



HONEY BADGER BULLETIN

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HIGHLAND PREP'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



HOME OF THE HONEY BADGERS

HIGHLAND PREP'S ENGINEERING CLUB TACKLES NEW PROJECTS!

Highland Prep's Engineering Club has been buzzing with creativity, tackling exciting projects that showcase their skills and ingenuity. One of their standout endeavors is the design of a honey badger clock, a unique timepiece that they hope to get in production and display on campus. This project not only highlights their technical expertise but also showcases their school spirit and badger pride.

In a collaborative effort, the Engineering Club has also joined forces with the Botany Club to restore a

refrigerator and repurpose it as a thriving garden bed. This innovative project combines engineering principles with environmental sustainability, demonstrating the clubs' commitment to creativity and community involvement.

Through these projects, students are gaining valuable hands-on experience and developing skills in design, problem-solving, and teamwork. Stay tuned to Highland Prep's social media to be the first to know when these exciting projects are complete.



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Message from the Principal

Dear Highland Prep Community,

October has been a big month for our campus, and I want to take a moment to celebrate a few wins as we head into November.

First, I want to recognize our seniors in fall athletics. From football to volleyball to cross-country and cheer, our Class of 2026 has shown toughness, leadership, and pride in representing Highland Prep. Senior Nights are always emotional for us because we get to honor not just the athletes, but the families who have supported them at every practice, game, and late pick-up.

I'm also proud to share that over 50% of our seniors have completed the FAFSA.

This is a huge accomplishment this early in

the year as this opens doors to tons of financial aid.

As we move into November, we have a full calendar of events, and we'd love to see you involved:

- HP Line Dancing Night – Friday, November 7 at 6:00 PM
- Future Freshman Night – Thursday, November 13 from 5:00–6:30 PM
- HPS 4th Annual VEX Robotics State Qualifier – Saturday, November 15
- AZ SciTech Festival – Saturday, November 22

Thank you for your continued support of our students and programs. We're proud of the work happening on this campus every day.

With gratitude,

Shane Jones • Principal



School Calendar

OCTOBER 2025

10/1	FAFSA Opens
10/6	Visual Arts Showcase- 1 st Qtr.
10/13-10/17	Fall Break
10/24	Trunk or Treat
10/31	Halloween Costume Contest

DECEMBER 2025

12/12	Polar Express Movie Night
12/13	HPS 4 th Annual Drone Qualifiers
12/17	Winter Band & Choir Concert
12/17	Winter Visual Arts Showcase
12/22-1/2	Winter Break

NOVEMBER 2025

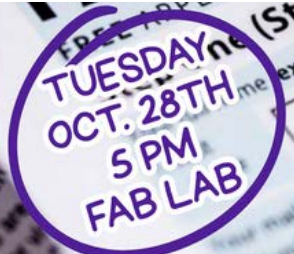
11/7	Student Council Line Dancing Night
11/13	Future Freshman Night
11/15	HPS VEX Robotics State Qualifiers
11/26-11/28	Thanksgiving Break
12/2	Parent Workshop: Completing FAFSA

JANUARY 2026

1/16	Senior Lock-In
1/19	Martin Luther King Day (No School)
1/22	ACT Practice Exam (10 th & 11 th Grade)
1/30	Winter Formal BBQ
1/31	Winter Formal Dance

ACADEMIC BULLETIN

PARENT WORKSHOP
HOSTED BY
GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY



FAFSA Workshop

Get a head start on college financial aid!

During this workshop, students and parents will receive step-by-step guidance on completing the 2025-2026 FAFSA application.

Plus, a representative from Grand Canyon University will be on hand to offer additional support and answer your questions.

Don't miss this opportunity to get your student's financial planning in order before graduation!



COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS:

10/27	University of Alabama
10/28	Southeastern University
10/28	FAFSA Parent Workshop with GCU
10/30	Seattle Pacific University
11/4	Arizona State University
11/5	Arizona State University (Campus Tour)

EXTRACURRICULAR

SCHEDULE:

MONDAY 2:30 PM

YEARBOOK, MS. HEATH (DURING LUNCH)
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY, FAB LAB
GAMEDAY OPERATIONS, MR. MERRILL
(AND TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, FRIDAYS)
ZOOLOGY, MS. CHANDLER (AND FRIDAYS)
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, MR. CAPUTO
CHESS, MS. RENCKLY
RECORDING STUDIO, MS. HOLLAND
(3:30PM)(AND FRIDAYS)

TUESDAY 2:30 PM

STUDENT COUNCIL, MR. LAGUIT
VEX ROBOTICS, MS. KOOKLANI
(AND THURSDAYS)
ESPORTS, MR. VAN DEN BRANDE
(AND FRIDAYS)
KEY CLUB, MR. HOFFMAN, MS. MORENO
SPANISH, MS. DUEÑAS
CARD GAME, MR. GULIAN
SEAPERCH ROBOTICS, MS. CHANDLER
(AND THURSDAYS)

THURSDAY 2:30 PM

BOTANY, MS. HANCOCK
ENGINEERING, MS. HANCOCK
MATH DECATHALON, MR. VAN DEN BRANDE
VIDEO GAME DESIGN, MR. GULIAN
TABLE TENNIS, MR. HARB
FILM, MR. CAJTHAML

FRIDAY 2:30 PM

DRONES, MR. TAGHIKHANI
FUTURE MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS, MS. RENCKLY
GAME NIGHT, MR. MOELLER
SCHOLARSHIP CLUB, MS. KING

STEM DIGEST

ROBOT RACE DAY IN PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING

Our Principles of Engineering students put their skills to the test in a thrilling robotics competition! Students designed, built, and programmed their own robots, which then faced off in an action-packed race. With precise building and a dash of friendly competition, the robots battled it out, making for an unforgettable project. Congrats to our Honey Badger Engineers on a job well done!



DAILY EVENTS FOR CYBER WEEK!

Cyber Week is coming to Highland Prep this week, October 27th-31st, and our Chief Science Officers have a thrilling lineup of cyber-themed activities planned during lunch. With daily surprises, awesome prizes to win, and a school-wide scavenger hunt for a 3D-printed virus, it's going to be an eventful week! Students can participate in activities all week, showcasing their tech and cybersecurity skills. Don't miss out on the excitement on campus and join us for an action-packed Cyber Week!

SENIOR BRANDON DEVELOPS AEROSPACE CALCULATOR

Highland Prep senior Brandon Maves has taken his coding skills to the next level! For his aerospace engineering class, Brandon created an innovative aerospace calculator that streamlines complex calculations, including finding altitude, air density, velocity, and more. By leveraging his coding expertise, Brandon developed a program that saves time and reduces the tedious math.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT **OF THE MONTH**



MS. HOLLAND

Ms. Holland teaches Band, Choir, and Art History at Highland Prep. A graduate of Belmont University with a Bachelor of Music Education, Ms. Holland has served as a choral director in

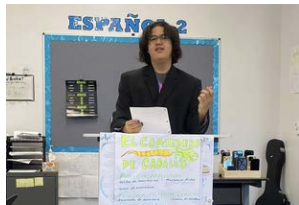
both public schools and homeschool settings, leading award-winning ensembles and directing numerous musical theater productions. In her free time, Ms. Holland enjoys being a musician and running. Beyond the classroom, she serves as the advisor for Songwriting and Recording Studio Club. With a commitment to developing musical literacy, performance excellence, and a love of music, Ms. Holland enriches our school through her dynamic and student-centered approach.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



DRAMA CLUB SKITS

Our drama class recently showcased their talents with engaging performances of short skits. With a focus on timing, hand movements, and voice projection, these students brought scripts to life, honing their craft through confident and compelling skit performances.



OUR SPANISH 1 STUDENTS PRESENT AS MANAGERS

Our Spanish 1 students stepped into the role of restaurant managers and crafted their own menu to present in front of the class. By leveraging their Spanish vocabulary skills in a fun way, students are getting more confident speaking the language.



JOIN OUR FUNDRAISER!

Stock up for the holidays or grab gift cards for family and friends while supporting our school. Every purchase gives 20% back to Highland Prep's Booster Club, directly supporting school programs, initiatives, and athletics. Shop online by scanning the QR code or visiting any Honey Baked Ham store nationwide.

