



April 6th – April 10th
Family Newsletter

IRON EAGLE PRESS:

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

I am proud to share another week of outstanding progress and commitment from our students and families as we continue our state assessment season. Following last week’s success, our students participated in the AASA and ACT state exams, and I am pleased to report that we achieved 100% student attendance during testing. This is a powerful reflection of our students’ responsibility, our families’ support, and our staff’s dedication to ensuring every student has the opportunity to demonstrate their learning.

We are grateful to our parents and students for prioritizing attendance and readiness during these important assessments. The AASA continues to support our mission by measuring student growth in English Language Arts and Mathematics, while the ACT exam provides our juniors with a critical opportunity to demonstrate college and career readiness through a nationally recognized assessment. Full participation ensures equitable access to academic opportunities and valuable feedback that guides instruction and future planning.

As we move forward, we will continue state testing for our Magnet junior high students in grades 7 and 8, as well as for our **9th-grade students participating in the ACT Aspire assessment**. These assessments play an important role in monitoring academic progress, identifying strengths and areas for growth, and preparing students for future coursework and postsecondary expectations. Continued attendance and engagement remain essential as we complete this testing window.

At MIT High School, assessments are not about pressure—they are about growth, preparation, and opportunity. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to ensure every MIT student is prepared for success in high school, college, careers, and beyond.

Mr. Gandhi
Headmaster, MIT



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AASA AND ACT ASPIRE – STATE ASSESSMENT

THE WEEK OF APRIL 13TH, 2026

Dear MIT Parents and Students,

This is a reminder that

- MIT Magnet (7th and 8th grade) Students will participate in the **AASA State Assessment** on the following dates:
 - Tuesday, April 14th – AASA Mathematics – Unit 2
 - Wednesday, April 15th – AASA Reading – Unit 2 (**No Early Release – School will be over at 2:40 pm**)
- MIT High School – 9th Grade Students will participate in the **ACT Aspire Assessment on**
 - Monday, April 13th, 2026 – ACT Aspire Day 1
 - Thursday, April 16th, 2026 – ACT Aspire Day 2

Testing Time: 8:00 AM

- Arrive at school on time
- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat breakfast
- Bring their fully charged Chromebook if required by the school
- Come ready to do their best

We appreciate your support in helping our students feel confident and prepared during testing.

MIT Administration



AASA – STATE ASSESSMENT – WHY IT MATTERS..

Why the AASA Matters for Students

- **Shows academic growth:** The AASA allows students to demonstrate what they know and can do in line with Arizona’s academic standards.
- **Builds readiness:** The experience prepares students for college entrance exams, industry certifications, and other postsecondary assessments.
- **Encourages persistence:** Participating helps students practice focus, stamina, and problem-solving skills essential for success beyond high school.
- **Ensures fairness:** Every student’s participation ensures all voices and learning experiences are represented.

Why It Matters for Families

- **Clear information:** AASA results provide families with valuable insights into their child’s strengths and areas for growth.
- **Accountability:** The assessment helps ensure that schools are meeting learning expectations and serving students effectively.
- **Better support:** Data from the AASA helps teachers and counselors tailor instruction and provide targeted support.

Why It Matters for Our School & Community

- **Improves instruction:** Results guide curriculum decisions, instructional strategies, and student supports.
- **Reflects our commitment:** Strong participation reflects our shared belief in high academic expectations for all students.
- **Supports opportunities:** AASA results can influence resources, programs, and future opportunities for students.

Our Commitment

We are committed to creating a positive, supportive testing environment where students feel prepared and confident. The AASA is not about pressure—it is about opportunity, growth, and continuous improvement.

Thank you for encouraging your child to take the assessment seriously and to do their very best. Together, we can ensure our students are well-prepared for college, careers, and life beyond high school.



ACT ASPIRE – STATE ASSESSMENT – WHY IT MATTERS..

Why the Arizona ACT Aspire Matters for Freshmen

- For our freshmen, ACT Aspire provides a clear snapshot of how well students are developing the essential skills needed in English, reading, writing, math, and science. Taking this assessment early in high school helps students understand their strengths and identify areas for additional growth and support. It also introduces students to the format and expectations of college-ready assessments, building confidence, test-taking skills, and academic stamina well before their junior-year ACT.

