

**Highlands High
School Parent
Scheduling
Night**

**Wednesday, February 9,
2022**

Introductions

Principal - Dr. Laura Burns

School Counselors

- Dr. Gurrera (A-I)
- Mrs. Carrarini (J-Sj)
- Mrs. Skwortz (Sk-Z)

Teachers

- Mr. Beresik - Band
 - Mrs. Dickerson - Social Studies
 - Mrs. Proano - World Languages
 - Mrs. White - Mathematics
 - Mr. Zeiler - Choir
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Scheduling Timeline

Date	Scheduling Event
January 28, 2022	Class Scheduling Meetings
January 31, 2022	Elective Fair
Week of February 7, 2022	Teacher Scheduling Conversations/ PowerSchool Opens for Student Selections
February 9, 2022 @ 7:00 PM	Parent Scheduling Informational Meeting
February 22, 2022	Student Course Selections Due
February 28 – March 4, 2022	Counselor Verification Meetings
March 11, 2022	Parent Course Verification Sign-off Due
June 2, 2022	Student Schedules Distributed/Step-up Day
July 1, 2022	Course Add/Drop Period Ends

Program of Studies

2022-23 Highlands High School Program of Studies

The screenshot shows the top portion of the Highlands High School website. At the top left is the school's logo, which consists of a stylized 'H' with three stars above it and the word 'highlands' in a black box below. To the right of the logo, the text reads 'Highlands High School' and below that, the motto '*HOME *SCHOOL *COMMUNITY'. In the top right corner, there are three links: 'DISTRICT HOME', 'SELECT A SCHOOL →', and 'TRANSLATE →'. Below this is a dark brown navigation bar with the following menu items: 'Home', 'Our School', 'Academics', 'Information', 'Keystone Exam Info', 'Library', 'Clubs & Activities', 'Parent Involvement', and a search icon. Below the navigation bar is a banner image for the 'Salvation Army Kettle Run' featuring a man wearing sunglasses.

Graduation Requirements

1. *Required coursework. Total of 24 credits*

1. Keystone Proficiency Pathways

1. Career Readiness Requirement

1. Community Service

Graduation Requirements

Required Coursework

- 4 English
- 3 Math
- 3 Science
- 3 Social Studies
- 2 Physical Education and Health credits
- 2 Arts and Humanities
- 7 Elective credits

Subject	Credits Required	Grade	Courses	Year	Credit Earned
English	4	9			
		10			
		11			
		12			
Mathematics	3	9			
		10			
		11			
		12			
Science	3	9			
		10			
		11			
		12			
Social Studies	3	9			
		10			
		11			
		12			
Health and Physical Education	2	9			
		10			
		11			
		12			
Humanities	2				
Electives	7				
Keystone Exam Verification	NA		Algebra I		
			Literature		
			Biology		

Graduation Planning Guide

A Day at the High School

- Homeroom starts at 7:45
- 7 academic periods (one must be English)
- Resource
- Lunch
- School ends at 2:30



Forbes Road Career and Technology Center

- Forbes Road Career and Technology is the local career and technology center that Highlands partners with. It is located in Monroeville and offers 17 programs to choose from.
 - Students may enter Forbes during their 10th grade year. Four core course requirements must be satisfied during the 9th grade year to be eligible to attend Forbes.
 - Visit Forbes Road Career and Technology website for the online application and a description of the programs available.
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NCAA ELIGIBILITY

- Specific criteria for students participating at Div. I or II
 - Core courses
 - Div. I-16 core courses, GPA 2.3
 - Div. II-16 core courses, GPA 2.2
 - SAT and sliding scale
 - GPA
 - Eligibility Center Student Account: <https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>
 - Account should be established no later than 10th grade
 - NCAA website includes a list of HHS core courses
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CHS vs. AP

College in High School: course taught by HHS teacher syllabus approved through designated university and credit is offered.

- Application and fee information provided by teacher
- College credits are housed on the university transcript
- College credits transfer according to receiving university policy

Advanced Placement: syllabus designed by College Board. College credit available for students who score high on year end exam.

