

Highland Regional High School's

Club & Activity Booklet

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2019



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MESSAGE FROM MR. BEAVER, VICE PRINCIPAL OF CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES



This is my third year as Vice Principal overseeing Clubs and Activities for Highland High School and I couldn't be prouder. We have a diverse range of clubs. We are always looking for new students to bring their ideas and skills to the table!

If you look at our booklet table of contents, you can see a comprehensive list of after school activities Highland has to offer. You will see by each club narrative the advisor's name and classroom number. I invite you to choose one or two that interest you and pop in to see the advisor and find out how to sign up.

Whether you are brand new to Highland, or a returning student, there is a club that will peak your interest and challenge you to be a better student. My hope is to see each and every Tartan sign up for at least one club this year.

Students and parents please feel free to call my office or stop in if you have any questions about our extracurricular clubs. I welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

Go Tartans!

- Mr. Beaver (G115)



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Welcome to Highland High School! We are very proud of our school clubs and activities! In this booklet we offer an introduction to what is happening at our school and their advisors.
At Highland you'll find:

Academic Bowl	Advisor Mr. Moustakas
Art & Illustration Club	Advisor Ms. Smedile
Choir and Chorale	Director Ms. Kolody
Class of 2020	Advisors Ms. Christy and Mrs. Engebretson
Class of 2021	Advisors Mr. Wonderlin and Mr. Oberg
Class of 2022	Advisors Ms. Farmer and Ms. Riley
Class of 2023	Advisors Ms. DiRienzo and Ms. Blackman
Dance Inc.....	Advisor Ms. Davis
Design Studio.....	Advisor Ms. Cook
DECA.....	Advisor Ms. Blash
Fall Production.....	Advisor Ms. Beamer
Gaming Club	Advisor Mr. Oberg
Green Team	Advisor Ms. Durante
Gay Straight Alliance.....	Advisor Ms. Fowler
History Club.....	Advisor Mr. Wonderlin
Interact.....	Advisor Mr. Lawlor
Key Club.....	Advisor Mr. Schug
LADIES.....	Advisor Ms. Henry
Marching and Pep Band	Director Mr. Tumminia
Men's Leadership.....	Advisor Mr. Gore
Musical Production.....	Advisor Ms. Beamer
National Honor Society.....	Advisor Ms. McCracken
Peer Mentoring.....	Advisor Ms. Marks
Photography Club	Advisor Ms. Hoopes
Renaissance Club	Advisor Ms. Loring
Stage Crew.....	Advisor Mr. Mannino
STEAM Academy.....	Advisor Mr. Carvalho
Student Council.....	Advisor Ms. Strauss
Tech Squad.....	Advisor Mr. Keyser
Teen Pep.....	Advisors Ms. Blaease and Ms. Lynch
Highland's News to You	Advisor Ms. Pew
Word Club.....	Advisor Ms. Moulton
World Language Club	Advisor Ms. Witczak
World of Difference.....	Advisors Ms. Krempa and Ms. Rios
Yearbook Club	Advisors Ms. Baez and Ms. Clifford
Youth Alliance Club.....	Advisor Ms. Minix

Service Clubs

GAY STRAIGHT ALLIANCE Ms. Fowler

We hosted activities for Ally Week, created a LGBTQ+ Timeline (display in Front Lobby). We held a Morey's Pier summer pass sale and coordinated the Day of Silence. GSA held a Rita's Water Ice Fundraiser. Coordinates "reach out" programs to spread the message of "Tolerance" among the student body. In June we held a "Pride Month" (walk around the track). Student ambassadors promote this club welcoming students from all backgrounds. (E208)



INTERACT Mr. Lawlor

Interact organized the Blood Drive. For the Dictionary Project members put labels inside of dictionaries for Rotary, boxed them up and organized for each elementary school in the district. At Back to School Night we had an Interact table in the cafeteria. We supported the Annual Autism Walk at Riverwinds. For Halloween in the Halls members volunteered their time to hand out candy to elementary school students. During American Education Week we handed out snacks to staff. During the Ton of Food Drive members hosted a food drive for families in the community. (E106)



