

HIGHLAND

HIGH



REGIONAL

SCHOOL

HOME OF THE TARTANS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS
2019 - 2020

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BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District is to educate a diverse population in an atmosphere consistent with the ideals of a free and democratic society. We are committed to an exemplary educational program, based upon the Core Curriculum Content Standards as adopted by the State Board of Education. It is the expectation of this district that all pupils achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all levels. We will continue to improve students' and teachers' technological literacy as a means of preparing for the future with confidence and creativity. Our schools will ensure the safety and security of all students and strive to provide the best learning environment. We will enhance our students' growth by providing them with a creative, purposeful, and ethical atmosphere. We are dedicated to providing our students an opportunity to achieve academic goals, develop good citizenship skills, and make a positive contribution to society.

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ATTENDANCE INFO

(Board Policy 5200) All students are required to attend school for 182 days. Any student absent (unexcused) more than 10 days for a full year course will be subject to consequences as stated in the Board Attendance Policy. A student who accumulates absences (excused and unexcused) in excess of 19 days will be placed on No-Credit Status.

Good attendance is a vital part of student success. However, if a student must be absent from school there are certain procedures to follow:

1. **Call your child’s Vice Principal if he or she is going to be absent.**

2. Upon returning to school students must present a valid, signed note to their vice principal within 2 weeks of the absence. The note must include student name and date(s) of absence along with reason. **If students are absent more than 4 consecutive days, they must present a note from their physician.**

3. If an absence is going to be longer than 10 school days, provide your school counselor with a doctor’s note and ask for details regarding our Homebound Instruction Program. See Board Attendance Policy for further information.

EARLY DISMISSALS

Administratively excused early dismissals are issued to students only in the event of an emergency. A parental/guardian phone call, as well as a note must be submitted to the vice principal’s office before a student will be released. Please keep all early dismissals on an **extreme emergency basis**. Also, a student cannot be released unless a parent/guardian physically comes into the building with proper

identification to accompany his or her child. Administration thanks you for your cooperation.



LATE TO SCHOOL

All students must be in first period by 7:25 a.m. Lateness to school is defined as arriving after the start of first period.

Four instances of unexcused lateness to school will equal ONE unexcused absence for the purpose of calculating unexcused absences for application of Board Policy/Regulation 5410 - Promotion and Retention, Board Policy/Regulation 5200 - Attendance, and Board Policy/Regulation 5460 - High School Graduation.

A pupil who develops a pattern of tardiness will be offered counseling with an appropriate staff member to determine the cause of tardiness.

LATE TO CLASS

Effective class instruction requires that all students are in their seat “at the bell.” Each teacher will keep a record of a student’s lateness to class. The Board cannot condone or permit excessive and unnecessary lateness to class and has established the following rules.

Lateness to class should be treated according to Policy 5200; however, pupils who are tardy to class shall be assessed 1/3 absence for each ten minutes (or majority fraction thereof) of lateness up to a maximum of one full absence per class period. Rules relating to tolling of absences also shall apply to tardiness.

1st late—Teacher detention

2nd late—Teacher detention & Parent phone call

3rd late—Lunch or Admin. detention



GRADUATION, GRADING & CREDITS

93-100 = A	90-92 = A-	
87-89 = B+	83-86 = B	80-82 = B-
77-79 = C+	73-76 = C	70-72 = C-
67-69 = D+	65-66 = D	
Below 65 = F		

CREDITS TO NEXT GRADE LEVEL

Class of 2020	Class of 2021
30 to Grade 10	30 to Grade 10
65 to Grade 11	65 to Grade 11
90 to Grade 12	90 to Grade 12
130 to Graduate	130 to Graduate
Class of 2022	Class of 2023
30 to Grade 10	30 to Grade 10
65 to Grade 11	65 to Grade 11
90 to Grade 12	90 to Grade 12
130 to Graduate	130 to Graduate

SCHOOL COUNSELORS

(A—CAS)	Ms. Kohn	(x 4042)
(CAT—GAN)	Mr. Gore	(x 4041)
(GAO—LOZ)	Mrs. Strauss	(x 4040)
(LU—PAY)	Mr. Bennett	(x 4038)
(PE—TH)	Mrs. Yandach	(x 4039)
(TI—Z)	Mrs. McElroy	(x 4030)

