



HIGHLAND PREP HONEY BADGER BULLETIN

HP EARNS 1ST COGNIA STEM SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION

We are pleased to share Highland Prep and Highland Prep Academies are the first network of schools to earn Cognia STEM Systems Certification in the world. Highland Prep and Highland Prep Academies participated in a STEM system review. In conducting the review, Dr. Angela Chomokos supported by Dr. Mike Jeffers found the



noteworthy practice to be: Highland Prep Academies has a rigorous academic program rooted in STEM college-preparatory practices. The Highland Prep Cross-Cutting Competencies Framework of collaborative problem-solving skills, technology and information literacy, thinking and metacognitive skills, and studying and learning skills throughout all curricular areas that led to 100% of its graduating seniors accepted into a 4-year college or university for the past 6 years.

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Message from the Principal

Dear Highland Prep Community,

As the spring semester unfolds, I am brimming with pride as I reflect on the incredible achievements of our students, faculty, and staff.

Our graduating seniors continue to impress, with their collective merit-based scholarship offers currently reaching a staggering \$9.7 million dollars! Additionally, the fantastic news continues – every single member of the senior class has been accepted into a college or university! In the athletic front, our track and field team has been dominating this season! They recently brought home the 1st place trophy at the ALA Titan Small School Showdown. This victory, along with multiple students expected to qualify for the state finals, highlights their hard work and commitment to excellence. Our VEX Robotics team also showcased their talents by competing in the State Championships in March. In the realm of music, our Girls Choir recently competed at the AZ ACDA State High School Choral Festival, earning a coveted superior rating.

These are just a few highlights of the amazing things happening at Highland Prep. Each and every one of you – students, faculty, staff, and parents – contributes to this exceptional learning environment. Here's to continued success, both inside and outside the classroom!

With warmest regards,

Shane Jones

Principal

School Calendar

APRIL 2024

4/3 Academic Awards Assembly
4/6 San Diego SeaPerch Competition
4/9 ACT, 11th Grade
4/26 Spring Holiday (No School)
4/30 HP Academies Science Fair

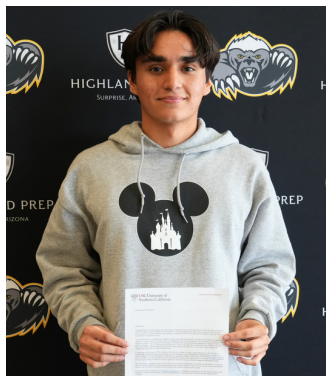
MAY 2024

5/9 Spring Band & Choir Concert
5/11 Prom
5/20 Academic Awards Banquet
5/22 Graduation
5/23 Last Day of School

SUMMER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMPS 2024

6/3-6/27	Summer School: Session 1	7/8-7/11	Aerial Drones Camp
6/3-6/27	Future Freshmen Academy: Math	7/15-7/18	Cheer Camp
7/8-7/25	Summer School: Session 2	7/15-7/25	Men's Soccer & Robotics Camp
7/8-7/25	Future Freshmen Academy: Reading	7/22-7/25	Women's Volleyball Camp
5/28-7/25	Football Camp	7/22-7/25	Pep Band Camp

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: KALEB BARRON- GUZMAN

We are proud to highlight senior, Kaleb Barron-Guzman who has been admitted to the University of Southern California (USC).

Kaleb says, "I'm really excited to be going to USC. They have one of the best business schools in the country and I know it will be a great opportunity for me to pursue and learn about owning my own business." We are so proud of Kaleb for his hard work, success, and dedication these past 4 years at Highland Prep. This achievement is a testament to the amazing things you are capable of achieving Kaleb. May this just be the beginning of your successful journey.



ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

We recently held our Academic Awards Assembly to recognize our students who received honor roll and principal's list during the 3rd quarter. Honor roll students were those who earned a 3.5-3.9 GPA, while principal's list students were those who earned a GPA of 4.0 and above.

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

LEARNING SAFE BLOOD COLLECTION TECHNIQUES

Our principles of biomedical science classes delved into safe blood collection techniques in their recent phlebotomy lab. Students learned how to perform a clinical blood draw through the use of a latex phlebotomy simulator arm. To safely perform the blood draw, students learned how to first find the vein of a patient and properly angle the needle. Students would know if they successfully completed the blood draw if the red food dye water filled up and it was not simply air.



LUKE AIRFORCE BASE AIRSHOW WITH VEX ROBOTICS

Corbin Dixon and Cole Papka, members of our VEX Robotics team, had the pleasure of showing off the Highland Prep VEX Robotics program during the Luke Airforce Base Airshow event. Corbin says, “It was really fun. Many of the airshow visitors got to learn more about VEX robotics and we got to showcase our competition robots. Many of them were intrigued about how complex they were and they even got the chance to drive them.”



