



Dear Parent,

Greetings to each of you! I trust that you are well and enjoying the blessings of the Fall weather. Each year, Highland Academy hosts an Open House Weekend (October 9-11) filled with activities and time to meet with your child's teachers one-on-one. Our special weekend includes dedicating our seniors at Friday night vespers, worshipping together Sabbath morning at the Highland Church, and taking care of school business on Sunday.

Reservations for the weekend can be made by contacting Diana Drusky at 615-325-2036 or by emailing her at ddrusky@highland-academy.com. Housing in the dormitories will be limited as we do not have the space available to host as many parents for the weekend as usual. These arrangements are first come first serve with priority given to the seniors. **When making your reservation, please let us know if you are seeking housing in the dorm, which meals you will be needing (meals are free for dorm students' immediate family), and the specific teachers you would like to meet with.**

Because many of you may not be able to join us this year, teachers will also be available for phone or zoom meetings on Sunday the 11th from 11:00 – 1:00 central time. The attached document has the information for you to contact the teacher directly to set up an appointment. Of course, we welcome your communication and questions anytime. Parent teacher conferences are not required. However, the coordinated effort between parent and school provides opportunity for greater student success.

This year, due to the current pandemic, we've made a few changes from the normal and are making some requests of you for your participation during the weekend. Most importantly, safety for all is our top priority. We have worked tirelessly this year to keep everyone well so that we can enjoy on campus learning here at Highland. Should you be planning to join us for the weekend, thank you in advance for supporting the following safety precautions.

Weekend Highlights

Friday, October 9

7:30p Senior Dedication
(Highland Church)

Sabbath, October 10

9:30a Sabbath School (Highland Church)
10:45a Church – Lunch in Café
Rest and Relaxation
6:00p Dinner
7:00p Free time with your child
Recreation in gymnasium

Sunday, October 11

8:00 – 10:00a Teachers/Staff available in their offices to meet with parents

Note: Please RSVP with Diana Drusky if you plan to attend in person.

10:00 – 10:30a Brunch in the Cafeteria

11:00a – 1:00p Parent/Teacher
Phone or Zoom Meeting

11:30a – 12:30p SAU Financial Presentation for Junior & Senior Parents in the Media Center

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS - Due to COVID-19, there are inherent risks in group gatherings. By coming to participate in weekend programming, understand that you are coming at your own risk. Please come only if you feel comfortable in doing so and are willing to support the following precautions.

- a. Masks – Must be worn while on campus when social distancing cannot be achieved. Masks are required in all academy buildings and dormitories.
- b. Social Distancing – Where possible, maintain at least six feet of distance between household units at all times.
- c. Wash hands and utilize hand sanitizer where possible.
- d. Self-Health Screening- **For the safety of all, please stay home if you can answer yes to any of the below questions.**
 - i. Do you have a fever? (temperature should not exceed 100.0 degrees)
 - ii. Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
 - iii. Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
 - iv. Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
 - v. Have you experienced a loss of taste or smell?
 - vi. Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to let us know. We consider it a blessing and an honor to serve you and your children. Thank you for partnering with us as we live out our mission of “Developing Christ-like Characters and Lifelong Learners” in our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Chadd Watkins", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Chadd Watkins
Principal