



December 1st – December 5th  
Family Newsletter

# IRON EAGLE PRESS:

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday! I hope you had a good Thanksgiving last week.

This week, we proudly celebrated College Awareness Week, and I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our students and staff for making it such a tremendous success!

Why is College Awareness Week important?

- It helps students explore college and career pathways.
- It provides resources and guidance to prepare for life beyond high school.
- It aligns with our mission of ensuring college and career readiness for every student.

We hope our students gained valuable insights and feel inspired to take the next steps toward their future goals. Events like these empower our learners and strengthen our commitment to academic excellence.

Looking ahead, we have started a weekly countdown on ParentSquare to keep students motivated for semester-end finals and projects. Final exams begin next Wednesday, so please encourage your student to review, stay organized, and finish strong.

To all our students: You've got this! Stay focused, manage your time wisely, and give your best effort. We believe in you!

Wishing everyone a productive week of preparation and a wonderful weekend ahead.  
Take care, Iron Eagles!

Mr. Gandhi

Headmaster, MIT



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## MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- December 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Finals Week
- December 12<sup>th</sup> End of Semester 1 Grading
- December 19<sup>th</sup> Early Release at 12:10 PM
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Break
- January 5<sup>th</sup> School Resumes
- January 19<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day No School
- January 30<sup>th</sup> No School STEM PD



## UNIFORM INFORMATION

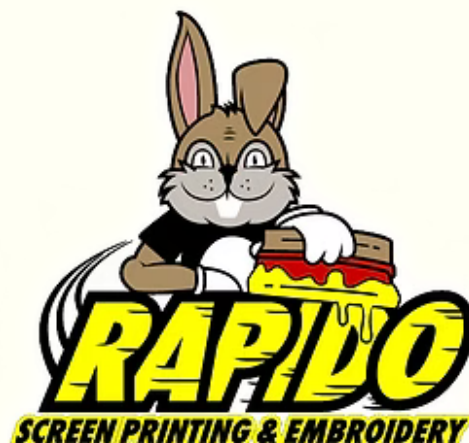
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- 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.





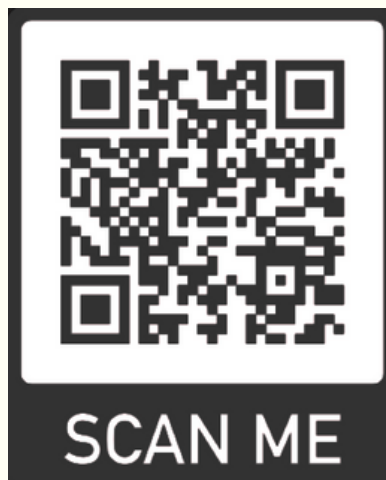
# Now Enrolling FY 2026 – 2027



## New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



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





# Awards and Recognition



**Maricopa Institute of Technology is proud to be recognized as a State Finalist for the Arizona Distinguished Schools recognition for the 2025-2026 School Year.**



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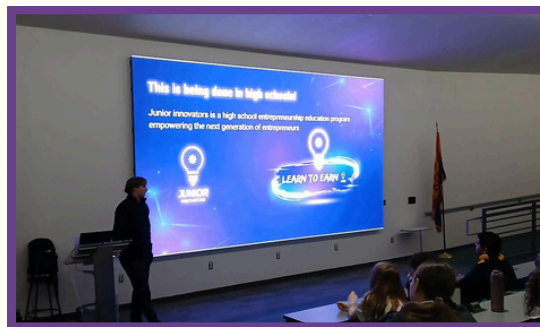
# COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK: GCU VISITS MIT



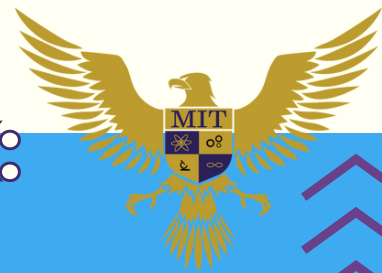
This past Wednesday, MIT juniors and seniors had the exciting opportunity to meet GCU graduate Micah Alexander, who visited our campus to share insight into academic and career pathways at Grand Canyon University. Micah highlighted the innovative Entrepreneurship Education offered through the Colangelo College of Business, which emphasizes conscious capitalism, ethical leadership, and hands-on experience through real-world business development.

