


Feb 19, 2026
Thursday is Day 4 – H G Lunch F E
NEW

- ★ **Grade 12's**, there is a new Bursary deadline. Hand in Bursary packages to Ms. Dixon by **Monday March 2nd**.
- ★ **The 2025-2026 BCSS Scholarship booklet is now available. See Ms. Dixon for more information.**
- ★ **HUGE congrats to the Senior Boys Basketball team for winning the North Islands** on the weekend. The team beat Gulf Islands 90-54 and Shawnigan Lake by 35 points. Next is the Islands this weekend at Shawnigan Lake.
- ★ **Indigenous Lunch & Learn: Thursday, March 12.** Please register with Sally or Mel in room 117.
- ★ **Junior Girls' Soccer:** those of you who gave your name to Mr. McRae, or any other girls who wish to play junior school soccer, there will be a brief meeting this Friday at lunchtime in Room 214 with Mr. Hale to discuss training and upcoming games.
- ★ Are you interested in a fun, exciting, and unforgettable experience? **The Highland Cultural Exchange to Germany** (with a side trip to Paris) for **March 2027** will be accepting applications soon! **Come check out our info table at lunch today in the front foyer** and join us for a **student information session on Tuesday at lunch in Room 106** (Mr. Hazeldine's room) to hear all about what the program has to offer.
- ★ Are you interested in a fun, exciting, and memorable three-week adventure in March 2027? Travel with Highland to Ulm, Germany (birthplace of Albert Einstein) through an exchange with students from St. Hildegard School. Stay with a host student, participate in family and school activities, and visit local sites and popular destinations. Immerse yourself in daily life in Germany and build friendships that can last for years. Finish your exchange with a 3–4 day trip to Paris, France! Student information sessions: Tuesday Feb 24 room 112 and Friday, Feb 27 room 111 at lunchtime. Parent meeting Tuesday, March 4, 6:30pm in the Library.
- ★ **All International Student Program students**, please attend a short information meeting during lunch, 12:00pm, on Friday February 20. Note: this is *not* a pizza lunch, so still bring your lunch this day.
- ★ **ATTENTION ALL FILM LOVERS!** 🎬 Come celebrate Black History Month. Model UN will be screening the feature length film 'Selma' in room 224 over 3 lunch hours next week: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday Feb 23-25. Teachers, please show students the trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPgs2zshD9Y>
- ★ **Did you know?** 1/5th of the world population celebrates Lunar New Year!
Lunar New Year is the beginning of a calendar year whose months are moon cycles, based on the lunar calendar. The Lunar New Year as a celebration is observed by numerous cultures including Vietnam, Thailand, Taiwan, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, China, Philippines, and Korea.
- ★ **Earth Day's Canopy Project Helps Plants Roots in Community-Based Reforestation Activity.** Community-based reforestation places local residents at the center of environmental recovery. Earth Day's Canopy Tree Project demonstrates this approach through partnerships across vulnerable regions worldwide. Since 2010, the organization has planted hundreds of millions of trees while creating jobs and strengthening community resilience. The project targets 60 million additional trees by Earth Day's 60th anniversary in 2030. Beyond that milestone, the goal extends to one billion trees by 2060. These numbers represent more than carbon capture. They signal income opportunities, food security, and restored habitats.
- ★ **There is an exhibition of fantastic student art on now, from February 11 - February 27**, in the display cases across from the gymnasiums at the Comox Community Centre. If you get a chance, have a look at the work of several talented Highland artists, along with artists from the other high schools. There will be an art event that is open to the public on the evening of February 27th. Come join the artists to celebrate their incredible accomplishments!
- ★ **Want a French credential** you can use beyond high school? Come to a DELF info session – Wednesday at lunch in Room 206. The DELF is an internationally recognized French certificate that can boost university applications, jobs and your confidence in French. Come see if it is a good fit for you!
- ★ **Are you a grade 11 or 12 student thinking about a future in Communications, information Technology (IT) or Geographical Information Systems?** Here is your chance to step into the real work of local government and do a two-day job shadow at the Comox Valley Regional District, this is an excellent chance to make great connections in your area of interest. If you would like more information, please see Tracey on a Tuesday or Thursday, or email me at tracey.mckinney@sd71.bc.ca
- ★ The **Highland Swag store** is open again for clothing orders! Featuring our new school logo. Ordering available until Mar 6, 2026. <https://highlandsecondaryschool.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

SPORTS - Practice Schedules

Gr. 8 Girls Basketball Practice – Tues 3:30-5:00 pm, Thurs 5:00 – 7:00 pm	Gr. 8 Boys Basketball - Tues 3:30 - 5:00 pm, Fri 7:00-8:30 am
Boys rugby practice Thursday 3:30-5 on the back field. Get your tackling forms in.	Sr. Boys Basketball – Mon 5:00-7:00 pm, Wed 7:00-9:00 pm, Thurs 7:00 – 8:30 am

CLUBS

Model UN – Mon @ lunch, room 224	Highland's Queers & Allies Club (QSA) – Thurs @lunch, room 117
Interact Club – Tues @ lunch, room 218	D & D Club - Thurs @ 3:15 in room 204
Girls in STEM club - Tuesday @ lunch in room 212	HEAT Environmental Club – Thurs @lunch, room 205
Math Club – Tues @ lunch in room 207	Photography Club gr 9-12 – Thurs @ 3:15, Art room
Homework Club – after school Wed & Thurs, room 125	Creative Writing Club – Fri @lunch, room 116

LUNCH Time Food Sales!

Monday – PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5 and concession!	Tuesday - PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5 and concession!	Wednesday - PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5
Thursday – PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5	Friday - PIZZA \$3 per slice/2 for \$5	