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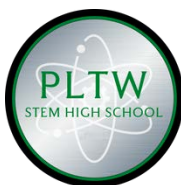
BOYS SOCCER RECEIVE CONFERENCE HONORABLE MENTIONS

Our Highland Prep West boys soccer team continue to make us proud, even with the season having come to a close. In addition to being named the Fall Central Region Boys Soccer Champions, three of our top players this 2024-2025 season, have been recognized for their outstanding performances.

Aidan Chacon, Emilio Ortiz Perez, and Daniel Fonseca were recognized in the Fall Central Region 1st Team and Conference Honorable Mentions. Aidan, our skilled defender, Emilio, our talented

forward, and Daniel, our dynamic midfielder, have consistently demonstrated exceptional skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship throughout the season. We are thrilled to see their efforts recognized at the regional and conference levels.

We extend our congratulations to Aidan, Emilio, Daniel, and the entire Highland Prep West boys soccer team on an outstanding season. Their achievements have brought pride to our school community and we look forward to next season.



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Message from the Principal

Dear Hornet Families,

As we embark on a new semester, I'd like to take a moment to reflect on the exciting events that took place this past month and share a glimpse of what's ahead.

January has been a month filled with energy and accomplishment. We hosted the 2nd Annual VEX Robotics State Qualifying Event, where our robotics teams demonstrated remarkable skill and innovation. During Holiday Spirit Week, our students and staff came together to celebrate with festive activities, showcasing their school spirit.

Our budding scientists impressed everyone at the Highland Prep Academies Science

Fair in Avondale, presenting innovative projects that reflected their hard work and creativity. Meanwhile, the Visual Arts Showcase highlighted the incredible talent of our student artists, whose works were truly inspiring. In the world of music, our choir students put on a stunning performance at our Choir Concert.

With the start of the spring semester, students have begun fresh courses, diving into new challenges. Winter sports will continue through early February, and we encourage everyone to come out to support our Hornet athletes. As always, we'd like to thank you for your continued support of Highland Prep West and for celebrating these milestones with us. Together, we are building a community of excellence.

Sincerely,

Sharon Pozzi • Principal



School Calendar

JANUARY 2025

1/15 Academic Awards Assembly- 2nd Qtr.
1/27-1/31 Winter Spirit Week
1/31 Winter Pep Assembly
1/31 Winter Athletic Pictures
1/31 Winter Formal

MARCH 2025

3/3 Visual Arts Showcase- 3rd Qtr.
3/22 Incoming Freshmen Course Registration
3/26 Academic Awards Assembly- 3rd Qtr.
3/28 Spring Pep Assembly
3/29 HPA SeaPerch Qualifying Event

FEBRUARY 2025

2/11 NHS Blood Drive
2/14 Winter BBQ
2/20 Spring Open House & STEM Showcase
2/20 Spring NHS Induction Ceremony
2/28 Pickleball Tournament

APRIL 2025

4/5 HPA 2nd Annual SeaPerch Competition
4/18 Spring Holiday (No School)
4/21-4/25 Spring Spirit Week
4/25 Spring BBQ
4/29 Science Fair @ Madison Highland Prep

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



PLTW “DISTINGUISHED” SCORES

Congratulations to our students who scored exceptionally high in their PLTW Final Exam last semester, thus granting them the most esteemed recognition of “Distinguished”. This outstanding achievement makes students eligible to receive college credits and is incredibly beneficial to their future, as they can be used in college applications.



JANA DEAN WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Sophomore, Jana Dean, has been awarded the VFW Voice of Democracy Scholarship Award, presented by the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) for her outstanding essay on democratic and patriotic themes. We are beyond proud of Jana for her achievement and applaud her for taking proactive steps towards her college education. Go Jana!

EXTRACURRICULAR SCHEDULE:

MONDAY 2:30 PM

CHESS/GAME CLUB, C206
STUDENT COUNCIL, C205

MONDAY 3:30 PM

YOUTH ALIVE, C201
GARDENING CLUB, C210

TUESDAY 2:30 PM

PERSONAL FITNESS, C102
AERIAL DRONES, 106
VEX ROBOTICS, C104

SEAPERCH, C104

TUESDAY 3:00 PM

BOOK/CRAFT CLUB, C110

TUESDAY 3:30 PM

YEARBOOK, C109
TENNIS CLUB, COURTS

THURSDAY 2:30 PM

CYBERSECURITY, C211
SPORTS CLUB, GYM

THURSDAY 3:30 PM

SHOW CHOIR, C202
YEARBOOK, C109

FRIDAY 2:30 PM

SPORTS FILM CLUB, C108

FRIDAY 3:00 PM

SPEECH & DEBATE, C209



BEST BUDDIES VISIT

Our NHS students had an amazing time visiting Victory Autism Academy, spreading holiday joy and making memories with their friends. From holiday movies to games and crafts, it was a morning filled with laughter and festive fun.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



