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The Principal's View

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Highlander Parents,

With our incoming 9th grade parent workshop behind us—and such great turnout and energy—we're already excited about welcoming the Class of 2030 into our building next year. As we shift our focus to current students, we're entering the next phase of course selection for the 2026–27 school year.

This process is designed to give students time, information, and support as they consider the many academic opportunities available to them. Over the next few weeks, students will learn more about courses, ask questions, and meet individually with counselors to build thoughtful schedules that align with their goals.

📅**Key dates to know:**

- **Wednesday, February 4:** Course Selection Fair for students during Flex
- **Monday, February 9 @ 6:30pm:** Parent workshop for current 9th, 10th, and 11th graders
- **February 9–12:** 9th grade counselor meetings
- **February 17–20:** 10th and 11th grade counselor meetings
- **Thursday, February 26:** All course selections must be entered in PowerSchool

We appreciate the partnership of our students, families, and staff as we work through this important process together. More details will be shared as each step approaches.

🎓Class of 2026

With graduation just over four months away, we want to make sure parents have all the information needed at their fingertips. As a reminder, the graduation ceremony will take place on Tuesday, June 2, 2026 at 5pm at the Breslin Center on the campus of MSU. There are no tickets needed and graduates can invite as many friends and family as they'd like!

Beginning with the Class of 2026, completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) — or submitting an opt-out waiver — will be a graduation requirement in Michigan. The FAFSA is a free form that determines eligibility for federal, state, and college financial aid, which

can be used for skilled trades programs, community college, and four-year universities. Students who do complete the FAFSA will be eligible to choose from one of the following rewards: Prom Ticket, $50 Amazon Gift Card, or Senior All Night Party ticket (rewards are made possible through a MiLeap grant).

Please take a moment to check out the following links and help support or plan for the Senior All Night Party and Picnic!
Party and Picnic Newsletter
Senior Planning Survey

🏅**Teacher and Support Person of the Year Award Nominations**
Howell Public Schools is currently accepting nominations for the district's Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year Awards. These awards celebrate the dedication and hard work of our outstanding staff members, who make a difference in the lives of our students every day. The deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, February 6, at 4 p.m. To read more about the awards or to submit a nomination, please visit https://bit.ly/4jw1sHV.

Youth Solutions Select Survey
As part of Howell Public Schools' ongoing commitment to preparing future-ready students, the Highlander College and Career Council and Youth Solutions Select will administer a brief survey to middle school students in early February. Families may review the student survey questions at https://bit.ly/49JDy7h. If you prefer that your child not participate, please complete the opt-out form by Wednesday, February 4, at https://bit.ly/4hwljUU. Parents and guardians are also encouraged to complete a family survey by Friday, February 6. The survey is anonymous, and your feedback will help guide future programs and opportunities for students. The family survey is available at https://bit.ly/45fYDoq.

Annual Community Connect is Set for Saturday, February 7
Save the date for the annual Community Connect event at 2|42 Community Church on Saturday, February 7, 2026, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. This free event brings together more than 50 local organizations to offer resources, services, and information. Attendees can receive free items, including laundry detergent, coats, hats, gloves, personal care items, boxed lunches, blankets, food, socks, and diapers. Complimentary services include attorney consultations, health screenings, haircuts, immunizations, hearing care, and more. The Secretary of State Mobile Office will also be on-site to assist with select services. To learn more about the event, please visit https://bit.ly/4jHWQhT.

Date	Event
Friday, February 13	No classes for students - Professional Development Day for staff
Monday, February 16	No school - Presidents Day
Thursday, February 19	Band Concert @ 7pm
Thursday, February 26	Choir Concert @ 7pm

Go Highlanders!

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