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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AERIAL DRONE TEAM HEADED TO UTAH REGIONALS

Highland Prep has had another successful season with its Aerial Drone team, exhibiting extraordinary teamwork and dedication. This year, they've managed to secure a spot in the Regional Championships, set to take place in Salt Lake City, Utah this coming May. In this competitive season alone, they've brought home an impressive 14 trophies.



They've spent countless hours refining their abilities and advancing their control on the course. Sophomore Max Henderson reflects on this, saying, "The best part about this season is working with other teams that you haven't worked with before. This year's challenge is really cool because it requires you to partner with teams that you may not have worked with in the past to score the most points and complete eclipse."



Message from the Principal

Dear Highland Prep Families,

As the third quarter of the academic year draws to a close, it is an honor to highlight some of the accomplishments that have embodied our community spirit and dedication to excellence.

Our Aerial Drones Team has qualified for the Regional Championship that will take place in Utah in May. Similarly, our VEX Robotics team brought home the Tournament Champion trophy and have been invited to represent us in the State Championship. I am excited to also announce that our stellar senior class has received an impressive \$5 million in scholarships so far. Their hard work and commitment are not only reflected in this figure, but it is also a symbol of their commitment to shaping their future.

As we look ahead to the fourth quarter, we are excited about Prom, Graduation, and ACT testing for our Junior students. These milestones provide us with an opportunity to recognize our students' academic progress and celebrate their achievements.

With an abundance of community and parent support for our staff, teachers, and students we look forward to another successful quarter of learning and the pursuit of excellence in all that we do at Highland Prep.

Warm regards,

Shane Jones

Principal

School Calendar

FEBRUARY 2024

2/3 Future Freshmen Placement Testing
2/5-2/9 Spirit Week
2/10 Winter Formal Dance
2/22 Spring STEM Showcase
2/28 Spring BBQ

APRIL 2024

4/3 Academic Awards Assembly
4/9 ACT, 11th Grade
4/20 Prom
4/26 Spring Holiday (No School)
4/30 HP Academies Science Fair

MARCH 2024

3/2 Future Freshman Course Registration
3/11 Visual Arts Showcase
3/13 Fine Arts Assembly
3/18-3/22 Spring Break (No School)
3/29 Spring Holiday (No School)

MAY 2024

5/3-5/4 Senior Trip
5/9 Spring Band & Choir Concert
5/13 Visual Arts Showcase
5/20 Academic Awards Banquet
5/22 Graduation

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We held an academic awards assembly to honor our students who received honor roll and principal's list for the second quarter. Honor roll was earned by students who received a GPA of 3.5 or above, while principal's list was earned by students who received a GPA of 4.0 or above. All awarded students were recognized with a certificate.



FAFSA NIGHT

In honor of the FAFSA being officially open, we hosted a FAFSA Night for our seniors and their parents. They were invited to come fill out their application with us as Highland Prep Staff and even a Grand Canyon University representative were there to help answer any questions.

EXTRACURRICULAR

SCHEDULE:

MONDAY

MEDIA AND JOURNALISM, 210
DRAMA CLUB, 102
DANCE CLUB, 203
GAMEDAY OPERATIONS, 101
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, FAB LAB
VR GAME DESIGN (AND TUESDAYS), 209
ZOOLOGY (AND FRIDAYS), 210
ESPORTS (AND FRIDAYS), FL 205
VR GAME DESIGN (AND FRIDAYS), 209
MATH TUTORING (AND FRIDAYS), 202
YEARBOOK (AND FRIDAYS), 106
PEP BAND (AND FRIDAYS), FL 106
CHOIR (AND FRIDAYS), FL 106
DRONES (AND FRIDAYS), 207

TUESDAY

SEAPERCH ROBOTICS, 210
BOTANY CLUB, FL 206
ENGINEERING, FL 206
AEROSPACE, FL 205
STUDENT COUNCIL, 206
SPANISH CLUB, 103
FASHION CLUB, 108
VEX ROBOTICS (AND THURSDAYS), 208
CHESS (AND FRIDAYS), 110

THURSDAY

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS, 109
TABLE TENNIS, FL 205
RECORDING STUDIO, FL 106
SPEECH/DEBATE, 102
MATH COMPETITION, 201

