

Thursday's Thoughts
Thursday, October 14, 2021

Good evening Highland High School families, this is Mr. Zack and here are your Thursday's Thoughts for October 14, 2021. There are 8 items of interest to follow. If you miss any part of the message, please visit the Highland High School webpage on our Live Feed where there is a link to view this in its entirety as well as a link having been emailed to your primary email account.

1. There will be a senior class meeting during the 4th hour Advisory period on Monday, October 18. This meeting is mandatory, as a representative from Herff Jones will be in attendance to discuss ordering caps and gowns, as well as other items regarding graduation. Seniors will be dismissed via P.A. at 10:25 a.m. to go to the Auditorium for the remainder of the class period. Career Center students will sign in the Library, then go to the Auditorium.
2. Thank you students, parents, and staff for all your help in navigating the choppy waters of the PSAT yesterday. Please know that we are reviewing the practices critically and working through our debrief to make sure we continue to grow and improve for future testing.
3. Mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 27th as we celebrate McTeacher Night for our Highland Highschool Staff. Hot apple pies will be available to purchase and a portion of the sales for the evening will come back to support our High School staff. See you there!
4. Check out yearbook information included in this email as prices have increased. Get yours today!
5. *****LATE ADDITION*** The Hammond Area Career Center (ACC) will be presenting information to the Class of 2024 about the ACC programs during Advisory on Tuesday, October 26th at 10 am.**
6. Hoosier students and families are encouraged to file the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA), which is now open for the 2022-2023 school year. Filing the FAFSA is required for many of Indiana's scholarship and grant opportunities and many colleges require a completed FAFSA to award merit and need-based scholarships. Regardless of the degree being pursued – including short-term certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees and higher – students should file the FAFSA to potentially qualify for available financial aid.

Assistance with completing the FAFSA is available! A representative from INvestED will be available from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Monday, October 25th in the high school library to assist with FAFSA questions

and the application. A checklist of items to bring can be found on the main page of the Highland High School website. Don't forget to mark your calendars for the FAFSA Completion Event on Monday, October 25th!

7. The VIRTUAL 10th Annual Indiana Latino Education Summit & College and Career Fair will be held on Saturday, November 6th from 10am-12:30pm.

Each student must register individually as they will participate on this one-day event, from the comfort of their own homes. Each student registration enters them into a chance to WIN a laptop, iPad or gift cards!

Students can register for the event here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-indiana-latino-institute-education-summit-virtual-tickets-168290223589>

8. More colleges are coming to visit Highland!!!!

Purdue University Northwest (PNW) is excited to be hosting their largest visit days of the semester on Saturday, October 16th and Saturday, November 13th from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm CT.

Join Preview PNW to tour the vibrant campuses and learn more about...

- Undergraduate programs

- Campus life, housing and study abroad

- Financial aid and scholarships

- Freshman admissions process

- Athletic programs and facilities

If you are interested, please register online at

<https://www.pnw.edu/admissions-financial-aid/undergraduate/schedule-a-visit/preview-pnw/>

Wabash College will be coming to visit HHS on Wednesday, October 20th from 10am to 10:45am!

Students interested in learning more about Wabash College can sign up for the visit by accessing the following link: SIGN UP FOR THE WABASH COLLEGE

VISIT: <https://forms.gle/MoDWxF9cww7BgW598> Ball State University will be visiting Highland on Friday, October 22nd from 10am to 11am!

Students who are interested in learning more about **Ball State University** can sign up for the visit by accessing the following link: SIGN UP FOR THE BALL STATE UNIVERSITY VISIT: <https://forms.gle/UJeJBvDznyDwTbU3A>

Valparaiso University will be coming to visit HHS on Tuesday, October 26th from 10am to 11am!

Students interested in learning more about Valpo University can sign up for the visit by accessing the following link: SIGN UP FOR THE VALPO VISIT:

<https://forms.gle/msoJuD8FsNCkppG37>

Purdue West Lafayette will be coming to visit HHS on Thursday, October 28th from 10am to 11 am!

Students interested in learning more about Purdue can sign up for the visit by accessing the following link: SIGN UP FOR THE PURDUE WEST LAFAYETTE VISIT: <https://forms.gle/MdPgNr6MGTfr7ZB58>

IU Northwest Fall Open House will be Saturday, October 30, 2021 from 10am-2pm with an **early bird tour at 9am**. Students can learn about programming, student life, athletics, speak with faculty, apply for free and can earn \$200 in micro scholarships through RaiseMe just for attending. Please see the OPEN HOUSE FLYER. Registration is required for this event. The registration link can be located in the Class of 2022 Main Office and Guidance Google Classrooms.

Students who sign up for college visits will receive an email reminder of the visit that they can use as their pass to leave class. Students are responsible for work missed and are encouraged to discuss this absence with their teacher in advance.

That concludes our Thursday's Thoughts, thanks for listening, be safe, be well, and we will see you soon.

**Highland High
School Staff
Presents...**

**Drive-Thru
Fundraiser!**



Where?

10326 Indianapolis Blvd., Highland

When?

Wednesday, October 27
4:00-8:00 PM

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See Ms. Terrell in Room 326 with questions!



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Beginning September 7, 2021 STOHL will be requiring masks for all students and staff preschool through twelfth grade. This change was made in response to the most recent executive order signed by Governor Holcomb stating any district requiring masks will no longer need to quarantine asymptomatic close contacts out of school. This change is reflected in the close contact flowchart linked below.

As always, we will continue to monitor county and state trends. But most importantly we will be tracking and reporting our internal positivity rates in order to guide our decisions on any changes to mask requirements going forward.

Our goal is to return to masking being a personal choice, but the CDC, Lake County Health Department, and Indiana Health Department guidance along with our internal trends will determine when that will be a safe reality. Your patience, understanding, and support are appreciated.

Below are attachments to procedures all STOHL schools will be using with regard to illnesses related and unrelated to Covid for the 2021-22 school year. Each Friday afternoon, we will continue to update a weekly Covid Dashboard found linked on the district's homepage. As we did last year, we will also send letters out to the affected school communities when we have cases.

[Close Contact flowchart](#)

[Called off/sent home for illness flowchart](#)

We are also asking all staff and parents who are willing to share a copy of their proof of vaccination to utilize the following email address: sinfo@highland.k12.in.us.

Sharing proof of vaccination is completely voluntary. If you choose to share proof of vaccination, please use the subject line of the email to identify yourself as staff or student, the name or initials of your school, and then first and last name. In the body of the email you can upload a picture of your vaccination card or scan a copy of the doctor's paperwork listing the dates when your shots were given.

example subject line: student SR - Jane Doe or staff WN - John Doe