



HPS

NEWSLETTER

JULY 2024 EDITION

 Highland Prep

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Message from the Principal

Dear HPS Community,

I hope this letter finds you all enjoying a restful and enriching summer! As the days lengthen, we begin to look forward to the exciting new school year that awaits us at Highland Prep.



July is a busy month at Highland Prep! We're thrilled to offer a variety of programs to keep students engaged and learning throughout the summer, including Future Freshmen Academy and summer camps. Our second session of summer school begins July 8th.

Every Thursday throughout July (starting July 11th), we will be hosting Photo ID Days for all students. Be sure to mark your calendars to ensure you have your ID ready for the new year. The 2024-2025 academic year officially kicks off with Student Orientation on Friday, August 2nd. This is a crucial day for all students to reconnect with classmates, meet their teachers, and get acclimated to the upcoming year's schedule.

We are incredibly excited to welcome everyone back to Highland Prep on August 5th, the official first day of school. In the meantime, please enjoy the remaining days of summer!

Sincerely,

Shane Jones • Principal

Prepping for Upcoming HPS Summer Camps

Our summer camps are just around the corner. Whether you are interested in sports, music, or STEM, we have something for everyone. Our camps are designed to provide a safe and supportive environment where students can make new friends, try new things, and develop new skills. Registration forms are available in person at our office or online at: <https://highlandprepaz.net/summer-camps/>. Secure your spot and get ready for an amazing summer, Honey Badgers!



Summer Camp Dates:

Football: May 28- July 25, 3-6pm

Aerial Drones: July 8- July 11, 1-4pm

Cheer: July 15- July 18, 8-11am

Men's Soccer: July 15- July 25, 8-11am

VEX Robotics: July 15- July 25, 1-4pm

Women's Volleyball: July 22- July 25, 8-11am

Pep Band: July 22nd- July 25th, 1-4pm

Academic Bulletin

Future Freshmen Academy

Our first session of Future Freshmen Academy for math 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 that will serve them well as they enter high school. Our next Future Freshmen Academy session that will focus on reading skills and concepts is set to start on Monday, July 8th, 2024.



SeaPerch Team Travelled to Maryland for Nationals

Our SeaPerch team travelled to Maryland to compete in SeaPerch Nationals. Although they did not place, we are incredibly proud of our students. They truly embodied the spirit of STEM education and competition, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for them.



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.*



Honey Badger Athletics

Introducing our new Director of Athletics, Aaron Frank



We are thrilled to announce the appointment of Aaron Frank as our new Director of Athletics. Aaron Frank comes to Highland Prep moving all the way from Tampa, Florida. He brings a wealth of expertise to our school with leading multiple teams to playoffs and championships in both Kentucky and Florida. Frank's success on the field and leadership with teams led to his role as an Athletic Director. Frank then took the next steps to become the Operating

President of Tampa Bay Christian Athletics League. We are excited to have Frank on board and look forward to seeing the impact he will make on our athletic programs.

Teamwork & Dedication from the HPS Football Team



Our football team has been hard at work, competing in 7v7 scrimmages. Through dedication and teamwork, Coach Shaw shares they are developing a strong foundation for the upcoming season. Valuable players such as Aeden Calini, Gil Camacho, and Macen Thompson have demonstrated strong promise.

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

Academic Award Recipients

Congratulations to our 2023-2024 Academic Achievement Award Recipients!



English Language Arts



Mathematics



Science



Social Studies



STEM



Languages



Fine Arts



Physical Education

Athletic Signings for Baseball, Football, and Soccer



Christian Avery signed his National Letter of Intent to play baseball at Ottawa University of Arizona!



Francisco Palomares signed his National Letter of Intent to play football at Ottawa University of Arizona!



Kaleb Barron-Guzman signed his National Letter of Intent to play soccer at Ottawa University of Arizona!

AZSFF Scholarship

Makayla Harmon-McIntosh was awarded the Arizona Sustainable Futures Foundation (AZSFF) Scholarship! This \$5,000 scholarship will go towards covering Makayla's college expenses. Way to go, Makayla!



Kohen Hill named 1st Team

Congrats to Kohen Hill on being named 1st Team Academic All-American by NHSCA! The National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) honors the nation's finest student athletes as Academic All-Americans.



Happenings@HPS

New Courses Offered at Honey Badger Country

Highland Prep is delighted to announce the addition of six new courses to our academic lineup, offering students a wider range of subjects to explore. Introducing: Stride World Languages, Pre-AP Chemistry 1-2, Principles of Engineering, Drama and Production, AP Physics 1, and AP Psychology. Honey Badgers, get ready to develop new skills, challenge yourself, and grow with our expanded curriculum.

Student ID Days & Chromebook & Calculator Checkout

Calling all students, to mark their calendars for July 11th, July 18th, and July 25th for student ID photos. Join us on either one of these three days, during the designated time, to get your ID photo taken. July 11th will be from 10am to 2pm while July 18th and July 25th will be from 3pm to 6pm. Also, if you have not checked out a Chromebook or TI-84 calculator, please stop by the front office before July 25th.

HPS Student Orientation Day

Join us on Friday, August 2nd for our Student Orientation Day! Freshmen, come from 5:00pm to 6:00pm to receive your class schedule, get familiar with our campus and facilities, and have the chance to ask any questions you may have. Sophomores and Juniors, join us from 6:30pm to 7:30pm to also receive your class schedule and connect with your teachers and friends. We look forward to seeing you all then!

Upcoming Events

JULY 2024

7/8-7/11	Aerial Drones Camp	8/2
7/15-7/18	Cheer Camp	8/5
7/15-7/25	Men's Soccer Camp	8/15
7/15-7/25	VEX Robotics Camp	8/16
7/22-7/25	Womens Volleyball & Band Camp	8/22

SEPTEMBER 2024

9/1	Fall Pep Rally	10/2
9/7	Parent Workshop: Understanding GPA	10/16-10/20
9/14	Fall Open House & STEM Showcase	10/17
9/27	Fall BBQ	10/21
9/28	Parent Workshop: Prepare for FAFSA	10/26

AUGUST 2024

Student Orientation
First Day of School
Parent Workshop: Freshmen Year
Club Rush
School Picture Day

OCTOBER 2024

Visual Arts Showcase- 1st Qtr.
Homecoming Spirit Week
Cap & Gown Picture Day
Homecoming Dance
School Picture Retake Day

Highland Prep
2024-2025 Academic Calendar

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

First Quarter		Days 49
August	05	First Day - First Quarter
September	02	Labor Day
October	11	Last Day - First Quarter
October	14-18	Fall Break

Second Quarter		Days 41
October	21	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 48
January	06	First Day - Third Quarter
January	20	Martin Luther King Day
February	17	Presidents Day
March	14	Last Day - Third Quarter
March	17-21	Spring Break

Fourth Quarter		Days 44
March	24	First Day - Fourth Quarter
April	18	Spring Holiday
May	21	Graduation
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			
October	07-11	March	10-14
December	16-20	May	19-23
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	30	2024
100th Student Day -	January	17	2025



HIGHLAND PREP 2024-2025 SUPPLY LIST

PERSONAL SUPPLIES (DAILY USE)

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
4	1 INCH BINDERS
4	COLLEGE RULED SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
1 PACK	BLACK PENS
1 PACK	BLUE PENS
1 PACK	RED PENS
1 PACK	HIGHLIGHTERS

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
1	12 INCH CLEAR RULER (INCHES & CENTIMETERS)
1 PACK	EXPO, FINE-TIP, DRY ERASE MARKERS
1 MINIMUM	HPS BADGER 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)