009. This was also coach Angie Fears first time winning a championship title. Angie said "This year has been one of my favorites! I love everyone of these kids on this squad. I couldn’t be more proud of them!" It was a great accomplishment for the whole team. A week later, the team traveled to Huntley, IL where they garnered the sixth place trophy.

I couldn't have asked for a better team to end my cheerleading career with!

Marissa Wheeler, 12

At the NCA camp at Carthage College in Wisconsin, the team poses with instructor Bianca Cantelmo. Audrey Kosydar, 12, and Bailey Wills, 11, received the All-American Scholarship presented by the camp.

Impatiently, the team waits to hear what place they earned at the ICCA Championship in Springfield.

Showing off the first place trophy, Leah Sutton, 10, Abby McTeer, 10, and Lacey Grave, 10, pose after the awards ceremony.

The stunt group, consisting of Ally Iberg, 11, Jessica Wilson, 11, and Abby McTeer, 10, scale Audrey Kosydor, 12 in Springfield. They placed sixth.

Performing a heel stretch, Carollyn Dinh, 12, is lifted by Brooke Arbogast, 12, Marissa Wheeler, 12, and Lexi Gibbons, 9. The group placed second at the ICCA Championship.
The JV boys were coached by Austin Welz and Todd Strong. They started their season in the summer with weekly practices to work on conditioning, shooting, and weight lifting. The boys competed against many difficult teams this season, but pulled out a winning conference schedule. The boys dedicated two hours every night to practice their plays and techniques. Coach Todd Strong said, "JV had a great year. A winning conference record and a solid future for next year's varsity team."
Using a white board, Coach Strong draws a play during the third quarter of an away game in Breese.

"My favorite part of the season was Strong's pep talks before the game when he would use his creative dialogue to pump us up.

Luke Landmann, 10"

by katy dalton & alisse koishor

Point guard, Blake Hagler, 10, calls a play before half court for a quick bucket with ten seconds left before half time. Hagler said, "My favorite games were when the student section had a glow out."

Robert Sigman, 10, posts up and receives a pass from Mitchell Focht, 9, for a left handed layup against Central High School. Hard work and time during practice was put into post entries this year.
Hoop There It Is

Varsity Boys Basketball

The 2015-16 Boys Basketball team was backed by experience. The group consisted of an impressive eight seniors. Although being faced with one of the toughest schedules in the state, the boys were able to finish the season with a record of 17 wins and 13 losses. The tough non-conference schedule proved to pay off. The team completed a perfect sweep of the MVC conference for the first time in over a decade, going 10-0. This was their fifth conference title in the last six years. The team went on to compete for a regional championship at Triad High School, before losing to the number one ranked team in the state, Althoff.

Front Row: Justin Twyford, 12, Elliot Prott, 10, Will Greenwald, 12, Brode Portell, 12, and Luke Thies, 12. Back Row: Coach Matt Elledge, Coach Todd Strong, Austin Elledge, 12, Will Michael, 12, Chris Dickman, 12, Sam Laporta, 9, Stephen Schniers, 10, and Coach Austin Welz.

10-0

Civic Memorial 69-46
Mascoutah 61-40
Triad 64-54
Jerseyville 68-62
Waterloo 53-38
Mascoutah 48-38
Waterloo 55-37
Triad 66-48
Jerseyville 42-38
Civic Memorial 52-45

During the Waterloo Tournament, Stephen Schniers, 10, goes up for a lay up in a game against Althoff Catholic. The team went 2-2 in this tournament, with one of the wins being against Althoff. Highland won 66-51.
Michael Torre, 12, gets advice from Coach Elledge, during the game against Vianney in the Highland Shootout. Highland lost 55-42.

by ashlyn fenton &
austin elleedge

During a home game against Wesclin, Luke Thies, 12, plays defense on a Wesclin player. The Highland boys won this game 61-50.

One of my favorite memories was beating Althoff in the Waterloo Tournament because we are one of their only two losses.

Will Greenwald, 12.

