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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



HOME OF THE HONEY BADGERS

OUR CLASS OF 2025 EARNS RECORD-BREAKING SCHOLARSHIPS!

The Highland Prep Class of 2025 has achieved something truly remarkable, earning an astonishing \$12,400,000.00 in college scholarships. This impressive total breaks the record for the most scholarship money ever awarded to a Highland Prep class, showcasing the hard work, dedication, and academic excellence of these talented students.

But that's not all, 100% of the Class of 2025 have been accepted into four-year colleges and universities, a testament to their outstanding acade-

mic preparation and potential. The list of institutions they were accepted to is equally impressive, with prestigious universities like the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, University of San Diego, Rochester Institute of Technology, Howard University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and Pepperdine University among them.

As these students embark on their next chapter, we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. Congratulations to the Highland Prep Class of 2025!



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Message from the Principal

Dear Highland Prep Community,

As we step into the final stretch of the school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the many accomplishments and exciting events that have taken place over the past month.

We were thrilled to see our students shine at this year's "Garden of Glamour" Prom, a beautiful evening filled with laughter, dancing, and memories that will last a lifetime. Meanwhile, our students have shown focus and determination as we moved through state testing.

Our track and field team continues to make history, setting new school records and showing what hard work and dedication

can achieve. Perhaps most impressively, our Class of 2025 has earned an astonishing \$12,400,000.00 in college scholarships, and we are proud to share that 100% of our seniors have been accepted into four-year colleges and universities.

As we look ahead, there is much to be excited about. Student Council elections are coming up, we are also preparing for AP testing, and of course, the much-anticipated Graduation in May.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our students and school community. Let's finish the year strong!

Warm regards,

Shane Jones
Principal



School Calendar

APRIL 2025

4/1 ACT Aspire Assessment (9th Grade)
4/1 AzSCI Assessment (11th Grade)
4/2 Academic Awards Assembly- 3rd Qtr.
4/8 ACT Testing (11th Grade)
4/18 Spring Holiday (No School)

5/9
5/16
5/20
5/21
5/23

MAY 2025

Senior Trip
Spring Band & Choir Concert
Academic Awards Banquet
Graduation
Last Day of School

SUMMER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMPS 2025

5/26-6/26 Football Camp
6/2-6/26 Summer School-Session 1
6/2-6/26 Future Freshmen Academy-Session 1
7/7-7/24 Summer School-Session 2
7/7-7/24 Future Freshmen Academy-Session 2

7/7-7/10 Aerial Drones Camp
7/7-7/10 Women's Flag Football Camp
7/7-7/17 Basketball Camp
7/14-7/17 Recording Studio Pep Band Camp
Visit highlandprepaz.net for more!

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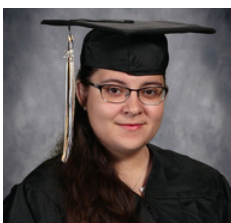
SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS: SOPHIA & TARA

We are thrilled to highlight our Highland Prep Class of 2025 Valedictorian, Sophia Cohen and our Salutatorian, Tara Albdairi! Sophia has set her sights on pursuing a degree

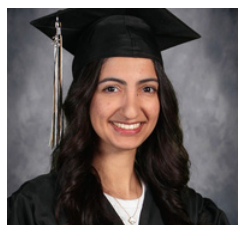
in Computer Science at the Arizona State University Barrett Honors College. During her four years at Highland Prep, Sophia was an active member of Key Club and National Honor Society, showcasing her dedication to

service and academic excellence. She also successfully completed the 5th hour Engineering Design and Development course. Tara Albdairi, our accomplished salutatorian, is ready to take on the world of all things medicine. She plans

to attend Arizona State University and major in Medical Studies. At Highland Prep, Tara was a multifaceted student, excelling in Varsity Tennis, National Honor Society, and the



Sophia Cohen, Highland Prep Class of 2025 Valedictorian



Tara Albdairi, Highland Prep Class of 2025 Salutatorian

Future Medical Professionals Club. Her passion for healthcare and commitment to her craft are truly inspiring. Both Sophia and Tara have demonstrated remarkable academic talent, leadership, and character throughout their high

school journey. We're incredibly proud of their achievements and can't wait to see the amazing things they'll accomplish in the future. Congratulations to Sophia and Tara on their well-deserved success! We're so proud!

