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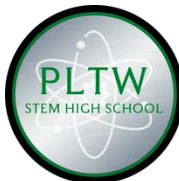


HPW WINTER SPORTS ATHLETES EARN ALL-REGION HONORS!

We are proud to announce that several of our winter sports athletes have been recognized for their outstanding performances with All-Region distinctions. These talented student-athletes have demonstrated exceptional skill, dedication, and teamwork, earning them a place among the top performers in their respective sports.

The accolades include several notable achievements. Junior, Collin Aska received Honorable Mention for All-Conference in boys' basketball, recognizing him

as one of the top players among all 57 teams in 2A. Freshman, Alexandra Ramirez earned 1st Team All-Region for soccer, while juniors, Makayla Sison and Brayden Patton received 2nd Team All-Region for basketball. Junior, Briannah Castle also secured 2nd Team All-Region for soccer. Additional athletes received Honorable Mention recognition, including sophomore, Deen Muhammad and freshmen, Camille Aska and Cassidy Davis for basketball, and junior, Kayleigh McAfee and freshmen, Eliana Chacon and Addyson Conley for soccer.



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Message from the Principal

Dear Hornet Families,

This month has been filled with exciting opportunities for our students.

Our future freshmen Hornets took their placement tests as they prepare for the transition to high school, while our freshmen through juniors participated in their spring ECAP meetings, mapping out their paths beyond graduation.

We also hosted a successful spring blood drive, where students, families, and the community came together to make a meaningful impact by donating to the Red Cross. Meanwhile, our spring sports teams—softball, baseball, and track and field—are off to a fantastic start, showcasing their

dedication and teamwork. Go Hornets!

We also celebrated our students' achievements at the Spring Open House & STEM Showcase, where students and teachers highlighted their hard work and innovation throughout the year. The evening was made even more special with performances from our talented choir and string students.

Looking ahead, we will begin preparations for state testing, and an excited group of juniors will take their first college visit to ASU, exploring future possibilities. It's an exciting time to be a Hornet, and we look forward to another month of growth and success!

Sincerely,

Sharon Pozzi • Principal



School Calendar

MARCH 2025

3/10-3/14 Spring Break (No School)
3/22 Incoming Freshmen Course Registration
3/26 Academic Awards Assembly- 3rd Qtr.
3/28 Spring Pep Assembly
3/29 HPA SeaPerch Qualifying Event

MAY 2025

5/1 Talent Show
5/9 End of Year Dance
5/15 Band & Choir Concert
5/19 Academic Awards Banquet
5/23 Last Day of School

APRIL 2025

4/16 No Early Release Wednesday
4/18 Spring Holiday (No School)
4/21-4/25 Spring Spirit Week
4/25 Spring BBQ
4/29 Science Fair @ Madison Highland Prep

SUMMER 2025

6/2-6/26 Summer School-Session 1
6/2-6/26 Future Freshmen Academy-Session 1
7/7-7/24 Summer School-Session 2
7/7-7/24 Future Freshmen Academy-Session 1
8/4 First Day of School

ACADEMIC BULLETIN

HIGHLAND PREP WEST

Course Registration: Saturday, March 22nd, 2025

Incoming Freshmen must register for Fall 2025 honors-level and elective courses. Course registration will be held in the HPW Gym from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. This is the final step in the enrollment process necessary to secure a guaranteed enrollment seat for the 2025-2026 school year.



- Register for Honors Level and Elective Courses
- Preview JV and Varsity Athletics with Coaches
- Register for VEX Robotics, Aerial Drones, and SeaPerch Robotics
- Sign-up for Musical Theatre Summer Camp
- Get a tour of the school



Athletics

Fall: Football, Cross Country, Women's Volleyball, Men's Soccer, Women's Flag Football, Cheer Sideline

Winter: Men's Basketball, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, Cheer Competition

Spring: Baseball, Softball, Men's Tennis, Women's Tennis, Track & Field, Pickleball Club

FUTURE FRESHMEN COURSE REGISTRATION IS ALMOST HERE!

Attention HPW Future Freshmen! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22nd from 9-11am, as course registration is just around the corner! During registration, students will be able to register for courses, preview athletics and summer camps, and get a school tour. This is the final step in the enrollment process for the 2025-2026 school year.



CONGRATS NEW NHS INDUCTEES!

We had the honor of welcoming our National Honor Society (NHS) inductees, who were honored at our Spring NHS Induction Ceremony! We couldn't be prouder of these outstanding students, who exemplify our school values and represent our most honorable scholars. Great job, Hornets!