Why It Matters for Families

- For families and educators, the ACT Aspire results provide meaningful feedback that guides instructional planning, course placement, and academic supports. The data enables teachers and counselors to better personalize learning experiences and ensure students are on track to meet graduation requirements, college-readiness benchmarks, and future career goals.

Why It Matters for Our School & Community

- Participation in the ACT Aspire also supports our school's commitment to high expectations and continuous improvement. Full participation ensures that every student has access to equitable academic opportunities and that our instructional programs are aligned with Arizona standards and postsecondary expectations.

We ask families to support their child by emphasizing the importance of attendance and effort on testing days. This assessment is not about pressure or high stakes—it is about preparation, growth, and setting a strong foundation for the high school journey.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for encouraging your student to take this opportunity seriously and do their very best. Together, we are preparing our students for success throughout high school and beyond.



MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- April 13th – 17th State Testing
- April 15th NO EARLY RELEASE
- April 22nd Field Day
- April 22nd Quarter 4 Progress Report
- April 27th – 30th Benchmark Testing
- May 4th – May 15th AP Testing
- May 13th – May 15th Semester 2 Finals
- May 13th 8th Grade Promotion
- May 20th High School Graduation
- May 21st Last Day of School

UNIFORM INFORMATION

At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- a solid white button-up shirt with the MIT coat of arms and a tie/bow tie.
- Purple polos with the MIT coat of arms are only permitted on Fridays.
- Pants must be either black or khaki. No jeans!
- Students may only wear jackets or sweaters with the MIT coat of arms.

If you have any questions, please review our dress code policy in our [student handbook](#) found on our website.

You may purchase your student's uniform over the phone at Rapido AZ (602)689-9592 or visit 3334 W Wilshire Dr. Phoenix AZ 85009 STE# 42.





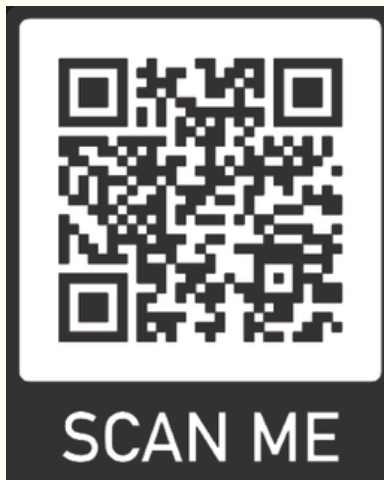
Now Enrolling FY 2026 - 2027



New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



Scan this QR code to submit the interest form
and schedule a tour.





MIT WEBSITE COMMUNITY RESOURCES

We are excited to share that new community-based resource information has just been added to our school website. This page includes a variety of helpful supports for students and families, including information about local organizations, community services, and mental health providers.

At MIT, we believe that supporting our students goes beyond the classroom. We are committed to valuing and prioritizing the overall well-being of our students and their families. By making these resources easily accessible, we hope to ensure that everyone in our community knows where to turn for additional support when needed.

We encourage students, families, and community members to explore the new resource page using the link provided below. Together, we can continue to build a strong, supportive community for all.

You can find the new information on our [website here!](#)



Mental Health Help

Parenting can be a joyful and demanding experience, particularly when it comes to our kids' mental health. As parents, we frequently look for ways to help our children through the challenging and formative school years. These helpful tools and techniques can assist parents in ensuring the mental health of their kids.

- [Mental Health Resources](#)
- [Mental Health Services – Multiple Providers](#)
- [Community Resources](#)



U OF A OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAGNET JR HIGH

We are excited to share opportunities for our middle school students provided by the University of Arizona. These programs are a great way for students to explore college life, discover academic interests, and begin thinking about their future goals.

Families can explore a variety of camps, workshops, and enrichment programs designed specifically for younger students:

- Insect Discovery: <https://extension.arizona.edu/programs/insect-discovery>
- Summer & Pre-College Programs: <https://eao.arizona.edu/summer>
- Admissions & Campus Information: <https://www.arizona.edu/admissions>
- K-12 Classroom Visits: <https://science.arizona.edu/community-engagement/k-12-educators>

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Ali Schindler at 602-827-2577.

We are excited to share these opportunities with students and help them begin exploring their future pathways!