Anti-bullying Specialist Mrs. Vizoco (x4011)
Career Exploration Counselor Mrs. McElroy (x4030)

School Affirmative Action Officers
Mrs. Hubbert (x4018) and Mr. Strauss (x4020)

District Affirmative Action Officers
Mr. Rizzo and Mrs. Scully (856-227-4106)



AARON YOURKONIS



August 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2 BHPRSD - OFFICES CLOSED	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 BHPRSD - OFFICES CLOSED	10
11	12	13	14	15	16 BHPRSD - OFFICES CLOSED	17
18	19	20	21 NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION 1:00 	22 NEW STAFFULTY ORIENTATION BOE MEETING Central Office	23	24 SAT Testing Outside Location
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

NEW TEACHER ORIENTATION AUGUST 20, 21 & 22



ALYSSA SOLER


September 2019

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 Nurse's Office Ext. 4008
 Counseling Office Ext. 4036, 4037



12th Grade - Mr. Strauss Ext. 4020
 11th Grade - Mr. Jones Ext. 4020
 10th Grade - Mrs. Hubbert Ext. 4018
 9th Grade - Mr. Beaver Ext. 4058

Website – <http://www.bhprsd.org/Highland/>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 <i>LABOR DAY</i>	3 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STAFF ONLY	4 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT STAFF ONLY	5 <i>WELCOME BACK STUDENTS</i> SAT Registration deadline for Oct. 5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Student Council TT A105 HSC 7 PM A127 PATRIOT DAY	12 BOE MEETING Timber Creek 6 PM	13	14 ACT Testing Outside Location
15	16 Senior Trip Payments B213 9/16—9/20 TT 	17 FINANCIAL AID NIGHT 6:30 PM AUD	18 NHS TT AUD Peer Mentoring TT F203	19 Class of 2023 TT A100	20	21
22	23 FIRST DAY OF FALL 	24 Blood Drive NHS 2PM F212	25 Student Council TT A105 WOD 2:10 A204	26 BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT	27 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS STAFF DEVELOPMENT	28
 ALLY WEEK SEPTEMBER 23—27						
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15






MATTHEW BERARDI



October 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2 World Lang TT A220 Peer Mentoring TT F203 ASVAB 12 PM HSC 7 PM A127 SAT Registration deadline for Nov. 2	3	4 Spotlight 7:30 AM	5 <i>SAT Testing</i> <i>Outside Location</i>
6	7 HSC McDonald's Night 4:30 PM 	8	9 Student Council TT A105 <i>Photo Club 2:15 A216</i>	10 BOE MTG TRITON	11	12
WEEK OF RESPECT OCT. 7—11						
13	14 <i>COLUMBUS DAY</i>	15	16 <i>BOSS'S DAY</i> PSATs Students 1/2 Day Teachers Dismiss 3:15	17 <i>Class of 2023 TT</i> <i>A100</i> NHS TT AUD	18	19 CLEAN OUT YOUR CLOSET HSC 8 AM—1 PM Clothing Drive/Yard Sale
20	21	22 NHS 2PM F212 <i>POSTSECONDARY</i> <i>PLANNING NIGHT</i> <i>6:30 PM LMC</i>	23 Student Council TT A105	24	25 Homecoming Game 7 PM	26 HOMECOMING GYM 7—10 PM <i>ACT Outside Location</i>
SCHOOL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK OCT. 21—25						
27	28 	29 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 1/2 Day for Students Dismissal 11:45	30 WOD 2:10 A204	31  happy halloween Halloween Spooktacular	1	2
RED RIBBON WEEK OCT. 28— NOV. 1						

HALLOWEEN IN THE HALLS OCTOBER 29TH 5:00—7:30 PM

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH



FAHIMA KASHEM

November 2019

SCHOOL DRESS CODE — It is important that students follow these guidelines to ensure they are not asked to change their apparel.

