



MADISON HIGHLAND PREP THE HEAT CHRONICLES

MHP EARNs 1ST COGNIA STEM SYSTEMS CERTIFICATION

Madison Highland Prep and Highland Prep Academies are the first network of schools to earn Cognia STEM Systems Certification in the world. Madison Highland Prep and Highland Prep Academies participated in a STEM system review. In conducting the review, Dr. Angela Chomokos supported by Dr. Mike Jeffers found the noteworthy



practice to be: Highland Prep Academies has a rigorous academic program rooted in STEM college-preparatory practices. The Highland Prep Cross-Cutting Competencies Framework of collaborative problem-solving skills, technology and information literacy, thinking and metacognitive skills, and studying and learning skills throughout all curricular areas that led to 100% of its graduating seniors accepted into a 4-year college or university for the past six years.

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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the 2023-2024 school year is a few weeks away! April kicked off with the AzSci and ACT exams for our freshmen and juniors. This quarter, students will tackle Advanced Placement exams, update their four year academic plans, and register for 2024-2025 courses. Seniors are making final decisions on colleges and preparing for the end of their high school career.

The Heat SeaPerch team is preparing for competitions in San Diego and Highland Prep Academies SeaPerch competition. Science and engineering students are working on their projects for the upcoming Highland Prep Academies Science Fair on April 30th. Juniors and seniors are looking forward to “A Night To Remember,” Prom 2024, taking place at The Dauz. MHP’s Fine Arts department will host our annual Talent Show on May 14th. National Honor Society members are wrapping up their community service hours, and seniors will end their high school journey with commencement on May 23rd.

On behalf of the entire MHP team, I wish to extend our thanks for the kindness and support shown by our families and learning community. It has been a privilege to serve our learning community. We look forward to continuing this journey and helping our students achieve their dreams!

Yours Truly,
Rosana Rodriguez
Principal

School Calendar

APRIL 2024

4/2 ACT Aspire Test (9th Grade)
4/6 San Diego SeaPerch Competition
4/12 Staff vs. Student Dodgeball Game
4/13 HPA SeaPerch Competition
4/30 HPA Science Fair

MAY 2024

5/3 End of Year BBQ
5/9 Spring Band & Choir Concert
5/14 Talent Show
5/22-5/23 Finals
5/24 Last Day of School

SUMMER SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMPS 2024

6/3-6/27 Summer School: Session 1
6/3-6/27 Future Freshmen Academy: Math
7/8-7/25 Summer School: Session 2
7/8-7/25 Future Freshmen Academy: Reading
7/8-7/11 Aerial Drones Camp

7/8-7/25 Football & Soccer Camp
7/15-7/25 VEX Robotics Camp
7/22-7/25 Cheer & Pep Band Camp
7/22-7/25 Womens Volleyball Camp
7/22-7/25 Basketball Camp

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: LUCAS NUGENT

We are proud to highlight our senior, Lucas Nugent who was recently awarded the ASU Alumni Association Medallion Scholarship.

Medallion Scholars are selected from the group of Arizona high school students who have been awarded the Dean's Scholarship (an award that recognizes academic achievement) and choose to participate in the Medallion Scholarship Program selection process. The process includes submitting essay entries, listing past and current community and leadership service, and a final in-person interview with a panel of ASU alumni. Lucas was one of only 40 incoming freshmen who received this scholarship.

CLASS OF 2024 AT-A-GLANCE

- 98% admitted to a four year college and university
- \$8,000,000 in scholarships to date
- 37 students have full ride scholarships

UPCOMING SENIOR EVENTS:

PROM  APR 13	SENIOR SUNSET  MAY 16
SENIOR SEND OFF  MAY 22	CLASS OF 2024 COMMENCEMENT  MAY 23

EXTRACURRICULAR

SCHEDULE:

MONDAY 2:30-3:30 PM

YEARBOOK, B222
EPICS ENGINEERING, B205
VEX ROBOTICS, B117
CULTURE CLUB, B206
PEP BAND, B111
ART CLUB, B211
SPEECH/ DEBATE, B208

MONDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

AERIAL DRONE RACING, B202
CHESS CLUB, B220
HORTICULTURE, B205

TUESDAY 2:30-3:30 PM

SEAPERCH, B117
MATHLETES, B206
ANIME CLUB, B222
DRAMA CLUB, B116
EPICS ENGINEERING, B205
SPANISH CLUB, B216
CREATIVE WRITING, B220
FLIGHT SIMULATOR

TUESDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

STUDENT COUNCIL, B215

THURSDAY 2:30-3:30 PM

VEX ROBOTICS, B117
MATHLETES, B206
STUDENT COUNCIL, B215
SERVICE CLUB, B216

THURSDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

SEAPERCH, B113
ESPORTS, B222

FRIDAY 2:30-3:30 PM

VEX ROBOTICS, B117
PING PONG, B211
BOARD GAME CLUB, B220
GSA, B208

FRIDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS, B220

STEM DIGEST

LAUNCHING ROCKETS IN AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Ms. Schmitz had her aerospace engineering classes design a rocket either on their own or with a partner using a software called OpenRocket. Once they built their rocket, they ran simulations to see how high it would go depending on the engine they used. To complete the physical rocket, they cut out fins from balsa wood. For their final day, they spent the class period outside testing each rocket that was built. The rockets were tested on how straight and high they launched.



MASTERING THE UNIT CIRCLE

The unit circle project was an exhilarating math extravaganza! Students delved into radians, degrees, and the coordinates of the unit circle, knowing they'd be graded on both their mathematical accuracy and their creativity. From concocting mouthwatering math-themed treats to devising interactive games and crafting visually dynamic posters, it was a celebration of trigonometry in all its colorful glory. Each creation showcased not only mathematical prowess but also a deep understanding of how radians and degrees intersect on the unit circle.



AUTONOMOUS ROBOTS

Our engineering students are currently working in teams to build a robot and program it using VEX code to get through a track. They must build their robot utilizing a color sensor, line tracker, and one accessory relating to its functionality that is 3-D printed. The final part of the project will be to compete against other teams' robots on the track.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

MS. WAGNER'S PIRATE MATH ACTIVITY WEEK

Ms. Wagner recently dedicated a week for pirate-themed math activities in her classes. To make ordinary math graphing worksheets more interactive and interesting, she decorated her entire classroom with pirate-themed knickknacks and signs as well as dressed up as a full-on pirate for the week. Ms. Wagner even brought in a couple of pirate hats and eye-patches for students to use while working on their activities. A student favorite was the pirate voices they used while reading the objectives and the overall pirate week was a fun one to say the least.



DOWNTOWN COURTHOUSE VISIT

Our government classes had an enlightening field trip to the courthouse. Seeing the legal system in action was fascinating—many of the students said it was like stepping into a real-life courtroom drama. We had some really thought-provoking discussions about how the law impacts our everyday lives, from issues like personal rights to community responsibilities. Junior, Janay Chevez shared, “It was really interesting hearing the testimonies of professionals in the fields. We were able to talk with an FBI agent and forensic pathologist.” The students agreed that it was eye-opening experience and made them realize just how crucial it is to understand the legal system.

ATHLETICS

TRACK AND FIELD DELIVER ULTIMATE SHOWDOWN

Our Heat Track and Field recently attended the ALA Titan Small School Showdown where they came home with a ton of recognitions! McKayla White won 1st place in the 100 meter and high jump, Anna Sandoval won 1st place in the 1600 and 3200 meter, Gua'nah Wheeler won 2nd place in the high jump, Jade Gray won 3rd place in the 100 meter, Xchyler Tsutsumi received 4th place in the 100 meter and 200 meter, and Voss Sellers received 4th place in the high jump and long jump.



HEAT BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Our Heat Boys Volleyball are nearing their final games of the 2023-2024 season. Although they have not done as well as they had liked to, boys volleyball captain, Daniel Sotelo shared it has been a great experience. He says, "This is my first year playing on the MHP Boys Volleyball team and it has been really fun growing as a team. We've been able to learn from other teams and find our individual skills as each game goes by. Although our season record has not been what we hoped for, I'm still really proud of the hard work we have put in this season."