- Fee for AP Exam
 - College credits transfer according receiving university policy
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Mathematics

Other Mathematics Courses:

- Algebra 2
- Precalculus
- Prob & Stats/Elem Algebra

Required courses:

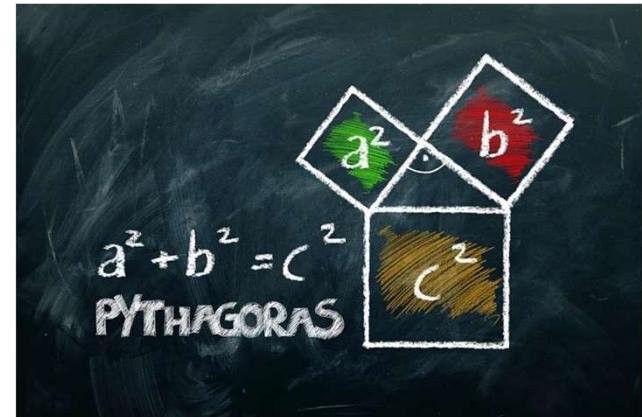
Algebra 1 (Keystone Tested)
Geometry

Honors Level Courses:

- Honors Geometry
- Honors Algebra 2
- Honors Precalculus

Courses Available for AP or CHS Credit:

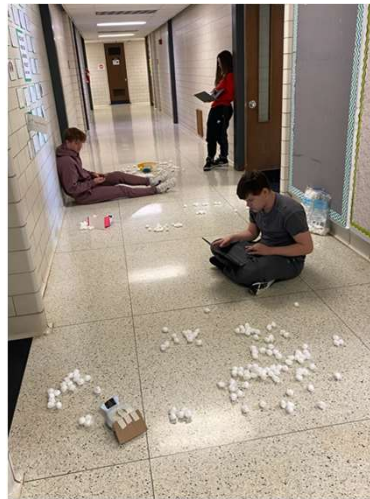
- CHS Business Calculus
- AP/CHS Calculus 1 (A/B)
- CHS Calculus 2
- CHS Probability & Statistics



Computer Science

Electives

- Introduction to Computer Science - Python
- AP Computer Science A - JAVA (Can also be used for a math credit)



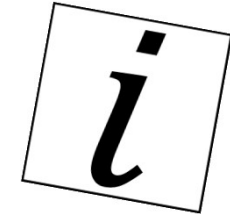
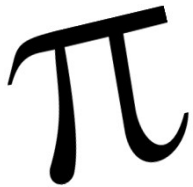
Mathematics/Computer Science

Questions? Need more information?