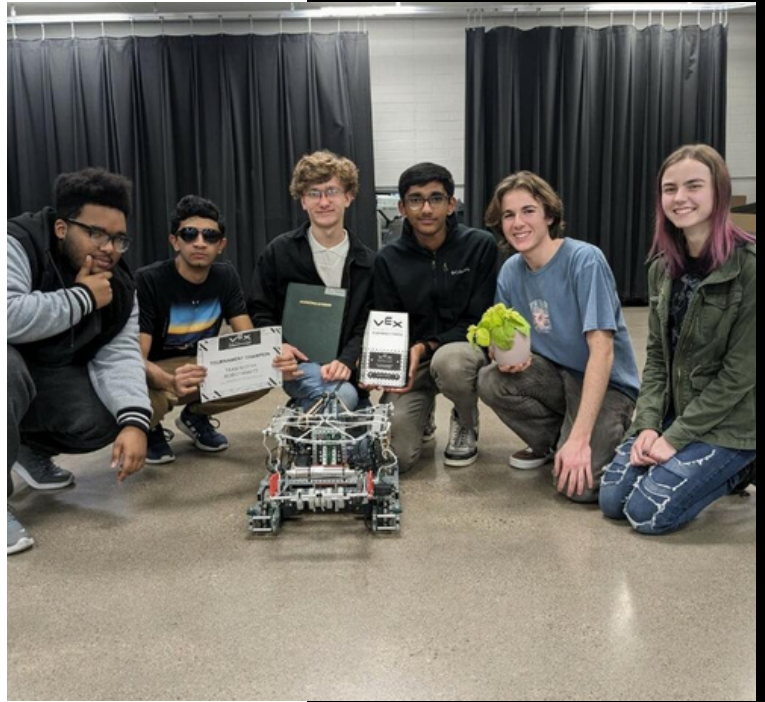
FRIDAY

FUTURE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, 110

STEM DIGEST

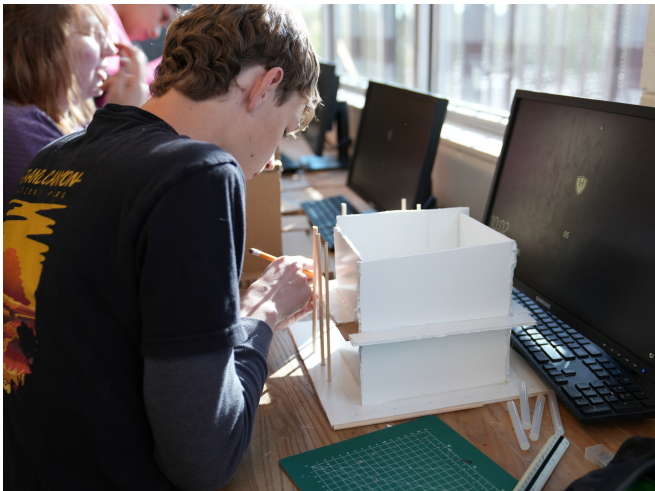
ROBOTICS TEAM CROWNED TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Our VEX Robotics team, the Robotanists took home Tournament Champions at their last competition and are now headed to The State Championship! After talking with one of the members, Ethan Putman, he says, “Being able to drive our creation is really cool. I’m really proud of how all of our team worked together and put all of our skills into creating this great robot. Everyone has individually spent over 100 hours on the robot and it really paid off this competition.”



DIFFERENT ARCHITECTURAL STYLES IN HOUSES

Ms. Hancock had her civil engineering students create their own houses; the only requirement was that they each must follow a different architectural style. To do this, they needed to incorporate the distinct features of the style to their houses such as how many stories high would it be, what kind of roof would it have, or even what types of windows it would need. Once projects were finished, students had to guess which house was which style.



RICE LAUNCHING DEVICE ENGINEERING ACTIVITY

Our introduction to engineering students were given the task of designing and building a device to launch a small rice bag and send it as far as possible. To do this, they started by building the device and then running numerous trials to record the distance traveled. After they ran these tests, they worked as a team to refine their first designs.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

EXPLORING FORENSIC SCIENCE

Ms. Chandler's students from introduction to biomedical science are currently in their unit on forensic science. For this unit, they did a lab centered around examining blood splatter in a crime scene investigation. Using droppers with fake blood, they were given the task of solving what actually happened to the victim in the crime scene. Ms. Chandler says, "Students really enjoy the mystery aspect of forensic science, especially since many of them say they see it a lot on crime television shows." The lab was intended to have students learn the complexity behind forensic science and crime scene documentation.



3-D PRINTING IN ACTION

Two freshmen students, Nicolas Konior and Dylan Bodrogi quickly drew interest in 3-D printing when they became introduced to the Makerspace located in the Fab Lab. The students explained they first started going once in a while afterschool, but once they realized they found a true interest in creating different things on a 3-D printer, they went pretty much every chance they got. Now that they have gotten comfortable with running the machine, they have taught other students how to use it and have even set up their own small business of selling different 3-D printed items. As of right now, they have started selling 3-D printed octopuses, keychains, stickers, and coasters.