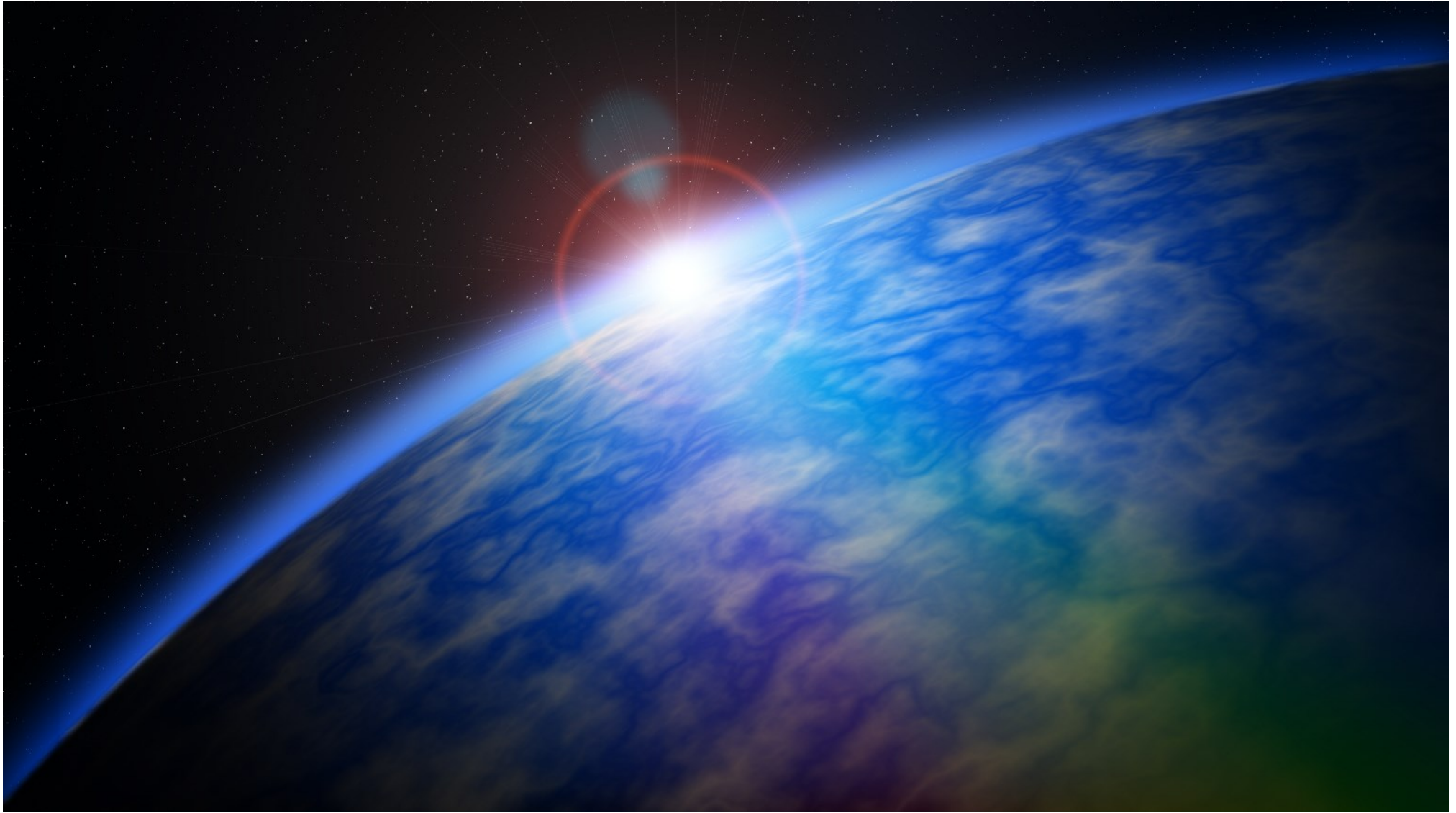
1. Clothing must be clean, in good repair, and worn neatly.
2. Safe footwear is required. Pupils may not go barefoot or in stocking feet. Specific footwear may be required for certain courses (physical education, shops, science labs, etc.).

