



HONEY BADGER BULLETIN

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HOME OF THE HONEY BADGERS

HPS INTRODUCES THE PLTW-RECF INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION!

We're thrilled to announce that Highland Prep will be implementing the PLTW-RECF Industry Certification Program on our campus this upcoming school year! This certification aligns perfectly with our mission to equip students with relevant, industry-recognized credentials that will set them apart in the competitive world of STEM.

The REC Foundation partnered with Project Lead The Way (PLTW) to establish an industry-recognized credential that validates a student's skills

and knowledge in robotics and engineering fields. It builds upon PLTW's Fundamentals of Engineering course and incorporates Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering.

By offering the PLTW-RECF certification, we're giving our students a valuable edge when applying for scholarships, internships, and selective university programs. This certification demonstrates our commitment to providing students with the crucial skills employers and universities are looking for.



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Message from the Principal



Dear Highland Prep Students and Families,

I hope you are enjoying a restful and recharging summer! As we prepare for another exciting school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate the great momentum we've seen over the past few weeks.

Even during the summer months, our campus has been full of energy and purpose. From students attending summer school to sharpen their skills, to incoming 9th graders participating in our Future Freshman Academy, and athletes engaging in summer camps. It's clear that our Honey Badger community is committed to growth, excellence, and teamwork year-round.

Flag football, basketball, and aerial drone racing camps have begun. If you are interested in participating in future camps, it is not too late to sign up. Recording studio, VEX, women's volleyball, cheer, and soccer camps will be starting in the next couple of weeks. Be sure to contact the office to register. Register My Athlete must be completed for any student participating in a sport camp.

Mark your calendars for Student Orientation, July 31st. Students will be able to pick up their schedules and course syllabi. 9th grade will run from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. and 10th-12th grade will run from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

As we look ahead to the new school year, I encourage each of you to start strong. Set your goals, challenge yourselves, and continue pushing forward. Whether you're just beginning your journey at Highland Prep or entering your final year, know that our entire staff is here to support you every step of the way.

I'm incredibly proud of what we've already accomplished and even more excited for what's to come. Let's make this school year our best one yet!

Enjoy the rest of your summer and we'll see you soon!

With pride,

Shane Jones

Principal

ACADEMIC BULLETIN

Future Freshmen Academy: Preparing for High School



Our first session of Future Freshmen Academy 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. Our second session of Future Freshmen Academy focuses on reading and comprehension skills and is running now through Thursday, July 24th, 2025.

Seniors Gear Up for College with Summer Workshops

Our seniors have been gearing up for college with our senior summer workshops. So far, we've covered topics such as choosing a college and major and navigating the scholarship search. Our next workshop, taking place on July 23rd from 12pm-1pm, will focus on college applications.



Senior, Ethan Awarded \$5,000 ASFF Scholarship!



Congratulations to graduated senior, Ethan Putman on being awarded the prestigious Arizona Sustainable Futures (ASFF) Scholarship for \$5,000! We're thrilled to see Ethan's dedication to environmental science and sustainability recognized at this level. As he prepares to attend the University of Michigan, we're confident he'll make a positive impact in his field. We're so proud of Ethan's achievement and can't wait to see the amazing things he'll accomplish!

BADGER ATHLETICS

HPS 2025 Summer Camps Schedule

Football

Mon to Thurs
May 26- June 26
8:00am-11:00am

Aerial Drones

Mon to Thurs
July 7- July 10
1:00pm-4:00pm

Women's Flag Football

Mon to Thurs
July 7- July 10
8:00am-11:00am

Basketball

Mon to Thurs
July 7- July 17
12:00pm-2:00pm

Cheer

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 17
8:00am-11:00am

Recording Studio

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 17
9:00am-12:00pm

VEX Robotics

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 23
1:00pm-4:00pm

Soccer

Mon to Thurs
July 14- July 24
8:00am-11:00am

Women's Volleyball

Mon to Thurs
July 21- July 24
8:00am-11:00am

Register today by calling us at (623) 300-8385 or visiting highlandprepaaz.net

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

Congratulations, Highland Prep Class of 2025!



Congratulations to the Highland Prep Class of 2025! We had the pleasure of watching this amazing group of students grow and thrive, and we're beyond excited for their bright futures ahead. They truly made their mark on our community, and we'll miss their energy and spirit. Once a Honey Badger, always a Honey Badger! Wishing the incredible HPS Class of 2025 all the best in their future endeavors!