ATHLETICS

BASKETBALL PROGRAM CONTINUES TO INSPIRE

The Highland Prep Basketball program continues to carve a significant niche in the history of youth sports, demonstrating resilience and tenacity in the face of adversity. A great deal of preparation, training, and leadership has contributed to the success of both the Boys and Girls Varsity teams.

The Boys Varsity team boasts an impressive 10-5 mark this season— an indication of their unwavering commitment and determination. Currently ranked 11th in the 2A conference, the team has managed to turn setbacks into comebacks, rebounding from injuries to secure their playoff spot. On February 9th, the boys will begin their exciting and inspiring basketball playoff journey.

The Girls Varsity team, despite experiencing some difficulties this year, finished with five solid victories. Despite stiff competition, they are currently ranked 4th in their division because of their grit and persistence. With lessons learned, opportunities seized and a shared vision for excellence, their performance this season indicates a bright future for the team.

An unwavering commitment to success, resilience, and superior sportsmanship have been hallmarks of the Highland Prep Basketball program. Both teams have made commendable strides, offering a promise of quality basketball, coupled with excellent character, hard work, and determination.



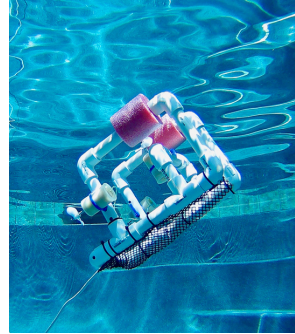
**Boys Varsity Basketball
Headed to First
Playoff Game!**

FEBRUARY 9, 2024 AT 7:00 P.M.
HIGHLAND PREP VS. SAN CARLOS

HAPPENINGS @ HP

SEAPERCH IS BACK

SeaPerch season has officially returned. Students are invited to join SeaPerch as meetings after school will begin to be held. Similar to VEX Robotics, SeaPerch deals with building robots that compete in courses; the main difference is that it is all done underwater. SeaPerch students work as a team to build and modify the robot in order to have it complete the obstacle and mission courses within the competitions. This year, Highland Prep Academies will be hosting its very own competition on April 13, 2024. In addition to that, students will also have the chance to travel to San Diego for another competition on April 7, 2024.



SeaPerch Competition (Source:seaperch.org)



CLUB RUSH

We held a club rush to bring in the start of the new quarter. Our student clubs set up booths in the Fab Lab and during lunch, students were invited to stop and take a look at what they might be interested in joining. This gave students the opportunity to ask any questions and talk with other students who are current members of the clubs.

SPIRIT WEEK FOR 2/5-2/9:

Monday



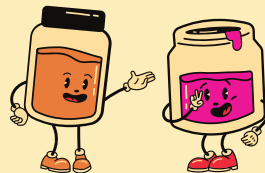
Student/Teacher Swap

Tuesday



Jersey Day

Wednesday



Duo Day

Thursday



Pajama Day

Friday

FR: Orange ●
SO: White ●
JR: Pink ●
SR: Red ●

Wear Class Colors

Highland Prep
2023-2024 Academic Calendar

July	August	September	October
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March	April	May	June
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First Day of Quarter
Finals/Last Day of Quarter
Holiday/Break
Graduation

First Quarter		Days 48
August	01	First Day - First Quarter
September	04	Labor Day
September	29	Last Day - First Quarter
October	09-13	Fall Break

Second Quarter		Days 41
October	16	First Day - Second Quarter
November	10	Veterans Day
November	22-24	Thanksgiving
December	15	Last Day - Second Quarter
Dec / Jan	18-02	Winter Break

Third Quarter		Days 51
January	03	First Day - Third Quarter
January	15	Martin Luther King Day
February	19	Presidents Day
March	15	Last Day - Third Quarter
March	18-22	Spring Break

Fourth Quarter		Days 42
March	25	First Day - Fourth Quarter
March	29	Spring Holiday
April	26	Spring Holiday
May	22	Graduation
May	23	Last Day - Fourth Quarter
		Instructional Days 182

School Events	
August	Parent Academy
September	Fall 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			
October	02-06	March	11-15
December	11-15	May	20-23
See Student Handbook			

State Testing Dates
Please see Assessment Calendar available on Canvas.
HP School Calendar will be modified to accommodate State Testing Calendar.

Special Dates			
40th Student Day -	September	26	2023
100th Student Day -	January	18	2024