

Highland School

Lower School Hawktalk

Hank Berg, Head of School

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From...

Lise Hicklin
Lower School Director

Dear Lower School Parents,

As I write this letter with anticipation of our new school year, I expect most of you are enjoying final summer adventures, finishing up summer reading and other assignments and shopping for school shoes, dress code clothing and lunch boxes. For your convenience, I have included a copy of the Lower School Dress Code in this newsletter.

Throughout the summer, many of your children have attended our Highland Summer Programs or have continued their academic studies with our faculty members. Faculty members have attended conferences and workshops, the Facilities crew has been busy refreshing our building and grounds, and the Admission Office has added several families to our community. In a few weeks, returning students will see many new faces in the Lower School. We eagerly welcome our new families; faculty, returning parents and students and staff are available to make you feel welcome and answer all questions you may have.

Even though it has been a busy summer at Highland, it is just not the same without all of your children here. I cannot wait to see their smiling faces filling the classrooms and hallways again. As time draws nearer, we will keep you updated on all upcoming activities.

I look forward to visiting with each of you at our Lower School Back to School Picnic on Sunday, August 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Chilton Commons. Meanwhile, enjoy the remaining carefree days of summer.

Regards,
Lise Hicklin

Mark Your Calendars

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

Sunday, August 28—Lower School Back to School Picnic from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Chilton Commons. Registration and food set up will be in the Commons. Students are encouraged to bring their favorite play equipment such as soccer balls, footballs, jump ropes, etc. Please refer to the Parents Association message sent August 1 for further information.



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

Friday, September 2—Lower School Meet and Greet for students and parents from 10 a.m. to 12:00 Noon. Come meet your child's teacher and organize school supplies and cubbies.



Tuesday, September 6—First day of school. Classes begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. for K-4. Students in PK 3/4 and PK 4/5 begin at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, September 12—Convocation at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper School gym. All parents are invited to attend. Anyone interested in volunteering with this year's auction is invited to arrive at 8:10 a.m. in the Upper School gym for the Auction Volunteer Coffee. Learn about opportunities to get involved in this important annual event.

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

Tuesday, September 20—School Picture Day. More information will be sent home.



Tuesday, September 20—Lower School Back to School Night for parents from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning in the Chilton Commons. More details will be sent later.



Lower School Meet and Greet

Friday, September 2, 2011

10:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

The Chilton Commons

Summer days are winding down and the new school year will begin on Tuesday, September 6. As you are enjoying the final restful, happy days before classes begin please make plans to attend our casual “Meet and Greet” student orientation on September 2. Parents and students may come meet the teachers and bring school supplies at that time. This will be a fun time to renew old acquaintances and make new friends.



Reminder to All Parents

All student paperwork, including General Information Forms, were due to the office August 1. If you have not sent these completed forms to the school, please do so **ASAP** as state licensing regulations prohibit students from starting school without the required medical forms and General Information and Emergency forms on file. All required forms are listed on the Highland School website at www.highlandschool.org. Go to School News and click on Handbooks and Forms. All Lower School forms are available there, as well as school supply lists and the PK-4 Handbook.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in getting these required forms to us.

Grade	Parent Assoc. Grade Representative	Email
PK	Mary Rodgers	mjrodgers3@msn.com
K	Kathy Morehouse	maxwm01@hotmail.com
1	Gretchen Archibald	catwoman1022@comcast.net
2	Christine Williamson	firstclasscatering@earthlink.net
3	Kelly Karminski	kelly.karminski@comcast.net
4	Shannon Chierichella	hattonhills@mac.com

LOWER SCHOOL DRESS CODE

It is important for students to be neat and well groomed. All items of clothing should be clean, in good repair, and clearly marked with the student's name. 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.

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. Hats, caps and scarves are not permitted.

Jewelry for boys and girls must be conservative and appropriate for the school setting. Ear-rings, 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.

Tails on shirts/blouses/turtlenecks must be long enough to be tucked in.

Items with the School logo, purchased at the Hawk's Nest are considered dress code. These items include: polo shirts, fleece jackets and vests, ¼ zip fleece pullovers, ¼ zip sweatshirts and crew sweatshirts.

The Lower School Director is the final authority on all matters of “appropriateness” as it pertains to the dress code for the division.

PK – Kindergarten

Pants, dresses (no spaghetti straps) and skirts/skorts/shorts may be worn. Leggings and bike shorts may be worn under a skirt or dress. Shoes must be appropriate for active play. Sneakers are permitted.

Not Permitted: T-shirts, tank tops, sweatshirts (except Highland School), or athletic shirts.

Blue jeans, athletic shorts and pants, bike shorts, track shorts, or pajama pants may not be worn as well as clothing made of camouflage material. Heelys, clogs, platform shoes, boots, flip flops or heels higher than ½ inch are not permitted.

Girls (Grades 1 – 4)

Skirts without slits, skorts, jumpers, or slacks in navy or khaki are permitted. Slacks with belt loops should be worn with a belt. 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, stretch knit, velour, velour-like fabric, satin or other shiny fabric, and pants with oversized cargo-type outside pockets.

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Button-down shirts, tailored and collared blouses, polo shirts, turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks in solid colored light blue, white, yellow or navy are permitted. Shirts and blouses must be made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics.

Not Permitted: Satin or other shiny fabrics, denim, T-shirts, and sleeveless shirts and blouses.

Solid colored sweaters in blue, white or yellow or Highland School sweatshirts are permitted.

Not Permitted: hoodies.

Socks or tights must be worn at all times. Shoes such as flats, loafers, or oxfords in brown, black or navy are permitted. Heels may not be higher than one (1) inch. Sneakers are permitted for students in Grade 1.

Not Permitted: Heelys, boots, sandals and clogs.

Boys (Grades 1 – 4)

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

Not Permitted: Denim and pants with oversized cargo-type outside pockets.

Oxford dress shirts, polo shirts and turtlenecks/mock turtlenecks in solid colored light blue, white, yellow or navy are permitted. Shirts must be made of cotton or cotton blend fabrics.

Not Permitted: Satin or other shiny fabrics and denim.

Solid colored sweaters in blue, white or yellow or Highland School sweatshirts.

Not Permitted: hoodies.

Neckties are optional.

Socks must be worn. Shoes such as loafers or oxfords in brown, black or navy are permitted. Sneakers are permitted for students in Grade 1.

Not Permitted: Heelys, boots, sandals and clogs.

SUMMER DRESS CODE

During the months of September, October, April, May and June, Bermuda-length shorts in dress-code colors may be substituted for slacks, pants and skirts/skorts. **All shirts must be long enough to be tucked in.**

Not Permitted: Denim, stretch knit, velour, velour-like fabric, satin or other shiny fabrics.

DRESS DOWN DAYS

Students may wear clothing of their choice on dress down days, but all items must be conservative, clean, without tears or holes and must be in good taste.



Highland Lower School

Kick Off Picnic

See Old Friends and Meet New Ones

Sunday, August 28, 2011

5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Park: In the Lower School Lot; Meet: At the Chilton Commons

Rain or Shine

The Parents Association will supply fried chicken, hot dogs and bottled water. Lower School families are asked to bring a dish to share with 8-10 people. If your last name begins with:

A-G Dessert

H-R Juice Boxes (10 each, please)

S-Z Side Dish (chips should be in individual packages)

RSVP adult and child head count to:

Christine Williamson:

firstclasscatering@earthlink.net

703-906-9259

Don't forget to bring chairs and blankets

We sincerely hope your family will join us for fun, food, games, music and face painting!

Hosted by the Highland School Parents Association