3. Hats, bandanas, headbands, and any other headwear deemed inappropriate or disruptive by administration must be removed upon entering the school. Exceptions may be made for specific religious reasons (yarmulke, hijab, etc.). Hair bands used to control hair are acceptable.

4. Clothing must cover the shoulders and backs, chest, torso, and leg at the mid-thigh level. Clothing must cover undergarments and must not be see-through. Clothing which causes a disruption or distraction may not be worn. Examples of this type of clothing include, but may not be limited to the following: tube tops, tank tops, halter tops, see-through tops, bare back or midriff tops, fishnet or mesh tops. Further, pupils are permitted to wear shorts and skirts; however, the length must be no shorter than the mid-thigh level as stated above. **To review the complete Dress Code policy # 5511 please go to our website.**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	31	1 Spotlight 7:30 AM	2 SAT Testing Highland 8 AM
3 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	4	5 Student Portrait Makeups LMC	6 Student Council TT A105 Photo Club 2:15 A216 Peer Mentoring TT F 203 END OF MP 1	7 TEACHER CONVENTION SCHOOL CLOSED SAT Reg deadline for Dec. 7	8 ACT Reg deadline for Dec. 14	9
10	11 	12	13 WOD 2:10 A204 HSC 7 PM A127	14 REPORT CARDS ONLINE BOE MTG HIGHLAND FALL PRODUCTION 11/14—11/16 7 PM AUD	15	16 INTERNT'L DAY FOR TOLERANCE
17 Bethel Church Dinner	18 POWDER PUFF 6:30 PM	19	20 Student Council TT A105	21 Class of 2023 TT A100 SR Trip Payments TT 11/21—11/26 B213 	22	23
24	25	26 NHS 2PM F212	27 1/2 Day for Students and Staff Student Dismissal 11:45	28 SCHOOL CLOSED	29 SCHOOL CLOSED	30









JOSEPH RANIERI



December 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Peer Mentoring TT F 203 	3	4 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 1/2 Day for Students Dismissal 11:45	5	6	7 SAT Testing Outside Location Holiday Craft Show 9—4 Café 
8	9	10 NHS Induction 7 PM AUDITORIUM	11 Photo Club 2:15 A216 WOD 2:10 A204 NHS TT AUD HSC 7 PM A127	12 BOE MEETING Timber Creek	13 Spotlight 7:30 AM	14 ACT Testing Highland 8 AM
15	16	17 NHS TT F212 Winter Concert 7 PM	18 Student Council TT A105	19 Class of 2023 TT A100	20 HOLIDAY HAPPENING BELLS 5—7 	21
22 	23 WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED	24 WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED	25 WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY 	26 WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED KWANZAA BEGINS 	27 WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED	28
29	30 WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED	31 WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED	1 WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED	2	3	4

FIRST DAY OF WINTER DECEMBER 21







STEPHANIE PEEPLES



January 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30 <i>WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED</i>	31 <i>WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED</i>	1 <i>WINTER RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED</i> 	2 BOE REORGANIZATIONAL MTG Triton 6 PM	3	4
5	6	7	8 Student Council TT A105 HSC 7 PM A127	9 Photo Club 2:15 A216	10 Spotlight 7:30 AM ACT Registration deadline for Feb. 8	11
12	13 SR Trip Payments B213 TT 1/13—17 Freshman Great Adventure Ticket Sales 1/13—17 	14	15 Peer Mentoring Leadership Conference AUD	16 Class of 2023 TT A100 NHS TT AUD Highland's Got Talent 7 PM	17	18
19	20 DAY OF SERVICE  SCHOOL CLOSED	21 NHS 2PM F212	22 Student Council TT A105 WOD 2:10 A204	23 BOE MEETING Triton	24 END OF MP 2	25
26	27	28	29	30 REPORT CARDS ONLINE 2 PM	31 MR HIGHLAND 7 PM 	1