EXTRACURRICULAR SCHEDULE:

MONDAY 2:30 PM

CHESS/GAME CLUB, C206

STUDENT COUNCIL, C205

YOUTH ALIVE, C201

SHOW CHOIR, C202

MONDAY 3:30 PM

GARDENING CLUB, C210

TUESDAY 2:30 PM

PERSONAL FITNESS, C102

SEAPERCH, C104

TUESDAY 3:30 PM

VEX ROBOTICS, C207

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

ACT/SAT MATH PREP CLUB, C206

FUTSOL CLUB, GYM

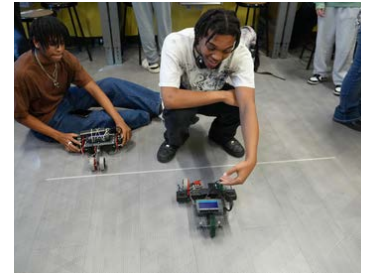
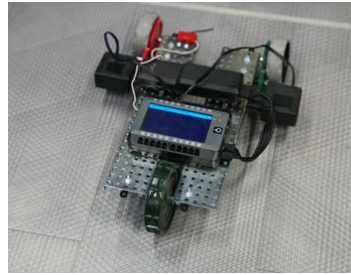
FRIDAY 3:30 PM

VEX ROBOTICS, C207

STEM DIGEST

ENGINEERING STUDENTS' UNIQUE ROBOT CHALLENGE

In a thrilling reversal of the typical robot racing competition, our Principles of Engineering students took part in a unique challenge where the goal was to be the slowest. Working in pairs, these innovative students built, design, and coded robots with the objective of crossing the finish line at the slowest possible pace. This clever twist required careful planning and precise engineering, making for a fun and engaging hands-on activity.



BUILDING AN EPIC RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINE

Our Principles of Engineering students have been hard at work as they design and build intricate contraption machines, inspired by Rube Goldberg, the famous inventor and engineer. Working in small teams, they've been tasked with using creativity and ingenuity to perform simple tasks in complex and innovative ways. The ultimate goal is to create a cohesive, Rube Goldberg-inspired masterpiece where a single ball will run through each team's contraption and complete the entire course.

EXPLORING THE STRENGTH OF COMPOSITE MATERIALS

Our Aerospace Engineering students discovered the remarkable strength of composite materials. By using resin to combine foam board insulation and fiberglass, and then applying pressure with a bottle jack press, they created a surprisingly robust material. The activity highlighted the importance of composite materials in modern aircraft design.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



MS. PAIGE

Ms. Paige teaches English 1-2 and Media & Tech at Highland Prep West. She holds a Bachelor's in Secondary Education from Indiana University. She was born and raised in Hobart,

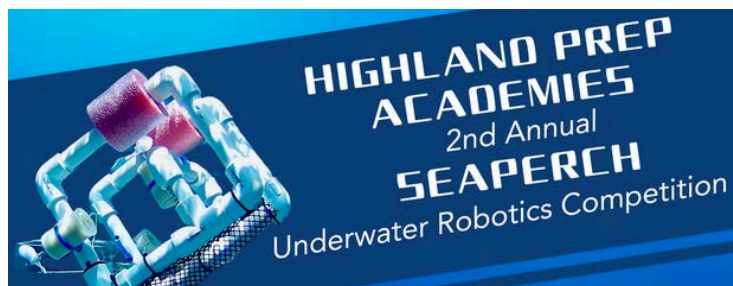
Indiana. Ms. Paige's interests include cooking, reading, music, and animals. Beyond the classroom, she serves as the club advisor for Yearbook. She has a genuine passion for teaching and mentoring and it is evident in everything she does, from guiding our students in capturing memories to fostering a love of learning that extends far beyond the classroom. We are fortunate to have Ms. Paige as part of our team, helping our Hornets reach their fullest potential.



SAVING LIVES ONE BLOOD DONATION AT A TIME!

Our blood drive collected a total of 21 lifesaving donations! We extend our deepest gratitude to the students, staff, and community members who selflessly took the time to donate at our school. Your generosity will have a profound impact!

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



SEAPERCH TOURNAMENT

Our Highland Prep Academies 2nd Annual SeaPerch Underwater Robotics Competition is almost here! Join us on Saturday, March 29th, 2025, at the Rhodes Aquatic Complex from 8am to 1pm. Come cheer on our teams as they showcase their underwater robotics skills!