ATHLETICS

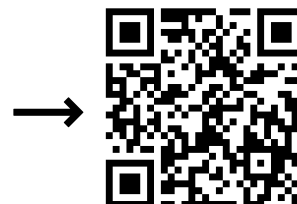
A HEARTFELT FAREWELL TO OUR SENIOR FALL ATHLETES!

The fall sports season is wrapping up, and we proudly salute our exceptional senior athletes! Their remarkable dedication, perseverance and teamwork have forever left their mark on Highland Prep's legacy. These exceptional individuals have embodied the Badger spirit!



Our girls' flag football team is set to celebrate their Senior Night on Tuesday, November 4th at 6pm. Come out and support as they conclude the season.

Scan the QR code to start purchasing your tickets for upcoming HP sports games!



HAPPENINGS @ HPS

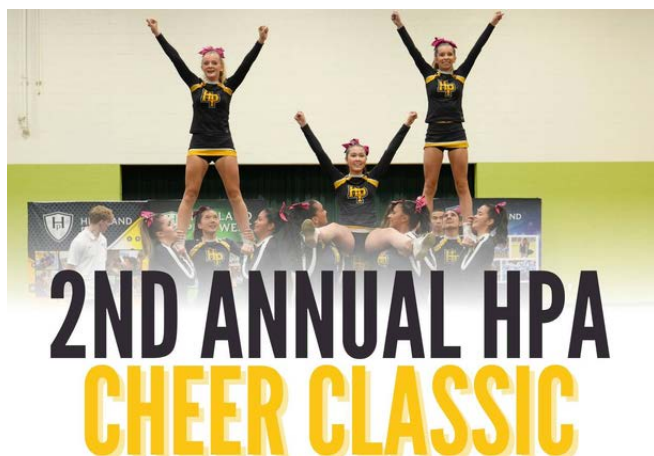
HP TRUNK OR TREAT & HAUNTED HALLWAYS

The Highland Prep community is invited to a spooktacular evening at the upcoming Trunk or Treat event, taking place on Wednesday, October 29th from 6:00-8:00pm at Highland Prep. Families can enjoy a festive evening of decorated trunks, games, and thrills, including the featured Haunted Hallways presented by the Highland Prep Student Council. A \$5 entry fee per person applies. Join us for a fun-filled evening of Halloween festivities!



THE 2ND ANNUAL HPA CHEER CLASSIC COMPETITION

Highland Prep is excited to announce the 2nd Annual Cheer Classic, taking place on Monday, November 3rd at 5:00pm at Highland Prep West. This highly anticipated event will feature our talented cheer squad going against our sister schools, Madison Highland Prep and Highland Prep West, in a friendly competition. The event is free and open to the public, offering an exciting evening of school spirit. Come out and support your Honey Badgers!



CLASS OF 2030 FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT

Highland Prep invites all future freshmen to join us for Future Freshman Night on Thursday, November 13th from 5:00-6:30pm at the Highland Prep campus. Families will get the chance to explore campus, learn about our STEM programs and college prep opportunities, and get a glimpse into our exciting sports and extracurriculars.



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
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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

OPEN ENROLLMENT

2026-2027 Incoming Freshman Open Enrollment Deadlines



Pre-Enrollment Period: September 1, 2025 - November 28, 2025

Incoming Freshman must complete and submit the enrollment application to begin the enrollment process for the 2026-2027 school year. The enrollment application is located and can be submitted through the HP website at www.HighlandPrepAZ.org. The enrollment application is also available in the school office.

Enrollment Packets Due: Friday, December 19, 2025

Incoming Freshman must complete and submit the registration packet to secure enrollment in the Class of 2030. Registration packets may be returned to the school office, via facsimile, or via email to: sbrazinsky@highlandprepaz.org

Placement Testing Date: Saturday, January 31, 2026

Incoming Freshman must complete the 9th grade placement tests in Reading and Mathematics. Placement testing will be held on the HP campus at 9:00 a.m. Incoming Freshman that do not complete the placement testing may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2026-2027 school year.

Course Registration Date: Saturday, February 28, 2026

Incoming Freshman must register for Fall 2026 honors-level and elective courses. Course registration will be held in the HP Gymnasium from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Incoming Freshman that do not complete the course registration may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you have any questions please contact the HP office at: 623-300-8385

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