EXTRACURRICULAR SCHEDULE:

MONDAY

MEDIA AND JOURNALISM, 210
DRAMA CLUB, 102
GAMEDAY OPERATIONS, 101
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, FAB LAB
VR GAME DESIGN (AND TUESDAYS), 209
ZOOLOGY (AND FRIDAYS), 210
ESPORTS (AND FRIDAYS), FL 205
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

HIGHLAND PREP ACADEMIES SEAPERCH COMPETITION

Our Highland Prep SeaPerch team made a splash at their first competition of the season, taking home third place at the Highland Prep Academies 2nd Annual SeaPerch Competition! The team navigated the obstacle course with ease and secured valuable points in the mission course. With this momentum, they're gearing up for their next competition in San Diego, California. We wish them the best as they head to the West Coast.



PHLEBOTOMY IN PRACTICE

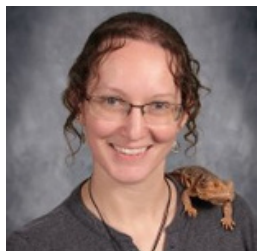
Our Biomedical Science students gained hands-on experience in a phlebotomy lab, where they learned the essential skills of identifying veins and successfully drawing blood. Under the guidance of Ms. Chandler, they practiced precise techniques and developed the confidence to perform blood draws. This practical training will serve them well as they pursue careers in the medical field, providing a solid foundation for their future success. Great job, future medical professionals!

LAUNCHING ROCKETS IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Our Aerospace Engineering students took their rocket designs to the ultimate test. The journey began with meticulous planning, optimizing designs for maximum efficiency. After assembling their creations, the moment of truth arrived- testing their design in a spectacular display of innovation and skill. Watching their rockets soar into the sky was the best reward, validating their hard work.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



MRS. CHANDLER

Mrs. Chandler teaches Biology, AP Biology, and Principles of Biomedical Science at Highland Prep. She holds a Bachelors in Biology from Northwestern State University and a

Masters in Natural Science from Louisiana State University. Mrs. Chandler has her state teaching certification in biology and chemistry, and is PLTW certified in Introduction to Engineering Design and Biomedical Science. Her teaching expertise includes teaching biology and physical sciences since 2013. As the club advisor for SeaPerch and Zoology, she has been instrumental in guiding students to achieve their full potential. Her commitment to her students' success is evident in her tireless efforts to support them.



CELEBRATING WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

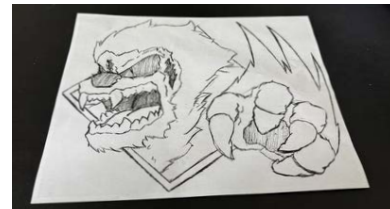
To celebrate Women's History Month, our Spanish students created stunning poster boards showcasing the remarkable impact of women worldwide. With vibrant tributes, they honored the strength and achievements of trailblazing women.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



PURCHASE YOUR YEARBOOK

Purchase your 2024-2025 Highland Prep yearbook before it is too late! The deadline to buy your yearbook to be delivered to the school is April 15th. If you purchase your yearbook after the deadline, it will be delivered to home and additional fees will be applied.



TURNING DESIGNS TO LIFE

Senior, Josiah Gomez brought his artistic vision to life by transforming his sketch into an awesome shirt design. In our maker space, he turned his drawing into an awesome shirt design with the help of fellow senior Isaiah Gardea, who digitized the design. It's exciting to see students collaborate and create something unique.

ATHLETICS

UPCOMING GAME SCHEDULE:

Tennis	4/14	3:30 PM	Valley Lutheran	H
Baseball	4/14	3:45 PM	River Valley	H
Softball	4/14	3:45 PM	River Valley	H
Tennis	4/15	3:30 PM	Scottsdale Christian	H
Boys VB	4/15	5:30 PM	Scottsdale Christian	H
Tennis	4/17	3:30 PM	Scottsdale Prep	A
Baseball	4/17	3:30 PM	ALA-West Foothills	H
Softball	4/17	3:45 PM	ALA-West Foothills	H
Baseball	4/21	3:00 PM	Highland Prep West	H
Tennis	4/21	3:00 PM	BASIS Phoenix	H
Softball	4/21	3:45 PM	Chino Valley	A
Tennis	4/22	3:30 PM	Rancho Solano Prep	A
Baseball	4/23	3:45 PM	Kingman	A
Softball	4/23	3:45 PM	Kingman	A
Boys VB	4/23	5:30 PM	Parker	A
Baseball	4/24	3:45 PM	Chino Valley	A
Softball	4/24	4:00 PM	Madison Highland	A
Boys VB	4/25	5:30 PM	Madison Highland	A
Baseball	4/28	3:45 PM	Parker	A
Softball	4/28	3:45 PM	Parker	A

ATHLETE SPOTLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



**CADEN
BELANGER-
FRANK**

Freshman, Caden Belanger-Frank (#3) is a talented freshman baseball player who is making a significant impact on the team. His dedication to self-improvement is evident in the way he works tirelessly to elevate his game every day. By drawing inspiration from both his own performances and those of his upperclassmen teammates, Caden continually seeks to refine his skills and push himself to new heights. Coach Heinz praises Caden's growth, saying "He constantly demands more from himself and is always willing to grow and be better." Caden's commitment to excellence and his positive attitude make him a valuable asset to the team.