Students learned how GCU entrepreneurship majors collaborate with Engineering and other STEM programs to ideate, validate, launch, and scale actual businesses while still enrolled in school. Micah also introduced students to GCU's robust Venture Ecosystem, which includes the IDEA Club, mentorship opportunities, pitch feedback events, and the Canyon Ventures startup incubator—where students work alongside active founders and receive access to funding, guidance, and cutting-edge technology.

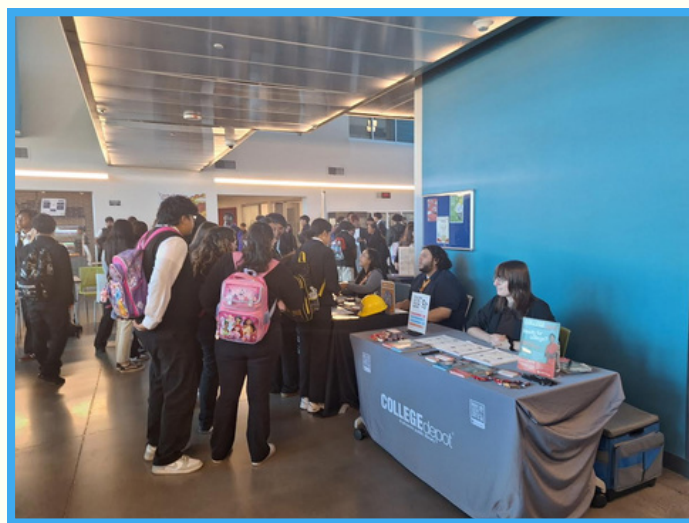
He further shared success stories from student-led ventures and explained pathways from high school innovation to college admission, including GCU's Junior Innovators program designed to empower aspiring entrepreneurs early in their academic journey.



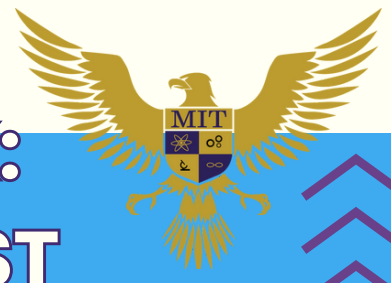
# COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK: TABLE EVENT



Representatives were at MIT on Thursday, December 4th to provide valuable information to students that will help them with their postsecondary planning. We had representatives from the College Depot, Pima Medical Institute, the National Guard, and South Mountain Community College. Here at MIT, we work hard to ensure that students have all of the necessary resources that they need to help ensure their overall success.







# COLLEGE AWARENESS WEEK: DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

This week, our teachers showed off their creativity and school spirit during our College Awareness Week Door Decorating Contest! A huge thank you to Ms. Frazier for organizing this fun event and to all of our teachers who participated and helped make our hallways vibrant and inspiring.

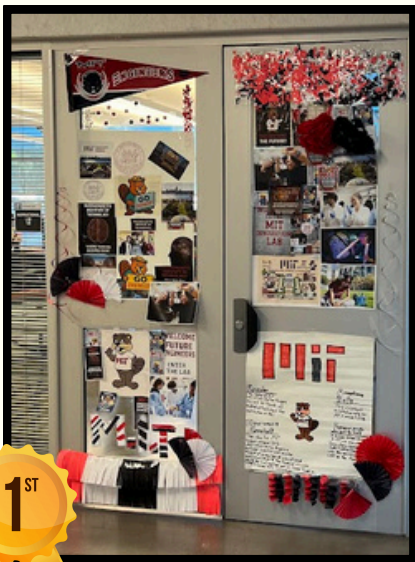
Our Maintenance Team took on the tough job of judging each door, and after careful consideration, we are excited to congratulate the following staff as our contest winners:

**1st Place** - Mrs Sarkar - Room 125

**2nd Place** - Ms. Genene - Room 113

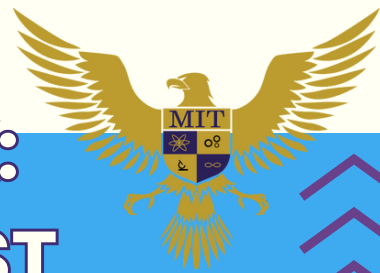
**3rd Place** - Ms. Villalobos - Room 232 & Mrs. Alba - Room 162

Thank you to everyone who helped celebrate the importance of exploring college and career pathways.