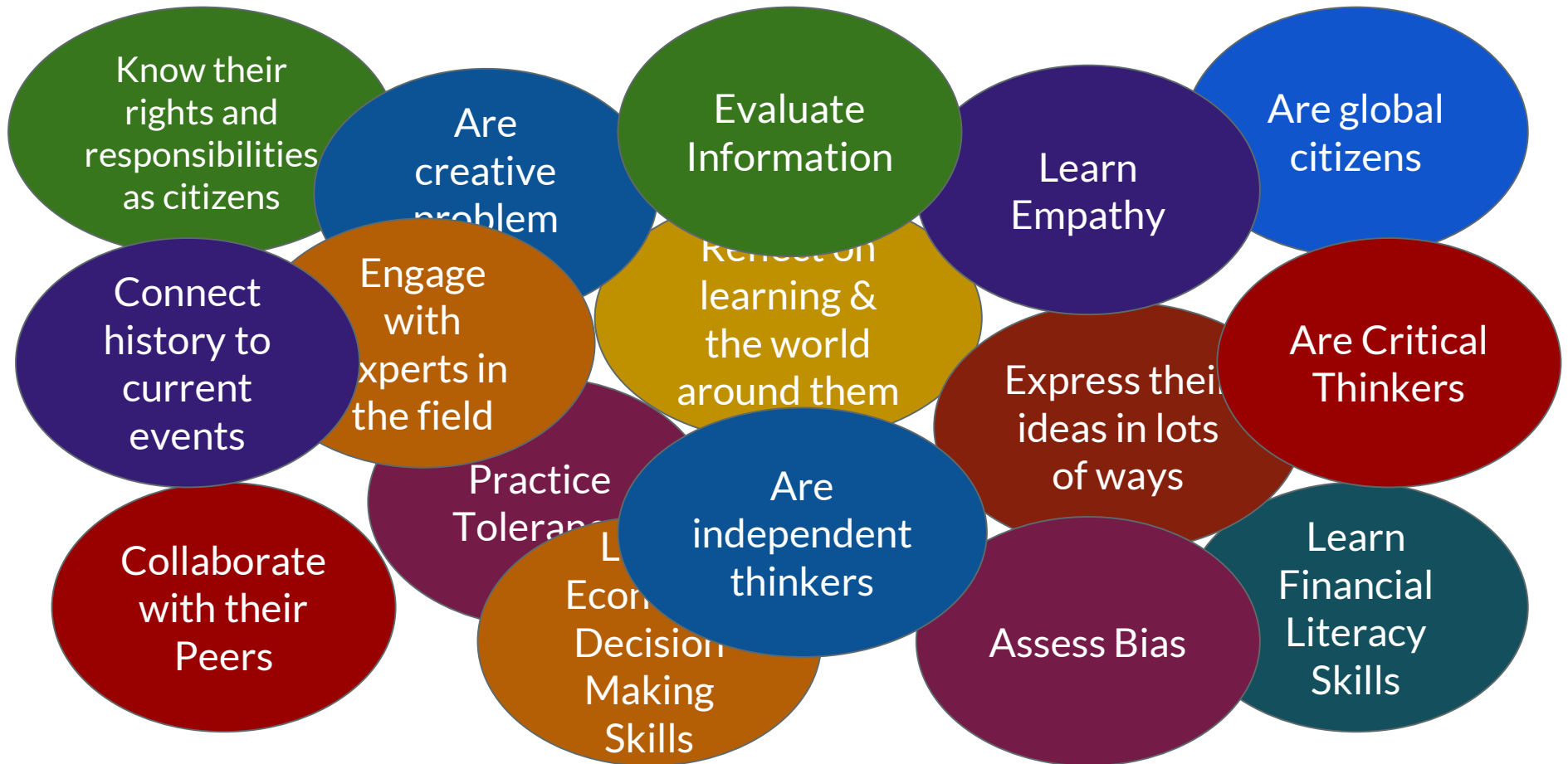
Nicole White
Mathematics Department Chair

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Social Studies Students at HHS:



Social Studies

Required Courses:

- US History/Honors US History (9)
- World Cultures/Honors World Cultures (10)
- Government/Economics (11/12)

Electives with College Credit Available

- AP Economics* (11/12)
- AP European History (11/12)
- AP Government* (11/12)
- AP US History* (10- 12)
- CHS Psychology (11/12)
- CHS Sociology (11/12)

**CHS Credit Also*

Electives (Semester Courses)

- Civil Rights (11/12)
- Constitutional Law (11/12)
- Holocaust & Genocide Studies (11/12)
- Modern America (9-12)
- Intro to Psychology (10 - 12)
- Intro to Sociology (10 - 12)



Social Studies

Questions?

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Social Studies Department Chair

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World Languages

German I
German II
German III
Honors German IV



Spanish I
Spanish II
Spanish III
CHS Spanish IV*

**Earn three La Roche University credits for CHS Spanish IV*

Why study German or Spanish?