HAPPENINGS @ HPS

Incoming Freshmen ID Photo Day & Tech Checkout

Calling all HPS Incoming Freshmen, to join us on campus on Tuesday, July 22nd from 2pm to 5pm, if you have still not taken your student ID picture. As for technology checkout, swing by the front office any day starting Monday, July 14th through Thursday, July 24th from 7:30am to 4pm. Please keep in mind there is a deposit required for technology checkout and all students must have a school-issued laptop.

HPS 2025-2026 Student Orientation Day

Join us on Thursday, July 31st for Student Orientation Day! Freshmen, come from 5:00pm to 6:00pm to receive your class schedule, meet your teachers, explore the campus, and have the chance to ask any questions you may have. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors, join us from 6:00pm to 7:00pm to receive your class schedule and connect with your teachers and friends. We look forward to seeing you all then!

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.*



First Day of School

Mark your calendars for the first day of school on Monday, August 4th. Before we kick off the school year, don't forget to review the supply list and student handbook to stay informed on rules and expectations. We're incredibly excited to start another amazing year and can't wait to see you all soon! Let's make it a great year, Badgers!



HIGHLAND PREP

SURPRISE, ARIZONA

2025-2026 SUPPLY LIST

PERSONAL SUPPLIES (DAILY USE)

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION
4	1 INCH BINDERS
4	COLLEGE-RULE SPIRAL NOTEBOOKS
1 Pack	BLACK PENS
1 Pack	BLUE PENS
1 Pack	RED PENS
1 Pack	HIGHLIGHTERS
1 Pack	#2 PENCILS
1	12 INCH, CLEAR RULER (INCHES & CENTIMETERS)
1 Pack	EXPO, FINE-TIP, DRY ERASE MARKERS
1 Minimum	HP PE Shirt
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)

Highland Prep
2025-2026 Academic Calendar

The image displays 12 monthly calendars arranged in a 4x3 grid, from July to June. Each calendar is a 5x7 grid with days of the week (S-M-F-S) as columns and dates as rows. The grid highlights specific dates: First Day of Quarter (green), Finals/Last Day of Quarter (red), Holiday/Break (black), and Graduation/Early Release (pink).

Legend:

- First Day of Quarter (Green)
- Finals/Last Day of Quarter (Red)
- Holiday/Break (Black)
- Graduation/Early Release (Pink)

Calendar Details:

- July:** 0. First Day of Quarter: July 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: July 31.
- August:** 20. First Day of Quarter: August 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: August 31.
- September:** 21. First Day of Quarter: September 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: September 30.
- October:** 8, 10. First Day of Quarter: October 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: October 31.
- November:** 16. First Day of Quarter: November 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: November 30.
- December:** 15. First Day of Quarter: December 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: December 31.
- January:** 19. First Day of Quarter: January 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: January 31.
- February:** 19. First Day of Quarter: February 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: February 28.
- March:** 10, 7. First Day of Quarter: March 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: March 31.
- April:** 21. First Day of Quarter: April 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: April 30.
- May:** 16. First Day of Quarter: May 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: May 31.
- June:** First Day of Quarter: June 1. Finals/Last Day of Quarter: June 30.

First Quarter		Days	49
August	04	First Day - First Quarter	
September	01	Labor Day	
October	10	Last Day - First Quarter	
October	13-17	Fall Break	

Second Quarter		Days 41
October	20	First Day - Second Quarter
November	11	Veterans Day
November	26-28	Thanksgiving
December	19	Last Day - Second Quarter
Dec / Jan	22-02	Winter Break

Third Quarter		Days 48
January	05	First Day - Third Quarter
January	19	Martin Luther King Day
February	16	Presidents Day
March	13	Last Day - Third Quarter
March	16-20	Spring Break

Fourth Quarter		Days	44
March	23	First Day - Fourth Quarter	
April	03	Spring Holiday	
May	20	Graduation	
May	22	Last Day - Fourth Quarter	

School Events	
August	Parent Academy
September	Fall Open House
February	Spring Open House

Teacher Start/End Dates		
July	28	Teachers Start Date
May	29	Teachers End Date

In-service - No Students	Days
All Staff In-service	5

Early Release Days - 1:30 pm	Days
Professional Learning Community (PLC)	28
Teacher In-service/Work/Grades	4

Student Coursework Testing Days	Days
Progress Reports	4
*Finals	4
*Finals/Last Day of Quarter	4

Blackout/Mandatory Attendance Dates			
October	13-17	March	09-13
December	15-19	May	18-22
See Student Handbook			

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

Special Dates			
40th Student Day -	September	29	2025
100th Student Day -	January	16	2026