KEY CLUB Mr. Schug

Key Club provides service to our school and community. This club is primarily student run, with student leaders helping organize activities and projects. The club also get assistance with opportunities from our local Kiwanis chapter. This year, we had a number of service projects. We hosted "Halloween in the Halls", where families walk the halls of Highland and trick or treat. We organized a Staff vs Staff Basketball game fundraiser. At Christmas time, we ran a donation drive for the Animal Welfare Association in Voorhees, NJ. On MLK JR Day, we came to Highland and made over 300 bag lunches for a church in Camden. (B115)

L.A.D.I.E.S Ms. Henry

L.A.D.I.E.S. is a program designed to help young ladies develop or enhance self-esteem, positive self-image, self-respect, purpose in life, their uniqueness, their greatness and their inner strength. Young ladies who participate in this program will go through a series of workshops, small group counseling sessions, individual counseling sessions, community services projects and field trips in an effort to build their self-concept and reduce aggressive, self-destructive behavior. (F103)

MEN'S LEADERSHIP Mr. Gore

Leadership development is an essential student learning outcome of a comprehensive student experience at Highland. This club contributes to our school by challenging and inspiring young men to be responsible citizens and leaders on-campus and in our community. (Counseling Office)

PEER MENTORING..... Ms. Marks

Our first project is to match up freshmen in need of a mentor with a junior or senior that has gone through training to become a Peer mentor. 45 mentees were matched up with these mentors last year. A pizza party took place in September to introduce everyone at Tartan Time. Each mentor and mentee joined Remind and Google classroom to stay in constant communication. Meetings are held once a month and are an opportunity for mentors and mentees to meet and check in with each other. We held a Fall Mentor Leadership Conference sponsored by the BHPEA. There are many more interesting activities going on with Peer Mentoring. (F203)

TEEN PEP..... Ms. Blaes and Ms. Lynch

The Teen Prevention Education Program is a state wide initiative to increase our students’ knowledge, skills, and behaviors promoting sexual health. Students apply for admission, and if accepted, complete rigorous training to become peer educators. We have Outreach sessions and conduct a Family Night. Our school’s program has been acknowledged by the state as a premiere program. Open only to Juniors and Seniors. (Phys Ed)



WORLD OF DIFFERENCE Ms. Krempa and Ms. Rios

World of Difference is a program that encourages students to appreciate the richness that diversity of all kinds brings to our school. We work to increase tolerance and decrease racism and ignorance. We organize the Autism Walk and Multicultural Fair. Members will serve as advocates who promote respect for every individual. (A204)

YEARBOOK..... Ms. Baez and Ms. Clifford

Our major project is producing the annual yearbook for the school. We schedule photographers throughout the year for sports, school events, and student portraits. We field questions about buying and books, putting in baby ads for seniors, and donate books for deserving students, or as rewards for other clubs. The yearbook gives our school a sense of pride and excitement to students and staff alike. It rallies kids together and makes them see how much they have changed or evolved throughout the year. (B203 B217)

YOUTH ALLIANCE Ms. Minix

The Youth Alliance club will be an available group for all students to join to help them gain a better sense of Highland community. We will work hand in hand with Student Council to organize and plan a variety of events and opportunities for our students to get involved in. The Youth Alliance group will allow all of our students to feel proud to be a part of the Tartan community, as well as make connections for students to meet new people and try new things. We want all of our students to love coming to Highland every day! (Phys Ed)

Student Government

CLASS OF 2020 (SENIORS) Ms. Christy and Mrs. Engebretson

Senior Class is involved in Spirit Hallway Decorating, Senior Prom, Senior Trip, Senior Breakfast, Black History Month Hallway Decorating, to name a few. This is a club that ALL students can participate in. We encourage students to make new friends, get involved in the school and the community, and make their high school experience more enjoyable. When students get involved in their class, School Spirit improves. Seniors set the tone for the building. Get involved! (B213)

