

Thursday's Thoughts Thursday, February 24, 2022

Good evening Highland High School families I hope that this finds you well and safe, this is Mr. Zack and here are your Thursday's Thoughts for February 24, 2022. There are 7 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. Each month we will be sharing a link to a local-based student focused newsletter on positive teen health, if you'd like to read/share/discuss with your child(ren) the link is included [here](#).
2. Tickets are still on sale for the Student Council's annual Spaghetti Dinner Benefit on Friday, February 25th from 5-7 PM in the Highland High School cafeteria. This year's proceeds will be used to help support the Mazurek family. Dinner is provided by Amici's Grill and Pizzeria, Strack & VanTil, and Pleasant View Dairy. Tickets are \$7 in advance and \$8 at the door. Please contact a Student Council member or Julie Larson at jl Larson@highland.k12.in.us to purchase tickets.
3. ***IMPORTANT REMINDER***
ATTENTION PARENTS OF JUNIORS

On Wednesday, March 2, 2022, your student will take an official SAT test with us at school. Starting with the Class of 2023, the SAT has replaced the ISTEP+ as the state accountability assessment. 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.

This will be a digital assessment, requiring students to come to testing prepared with a fully charged iPad.

Please make arrangements for your student to be in school on Monday, February 28th for a pre-administration session and most importantly on March 2, 2022 for the test itself. Testing begins promptly at 7:45 and late students will not be admitted once testing begins, per College Board policy. If your student is sick or contact traced, we will have a short makeup window for students who are absent beyond their control.

This is a free SAT for your student. Your student can opt to send their scores to up to four colleges of their choice (for free as well). They are also connected to preparatory resources such as Student Search Service and Career Finder, along with Opportunity Scholarships just through participating.

Note: Students will be encouraged to opt in to Student Search Service given its many benefits. Students will be asked to provide an active email address. If your student does not have a personal email address, we encourage them to make one in advance. If you do not wish for your student to participate in Student Search Service, you may direct them to select "No" and they will be allowed to leave this section blank.

Students have the opportunity to practice and prepare at:
<https://www.khanacademy.org/sat>

Please see the active FAQ document that was shared with students. Please direct any questions to your student's school counselor. We appreciate your help with this process!

PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN GRADES 9, 10, & 12:

Your student will observe an e-Learning day on March 2, 2022. *This applies to Highland High School only, this is not a district-wide e-Learning day.* This will allow us to provide adequate staff and ideal test conditions for our students in Grade 11 taking the SAT Digital Assessment. Please plan accordingly. We are grateful for your cooperation as we support the Class of 2023 through this endeavor.

SAT Digital Student FAQ

4. Incoming Freshmen parents and students for the class of 2026

Greetings! This message is for all students that are planning to attend Highland High School for the 2022-2023 school year and we are excited to have you join us!

On Friday February 25th, Highland High School is going to share information for new students for the 2022-2023 school year. If you have questions about graduation requirements, graduation pathways, available courses, and scheduling information the Highland High School Guidance Department will provide all of this to you at this time on the Highland High School webpage.

<https://www.highland.k12.in.us/o/hhs/page/8th-grade-parent-scheduling-information>

The Highland High School Athletic Department will share information related to how to participate in athletics and the Highland High School Main Office will have information about joining clubs and organizations.

All of this information will be accessible through the above link. Please take time to review this information prior to our 8th Grade parents night on Monday March 7th from 6pm-8pm. On this night the Highland High School Guidance Department will host a live Q & A session that will take place in the Highland High School Auditorium. We invited all incoming 8th grade parents and students to attend this event and to please review the information on the website prior to attending. At the conclusion of the Q & A session all parents and students will be invited to the Highland High School Commons area for an opportunity to get more information about courses, clubs and other activities sponsored by Highland High School.

If you have any further questions, please contact

Assistant Principal Anthony Belli email abelli@highland.12.in.us
phone 219-922-5610

5. Mark your calendars for our Music Booster Mattress Sale which is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 from 10am to 5pm in the High School Gym. See the advertisement attached to the email sent home for more information.

6. Attention parents of Juniors interested in the FBI:

On June 8-10, 2022, the Indianapolis Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the FBI Citizens Academy Alumni Association will host the FBI Youth Leadership Academy (YLA). The YLA is designed to promote an educational experience that will provide students with valuable leadership training and a greater understanding of the FBI. Through interactive physical challenges and classroom discussions we seek to further explain to youth how the FBI addresses the concerns of the community. Utilizing FBI strategic planning techniques and exercises, participants will have the opportunity to hone their decision making and leadership skills.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is unknown at this time if this program will take place in person. If so, this camp will be a two day, two night residential event, and will be hosted at Bradford Woods, Indiana University's experiential learning center. Bradford Woods is located just south of Mooresville, on State Road 67. Its 2,500 acres are dedicated to the enrichment and education of youth and adults from all over the country. Students will be housed on site and chaperoned by FBI personnel. If it is deemed not safe to host the overnight camp, the FBI will offer a virtual or hybrid version of the program. Details for either option will be provided directly to those who apply.

