



NEWS FROM THE NEST

Newsletter published by HHS Alumni Association and the Fort Thomas Education Foundation
Summer/Fall 2019

NEW SCHOOL YEAR BRINGS EXCITING CHANGES AT HIGHLANDS

Students were welcomed back to school on August 14th to some changes and upgrades to accommodate growing enrollment and enhance security features including, band room upgrades, a new security vestibule and changes in the cafeteria. In addition, Mr. Poff's Mass Communications Suite added a new Audio Engineering Lab where students have the opportunity to record audio for film projects, rehearse speeches and hopefully a new HHS radio station!



HHS New Audio Engineering Lab



LEADER IN ME® ADDED TO TWO MORE SCHOOLS

After a successful implementation at Woodfill Elementary, both **Moyer Elementary** and **Highlands Middle School** have added the *Leader in Me*® this year. The *Leader in Me*® is Franklin Covey's whole school transformation process. It teaches 21st century leadership and life skills to students and creates a culture of student empowerment based on the idea that every child can be a leader.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING CLASSES BACK TO THE NEST THIS FALL.

1959	September 6-8
1964	September 20-22
1969	September 20-22
1979	September 20-22
1989	September 6-8
1999	September 20-22
2009	September 20-22
2014	September 6-8

PLANNING A REUNION?
LET US HELP.

NAME THE BIRD

HHS is conducting a contest to find a name for the new Bluebird Mascot. Tweet your idea to @fthhsathletics or email Kevin.Nieporte@fortthomas.kyschools.us. HHS spirit wear prize for the winner.



SAVE THE DATES

09.20.19

Homecoming & Tail
Feather Tailgate

09.22.19

Hall of Fame
Induction & Banquet

11.01.19

Alumni of the Year
Nominations Due

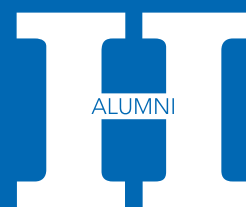
03.14.20

FTEF Annual Dance
@ NEW LOCATION

04.17.20

Alumni & Teacher
of the Year Dinner

Complete Fall sport athletic
schedules can be found at
highlandsathletics.com



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT.....

SUZANNE (VANN) JANOSICK (Class of '96)

Suzanne and her husband, Jeff, are founding members of the FTEF's new Blue Feather Society. We sat down and asked them why they wanted to contribute to the FTEF in such a meaningful and enduring way.

FTEF: When and why did you decide to move back to Fort Thomas?

Janosicks: When we found out we were pregnant with Taylor, we made a beeline to Fort Thomas because of the schools. Suzanne grew up in Fort Thomas and is a product of Johnson Elementary & Highlands High School. We never imagined how wonderful the experience would be at Moyer and how amazing the teachers and staff would be.



Suzanne and Jeff Janosick with their daughters Taylor (10) and Morgan (9), both students at Moyer Elementary.

FTEF: Why have you decided to contribute to the FTEF through monthly giving to the Blue Feather Society?

Janosicks: As we have spent time volunteering in our kids' classrooms, we have observed how the FTEF plays an integral role in helping Moyer students and teachers excel, so we decided we should help. We know that the FTEF is a big part of what makes Moyer and all the other FTIS schools great. We want to help make sure that our children and other Bluebirds

always have what they need to be great.

FTEF: What would you say to others who are considering giving to the FTEF through monthly giving?

Janosicks: By giving to the FTEF not only can you help enrich the experience and education of your kids and neighbors, you can also support the overall Fort Thomas community by continuing to improve the school's tradition of excellence which also improves your property value.

Interested supporting our mission of enhancing educational excellence? Consider joining the new **FTEF Blue Feather Society!** Monthly and annual fee options available. **Put a feather in your cap and join today!** ftef.org or 859-815-2004

We'd love to hear from YOU! If you or someone you know would like to be included in our Alumni Spotlight please email to ftef@ftef.org.

UNITED CHAMPIONS BOCCE BALL CLUB



Woodfill is one of two elementary schools in the state to launch a United Champions Bocce Ball Club. This program pairs students with disabilities with non-disabled students on a newly constructed Bocce Court on the front lawn. We can't wait to go watch a match.

