

Thursday's Thoughts
Thursday, Feb 6, 2025

Good evening Highland High School families! I hope this finds you well and safe, this is Dr. Zack, and here are your Thursday's Thoughts for February 6, 2025. There are 10 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 that has been emailed to your primary email account.

1. The scheduling process for the 2025-2026 school year is now underway. Please discuss upcoming class choices with your student and reach out to our Guidance Department with any questions.
2. The Highland Band Program will be having their Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 1st from 9 am-3 pm in the Middle School. There will be craft vendors, food trucks, and exciting raffle opportunities.

3. Attention Parents of Juniors!

Please mark your calendar for Tuesday, March 4th!

All students in Grade 11 (Class of 2026) will take the SAT during the school day on Tuesday, March 4, 2025.

This is a required test for all juniors, regardless of their post-secondary plans. Their score does NOT impact their ability to graduate; however, school-wide participation does affect our overall school grade.

More information will be forthcoming. For now, please note this date and make every effort to have your student in school during the morning hours.

4. The Hammond Area Career Center has launched a new program for **TO-BE-SENIORS**: Underground Utility Locating Technician. Please review their course description at:
<https://www.hammond.k12.in.us/schools/area-career-center/welding-clone>.
Please also review the attached flyer. If your student is interested in applying, please have them see their counselor for more information! Applications close March 21st.
5. The Naval Academy would like to invite you and your students to the United States Naval Academy Admissions Forum on Saturday, February 15, 2025, in Indianapolis, IN. This event is open to all students (middle school and high school), family members, and educators. At this event, you will receive an overview of the Naval Academy and Admissions Process presented by USNA admissions staff (Admission Counselor and Regional Director of Admissions). In addition, we will have the following guest speakers: local Blue & Gold Officers (USNA Admission Volunteers), Parent Club representatives, Congressional Staffers, NROTC Scholarship Coordinator, and NROTC - Marine Option Scholarship Coordinator. See Flyers below for more information.

Applications for our summer programs are currently open.

For information and to apply, please visit:

<https://www.usna.edu/Admissions/Programs/index.php>

6. Does your student need extra help in Biology or Chemistry?
IU Northwest is offering free online tutoring again this semester! Please reference the attached handout. Students can hop into Zoom at any point during their designated availability.
7. Attention seniors: Do you need assistance with completing your FAFSA and were not able to attend the FAFSA Night at HHS? No worries!!!
INvestEd is available to help you complete your FAFSA!!!! Check out the FAFSA ASSISTANCE button that can be found on the main page of the high school website for more information about how to contact INvestEd.
8. Highland High School would like to recognize one of our local partners, R-Bar Restaurant and Grill in Highland. R-Bar sponsored our luncheon for our Guidance Staff in Honor of Guidance Counselor Appreciation Week. We are very lucky to have such great local partnerships that support our schools!
9. Is your student interested in the field of Pharmacy?
We have two opportunities for them to explore from the Purdue College of Pharmacy. Please review them below and check out their associated websites linked for you.

1. Pharmacy Technician Training Program

The Pharmacy Technician Training Program is a fully online training education program that prepares students to work in a pharmacy setting as a technician.

The **8 or 16-week course** is available to start at any time throughout the year. Successful completion of the course prepares students to take the national Pharmacy Technician Certification Exam to become a certified pharmacy technician.

Visit:

<https://ce.pharmacy.purdue.edu/continue-education/pharmacy-technician-training-program>

2. Introduction to Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences (PHSC 10000)

PHSC 10000 introduces students to the profession of pharmacy, pharmaceutical sciences, and Purdue University's College of Pharmacy. The topics presented in the course allow students to develop informed perspectives on career opportunities and build a professional skillset.

This team-taught, asynchronous, online elective course is offered as a one-credit hour for Purdue students and as a zero-credit hour certificate course for non-Purdue students.

The course begins on **August 25, 2025**. Students registered by **June 1** receive a \$25 discount.

Visit:

<https://www.pharmacy.purdue.edu/future-students/online-orientation-courses>

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO KATHY REYNOLDS AT: reynoldk@purdue.edu

10. Please see the additional informational ads included on the print version of TT for some other useful local information including yearbooks, vaping education, Federal Student Aid, and more.

That concludes our Thursday's Thoughts for this week, thanks for listening, be safe, and be well.



HIGHLAND HIGH SCHOOL 2025 YEARBOOK ON SALE NOW!

A Keepsake For Years To Come.

Don't miss the opportunity to give your student a keepsake they will cherish forever.

HOW TO ORDER A YEARBOOK:

Visit <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/index.cfm/job/3610>

YEARBOOK SALE DATES

09/26 - 10/07 FIRE SALE	\$55 Yearbook
10/07 - 12/31 Semester I Sale	\$65 Yearbook
01/01 - 04/30 Semester II Sale	\$75 Yearbook
09/26 - 04/30 Personalization	\$8 1 Line Name Plate
	\$10 2 Line Name Plate

**Limited copies may be available at distribution for full price*

QUESTIONS: Contact Sherri Terrell at sterrell@highland.k12.in.us

SCAN ME
to purchase your
yearbook or
senior ad!



