

Highland
High School



Clubs and Organizations
2018-2019
**HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL
CLUBS AND
ORGANIZATIONS**

We encourage students to participate in extracurricular activities. Clubs have been organized for various purposes. The purpose of a club may be to provide service to others, to expand academic learning, to provide a social setting for students with common interests, and/or to provide an opportunity for students to learn something that is not offered during the regular school day.

Highland High School clubs are described in this brochure with information involving their purpose, the kinds of activities the club provides, who the sponsor is, who may be a member, and how often the club meets.

HOW DO YOU JOIN A CLUB?

All students are encouraged to get involved in school activities.

Meeting dates and times of meetings are published in the Daily Announcements. Some clubs put up posters throughout the building to announce their meetings. Some clubs have closed membership. In other words, for these clubs a student must be selected to be a member. Student Council and National Honor Society are examples.

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ACADEMIC DECATHLON

Who may participate: All students

When: Meeting dates and times vary

Sponsor: Mr. Terry Steenson

Academic Decathlon is a ten-event, inter-school academic competition.

The program consists of six “paper and pencil” tests: Fine Arts, Social Science, Economics, Language and Literature, Science and Mathematics; three demonstrations of communication skills; and the Super Quiz event. The team consists of three “A” students, three “B” students, and three “C” students who compete against students with similar grade point averages.

DANCE TEAM

(Sapphires)

Who may participate: Female students must try-out to be on the Dance Team

When: Practices/performances throughout the year

Sponsor: Jillian Dudek

Dance Team is an organization open to students with an interest in dance performance. Team try-outs are in the spring for participation in the next school year. The Dance Team is a member of IHSDTA, a state-wide organization which promotes dance involvement. The team also participates in competitions.

**“FEARLESS” HHS PRAYER
GROUP**

Who may participate: All students
When: Wednesday, 7:00-7:30 am
Location: LGI
Sponsor: Mrs. Anita Gavranic,
School Nurse

“FEARLESS” is a student led prayer group that meets weekly and is open to any student who has prayer needs or would like to be a part of praying for our school, our nation and our loved ones. You will find support, encouragement, hope and love in this non-denominational gathering. We hope you will join us!

GAMING CLUB

Who may participate: All Students

When: Thursdays - after school

Sponsor: Mr. Gary Kilburn

The Highland Gaming Club meets in the library after school from 3:00 – 5:00. The specific afternoon is chosen at the beginning of the school year by club members. The group's purpose is to provide students who have an interest in gaming, whether it be electronic (e.g., video games), pen and paper (e.g., Dungeons and Dragons) or traditional board games (e.g., checkers, chess, Monopoly) a place to meet and discuss or participate in their shared hobby. Students with independent gaming concerns or ideas may discuss same, and seek support if needed.

GERMAN CLUB/GERMAN HONOR SOCIETY

Who may participate: All students

When: To be determined by the sponsor

Sponsor: Mrs. Brittney DeLaRiva

Membership in the German Club increases the students' knowledge of Germany and its customs.

Members learn about the language and the German culture.

To become a member of the German Honor Society, students must have an "A" average in Level I and the first semester of Level II, be enrolled in the language for the current school year, maintain a "B" average in all other classes, and participate in the formal initiation ceremony.

GIRL UP CLUB

Who may participate: All students

When: To be determined by sponsor

Sponsor: Rhonda Szymanski

Girl Up is an organization through the United Nations Foundation.

They focus on bringing awareness to the many girls in underdeveloped countries that do not have an opportunity to get a proper education, and they advocate for those girls by raising money for supplies and helping set up educational opportunities. Our Highland High School Girl Up club will work in connection to the UN organization and help bring awareness in our community. We will advocate by raising money and working with other organizations

that support this club. (Girls on the Run).

HIGHLAND THEATER COMPANY

Who may participate: All students

When: First Thursday of every month

Sponsor: Mr. Matt Domasica

President: Kennedy Vernengo

Vice President: Erin Perry

Secretary: Paige Fanning

Treasurer: Arif Pitts

Historian: Cassie Westfall

Student Council Rep: Nate Taillon

Highland Theater Company (HTC) is a student-run theatre organization. HTC utilizes the talents of band, choir and orchestra students, the auditorium staff, and the student body at-large. Musicians, actors, dancers, and singers audition for parts in the productions. Technical area positions, such as costumes, lighting, sound, make-up, publicity,

and house are also available based upon a student's background and interest.

HIGHLAND THEATER TECH **STAFF**

Who may participate: All students

When: To be determined by the sponsor

Sponsor: Mr. Matt Domasica

The Theater Staff consists of students who work on all events held in Monbeck Auditorium. These students are involved in lighting, sound, stage, and ushering activities for approximately 50 events each year, including Highland Theater Company productions, School Town of Highland events, and commercial events through outside agencies.

JAPANESE CLUB/JAPANESE HONOR SOCIETY

Who may participate: All students

When: To be determined by the sponsor

Sponsor: Mr. Joe Rybarczyk

Membership in the Japanese Club increases the students' knowledge of Japan and its customs. Members learn about the language and the Japanese culture.

To become a member of the Japanese Honor Society, students must have an "A" average in Level I and the first semester of Level II, be enrolled in the language for the current school year, maintain a "B" average in all other classes, and

participate in the formal initiation ceremony.

