



HIGHLAND PARK SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

International Baccalaureate World School

October 9, 2020

Parent Conferences

Parent Conferences will be held on two different dates this year. **Wednesday, October 28, 4pm-6pm & Thursday, October 29, 6pm-8pm.** The conferences will be virtual. The conference time will be limited to 5 minutes in length. Details on how to sign up and participate will forthcoming. You are strongly encouraged to have your child attend with you.

IB Testing Information: Grades 11 & 12

Highland Park Senior High School is a member of the **International Baccalaureate Organization**. Students in grades 11 and 12 are invited to sit for the IB examinations at Highland Park Senior High School in one or more subject areas during the **IB Examination Session of May 2021**.

Registration information:

- Registration for the International Baccalaureate (IB) May 2021 examinations will begin **October 12 and continue through October 30, 2020**. Students will initially discuss testing options with their classroom teachers October 5-9, while officially registering on-line [HPSH IB Registration form- May 2021](https://forms.gle/2E9mn7CBL9fuDoUH7). (<https://forms.gle/2E9mn7CBL9fuDoUH7>)
- **Students should register with their school email account.**
- **INFORMATION/LINKS will be posted on Schoology as well as the Highland Park IB web page starting Oct 12, 2020!**
- Students must be in Grades 11 or 12 and be enrolled in an IB testing course in order to sit for an IB exam. Exams are offered at Higher (HL) or Standard (SL) level.
- Students in Grade 11 may only register for Standard level (SL) exams, with a limit of 2. Students in Grade 12 may take up to 6 exams, according to the IBO.

- There is no fee for the IB exams this year. The school district is paying for all students to test if they chose to do so.
 - If the registered student does not take the IB exams for which he/she is registered or has not completed the internal assessment in the specific subject area, the school district will lose the total fee of \$120 per exam.
- Students requesting special accommodations for IB testing must have their case managers or parents contact the IB Diploma coordinator to initiate application procedures for the exams. All relevant documents must be made available to complete the request.

We invite your student to participate in this exciting experience. If you have any questions concerning the IB Diploma program or examinations, please contact Jason Schluebier, IB Diploma Coordinator, at jason.schluebier@spps.org

Highland Park Health Clinic

The Highland Park Health Start Clinic will continue providing care and support to students during distance learning and throughout this school year. The care we offer includes medical care, mental health therapy, nutrition counseling, and health education. We do not charge families for visits and will only bill insurance if able. All Highland students and nearby community youth ages 11+ are eligible for care! Clinic staff will be on site on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 8a-4p. On Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, we are offering virtual visits for students through Telehealth. We will not be providing COVID testing. However, we will be screening for COVID exposure and symptoms with every patient and staff who come through our doors. If patients or families need assistance in accessing COVID testing, we can direct them to local testing sites. Direct clinic phone – 651-690-7667 Clinic/telehealth scheduling number – 651-412-8445 email - trpflum@mncare.org

Yearbook Photo Update & Yearbook Ordering Information

Yearbook Reminder:

Time to order your yearbook. Best price (\$70 for a regular yearbook package) is before Halloween, Oct. 31st! Also, **be sure to post your school picture (all grades) by October 16th!**

Add more Photos to your yearbook with Balfour's Image Share App: download the app today to set up your own account. Start uploading up to 5 photos at a time. Use **project #:** 107040 **upload code:** [hps2021](#)

See Links on the HPSH Yearbook webpage Link:-> <https://www.spps.org/domain/1173>

Order a 2021 yearbook: best price now, reserve your copy today.

Picture Day is Yours to Take: submit grade 9-12 photos **by Oct 16th**

Senior Sibling Photos: submit photos **by Oct 16th**

First Weeks of School: photo contests, keep loading yourself working or playing.

Place a Baby Ad: (\$35 cost): upload a baby or toddler photo with a message of congratulations. No deadline yet

Delaney Lumpkin (free senior portraits) delaney.lumpkin@gmail.com

Photographers Guild (senior portraits at a cost) (651) 646-3239

Cross Country

The Girls Cross Country team won the conference meet yesterday which makes them conference champions. Molly Moening was the medalist for the girls' race. In addition the Boys Cross Country team finished second behind Central. Both teams are looking forward to sections on Tuesday October 13 at Highland Nine Golf Course. Kudos to the athletes and Coach Moening and the assistants.



