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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

HPW SEAPERCH TEAM OFF TO MARYLAND FOR NATIONALS

We would like to congratulate our incredible SeaPerch robotics team on qualifying for Nationals! Their dedication, hard work, and passion for robotics have paid off, and we could not be prouder. This achievement is a testament to the team's determination and innovative spirit this season. The 2024 International SeaPerch Challenge will take



place on May 31 and June 1, 2024, at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland. This year's theme is "Deep-Sea Exploration," and the competition will feature teams who have built an underwater remotely operated vehicle (ROV) to explore the harsh environments surrounding hydrothermal vents. Ruth Fry, Maya Frias, and Iysis Sherwood will be staying at the University of Maryland dorms and competing in the four events including an obstacle and mission course.



Message from the Principal

Dear HPW Families,

As we approach the last few days of the semester, I want to pause to celebrate all the remarkable achievements we've accomplished together. I am deeply grateful for our students, staff, and families and their dedication and support.

Our Hornets have excelled in recent events like the STEM Science Fair, Seaperch Tournaments, Spring Band and Choir Concert, and Visual Art Showcase. Thank you to our HPW parents and families for entrusting us with the education of your children and for your unwavering support in helping our students succeed.

As we gear up for the end of the semester, our students are focused on their end-of-course assessments. They're also looking ahead to the 2024-2025 school year, attending ECAP meetings and registering for next year's courses.

This time of year encourages reflection on our past achievements and anticipation of the goals we've set for the future. I wish our students, staff, and families a fantastic end to the semester and a restful, joyous summer.

Sincerely,
Sharon Pozzi
Principal

School Calendar

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

JULY 2024

7/15-7/18	Women's Volleyball Camp
7/15-7/18	Pep Band Camp
7/15-7/25	Men's Soccer Camp
7/15-7/25	Football Camp
7/22-7/25	Aerial Drone & Cheer Camps

JUNE - JULY 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
7/15-7/18	VEX Robotics Camp



ACADEMIC BULLETIN



ECAP COURSE REGISTRATION

Our students recently took an important step in their academic journey by registering for their courses for the upcoming year. We are especially excited for our Hornets who are set to take their first AP courses as they will have to chance to earn college credit. The registration process was organized by the help of Ms. Wilson and Ms. Zhang.



SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAMS

We are thrilled to announce that several of our students have scored amazing summer internship programs. Isabella will be working with the National Summer Transportation Institute while Emma, Santiago, William, Miracle, and Kiarra will be working for the AviTemp summer program.

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

HIGHLAND PREP ACADEMIES STEM SCIENCE FAIR

We are so proud of our Hornets who participated in the recent Highland Prep Academies STEM Science Fair. Our students presented their STEM projects alongside students from Madison Highland Prep and Highland Prep at the Madison Highland Prep campus. Our students showcased projects covering a wide range of STEM-related topics such as green algae, strawberry DNA, an engineered self-cleaning record player, and the effect of popular drinks on the staining of teeth.



TESTING PARACHUTES IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

In a thrilling hands-on activity, our aerospace engineering students designed, built, and tested their own parachutes. The goal was to create a parachute that could slow down with the weight of the attached water bottle and achieve a safe landing in the floor's target, mimicking real-world scenarios like spacecraft re-entry or cargo delivery. Teams analyzed their results, refining their designs and re-testing to optimize the parachute's performance.



BUILDING GADGETS THAT MAKE AN IMPACT

Our introduction to engineering design students showcased their ingenuity and problem-solving skills by building innovative gadgets to solve real-world problems. They worked in teams to address various engineering challenges and build their gadget. The final showcase had teams create a presentation explaining their design decisions.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

VIEWING THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Our students came together to witness a rare and awe-inspiring celestial event: the solar eclipse. The excitement was through the roof as they eagerly gathered to marvel at this extraordinary phenomenon. With special solar eclipse glasses in hand, they saw as the sun's light faded and the moon's shadow took its place. This rare event presented a unique opportunity for hands-on learning with Mr. Aguilar. When asked about the experience, Miracle Ellis said, "I loved experiencing the eclipse with my friends-it was so cool to see, especially since my dream is to work with the solar system!"



RECENT CLASS PROJECTS



ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Our honors English students delved into the pressing topic of environmental issues, by doing a paper on an environmental issue they chose. Through collaborative peer review, they refined their ideas and submitted their final papers. To finish off, they prepared an engaging presentation and presented it to the class.



SCRATCHBOARD ART

Our art students brought their designs to life, scratching and scraping away at the board's surface to reveal intricate details. The process demanded lots of patience, precision, and creativity, as students worked to achieve incredible pieces of art. Our art students continue to blow us away with their amazing talent.

ATHLETICS

TRACK & FIELD SEASON

The Highland Prep West track and field team had a successful season, with athletes competing in various events and earning medals. Emilia Medina earned 2nd place in the Girls 1600, Brayden Patton earned 2nd place in the Boys 1600, Jonathan Mak earned 2nd place in the Boys 3200, and Jordan Jefferson earned 3rd place in the Shot Put. In addition, Jefferson stands in the top 20 for the Shot Put category in the state. Considering the program is still new with sophomores and freshmen, they have shown great improvement. Coach Blain looks forward to the continued success in future seasons, with a strong foundation of a growing program.



SOFTBALL SEASON

The Highland Prep West softball team is made up of a group of students who not only excelled on the field, but in school as well. As a young team, many of these girls had little to no experience on the field. Although little experience, they showed up every day eager to learn and make memories. Emily Fierros and Natalie Palomino stepped up to lead their team as pitchers and each spent countless hours practicing with a pitching coach to better their skills. Aliya Mallinger, Selah Ramirez, Magic Warner, and Natalie Palomino showed up to every game and practice with a positive attitude and led with sportsmanship even through tough losses. Our catcher Carley Totin, played every single game with no substitutions, she truly persevered throughout the season and was very dependable. This group of Highland Prep West Hornets has so much untapped potential. I am eager to see them advance in the upcoming years.

HAPPENINGS @ HPW

END OF THE YEAR BBQ

Our Hornets came together to bid farewell to another amazing year, hosting an unforgettable End of Year BBQ. The sunny afternoon was filled with laughter, excitement, and cherished moments among students, teachers, and staff. We celebrated with fun activities such as a water balloon toss, cake walk, limbo, and hawaiian shirt contest. It was wonderful to see everyone come together, relax, and enjoy each other's company- a truly fantastic way to close out the 2023-2024 year.



SPRING BAND & CHOIR CONCERT

Our talented Hornets took center stage at the highly anticipated Band and Choir Concert, showcasing their skills and dedicated to their craft. The evening was a resounding success, featuring performances by the HPW Show Choir, Advanced Band and Advanced Choir. It was a joy to see our students share their talents with the community.

SPRING PEP ASSEMBLY

The Hive came together for an electrifying Spring Pep Assembly, showcasing our spring sports teams and pitting students against teachers in a friendly game of volleyball. We started off with a game of Sharks vs. Minnows that had the audience cheering, as our students battled it out in a fun and fast-paced competition. The crowd went wild as students and teachers faced off in a hilarious and intense volleyball match, with teachers emerging victorious. It was a great time seeing our Hornets show school pride.



Highland Prep West
2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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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