

Highland High School

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Highlights:

Marching Band

On October 18, the marching band participated in a competition at Rosamond High School, and won 2nd place! Littlerock High School beat our Bulldogs by only eight tenths of one point. The Drum line won 1st place and our wonderful Color Guard beat all the groups in all the different size categories and took Sweepstakes! The next two weeks are very busy for the marching band as they will compete on Saturday, October 29 in Simi Valley; on Tuesday, November 1 at Quartz Hill High School; and Saturday, November 5 at the Hart High School Rampage Competition held at College of the Canyons. Good luck, Bulldogs! (Submitted by Dave McCaslin)

Drama and Choir

Highland's Theatre Department is working with the choir classes to jointly present a Haunt Fundraiser. We utilize the drama students who design and create the makeup for the "actors," and the choir students design and put together the maze. It is a fun way to include the rest of the school in an activity that also is a fundraiser for both groups! (Submitted by Peggy Self)

This fall Highland Players will present William Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The curtain goes up at 7:00 p.m. on November 11, 12, 18, and 19 in Highland's theatre. Come see the classic story of two couples, striving to be left alone by the outside world, kings and queens looking for love and fighting for a child, and mischievous fairies messing everything up, yet making it all right in the end. Any Shakespeare fan is going to find true delight in the story; and those who aren't may find a new love. Oh, did we tell you that the Highland Players will be adding a special flair to the story by setting it in the 1920's! Don't miss this fantastic group putting on a great show! Please note that we do not recommend any children under the age of 6 years attend, as their adorable noises disturb the actors and the audience members. (Submitted by Peggy Self)

Key Club

2011 has proven to be an extraordinary year for the Highland's Key Club and several of its members.

Peter Chor (Class of 2013) served as Vice President during 2010-11 and was elected by the Members of Division 38 West to serve as Lt Governor for 2011-12! Peter's duties as the LTG include representing Division 38W on the California/Nevada/Hawaii District Board of Directors and on the Governing Board for Region 5. He is responsible for overseeing the operations of Div 38W and maintaining open communication with each of the individual Key Clubs in the Antelope Valley and Ridgecrest.

Philip Nguyen (Class of 2012) served as President (2009-10), Lt Governor (2010-11) and is currently the California/Nevada/Hawaii District Convention Chair. As District Convention (DCON) Chair, Philip represents the 44,000 members of the CNH District and is responsible for the largest and most exuberant Key Club event in the world: the CNH District Convention! This year's DCON is scheduled to be held on April 13-15 in Santa Clara, CA, with over 3,500 expected to attend.

Cole Hickman (Class of 2012) served as President during 2010-11. After a close bid for KEY Club International President at the International Convention (ICON) in Phoenix, AZ, in July 2011, Cole was appointed as the Chair for the Service Expo at the 2011-12 CNH District Convention. Within two months of this appointment, he was appointed to the International Board as a Trustee. As Trustee, Cole oversees the following Districts: the Pacific Northwest which includes Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, the Idaho Panhandle, Oregon and some parts of Northern California; the CNH KIWINS District; the Southwest District which includes Arizona, New Mexico and the extreme Western portion of Texas.

CSF

Some of the CSF members are learning to knit! They are hoping to get good enough to make scarves to send to Operation Gratitude. The scarves will be put into care packages for the soldiers stationed overseas. Operation Gratitude is a nonprofit organization based out of Encino that sends care packages to U.S. military personnel. They like to include a handmade scarf in all the December packages. They are

looking for 60,000 scarves at the moment. If you are interested, please look them up on their website: www.operationgratitude.com. (Submitted by Ellen Coleman)

Counseling News

- On October 12, 305 students took the PSAT exam.
- Highland kicked off our anti-bullying program, "Paws to be Kind," the week of October 17. Over 1000 students signed a banner created by our Solutions Club and received an *Ambassador for Kindness* card. ASB and ROTC are also sponsors of this program.
- Our first "Breakfast with the Counselor" group was held on October 27, and 29 parents spent some quality time with the counseling staff. A survey was completed to indicate topics of interest for future workshops. Meetings will be scheduled quarterly.
- Counselors will begin a series of workshops on Oct. 31st called *Bulldog House* which allows students a forum for discussion on topics of their choosing. (Submitted by Michele Machac)