Senior Surprise

Senior Surprise! Many thanks to the parents, staff, students and volunteers (including Hiway Federal Credit Union staff) who helped make this event a positive and safe one. Please see this link for pictures:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/TqikJwnBUtfPa6ef7>

Tutoring Support

Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) is opening a new Academic Support Center (ASC) at Washington Technology Magnet School on Monday, Oct. 12. The purpose of the ASC is to provide in-person academic and/or social-emotional learning support for Pre-K-12 grade students and their families during distance learning. Additional sites will open at a later date based on demand and availability of staff.

A team of Educational Assistants, Teaching Assistants, SPPS temporary staff, retired teachers, contractors, community partners, and volunteers with a background in education and teaching, will provide the support to all students visiting the ASC. Areas of support include: math, reading, writing, science, social studies, bilingual, immersion, technology help to support Distance Learning 2.0, and social-emotional support. The center will provide academic support, not classroom instruction.

To start, referrals will come from schools based on students' academic needs. Schools can start referring students on Oct. 1. Families will be able to request a referral starting Oct. 16. Students need a referral to receive support. The ASC is not a "drop in" center.

Students can receive 1-4 hours of support each day, depending on staffing capacity. Nutrition Services will provide healthy snacks in the morning and afternoon. Transportation can be arranged via the registration process. Due to other transportation needs (Essential Kids Care, meal delivery, hybrid sites), transportation may not always be available.

The ASC will follow all state guidelines for school settings as required by the Minnesota Department of Health. This includes face coverings for all students and staff, maintaining social distancing and frequent handwashing. If a student or staff member has symptoms, a positive test or close contact with someone with COVID-19, they must reschedule their appointment and not come to the ASC.

For more information, please visit spps.org/asc.

CIPA Requirements

The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) addresses online safety for students. The law requires that K-12 schools and libraries use internet filters and other tools to protect children from harmful online content and that school districts educate every student on digital citizenship, online privacy and safety, and appropriate online behavior every year in order to continue receiving federal funding toward internet infrastructure. At Highland Senior, we teach these required lessons through English classes during the months of September and October. Any questions can be directed to Alison Rahman, Library Media Specialist (alison.rahman@spps.org).

Schedule Change for October 12-14 & November 3

Since the week of October 12 is only a three day week due to no school on October 15 & 16 because of statewide teacher meetings the following schedule will be utilized for that week. Students have been informed via Schoology, please remind your child to make note of this change so they attend all of their classes at the right time.

Monday: October 12

Period 1: 8:30-9:25

Period 2: 9:30-10:25

Period 3: 10:30-11:25

Tuesday: October 13

Period 4: 10:00-10:55

Period 5: 11:00-11:55

Wednesday: October 14

Period 6: 10:00-10:55

Period 7: 11:00-11:55

November 3: No live instruction district wide due to elections

Student Attendance

Students are to register themselves as present each day when they are engaging in learning. Students only have to do this once a day. Go to the front page of the SPPS district website at www.spps.org to view the video and the necessary specifics. Please carefully review the video and steps along with your child. **If you child is going to be absent please call Highland at 651-293-8940 and leave a message on the attendance line.** If students did not mark themselves present on the day they were engaged in learning they can contact just one teacher to have the teacher mark them present, which will mark them present in all classes. Students are expected to be responsible enough in high school to enter their attendance daily. Please remind your child if necessary to have a system that prompts them to enter their attendance each day, such as using a daily calendar.

iPad Setup and Help

Students who need new iPads, or iPad parts should contact the SPPS Tech Help Desk: familysupport@spps.org, **651-603-HELP (4357)**. District Tech Help is, of course, experiencing a very high volume of requests, so please be patient.

More information about SPPS Distance Learning is available at www.spps.org/distancelearning.

Students should be sure to set up their iPads and apps they will need for class by following the **iPad Top 10 "I Can"** setup guide posted on Schoology.

For further technology assistance, please contact the Highland iPad Manager: erik.peterson@spps.org.

- Student iPad Guide: Top 10 "I Can": https://docs.google.com/document/d/e/2PACX-1vT_omK6zY86BryFEppoZmOi2dRznY-ojJPhP66RzbaL9HSvJOiQgVoawybj2ilkkiVnfX1lpc1B6Qx7/pub
- Schoology Guide for Students: <https://support.schoology.com/hc/en-us/categories/200077723-General#section-header>
- SPPS Distance Learning: <https://www.spps.org/distancelearning>
- Student/Family Tech Ticket: familysupport@spps.org
- Student/Family Tech Help Desk: 651-603-HELP (4357)

Parent Teacher Student Association

Welcome to the Highland Park High School Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA)

We are ready to meet the challenge of the 2020-2021 school year!

