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**What's Kicking**  
December



*Letter from The President*

HG Families...Happy Holidays! I hope you all are surviving the hustle and bustle that seems to go hand in hand with holiday preparations, exams, and traveling. As this edition of "What's Kicking" is bit overdue, I will be the first to admit that I'm a little buried! I know we all often say, "Where does the time go?" Thankfully, Highland Girls has been on an hiatus...that will change January 3rd! Our big event in December was The HG Holiday Party which was wonderfully Whoville and spectacularly Seussical! I enjoyed spending time with the team and loved seeing them dressed up, laughing and being together.



There is a good deal of information in this issue of "What's Kicking?". Much of it is related to competition season. Please read thoroughly. I wish you and your family a safe and blessed holiday.

**HIGHLAND GIRLS HELPING HANDS!**



**Jennifer Barrett and Jessica Cribbs**—Thank you for an amazing Holiday Party. Stonebridge Church was transformed into a magical and special night. You both had every detail covered from food to decor to entertainment to Santa to party favors—basically from Cindy Lou Who-to-the Grinch. So impressive. I hear a rumor that next year there may be a sequel—Whoville TWO!

**Lynsay Donica**—Thank you for bringing Whoville to life. The decorations were outstanding and creative. It's hard to take a space that big and a budget that's smallish and do so much.

**Natalie Porter and Mandy Neat**—Thank you for organizing and getting all the food. We had so many yummy goodies and Torchy's and the gigantic chocolate fountain were big hits.

**Amy McDaniel**—Thank you for getting the awesome photo booth and DJ for the Holiday Party. The entertainment was non-stop!

**Alison Henderson**—Thank you for being at every HG event and taking pictures and capturing memories. Also, thank you for hosting the Holiday HG Board Meeting in your beautiful home.

**Jena McCrann and Jodie Stanley**—Thank you for doing a "round two" of spirit wear and for designing such fun holiday items. Our spirit wear this year has raised more money than was budgeted! Kudos!

**Carla Lukas and Rose Erickson**—Thank you for the phenomenal ONGOING game day treats. It's a real labor of love to do treats for 75! Basketball treats were fun and festive.



## **In Preparation for Competition!**

Competition season will be upon us before you know it. We will review and discuss much of the specifics at the 1/10 Mandatory Parent Meeting. A couple of things to think about:

**HG Wardrobe.** All girls will need:

1. The team warmup jacket and pants
2. Blacks in top condition—no runs, holes etc
3. Red alignment belt in good condition
4. Mary Janes that are in good condition—no tape
5. Keds in good condition—can NOT be taped
6. Field Uniform with all buttons
7. White Field uniform blouse and dickey
8. Nude hose and white socks
9. And all hair supplies, red lipstick, hair ribbons

If you are missing any of these items, we can help you locate a source for purchase. Please take inventory NOW! Many items have to be ordered online and shipped. Do not wait. If you have wardrobe questions, please contact Brigid Russiff at [brigidbmr@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbmr@hotmail.com) or myself.

**Tryouts.** Tryouts for competition dances begin this week. The girls might be a little rusty as it's been awhile since they have had tryouts. Remind them to check their bag for all their practice gear, to breathe and to remember that there are 3 dances and alternates are important. We used 9 alternates in our Football Kick Dance! You never know when you will be needed so work hard always.

**Practice.** Red Day Morning practices begin bright and early on 1/3. There will also be Saturday practice on 1/28. Officer Practice will be held on Green Days.

**Chaperones.** I will be looking for chaperones for each competition. We need 2 7th grade parents and 3 8th grade parents (one is a floater) and 1 Officer parent per competition. This is a big commitment because you are there from start to finish and for Clear Springs, you also ride the bus. It is a very long day but also one of the most fun things I have done with HG.

### **Communication Reminders:**

- 1) Parents: Please check email. Most communications will come via email. Everyone should have “verified” their emails on 8/9 at the Parent Meeting.
- 2) Sign up for Ms Gilmore’s “Remind 101”. Text to: 81010. Message: @hg201617
- 3) Visit the HG website—[www.mcchighlandgirls.com](http://www.mcchighlandgirls.com).