**SYDNEY
MIKKELSON**

Freshman, Sydney Mikkelson (#3) is dominating the softball field with her impressive skills and unwavering determination. She's not only a force to be reckoned with on the mound but also an exceptional hitter, currently holding the team's best batting average. Sydney's passion for the game is evident in every game she plays. Her determination and perseverance are qualities that set her apart, and she's always willing to hold a helping hand to her teammates. Sydney has the ability to hold her own against top-level competition, despite being a freshman. Captain Alexis Rodda praises Sydney's impressive performance, noting that she's showing up against varsity-level seniors with confidence and skill. Sydney's dedication and passion for the game are an inspiration to her teammates, and we're thrilled to spotlight her as our Athlete of the Month. With her talent and work ethic, we expect great things from Sydney in the seasons to come.

HAPPENINGS @ HPS

PEP ASSEMBLY FUN & HONEY BADGER SPIRIT

The Prom Pep Assembly was a blast, overflowing with Honey Badger spirit! We started the event by introducing our prom court. Students had a great time racing on mattresses and strutting their outfits in the “Dress to Impress” contest, showcasing their creativity and flair. It was fantastic to see everyone letting loose and having fun together. This lively event kicked off prom festivities with a bang, setting the tone for an unforgettable week.



BEST TIME WITH FRIENDS & FACULTY AT OUR SPRING BBQ

The Prom BBQ was an unforgettable celebration for our Honey Badgers. Perfect weather set the scene for a fantastic gathering of friends and faculty. Our Honey Badgers had a blast enjoying treats from the Happy Honu Hawaiian shaved ice truck, enjoying the music of our talented student band, and competing in an exhilarating game of capture the flag on the field. It was a wonderful opportunity for students to create long-lasting memories.



PURE MAGIC AT THE GARDEN OF GLAMOUR PROM

The Garden Glamour Prom was a magical night to remember! Our juniors and seniors shone in their finest attire, accompanied by friends. The evening perfectly captured the spirit of our community, showcasing the strong bonds and camaraderie that make our school so special. It was a wonderful celebration of glamour, friendship, and shared joy.



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
		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
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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

2025

Summer Camps

Football at HPS Field

Mon to Thu • May 26th – June 26th
8:00 am – 11:00 am
The football staff will focus camp activities on conditioning, offensive and defensive skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.
Fee: \$75.00

Aerial Drones at HPS Engineering Lab

Mon to Thu • July 7th – 10th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
The staff will focus activities on technical skills in preparation for the 2025-2026 Aerial Drones competition. No equipment will be needed.
Fee: \$125.00

Women's Flag Football at HPS Field

Mon to Thu • July 7th – 10th
8:00 am – 11:00 am
The women's flag football camp is open to all incoming and current student-athletes. No equipment will be needed.
Fee: \$75.00

Basketball at HPS Gym

Mon to Thu • July 7th – 17th
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
The staff will focus camp activities on drills and skills in preparation for the 2025-2026 basketball season. No equipment will be needed.
Fee: \$75.00

Recording Studio Pep Band at HPS Music Room

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 17th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
TBD
Fee: \$75.00

VEX Robotics at HPS Engineering Lab

Mon to Wed • July 14th – 23rd
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
The staff will focus activities on design, programming, and build skills in preparation for the 2025-2026 VEX competition game. No equipment will be needed.
Fee: \$125.00

Women's Volleyball at HPS Gym

Mon to Thu • July 21st – 24th
8:00 am – 11:00 am
The staff will focus activities on conditioning, volleyball skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.
Fee: \$75.00

Cheer at HPS Gym

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 17th
8:00 am – 11:00 am
The staff will focus activities on conditioning, cheer and dance skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.
Fee: \$75.00

Soccer at HPS Field

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 24th
8:00 am – 11:00 am
The staff will focus camp activities on conditioning, offensive and defensive skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.
Fee: \$75.00



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Registration forms available at: highlandprepaz.org