



HIGHLAND PREP WEST THE HORNET HYPE

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS IS OFFICIALLY OPEN

As we quickly approach the end of the school year, we are excited to announce our summer camps are officially open for registration. The following summer camps will be available: cheer, women's volleyball, football, men's soccer, aerial drones, VEX robotics, and pep band. Summer camp days will be held from Monday to Thursday.



Information about each camp such as specific dates, times, and fees can be found on each registration form. Registration forms are available online at highlandprepwest.org/summer-camps/. If you have any further questions, please email ssroupe@highlandprepaz.org.



Message from the Principal

Dear HPW Families,

It is with a grateful heart that we mark the end of the third quarter at The Hive. February was designated as a month of appreciation, and our National Honor Society organized two successful events—"Cards for a Cause," where students created cards for local heroes like police, firefighters, and HPW teachers, and the popular "Crush your Crush" fundraiser, where students purchased a Crush soda and wrote a message for a friend.

Over the last month, we also wrapped up and celebrated our winter sports seasons before beginning baseball, softball, and track. Our winter BBQ brought students and staff together to enjoy activities like tie-dying, face painting, yard games, and bracelet making, capped off by a successful cakewalk. Students completed their college research assignments by completing surveys that matched careers based on interests and matched colleges based on their career options. Our incoming freshmen completed placement testing and are now preparing for course registration on March 23rd.

In the fourth quarter, freshmen will complete the ACT Aspire, students will attend spring ECAP meetings, we will host our spring BBQ, and finish with our end-of-year assembly and dance. I look forward to finishing out this year strong, thanks to the amazing support of our HPW staff, teachers, and Hornet families.

Sincerely,
Sharon Pozzi
Principal

School Calendar

MARCH 2024

3/1 Winter BBQ
3/4 Visual Arts Showcase
3/11-3/15 Spring Break (No School)
3/23 Future Freshman Course Registration
3/27 Academic Awards Assembly

MAY 2024

5/9 Spring Band & Choir Concert
5/13 Visual Arts Showcase
5/20 Academic Awards Banquet
5/22-23 Finals
5/23 Last Day of School

APRIL 2024

4/2 ACT Aspire Test (9th Grade)
4/13 Glendale SeaPerch Competition
4/19 Spring BBQ
4/26 Spring Holiday (No School)
4/30 HP Academies Science Fair

SUMMER 2024

6/3-6/27 Summer School: Session 1
6/3-6/27 Future Freshmen Academy: Math
7/8-7/25 Summer School: Session 2
7/8-7/25 Future Freshmen Academy: Reading
8/5 First Day of School

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



SPRING NHS INDUCTIONS

Congratulations to all of our new inductees who were recognized in our recent spring National Honor Society induction ceremony. NHS serves to recognize students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. We are so proud to have more of our Hornets join the honorable organization.



COLLEGE RESEARCH ASSIGNMENT

Although our students are only freshmen and sophomores, we had them complete an assignment known as the college research assignment. Essentially, the assignment is given to gear students early for college and help them start narrowing down their interest in career fields and colleges.

EXTRACURRICULAR SCHEDULE:

MONDAY

CHESS, C111

YOUTH ALIVE, C206

STUDENT COUNCIL, C107

TUESDAY

PERSONAL FITNESS, C102

SEAPERCH, C104

YEARBOOK, C205

THURSDAY

NHS, C210

SPORTS CLUB, GYM

ART CLUB, C111

YEARBOOK, C109

SHOW CHOIR (AND
TUESDAYS), C202

CROCHET CLUB, C206

FRIDAY

BOOK CLUB, C110

ANIME CLUB, C106

STEM DIGEST

PLANT & BACTERIA CELLS THROUGH A MICROSCOPE

Mr.DeDecker's honors biology students looked through microscopes to identify the similarities and differences between plant cells and bacteria cells. When asked about the lab, Mr.DeDecker explained how many of the students were astonished to see how clear the differences were when it came to looking at them through a microscope. Some of the most notable differences students found were the geometric shapes of plant cells and the chaos and stain of the bacteria cells.



SPRING OPEN HOUSE & STEM SHOWCASE

We opened our doors to many current and future Hornet families for our Spring Open House & STEM Showcase. The evening consisted of families taking a tour around the school and learning more about what goes inside HPW classrooms. Our teachers conducted interactive STEM activities as well as chatted to any families who had any questions. We also had performances from our amazing show choir, beginning choir, and beginning band.



LAUNCHING GLIDERS IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Our aerospace engineering students launched their own gliders to see what could be the farthest distance they could reach. Students worked in pairs to construct their glider from scratch and were given the task of being able to efficiently build a glider that could glide the farthest. Once they were done, they tested their gliders as a class.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

VALENTINE'S DAY WEEK

The week of Valentine's Day at the Hive was definitely one to remember. Not only did our Chief Science Officers, better known as CSO's, lead a successful STEM week, but NHS' Crush your Crush fundraiser was a total hit. For Valentine's STEM Week, CSO's hosted different STEM-related activities during lunch for students to participate in. As for NHS' Crush your Crush fundraiser, NHS members sold Crush soda cans for students to give to a special someone on Valentine's Day. NHS donated all proceeds that were sold from the fundraiser to the Phoenix Children's Hospital.