This season has had its ups and downs but overall I am proud of our season. We had a hard schedule from the start and I think the team really grew together.

Justin Twyford, 12
Front Row: Lexi Korte, 12, Gina Zbinden, 12, Elizabeth Arend, 12.
Back Row: Jennifer OBrien, 12, Jorden Buske, 12, Makayla Smith, 12, Devon Frank, 12.

Team leaders Makayla Smith, 12, and Lexi Korte, 12, demonstrate proper technique to the rest of the bowlers before a match at the Abe Lincoln Tournament in Springfield. The girls finished fifth out of 14 teams in the event.

Shake it off, bring it back, pick it up.

Makayla Smith, 12

My favorite moment of the season was when we all went to Golden Corral and Dairy King in the same day.

Jennifer OBrien, 12

Seniors Elizabeth Arend and Gina Zbinden pose with Coach Schrumpf and Coach Wander on senior night. The tutus were a fun way to embarrass the four year veteran bowlers.
Not A Moment To Spare
Bowling

It was another successful year for both the Men's and Women's Bowling Teams. The lady bulldogs finished an outstanding 8-2 in the MVC to clinch second place in the conference, while the men did just as well. Behind senior leaders, Devon Frank and Jorden Buske, the boys finished with a 7-1-1 record in the conference. This was good enough for a share of the MVC title. Outside the conference, the girls got second place at the Alton Tournament and fifth place at the Abe Lincoln Tournament. Impressively, both teams made deep post season runs in 2016. The girls finished third in their regionals, advancing to the Carterville sectionals behind senior Makayla Smith. The guys won their regional at Collinsville, but unfortunately lost sectionals by only ten pins. Senior, Jorden Buske went on to represent his school at the IHSA state, where he finished an impressive 28th place. Tanner Huelsman, 11, said, "It was a fun year to be on the bowling team."

by austin elledge

In anticipation of their match in the Abe Lincoln Tournament, the bowling girls huddle to talk things over with Coach Wander.

As an individual bowler in the Collinsville regional on January 16, Jorden Buske, 12, finishes in ninth place.

Senior bowler, Devon Frank, bowls a career high 289 game at a match in Alton. This score tied for the sixth highest individual game in school's history.

Freshman Sports

Girls Volleyball


Football

Freshman Sports

Girls Basketball


Boys Basketball

This year Mrs. Michelle Deets, Mrs. Sherry Thomas, Mrs. Suzanne Meyer, and (not pictured Mrs. Brenda Mertes, and Mrs. Cathy Weiss) put in their last year at the high school. They will all be missed by everyone!
Hot butter, we're on a roll.

- Mr. Misick

You're such a peach!

- Ms. Romero
That's swell.

- Mrs. Heinz

Our Favorite Teacher Quotes

Make it a great day!

-Mrs. Golder

No one has passed this test yet today...

-Mr. Holt

Did you get your hair cut?

-Mrs. Duncan

Brenda Korte, special education
Khourtney Lowder, special education
Susan Martz, English
Christina McGlasson, secretary
Mesnell Michaelis, aide
David Miscik, math

Melissa Perkes, business
Jodie Ramsey, science
Lori Ruebhausen, chorus
Michelle Rusteberg, special ed.
Donald Schmitz, agriculture
Kristie Simmons, science

Erin Smith, French
Gayla Stirewalt, special ed.
Sherry Thomas, guidance
Karen Twyford, Spanish
Joseph Uhls, math
Robert Vance, physical ed.

Hilary Wagenblast, Spanish
James Warnecke, history
Samuel Weber, history
Catherine Weiss, special ed.
Tammy Wellen, aide
Christopher Wilson, band

Marilyn Wolters, aide
Laura Wander, art
What class do you wish HHS offered?

- photography
- German
- auto mechanics
- balancing checkbooks

What are your plans after high school?

- job: 7%
- 2 yr college: 6%
- 4 yr college: 41%
- military: 15%
- undecided: 31%

What sport do we need at HHS?

