



Highland Park High School

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Greetings Highland Park Students and Families!

Every day, we at Highland Park High School delight in the very moment that a student learns something new...and the “light bulb” goes off. This requires outstanding relationships and outstanding teacher skillsets. Therefore, we are committed to ensuring a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment for everyone in our school, and we work to provide great teaching with skill and care for every student.

We have made significant strides in the effort to continually improve the historically outstanding academic success at HPHS. Because of those efforts, our school is once again recognized by *Newsweek* as one of “America’s Top High Schools” and *U.S. News & World Report* as a “Gold Medal” award winner. These rankings are based upon STAAR test scores, Advanced Placement (AP) scores, College Readiness and other standardized measures. We have furthered success on AP student scores, and we have had historic highs on college admissions tests and with students recognized through the National Merit program.

With multiple state championships, including back-to-back football and tennis championships, we are equally proud of our band, which became a State Finals marching band for the first time in school history. Beyond our pride in what our students’ achieved this past year, is our pride in how they have continued to represent our school and themselves as students, competitors, and citizens.

Our school provides a great incubator for our students to learn the balance between being great competitors and caring people. Using the momentum of our work with Student Council, National Honor Society, Community Service Council and other school organizations, we will go further with our efforts to provide an inclusive experience for all Scots and to provide opportunities for our students to learn more about the world beyond the Park Cities.

We are excited about the future of the High School facilities, and we are in the midst of a multi-year construction project. The good news is that for the first time in many years, we have adequate parking for students and visitors. We are also looking forward to the upcoming opening of the new Seay Tennis Center and the opening of the new Northwest Addition in 2019.

A primary emphasis as we update our building is to ensure that we have a safe place for us all. To assist us in the endeavor, students need to have their physical ID’s with them from the time they enter the

building. In past years, we have allowed electronic photos of ID's, and to improve our management of our school, we are no longer allowing this for entry. All students will be able to get an ID during schedule pick-up or during the first few days of school.

As we prepare for students to enter and return to Highland Park High School, I hope that everyone has enjoyed their summer. While the school has been active throughout the summer, we all look forward to the building coming alive upon students beginning the 2018-2019 year. As we begin, we look forward to the leadership of the incoming Senior Class, the active involvement of all of our returning students, and the great things to come from the incoming Freshman Class. We are proud to have you return as we continue to uphold our motto "Enter to learn. Go forth to serve."

Welcome and welcome back!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Kelly". The signature is written in a dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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