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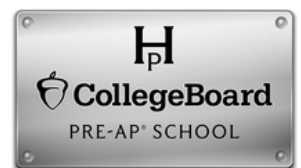
ACADEMIC CALENDAR

HPW EARNS 1ST COGNIA STEM SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION

We are pleased to share Highland Prep West and Highland Prep Academies are the first network of schools to earn Cognia STEM Systems Certification in the world. Highland Prep West and Highland Prep Academies participated in a STEM system review. In conducting the review, Dr. Angela Chomokos supported by Dr. Mike Jeffers found



the noteworthy practice to be: Highland Prep Academies has a rigorous academic program rooted in STEM college-preparatory practices. The Highland Prep Cross-Cutting Competencies Framework of collaborative problem-solving skills, technology and information literacy, thinking and metacognitive skills, and studying and learning skills throughout all curricular areas that led to 100% of its graduating seniors accepted into a 4-year college or university for the past 6 years.



Message from the Principal

Dear HPW Families,

As we enter the final quarter of the school year, our Hornets continue to shine brightly in their academic pursuits and school involvement. Whether it's through sports, clubs, volunteer work, or simply embodying what it means to be a Hornet, our students never cease to inspire us.

Freshmen course registration was a tremendous success, with Highland Prep West emerging as the school of choice for families in the Avondale, Goodyear, Tolleson, and Buckeye areas. We are delighted to welcome 170 incoming freshmen for the 2024-2025 school year, with a record number of students on our waitlist.

This month, our Seaperch members are gearing up for two exciting competitions in San Diego and Glendale. Our talented teams have been hard at work crafting their underwater robotics for this thrilling event. In addition to our STEM successes, our arts programs continue to shine. Our art programs are preparing for their spring showcase, while our music programs are gearing up for their end-of-year concert.

Our students truly excel in all areas, and we are so proud of their hard work and dedication. Thank you for being a part of our Highland Prep community and supporting our students on their journey to success.

Sincerely,
Sharon Pozzi
Principal

School Calendar

APRIL 2024

4/2 ACT Aspire Test (9th Grade)
4/6 San Diego SeaPerch Competition
4/13 Glendale SeaPerch Competition
4/26 Spring Holiday (No School)
4/30 HP Academies Science Fair

MAY 2024

5/3 Spring BBQ
5/9 Spring Band & Choir Concert
5/13 Visual Arts Showcase
5/22-5/23 Finals
5/23 Last Day of School

SUMMER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMPS 2024

6/3-6/27	Summer School: Session 1	7/15-7/18	Women's Volleyball Camp
6/3-6/27	Future Freshmen Academy: Math	7/15-7/25	Men's Soccer Camp
7/8-7/25	Summer School: Session 2	7/15-7/25	Football Camp
7/8-7/25	Future Freshmen Academy: Reading	7/22-7/25	Cheer Camp
7/15-7/18	VEX Robotics Camp	7/22-7/25	Pep Band Camp

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all of our Hornets who were recognized in our recent Academic Awards Assembly. We recognized our students who received honor roll and principal's list for their performance in the 3rd quarter. Honor roll students were those who earned a 3.5-3.9 GPA, while principal's list students were those who earned a GPA of 4.0 and above.



SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Mariela Gonzalez, Youth & Community Engagement Coordinator for the city of Avondale presented information on AviTEMP (Avondale Teen Employment Mentorship Program) to our 10th graders. The program provides Avondale youth with a 7-week paid summer internship.

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

SEAPERCH ROBOTICS TRAVEL TO SAN DIEGO COMPETITION

Our SeaPerch teams are off to San Diego for their upcoming SeaPerch competition. A total of 11 students will be competing in this competition including: Isabella Rendon, Xavius Chin, Clara Bradford, Francisco Mayen, Lorenzo Recto, Michael Sullivan, Iysis Sherwood, Wyatt Pifer, Jenson Mallinger, Ruth Fry, and Maya Frias. When asked about the competition, sophomore, Clara Bradford said, “We’re super excited! We’re hoping we bring back our first SeaPerch trophy.”



