



Heartland Lutheran High School

# HAPPENINGS

September 2015

## Upcoming Events:

Sept. 8—First home volleyball match of the season

Sept. 11—First home football game of the season.

Sept. 12—Campus work day

Sept. 19—Red Hornet Golf Scramble

Sept. 23—Blood Drive

Sept. 26—HLHS Volleyball Tournament

Sept. 28—Delegate Meeting

**Heartland Lutheran High School provides a Christ-centered education equipping young men and women for excellence in learning, service and leadership.**



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## Quilts & Cars



**Sunday, October 4**

Everyone is invited to attend this new event at Heartland Lutheran High School from noon to 4 pm on October 4. Quilts and Cars will feature a car show in the front parking lot and a quilt show in the school commons. A quilt auction will also be a key feature of the event.

Heartland Lutheran High School has hosted a number of fall events over the past years including September Fest, Fall Fest and Falling Leaves Festival in 2014. Quilts and Cars is a replacement and transformation of this fall event. Attendees will still be able to buy cookies on the cookie walk and feast on great food including pulled-pork sandwiches, burgers, popcorn and much more.

## October Fun!

Quilts and Cars isn't the only thing happening in October. The HLHS band will march in the Harvest of Harmony Parade on October 3. We will also have an entry in the parade as we will drive our new bus and have students, parents and volunteers walk along with the bus, handing out HLHS pencils, stickers, and more!

The first full week in October is Homecoming Week. Students will participate in dress up days and all kinds of fun events. The week will feature a home volleyball match on Thursday evening, the Home-

Of course, the car show is a brand new piece of this event. Awards will be given in 14 different categories including the three highest awards: Best in Show, People's Choice Award and the HLHS Student Choice Award. All attendees will be able to vote once and can purchase additional votes to make sure their car wins the

People's Choice Award. The quilt show will work in a very similar fashion and awards will be given in 9 categories, including the same top three. Entry forms for the car show and quilt show can be obtained through the school office or on our website, [www.heartlandlutheran.org](http://www.heartlandlutheran.org).

All proceeds from this event go to support the HLHS Tuition Assistance Fund. More than \$60,000 in tuition assistance was awarded to families who demonstrated financial need this year. These funds allow people who would otherwise not be able to afford HLHS to enroll their students. The ability to pay full tuition is not a criteria for enrollment.

Find more information about Quilts and Cars at the HLHS website: [www.heartlandlutheran.org](http://www.heartlandlutheran.org).

coming Friday football game vs. Palmer, and the Homecoming Dance on Saturday evening.

All alumni are invited to a gathering which will take place in the HLHS Commons after the football game on Oct. 9.

All who are of grandparent age are invited to the annual Red Hornet Grandparents Day which will be held at HLHS on Oct. 20.

HLHS will again be hosting a Reformation Service on October 31. We hope to see you there!

# Task Force Is Studying Adding Grades

Heartland Lutheran High School has formed a task force to study the possibility of adding grades to the school. The task force has formulated surveys and interview questions to use as part of the investigation. The surveys will be distributed to a number of groups in September, including association congregations.

For many years, people have talked about whether or not HLHS should include a middle school. Much of this conversation is based on the fact that both Grand Island Central Catholic and Lincoln Lutheran begin at 6th grade. Many people have wondered if adding middle school or even elementary school grades would benefit the operation and sustenance of HLHS.

In addition to sending out and collecting surveys, the task force plans to interview more than 30 key people. Those to be interviewed include Lutheran elementary school principals, pastors, church leaders, and community leaders. The task force hopes to have compiled the surveys and completed the interviews by the end of October, at which point they will present the information to the Board of Directors.

Two Town Hall Meetings have been scheduled to give church and community members and opportunity to voice their opinions as part of this investigation. Anyone who desires to should join us on Monday, Oct. 12 or Tuesday, Oct. 13 for these town hall meetings.

The task force will not make any recommendations. The Board will have the responsibility of deciding how to use the information. The feedback from this process will tell us to drop the idea of adding grades, encourage us to pursue it as part of our long-term strategic plan, or reveal that the idea needs further study.

This is only a study. No decisions have been made. The leadership of HLHS wants to make sure that this would benefit HLHS without hurting in any way the association congregations or area Lutheran elementary/middle schools.

If you have any questions about this process, please feel free to contact Executive Director/Principal Curtis Wudtke through the school office or at [principal@heartlandlutheran.org](mailto:principal@heartlandlutheran.org).

## Athletics

The Red Hornet Volleyball program is now being led by Carli Lindeman. Carli is a recent graduate of Concordia University Nebraska where she was an all-star libero on the Bulldogs team. Carli's husband is currently a DCE intern at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Island. Carli has the girls working well and getting ready for their first match which is at Palmer on September 3. Twenty girls are participating in volleyball this fall.



Coach Preston Gehle is leading the Red Hornets Football program for the 3rd year. Their first game is at SEM while their first home game of the season is on September 11 vs. Red Cloud. The Red Hornet roster includes 19 players for this fall.

HLHS sponsors a middle school football team called the "Stingers." Mostly made up of students from Trinity Lutheran School in Grand Island and Zion Lutheran School in Hastings, the team has a record number of players this year. The Stingers play at HLHS on Monday evenings with their first home game being on September 14.

Volunteers have been working to build a new press box/concession stand for the football field. The walls are up and the windows and roof will go up soon. We hope to have it ready for the first home game.

Taylor Zehendner is the lone Red Hornet playing on the softball team that we co-op with GI Central Catholic, Wood River, and Doniphan-Trumbull. Taylor is the starting 2nd base player and is off to a great start this season!



## News & Updates

Come and see us at the State Fair. Buy your Village Pie Maker pie at our booth in the Five Points Bank Arena. We thank all of the volunteers who are helping this year with the booth!

HLHS has purchased more laptops for students to use as the school has moved away from. Students may bring their own laptop or tablet from home to use during the school day.

Lettering has been placed on the new HLHS bus which now features our logo! The bus will be used to transport participants to athletic events, speech competitions, music festivals, field trips and more!

Donate blood at HLHS on September 23 as our National Honor Society hosts their first blood drive of the year!



There is still time to register for the September 19th Red Hornet Golf Scramble that benefits the HLHS athletics and activities programs. The tournament will begin with an 8:30 shotgun start and is held at Indianhead Golf Course. You can register by calling the school office or going online to [www.heartlandlutheran.org](http://www.heartlandlutheran.org).