

# 2020 Summer Packet

This packet is designed to give you all of your "need to know" information to make it through the summer and prepare for the year ahead. Please note that the information is in an A to Z format for your ease in locating the information you are looking for and COVID-19 updates will be communicated as state, local and diocese safety protocols are announced.

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## AFTER-SCHOOL CARE

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The After-School Care Program at The Highlands School provides a safe, organized, and enriching environment for your child. The first day After-School Care is available on August 10.

**NON After-School Days (No Aftercare service provided.)**

9/7 Labor Day Holiday

10/23 Parent Teacher Conferences

11/20 Early Dismissal Day

12/18 Early Dismissal Day

12/18-1/4 Christmas Break

2/12 Parent/Teacher Conferences

2/15 President's Day Holiday

2/24 Teacher Inservice Day

3/15-3/19 Spring Break

3/31-4/5 Inclement Weather Days and Easter Break

Other than these specifically mentioned days, After-School Care will be available daily from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. Please follow this [link](#) for more information and to enroll in after-school care.

**Questions:** Contact Debbie Carrera, [DCarrera@thehighlandsschool.org](mailto:DCarrera@thehighlandsschool.org)

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## ANNUAL FUND

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The Annual Fund Drive is the largest single appeal to our entire community in support of The Highlands School. Our 2020-2021 Annual Fund Drive will kick off on September 17th on North Texas Giving Day. We ask all families to prayerfully consider how they can best support the school.

To learn more, [click here](#).

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## ATHLETIC FORMS

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Each fall, students in grades 5 - 12 who wish to participate in athletics must complete a sports physical. Be sure to obtain a physical over the summer and have your student's doctor complete the [Physical-Medical History Form](#).

Questions on athletics? [Athletics Department](#)

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## CALENDAR

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There are several calendars for you to seek information from. All may be accessed through the [CALENDAR](#) button at the top of this page. The [School Year Calendar 2020-2021](#) at the top is a PDF of our general days in session and days off. You can sync the calendar to your Google, Outlook, or Apple iCal.

Our [Blazer Athletic Calendar](#) is also available online and updated monthly. You will see lots of details added to these calendars in the coming weeks. Be sure to check back and see all of the great happenings already scheduled for the 2020-2021 school year.

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

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Every family needs to be sure to login to their [ParentsWeb](#) account and verify their information. Please be sure your contact information, email, medical and emergency pick up information is correct. Log-in to ParentsWeb, choose School Information, Web Forms then Family Demographic Form. It is important that this information is up to date and accurate for your child's safety and in case of emergency.

## FACTS

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All tuition, sports, After-School Care, and all other incidental billing will be charged through your FACTS account. You can log-in to see your FACTS account via your [ParentsWeb](#) at any time. Any questions about billing should be directed to the Business Office [jmull@thehighlandsschool.org](mailto:jmull@thehighlandsschool.org)

## FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

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### Monday, August 10

**PK3 - 5th grade:** 9:00am - 11:00am Meet your teacher and preview the classroom. (Casual Dress)

**6th - 12th grade:** Full Day 8:05am - 3:20pm First Day of School

### Tuesday, August 11

**PK3 – PK4:** Half Day 8:05am - 12:00pm

**Kinder - 5th grade:** Full Day 8:05am - 3:05pm First Day of School

**6th - 12th grade:** Full Day 8:05am - 3:20pm

### Wednesday, August 12: Assumption of Mary, All School Mass- 8:30am

PreK3 - 5th grade: Full Day 8:05am - 3:05pm

6th - 12th grade: Full Day 8:05am - 3:20pm

## IMMUNIZATIONS

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Any students who need immunizations for the fall will receive a notification from Nurse Beth. All updated immunizations must be completed before the first day of school. Any questions? Please email [Nurse Beth](#).

## ORIENTATION

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**New High School Student Orientation:**

High school student orientation for all incoming 9th graders and new high school students will be held **August 7th** from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Assembly Room.

### **New to Middle School Parent Orientation:**

Middle school parent orientation for all incoming 6th grade and new middle school parents will be held **August 6th** from 6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Assembly Room.

### **Orientation for all Parents:**

All parents will have the opportunity to hear about plans for the coming year and all the great things we have in store! Come hear from our administration, teachers, and get your questions answered to kick the year off with a strong start. All orientations will be held in the Assembly Room.

**Middle School/High School: Tuesday, August 18 6:00pm**

**Lower School: Wednesday, August 19 6:00pm**

## **PARENTS' CLUB**

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All parents are welcome and encouraged to be involved in the school! The Parents' Club strives to advance the mission of our school. As parents, we join with the teachers and staff to promote academics, character growth, and the spiritual formation of our children. Leah Cannon, Parents' Club Presidents, strives to create a fun, social atmosphere to bring our THS community closer together. We appreciate your willingness to volunteer! Parents' Club will host ongoing activities throughout the year. These are wonderful opportunities to volunteer and meet others in our community. You will see detailed descriptions in the Blazer Blast weekly email newsletter and can find more information about the events on our THS website. Please feel free to contact the Parents' Club with any suggestions or questions. [parentsclub@thehighlandsschool.org](mailto:parentsclub@thehighlandsschool.org)

## **PARENTSWEB**

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**ParentsWeb** is your virtual portal to the school. It contains a list of resource documents, including the parent-student handbook, the current academic calendar, permission slips, and much more. You may also view your child's class schedule, grades, homework, progress notes, teacher contact information, and more. Please note that ParentsWeb also houses the school directory, which includes contact information for The Highlands families and school staff.

