



# THE HORNET HYPE

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## HOME OF THE HORNETS

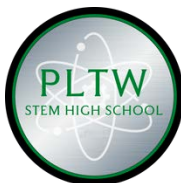
### HPW VARSITY BOYS SOCCER TEAM UNDEFEATED & 1<sup>ST</sup> IN STATE!

The Highland Prep West varsity boys soccer team is dominating the field, with an undefeated record and the number one ranking in the state. With a talented group of standout players, including Aidan Chacon, Daniel Fonseca, Davon Morris, and VanMichael Smith, the team is poised to achieve greatness.

Coach Ian Blain shared, "This year, we are hoping to take it all and bring home the state title." Senior Davon Morris noted, "Coach Blain always held that

high standard that we could make it to the state championship, and game by game, we have been able to build confidence and believe it ourselves." Senior Aidan Chacon added, "I think our success mainly stems from how bad we want to win."

The community is encouraged to come out and support the team as they make their run for the championship, and with their impressive record and team spirit, they're sure to put on an exciting show.



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## Message from the Principal

Dear Hornet Families,

It has been an exciting month in The Hive! We were thrilled to celebrate the incredible talents of our Hornets during the Fall Fine Arts Assembly.

Our juniors and seniors have been busy preparing for life beyond The Hive. Colleges from all across the country have visited to share opportunities and insights about campus life and academic programs. Students have toured local universities and attended college sports games, completed their FAFSA applications, and are beginning to see scholarships roll in. Our Hornets continue to stand out with their enriched STEM-focused transcripts and strong academic achievements.

Athletics have also brought great excitement this month. Our boys' soccer team finished first in their region and is advancing to the playoffs. Congratulations, Hornets! As fall sports wrap up with well-deserved banquets, we're looking ahead to winter tryouts in November.

Finally, we look forward to welcoming our newest future Hornets at Future Freshmen Night on Tuesday, November 4th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm. It will be an exciting evening for students and families alike as we showcase all that Highland Prep West has to offer.

Here's to continued growth, learning, and excellence in all we do.

With appreciation,

Sharon Pozzi • Principal



## School Calendar

### OCTOBER 2025

10/1 Fine Arts Assembly- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.  
10/6-10/10 Fall Break  
10/20 Parent Workshop: Scholarships 101  
10/29 Academic Awards Assembly- 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr.  
10/31 Fall BBQ

### DECEMBER 2025

12/6 HPW VEX Robotics State Qualifiers  
12/8 Parent Workshop: Completing the FAFSA  
12/9 Highland Prep Academies Science Fair  
12/16 Visual Arts & Fine Arts Showcase  
12/22-1/2 Winter Break

### NOVEMBER 2025

11/6 NHS Blood Drive  
11/11 Veteran's Day (No School)  
11/14 Winter Athletic Picture Day  
11/18 Parent Workshop: Completing the FAFSA  
11/26-11/28 Thanksgiving Break

### JANUARY 2026

1/14 Academic Awards Assembly- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr.  
1/19 Martin Luther King Day (No School)  
1/24 HPW 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Aerial Drone Qualifiers  
1/27 Picture Retake Day  
1/30 Winter Formal

# ACADEMIC BULLETIN



## OUR HORNETS ATTEND THE GCU MEN'S SOCCER GAME EXPERIENCE

Our Hornets recently experienced the excitement of college spirit firsthand at the GCU Game Experience, where they had the chance to tour the Grand Canyon University campus and cheer on the Lopes men's soccer team. The event allowed students to get a glimpse to the GCU campus and college life while enjoying the thrill of a live sports event.

## COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS:

|       |                                             |
|-------|---------------------------------------------|
| 10/27 | ASU Application Q&A Session                 |
| 10/27 | University of San Diego (Virtual)           |
| 10/31 | New Mexico State University                 |
| 11/5  | University of Arizona (Campus Tour)         |
| 11/19 | Northern Arizona University (Campus Tour)   |
| 12/3  | Arizona State University (West Campus Tour) |