JOHNSON ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



Construction of the new Johnson Elementary at 1180 North Fort Thomas Avenue continues. During the summer demolition was completed and the two beloved trees in front of the library building came down and moved to a local sawmill. Plans to use the wood as detail for the new school are underway.

BRIEFS & BRAVOS

ACADEMIC

SCHOOL ACCOLADES

2019 Best Public High Schools
#1 in Kentucky by *niche.com*

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Class of 2019 earned over \$14.2 million dollars in scholarships to over 70 universities and 50 different organizations.

PERFECT ACT SCORES:

Maria Broering
Noah Cooley
Adam Groneck
Alex Harrison
Zoe Poff
Margot Seidel

HHS Theatre Program received
11 Cappie awards
23 Cappie nominations

Henry Campbell named WCPO Regional
Spelling Bee Champion (HMS 7th grader)

GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS

Governor's Scholars:

Tyler Brown
Sawyer Depp
Amy Herfel
Austin Hyder
Hiren Lemma
Mehryn Toole
Davis Recht
Abigail Verst

Governor's School for the Arts:
Wyatt Richards

Governor's School for Entrepreneurs:

Molly Bucher
Megan Farney
Dave Herfel
Elizabeth Roeding

ATHLETIC

BOYS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Finished 3rd in the State of Kentucky for the 2nd straight year (top Public School in KY)

Finished Runner-Up in Combined Team in the State of Kentucky (top Public School in KY)

2019 Boys Region 7 Champions (2nd straight year)

2019 Region 7 Combined Team Champions (8th straight year)

Ranked 8th in the nation in the NISCA National Boys Dual Meet Team Rankings

GIRLS SWIMMING AND DIVING

Finished 17th in the State of Kentucky

Finished Runner-Up in Combined Team in the State of Kentucky (top Public School in KY)

2019 Region 7 Girls Team – 3rd Place

2019 Region 7 Combined Team Champions (8th straight year)

Ranked 23rd in the nation in the NISCA National Girls Dual Meet Team Rankings

SOFTBALL

36th District Champions

9th Region semifinalist



BOYS TRACK & FIELD

2019 AA Regional Champions

GIRLS' TRACK & FIELD

2019 AA Regional Champions

2019 AA State Track and Field Meet - 10th Place

BOYS TENNIS

Team Record (Season) 17-1

Peter Laskey- State Qualifier

GIRLS TENNIS

Both Doubles teams advance to 2nd round of Regionals (Samantha McKinley & Megan Benzing, Helen Halbauer & Rachel Hoffman)

BASEBALL

36th District Champions

9th Region Runner-Up

GIRLS BOWLING

Region Semifinalist

State Tournament Qualifier
Elite 8 Finish

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2019 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

John Bankemper, Nicole Muehlenkamp Cherry, Debbie Reed Keefe, Megan Arnzen Krieg, Jared Lorenzen, Mark McEntire, Coach Dale Mueller, John Schlarman, Derek Smith, Milt Walz, Team of Distinction is the 1993-94 Girls Basketball Team.

Highlands High School Alumni Association
P.O. Box 75090
Fort Thomas, Kentucky 41075

Non-profit
U.S. Postage
PAID
Newport, KY
Permit No. 280

HHS Center for College
and Career Readiness is
searching for business and
industry leaders to share
information with current
high school students
interested in your field.
If you are interested go to
careervisit.hhsbirds.com

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS: Do you know an HHS Alumni who has done great things?
Nominate him/her for the 2020 Alumni of the Year. Nominations are due 11/01/19. ftf.org or 859-815-2004

H

HIGHLANDS HOMECOMING
TAIL FEATHER
20 **TAILGATE** 19

HIGHLANDS VS. RYLE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

GYMNASIUM PLAZA & AVENUE OF CHAMPIONS



LIVE MUSIC
FREE FOOD & DRINKS
FUN ACTIVITIES FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY
EVERYONE WELCOME!