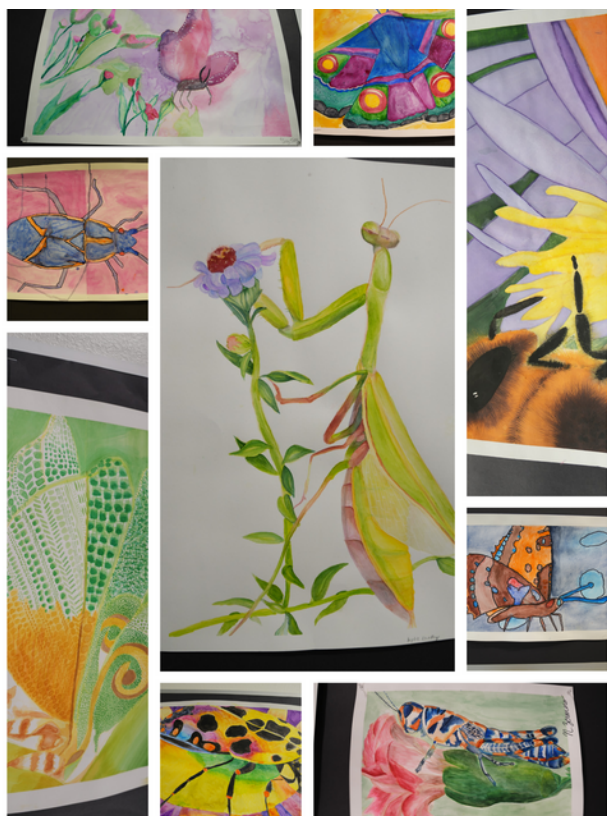
GAS LAWS SIMULATION IN CHEMISTRY

Gas Law simulations model the understanding of gas laws and the variable changes associated with them. Students predicted the pressure, volume, number of moles, and temperature given a change in one of the other variables. Students were able to predict the mathematical relationships between the variables and use equations to calculate them.

RISE UP BALLOON LAB IN HONORS BIOLOGY

The “Rise Up” lab used balloons, sugar, and yeast to teach our honors biology students a visual indication of the cellular respiration process. Students use 3 bottles or test tubes to run the experiment, with 2 of the 3 acting as control groups. The experimental bottle uses yeast in the presence of sugar to blow up the balloon. The diameter of the balloon increased, which the students then measured to get an idea of how much the yeast was respiring.





CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

WATERCOLOR INSECTS

Our art students in Ms. Williams' class were introduced to the art of watercolor in their latest project focusing on watercolor insects. Students were given the liberty of choosing what insect they wanted to do for this project. They started by sketching the insect and then followed by using watercolor to start painting. Sophomore, Kylie Durphy (painter of the piece in the center), says, "It was a really cool project. Most of us went for the insects that were the most colorful so the watercolor effect would appear best. Ms. Williams also taught us how to crop to be able to concentrate on the focal points of the image."

UPCOMING FUNDRAISERS



WATER/SUNSCREEN DRIVE

National Honor Society will be hosting a water and sunscreen drive to support local shelters in need. The drive starts April 15th and will last up until April 26th. To make it extra exciting, we will have a competition between our 9th and 10th graders to see which grade can raise the most items and win an extended lunch.



SPLIT THE POT RAFFLE

Student Council is currently hosting a Split the Pot Raffle where students will have the chance to leave with half the total money raised. The cool thing about this raffle is that the more entries we get, the more the pot grows. Students will have the chance to win big and at the same time help support Student Council.

ATHLETICS

RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR HPW TRACK & FIELD

Our track and field team has been continuing to score awards this 2023-2024 season. They have received several recognitions such as Emilia Medina who came in 2nd place in the 1600 meter, Jonathan Mack who received 3rd place in the 3200 meter, and Jordan Jefferson who is currently 13th place for shot put in the entire state of Arizona. When asked about the season, Coach Blain says, “I’m really proud of the team. It’s amazing to see they’re winning awards against varsity level teams and they are all only freshmen and sophomores.”



BASEBALL PROGRAM HAS SHOWN GREAT IMPROVEMENT

The Highland Prep West baseball season has improved significantly from last year, starting out strong with their first win in the team’s history. Baseball coach Orlando says, “There is a lot to learn and a lot of experience to be made. Pitchers Lincoln Blanco, Evan Rodriguez, and Quincy Trice have shown exponential growth in their short experience on the mound. I’m excited to witness the future growth of this program and see the team succeed.”



SPORTS SCHEDULE:

Baseball	4/8/2024	3:00 PM	San Tan Charter	San Tan Charter High School
Baseball	4/15/2024	3:45 PM	Cortez	Cortez High School
Softball	4/17/2024	4:00 PM	Moon Valley	Moon Valley High School
Softball	4/18/2024	3:45 PM	Westwood	Westwood High School
Baseball	4/18/2024	4:00 PM	Moon Valley	Moon Valley High School
Track & Field	4/20/2024		Bubba Nielsen Classic	Payson High School

HAPPENINGS @ HPW

INCOMING FRESHMEN COURSE REGISTRATION

We welcomed future freshmen families to the Hive for our recent incoming freshmen course registration. Students started by signing in at the gym and were then directed to a student volunteer who would give them a tour of the campus. During the campus tour, families got the opportunity to visit classrooms and watch SeaPerch students test their ROVs. After the tour, families had the chance to browse HPW clubs, summer camps, and sports.



ECAP MEETINGS ARE COMING UP

ECAP (Education and Career Plan) meetings are right around the corner. For this ECAP meeting, students will be choosing their courses for the 2024-2025 school year. In being a STEM school, students will move on to their next math and engineering courses as well as be given the choice of what elective they would like to have. As our school is growing, we are excited to introduce new STEM subjects to our Hornets. All in all, it is crazy to believe our first HPW class will be entering their junior year.



SPRING SPIRIT WEEK FOR 4/8-4/12:

Monday



Pajama Day

Tuesday



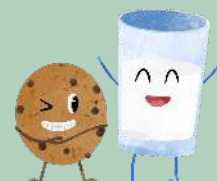
Dress As
Your Type

Wednesday



We Wear Pink

Thursday



Dynamic Duos

Friday



Hornet
Spirit Day

Highland Prep West
2023-2024 Academic Calendar

July	August	September	October
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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
		Instructional Days 182

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

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