CLASS OF 2021 (JUNIORS) Mr. Wonderlin and Mr. Oberg

The Junior Class is charged with helping to grow school spirit and get students involved. Fundraising activities are designed to help the Class of 2021 raise money for future dances and trips. Class Ring Orders, Junior Prom, Yankee Candle sale, Spirit Week decorating, Halloween in the Halls, Black History Month decorating are just some of the activities we are involved in. This club helps to improve school climate by encouraging students to become involved and take pride in fundraising to get a large turnout for school events. (G108 G110)

CLASS OF 2022 (SOPHOMORES)..... Ms. Farmer and Ms. Riley

The Class of 2022 focuses on Increasing Tartan Pride among the sophomore class and community service events. We help get students involved in the school community overall. Spirit Week, Halloween in the Halls, Sophomore Dance, Black History Month Hallway Decorating, Pep Rallies, School Climate Committee, 8th Grade Orientation, MLK Day of Service, Water Walk, Back to School Night, Pumpkin Festival are all activities we are a strong presence in. (F103)

CLASS OF 2023 (FRESHMEN)..... Ms. Blackman and Ms. DiRienzo

We want the Freshman Class to get in the mix! Here is an opportunity to meet other kids in their class, and create a positive environment for the school. This club is involved in Black History Month Decorations/ Assembly , Spirit Week Decorations, T-shirt Design, and Highland's Got Talent. (A100 A208)

STUDENT COUNCIL Ms. Strauss

Student Council conducts two pep rallies and two spirit weeks during the year. Spirit weeks help promote a positive school climate, allowing both students and faculty to show their school spirit in a fun way. We went to both the Fall and Winter NJASC Conferences. We held a successful Homecoming Dance in October. These are all annual events. Student Council encourages students to get more involved in community activities. (Counseling Office)



Science and Technology

GREEN TEAM..... Ms. Durante

Green Team conducted an audit on the building, calculating the average electricity use and where we could cut back on energy use and save money. We had blank reusable mugs and made them into holiday presents as a fundraiser. Green Team organized a district wide event with the focus on wellness and the Global Water Crisis. Students make, reuse and distribute seed bombs for Earth Day. Green Team members hosted a table representing the district at Gloucester Township Day. (F105)



GAMING CLUB..... Mr. Oberg

Gaming Club is an opportunity for students to socialize and have fun together based on their hobby of playing video games. Students will have an opportunity to play multi-player games against each other, play single player games, and spend time discussing gaming strategies and preferences. Games will be approved on an individual basis. (G108)

TECH CLUB.....Mr. Keyser

Tech Club is for students who enjoy Tech class and strive for more. These students are capable of doing bigger and more complex projects that might not align with the curriculum. Tech Club is the place where students can bring ideas to life and make things that are really cool and most importantly, things that they might not be able to make at home. Members have designed and printed posters for teachers and advisors. They helped by laser engraving plaques for People's Choice. Helped with a variety of sports and clubs, like Stage Crew and Renaissance. (F126)

TECH SQUAD.....Mr. Keyser

Tech Squad works with staff by aiding in Chromebook distribution at the beginning of the year and collection at the end of the year. We troubleshoot problems (connectivity issues, Chrome issues, etc.). The Squad replaces batteries, screens, trackpads and speakers, WIFI cables, and hard drives. From connectivity issues to log-in issues, bad batteries, we're the ones who fix it. Tech Squad becomes knowledgeable with the inner-workings of laptops and Chromebooks and provides them with an outlet to learn even more about what the components look like. (F126)