LEARN
Success
 Students who study languages
 academically in college.³
Higher
 The additional life
 earnings of a
 bilingual worker
 \$128,000.⁴



Life Skills

Bilingual children develop superior attention, mental flexibility,⁵ and memory.⁶



4. www.acell.org/advocacy/hal-at-the-research-shows
 5. www.acell.org/advocacy/hal-at-the-research-shows/studies-supporting-foreign-language-performance
 11. www.scoer.edu





Optional World Language Students ONLY



Global Scholars Program
International Club



Señora Proaño

Spanish Teacher

World Language Department Chair

Global Scholars Program Advisor

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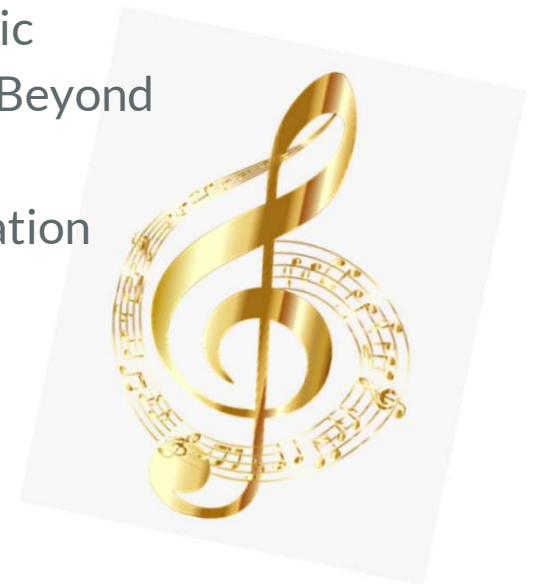
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Music Department

- Band (Marching & Concert Band)
- Honors Band *
- Stage Band (Before School)
- Jazz Ensemble
- Bandfront (Drill Team, Colorguard & Honor Guard)
- Music Recording & Production
- Music Theory I
- Honors Music Theory II *
- Concert Choir
- Honors Choir *
- Student Accompanist
- Music and Magic
- Broadway and Beyond
- General Music
- Music Appreciation

Weighted Elective Credit *



Instrumental Music Electives



Award-Winning

Jazz!



Highlands Varsity Marching Band



Team / Family



Rewarding



Relevant



Fun!



Challenging



MUSIC RECORDING & PRODUCTION



SCAN ME

What is it?

MIDI – Music Instrument Digital Interface

Loops & Beats
Recording
Editing
Producing
Physics of Sound
Drum Machines
Sequencing

Software
GarageBand
ProTools
Microphones
Keyboards
Soundtracks
Synthesizers

Who can take it?

Any 9th - 12th Grade Student

* LIMITED to only 10 spots in the Music Lab! *

First come, first served

1 Elective Credit

What do you need to know?

Reading music is not required, but does help.
Have an understanding of rhythm, melody,
harmony and musical form.

Basic piano/keyboarding helps, but not required.
We'll teach you the rest!



MUSIC THEORY

What is it?

Music Notation

How to Read & Write Music

Piano Keyboarding

Chords, Key Signatures & Scales

Melody, Harmony & Musical Form

Train your ear to hear

Want to get better at singing or
playing an instrument?

It all seems simple enough until you
sit down to do it for real.

This class can help!

Who can take it?

Any 9th - 12th Grade Student

* LIMITED to only 10 spots in the Music Lab! *

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1 Elective Credit

What do you need to know?

Prior experience in Band or Chorus helps,
but is not required.

Successful completion of Music Theory I
qualifies you to take Honors Music Theory II.



SCAN ME

Spring Instrumental Music Performances

- Honors Recital - Wednesday, March 2nd
 - Honors Band Student Solos
 - Chamber Ensembles
- PMEA Region 1 Band Festival - Saturday, March 12th, Mt. Lebanon HS
- Alle-Kiski Valley Jazz Festival - Wednesday, April 20th
- Spring Band Concert - Wednesday, May 4th
 - HS Concert Band & Chamber Ensembles
- Spring HS/MS Jazz Concert - Friday, May 13th
 - HS Stage Band & Jazz Ensemble
 - MS Jazz Band
- All concerts begin at 7:00pm



Mr. Beresik

Music Department Chair, HSD

Director of Bands, HHS

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To let me know which classes you are interested in. Thank you!



ATTENTION HHS STUDENTS SCHEDULING FOR 2022 - 2023!

Your high school years are going to be filled with new experiences, adventures, and opportunities that will last a lifetime! High school is YOUR time to be creative and participate with other students in a fun and rewarding experience together.