AP TESTING INFORMATION



The AP testing schedule has been posted and all exam times are now set. Please review the schedule and verify the times for the exams your student is registered for. **All dates are set by College Board and cannot be changed.** AP exams are a great opportunity for students to showcase the knowledge and hard work they have put into their courses this year.

- **Please note that PM exams may go past the 2:40 PM dismissal time. Transportation will not be available for students testing past that time, so please plan accordingly.**
- **Additionally, students who do not show up for their scheduled AP exam will be expected to reimburse MIT \$95 for the unused exam.**

We wish all of our AP students the best of luck as they take on this exciting academic milestone!

MAY 4TH TO MAY 8TH

- **May 4th**
 - 8AM AP Biology (3 hours)
 - 8AM AP European History (3 hours 15 minutes)
 - 12 PM AP Microeconomics (2 hours 10 minutes)
- **May 5th**
 - 8AM AP Chemistry (3 hours 15 minutes)
 - 8AM AP Human Geography (2 hours 10 minutes)
 - 12PM AP US Government & Politics (3 hours)
- **May 6th**
 - 8AM AP English Literature & Composition (3 hours)
 - 12PM AP Physics 1 (3 hours)
- **May 7th**
 - 8AM AP Physics 2 (3 hours)
 - 8AM AP World History (3 hours 15 minutes)
- **May 8th**
 - 8AM AP US History (3 hours 15 minutes)

MAY 11TH TO MAY 15TH

- **May 11th**
 - 8AM AP Calculus AB (3 hours 15 minutes)
 - 8AM AP Calculus BC (3 hours 15 minutes)
 - 12PM AP Seminar (2 hours)
- **May 12th**
 - 8AM AP Precalculus (3 hours)
- **May 13th**
 - 12PM AP Physics C: Mechanics (3 hours)
- **May 14th**
 - 8AM AP Spanish Language & Culture (3 hours)
 - 12PM AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (3 hours)
- **May 15th**
 - 8AM AP Environmental Science (2 hours 40 minutes)

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NATIONAL ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS WEEK

This week, we celebrate National Assistant Principals Week and recognize our Assistant Headmaster, Mr. Barragan. His hard work, dedication, and leadership help keep our school running strong every day. We are grateful for all he does to support our students and staff!

Thank you, Mr. Barragan!



1ST ANNUAL TALENT SHOW

**GET READY FOR AN UNFORGETTABLE EVENING OF
TALENT, CREATIVITY, AND COMMUNITY!**

RESD-MIT proudly presents the First Annual Talent Show on
***Wednesday, April 22nd from 5:30–7:30 PM at Riverside
Traditional School.***

1414 51st Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85043

This exciting event will showcase student performances ranging from music and dance to theater, comedy, and more—all highlighting the incredible talents across our district!

Tickets are just \$3 and will be available for purchase during lunchtime at MIT starting next week (or at the door the night of the show). Be sure to grab yours early and come out to support your peers in this celebration of student expression and school spirit! If you get your ticket early, you will have more time to compete in the Coloring Contest!





STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Get Ready, Iron Eagles: Student Council Elections Are Here!

Hello, Iron Eagles!

We are thrilled to announce that Student Council elections for the upcoming school year will take place during the week of April 20th!

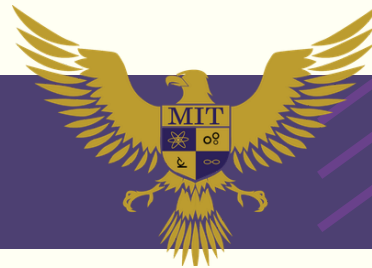
If you are ready to step up and make your voice heard, applications are available—make sure to grab yours by the end of April 6th and join the race!

Please note: Elections for our 7th and 9th graders will be held separately when we return in August.

We cannot wait to see who will step up to lead our school next year. If you have any questions about the election process or running for office, please reach out to Mr. Sunkara!



NHS STUDY BUDDY



Get the academic support you need after school with help from National Honor Society student tutors.

If you've already registered, please check your email to confirm your scheduled support days.