MADDISON KOHLER



February 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
2 	3 Senior Trip Payments B213 TT 2/3—7 	4	5 Peer Mentoring TT F 203 Student Council TT A105 HSC 7 PM A127	6 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 1/2 Day for Students Dismissal 11:45	7 Spotlight 7:30 AM	8 ACT Testing Outside Location
NATIONAL SCHOOL COUNSELING WEEK FEB. 3—7						
9	10	11 8th Grade Parent Night 6:30 PM	12	13 Photo Club TT Valentines Booth LMC SAT Registration deadline for Mar. 14	14 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS—STAFF DEVELOPMENT HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY ♥	15
16	17  SCHOOL CLOSED	18	19 Student Council TT A105	20 Class of 2023 TT A100 NHS TT AUD BOE Meeting Highland	21	22
23	24	25 NHS 2PM F212	26 WOD 2:10 A204	27	28 ACT Registration deadline for April 4	29

BLACK HISTORY MONTH







ANIAH WILSON-EDMONDS



March 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 <i>ROTC Honor Society Induction</i> 6 PM LMC	4 Peer Mentoring TT F203 Student Council TT A105 HSC 7 PM A127	5 Science Honor Society Induction 6 PM	6	7
8 Daylight Savings Time	9	10 PE Honor Society Induction 6:00 PM	11 Photo Club 2:15 A216 NHS TT AUD ASVAB 12 PM 	12 BOE Meeting TC	13 Spotlight 7:30 AM	14 SAT Testing Outside Location
15	16	17 NHS 2PM F212 ST. PATRICKS DAY 	18 Student Council TT A105 WOD 2:10 A204	19 Class of 2023 TT A100 SPRING MUSICAL 7:30 PM	20 1ST DAY OF SPRING  SPRING MUSICAL 7:30 PM	21  SPRING MUSICAL 7:30 PM
22	23 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 1/2 Day for Students Dismissal 11:45	24	25	26 World Language Honor Society Induction AUD 6:30	27 END OF MP 3	28
29	30 English HS Induction 6:00 PM	31	1	2	3	4

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH








MIKIAH CLARK



April 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1 Peer Mentoring TT F203 Student Council TT A105 HSC 7 PM A127	2 BOE MTG Triton SAT Registration deadline for May 2 REPORT CARDS ONLINE	3 Spotlight 7:30 AM	4 ACT Testing Highland 8:00 AM
5	6 NAT'L TARTAN DAY  Teen Pep Family Night 7 PM	7 Math Honor Society Induction 6:30 PM	8 Day of Silence  People's Choice Awards 7 PM	9 Class of 2023 TT A100	10 SPRING RECESS	11
12 	13	14	15	16	17	18
SPRING RECESS SCHOOL CLOSED						
19	20 Junior Prom Ticket Sales 4/20—4/23 Theatre Troupe Cabaret 6:00 PM	21 NHS 2PM F212	22 Administrative Professional's Day 	23 NHS TT AUD 	24	25
SENIOR TRIP APRIL 20—APRIL 24						
26	27	28	29 Student Council TT A105 WOD 2:10 A204	30	1	2