We would like the YLA to be comprised of top-notch students from a variety of high schools and would appreciate your school advertising this to the appropriate students. Those interested must complete the enclosed application, which requires a signature from both a parent or guardian and the principal (digital signature is acceptable).

To be considered, the student must:

- be a current junior at time of application;
- have a GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale);
- possess qualities of leadership, scholastic achievement and good citizenship;
- commit to attending the entire program; and
- write an essay of no more than 500 words depicting their interest in the program and how it will enhance their future plans.

Completed applications and essays should be mailed to: *Kathryn Sipes, Community Outreach Specialist, FBI Indianapolis, 8825 Nelson B. Klein Parkway, Indianapolis, IN 46250*, or emailed to kdsipes@fbi.gov. All applications must be received by **April 1, 2022**.

Parents and/or guardians do not have to be present for the sessions. Students must arrange their own transportation. There is no cost for students to participate; lodging and all meals are included.

Should you have questions, please contact me at (317) 845-7035 or at kdsipes@fbi.gov.

7. Reminder that STOH has now moved to “mask optional” due to the decrease in positivity rate as well as our close contact protocols being updated. Please check out our newly updated and revised flowchart attached to this email.

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

Environmental Sciences Summer Camp

**The 2022 Environmental Science
Summer Camp is coming!
Registration starts in March, 2022!**

The environment is your laboratory



Our environment is a complex, fragile system and we are only now beginning to understand our place in it. Faced with issues such as climate change, mass extinctions, and environmental remediation, people are having to make decisions today that will affect the world for generations to come. The Environmental Science summer camp at Purdue Northwest will give you a hands-on introduction into the complexities behind these decisions.

Building off of the multi-disciplinary approach developed at Purdue Northwest and using sites such as Gabis arboretum, you will learn about current and future methods for sustainable development. Whether you are interested in a career as an environmental scientist or engineer, or are just concerned about our world, this camp is for you.

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For more information, contact Dr. Kay Rowberg at rowberkl@pnw.edu or via phone at (219) 989-2620.

Dates

**High School Students:
June 27 – July 1, 2022**

Sessions are from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. daily at
Purdue University Northwest's Hammond
Campus

Cost and Registration

Cost: \$350 per person

**Deadline to register: June 17,
2022**

Eligibility: Students entering grades 9-12
next year.

East Chicago Scholarship

**Thanks to a grant from the
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Forensic Sciences Summer Camp

**The 2022 Forensic Science
Summer Camp is coming!
Registration starts in March, 2022!**

Learn how CSIs work



Criminal investigations are becoming more complex, involving ever smaller amounts of evidence. Proper handling and analysis of the evidence is crucial for determining guilt or innocence. At the heart of this analysis is forensic science. The Forensic Science summer camp at Purdue Northwest will give you a hands-on introduction into the complexities underlying this analysis.

Building off of the multi-disciplinary approach developed at Purdue Northwest through its Forensic Science program, you will learn about current and future methods for analyzing and handling forensic data. Whether you are interested in a career as an forensic scientist or are just interested in how science and the law intersect, this camp is for you

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For more information, contact Mr. Charles Steele at steele49@pnw.edu or via phone at (219) 989-3185.

Dates

**High School Students:
June 20 – June 24, 2022**

Sessions are from 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. daily at
Purdue University Northwest's Hammond
Campus

Cost and Registration

Cost: \$350 per person

**Deadline to register: June 10,
2022**

Eligibility: Students entering grades 9-12
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STOH Guidelines for Close Contacts

1. STOH will notify parent/guardians of positive case.
2. Parents/Guardians will be asked to monitor symptoms for 10 days.

STOH Guidelines for Positive Students

1. Isolate for 5 days.
2. May return to school on day 6.
3. Students/staff are required to wear a mask at all times on days 6-10.
4. Students/staff are required to sit in an area separate from the lunch room for days 6-10.

Sick/Ill Students Being Sent Home from School

1. Negative COVID tests are no longer required for re-entry to school.
2. All students/staff that call off ill must be out for 24 hours. They may return once they are fever or symptom free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducers.
3. Please see student handbook for which illnesses require doctor's notes for return.

COVID-19 Symptoms:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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