WOMEN IN S.T.E.M.Mr. Keyser

Women in STEM is a Tech Club, and even though both clubs are open to everyone, the girls prefer having a club they can call their own. It is our goal to continue growing the numbers of our classes, and to focus on getting more girls involved with Engineering. We have gone on several field trips to Widener and Camden County Community College. We will travel to Rowan in Burlington. All field trips are designed to get girls interested in Engineering and sometimes parents are invited too, like for the Widener trip. (F126)

Academic Clubs

ACADEMIC CHALLENGE.....Mr. Moustakas

This club, formed from previous teams, gets other players to join in on the challenge. Students who are typically attracted to this are academic-minded, but non-athletic, and want to participate in something that is competitive, where they can use the store of knowledge they have to quickly answer questions. Our activity is more of a sport, since we compete against other teams in our area. There are currently 10 teams in our group and we have 9 competition matches. (D103)

D.E.C.A..... Ms. Blash

Our club will be participating in more community service fundraising (DECA NJ Statewide participation) this coming year! We will be running the Spring sport concession stand. D.E.C.A. helps students become more aware of business opportunities as high school students and how business can affect their lives after high school. (G103)

HISTORY CLUB Mr. Wonderlin

History Club assists with September 11th (Patriot Day) event planning, Back to School Night, Pumpkin Festival, Autism Walk, 8th Grade Orientation, Halloween in the Halls. We brought in Veterans to speak with students during history classes, speakers on the morning news, Upkeep of the Military Honorarium and Memorial, Museum of the American Revolution field trip in December. Planned and participated in Black History Month student-produced assembly, News presentations about famous events in Women's History during March, Participated in the Gabreil Daveis Tavern Colonial Re-enactment. (G110)

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY Ms. McCracken



The NHS Spring Festival is a great way to bring together the community and school, offering Highland Clubs to have tables and offer some crafts at the festival. Some fundraisers we conduct are the Superbowl Hoagie Sale, and Season's Sweetings - Holiday Candy Sale with a message for a friend. NHS volunteers to help at all events. In addition, we are always looking to tutor students who need extra help

in various subjects. (F212)

RENAISSANCE.....Ms. Loring

The goal of Renaissance is to reward every student. Student leaders run committees and organize all the events we do. Club members are also strongly encouraged to engage in community service. This past year we planned and performed Mr. Highland. Renaissance also rewards students who have achieved Renaissance Card status by organizing rallies such as the Fall Festival and Spring Picnic. During the holiday season we "adopt" less privileged families in the community. Typically each family receives everything on their wish list and gift cards. This year we were able to officially adopt four families, and give gift cards to three other families. Renaissance also runs the school store. (A218)

S.T.E.A.M. ACADEMY..... Mr. Carvalho

This club includes Capstone project final presentations, and field trips to Jefferson University. S.T.E.A.M. provides students an opportunity to work independently on an academic activity that differentiates them from their peers as it pertains to developing curriculum and learning experiences. (D105)



WORD CLUB..... Ms. Moulton

WORD club is welcome to all students looking to express their creativity, whether it be writing poetry, short stories, or lyrics/music in all forms. WORD encourages its Wordsmiths to grow their skills individually with prompts as well as work collaboratively with their peers in workshops. WORD is always looking for new creative minds! Check us out! (Advisor) Ms. Moulton can be found in F203.

WORLD LANGUAGEMs. Witczak

World Language Club is involved in school events including Halloween in the Halls, Fall Craft Show, American Education Week, Holiday Wrapping and collected donations for Renaissance. We host, World Language Week activities, the Multicultural Fair, and visited Grounds for Sculpture and restaurant, Bocce Ball. The club has support school initiatives like American Education Week, Teacher Appreciation Week, and World Language Week. We have also exposed students to different languages and cultures through the Multicultural fair and World Language Week activities. (E205)



Fine and Performing Arts

A CAPPELLA..... Ms. Kolody

Members from both Vocal Resolution and Melodears sang at 8th grade orientation promoting excitement for the Highland music program. Members from both Vocal Resolution and Melodears brought holiday cheer to Highland by singing in the halls before winter break. Vocal



