Middle Seat 5-15-25

Awards Assemblies
Parents, please check your email. Invitations were sent out to parents in grades 6, 7, and 8 whose children will be receiving an award at the end of the year award assemblies.
Guest may not enter HMS for the assemblies until 7:45. Guests are to sit in the bleachers.

Current 7th Grade Parents
All current 7th grade students and parents received an email outlining which courses your child will be scheduled for the 2025-2026 school year. Questions or concerns with these course requests can be directed to Rob Henry at rhenry@highlandschools.org or ext. 1200.
In 8th grade, students must take science, language arts, social studies, math, Science of Technology. Other classes such as band, orchestra, choir, french, spanish, chinese, modern music, physical education, art, and computer applications will round out their schedule.

Dress Code
It is that time of year when the clothes get a little smaller (or your child has grown). Please check that your child can stretch up, bend down, squat, etc and remain covered from shoulders to thighs.

Locker Clean Out
Our major locker clean out will occur on May 21. At this time, we will try to rid the locker of all built-up excess stuff. Students will be able to continue to use their lockers until the last day of school, where we will have a final check that the locker is clear of any items, pictures, or markings.

Student Chromebooks
Students will turn in their Chromebooks at the end of the year. Chromebooks will be returned to their ALL teacher. This includes the charger for the Chromebook. 6th and 7th graders will get their Chromebooks back next school year on Move In Day.
The Chromebook should be free of all stickers and covers.

8th Grade Celebration Help
The HMS PTO treats our 8th graders to a fun afternoon on their last day of middle school. You can sign up to volunteer or donate at this link.

Welcome Incoming 5th Graders
We are looking forward to our newest group of middle schoolers coming to us next year.
A parent orientation led by Mr. Henry and Mrs. Boytim was held on May 15. You can access the orientation slides here.

Move In Day
Get your schedule, locker, locker combo, Chromebook, and school pictures!
Walk your schedule. Put your school supplies in your locker.

August 13 from 1 - 7 PM
Want to get your school supply shopping done now and support the HMS PTO?
Get your School Supply Box at this link!

HMS PTO
The officers of the HMS PTO have been set for the 2025-2026 school year.

President: Kristi Petersen
Vice President: Adam Maille
Treasurer: Shannon Stiggins
Secretary: Carla Schoch

Additionally Elizabeth Dies will coordinate Hospitality.
The PTO is still looking for volunteers to help coordinate Activities and volunteers to serve on the PBIS Committee.

6th Grade First Day
August 19. The first day of school is only for 6th graders. The students will spend the day learning about the middle school and will meet all of their teachers.

6th Grade Outdoor Education Experience
On September 24 and 25, 2025, Highland Middle School 6th graders will travel to Camp Wanake in Brewster, Ohio, for our Outdoor Education Experience. We will be participating in an extended day program with no overnight stay.

We will leave each day at the regular school start time and will return each evening by 6 P.M.

Each year, we are fortunate to be able to bring along with us some parent chaperones to assist with the running of the camp. These volunteers help chaperone on the bus ride to and from camp, assist with a class taught by a Highland or Wanake staff member, and assist with supervision during lunch. Additionally, we will be in need of some volunteers with a medical background to assist with our medical center. All chaperones will need to get a background check completed through Medina County ESC prior to our departure for camp. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering, please contact Melany Malquest at mmalquest@highlandschools.org by May 23. Please include in your email the name of your 6th grader, and if you are interested in volunteering in the medical center or as a chaperone. If you have a special talent or would be interested in leading a class rather than assisting, include that information in your e-mail as well. All prospective volunteers will be confirmed before June 1.

Hornet Dash

The 10th annual Hornet Dash is coming up on June 8th at Highland High School Stadium. The Hornet Dash benefits scholarships for Highland Seniors through The Highland Foundation. There will be a kids 1 mile fun run at 8:30, then a 5K race at 9:00. New this year is a beautiful medal for the first 300 finishers of the 5K! There will be fun for everyone, including face painting, music, and a balloon artist! Come run with us on June 8th!

Hornet Dash Registration