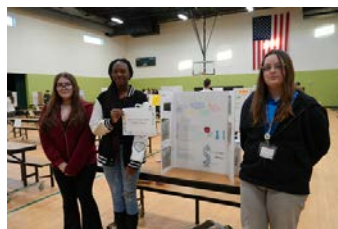
HORNETS SHINE AT HIGHLAND PREP ACADEMIES SCIENCE FAIR

We hosted the Highland Prep Academies Science Fair, bringing together students from Highland Prep West, Highland Prep Surprise and Madison Highland Prep to showcase their innovative science projects. The event featured a diverse range of exhibits, including an eco-friendly home, generative 3D design, and DNA extraction using fruit. By sharing their scientific discoveries and experiments, our students demonstrated their creativity, critical thinking, and passion for STEM education, making the science fair a resounding success.



ROCKET LAUNCHES IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Our Aerospace Engineering students took their designs to new heights with rocket launches. As part of the project, students designed, assembled, and launched their own rockets, carefully evaluating the rocket's height and stability.



HAPPENINGS @ HPW

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PICK-A-DATE WINNERS!

Huge congratulations to our HPW Pick-a-Date Fundraiser Winners! Magic won big, winning a total of \$300 for being the 1st to complete the entire calendar and for raising the most money. Rey was our iPad winner for completing the calendar and winning the iPad raffle. Lastly, Angelina won a lunch of her choice for raising at least \$20 and winning the lunch raffle.



SUCCESSFUL WINTER CHOIR CONCERT & ART SHOWCASE

Our music and art departments spread the best holiday cheer with a spectacular Winter Concert and Visual Arts Showcase. Our talented Beginning Choir and Show Choir performed a festive show of holiday-themed songs, filling the audience with jolly spirit. Meanwhile, our art students impressed with their creative and skillful pieces, showcasing their artistic talents. We extend our gratitude to the families who joined us for this special evening.

WINTER SPIRIT WEEK RECAP



Cozy Christmas
Monday



White-Out
Tuesday



Santa's Helpers
Wednesday



Trees vs Gifts
Thursday



Pajama
Friday

Highland Prep West
2024-2025 Academic Calendar

July 0 	August 20 	September 20 	October 4 14
November 17 	December 15 	January 19 	February 19
March 5 11 	April 21 	May 17 	June

First Day of Quarter
 Finals/Last Day of Quarter
 Holiday/Break

First Quarter		Days 44
August	05	First Day - First Quarter
September	02	Labor Day
October	04	Last Day - First Quarter
October	07-11	Fall Break

Second Quarter		Days 46
October	14	First Day - Second Quarter
November	11	Veterans Day
November	27-29	Thanksgiving
December	20	Last Day - Second Quarter
Dec / Jan	23-03	Winter Break

Third Quarter		Days 43
January	06	First Day - Third Quarter
January	20	Martin Luther King Day
February	17	Presidents Day
March	07	Last Day - Third Quarter
March	10-14	Spring Break

Fourth Quarter		Days 49
March	17	First Day - Fourth Quarter
April	18	Spring Holiday
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	29	Teachers Start Date
May	30	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				
Sep/Oct	30-04	March	03-07	
December	16-20	May	19-23	
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 30 2024
	100th Student Day -	January 17 2025

Open Enrollment

For Incoming Freshmen 2025-2026



2025-2026 Incoming Freshman Open Enrollment Deadlines

Pre-Enrollment Period: September 2, 2024 - November 29, 2024

Incoming Freshmen must complete and submit the Intent to Enroll form to begin the enrollment process for the 2025-2026 school year. The Intent to Enroll form is located and can be submitted through the HPW website at www.HighlandPrepWest.org. The Intent to Enroll form is also available in the school office.

Enrollment Packets Due: Friday, December 20, 2024

Incoming Freshmen must complete and submit the Enrollment Packet to secure enrollment in the Class of 2029. Enrollment Packets may be returned to the school office, via facsimile, or via email to: ssroupe@highlandprepaz.org.

Placement Testing Date: Saturday, February 8, 2025

Incoming Freshmen must complete the 9th grade placement tests in Reading and Mathematics. Placement testing will be held on the HPW campus at 9:00 a.m. Incoming Freshmen that do not complete the placement testing may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2025-2026 school year.

Course Registration Date: Saturday, March 22, 2025

Incoming Freshmen must register for Fall 2025 honors-level and elective courses. Course registration will be held on the HPW campus from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Incoming Freshmen that do not complete the course registration may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2025-2026 school year.

If you have any questions please contact the HPW office at: 623-274-2540

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