### **Missing Items**

If your HG has misplaced an article of clothing or accessory, Please:

- 1) Encourage your child to reach out to those who have lockers or change around them. You can use the directory to email people individually
- 2) Email Brigid Russiff, Secretary, at [brigidbmr@hotmail.com](mailto:brigidbmr@hotmail.com). Include your contact info and a description of the item. Brigid will periodically sent out a “missing items” email.
- 3) PLEASE DO NOT blast email the HG community—blast emails are reserved for the Director, President and Secretary. Thank you

## **Mark Your Calendars**

Please take note!



**12/15 Competition Kick Tryouts in G4**

**1/3 Red Day Morning Practice Starts. Athletic Doors at McC**

**1/3 Competition Fees due for solos, duets and ensembles. Instructions went home with HG**

**1/6 (Thursday) 6:30 Mandatory Board Meeting. Location TBD**

**1/10 (Tuesday) 6:00 Mandatory Parent Meeting LGI @ McC**

**1/13 (Friday) Solo, Duet and Ensemble Costume Approval. Print picture and give to Ms. Gilmore.**

**1/28 (Saturday) 8:30-12:30 HG Practice McC. Officers stay until 3:00.**

**2/11 (Saturday) 7:00am-10:00pm HG Competition Oakridge (No buses)**

**2/13 (Monday) Valentine's Party during morning practice**

**2/25 (Saturday) Time TBD HG Competition Clear Springs HS (Buses provided)**

**3/26 (Sunday) HG Banquet at The Woodlands Country Club. Time TBD. Thank you Alison Henderson.**

**4/6 (Thursday) 5:30-7:30 HG Kendra Scott Night—Kendra Scott will donate 20% of purchases that evening. Just in time for the Easter Holiday! Thanks Jena McCrann for organizing this fun event.**

## **IMPORTANT INFO**

**Lon Larsen Photography.** With your HG dues, you have access to all the team photos. Here is login info (this was also sent in a previous email):

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Above is the access Password for this year.

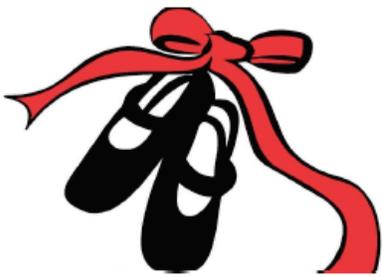
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Here are the instructions to getting the original photo for reproduction:

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***As always, I thank all of you for your ongoing offers of help and support. If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, please don't hesitate to email me at [president@mcchighlandgirls.com](mailto:president@mcchighlandgirls.com)***

**Please continue reading to celebrate this month's Big Sister/Little Sister/Twin Featured Families!**



# Big Sister/ Little Sister/Twin Family Corner

*Learn more about our special Highland Girls!*

## **Hannah Coleman and Irene Sunderland**

These sisters both love to dance. They are also both night owls, and both just stay up late on nights before a red day. Both sisters would love to hang out with Kylie Jenner. These sisters are the youngest in their family. Hannah has one older sibling and Irene has three older siblings. Hannah's theme song for her life is If I Were You and Irene's is the Friend's Theme Song.



## **Madie Byrd and Georgia Thorpe**

These twins both love Highland Girls. Madie also enjoys art and researching random things. They are both night owls. Georgia goes to sleep the night before a red day by turning the brightness down on her phone, and Madie likes to listen to good music before she falls asleep. Georgia would like to hang out with Selena Gomez, and Madie would like to hang out with 5 Seconds of Summer. These twins are both the youngest in their family and both have two siblings. Madie's theme song for her life is Like I Would by Zayn Malik and Georgia's is the iCarly Theme Song.

## **Justine Lussier and Ella Ogden**

Both sisters love to dance. Justine is a night owl and stay on her phone until she falls asleep on nights before a red day. Ella is an early bird. Ella would like to hang out with Meghan Trainor, and Justine would hang out with Dylan O'Brian. Both sisters are the middle child in their family. Justine has two siblings and Ella has three. Ella's theme song for her life is Me Too and Justine's is Hit or Miss.



## **Isabel Pimienta and Shelby Smith**

For hobbies, these twins share dancing and shopping. Shelby is a night owl and Isabel is a night owl and an early bird. On the night before a red day, Shelby does her homework until she gets tired, and Isabel has her mom tell her to go to sleep. Shelby would love to hang out with Ariana Grande, and Isabel would hang out with Simone Biles. Shelby is the middle child in her family and has two siblings. Isabel is the youngest in her family and has four siblings. Isabel's theme song for her life is Happy and Shelby's is the Grey's Anatomy Theme Song.