## **RETREATS**

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Each year our middle and high school students attend a retreat to start the year. These formation retreats are a great way for our classes to bond and grow. Retreats offer students an opportunity to begin to focus on the year and look forward to the fun and growth that awaits them.

**Please note retreat details may change due to safety protocols.**

**Middle School Retreat (boys/girls retreat held at different locations):**

August 27-28

**High School Retreat (boys/girls retreat held at different Locations):**

September 9-11

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT

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We have an obligation to keep all students safe. Therefore, all volunteers are required to complete the Safe Environment training and screening process. This program exists to help keep all of our children safe and secure on campus and at school events. See the [Safe Environment](#) page for more details. Summer is the best time to get all of the steps taken care of so that you are able to volunteer and be on campus once school starts!

## SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS

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**PK3 - PK4:** Child backpack to hold folder, nap pillow, nap blanket (we provide mat) and leakproof water bottle.

**K - 5th Grade:** All supplies are provided for students.

**Middle School:** Supplies are provided by parents. [Click here for a list of needed materials.](#)

**High School:** Supplies are provided by parents. [Click here for a list of needed materials.](#) Teachers will inform students of other materials necessary the first week of school.

## SUMMER READING

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We expect students to keep their reading skills sharp and engaged during the summer months. Students entering grades 1 - 12 are expected to complete required summer reading. Lists are provided below. We also encourage students to participate in summer reading programs at local public libraries for great incentives.

[Grades 1-5 Reading List](#)

[Middle School Reading List and Assignment](#)

[High School Reading List and Assignment](#)

[AP Classes: Biology, English Literature, English Language, Psychology, US History](#)

## SUMMER MATH

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Rising 2nd to Geometry students will need to complete a summer math exercise workbook for the grade level just completed and submit the completed workbook to their teacher for a grade, **due on the first day of school**. The workbook is called SUMMER SOLUTIONS, and the exercises can be done in 15 minutes three times per week. **All work needs to be completed/shown in the work book and not on scratch paper.** Here is a [link](#) to order the workbook.

## TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

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Students and parents are eager to learn who their child's teacher will be for the upcoming school year. The Highlands will announce teacher assignments in August prior to meeting your teacher.

## TEXTBOOKS

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MBS Direct is The Highlands School bookstore. Book information for 6th-12th grades will be live on their website July 1. Students in 6th-12th grades can view their courses for the 2020-2021 school year by logging into Renweb after June 18th. To order books online through the [MBS Direct website](#), you will select your child's grade level to find a list of required books. Parents will have a free shipping week for orders over \$99 July 8-14.

## UNIFORMS - NEW

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### **Uniform Supplier:**

Academic Outfitters  
700 Alma Drive, Suite 112, Plano, TX 75075  
972-509-0010

### [Click Here to Shop](#)

The Highlands dress code outlines appropriate dress by grade level and gender. You may purchase shoes from any store, provided that they comply with the dress code. Please remember, all uniform pieces except for girls skirts are grandfathered until August 2021.

### [Girls Uniform](#)

### [Boys Uniform](#)

### [PreK - Kindergarten](#)

### [Grades 1- 3](#)

### [Grades 4 - 5](#)

### [Middle School](#)

### [High School](#)

## UNIFORM - USED UNIFORM & TEXTBOOK SALE

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Several times a year our Parents Club hosts a Used Uniform Sale. On this day, families may purchase gently used uniforms and books from the Parents Club or other parents. The book list for 6-12 grades will be posted in the Media Room for parents to consult when buying books. Please look for dates and times to be sent from the Parents' Club in the next few weeks.

## VOLUNTEER HOURS

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We enthusiastically welcome parent involvement, and ask each family to contribute 20 service hours per year to the school. Summer is a great time to work on some of your hours. We will have opportunities coming soon, so watch your email for more details!

### **How can you find out about opportunities during the year?**

As a Highlands parent, you are automatically a member of Parents' Club, which has 14 committees charged with organizing various school activities and programs throughout the year. There are many opportunities to lead or contribute within this organization. The Blazer Blast, our school newsletter sent out each Friday, includes a wealth of information and news related to the school, as well as opportunities to contribute your time and talents. You may also access information about upcoming events and opportunities by visiting family life and volunteer opportunities on the Campus Life page of our website.

### **How do you log your hours for credit?**

Service hours are logged through your ParentsWeb account, under 'Family Information' and then choosing your name and 'Service Hours'.

**Questions about Parents' Club?**

Email [parentsclub@thehighlandsschool.org](mailto:parentsclub@thehighlandsschool.org)

**VISIT OUR WEBSITE**

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