MAYA PUYAT



May 2020

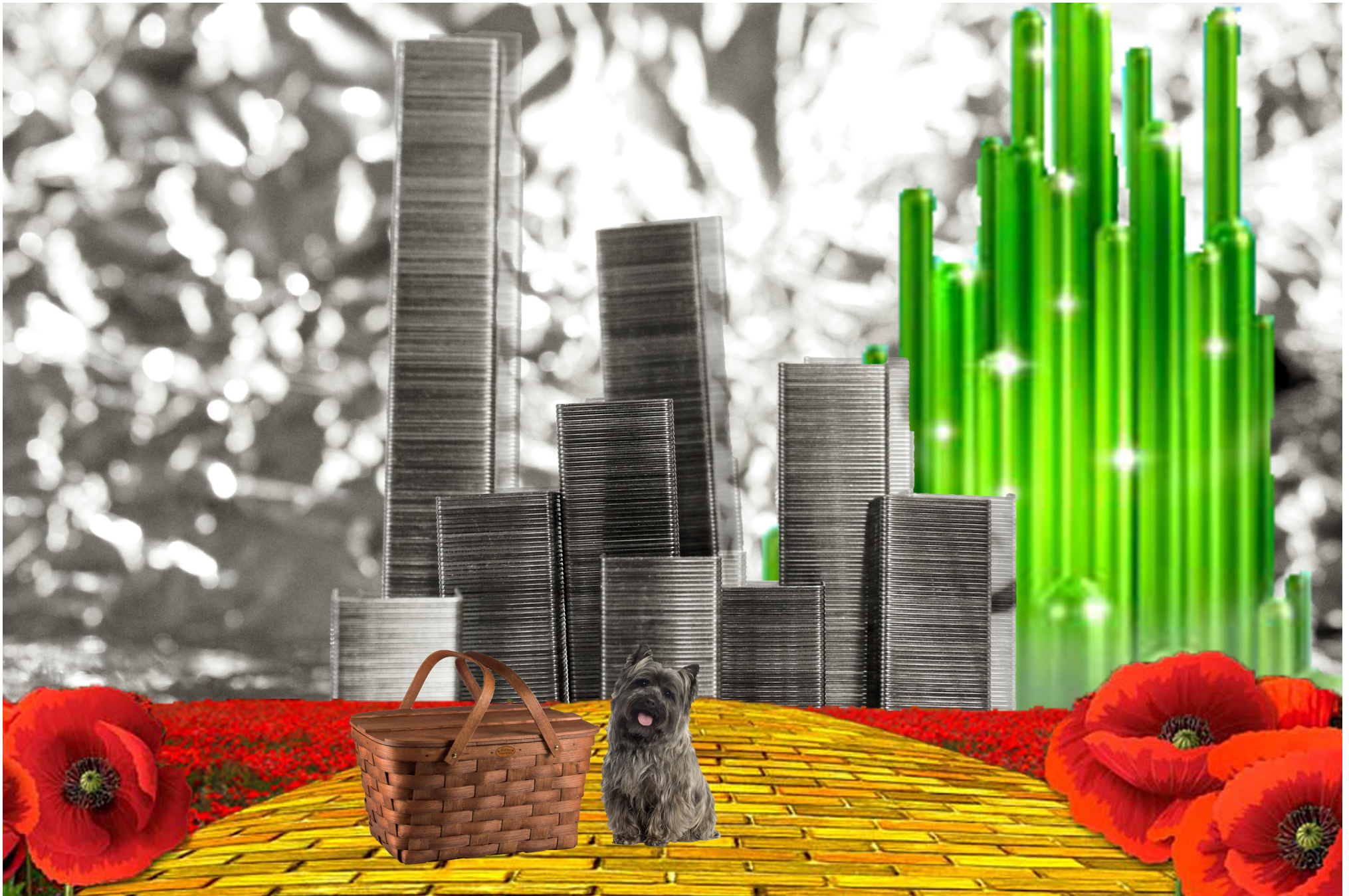
AP EXAM SCHEDULE:

WEEK ONE	May 4—Government (8 AM)
	May 5—Calculus AB/BC (8 AM)
	May 6—Literature (8 AM) Physics II (12 PM)
	May 7—Chemistry (8 AM) Physics I (12 PM)
	May 8—US History (8 AM)
WEEK TWO	May 11—Biology (8 AM)
	May 12—Psychology (12 PM)
	May 13—Language/Comp (8 AM) Music Theory (12 PM)
	May 14—
	May 15—Statistics (12 PM)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1 Spotlight 7:30 AM Junior Prom 7 PM Auletto Caterers	2 SAT Testing Highland 8 AM
3	4	5	6 Ed of Year Ceremony SCHOOL NURSE DAY HSC 7 PM A127	7 NHS TT AUD BOE MTG Highland	8 ACT Registration deadline for June 13	9 NHS Spring Festival 10—3
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK						
10 Mother's Day	11	12	13 Student Council TT A105 WOD 2:10 A204	14 Class of 2023 TT A100 BOE MTG TC	15	16
17	18 Senior Prom Ticket Sales 5/20—5/24 A208	19	20 History Honor Society Induction 6 PM LMC	21 Dance Concert 7 PM LIFE SKILLS FORMAL—PARIS CATERERS 5:30	22 Decision Day Bells 1—2	23
24	25 Memorial DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	26 SPRING CONCERT 7 PM	27 Student Council TT A105 Multi Cultural Fair/Art Show 7 PM	28 Senior Awards Banquet 6 PM	29	30
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SAT REGISTRATION DEADLINE FOR JUNE 6 IS MAY 6

