

Highland Families,

Enrollment

Our classrooms are full. We have stopped accepting out of district students so that our maximum elementary classrooms have about 26 students. We have 254 middle school and 306 high school students. The end of the first quarter is October 14th. Please be sure to access the parent portal from our website and check your students' grades, attendance and pay any outstanding fees.

Covid 19....

We currently have four students out with Covid-19 or a direct exposure from a family member. That number has been fairly consistent since the beginning of the school year. Although the overall health of our school population seems to be improving as of late, the next national push will be to vaccinate students from ages five through twelve. Of course, our district will leave that decision up to parents/guardians. For the roughly 50 million kids in the United States that are eleven and younger, there have been more than 4 million that have tested positive since the start of the pandemic. From those 4 million cases, less than one percent resulted in hospitalizations and as of August 12, one one-hundredth of 1 percent of all known Covid-19 infections in children resulted in death.

Tik-Tok

The latest social media craze for teens is a tik-tok challenge which involves students damaging restrooms or stealing soap dispensers. Unfortunately, we have had a number of students who have participated. While students may view this as a social media event, we view it as vandalism to tax payer property. Please have a conversation with your student regarding school pride and consequences for their actions. My guess is the challenges will evolve but they neglect to show the consequences of their actions.

Academic Success

Tips for parents to help their student achieve academically provided by Public School Review:

- 1. Establish a Parent-Teacher Relationship*
- 2. Establish a Routine and Set Rules about Homework Time*
- 3. Encourage Independence and Teach Personal Responsibility*
- 4. Avoid the Hazards of Helicopter Parenting*
- 5. Learn When to Step In and When to Stay Out*
- 6. Foster a love of reading*
- 7. Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your children*