Some of the best memories you can create are by being involved in the music program! It is a great way to make new friends and have a "sense of belonging," as well as showcase your talents within the community. By joining Choir, you will learn the fundamentals of singing, apply proper vocal techniques, develop your vocal range, and showcase your talents as a performer. Establishing a good sense of pitch, tone production, and the value of "expression" is not only helpful, but essential for when you perform. As a result, you will earn the reputation of becoming a "Golden Star!"

Even if you have never sang before, or participated in Choir, it is highly encouraged that you join next year. We want next school year to be the best it can possibly be, and we need your help to accomplish that!

In addition, please consider these other **VOCAL MUSIC ELECTIVE** opportunities for you to participate in for next school year:

🎵 Broadway & Beyond

- Welcome to any student 9-12 grade. Research Broadway Musical Productions.
- Help design and create the current HHS Musical Production.
- Need 10 students to select this course as their "primary request."

🎵 Music & Magic

- Welcome to any student 9-12 grade. Research Disney Broadway Musical Productions.
- Help design and create the current HHS Musical Production.
- Need 10 students to select this course as their "primary request."

🎵 Student Accompanist

- Welcome to any student 9-12 grade as a 9th Period Credit.
- Help accompany singers in choir concerts by playing the piano.

🎵 Concert Choir

- Welcome to any student 9-12 grade.
- Need 10 students to select this course as their "primary request."

🎵 Concert Choir / Band Split

- Welcome to any student 9-12 grade.
- Same period, split schedule during the week.

🎵 Honors Choir (by audition only)

- Welcome to any student 10-12 grade to audition.
- Elite "on tour" performing group throughout the community.
- Typically, 22-26 singers accepted.



*You ARE the future of Highlands! Let your voices be heard!
Please help us to build our program and stay "Golden!"*

Thank you,

Mr. Zeiler

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HHS Choir, Variations, and Musical Director

*If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.
We want as many students to join the music program as possible. Please contact Mr. Zeiler!*

Variations Show Choir and the Musical Production are extracurricular ensembles (by audition only).

SAVE THE DATE!

YOU ARE INVITED to attend these vocal music performances this year!

HHS VOCAL MUSIC – DISTRICT CALENDAR EVENTS	2022
FEBRUARY FOLLIES @ 7:00pm HHS Auditorium	Thursday, February 17, 2022
HHS MUSICAL PRODUCTION: DISNEY'S HSM2! @ 7:00pm HHS Auditorium	Friday, March 25, 2022
HHS MUSICAL PRODUCTION: DISNEY'S HSM2! @ 7:00pm HHS Auditorium	Saturday, March 26, 2022
HHS MUSICAL PRODUCTION: DISNEY'S HSM2! @ 2:00pm HHS Auditorium	Sunday, March 27, 2022
ONE SONG SHOW CHOIR FESTIVAL @ 7:00pm HHS Auditorium	April 2022
HHS SPRING CHORAL CONCERT @ 7:00pm HHS Auditorium	Wednesday, May 11, 2022

MUSICAL SCRIPTS OUR CLASS HAS READ-THROUGH IN PAST YEARS DURING

BROADWAY AND BEYOND

WICKED
THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

MAMMA MIA!

Seussical
THE MUSICAL

The Addams Family
A NEW MUSICAL COMEDY

ALL SHOOK UP
The story is all new. The hits are all Elvis.

WE WILL ROCK YOU
SCHOOL EDITION

the wedding singer
The Musical Comedy

LEGALLY BLONDE
The Musical

BYE BYE BIRDIE
A MUSICAL COMEDY

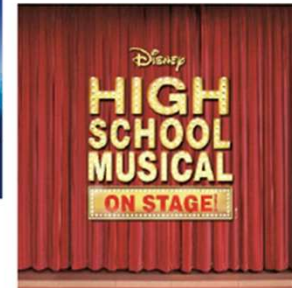
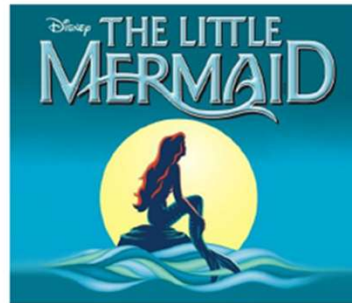
SHREK
The Musical

Broadway's Loose
musical

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
THE NEW BROADWAY CAST REVISION

MUSICAL SCRIPTS OUR CLASS HAS READ-THROUGH IN PAST YEARS DURING

MUSIC AND MAGIC



PAST MUSIC THEMES FOR WINTER CHORAL CONCERTS



**A
"glee-ful"
Christmas**

Highlands High School
Winter Choral Concert

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013
7:00pm ~ HHS Aud.