KEY CLUB

Who may participate: All students

When: Every Wednesday after school

Sponsor: Mrs. Reese Ryzewski

President: Abby Acres

Vice President: Sarah Peters

Treasurer: Daniel Wilson

Secretary: Paige Hays

Web Editor: Datie Brankin

Key Club is affiliated with the Highland Kiwanis Club. The international motto is “WE BUILD” and the main goal is service to the community. Key Club members participate in a variety of activities and events, all of which help others.

A Key Club Scholarship is provided to a senior member each year.

MULTI-MEDIA CLUB

Who may participate: All students

When: Thursdays after school

Sponsor: Gary Kilburn

The Multi-Media club supports student interest in filmmaking, whether that be as an actor, director, screenwriter, etc. Students have the opportunity to express their creativity through visual storytelling in the films they make. The club may also take on requests from other clubs to film, or assist with filming their club activities.

NATIONAL ART HONOR SOCIETY

Who may participate: Teacher
Recommendation

When: To be determined by the
sponsor

Sponsor: Ms. Rhonda Szymanski

NAHS members are given the opportunity to enhance their artistic abilities through participation in community art projects, as well as their knowledge of art through museum and gallery visits.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Who may participate: Committee
Recommendation

When: To be determined by the
sponsor

Sponsor: Mrs. Chris Dora

President: Meet Patel

VP of Character: Kennedy Vernango

VP of Leadership: Ethan Lewis

VP of Scholarship: Ethan Churilla

VP of Service: Jenna Turpin

Deputy VP Character: Ari Winchell

Deputy VP Leadership: Amanda
Hoffman

Deputy VP Scholarship: Mitchell
Wagner

Deputy VP Service: Oliva Smith

National Honor Society honors juniors and seniors who are outstanding in Scholarship, Service, Leadership and Character, and have attended Highland High School for the equivalent of one semester.

Students meeting these basic requirements may then be considered for membership by a faculty committee in the spring of the year.

Transfer students who have been initiated into the National Honor Society at another school must inform the sponsor of their membership within 30 days of enrollment. Membership criteria in the Highland Chapter may be different than at the student's prior school. Therefore, deficiencies may have to be removed in order to qualify for membership in the Highland Chapter.

National Honor Society members are committed to participating in

various school and community service projects, such as a Thanksgiving food drive, Christmas gift drive, and after school tutoring.

SAGA

Who May Participate: All Students

When: To be determined by sponsor

Sponsor: Cynthia Auburn

SAGA stands for SExuality and Gender Alliance. Our Mission is to provide a safe and supportive environment regardless of sexual orientation or gender identification.

SCIENCE OLYMPIAD

Who may participate: Open to all students

When: To be determined by the sponsors

Sponsor: Mrs. Margaret Jensen

Science Olympiad is open to all students in grades 9-12. It consists of a team of 15 students who compete in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Earth/Space, Engineering, and Problem Solving events.

Practices start in the fall and the Regional competition is held in February. Winners advance to the state and possibly the national competition. Students can earn an academic school letter by participating in Science Olympiad.

THE SHIELD YEARBOOK STAFF

Who may participate: All students

When: Meetings biweekly after school, other meetings will be scheduled by staff members.

Sponsor: Mrs. Sherri Terrell

The Yearbook Club works collectively and individually on creating the published history of ***The Shield***, Highland's yearbook.

Staff works throughout the school

year to gather photos, interviews, and other information to create a representation of the school year.

Staff members are required to photograph various events, work with local businesses to obtain ads and develop the content and design of the book. Editor positions are available for application, and are chosen by the Sponsor and Principal through an interview process. Yearbook staff members are eligible to earn awards for their efforts and work.

SPANISH CLUB/SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Who may participate: All students

When: To be determined by the sponsor

Sponsor: Elsa Kluga

Students who desire to know more about the cultures of Spain and Latin America are encouraged to join this club. To become a member

of the Spanish Honor Society, students must have an “A” average in Level I and the first semester of Level II, be enrolled in the language for the current school year, maintain a “B” average in all other classes, and participate in the formal initiation ceremony.

STUDENT COUNCIL

Who may participate: Clubs and organizations choose a representative in the spring. Other students who want to be involved in Student Council go through a spring application process.

When: Every Wednesday during the school day on a rotation per period

Sponsor: Brenda Richardson

President: Sarah Manning

Vice President: Micaela Schmidt

Recording Secretary: Joey Kerber

Corresponding Secretary: Katy Bedka

Treasurer: Dean Foundos
Parliamentarian: Emma Hamilton
Historian: Kennedy Vernengo

The Highland High School Student Council represents the student body. Its purpose is to make significant contributions to the total education and development of all students, to serve as a liaison between the administration and the student body, to provide organization and direction of school functions, to establish and maintain high standards of conduct and scholarship and to promote leadership.

TROJAN TRIBUNE NEWSPAPER

Who may participate: 9-12 students earning a "C" or better in English; accepted through an application process.

When: Daily in class, alternate Tuesdays,
after school.

Sponsor: Mrs. Molly Arroyo
Editor-in-chief: Betty
Huang-Wolfgram

Co-curricular club. Online student publication. Mission is to report school and community news, give students a voice, and promote school involvement.

HIGHLAND SCHOOL SONG

Fight on Highland High School
Fight to win this game
Win or lose we'll cheer you
We love you just the same
RAH! RAH! RAH!

For the sons and daughters
Who wear the blue and gold
Fight! With loyal courage
Be brave and bold.

V-I-C-T-O-R-Y Victory, Victory
that's our cry
Yeeeeeeaaaaah HIGHLAND!

