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HOME OF THE HORNETS

HPW INTRODUCES THE PLTW-RECF INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION!

We're thrilled to announce that Highland Prep West will be implementing the PLTW-RECF Industry Certification Program on our campus this upcoming school year! This certification aligns perfectly with our mission to equip students with relevant, industry-recognized credentials that will set them apart in the competitive world of STEM.

The REC Foundation partnered with Project Lead The Way (PLTW) to establish an industry-recognized credential that validates a student's skills

and knowledge in robotics and engineering fields. It builds upon PLTW's Fundamentals of Engineering course and incorporates Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

By offering the PLTW-RECF certification, we're giving our students a valuable edge when applying for scholarships, internships, and selective university programs. This certification demonstrates our commitment to providing students with the crucial skills employers and universities are looking for.



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Message from the Principal



Dear Hornet Families,

As we prepare for our fourth year and proudly welcome our very first senior class, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for the unwavering love and support you continue to show our school.

We have an exciting year ahead, with many new opportunities for our students. We're expanding our course offerings to include AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP English Language and Composition, Digital Electronics, Physics, Dual Enrollment Pre-Calculus, Dual Enrollment Calculus, and Dual Enrollment College Algebra — giving our students even more pathways to excel and prepare for college and careers.

We are thrilled to be growing our athletic program with the addition of a varsity football team and a girls' flag football team. Girls interested in learning more about flag football are encouraged to register for our upcoming summer camp which runs from July 14th through July 17th, on campus, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Girls' volleyball and aerial drone racing camps have begun. If you are interested in participating in future camps, it is not too late to sign up. VEX, musical theatre, women's flag football, cheer, football, and soccer camps will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Be sure to contact the office for specific dates and to register. Register My Athlete must be completed for any student participating in an athletic camp.

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events:

- Student Parking Permits — on sale now
- Senior Workshop: Scholarships 101— July 15
- Freshman Technology & Student ID Pictures — July 16, 22, and 24
- Student Orientation — August 1

We are so excited to open our doors once again and welcome our Hornets back to The Hive for the 2025–2026 school year. Thank you for being such an essential part of our journey. Together, we will make this our best year yet!

With gratitude,

Sharon Pozzi

Principal

ACADEMIC BULLETIN

Future Freshmen Academy: Preparing for High School



Our first session of Future Freshmen Academy has come to a close, and we are thrilled to report that it was a success. Our incoming freshmen showed incredible dedication as they dove into mathematical concepts. Our second session of Future Freshmen Academy focuses on reading and comprehension skills and is running now through Thursday, July 24th, 2025.

Senior, Maya Attends National Transportation Institute

Senior, Maya Frias attended the ASU National Summer Transportation Institute, a one week program that gave her a glimpse into the world of transportation, engineering, and infrastructure.



Maya shared, "Our main goal was to explore how engineering impacts the different aspects of transportation. We visited various companies such as Able Aerospace, Dreamscape Learn, and Surepods and worked on building and coding an XRP robot. This is a 3-D printed robot in which we finished four challenges using python or text block code. We also visited the aviation building at the polytechnic campus to see their flight simulators and planes."



We're incredibly proud of Maya for being accepted into this innovative program and taking advantage of this incredible opportunity! Way to go, Maya!

HORNET ACTIVITIES

HPW 2025 Summer Camps Schedule

Aerial Drones

Mon to Thurs
July 7- July 10
1:00pm-4:00pm

Women's Volleyball

Mon to Thurs
July 7- July 10
8:00am-11:00am

VEX Robotics

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 17
1:00pm-4:00pm

Musical Theatre

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 17
1:00pm-4:00pm

Women's Flag Football

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 17
8:00am-11:00am

Football

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 24
8:00am-11:00am

Soccer

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 24
5:00pm-8:00pm

Cheer

Mon to Thurs
July 21- July 24
8:00am-11:00am

Register today by calling us at **(623) 274-2540** or visiting **highlandprepwest.org**