SUCCESSFUL WATER DRIVE

Our National Honor Society's Water Drive has come to a successful close and we would like to thank each and every one who brought in a donation. We're filled with joy to announce that together, we collected over 300 water bottles from this drive! All water cases will be donated to the incredible work of the Salvation Army.

ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS ARE OFFICIALLY IN SESSION

The wait is over, and spring sports are officially in session! Check out the upcoming games schedule.



BASEBALL



SOFTBALL



TRACK & FIELD

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL



FILL OUT THE QR CODE TODAY!

GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL IS ARRIVING TO THE HIVE!

We're thrilled to announce the introduction of Girls Flag Football as a new fall sport at the Hive, kicking off this August 2025! Interested athletes, simply scan the QR code above to register and get ready to join the action! To help our players prepare for the season, we're also offering a Girls Flag Football Summer Camp from July 14th-17th. Don't miss this amazing opportunity to be part of this new and exciting program. Register online at <https://highlandprepwest.net/summer-camps/>.

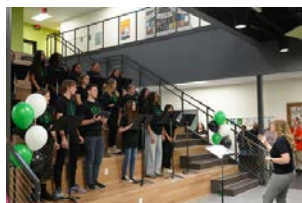
UPCOMING GAMES SCHEDULE:

Baseball	3/17	3:45 PM	Wickenburg	A
Softball	3/17	3:45 PM	Wickenburg	A
Baseball	3/19	3:00 PM	Coronado	H
Baseball	3/20	3:00 PM	Mountainside	H
Softball	3/20	3:00 PM	Mountainside	A
Softball	3/25	4:00 PM	Gilbert Christian	A
Baseball	3/31	1:00 PM	Mayer	A
Softball	3/31	1:00 PM	Mayer	A

HAPPENINGS @ HPW

UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES AT OUR VALENTINE'S BBQ

Our Valentine's BBQ was an unforgettable celebration of friendship and fun! We feasted on delicious food, savored the company of wonderful friends, and created memories that will last a lifetime. The festivities were in full swing, with students crafting friendship bracelets in the art room, participating in a thrilling cake walk in the courtyard, and enjoying yard games in the field.



OUR SPRING OPEN HOUSE & STEM SHOWCASE

Our Spring Open House & STEM Showcase was a success, bringing together current and future Hornet families. Families had the opportunity to mingle with our teachers, learning more about our innovative STEM programs and experiencing firsthand the exciting projects and initiatives that make our school community thrive. The event was also graced by performances from Beginning Choir, Show Choir and Beginning Strings.

FINE ARTS ASSEMBLY

Our Fine Arts Assembly was a showcase of emerging Hornet talent, featuring outstanding performances from our Beginning Choir and Beginning Strings. We couldn't be prouder of these young artists, considering most of them have zero to little musical experience. They've demonstrated incredible dedication and we look forward to seeing their continued development.



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

School Events		Instructional Days 182
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

2025

Summer Camps

Aerial Drones at HPW Engineering Labs

Mon to Thu • July 7th – 10th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The staff will focus activities on technical skills in preparation for the 2025-2026 Aerial Drones competition. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$75.00

Women's Volleyball at HPW Gym

Mon to Thu • July 7th – 10th
8:00 am – 11:00 am

The staff will focus activities on conditioning, volleyball skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$75.00

VEX Robotics at HPW Engineering Labs

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 17th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The staff will focus activities on design, programming, and build skills in preparation for the 2025-2026 VEX competition game. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$125.00

Musical Theatre at HPW Music Room

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 17th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The staff will focus activities on a mini performance, including acting, singing, and dancing. Perfect for aspiring performers. Don't miss your chance to shine on stage!

Fee: \$75.00

Women's Flag Football at HPW Field

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 17th
8:00 am – 11:00 am

The women's flag football camp is open to all incoming and current student-athletes.

No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$125.00

Football Camp at HPW Field

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 24th
8:00 am – 11:00 am

The football staff will focus camp activities on conditioning, offensive and defensive skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$125.00

Soccer at HPW Field

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 24th
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The staff will focus camp activities on conditioning, offensive and defensive skills, and teamwork drills.

No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$75.00

Cheer at HPW Gym

Mon to Thu • July 21st – 24th
8:00 am – 11:00 am

The staff will focus activities on conditioning, cheer and dance skills, and teamwork drills.

No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$75.00



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Registration forms available at: highlandprepwest.org