- lacrosse
- boxing
- badminton
- dodge ball
- archery
- field hockey
- croquet
- winter color guard
- water polo
- racing
- boys volleyball

Has a family member attended HHS or is someone in your family currently at the high school?

- Past: yes- 29%
- no- 71%

- Current: yes- 54%
- no- 46%

How many tardies do you average a semester?

- 7-10: 0%
- 10+: 2%

Do you bring your lunch?

- yes: 33%
- no: 66%
Austin Albritton
Sullivan Allen
Emily Allsman
Ian Anderson
Hannah Angel
Dylan Apken
Miranda Arnold

Jacob Baldock
Alexis Banks
Dylan Bargetzi
Michael Barth
Lily Becker
Taylor Becker
Brianna Bennett

Nigel Bennett
Abigail Beyer
Cody Blackburn
Albert Blackmon
Mikayla Bloemker
Kara Boatman
William BonDurant

Andrew Brase
Bailee Broniec
Colton Brown
Ashley Buchmiller
Geena Budwell
Wesley Bullard
Tanner Burke

Eli Burns
Adam Buske
Marissa Cameron
Jasper Capps
Abigail Casper
Garrett Cates
Tyler Cawthon

Dayna Chastain
Madison Clemens
Tanner Cook
Elaina Cooksey
Samantha Cooley
Laney Cooper
Blake Cuppett

Abigail Cutler
Kelsi Dant
Evon Dapkus
Aurora DeNap
Bryce Dennison
Claire Diercks
Cole Diesen

Frederick Donini
Jagger Donohoo
John Drueke
Ethan Drysdale
Chandler Dugan
Jaida Duncan
Kayla Eads

freshmen
Andrew Kaminski
Sarah Kampwerth
Madyson Kapp
Ali Kelso
Hannah Kernan
Heather Kim
Jennessa Kimmle
Dylan Kloss
Kennedy Klucker
Patrick Knebel
Drew Koehnemann
Brianna Korte
Kealy Korte
Alexis Kramer
Jacob Kruse
Alec Kustermann
Jayce Kustermann
Joey Kutz
Trent Lammers
Tyler Langendorf
Samuel LaPorta
Trevor Leitschuh
Riley Lengermann
Zachary Linhart
Bryce Lovsey
Olivia Loyet
Nicholas Luitjohan
Samuel Lutostanski
Victoria Lynn
Jacob Maas
Katelyn Marti
Alex May
Reese May
Anna McArthur
Wesley McMillen
Troy Mehrtens
Reece Mercer
Jerritt Mettler
Cordes Michael
Kara Miller
Rachel Miller
Mallory Morgan
Connor Mortland
Michael Moss
Hailey Niebrugge
Emerson Nyquist
Isaiah O'Connell
Elyssa O'Donnell
Isaiah Orozco
Danny Osborn
Devin Palenchar
Kris Parent
Spencer Passmore
Allison Peery
Philip Petri
Duy Pham
If you could live anywhere in the world, where would it be?

Carly Rakers  "Hawaiin Islands"
Gregory Schlegel  "Germany"
Alexis Taylor  "Bora Bora"
What class do you wish HHS offered?

- guitar
- current events
- German
- professional sports class

What sport do you wish HHS offered?
- lacrosse
- archery
- video gaming
- pickle ball
- boys volleyball

What are your plans after high school?

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Past: Has a family member attended HHS or is someone in your family currently attending?

- yes - 45%
- no - 55%

Current: How many tardies do you average a semester?

- 0-2
- 3-6
- 72%
- 24%

- 7-10
- 10+
- 3%
- 1%

Do you bring your lunch?