How to Prepare for Fall Sports as a Student Athlete

As a student athlete, preparing for the fall sports season requires a combination of physical training, registration forms, mental preparation, and academic focus. Here are some tips to help you get ready:

- Practice your sport-specific skills and drills by attending sports summer camps
- Stay on top of summer assignments and reading so you are academically cleared
- Schedule a sports physical with your primary doctor or visit a walk-in clinic
- Complete the online Register my Athlete application form
- Fuel your body with a healthy diet and stay hydrated
- Get enough sleep and rest to allow your body to recover

HIGHLIGHTS AT THE PREP

HPW Cheer Team Win Big at USA Elite Cheer Camp!



The HPW Cheer team has returned from the USA Elite Cheer Camp with a haul of awards! The team was named Summer Camp Superior and Summer Camp Most Improved. Additionally, they won a spirit stick for their enthusiasm and team spirit. A special congratulations to Magic Warner and Natalie Palomino, who were both recognized as All-American Cheerleaders.

2nd Annual HPW Golf Tournament to Take Place Soon

Get ready for the 2nd Annual HPW Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 13th, 2025. Sponsorship opportunities and golf registrations are still available. To register or learn more about the tournament, email spozzi@highlandprepaz.org.



Senior Workshops Set Students Up for College Success



Our senior summer workshops have been providing students with a head start on their future. To date, our workshops have covered essential topics such as colleges and majors, resume and essay writing, and in-state college applications. Our last workshop, taking place on July 15th from 11am-12pm, will focus on scholarships, providing students with helpful resources.

HAPPENINGS @ HPW

Incoming Freshmen Tech Checkout & ID Photo Dates

Calling all HPW Incoming Freshmen, to join us on campus on July 16th and July 22nd for technology checkout and student ID pictures. Join us on either one of these two dates, during the allotted time. Wednesday, July 16th will be from 9am to 12pm while Tuesday, July 22nd will be from 2pm to 5pm. Please keep in mind there is a deposit required for technology checkout and all students must have a school-issued laptop.

HPW 2025-2026 Student Orientation Day

Join us on Friday, August 1st for Student Orientation Day! Freshmen, come from 5:00pm to 6:00pm to receive your class schedule, meet your teachers, explore the campus, and have the chance to ask any questions you may have. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors, join us from 6:00pm to 7:00pm to receive your class schedule and connect with your teachers and friends. We look forward to seeing you all then!

Summer Reading Assignments



A friendly reminder to work on your summer reading assignments. Make sure to finish your books and complete the accompanying literary analysis.

*Scan the QR code
to view the summer
reading assignments.*



First Day of School

Mark your calendars for the first day of school on Monday, August 4th. Before we kick off the school year, don't forget to review the supply list and student handbook to stay informed on rules and expectations. We're incredibly excited to start another amazing year and can't wait to see you all soon! Let's make it a great year, Hornets!



HIGHLAND PREP WEST 2025-2026 SUPPLY LIST

PERSONAL SUPPLIES (DAILY USE)

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
4	2-POCKET FOLDERS
4	COLLEGE RULED SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
1 PACK	PENS
1 PACK	PENCILS
1 PACK	HIGHLIGHTERS

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
1 PACK	EXPO, FINE-TIP, DRY ERASE MARKERS
1 MINIMUM	HPW HORNET PE SET
1	TI-84 CALCULATOR

*Additional supplies may be identified on student's course syllabus

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES (PROVIDED TO 1ST PERIOD TEACHER)

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
1	CLOROX WIPES CONTAINER
1	BOX OF TISSUES
1	REAM OF COPY PAPER (500 SHEETS)

First Quarter	Days	44
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Teacher Start/End Dates

In-service - No Students	Days
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Second Quarter Days 46

Early Release Days - 1:30 pm	Days
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Third Quarter Days 43

Student Coursework Testing Days	Days
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Blackout/Mandatory Attendance Dates

See Student Handbook

Fourth Quarter Days 49

State Testing Dates

School Events

Special Dates

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