## EXTRACURRICULAR

### SCHEDULE:

**MONDAY 2:30 PM**

GAME CLUB, ROOM 106

SHOW CHOIR, MUSIC ROOM

ENTREPRENEURSHIP, ROOM 101-107

SPEC, ROOM 105

**MONDAY 3:30 PM**

YEARBOOK, ROOM 109

MUSICAL THEATRE, MUSIC ROOM

**TUESDAY 2:30 PM**

AERIAL DRONES, ROOM 104

STUDENT COUNCIL, ROOM 110

AP SPANISH, ROOM 210

CHESS CLUB, ROOM 202

SPEECH & DEBATE, ROOM 108

**TUESDAY 3:30 PM**

SEAPERCH, ROOM 105

VEX ROBOTICS, ROOM 105

**THURSDAY 2:30 PM**

CYBERSECURITY, ROOM 211

SPORTS CLUB, GYM

AP SPANISH, ROOM 210

SPEECH & DEBATE, ROOM 108

NHS, COMMUNICATION STAIRS

SPEC, ROOM 104

**THURSDAY 3:30 PM**

YEARBOOK, ROOM 109

SHOW CHOIR, MUSIC ROOM

POETRY CLUB, ROOM 208

**FRIDAY 2:30 PM**

FUTSAL CLUB, GYM

SEWING CLUB, ROOM 205

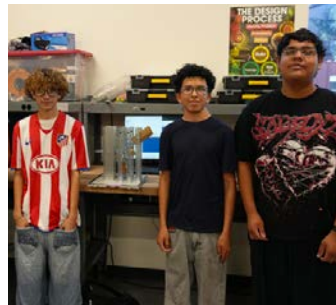
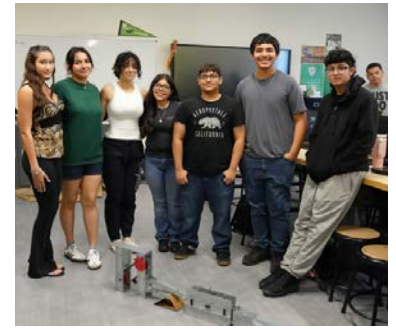
**FRIDAY 3:30 PM**

VEX ROBOTICS, ROOM 105

# STEM DIGEST

## PRINCIPLES OF ENGINEERING RUBE GOLDBERG MACHINES

Our Principles of Engineering students showcased their creativity and ingenuity through a Rube Goldberg project, where teams collaborated to design and build critical components that seamlessly integrated to form a cohesive machine. This engaging challenge allowed students to apply theoretical concepts to real-world problems, fostering teamwork and problem-solving skills. We couldn't be prouder of their impressive results!



## DAILY EVENTS FOR CYBER WEEK!

Cyber Week is coming to The Hive this week, October 27th-31<sup>st</sup>, 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!

## STUDENTS TEST LIMITS OF ROBOTICS AND CODING

Our Principles of Engineering students demonstrated exceptional problem-solving skills and determination in a robotics challenge, where they coded their robots to travel a precise distance before stopping upon encountering an object. Through iterative testing and measurement, students refined their code to achieve accuracy and precision, demonstrating the engineering mindset.



## **TEACHER SPOTLIGHT** **OF THE MONTH**



**MRS. LOCKE**

Mrs. Locke teaches Band, Choir, and Art History at Highland Prep West. She holds a bachelor's degree in Family Consumer and Human Development from Utah State University. She

has about 20 years of tutoring in music for all age ranges and is currently on her 3rd year at HPW. Mrs. Locke was born and raised in Utah. In her free time, she enjoys reading, singing, and hiking. Beyond the classroom, she serves as the advisor for Show Choir and Musical Theatre. We feel incredibly fortunate to have Mrs. Locke as part of our HPW faculty. Her passion for teaching and music is contagious, inspiring our students to explore their talent and reach their full potential.



### **OUR 2025 FUTURE HORNET CHEER CLINIC**

Our Future Hornet Cheer Clinic was a huge success, providing young cheerleaders with an exciting opportunity to cheer with our squad. Participants had a blast learning a new routine, which they performed at football's halftime game.

## **CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS**



### **BEST BUDDIES PROGRAM**

Members of our National Honor Society had a great time hanging out with friends from Victory Autism Academy for a fun-filled afternoon of arts and crafts. Through our Best Buddies program, our students continue to create lasting memories and friendships.



### **WATERCOLOR PAINTINGS**

Our art students unleashed their creativity through watercolor paintings, bringing their unique visions to life. Beginning with freehand drawings of lines and shapes, they incorporated vibrant colors to tell captivating stories on paper. The process allowed students to experiment with technique and expression.