ENTERING THE WORLD OF 3D MODELING

Our introduction to engineering students were given the project of 3D modeling their favorite car using the Fusion 360 software program. The 3D model would be of both the interior and exterior of the car. Mr. Harb graded each model on symmetry, the inclusion of details such as accurate tail lights and dashboards, and the overall look of the car.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

DESIGNING BOARD GAMES TO PREPARE FOR CIVICS TEST

Mr. Anderson's government classes designed their own board games to review for the mandatory civics test that is given to high school seniors each year. Many of the students drew inspiration from fun board games such as Candy Land, Pinko, and Uno. Students were given three days to work on their board game and include an array of easy, medium, and hard questions that are found across the entire civics test. On the last day, Mr. Anderson had his class invite students from Mr. Gulian's government class to join in on the review and play the board games.



CHOIR EARNS SUPERIOR RATING

A big shout-out to our Highland Prep Women's Choir who performed at the AzACDA State Festival at the Higley Center for the Performing Arts and earned a SUPERIOR rating! They performed "Water is Wide" and "Balm in Gilead" for this performance. When asked about the experience, Violet Maughan and Aislynn Ferris said, "It was an incredible experience. Contrary to other concerts we have had, the audience made us feel truly important and special. We were able to receive immediate feedback from the judges after our performances and it was all super helpful. The festival was unlike anything we had ever experienced and we are so happy to have won an award."

ATHLETICS

HIGHLAND PREP TRACK WINS FIRST PLACE

Our Highland Prep Track & Field team has been absolutely crushing it with having broken a grand total of 15 school records in this season alone! With a couple meets left to go, Coach Cajthaml says, "These kids are nowhere near finished showing what they can win and accomplish. They have really showed up this season and I'm extremely proud of them." Our boys team is currently in 1st place while our girls are in 3rd place. Keep up the great work Honey Badgers!



HIGHLAND PREP SOFTBALL HAVE A CHANCE AT PLAYOFFS

Although our Highland Prep Softball team started off the season with a disappointing loss, they have shown tremendous hard work and determination. They have a chance at making the playoffs this year and this team has held the best record for softball in Highland Prep history. Softball coach, Ms. Plazola also shared they have an upcoming fundraiser on April 17th, 2024 at the Handel's Ice Cream Shop on North Cotton Lane from 3-9 PM.

SPORTS SCHEDULE:

	Baseball	4/10/2024	3:45 PM	Phoenix Country Day	Victory Lane Complex
	Tennis	4/11/2024	3:30 PM	BASIS Phoenix	Surprise Tennis & Racquet Complex
	Baseball	4/15/2024	3:45 PM	Phoenix Christian	Phoenix Christian High School
	Softball	4/18/2024	3:45 PM	Phoenix Christian	Phoenix Christian High School
	Baseball	4/18/2024	3:45 PM	Phoenix Christian	Phoenix Christian High School
	Baseball	4/19/2024	3:45 PM	Northland Prep	Sinagua Middle School
	Softball	4/20/2024	10:00 AM	Northland Prep	Sinagua Middle School
	Baseball	4/22/2024	3:45 PM	Glendale Prep	Dream City Christian High School
	Softball	4/22/2024	3:45 PM	Glendale Prep	Victory Lane Complex



HAPPENINGS @ HP

FINE ARTS ASSEMBLY

We held our annual Spring Fine Arts Assembly where we enjoyed incredible performances from beginning choir, beginning band, and show choir. All students rounded up to see the performances in the gym. From the heartwarming melodies of the beginning choir and band to the energetic routines of the show choir, our talented young performers showcased their artistic talents and dedication.



Upcoming Dates at Honey Badger Country:

- 4/12: Highland Prep Talent Show
- 4/13: Highland Prep Academies SeaPerch Competition
- 4/13: Senior Bash
- 4/17: Quarter 4 BBQ



AP EXAM SCHEDULE: MAY 7- MAY 17

05/07-Tue	12:00pm-04:00pm	-AP Exam - Statistics
05/08-Wed	08:00am-12:00pm	-AP Exam - English Literature & Composition
05/09-Thu	08:00am-12:00pm	-AP Exam - Environmental Science
05/09-Thu	12:00pm-04:00pm	-AP Exam - Psychology
05/14-Tue	08:00am-12:00pm	-AP Exam - English Language & Composition
05/15-Wed	12:00pm-04:00pm	-AP Exam - Computer Science Principles
05/16-Thu	08:00am-12:00pm	-AP Exam - Spanish Language & Culture
05/16-Thu	12:00pm-04:00pm	-AP Exam - Biology
05/17-Fri	08:00am-12:00pm	-AP Exam - Physics 1

Highland Prep
2023-2024 Academic Calendar

July	August	September	October
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November	December	January	February
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March	April	May	June
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31			30

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