Want to join Study Buddy? Just complete the Google form to sign up: [SIGN UP LINK](#)

NHS STUDY BUDDY
"Together, we're smarter"

Tutoring for 7th & 8th & 9th
& 10th by NHS members

- **Time:** 2:45-3:45
- **Days:** Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays
- **Location:** Check in with your study buddy

Study locations may vary each day (lecture hall, cafeteria, reading room, or classroom)



**Spots still
available!**



Experience Japan Summer 2027

Iron Eagle families — join us for an unforgettable Japan tour in Summer 2027!

This will be our 3rd international trip with EF Tours and our 2nd visit to Japan.

Experience Japan's culture, history, food, and innovation — from Tokyo's bright lights to Osaka's peaceful temples. A true once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students!

If your student is thinking about joining us, scan the QR code or follow the link:

www.eftours.com/2944498EM

More details on pricing and trip info are available at the link. Questions? We're here to help!

Mrs. Montiel & Mr. Moya
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smoya@mitglobalonline.org

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COSTA RICA SUMMER 2026



Our trip is less than 2 months away! We have finalized reservation details for our group –which means we are coming up on our All Aboard deadline, the MVP of deadlines for our tour! There are a few essential things that must be finalized in our system before this date. Please review the information below before our January meeting, and feel free to jot down any questions that you want to chat through.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

We had a couple more people sign up this week! But, now we have hit our deadline - at this point, the trip is still available, but the price will increase. There are still plenty of spots available!

FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE: All travelers on the Manual Payment Plan must be paid in full

IMPORTANT PART: PASSPORT AND ENTRY REQUIREMENT INFORMATION:

TSA Security Regulations require that every passport must be valid at least 6 months after your scheduled return date and every traveler's ticketed name exactly matches to what is on their passport.

- EVERY traveler needs to log into their account to confirm the name on their reservation is identical to what appears on their passport, ensure their Date of Birth is correct and submit their passport number and expiration dates.
 - NOTE: Any changes to the reservation name after this deadline will incur a minimum charge of \$200, so it's very important that all travelers review this information before then. For more information on passports and visas, [click here](#).
- Besides your flights, EF uses passport information to secure reservations for important iconic sites, so please make sure your travelers enter their details to ensure they do not miss anything throughout the tour.
- Depending on where you're traveling or your citizenship, you may need a visa or other entry requirements for your tour. Because visa applications must be personally completed by the applicant, all travelers must obtain their own visas, both for destinations they are visiting and those they are passing through.
 - To understand your requirements, visit EF's [Help Center](#) or our Visa and Entry Requirements Tool on the account overview page – this tool will appear on your [online account](#) 4 months prior to your departure date.

**Clear your calendars for our TOUR DATES!!!
Tuesday May 26th – Tuesday June 2nd**



Purchase the 2025-2026 Yearbook!

Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.

**To purchase and customize your yearbook,
use the QR code below or:**

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

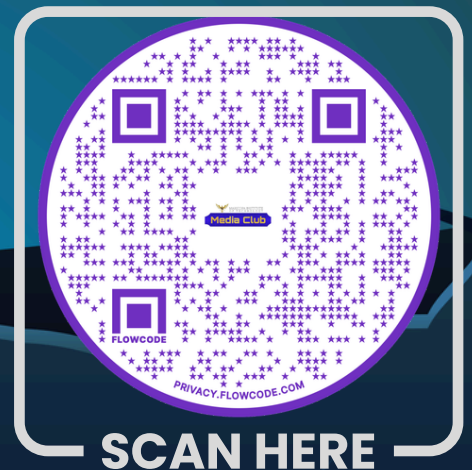
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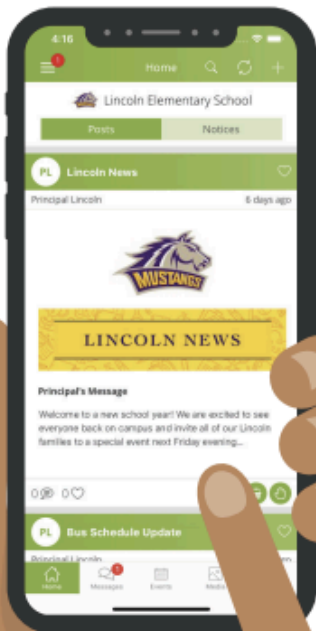
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More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).