- yes - 30%
- no - 70%
Derek Ahlmeyer
Breanna Alexander
Tyler Allen
Cameron Altadonna
Megan Amos
Lauren Baer
Caitlin Basden
Haley Basler
Tyler Baublitz
Chloe Beard
Tessa Beard
Cole Becker
Gabrielle Berolatti
Lake Bircher
Logan Blankley
Mitchell Bluhm
Katelyn Bohnenstiehl
Zana Bone
Taylor Braswell
Benjamin Brauns
Dylan Bryant
River Buchanan
Joshua Burke
Tristan Buss
Kate Camillo
Sadie Carroll
Mason Clarke
Nolan Clarke
Kelsey Cook
Cheyenne Cooley
Dylan Cosgriff
Brittany Cunningham
Austen Dahm
Jessica Davis
Kayla Davis
Naomie Day
Kylee DeLuca
Chad DeProw
Chase DeProw
Jonathan Dickman
Cameron Donahue
Emma Drysdale
Katelyn Duncan
David Dvorak
Nathaniel English
Matthew Erdman
Abigail Ermer
Kathryn Etter
Brian Evans
Emmaline Eyrich
Reid Fahrenholtz
Carli Fields
Brett-Michael Flesch
Paige Foster
Kyle Frank
Alyssa Freimann
Carter McCall
Alden McMullen
Abagail McTeer
Emily Meadows
Justin Melosi
Hunter Merkle
Morgan Mesle

Andrew Mettler
Corey Michaels
Joshua Miller
Justin Miller
Quentin Miller
Jackson Million
Raven Miranda

Travis Moad
Garrett Money
Elijah Moore
Zachary Moore
Destany Morland
Brandon Munie
Peyton Nagel

Ivan Orozco
Claire Pabst
Morgan Pace
Kallie Painter
David Palenchar
Aydan Perez
Colin Peterson

Alexander Phalen
Cynthia Pham
Dustin Phelps
Connor Pinsker
Kirsten Plocher
Rece Portell
Madelyn Potthast

Eric Powell
Janelle Prante
Amanda Prather
Raehgen Price
Steven Price
Ashley Prutt
Elliott Prutt

Connor Pugh
Esteban Ramirez
Brigid Range
Megan Rapien
Madison Reeves
Travis Rehkemper
Alexander Rensing

Eric Rheinecker
Cody Ridens
Dacoda Riechmann
Michael Riffel
Delaney Rigney
Addison Rinderer
Gavin Rinderer

sophomores
Keely Rittenhouse
Alexis Rivera
Andrew Roach
Whitney Roberts
Dillon Robertson
Zane Robertson
Abigail Rogier

Dylan Rolfingsmeier
Callie Rose
Hanna Rose
Samantha Rustin
Kali Rutz
Megan Sands
Nicholas Schaible

Kierstin Schlater
Noah Schmitt
Stephen Schniers
Andrew Schuepbach
Emma Schuster
Seth Schwappach
Dylan Shaw

Gabriel Sherrill
Cameron Shively
Kevin Shoemaker
Carson Siedhoff
Robert Sigman
Chandler Smith
Dakota Smith

Spencer Smith
Sean Snyder
Tristan Sorocko
Sophia Sterzl-McMullen
Cory Stieb
Holly Strader
Benjamin Straub

Blake Stulir
Hannah Sullens
Katrina Sumner
Leah Sutton
Brock Swearengen
Victoria Thomae
Deakon Thornton

Brock Troxell
Zachary Tucker
Taylor Udy
Alyssa Voss
Cory Walter
Mia Walters
Robert Ward

Gavin Ware
Amber Waters
Blake Wellen
Breann Wernle
Jared Wernle
Justin Wheeler
Brandt White

sophomores 139
Who is Your Celebrity Crush?

Carson Siedhoff
"Ariana Grande"

Abigail Rogier
"Hunter Hayes"

Kali Rutz
"Luke Bryan"

Cynthia Pham
"Ian Somerhalder"

Dustin Phelps
"Selena Gomez"
What class do you wish HHS offered?

- forensic science
- interior design
- self-defense
- creative writing

What are your plans after high school?

- job 1%
- 2 yr college 3%
- 4 yr college 89%
- military 2%
- undecided 5%

What sport do you wish HHS had?

- coed rugby
- quidditch
- archery
- badminton
- show choir
- field hockey
- martial arts
- girls football
- boys volleyball

Has a family member attended HHS or is someone currently attending the high school?

