



Taryn Gravett & Annecy Smith ('12) as Jesse & Woody from Toy Story 2.

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Ryan Schmieder & Henry Miller ('12) as Wayne & Garth from Wayne's World.

Dear Upper School parents,

After an exciting Spirit Week earlier this month, the focus has shifted toward more serious pursuits. Students have begun to understand their teachers' expectations and have settled into their routines accordingly. As the first quarter has closed, they have produced lengthy papers and/or substantial projects and taken major tests. Assemblies are no longer about costumes and winning points for class totals but rather about sharing meaningful summer experiences that can serve as models for students for next summer. Additionally, the English Department organized Writer's Day, which featured an assembly by former Highland parent Joel Garreau, who spoke about his recent book *Radical Evolution*.



Members of the class of 2014 as Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Key Club Vice President Sarah Glier spoke at Thursday's assembly to kick off Highland's annual canned food drive. Highland families have always risen to the challenge of feeding local families, so I am hopeful this year will be no different. The collective act of students, teachers and parents working together on a project that benefits people outside our immediate community speaks volumes about us. I am reminded of the third core principle of our philosophy: "The student-teacher relationship and community responsibility are at the center of the learning experience." First Quarter reports will be mailed home on November 7; conferences are on November 11. If you still need to request appointments with teachers, please do so by emailing Wendy Safren.

We had rain in September and now snow in October. What could be scarier?! Hope you're enjoying lots of Halloween treats today! I'm sure I'll see many of you tomorrow at the DAC semi-final volleyball game vs. Seton at 5 p.m. in our gym.

Sincerely,

Cassin Bertke  
Assistant Head of School  
Upper School Director



During assembly on October 27th, Sarah Glier ('12) officially kicked off Highland's annual Thanksgiving food drive to support the Fauquier County Food Bank. Highland's goal this year is 5000 pounds of food. Additional details can be found on page 7.

The link below is the video that Sarah showed us during her presentation about hunger in America.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HPvtlllZ6tk>

## YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

**Have you bought yours? Price is \$85 through December 15. Order forms available at the front office or email**

[yearbook@highlandschool.org](mailto:yearbook@highlandschool.org).

**Questions? Email Lindsey Dengel at**  
[ldengel@highlandschool.org](mailto:ldengel@highlandschool.org).

## BACK IN TIME



In October seniors headed to the other side of campus to have lunch with their kindergarten buddies. As a surprise, seniors were presented with books to read to their buddies. The books were thoughts and pictures by the class of 2012 when they were students in kindergarten! At far right, Kyle Saunders holds up the page of his published work from 11+ years ago.

## SPIRIT WEEK 2011



The start of Spirit Week included a decorated entrance by the senior class.

James Minyard, Oliver Christoforou and Taylor Wills ('12) helped their class earn 100% participation during Circus Day. The senior class kicked off the week with a Three Ring Circus during assembly!



Class Color day ended the week and though the junior class won the scavenger hunt (above right), the seniors won the week long competition earning them a dress down day each Friday until the semester ends!



Sarah Henry ('12) and a few other students recently attended a field trip to Tin Barn Pottery to learn the art of Raku, a pottery technique in which pots are raw-glazed at a low temperature then taken red-hot from the kiln and plunged in water or sawdust for reduction or carbonizing.

The results of their work will be displayed in the main hallway display cabinet.



### ***Fight Like a Girl!***

Below left: The Dig Pink event on October 18 was the perfect time to celebrate Senior Night for Volleyball Players and their parents. Pictured left to right: Peggy, Katherine & Brian McMullen; Devin & Sharon Kennedy; Erin & Vicki Kelly; Peggy & Hank Day; Sarah & Cliff Glier. Following the night's win against Wakefield School the Varsity girls team ranks 4th in the state. Below right: The US Gym had a pink makeover in preparation for Dig Pink's volleyball extravaganza. The event raised over \$7000! All proceeds will go to the research of breast cancer and to support breast cancer patients and their families.



### **Writer's Day**

On October 21st the Upper School was treated to a special assembly as Joel Garreau, writer, joined us at Highland to discuss his book, ***Radical Evolution: The Promise and Peril of Enhancing Our Minds, Our Bodies, and What It Means to Be Human.***

Mr. Garreau discussed the exponential change of the technological world and challenged us to explore, with an open mind, how these changes will affect us as human beings.