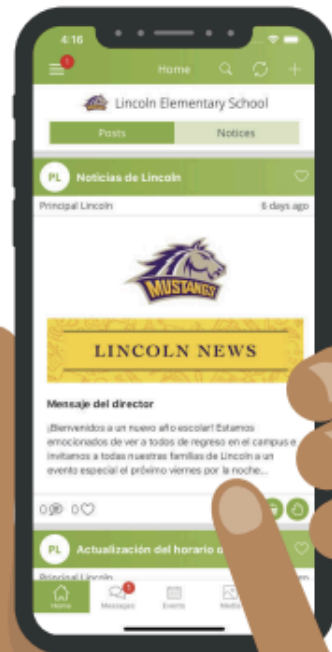
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MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



July 2025					August 2025					September 2025					October 2025				
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28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	29	30				27	28	29	30	31
4	Independence Day Observed				4-8	District-Wide Benchmark Testing				1	Labor Day - No School				3	End of Qtr. 1			
16-18	New Teacher Orientation				8	ADM 10th Day Student Count				3	Mid-QTR Reports Issued				6-10	Fall Break - No School			
21-25	PD - All Teachers Return				22	All Day STEM PD - No School				23	ADM 40th Day Student Count				15-17	Parent Teacher Conferences and Qtr 1 Report Cards			
22 & 23	Meet the Teacher Night									26	All Day STEM PD - No School								
28	First Day of School																		
Days of Attendance = 4					Days of Attendance = 4 + 20 = 24					Days of Attendance = 24 + 20 = 44					Days of Attendance = 44 + 18 = 62				
Early Dismissal: 4, 13, 20 and 27					Early Dismissal: 4, 13, 20 and 27					Early Dismissal: 3, 10, 17 and 24					Early Dismissal: 1, 15, 16, 17, 22 and 29				
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11	Veterans Day - No School				10-12	Sem 1 Finals/End of Semester 1				1-2	Winter Break - No School				9-12	State Testing			
19	Mid Qtr Reports Issued				22-31	Winter Break - No School				7	Semester 1 Report Cards				13	All Day STEM PD - No School			
24-28	Thanksgiving Recess - No School									12-16	Benchmark Testing				16	President's Day - No School			
										15	ADM 100th Day Student Count				18	Mid Qtr Report Cards			
										19	MLK Day - No School								
										30	All Day STEM PD - No School								
Days of Attendance = 62 + 14 = 76					Days of Attendance = 76 + 15 = 91					Days of Attendance = 91 + 18 = 109					Days of Attendance = 109 + 18 = 127				
Early Dismissal: 5, 12 and 19					Early Dismissal: 3, 10, 17, and 19					Early Dismissal: 7, 14, 21 and 28					Early Dismissal: 4, 11, 18 and 25				
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4-6	Parent Teacher Conferences Early Release and Qtr 3 Ends				6-17	State Testing (No Early Dismissal)				13-15	Semester Finals				SUMMER BREAK Begins May 22, 2026				
9-13	Spring Break - No School				27-30	Benchmark Testing				15	8th Grade Promotion								
18	Qtr 3 Report Cards									20	High School Graduation								
27	All Day STEM PD - No School									21	Last Day of School								
											Report Cards Issued								
										22	Teacher Check-Out								
										25	Memorial Day								
Days of Attendance = 127 + 16 = 143					Days of Attendance = 143 + 22 = 165					Days of Attendance = 165 + 15 = 180									
Early Dismissal: 4, 5, 6, 18 and 25					Early Dismissal: 1, 22 and 29					Early Dismissal: 6 and 21									





MIT MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Hello Iron Eagle Families, thank you for your continued support to achieve MIT's mission and vision. Our Mission and Vision are always available on our school website at <https://www.mitglobalonline.org/Our-School> and I would also like to take this opportunity to share them with you all here.

Vision:

MIT will provide a science, technology, engineering, and math program to students within a state-of-the-art research facility with the goal of preparing our students for collegiate success and successful STEM² careers.

Mission:

Maricopa Institute of Technology (MIT) is a college preparatory high school providing an advanced science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education while challenging students to pursue personal excellence in character in order to serve and lead others. MIT will provide a comprehensive and rigorous (STEM) curriculum through interdisciplinary work, independent learning, projects, internships, and college credits earned by graduation through Advanced Placement (AP) or dual enrollment classes.