Scholarships

The QuestBridge National College Match helps outstanding low-income high school seniors gain admission and full four-year scholarships to some of the nation's most selective colleges. In 2010, QuestBridge's partner colleges offered admission and more than \$100 million in financial aid to over 1,000 students who applied to the National College Match. This year, Highland High School has FIVE students who are QuestBridge Match finalists: Jessica Klacius, Tuan Samdin, Amber Burkey, Phillip Nguyen and Nicole Rahal. We are extremely proud of these outstanding Bulldogs! One of our grads from two years ago – Amy Hernandez – is on a full ride at University of Pennsylvania through QuestBridge. (Submitted by Laura Herman)

HHS Mock Trial Team

Congratulations to Ruth Barcenas Silva, Sean Garner, Allison Houston, Hayley Jones, Kaila Patrick, Sean Provenza, and Stephen Nieman. These students attended the Champion Mock Trial Academy at UC Irvine on the weekend of October 15 and 16, 2011. These students learned and practiced mock trial techniques in competition with schools that compete at the county, regional, state and national levels. We are very proud of them. (Submitted by Sandra Gordon)

Mathletes

Mathletes competitions continue! The JV Mathletes team will compete at AVHS on November 17.

Attendance Incentive Program (submitted by Larry Freise)

Every day, a student's name is drawn randomly. If that student has no absences or tardies for the last *five* days, s/he wins \$5! If the student doesn't qualify, then the \$5 rolls over to the next day, making the next day's reward \$10. This month we had 50 contestants and 21 winners. The grade level breakdown of contestants and winners thus far is as follows:

Grade 9: 12 contestants, 6 winners
Grade 10: 13 contestants, 4 winners
Grade 11: 12 contestants, 5 winners
Grade 12: 13 contestants, 6 winners

Athletics

After a very close game against Quartz Hill High School, Highland's football team has only suffered one loss for the season and is anticipating a successful postseason run. HHS would like to congratulate Quartz Hill High School for securing the Girls Cross Country league championship, bringing Highland's 9-year championship run to a close. HHS is proud to report that over the past decade, the HHS girls cross country program has participated in 151 races and only lost three times, with two of those three losses occurring this year as tie-breakers. (Submitted by John Kleespies)

Freshman Wesley Low is receiving national attention for his outstanding talent as a bowler. (Submitted by John Kleespies)

Girls Golf won the Golden League title this year with an undefeated season. They competed in the CIF team match at Los Serranos Country Club in Chino. Five members of the team were in the top seven at

the individual qualifiers for CIF and earned themselves an All League Patch for the season. Three of those girls will be competing in the Individual CIF match on October 31 at River Ridge in Oxnard. Team members competing on Thursday, October 26, are Kiara Wright (11), Courtney Martin (10), Sierra Samp (10), Victoria Burgos (11), Baylee Dunmire (9), and Vanessa Barajas (9). The individuals competing on Monday, October 31, are Kiara Wright (finished #1 in Golden League), Sierra Samp (finished #2 in Golden League), and Courtney Martin (finished #4 in Golden League). (Submitted by Ellen Coleman)

Highland's fencing team "The Blades" will cross swords in their first practice tournament against Palmdale High School's team on November 5 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Go Blades! (Submitted by Laurie Brown)

ASB Activities

October was a busy month for ASB with two big events. We kicked off our Homecoming Week with Spirit Days and had our "Highland Bulldog Pride" themed Pep Rally on Friday, October 21. The Senior Class Senate hosted the Homecoming Dance with a Roaring 20s theme. October 24– 28 was Red Ribbon Week. ASB encouraged students to come sign a giant ghost in order to "Say Boo to Drugs." The week also had the Drug Free themed Spirit Days including "Turn Your Back on Drugs" (wear your tee shirt backwards) and "I'm Too Bright to Do Drugs" (Neon Day). (Submitted by Cindy Gadomski)

Calendar Notes:

November 4:	Club picture day
November 8:	Cap and Gown orders for Seniors
November 9:	ASVAB test is being given, 7:30 - 11:30, Theatre Power of Choice, 1:00 - 1:30, Room 109 USC presentation, 1:30 - 2:30, Room 109
November 11 & 12:	Drama production, 7:00 p.m., Theatre
November 15:	NCAA Workshop, 6:00 p.m., Library 4.0 Academic Award Night – 7:00 pm - Theatre
November 16:	Foster Group Meeting, 9:45 - 10:45, Room 109 Power of Choice, 1:00 - 1:30, Room 109
November 17:	New Student Orientation, 9:45 - 10:45, Room 109
November 18 & 19:	Drama production, 7:00 p.m., Theatre
November 30:	Power of Choice, 1:00 - 1:30, Room 109