SPORTS SCHEDULE:

Baseball	4/8/2024	3:30 PM	Victory Lane Complex
Softball	4/8/2024	3:45 PM	Victory Lane Complex
Boys Volleyball	4/9/2024	5:30 PM	Scottsdale Christian Academy
Softball	4/10/2024	3:45 PM	Rose Mufford Complex
Baseball	4/10/2024	5:30 PM	Madison Highland Prep
Baseball	4/11/2024	4:00 PM	Arizona Lutheran Academy
Softball	4/11/2024	4:00 PM	Arizona Lutheran Academy
Boys Volleyball	4/11/2024	7:00 PM	Cicero Prep Academy

Baseball	4/12/2024	3:45 PM	Crimson High School
Boys Volleyball	4/12/2024	5:30 PM	Madison #1 Middle School
Softball	4/15/2024	4:00 PM	Arizona Lutheran Academy
Baseball	4/16/2024	3:45 PM	Indian School Park
Softball	4/17/2024	3:00 PM	Victory Lane Complex
Baseball	4/18/2024	3:45 PM	Phoenix Country Day High School
Softball	4/19/2024	3:45 PM	St. Augustine Catholic High School
Softball	4/20/2024	3:45 PM	McQueen Park

HAPPENINGS @ MHP

ACADEMIC AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all of our students who were recognized in our recent Academic Awards Assembly. We recognized our students who received honor roll and principal's list for their academic performance in the 3rd quarter. We held an assembly for each grade as there were many awards. Honor roll students were those who earned a 3.5-3.9 GPA, while principal's list students were those who earned a GPA of 4.0 and above.



SUCCESSFUL NHS BLOOD DRIVE

National Honor Society hosted its first blood drive of the new 2024 year. The blood drive took place by the basketball courts during the majority of the school day. The drive was extremely successful with 22 donations. At the end of the blood drive, Vitalant, our blood drive partner, shared that thanks to these honorable donations, a grand total of 60 lives had been saved. We would like to extend our thanks and gratitude to all of the students, teachers, and staff who donated during the blood drive.

SPRING SPIRIT WEEK FOR 4/8-4/12:

Monday



Movie vs. Sports Stars

Tuesday



ACT Testing

Wednesday



Northern Lights: Bright Colors

Thursday



Space Day

Friday



Sleeping Under the Stars

Madison Highland Prep
2023-2024 Academic Calendar

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First Quarter		Days 44
August	07	First Day - First Quarter
September	04	Labor Day
October	06	Last Day - First Quarter
October	09-13	Fall Break

Second Quarter		Days 46
October	16	First Day - Second Quarter
November	10	Veterans Day
November	22-24	Thanksgiving
December	22	Last Day - Second Quarter
Dec / Jan	25-05	Winter Break

Third Quarter		Days 43
January	08	First Day - Third Quarter
January	15	Martin Luther King Day
February	19	Presidents Day
March	08	Last Day - Third Quarter
March	11-15	Spring Break

Fourth Quarter		Days 49
March	18	First Day - Fourth Quarter
March	29	Spring Holiday
May	23	Graduation
May	24	Last Day - Fourth Quarter

School Events		Instructional Days 182
August		Student Orientation
September		Fall Open House
February		Spring Open House

Teacher Start/End Dates		
July	31	Teachers Start Date
May	31	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	02-06	March	04-08
December	18-22	May	20-23

See Student Handbook

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

Special Dates		
40th Student Day -	October	02 2023
100th Student Day -	January	22 2024



MHP AP EXAM SCHEDULE

MAY 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	7	8	9	10
	<u>12 P.M.</u> STATISTICS	<u>8 A.M.</u> ENGLISH LITERATURE & COMPOSITION	<u>8 A.M.</u> ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE <u>12 P.M.</u> PSYCHOLOGY	<u>8 A.M.</u> U.S. HISTORY
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