- Past
  - yes- 24%
  - no- 76%

- Current
  - yes- 54%
  - no- 46%

Do you bring your lunch?

- no 45%
- yes 55%
Bryan Abbe
Brandi Alexander
Lucas Ammann
Emily Baldock
Nicole Beaubien
Ally Becker
Ethan Billhartz

Mackenzie Bishop
Christopher Bland
Nicholas Bottom
Timothy Boyce
Jordan Braundmeier
Rory Brinker
Brett Brown

Alyssa Bruggemann
Justin Bugger
Kaitlan Busch
Katlynn Bussett
Evan Capelle
Skylan Carroll
Wade Clarkin

Bret Cochran
Johannah Comish
Leah Compton
Tyler Cooper
Parker Coppedge
Grace Curry
Maria Czar

Corbin Daiber
Jacob Darnell
Jordan Darnell
Sabrina Davis
Caleb Denby
April Dew
Steven Diaz

Garrett Donnelly
Dylan Dragoy
Jackie Dubree
Nicholas Dugan
Avery Evans
Louis Evans
Richard Feder

Jacob Fenton
Gerald Ferguson
Rose Ficker
Anthony Fisher
Chandler-Jordan Flesch
Jenna Foster
Breanna Frahm

Sarah Frank
Ian Fraser
Megan Frey
Dylan Galbiati
Anthony Gallo
Jillian Garbett
Ethan Gibson

144 juniors
Hannah Luitjohan
David Lutostanski
Jessi Lynes
Brenna Maas
Devon Mancinas
Nicholas Mannhard
Claire Marchal
Morgan Marcus
Cole Markunas
Jaykob Marti
Katherine Maxwell
Kaitlin Mayberry
Taiylor Mayes
Katherine McGlasson
Elisabeth Meadows
Ashlyn Medina
Abby Melosi
Jacob Menz
Alivia Meskil
Jacob Mettler
Collin Meyer
Hunter Micheletto
Hannah Miener
Shannon Miller
Zachery Miller
Jacob Mitchell
Andrew Molinari
Emma Moos
Alena Morillo
Alexandra Morris
Cory Nash
Mya Neal
Matthew Neier
Alexis Nix
Sydney Nyquist
Megan OBrien
Brett O'Connell
Luke Olson
Nathan Peery
Christopher Penberthy
Oliver Pfeiffer
Molli Pfister
Nga Pham
Jacob Plocher
Jenna Ponder
Trent Rakers
Robert Ramsey
Brent Rapien
Braden Rehkemper
Kennidy Riedemann
Garrett Riephoff
Dakota Sadler
Brendan Schrage
Brock Schrage
Gavin Self
Bryce Sexton
M1randa Smith
Reagan Smith
Ariel Smock
Jonathan Spencer
Cory Steinwagner
Beylee Stone
Lyndi Stone

Riley Stowers
Sara Strom
Abby Stulir
Jenaye Suever
Jenna Swindle
Hayley Taylor
Grant Thole

Benjamin Thomae
Claire Thomas
Logan Thomas
Reagan Thornton
Mariah Thuenemann
Reese Torres
Taylor Townsend

J-son Tucker
Joshua Tucker
Karlie Valente
John Vandersand
Brendan Varner
Noahnesta Veitel
Eric Vice

Nicholas Vidmar
Trent Vosholler
Drew Voss
Levi Voss
Justin Wagoner
Justin Walker
Adam Walter

Abigail Ware
Jordan Webb
Kurt Weiss
Blake Wellen
Johnathon Wellen
Madison Wellen
Jacob Westberry

Jacob White
Taylor Whitten
John Wick
Sarah Beth Wiegman
Michele Wildhaber
Avry Wills
Bailey Wills

Jessica Wilson
Austin Woolf
Kailin Yann
Shane Yetter
Danielle Zobrist

juniors 147
If You Could Have Any Super Power, What Would It Be?