As his bio states, Mr. Garreau is a student of culture, value and change. For more information on Mr. Garreau check out <http://garreau.com> and <http://prevailproject.org>.



A few students remained after the assembly to ask questions. From left: Jen Ely, Hank Berg, Joel Garreau, Emily Berg, & Mackenzie Ross.

## Class of 2012

Your senior student has received information regarding Graduation **Cap, Gown & Tassel** packages and **announcements**.

Jostens will be on campus on  
**November 8**

during lunch to accept orders. You may also order online at Jostens.com. **ALL seniors MUST purchase a cap, gown and tassel unit which also comes with a custom stole.**

Highland has created a **custom announcement** for purchase. December 15 is the deadline for purchasing custom announcements! Deposits will be required on package orders; however, Jostens will accept cap & gown orders only, with no deposit.

**Graduation tickets** will be supplied to each student at no cost. Each student can expect to receive 10 tickets to the ceremony. If you need extras please contact the Upper School Office at 540-878-2720.

**Baby pictures needed!** Both Yearbook and the Upper School Office will be needing a baby picture of your child. Send one only or one for each request— up to you—**by December 1st please!**

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

**Friday, November 11**

**8 am—4 pm**

October 28th marked the end of the first quarter. This week we will be busy putting together 1<sup>st</sup> quarter report cards. Your child's report will be mailed on November 7<sup>th</sup> so you should have ample time to review the report prior to conferences on November 11<sup>th</sup>. ***Please consider bringing your child with you to conferences so that your son or daughter may be part of the conversation.***

If you would like to schedule conferences with your child's teachers please call me in the Upper School Office at 540-878-2720 or send an email. Please keep the following in mind when requesting conferences:

- Provide me with a list of which teachers you would like to meet with.
- You will be allotted 10 minutes with each teacher you request to meet with.
- Indicate what time of day works for you.
- If your child is working with someone from the Student Support Team, please also request to meet with the SST member.
- Check your email for confirmation of your conference times.
- I will schedule conferences in the order the request is received so please allow me a few days to respond.

-Wendy Safren

## THANKSGIVING FEAST NOVEMBER 22

The Prefect Board will again this year sponsor a Thanksgiving Feast for the entire Upper School on Tuesday, November 22. The Prefect Board will supply Turkey, cranberry sauce and paper products. Students are asked to contribute a healthy amount of the item to which you are assigned by Advisory. See below. Please provide food in disposable containers or be sure to claim your dish at the end of the feast!

Potatoes	Dessert	Apple Cider	Stuffing	Bread
Bertke	Fatula	Nett	Ross	Stinnett
Brinson	Ferguson	Norden	Ruckman	Sufrin
Campbell	Franz	Patry	Ryder	Williams
Chastain	Hughes	Pont	Scharfenberg	Ziegler
Corcoran	Leake	Roach	Scheffel	
			Smigielski	





Nicole Dingus ('12) is this year's first recipient of the Perseverance Award for her tireless efforts in coordinating several tasks for the senior class during Spirit Week.

The Perseverance Cup was rescued from a creek bank during senior field studies in 2010. It has become a welcome addition to the senior class and a great way for Mr. Nett and Mr. Scharfenberg to acknowledge members of the class for their work in or out of the classroom.



Jincong Yao, right and far right (dressed as a hippie for the Halloween festivities).

Yao, as he is fondly known on campus, is one of our foreign exchange students this year. Coming from China, he fits right in to the Highland Community. This past week Yao was notified that he has been accepted as a Finalist in the Honors Choir for the 2012 American High School Honors Performance Series at Carnegie Hall. Yao's commitment to participating in New York City at Carnegie Hall will span over the next several months.



We will keep you posted!

Halloween offered many an opportunity to show their creativity, whether it was super hero students, a good book or hallway decorations. Everyone enjoyed the Halloween parade of Lower School students, the annual door decorating contest and the costume contest. Though not winners this year, you have to admire teenage boys that will show up to school in their underoos!