As a parent/guardian of a Highland Park Senior High (HPSH) student or a student of HPSH you are a member of the strong community that supports all students and teachers. Our community will be stronger than ever as we meet the challenges of virtual learning.

Even more than in the past, we will rely on electronic communication, virtual meetings and social media sources to keep connected. Please contact our PTSA using one or more of our communication tools:

Join the PTSA email list: <http://goo.gl/forms/Z60kDF5vIrHMNxCV2>

Find us on Twitter: @scotsptsa

Join us on Facebook at Highland Park Senior High Families and Friends: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/668231483252731/>

PTSA VALUES

With students and teachers at the center of everything we do, the **Highland Senior High School PTSA** supports excellence, enrichment and well-rounded programming that builds achievement and the community fabric of our school. We support these values in two critical ways:

- Providing resources for students, teachers and classrooms through direct funds that support classroom and program activities and supplies; and,
- Uniting the HPSH Community through support for school-wide, enrichment and interest-based activities, events, and programs.

REASONS TO JOIN THE PTSA

- It's good for your child. Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school make better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems.
- Discover resources to help make your child's high school experience successful.
- You'll be in "in the know." Each HPSH PTSA meeting includes an update from the principal, Dr. Tucker and other staff members.
- We are flexible. Joining the PTSA doesn't mean you have to attend every (or any) meetings. Come to meetings and other PTSA events, as your schedule allows. If you sign-up for the PTSA distribution list (HPSHptsa@gmail.com), you will receive meeting minutes and will always know what the PTSA is up to.
- Tap into the HPSH PTSA network. The PTSA is a great way to meet other parents, along with school staff, and teachers.
- It's a chance to make a difference. By sharing your ideas, concerns, and experiences you can help foster a strong sense of community at HPSH.
- We need you. The PTSA works on behalf of *all* the students at HPSH. We need your support to do this important work and be successful.

The next PTSA meeting of the year is October 13 at 6:30pm and will be held virtually. The Google Meet meeting code is meet.google.com/see-fgcj-wfe If you have trouble with the link simply copy and paste it in the the Google Chrome web browser

Meal Delivery

Meal boxes are available in two ways:

- **Home delivery:** A week's worth of breakfast, lunch and milk delivered to your doorstep one day a week. Registration is required.
- **School pickup:** A week's worth of breakfast, lunch and milk can be picked up at five high schools Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Registration is not required.

All of the details are available at spps.org/fallmeals in English, Spanish, Hmong, Somali and Karen.

Also, please remember to fill out the [Application for Educational Benefits](#) if you haven't done so already. While this doesn't affect the cost of the meals this Fall, this information is vital in securing classroom funding.

Parent Resources

Attendance procedure: <https://www.spps.org/Page/40384>

Schoology Support: <https://www.spps.org/Page/30107>

iPad Help: <https://www.spps.org/Page/38790>

Distance Learning Family Support: <https://www.spps.org/Page/38794>

Additional Information about Distance Learning: <https://www.spps.org/Page/39071>

Connecting with Counselors

Counselors are available to assist students with social and emotional needs as well as questions regarding their schedule. You can schedule an appointment with your counselor by clicking on their Calendly link below. Your counselor will send you a Google Meet link prior to your scheduled appointment:

Jevita Baheriy, Grade 9 Capitol Hill & CCRC

<https://calendly.com/ibaheriyhighland>

Jo Skaar, Grade 9

<https://calendly.com/jskaarhighland>

Megan Pankow, Grades 10-12 Last Names A-G

<https://calendly.com/megan-pankow>

Kim Ezzo, Grades 10-12 Last Names H-Q

<https://calendly.com/kimberly-esso>

Kenneth Zimmerman, Grades 10-12 Last Names R-Z

<https://calendly.com/kenneth-zimmerman>

Checking Assignments & Grades

It is vital that students and parents regularly check the student or parent portal and Schoology to view assignments, scores, test grades and more. The quarter goes by extremely fast so it is essential students stay current on their assignments and connect with their teacher if they have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 13, 6:30pm-8:00pm

October 15-16

October 28, 4:00pm-6:00pm

October 29, 6:00pm-8:00pm

November 3

November 13

Parent Teacher Student Association Virtual Meeting

No School: Statewide Teacher Meetings

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End of 1st Quarter

End of Quarter Grading Dates

Quarter 1	November 13
Quarter 2	January 28
Quarter 3	April 1
Quarter 4	June 11