FINE ARTS ASSEMBLY

We recently held our 3rd quarter Fine Arts Assembly. Ms.Locke directed performances from beginning choir, beginning band, and show choir. Beginning choir performed "Don't Stop Believin", "This is Me", "Pure Imagination", and "Sway". Show Choir performed "The Star-Spangled Banner", "Wonderful Life", and "Golden Hour". Beginning band performed "Processional Dance", "Sanserani", "Russian Folk Song", and "Frog Song". When asked about the Fine Arts Assembly, Ms.Locke said, "I am incredibly proud of them. Students have really gotten out of their comfort zone considering this is most of student's first time singing or playing an instrument."

ATHLETICS

TRACK & FIELD SEASON OFF TO A GREAT START

We are extremely proud of our HPW Track and Field team who recently participated in the Small Schools Invitational Track Meet. They all worked really hard and a special shout out to Jordan Jefferson who is currently 3rd in his division for the field- shot put. When asked about the season so far, track & field member, Celia Madril, shared, “Our team has shown great improvement from last season. Everyone in the team takes it seriously and is extremely supportive of one another. We have a lot of fun bonding during track meets.”



BIG GOALS FOR THE SOFTBALL TEAM

Our softball team is still early in the season with only having had their first few games, but they certainly have big goals for the 2024-2025 season. When asked about their performance so far, catcher Carley Totin, expressed, “We have honestly been working really good as a team these last few games. I would say the main things we need to practice on are sliding and batting. I have been especially impressed with Kaylee, Valerie, and Bianca.”

SPORTS SCHEDULE:

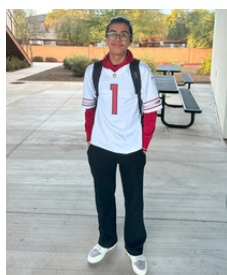
Softball	3/18/2024	3:45 PM	Trevor G. Browne	Trevor G. Browne High School
Softball	3/20/2024	4:00 PM	Tolleson Union	Tolleson High School
Softball	3/26/2024	3:45 PM	Shadow Ridge	Shadow Ridge High School
Baseball	3/27/2024	4:00 PM	Thunderbird	Thunderbird High School
Softball	3/28/2024	3:45 PM	Millenium	Millenium High School
Softball	4/1/2024	3:45 PM	Westwood	Westwood High School
Baseball	4/1/2024	4:00 PM	Moon Valley	Moon Valley High School
Baseball	4/3/2024	4:00 PM	Arizona Lutheran	Arizona Lutheran Academy
Softball	4/3/2024	4:00 PM	Arizona Lutheran	Arizona Lutheran Academy
Baseball	4/8/2024	3:00 PM	San Tan Charter	San Tan Charter High School



HAPPENINGS @ HPW

WINTER BBQ

We hosted our annual Winter BBQ for students and faculty to enjoy. Students ate burgers and hung out with friends. Our Hornets had tables set out for students to get their face painted and make friendship bracelets. They were also able to participate in different student and staff-led activities such as adopting a rubber ducky and possibly winning a special prize, finding eggs in the egg hunt, tie-dyeing cool shirts, playing yard games, and winning a cake during the cake walk.



FOOTBALL JERSEY DAY

In celebration of Super Bowl weekend, we invited our students to sport their favorite football team's apparel the Friday before the Super Bowl. Many of our Hornets took advantage of the day and sported their favorite jerseys!

Upcoming Dates at the Hive:

- 3/11-3/15: Spring Break (No School)
- 3/25-3/28: Spring Spirit Week
- 3/28: Spring Pep Assembly
- 4/2: ACT Aspire (Freshmen) Testing



Highland Prep West
2023-2024 Academic Calendar

July S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	August S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	October S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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First Day of Quarter
 Finals/Last Day of Quarter
 Holiday/Break

First Quarter Days 43

August	01	First Day - First Quarter
September	04	Labor Day
September	29	Last Day - First Quarter
October	02-06	Fall Break

Second Quarter Days 46

October	09	First Day - Second Quarter
November	10	Veterans Day
November	22-24	Thanksgiving
December	15	Last Day - Second Quarter
Dec / Jan	18-03	Winter Break

Third Quarter Days 46

January	03	First Day - Third Quarter
January	15	Martin Luther King Day
February	19	Presidents Day
March	08	Last Day - Third Quarter
March	11-15	Spring Break

Fourth Quarter Days 47

March	18	First Day - Fourth Quarter
March	29	Spring Holiday
April	26	
May	23	Last Day - Fourth Quarter

School Events

August	Parent Academy
September	Fall Open House
February	Spring Open House

Teacher Start/End Dates

July	25	Teachers Start Date
May	31	Teachers End Date

In-service - No Students Days

All Staff In-service	5
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Early Release Days - 1:30 pm Days

Professional Learning Community (PLC)	26
Teacher In-service/Work/Grades	4

Student Coursework Testing Days Days

Midterms	4
Progress Reports	4
*Finals	4
*Finals/Last Day of Quarter	4

Blackout/Mandatory Attendance Dates

September	25-29	March	04-08
December	11-15	May	20-23

See Student Handbook

State Testing Dates

Please see Assessment Calendar available on Canvas.
HPW School Calendar will be modified to accommodate State Testing Calendar.

Special Dates

40th Student Day -	September	26 2023
100th Student Day -	January	18 2024