**The Highland Players**  
 present  
**A Tribute to  
 Rodgers And Hammerstein  
 & Andrew Lloyd Weber**



The Rice Theater

Friday, November 11, 2011 7:30 p.m.  
 Saturday, November 12, 2011 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, November 13, 2011 3:30 p.m.

Tickets \$10 adult \$5 student  
 Tickets available at the door  
 597 Broadview Avenue  
 Warrenton, Virginia

**The Gallery**  
 Presents  
**Artwork by  
 Highland Students PK-12**



November-December  
 2011



**Gallery News:** We have raised over \$400.00 for the Enkijape School so far in sales from the Gallery exhibit. The show will be up through the 31<sup>st</sup> of October and there are still some wonderful framed photos for sale as well as unframed posters from the exhibit. Prices range from \$20.00 to \$75.00 and the entire amount will be donated to the Enkijape School. To purchase a photo or poster, please contact Diane von Goellner-Suppa, Director of the Gallery at [dvongoellnersuppa@highlandschool.org](mailto:dvongoellnersuppa@highlandschool.org).

**Coffee ☿ House**

Nov. 18  
 Dec. 9  
 Jan. 20  
 Feb. 10  
 March 2  
 April 20  
 May 4 During Senior lunch 12:00-1:30pm

Black box  
 7:00-10:00pm

2011-2012

 A collection of musical instruments arranged vertically. From top to bottom: a red electric guitar, a mandolin, a banjo, a keyboard, and a drum set. The instruments are set against a background of a cracked concrete surface.

## Thanksgiving Food Drive November 1-18

Fauquier Community Action Coalition holds a food drive annually to provide Thanksgiving Dinner for families in their service database, including Head Start families. This year their list of families needing assistance has grown to over 1000, up from 713 last year, and 250 just three years ago. Highland has supported this project for more than 18 years by being one of the largest contributors of food items (more than all other area schools combined) and by having student volunteers help sort and stack our donation at the Food Bank. Highland will collect donations at school from Nov. 1 – 16. Upper School students will deliver Highland's donation at the end of the collection.

**Upper School:** Collect any of the following: boxed mashed potatoes, boxed stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, fruit cocktail, canned turkey gravy, canned sweet potatoes, green beans, corn, peas; bring to advisory. **Advisory Challenge:** Each student is challenged to bring in a minimum of 7 cans of food from the above list. If every student within an advisory does, they will earn a dress down day on Tuesday, November 22.



Thank you for your family's support of this important community service project!

## Community Service Corner - 11/01/11

Want the latest news on upcoming service opportunities? Join the Highland Key Club Facebook. Upcoming Service Opportunities and Info

**Nov. 1:** Deadline to submit applications for the Prudential Spirit of Community Service Awards honoring young volunteers. Local honorees receive certificates of achievement and/or the President's Volunteer Service Award. State honorees receive \$1,000. National honorees receive \$5,000. Applications are available online at [www.nassp/spirit](http://www.nassp/spirit). Complete and submit to Mrs. Catalfamo for consideration.



### Thursday, Nov. 17 Afterschool

Volunteers are needed to sort, load, and deliver Highland's donation to the Thanksgiving Food Drive. Contact: Mrs. Catalfamo, [mcatalfamo@highlandschool.org](mailto:mcatalfamo@highlandschool.org)

### Saturday, Nov. 19 approx 6pm - 11pm

Highland needs volunteers to offer babysitting for auction night. Volunteers should have babysitting experience. Contact: Mrs. Catalfamo, [mcatalfamo@highlandschool.org](mailto:mcatalfamo@highlandschool.org)

### Thursday, Nov. 24 (Thanksgiving Day)

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Volunteers are needed to help set up, serve and clean up a community Thanksgiving Dinner sponsored by the Fauquier County Food Distribution Coalition at the Warrenton United Methodist Church.

Contact: Karen David 341-4162 [jandkdavid@comcast.net](mailto:jandkdavid@comcast.net)

**Nov. 25-Dec. 24** -The Salvation Army Warrenton Unit needs volunteers to ring bells this holiday season for their red kettles, their main fundraiser. Volunteers ring in 2-hour shifts. There are 5 locations around Warrenton. Volunteers under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult for safety reasons. Contact: Molly Holloway, [a2mholloway@yahoo.com](mailto:a2mholloway@yahoo.com); 540.270.4183



Ayesha Prasad and Aria Pahari ('13) delivered an eye-opening presentation on Human Trafficking. Over the summer they spent time at Maiti Nepal, a safe haven and home for girls who have escaped or been rescued from human trafficking.