Pre-show Entertainment by student
accompanists from 6:30-7pm

Donations accepted at the door.

Performances by the Concert Choir,
Honors Choir, and Variations Show Choir
Directed by Mr. Michael Zeiler



**FROZEN
in Time**

Highlands High School
WINTER CONCERT

*A tribute to the 100th Anniversary of the World War I
Christmas Truce and Disney's FROZEN*

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 10, 2014 AT 7:00PM
HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Featuring pre-show entertainment, selected solos, the HHS Honors Choir,
the HHS Concert Choir, and the HHS Show Choirs *Variations, Acceleration & Impulse



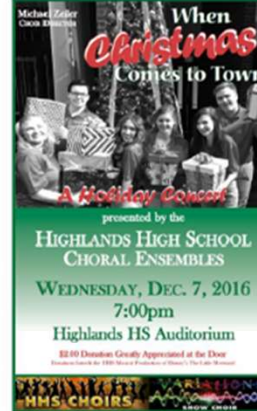
HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
WINTER CHORAL CONCERT

**Our Grown-Up
Christmas
List**

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 7pm
HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Directed: Felix Ghani-Wheeler
Featuring Concert Choir, Honors Choir & Variations Show Choir

Our voices have been apart
That every word meant apart
And time would hold all hearts
And everyone would have a friend
And right would always win
And love would never end.



Michael Zeiler
Choir Director

**When
Christmas
Comes to Town**

A Holiday Concert
presented by the
HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
CHORAL ENSEMBLES

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 7, 2016
7:00pm
Highlands HS Auditorium

\$2.00 Donation Greatly Appreciated at the Door
Donations to: 100 Music Publishers of Show's The Life Musical

HHS CHOIRS



**Believe
in a Reason
for the
Season**

HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
Winter Choral Concert
Thursday, Dec. 7, 2017 at 7pm
Highlands High School Auditorium

Featuring the Concert Choir, Honors Choir & Variations Show Choir

Directed by
Mr. Michael Zeiler



HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
Choral Ensembles
present


*Christmas Magic,
Memories and Miracles*

Featuring the Concert Choir, Honors Choir
and Variations Show Choir

Directed by
Mr. Michael Zeiler, Music
Adviser: Bob & Sarah Faith, Music Instructors

Thursday, December 6, 2018
7:00 pm - HHS Auditorium

Donation: \$2.00 at the door to be advisory at showstake.com
Donation includes benefit the HHS Musical Publishers of "The Soundtrack of Your Soul"



HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
Winter Choral Concert

**CHRISTMAS
CLASSICS!**

Tuesday, December 10, 2019
7:00pm - HHS Auditorium

Featuring the Concert Choir,
Honors Choir & Variations Show Choir

Directed by
Mr. Michael Zeiler
\$2.00 donation greatly appreciated at the door to
benefit the 100 Music Publishers of "The Soundtrack of Your Soul"



**An Extraordinary
Merry Christmas!**

Showcasing our
Merry-Musical Singers!

4th-12th Grading
www.hhschools.com or www.hhschools.com/parents or www.hhschools.com/parents
Monday 9:00-10:00 AM | Tuesday 7:00-8:00 AM

OUR "MERRY-MUSICAL SINGERS" INVITE THEIR FAMILIES TO
AN EXCLUSIVE 200th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ON
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020 AT 7:00PM.