Resolution and Melodears created a positive and caring atmosphere for Highland on Valentine's Day by delivering Singing Telegrams. Both A cappella groups provide Highland singers with opportunities to develop and showcase vocal talents in an advanced small ensemble setting. (F111)

ART CLUBMs. Smedile

Our murals have brightened up Highland in multiple areas, and Blackwood Elementary Library. In Art Club we work on large projects that give students the opportunity to socialize with one another and collaborate in a unique setting. We also facilitate smaller projects so the students can work with different materials and techniques, allowing them to express their creativity and have fun. The students who are not enrolled in art courses have the opportunity to create, and students who are enrolled in the classes get to experience new projects, build skills and work on their class projects if they'd like. (F106)

DANCE TEAM.....Ms. Davis

Dance team has given students who like to dance, but unable to take the



course, an opportunity to dance. This team gives students a voice through movement and sends powerful messages of team work and positive energy throughout the school. We perform at Pep Rallies, Dance Concert, Multi Cultural Fair, and 8th grade orientation. (C105)

DESIGN STUDIO Ms. Cook

Design Studio created the ROTC Logo/Patch, Athletics Sign, supported the Holiday Card District Contest, Valentine's Day Card Fundraiser, Doodle for Google Entries, 5 Keys for Success Posters, 4 new Tartan logos, and 18 teacher flyer requests. This year more students will have the skills to independently design posters, shirts, and pamphlets. We plan on managing more projects and better promotion of this service. (F104)

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY Ms. Hoopes

Our Club photographed activities and sports, added a "photo section" to the school website, made and sold mini Polaroid magnets, and photographed students with props for Valentines Day. Taking Tartan Time photos to celebrate the "holiday" was very festive. This increased school spirit and students were silly and joyful. Students liked seeing their photos from the Pep Rally, Renaissance Fair, and sports events on the Highland website under Photo Club. (A216)

FALL PRODUCTION Ms. Beamer

Theatre enriches the lives of the cast as well as audience members. Fall Production puts Theatre in an important part of our school's culture. It gives students a creative outlet to express and learn about other people and about themselves. Our Theatre Troupe also aspires to instill that sense of community within each cast, and throughout our troupe in general. Students learn to support each other, encourage each other, and build teamwork, cooperation and communication. (AUDITORIUM)



MARCHING AND PEP BAND Mr. Tumminia

Drumline marched the football team out to the field during every home game. And performed different musical selections for the crowd during home and playoff football games. At every football game, both students and music staff have been thrilled to be approached by visiting fans, and visiting band members, and even game officials telling us we're the best band they've ever seen at a football game! We were scheduled to perform in the Blackwood Christmas Parade. Performed in the Bridesburg (PA) Memorial Day Parade, one of the largest Memorial Day parades in the region. (C103)



NEWS TO YOU (TV NEWS)..... Ms. Pew

This club orchestrates morning announcements every day. News To You exposes students to television studio equipment and the art of broadcasting. The News Crew makes students and faculty aware of school events and holidays, which promotes a positive and accepting school climate. (E109)

SPRING MUSICAL..... Ms. Beamer

The Highland drama program serves as an opportunity for students to have a creative outlet and make new friends that they may not have ever been close to in any other situation. We have a diverse group of students from all economic, cultural, and social upbringings. These students learn the value of team work and collaboration to put on a project for the masses to enjoy. All students from this school that attended the shows loved them and commended all of the participants, bringing them closer than before. (AUDITORIUM)

STAGE CREW Mr. Mannino

Stage Crew worked on play set construction, a collaborate effort with the cast. On days the cast was not rehearsing some cast members helped design and construct the set. We cleaned out the stage crew closet in B-Hall. Then we constructed the sets for the fall drama " Lend Me A Tenor" and the spring musical " The Drowsy Chaperone". This is an opportunity for students who want to be involved in drama production behind the scenes. (D105)



Things To Do After 2

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