The founder, Ms. Anuradha Koirala was awarded the CNN Hero of the Year Award in 2010. Since Maiti's creation in 1993 Ms. Koirala is recorded as rescuing 12,000 girls.

Ayesha and Aria saw first hand how this organization rescues, rehabilitates and gives the residents training to be able to be independent individuals in society. Maiti also advocates against human trafficking and educates families who are most likely to be affected by human traffickers.

The Parents Association Invites You to Attend  
Their General Association Meeting

**When You Speak, Listen: Improving Communication with Your Children  
With Guest Speaker  
Phillip Mulford,  
Professional Mediator and Radio Talk Show Host**

Wednesday, November 9  
8:15 am  
The Rice Theater

Mr. Mulford will offer effective ways of communicating that will allow you to better connect with each of your children, and remain connected, in a loving and fulfilling relationship.

Once a practicing attorney, Mr. Mulford founded Mulford Mediation in 1990 and has mediated professionally for over 21 years. Philip specializes in marriage, family, divorce, and family business mediation and communication. In addition, Philip and his wife, Lisa, Highland School parents of 7th and 9th grade sons, are the creators and co-hosts of a weekly radio talk show called Communication360 where the topic is relationship communication. The show has over 170,000 listeners per month. Philip is a regular contributor to Warrenton Lifestyle Magazine with articles on successful communication.

For more information about Philip, please go to [www.mulfordmediation.com](http://www.mulfordmediation.com).

## **SAT PREP!**

Veteran teachers Sally Pont and Steve Lawrence are offering an SAT prep class this winter in preparation for the March SAT test. The class will meet on the four following Saturdays, with one day scheduled as a snow make-up day. Those dates are: February 4, February 11, February 18, and February 25. March 3 will be reserved as the make-up day. The class will meet at Highland School from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. The cost of the class is 400 dollars. If you wish to register for the class or have any questions, please contact Sally Pont at: [spont@highlandschool.org](mailto:spont@highlandschool.org).

# November 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <b>ORANGE DUD</b> Assembly DAC Tournament Week	2 <b>YELLOW</b> Clubs during Break.	3 <b>GREEN</b> Class meetings during Break.	4 <b>BLUE</b> Toga-Stola Day Assembly	5 SAT Tests Basketball Overnight
6 Daylight Time Ends State Tournament Week	7 <b>ORANGE DUD</b> AP Bio Field Trip Assembly	8 <b>YELLOW</b> Election Day Grade 8 Move Up Day Clubs during Break.	9 <b>GREEN</b> Grade 8 Move Up Day Advisory during Break.	10 <b>BLUE</b> Assembly Math Contest #2	11 Veterans' Day Parent Teacher Conferences (8 am—4 pm) US Play (7:30 pm)	12 US Play (7:30 pm)
13 PK-12 Open House (1:30 pm) US Play (3:30 pm)	14 <b>RED</b> Art Field Trip	15 <b>ORANGE DUD</b> Greek Club Field Trip Assembly	16 <b>YELLOW</b> CANS DUE! Clubs during Break. MS Leadership Conference: Fall Sports Awards Banquet (7 pm)	17 <b>GREEN</b> Class meetings during Break. Senior Field Trip to Hamlet. College Workshop for Jrs & parents (7 pm)	18 <b>BLUE</b> Assembly College Workshop for Jrs (all morning) Coffee House	19 Auction (6:30 pm)
20	21 <b>RED</b>	22 <b>RED DDD for Cans</b> Special Schedule for the Thanksgiving Feast. No homework unless honors or AP.	23	24 <b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</b>	25	26
27 No more field trips this semester.	28 Divisional Work Day	29 <b>ORANGE DUD</b> Assembly	30 <b>YELLOW</b> Clubs during Break. US 101 (7 pm): College Financial Aid Workshop (7 pm)			

This calendar may also be found online at [HighlandSchool.org/Academics/Upper School/Monthly Calendar](http://HighlandSchool.org/Academics/Upper School/Monthly Calendar).