



# Scottie News

November 2018

## Principal's Message

Mark your calendars for conferences! These will be our "Student Showcase" conferences which are parent conferences led by your student. This allows for students to showcase a collection of their schoolwork in all content areas. Your child will present his/her portfolio of achievements, extra-curricular activities, awards, goals to move forward, and other positive experiences at school.

**If you have not received a pink paper from your child or a phone call from your child to sign up for a conference time, please call the office at 222-6700 and we will get you signed up.**

Friday, November 16th: Students are released at 10:40 a.m. Conferences take place from 11:10 - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, November 19th: Students do not have school. Conferences take place from 12:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 20th: Students are released at 10:40 a.m. Conferences take place from 11:10 - 3:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing all of you here to celebrate your child's successes!

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## **Counselors Corner**

### **Sign up for the College Bound Scholarship Today!**

#### **What is the College Bound Scholarship?**

The scholarship is an early commitment of state financial aid to eligible students who sign up in middle school and fulfill the College Bound pledge. The program encourages students who might not consider college because of the cost, to dream big and continue their education beyond high school. Must be a 7th or 8th grade student to apply for eligibility.

#### **How do I apply?**

Visit Ms. Piceno or Mrs. Davis, your school counselors, or apply online at [www.collegebound.wa.gov](http://www.collegebound.wa.gov)

#### **Que es la Beca College Bound?**

La beca es un compromiso por adelantado de ayuda financiera estatal a los estudiantes elegibles que se registran en la escuela secundaria y cumplen con la promesa de College Bound. El program anima a los estudiantes que de ordinario no considerarian asistir la universidad proque el costo de sus

suenos es muy alto y no continuarían su educación más allá de la escuela preparatoria.

### **Como presento una solicitud?**

Hable con Ms. Piceno o Mrs. Davis, Las consejeras de la escuela, o en línea entrando al [www.collegebound.wa.gov](http://www.collegebound.wa.gov)

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## **Programa Migrante**

### **Gigantic Friday Presents: Sharing Stories, 10th Anniversary!**

Friday, November 30th - 5:30-7:45 p.m. at Southridge High School  
Completely FREE and in Spanish with English translation.

There will be:

- University and community resource representatives
- Dinner
- Prizes
- Student stories
- Fun for the whole family

Any questions please call 509-222-5284 or Mr. Sandoval at 509-222-5187

### **Viernes Gigante presenta: Compartiendo Historias, 10 Aniversario**

Viernes 30 de Noviembre - 5:30-7:45 p.m. en Southridge High School  
Completamente GRATIS y en español.

Ofreceremos:

- Representantes de recursos comunitarios y universidades
- Cena
- Premios
- Estudiantes compartiendo historias

- Diversion para toda la familia
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## Student Safety

Parents picking up and dropping off students:

Because of some recent safety issues, we feel it necessary to remind parents/guardians of the importance of safety of all students when picking up or dropping off your child at Highlands Middle School.

We would like to emphasize the fact that the learning day at school begins at 8:00 a.m. and is over at 2:35 p.m. It is very important that your child be present for this educational time. Please try not to pick your student up early for non-essential purposes as that takes away from their instructional time with teachers.

When picking your child up or dropping them off, please observe the following protocols:

- Please do not enter the Bus Zone when picking up your child after school.
- Do not block the bus loop exit before or after school.
- Do not double park in the front of the school (S. Tweedt St., 4th or 5th Ave's)
- Do not pick up your child in the middle of the street.
- Do not park or block the neighbors' driveways across the street from the school.
- If the parking lots are full we have been given permission from the church on the coner to use their parking lot. Please take advantage of this on busy afternoons when there is a lot of traffic at the school.

Every student's safety is our top priority, whether they ride a bus, get picked up or walk home after school. We appreciate your observing these safety requests as it helps us keep your child safe.

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## Sports & ATP Night

Winter I Sports have begun and include Dance and Boys Basketball.

You can find the game schedule on our Highlands website or by clicking the following link: [Winter I Schedule](#)

Student sports registration and clearance is done online through a parent PowerSchool account. If you are still needing to create an account, call our office at 509-222-6700 to get the information needed to do so.

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### **ATP FAMILY NIGHT:**

Surviving Middle School  
Thursday, December 6th  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Life doesn't have to be hard if we work together. Come learn from local experts about solutions to life's struggles! Mr. Oatis will share ways to help prevent youth substance abuse; our own Officer Harris will talk about middle school internet safety, staying safe online, and social media safety; Mr. Campbell will share ways to keep your mind happy and healthy. This is an event you will not want to miss.

## Reminders

**Get Involved - PTO:** Thank you to everyone who attended and helped to make our Fall Bazaar a success! Please consider attending a meeting, volunteering or joining the PTO. Your ideas and support is always needed and greatly appreciated! If you need to contact the PTO, please send an email to: [HighlandsPTO@hotmail.com](mailto:HighlandsPTO@hotmail.com)

**Attendance:** All absences must be cleared through the attendance office. You can call 222-6612, email [maira.sanchez@ksd.org](mailto:maira.sanchez@ksd.org), or send a note to school with your student.

If you know that your student will be late to school please call our attendance office, send them with a note explaining why they are late, or come in with your student to sign them in. When students arrive anytime after 8:00 a.m. without notification, we will be calling home to notify a parent/guardian of this occurrence.

**Student Pick-Up :** In an effort to decrease interruptions during educational time, we ask that you please send a note with your student in the morning if you need to pick them up early for an appointment or other excused absence. It will be your student's responsibility to present the note to the teacher at the start of the period and watch the clock for their time to leave.

In a last minute occurrence the following will apply:

- We will send a student office aid with a note to your child's class to release them to the office.
- We WILL NOT call the classroom directly (*unless it is an emergency*).

## Upcoming Events

**November 17**  
Early Release - Conferences

**November 19**  
NO SCHOOL - Conferences

**November 20**  
Early Release - Conferences

**November 21**  
Early Release

**November 22-23**  
NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving  
Break

**December 6**  
ATP Family Night  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

\*All Early Release days end at  
10:40 a.m.

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