

Highland Middle School

Fact Sheet

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Information including the **Daily Announcements**, a **Calendar** and **Newsletters** are posted on the middle school web page: www.highlandschools.org.

Assignment Books: Students receive an assignment book the first week of school. The student handbook is included. Students should be encouraged to keep an organized notebook/trapper and to use a backpack/book bag. Backpacks and book bags must be kept in lockers.

Lockers: Each student is assigned a locker with a built-in combination lock for books, coats, etc. Students will be issued a combination lock for Physical Education. Students will be charged for lost or damaged locks.

Parent Involvement: HMS actively promotes parental involvement through:

- **PTO:** Meets on the first Monday of each month.
- **Choir Boosters:** Meets on the 4th Monday of each month at 7 P.M. at HHS
- **Band Boosters:** Meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7 P.M. at HHS
- **Athletic Boosters:** Meets on the 1st Monday of each month at 7 P.M. at HHS

} Check school calendar!

School Hours: The school day begins at 7:30 A.M. and ends at 2:20 P.M.

School Supplies: Each team will distribute a school supply list. All school supplies can be purchased during the August School Supply / Registration Day. Check the web page for dates and times.

Transportation: For student drop-off or pick-up between 7:00 and 7:30 a.m. or 2:00 and 2:30 p.m.: Private transportation must enter and exit from Wilbur Road, on the west (back) of the building. Do not drop-off or pick up at the front door, or try to exit onto Rt. 94. This has been determined as the safest drop off procedure and helps to eliminate congestion for the buses (see map).

At the end of the day, students staying after school must be under the supervision of an adult or staff member. Any student needing to be dropped off at a stop other than their assigned stop must present a note, signed by a parent, to the school office.

Parents will be able to access their child's grade through **Parent Assist**, a web-based program. Grades will be posted by teachers throughout each grading period to help parents view student progress.

Report Cards: Report Cards are sent home with students 3 times a year and mailed at the end of the year a week after the last day of school. Check the school calendar for dates.

Student Activities

Interscholastic Sports – Grades 7-8. Pay-to-Participate Fee is \$200 per sport (\$750 family cap).

Highland Middle School is a member of the Suburban League and participates in the following sports:

- Fall: Football; Girls Volleyball; Boys and Girls Cross Country; Cheerleading
- Winter: Boys and Girls Basketball; Wrestling; Cheerleading
- Spring: Boys and Girls Track

Middle School Clubs. Will be offered if a participation level is sufficient. \$50 pay-to-participate fee applies except where noted (also subject to \$750 family cap).

- Bowling Club:** After school in February-March.
Drama Club: Ongoing for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.
Girls Choir: 8th Grade Girls held after school.
Guys Choir: 8th Grade Guys held after school.
Jazz Band: 7th and 8th grade band students held after school on Thursdays.
Musical Production: Tryouts in January. Rehearsals and performance January - April.
National Junior Honor Society: Induction in May. Promotes several service projects throughout the year, including Canned Food Drive, etc. (no fee required)
Power of the Pen: 7th & 8th grade teams compete in district, regional and state competitions in February, March and May. Sixth graders can participate in practice sessions, usually held weekly after school from 2:30 – 3:45 p.m.
Ski Club: 6th, 7th and 8th grades - held on Saturdays in January-February.
School Newspaper: Ongoing for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students.
Spelling Bee: February, in the evening. (no fee required)
Chain-Links Club: Rachel's Challenge/Student Leadership (ongoing activities, monthly meetings).

Activity Nights: With the assistance of PTO, HMS offers 4 activity nights per year. These include games and contests, dancing, board games, computer lab, basketball, food and snacks. Cost is \$5.00, plus money for pizza-pop-snacks. Activity Nights are open to Highland Middle School students only.

B.I.O.N.I.C. Night: Annual 7th grade healthy lifestyle program held from 4:45 - 10:00 p.m. in early spring. Also features a parent meeting, student carnival, entertainment and dance.

Academic Awards:

Golden Apple: Straight A's all year

Honor Roll: 3.5 GPA

Merit Roll: 3.0 GPA

Students of the Month: Teachers nominate students each month for this award.

Class Trips:

6th Grade: 3-Day Outdoor Education in early fall at Camp Wanake

8th Grade: 3-Day trip to Washington D.C. in late May.

QUOTE:

“As a parent with my first child at HMS this year, I felt very disconnected from the school. At first that upset me, but I have come to realize and accept the fact that these kids are “older”. The faculty doesn't need as much parental help as the elementary schools do. It was not something I liked to admit, but it is part of the growing up process and the beginning of an adolescent's move to greater independence.”