# 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 West's legacy. These exceptional individuals have embodied the Hornet spirit!



Our girls' flag football team is set to celebrate their Senior Night on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Come out and support as they conclude the season.



## WINTER SPORTS TRYOUT DATES

**NOVEMBER 5TH & 6TH**

-  **GIRLS' BASKETBALL - 3:30-5:30PM**
-  **BOYS' BASKETBALL - 4:00-6:30PM**
-  **GIRLS' SOCCER - 4:30-6:30PM**
-  **CHEER - 5:30-7:30PM**

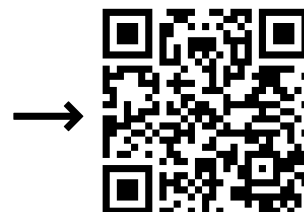
Deadline for athletic fees will be **November 13th**. Athletic fees will need to be paid before players can attend practice. You can make a payment through your students **Campus Parent Portal** or call the **front office** and pay by credit card or send in cash.

**ATHLETIC FEES:**

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>BOYS' JV BASKETBALL</b>       | <b>\$100</b> |
| <b>BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL</b>  | <b>\$125</b> |
| <b>GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL</b>      | <b>\$100</b> |
| <b>GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL</b> | <b>\$125</b> |
| <b>CHEER/WINTER SIDELINE</b>     | <b>\$100</b> |
| <b>GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER</b>     | <b>\$125</b> |

Please make sure that you have all the required documentation along with the sports physical uploaded to your RMA account. We will not be accepting sports physicals in the front office. You will need to upload all required documents in your RMA account.

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



# HAPPENINGS @ HPW

## GEAR UP FOR OUR HPW 2025 HALLOWEEN BBQ!

Our annual Halloween BBQ is back! Join us for a good time with pumpkin painting, candy jar guess, yard games, and a cake walk. Our Student Council will be hosting events such as “Pie a Senior”, “Stuck for a Buck”, and “Dress a Teacher”, so be sure to bring some money to join in on the fun. The winners of the costume contest will be awarded gift cards so make sure to get creative!



## THE 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL HPA CHEER CLASSIC COMPETITION

Highland Prep West is excited to announce the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cheer Classic, taking place on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, in a spirited and friendly competition. The event is free and open to the public, offering an exciting evening of school spirit. Come out and support your Hornets!

## CLASS OF 2030 FUTURE FRESHMAN NIGHT

Highland Prep West invites all future freshmen to join us for Future Freshman Night on Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 6:30pm at the Highland Prep West 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.



The figure displays 12 monthly calendars arranged in a 3x4 grid, covering the period from July to June. Each calendar is a 5x7 grid with columns for days of the week (S, M, T, W, T, F, S) and rows for dates. The months and their corresponding starting days are: July (S), August (S), September (S), October (S), November (S), December (S), January (S), February (S), March (S), April (S), May (S), and June (S). The calendars show the progression of the year, with specific dates highlighted in red boxes to indicate the 12-month window for the 2019-2020 season. The highlighted periods are: July 28-31, August 1-4, September 28-30, October 1-4, November 15-18, December 15-18, January 11-14, February 11-14, March 1-6, April 1-4, May 17-22, and June 1-4.

|               |      |    |
|---------------|------|----|
| First Quarter | Days | 44 |
|---------------|------|----|

Teacher Start/End Dates

| Early Release Days - 1:30 pm | Days |
|------------------------------|------|
|------------------------------|------|

| Student Coursework Testing Days | Days |
|---------------------------------|------|
|---------------------------------|------|

### Blackout/Mandatory Attendance Dates

**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 |

# 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 HPW website at [www.HighlandPrepWest.com](http://www.HighlandPrepWest.com). 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: [swilliams@highlandprepaz.org](mailto:swilliams@highlandprepaz.org).

## **Placement Testing Date: Saturday, February 7, 2026**

Incoming Freshman must complete the 9th grade placement tests in Reading and Mathematics. Placement testing will be held on the HPW 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, March 21, 2026**

Incoming Freshman must register for Fall 2026 honors-level and elective courses. Course registration will be held in the HPW 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 HPW office at: 623-274-2540*

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