

Highland School

Middle School Hawknotes

Hank Berg, Head of School

August 24, 2011, Summer Edition



From...

Matthew Ormiston
Middle School Director

Dear Middle School Parents,

It is hard to believe that it is already August 24 and summer is winding down. I trust you have had a restful and enjoyable summer and that everyone is ready (or almost ready) to return to school.

We'll begin the new school year in Middle School with our orientation on Thursday, September 1 from 3:00-4:30 p.m. All students will meet at 3:00 p.m. in our newly renovated Middle School gym and when that concludes we'll dismiss students to their homerooms and advisories. The students will meet their new homeroom teachers/advisors and then have time to set-up their lockers and materials.

By now each student should have received a letter of introduction from his/her homeroom teacher (grades 5 & 6) or advisor (grades 7 & 8). The homeroom teachers and advisors will work closely with parents to ensure open lines of communication throughout the year and will be available to answer any questions parents may have.

Over the summer Mat Curtis left Highland for a job much closer to home and while we will miss him, we are excited to have Eric Dudley on board as our new Middle School Technology Coordinator. Eric is a Naval Academy graduate who has been teaching for nearly 15 years and brings a wealth of experience in math, science, and technology to our program.

Our first day of school is Tuesday, September 6. Homeroom/advisory will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Once again, this year the entire Middle School will travel to Camp Friendship in Palmyra, VA for field studies. The 8th grade will leave on Wednesday, September 14th and spend a night with their advisors and myself before the rest of the school joins us on Thursday, September 15th. We will all return in time for regular dismissal on Friday, September 16th. While at Camp Friendship we will spend time in small groups, grade level teams, and, as a Middle School, will work on setting clear goals and expectations for the coming year. A Camp Friendship letter with all the information you will need about the trip will be sent home soon and we will also be going over this with the students in detail during the first week of school.

I want to remind you that summer reading assignments, school supply lists, grade level novel lists for Language Arts, and other important information are available at www.highlandschool.org.

Enjoy the remainder of your summer break. I look forward to seeing you and your children soon. Please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or stop by to see me at any time.

Sincerely,

Matt Ormiston
Middle School Director

Highland School Mission Statement: *To provide a demanding academic and co-curricular program to develop the skills and character essential for students to meet the challenges of college and leadership in the twenty-first century.*

Important Dates

Thursday, August 25—Head of School Reception for New Parents at 7:00 p.m. in the Chilton Commons.

Wednesday, August 31—New Parent Orientation from 7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. in the Chilton Commons.

Thursday, September 1—Middle School Orientation for students from 3:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m. See page 3 for details.



Tuesday, September 6—First day of school. Homeroom/advisories begin promptly at 8:00 a.m.

Monday, September 12—Convocation at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper School gym. All parents are invited to attend.

CAMP FRIENDSHIP Palmyra, VA

This field study is an opportunity for students and faculty to get acquainted through communal activities such as swimming, ropes courses, canoeing, and a campfire.

We will depart by bus on Thursday, September 15 at 8:30 a.m. (the eighth graders will leave at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 14) and are scheduled to return on Friday, September 16 at 3:30 p.m.

More detailed information will be sent to you soon.

www.campfriendship.com



SCHOOL PICTURE DAY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Irvin Simon Photographers will be at Highland School on Tuesday, September 20, to take photographs of the Middle School students. All students will be photographed for the yearbook.

Students should wear light blue shirts/blouses with either navy blue or khaki pants/skirts/skorts. Boys should wear ties.

More information will be sent home in your child's backpack closer to the date.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Monday, September 26

7:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

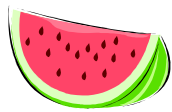
Upper School gym



Camp Friendship—September 2010

2011-2012 Highland Middle School Orientation

Thursday, September 1, 2011
3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Middle School Arundel Gym



Light refreshments will be served

Please call the MS Office or your Parent Association Representative for questions

Grade	Name	Email
5	Nadine Bulmer	nadinebulmer@hotmail.com
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8	Lisa Finley	lmfinley@finley1.com

Hosted by the Highland School Parents Association

MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE

Students are expected to look neat and well groomed at all times. All items of clothing should be clean and in good repair without tears or holes. The dress code is in effect throughout the day and when students are representing the school. Parents are expected to take an active role in helping their children conform to the dress code. The following items from the Hawk's Nest with the School logo are considered dress code. These navy blue items include: long-sleeved polo shirts, fleece jackets and vests, ¼ zip fleece pullovers, ¼ zip sweatshirts and crew sweatshirts. In addition, Land's End has appropriate dress code clothes for boys and girls. The Middle School Director is the final authority on all matters of "appropriateness" as it pertains to the dress code.