HHS Vocal Music Department
Winter Choral Concert

**My Grown-Up
Christmas List**

Showcasing our Musically-Musical Singers

Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021
7:00pm - HHS Auditorium

Featuring HHS Honors Choir, Concert Choir, and Variations Show Choir
in the Highlands HS Auditorium

Performances by HHS Honors Choir, Concert Choir and Variations Show Choir
Free Admission - \$2.00 donation greatly appreciated at the door.

Directed by
Mr. Michael Zeiler
Music Adviser
Mr. Christopher

PAST MUSIC THEMES FOR SPRING CHORAL CONCERTS

A "SIRIUS" Concert
Highlands High School
Spring Choral Concert

XM Hits from your Favorite Satellite Radio Stations
Highlighting each decade from the '20s to today!

Featuring the Honors Chorus Concert Choir,
Variations Show Choir, Student Solists and Accompanists

Wednesday, May 28, 2014
Pre-Show at 6:30pm - Concert at 7:00pm
Highlands High School Auditorium

Free Admission - Donations greatly appreciated at the door.

SIRIUS SATELLITE RADIO ((XM))
DIRECTOR: Mr. Michael Zeller
ACCOMPAÑIST: Jessica Johnson

**NEW YORK CITY
Sounds**




HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
SPRING CHORAL CONCERT

Featuring the Honors Chorus, Concert Choir, Variations
Show Choir, Student Solists and Accompanists

Directed by Mr. Michael Zeller
Student Accompanists: Brandon Johnson & Kenna Dordick

Thursday, May 21, 2015
Pre-Show - 6:40pm Concert - 7:00pm
Highlands High School Auditorium

ROCK ON! A TRIBUTE
TO
ROCK 'N' ROLL
HALL OF FAME
ARTISTS



HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
CHORAL CONCERT

DIRECTED BY MR. MICHAEL ZELLER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016
Pre-Show 6:00pm Concert 7:00pm
HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Performances by the Highlands High School Honors Choir, Concert Choir,
Variations Show Choir, Student Solists and Accompanists
Free Admission - Donations at the door greatly appreciated.

FEATURING HIT SONGS FROM THESE HALL OF FAME ARTISTS AND MORE!
JESSIE SYLVE: Don't Stop Believin', Eye of the Tiger
THE BEATLES: Hey Jude, Let It Be, Two of Us
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HIGHLANDS HIGH SCHOOL
CHORAL ENSEMBLES
present

**MUSICAL
Highlights**

A TRIBUTE TO 30 YEARS OF
Highlands High School Musicals

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
7:00pm
HIGHLANDS
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
DIRECTED BY MR. MICHAEL ZELLER

Performances by the
Highlands High School Honors Choir, Concert Choir,
Variations Show Choir, Student Solists and Accompanists

FREE ADMISSION
Donations at the door greatly appreciated.



"YEARBOOK!"

A TRIBUTE TO OUR golden
STUDENTS THROUGH THE YEARS



Highlands High School
Spring Choral Concert

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2018
Highlands High School Auditorium - 7:00pm

Featuring the HHS Honors Choir, Concert Choir,
Variations Show Choir, Student Solists & Accompanists,
Graduate Singers, and the Independent Student Art Show

Mr. Michael Zeller, Choral Director & Choreographer

HHS SPRING CHORAL CONCERT
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019

**New York
City 2019**

NYC SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

PRE-SHOW @ 6:30PM CONCERT @ 7:00PM
HHS AUDITORIUM
ADMISSION FREE. GOGGLED DONATION \$2.00 AT DOOR.

FEATURED PERFORMERS:
HHS HONORS CHOIR, CONCERT CHOIR, VARIATIONS SHOW CHOIR,
STUDENT ACCOMPANISTS, AND SOLISTS



HHS Vocal Music Department proudly presents

Dancing Through Life
Showcasing our
"Musically-Marked Singers"

HHS Director and Choreographer: Mr. Michael Zeller



Monday, @ 8:00-8:00PM Tuesday, 7:00-7:00
OUR "MUSICALLY-MARKED SINGERS" INVITE THEIR FAMILIES
AND FRIENDS TO AN EXCLUSIVE ZOOM EVENING ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 2021 AT 7:00PM.