Tyler Higgins "Super Speed"

TJ Fisher "Invisibility"

Chase Leitschuh "Teleportation"

Amanda Korsmeyer "Mind Reader"

Katie Kampwerth "Time Travel"

Avery Evans "Ability to Fly"
Journey Seniors, Class of 2016

What class do you wish HHS offered?

- successful adulthood
- German
- nap time
- movie analysis

What are your plans after high school?

- Job: 1%
- 2 yr college: 12%
- 4 yr college: 84%
- Military: 2%
- Undecided: 1%

What sport do you wish HHS had?

- lacrosse
- coed soccer
- archery
- badminton
- field hockey
- frisbee
- swimming
- boys volleyball
- ping-pong

Past: yes- 40%
no- 60%

Current: yes- 58%
no- 42%

Has a family member attended HHS or is someone in your family currently at the high school?

- Past: yes- 40%
- no- 60%

- Current: yes- 58%
- no- 42%

Do you bring your lunch?

- Yes: 72%
- No: 28%

How many tardies do you average a semester?

- 0-2: 93%
- 3-6: 5%
- 7-10: 1%
- 10+: 1%
Jose Carrera  Louis Carrera  Trent Carriger  Blake Carroll  Melinda Chamness
Lauryn Cook  Kyle Craig  Austin Davis  Chase DeJournett  Alison DeLuca
Christopher Dickman  Carolllyn Dinh  Marylyn Dinh  Leslie Drueke  Jarett Dubach
Hampton DuFrain  Emily Duncan  Austin Elledge  Ethan Emery  Leah Erickson

154 seniors
Anthony Huelsman  Tricia Hug  Morgan Jacobs  Robert Jacobs  Zechariah Kaufman
Adam Kelso  Nora-Jane Kenney-Robbins  Joshua Kineke  Kevin King  Brody Kirsch
Matthew Kleinmann  Beca Knarr  Alexis Korte  Audrey Kosydon  Miranda Kustermann
Samuel Kutz  Corey Lada  Caitlin Lammers  Analyse Lampe  Cassandra Lamzik

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Kyle Schmitt  Nicholas Schmollinger  Baylee Schneck  Blake Schumacher  Lydia Schutzenhofer

Veronica Sheahan  Madelynn Shively  Katherine Sikora  Hayden Smart  Brennan Smith

Jimmie Smith  Jordan Smith  Katherine Smith  MaKayla Smith  Megan Smithey

Ziven Soyka  Jenna Spies  Karli Steinbruegge  Blake Stieb  Reagan Stowers

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What Would You Do If You Won The Lottery?

"I would buy a new four wheel drive truck if I won the lottery."

"If I won the lottery, I would buy a house in gated community in Australia."

Austin Baublitz

Lexi Korte
Personality

Best

Shelby McCarthy & Trenton Allen

Spirit

Most School

Trent Carriger & McKenzie Rosen

Class Clowns

Best Dressed

Alexa Ruskus & Lane Rinderer

Will Michael & Stephanie Olivares

Brainics

Most Athletic

Amanda Ponce & Andrew Winning

Allison Zobrist & Tyler Pollard

166 senior superlatives
Most Likely to Become Famous

Pacey Perez, Matt Kleinmann, and Jordan Smith

Best Car

Lexy Hagler & JR Tscherney

Best Hair

Seth Levad & Marylyn Dinh

High School Sweethearts

Tyler Pollard & Amanda Ponce

Biggest Flirt

Luke Thies & Jenna Spies

Kate Sikora & Will Greenwald
Thank you... Voegele Photography, Jody Becker, and other parents for the pictures you contributed to our book! Also, thank you to Stephanie Olivares for designing and drawing our cover. We appreciate your help!
Hu r Gray
We are beyond proud of you and look forward to the great things life is going to experience from you! Congratulations! We Love You! Mom and Dad

Landan Hopkins
Like your favorite animal the turtle, in order to move he must stick out his neck. There will be challenges in your life when you will need to stick out your neck instead of hiding in your shell. Go out and meet them.
Love, Dad & Mom

Alexa Ruskus
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