Hair for both boys and girls must be maintained in a conservative style, length and color. Hair for boys must be worn above the collar and above the eyes. Boys may not wear beads in their hair.

Jewelry for boys and girls must be conservative and appropriate for the school setting. Earrings, nose rings, eyebrow rings or any other facial rings are not permitted for boys. Earrings are permitted for girls. Nose rings, eyebrow rings or any other facial rings are not permitted for girls.

Girls

Skirts without slits, skorts, jumpers, or slacks, without oversized outside pockets, in navy or khaki are permitted. Slacks with belt loops must be worn with a belt. Belts must be canvas or leather. Length of skirts, jumpers, and skorts must be no higher than 3 inches above the top of the knee and no longer than mid-calf. These may be made of cotton, cotton blend fabrics or corduroy.

Not Permitted: Denim fabric, any stretch fabric, satin or other shiny fabrics. Skin tight pants and pants that ride on the hips (low riders).

Long sleeved button-down shirts, tailored and collared blouses in light blue, white, yellow or navy are permitted. Shirts and blouses must be made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics.

Solid colored sweaters white, blue, and yellow are permitted for grades 5 and 6. Solid colored sweaters of any color are permitted for grades 7 and 8. Highland School sweatshirts are also permitted. Sweaters/sweatshirts must cover the belt. Tails on shirts/blouses must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.

Not permitted: Satin or other shiny fabrics, denim, T-shirts, and sleeveless shirts and blouses. Shirts/blouses may not be skin tight. No hoodies.

Socks or tights must be worn at all times.

Black, brown or navy blue leather shoes such as flats, loafers, or oxfords are permitted. Shoes must be worn at all times.

Not permitted: Heelys, sneakers, boots, sandals and clogs, shoes with stripes, mesh, or fur liners.

Boys

Dress-type pants in cotton, cotton blend, and corduroy fabrics in navy or khaki are permitted. Pants must have belt loops and must be worn with a belt. Belts must be canvas or leather. Pants must be sized to fit.

Not Permitted: Pants that ride on the hips (low riders), pants with oversized outside pockets (cargo style pockets) and denim fabric.

Neckties are required during winter dress code from November 1 through April 1 with a light blue, white, yellow or navy Oxford shirt.

Boys can wear a long sleeve polo shirt in light blue, white, yellow or navy with the Highland crest in place of the button down Oxford shirt and tie. Shirts must be made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics.

Solid colored sweaters white, blue, and yellow are permitted for grades 5 and 6. Solid colored sweaters of any color are permitted for grades 7 and 8. Highland School sweatshirts are also permitted. Sweaters/sweatshirts must cover the belt. Tails on shirts must be long enough to be tucked in at all times.

Not Permitted: Satin, shiny fabrics, denim, and hoodies.

Socks must be worn.

Black or brown leather shoes such as loafers or oxfords are permitted. Shoes must be worn and tied at all times.

Not Permitted: Heelys, sneakers, boots, sandals and clogs, shoes with stripes, mesh, or fur liners.

Athletic Team Wear

On home game days, members of a Highland School athletic team may wear their jerseys over a plain white or blue t-shirt. Students must wear dress code pants/shorts or skirts and shoes.

- Team sports jackets/warm ups (no hoodies) may be worn over dress code clothes on game/match days only.
Students must wear standard Highland shorts and shirts issued by the athletic department. Articles should be clearly labeled with the student's name. The first set will be distributed in Physical Education class at the beginning of the year and will be billed to the parent/guardian by the Business Office. Additional clothing may be purchased from the School store, "The Hawk's Nest." The school sports uniform must be in good shape without rips or excessive staining. Students also must wear suitable sports gear (e.g., shin guards, mouth guards and cleats) as appropriate. Students in grades 5 – 6 must use the Highland Sports Bag issued by the athletic department.