MAY 19—21 STUDENT 1/2 DAYS NJSLA








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June 2020

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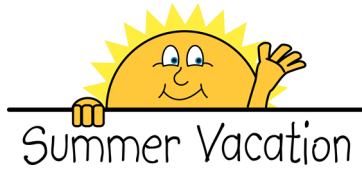
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2 Peer Mentoring TT F203 PEN TO MIC 6 PM LMC 	3	4	5 Senior Prom 6 PM Auletto Caterers	6 Freshman/ Sophomore Great Adventure Trip SAT Testing Highland 8 AM
7	8	9	10 Student Council TT A105 WOD TT A204 Spring Picnic 11 AM	11 Class of 2023 TT A100 END OF MP4	12 1/2 Day for students	13 ACT Testing Outside Location
14 FLAG DAY 	15 1/2 Day for students	16 1/2 Day for students TENTATIVE GRADUATION 	17 Tentative Last Day for Teachers	18	19 <i>ACT Testing Deadline for July 18</i>	20  <i>First Day of Summer</i>
21 	22	23	24 REPORT CARDS ONLINE	25 BOE MTG Triton	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4


NATIONAL FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE MONTH



TYRESE HEYWOOD

July 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 BHPRS - OFFICES CLOSED	4 
5	6	7	8	9	10 BHPRS - OFFICES CLOSED	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 BHPRS - OFFICES CLOSED	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 BHPRS - OFFICES CLOSED	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 BHPRS - OFFICES CLOSED	

August 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7 BHPRS - OFFICES CLOSED	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 BHPRS - OFFICES CLOSED	15
16	17	18 <i>New Teacher Orientation</i>	19 <i>New Teacher Orientation</i>	20 <i>New Teacher Orientation</i>	21	22
23 30	24 31	25	26	27	28	29





SCHOOL ALMA MATER

HIGHLAND, HIGHLAND, WE SALUTE THEE
ALMA MATER, TARTAN PRIDE,
BLUE AND BLUE OUR INSPIRATION,
LOYAL AND TRUE, WE'LL E'ER ABIDE
SPARK OUR MINDS WITH GOALS FOR THE FUTURE,
FIRE OUR HEARTS WITH LOVE AND ZEAL,
PLEDGE US TO A NEW TOMORROW,
BRIGHT IN PROMISE, HOPE MOST REAL.

HEAR OUR BAGPIPE'S URGENT CALLING,
CHEER OUR NOBLE TARTAN PLAID,
MARCH WE ON IN ROYAL COLORS,
OF OUR HERITAGE EVER GLAD.
FILL OUR SOULS WITH HUMBLE VIRTUE,
KEEP OUR SPIRITS EVER HIGH
BIND US CLOSE IN STRENGTH AND COURAGE,
MAY OUR GLORY NEVER DIE!



WHAT IS A TARTAN ANYWAY?

Tartan is a plaid textile design of Scottish origin consisting of stripes of varying widths and colors against a solid background. The colors usually were designed to designate a particular clan. The story of tartan and the history of Scotland are intertwined like the pattern of tartan itself. Although the date of the origins of tartan is not known, the clan system in Scotland started around the 12th century. Different colors and varying patterns began to develop as the weavers in each area or clan developed their individual patterns and color combinations. So, particular styles of tartan began to be associated with an area or clan. After the disintegration of the clan system in about 1745, the wearing of tartan colors became illegal, except in Highland Regiments. The old loyalties never truly died away. Building on the honor achieved by the courageous fighting of the Highland Regiments, the wearing of Tartan began to be endorsed by the Royal Court of England. The reputation of the Highland Tartan Regiments grew and soon spread around the world, particularly as Scottish immigrants moved to America. The Highland Tartan is an outstanding symbol of our school. The intricate design pattern certainly represents the diversity and wealth of talents and interests in our school. Highland also has a reputation for fierce competition and commitment to service. When we weave all of this together, it creates a strong vibrant fabric of school, community, achievement, dedication, and service.