Celebrate Your Senior.

Surprise your student with a tribute ad in the yearbook celebrating all their accomplishments this school year. Share your favorite memory or best wishes for the future as well as your favorite pictures!

SENIOR AD PRICING:

1/16 Page.....	\$35.00
1/8 Page.....	\$75.00
1/4 Page.....	\$120.00
1/2 Page.....	\$220.00
Full Page.....	\$400.00

HOW TO CREATE:

- Use the link above or scan the QR code.
- Select "Start Your Ad" and follow the prompts.
- Deadline to order, Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Create your Federal Student Aid Account (FSA ID)

Go to studentaid.gov and click "Create account" then "Get Started".

1 Enter your **Name, Date of birth, and Social Security Number.**

Username: Choose something you will remember and hasn't already been taken.

Note: You will see a message that says "Username Available" or "Username Taken" once you meet the minimum field requirements.

2 **Email:** Must be personal and unique to the individual creating the ID and unique to the account owner.

Password: Choose something you will remember that meets the password criteria and minimum field requirements.

3 **Mailing Address, City, State, and Zip Code**

Mobile Phone: Must be personal and unique to the individual creating the ID and unique to the account owner.

Note: Make sure to check the box which allows you to use your mobile phone for account recovery.

Communication Preferences

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- Required Communications - Email (Automatically selected and recommended)
 - Informal Communications - Optional (You may leave both boxes unchecked)
 - Language Preference - Select (Automatically defaults to English)

Challenge Questions: You must select and answer all four questions.

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- Your answers must be between 3 and 55 characters.
 - Answers are not case sensitive.
 - Letters, numbers, and spaces are the only characters allowed.

6 Review ALL information and click on the check box, agreeing to the terms and conditions.

Account Recovery:

Click on **Verify My Mobile Phone Number**

- You will receive a 6-digit code via text.
- Enter the secure code in the box provided.

7 Click on **Verify My Email Address**

- You will receive a 6-digit code via email.
- **Subject Line:** "Action Required - Verify Your FSA ID Email Address"
- Enter the secure 6-digit code in the box provided.

Make sure to save the backup code provided in a safe place.

***You do not need to download an authenticator app**



Contact INvestEd with any questions!

✉ Outreach@INvestEdIndiana.org

☎ 317-715-9007

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Benefits of SAT Practice:

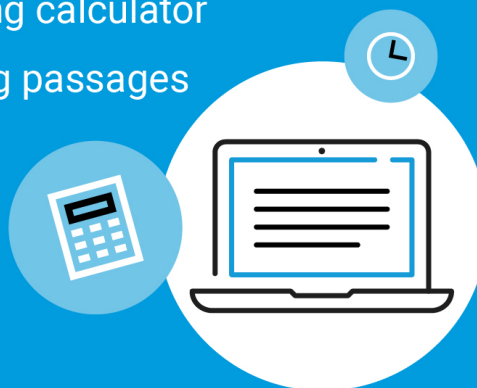
- Get to know the digital testing app.
- Explore the tools and features you'll use.
- Understand the types of test questions.
- Identify your strengths and areas to improve.
- Practice without pressure.
- Keep calm on test day.



sat.org/digital-practice

What's Different About the Digital SAT?

- Nearly an hour shorter
- More time per question
- Built-in graphing calculator
- Shorter reading passages



sat.org/digital-school-day



SUMMER JOB

Opportunities!

munster
PARKS
AND RECREATION

Position Available	Hourly Rate Hours Per Week	Age Required to Apply	Email to Apply	Deadline to Apply
Summer Camp Director	\$15.00 per hour 40 hours per week	18+	jhiggins@munster.org	1/31/2025
Summer Camp Coordinator	\$11.00 per hour 40 hours per week	18+	jhiggins@munster.org	2/28/2025
Summer Camp Counselor	\$10.50 per hour 40 hours per week	16+	jhiggins@munster.org	2/28/2025
Rental Supervisor	\$10.50 per hour up to 10 hours per mo.	16+	jhiggins@munster.org	Open
Tennis Instructor	\$11.00 per hour 10 hours per week	14+	jhiggins@munster.org	5/16/2025
Sports Instructor	\$10.50 per hour 12 hours per week	14+	akresal@munster.org	5/12/2025
Pool Assistant Manager	\$14 per hour 40 hours per week	18+	akresal@munster.org	3/21/2025
Swim Lesson Coordinator	\$15 per hour 20 hours per week	18+	akresal@munster.org	3/21/2025
Lifeguard	\$13 per hour up to 40 hours per week	15+	akresal@munster.org	3/21/2025
Swim Lesson Instructor	\$13 per hour 10 hours per week	15+	akresal@munster.org	3/21/2025
Pool Attendant	\$10.50 per hour up to 40 hours per week	15+	akresal@munster.org	3/21/2025
Youth Education Head Teacher	\$15 per hour 25 hours per week	18+	mdicarlo@munster.org	6/02/2025
Youth Education Aide	\$10.50 per hour 25 hour per week	15+	mdicarlo@munster.org	5/01/2025
Movie/Merch Supervisor	\$11 per hour 10 hours per month	18+	mdicarlo@munster.org	5/30/2025
Soccer Field Supervisor	\$13 per hour up to 6 hours per week	18+	jhiggins@munster.org	3/21/2025
Soccer Referee	\$11 per hour up to 6 hours per week	14+	jhiggins@munster.org	3/21/2025
Summer Recreation Intern	\$600 per week 40 hours per week	18+	jhiggins@munster.org	2/21/2025
Park Maintenance	\$14 per hour 40 hours per week	18+	kdark@munster.org	4/01/2025

