



Scottie News

December 2018

Principal's Message

December is a month filled with a lot of healthy activities for your child and your family. I encourage you to get your child involved in activities at the school and in the community. Check out our Facebook, Twitter and HMS Website for reminders and information on the various activities available for your child and your families.

December is also a month that can bring on stress for students and their families. Be sure to come to the **Family Night on December 6th** to listen to some local experts on how we can support you not only this month, but during your child's Middle School Years!

At Highlands we offer:

- Tutoring in Math and Reading every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 2:45-4:00 p.m.
- 21st Century Extended Day program Monday-Thursday from 2:45-5:00 p.m.
- Science Club meets Monday, Wednesday and Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.
- SUMO (Students Using Media Online) meets during mornings and lunches as needed.
- We also have clubs such as Scottie Adventures, Drama, Yearbook and National Junior Honor Society that students can be a part of. Some clubs do have requirements and cut off dates to join. Contact our school to get in touch with club advisors for more information.

Be sure to check out the list of School Events for the month BELOW!

Facebook Site: @HighlandsMiddleSchool

Twitter: @ksdhighlands

Website: www.highlands.ksd.org

Tri-City Community Events: <http://www.visittri-cities.com/events/>

<https://www.midcolumbialibraries.org/branches/kennewick>

If your family needs any assistance or needs some help this month or ANYTIME do not hesitate to contact one of our counselors or one of our principals.

Mrs. McCord, Principal

Counselors Corner

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 our Intervention Specialist will share ways to help prevent youth substance abuse; our own Officer Harris from the Kennewick Police Department will talk about middle school internet safety, including staying safe online and social media safety; Social Worker Mr. Campbell, of ESD 123 will share ways to keep your mind happy and healthy. This is an event you will not want to miss! A free dinner will be provided by 21st Century at the end of the event.

School Events

DRAMA

Highlands Drama Department Presents: *Ghost Hunt*

Parent night will be Tuesday, December 11th at 6:00 p.m. at Highlands

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Band will be in concert on Wednesday, December 12th at 6:30 p.m. at Kamiakin High School.

Orchestra will be in concert on Thursday, December 13th at 6:30 p.m. at Kamiakin High School.

SCHOOL SOCIAL

Our student WEB club will be hosting a school social on Friday, December 14th from 2:45 - 4:00 p.m.

Winter II Sports

Winter II Sports Season:

Wrestling and Girls Basketball will be starting up in January. There will be a meeting for both sports on Tuesday, December 18th at 2:35 in the gym. The first practice will be Thursday, January 3rd after school. Online registration is now open for the Winter II season. Please take notice of the following reminders:

- Students must have a current sports physical to participate. A child wellness check will not suffice. Each sports physical **MUST** state that the student is cleared to participate in an athletic activity. Sports physicals are valid for 2 years.
- Each athlete must pay their individual sports user fee along with having paid for their ASB membership for the year. All participation fees must be paid for the student to begin practice.
- All registration for sports is now done online through PowerSchool. Each parent will use their account to access the registration section. We no longer provide or accept paper forms.

If you need any assistance signing up, you may contact:

Ms. Rivas - ASB/Athletics Secretary or Mr. Frentzen - Athletic Director at 509-222-6700

Activities and Athletic Games:

The following are expectations when attending sporting events:

- **Steps will be used at all games**

- Must have HMS school picture ID & show it before entering the game, or upon request. If attending without a parent/guardian, you must have your Scottie Squad contract signed and sticker on your ID badge.
- No inappropriate language
- Must show good sportsmanship
- Must stay seated in the bleachers.
- Once you leave the gym, you may not re-enter and are expected to leave the school property.
- **If you do not meet these expectations, you will be asked to leave. If you are asked to leave a game because of behavior you will no longer be allowed on campus outside of school hours without parent supervision.**

Scottie Squad: To attend games and events at HMS without a parent or guardian, students must have a valid school photo ID and a sticker verifying that they have returned a signed Scottie Squad parent permission form and have their name on the Scottie Squad list.

Each contract needs to be turned into Ms. Rivas in the ASB office to receive a sticker on the student ID badge. If your student needs a contract, you can print one off from the link below:

[Scottie Squad Contract](#)

Winter Weather

Burrrr! Outside temperatures are dropping. Please remind your student to wear his or her jacket to school, especially if they arrive early. Students are not allowed in the building until 7:45 a.m. If students are having breakfast, they will be allowed in at 7:20 a.m.

In the event of snow, ice or freezing rain, please do not call the school. Check the district website: ksd.org or the following options:

- Facebook and Twitter
- Local television and radio stations

- SchoolMessenger for KSD parents and guardians only. You may log into PowerSchool and access SchoolMessenger and choose to receive alerts by phone, email or text/SMS.

Reminders

Yearbook: School yearbooks are still on sale for \$25.00 cash in the office through Friday, December 14th.

Attendance: 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 any time after 8:00 a.m. without notification, we will be calling home to notify a parent/guardian of this occurrence.

Social Media: Make sure to give us a like on Facebook and follow us on Twitter! Our social media pages are intended to keep our parents and community informed about news and events that support our mission. These are also a couple more ways to stay in the know with everything that goes on here at Highlands including after school activities, academic schedules, important events and much more!

Facebook: @HighlandsMiddleSchool

Twitter: @ksdhighlands

Upcoming Events

December 6

ATP Family Night

5:30 p.m.

December 14

School Social

2:45 p.m.

December 11

Drama Parent Night Performance
6:00 p.m.

December 12

Band Concert
6:30 p.m.

December 13

Orchestra Concert
6:30 p.m.

December 18

All Sports Meeting
2:35 p.m.

December 19

Early Release
10:40 a.m.

December 20-21

NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

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