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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



WELCOME BACK HONEY BADGERS FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Welcome back, Honey Badgers! It has been a blast having our students back on campus for the past two weeks. We've had a whirlwind of excitement, with clubs roaring back to life, fall sports in full swing, and classes settling into a smooth rhythm.

But that's not all - we've also hosted a parent workshop, senior workshop, and even welcomed our first college visit, the University of Florida! It's been a fantastic start of the year, and we're thrilled to see our students diving into new experiences, reconnect-

ing with friends, and making unforgettable memories.

As we look ahead to the rest of the year, we're filled with anticipation and enthusiasm. Whether it's exploring new interests, developing skills, or planning for the future, we're here to support our Honey Badgers every step of the way. Thank you for being part of our community - we're honored to have you along for the journey! Here's to an amazing year, filled with laughter and discovery.



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Message from the Principal

Dear Highland Prep Families,

This year has already started to shape up to be an exceptionally exciting and memorable one for all involved in the Highland Prep community.

One of the biggest highlights of the first quarter has been seeing the students' school spirit and overall excitement. Our pep rallies, club activities, and athletics have provided the students with incredible platforms to showcase their talents, skills, and camaraderie.

We have some exciting events lined up for the rest of the quarter, including our STEM night on Thursday, September 19, 2024, from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM. We look for-

ward to a fun afternoon on Friday, September 13, 2023 when students and staff will enjoy fun activities and delicious food together at our annual Fall BBQ.

It will be a great pleasure for us to host our Homecoming Football game against Madison Highland Prep on Friday, September 13, 2024. On Saturday, September 14, 2024, our students will hold a Homecoming Dance at 7:00 pm in honor of our students, their team, and our community!

Thank you for your continued support of our school and students. Your involvement and commitment play a crucial role in making Highland Prep a great place to learn and grow.

Kind regards,

Shane Jones • Principal



School Calendar

AUGUST 2024

8/2	Student Orientation
8/5	First Day of School
8/14	Welcome Back Pep Rally
8/15	Parent Workshop: Freshmen Year
8/16	Senior Workshop: Common Applications

OCTOBER 2024

10/8	Visual Arts Showcase- 1st Qtr.
10/14-10/18	Fall Break (No School)
10/21	Fall Sports Picture Day
10/25	Cap & Gown Picture Day
10/30	Academic Awards Assembly-1st Qtr.

SEPTEMBER 2024

9/2	Labor Day (No School)
9/3	NHS Blood Drive
9/9-9/13	Homecoming Spirit Week
9/19	Fall Open House & STEM Showcase
9/20	School Picture Day

NOVEMBER 2024

11/1	Halloween BBQ
11/11	Veteran's Day (No School)
11/16	3rd Annual Aerial Drone Qualifiers
11/22	Fall Band & Choir Concert
11/27-11/29	Thanksgiving Break (No School)

ACADEMIC BULLETIN

OUR 2024 AP SCHOLARS

We are thrilled to share that 23 of our students have been recognized as AP Scholars by the College Board for their outstanding performance on their AP Exams: Tara Albdairi, Kaleb Barron-Guzman, Nathan Bishop, Sophia Cohen, Nathan Collazo, Tyler Cornforth, Connor Dixon, Christian Gladden, Isaac Haberkorn, Gael Hernandez, Mariandree Marquez, Aero Mesa, Alexandrina Murphy, Daniel Packard, Alexander Perez, Elizabeth Pierson, Shelby Plumb, Collin Renckly, Katelynn Rubrecht, Johanna Sandoval, Jerald Tanner, Myia Vang, and Hannah Voiland. These 23 students have demonstrated exceptional academic excellence, showcasing their dedication, hard work, and commitment to academic rigor. Their achievement is a testament to their potential for success beyond high school.



UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

8/28	University of Arizona
9/6	Grand Canyon University
9/27	Northern Arizona University

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
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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

MICROSCOPES IN BIOLOGY

The fascinating world of microscopy was explored by our biology students, thanks to the guidance of Ms. Chandler. With microscopes at the ready, students learned the fundamentals of using these powerful tools to uncover the secrets of the tiny details. From adjusting the lenses to focusing on their specimens, our students gained hands-on experience with the techniques and best practices of microscopy. With their newfound skills, they are now equipped to explore the tiny details they will be researching about in their future labs.



ATOM STRUCTURE MODELS IN CHEMISTRY

Our chemistry students were each assigned an element and tasked with uncovering the exact numbers of protons, electrons, and neutrons their element has, as well as finding an interesting fact about it. With creativity and flair, our students brought their elements to life by building a structure model of it. The final part of the project was to present their atom model structures, making sure to showcase the precise arrangement of protons, electrons, and neutrons to their classmates.

LAUNCHING CATAPULTS

In a creative and engaging Introduction to Engineering class activity, our students designed and built catapults using an unexpected material—spoons! They crafted their miniature launchers and tested their abilities. Students then observed, measured, and refined their designs, exploring the fundamental principles of engineering.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

NIC KONIOR'S PLASMA CUTTING SUMMER PROJECTS

Sophomore, Nic Konior, spent his summer making a meaningful impact at Highland Prep, volunteering his time and talents to support the school. Among his various projects, one standout endeavor was his work on creating plasma-cut decor items featuring our school mascot and our school letters, HPS. With precision and skill, Nic used plasma cutting technology to bring the school's brand to life in metal form. The result was a stunning collection of decorative pieces that are proudly showcased in the staff lounge room and office hallway.