The FUN Department is Hiring!

Munster Parks and Recreation is looking for talented and dedicated individuals to join our department for seasonal employment.

To Apply

Send your resume to the email listed.

If you do not have a resume, go to munster.org to download and complete the Seasonal Employment Application to submit.

Applications submitted after the deadline may not be offered an interview.

Indiana University Northwest Middle and High School Tutoring

Biology Tutoring:

Tutor Name: Lillian

Days: Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 3:00pm-4:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/87966414843>

Tutor Name: Diana

Days: Tuesdays, Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from 3pm-6pm

Zoom Link: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/89101636119>

Chemistry Tutoring:

Tutor Name: Rupinder

Days and Times:

Mondays 5:30pm-6:30pm

Wednesdays 5:00pm-6:00pm

Fridays: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Saturdays: 2:00pm-5:00pm

Sundays: 2:00pm-5:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/88282768503>

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Admissions **FORUM**



Indianapolis, IN
 Cathedral High School
5225 E 56th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46226

 **February 15, 2025**
10:00am - 12:00pm
Check-in begins at 09:30am

Meet your
Admissions Staff,
Blue and Gold
Officers, & Learn
about the Naval
Academy & ROTC.



TO REGISTER:



SCAN ME

Full College Scholarship
25 *Academic Majors*
89% Graduation Rate
Division I Varsity Sports
Exciting Careers
Post-Graduation

**SEE OTHER EVENTS IN YOUR
AREA!**

WWW.USNA.EDU/ADMISSIONS/CONNECT/EVENTS.PHP

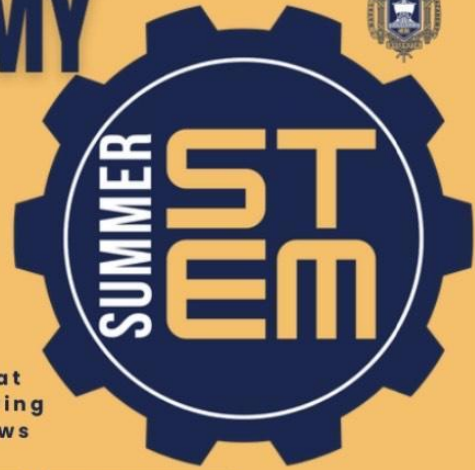
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

SCIENCE - TECHNOLOGY
- ENGINEERING - MATH

SUMMER STEM

The United States Naval Academy Summer program is designed to encourage rising 9th-11th graders to pursue a course of study in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

For one week, campers will create, build, and explore inworld-class lab facilities and experience real-life application and learning at one of the Top 5 "Best undergraduate Engineering Programs" in the country, as ranked by U.S News and World Report.



APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER STEM ARE NOW OPEN
USNA.EDU/ADMISSIONS/PROGRAMS/STEM





U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY SUMMER SEMINAR



The Naval Academy's Summer Seminar lets you experience life at the Academy, where academics, athletics, and leadership training prepare future leaders. If you are considering a service academy appointment, this program is a great opportunity for you. You will engage in academic, athletic, and leadership activities while living in Bancroft Hall.

Your application also serves as a preliminary application to the Academy.



APPLICATION OPEN NOW!

WWW.USNA.EDU/ADMISSIONS/PROGRAMS/NASS



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SENIOR ONLY PATHWAY

Underground Utility Locating Technician



REQUIREMENTS:

- Drivers License w/ Clean record
 - OR Obtain Driver's License by October 15th.
- School Counselor Approved

PATHWAY PERKS

- ✓ Job Placement - S2
- ✓ Independence
- ✓ Company Provided Vehicle
- ✓ Growing Industry
- ✓ Above average wages



Scan Here for Additional Information



Contact your school counselor for placement consideration.

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