BUILDING HOUSES

Our Civil Engineering classes are building houses based on an architectural style of their choosing. With materials and tools at hand, our young engineers are bringing their chosen architectural styles to life, carefully crafting every detail, from foundation to finishes. We look forward to seeing their final houses.



ILLUMINATED LETTERS

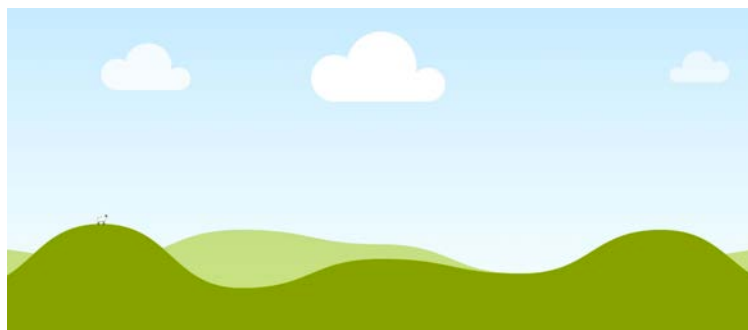
Studio Art students learned about the art of illuminated letters. This technique dates back to the Medieval Times and involves intricately decorating letters with vibrant colors, patterns, and designs. Our students' finished results were nothing short of incredible as they were each unique to the student.

ATHLETICS

FALL SPORTS ARE OFFICIALLY IN SESSION

The wait is over, and fall sports are officially in session. Our athletes have been training hard this past week with fall tryouts, and we can't wait to see them in action this year. Starting this new academic year, Highland Prep is going digital for admission into HPS athletic games. Spectators who would like to attend an HPS home athletic game will now purchase tickets through Go Fans. Tickets can be purchased by visiting gofan.co and searching for Highland Prep. Tickets cost \$5 for

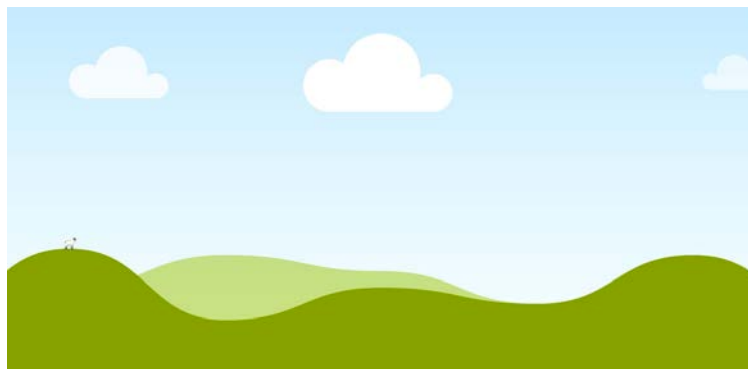
adults and \$3 for students. Tickets are required for entry and must be shown at the admission table. With our digital ticketing system, spectators can now purchase tickets online in advance, access tickets directly on your mobile device, and enjoy a seamless and convenient experience when going to school games. To follow our HPS teams and stay up-to-date on schedules, scores, and news, visit <https://azpreps365.com/schools/2235>.



WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM



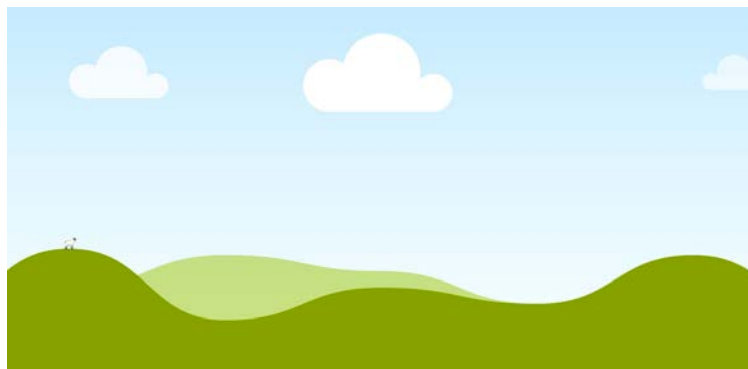
FOOTBALL TEAM



MEN'S SOCCER TEAM



CHEER TEAM



CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



HAPPENINGS @ HPS

SENIOR SUNRISE

Our Class of 2025 gathered to witness a breathtaking sunrise, marking the start of their final year of high school. The Senior Sunrise event was a momentous occasion, filled with excitement, nostalgia, and hope for the future. Together, they enjoyed from bagels and coffee and shared laughter, stories, and memories. As they fueled up for the year ahead, they also took turns autographing the senior sunrise banner, leaving their mark on this milestone moment.



WELCOME BACK PEP RALLY

The Welcome Back Pep Rally was an incredible display of school spirit, excitement, and community! As students, faculty, and staff gathered in the packed gym, the pep rally was a non-stop celebration of unity and enthusiasm. Highlights from the rally included a high-energy performance from our cheer team, a game of tug of war, and a competition of school pride between each class. The Welcome Back Pep Rally was a resounding success, setting the tone for an incredible year ahead.

Upcoming Dates at Honey Badger Country:

- 8/19: Senior Meeting
- 8/20: Club Rush
- 8/21: Academic Awards Assembly
- 8/22: Jostens Information Meeting



Highland Prep
2024-2025 Academic Calendar

July 0 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	August 20 S M T W T F S 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	September 20 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	October 9 9 S M T W T F S 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
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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
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			
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