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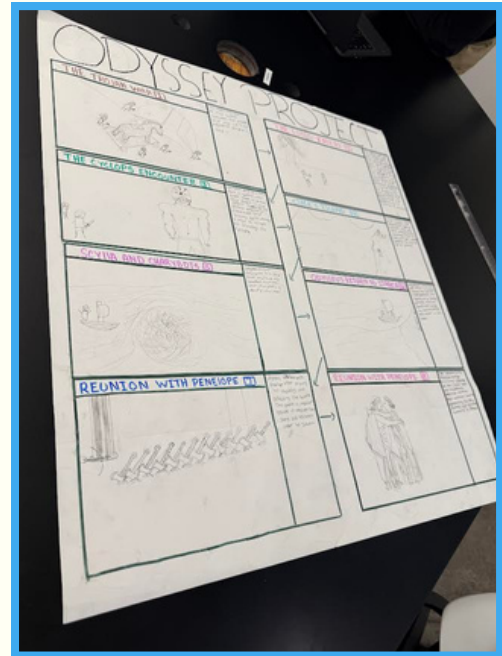
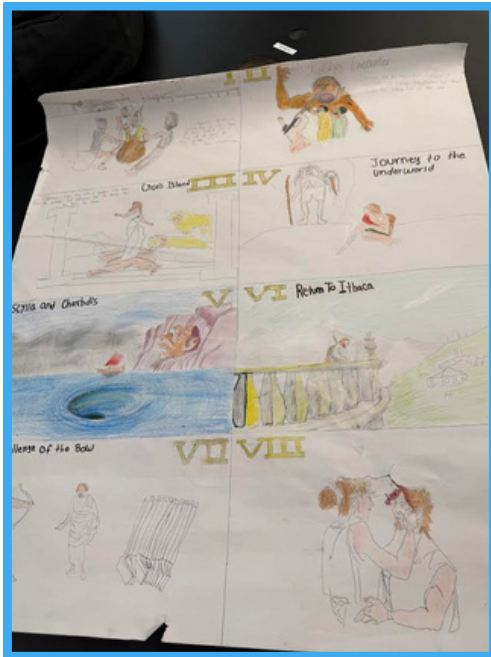


# PROJECT SUMMARY

## 11TH GRADE ENGLISH



Our 11th grade English students recently completed The Odyssey. As a culminating project, students selected the most important events from the epic and illustrated them. Each student presented their drawing to the class, explaining the significance of the scene and how it connects to the larger narrative. This project helped students strengthen their comprehension, visual interpretation skills, and ability to communicate literary analysis.



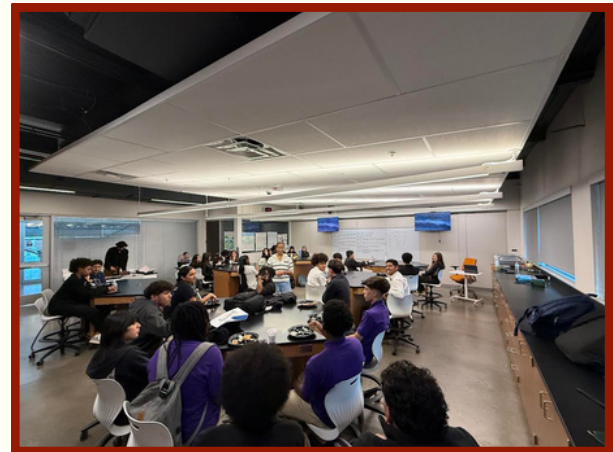
# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

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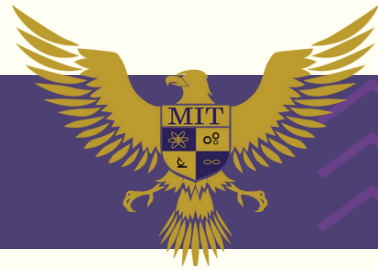
Before Thanksgiving Break, our Fellowship of Christian Catholic Students had a special visit from Tracy from Chick-fil-A, who generously provided snacks and shared valuable information with our students. She spoke about internships and scholarship opportunities, encouraging students to pursue leadership, community service, and strong work habits that open doors for the future. Tracy also highlighted the importance of faith and unity, reminding us that living with purpose, gratitude, and teamwork allows us to make a difference on campus and beyond.

We ended our meeting with reflection and encouragement as we head into Thanksgiving break. It was a productive and inspiring gathering for all who attended.





# NJHS & NHS CLOTHING DRIVE



## Sneaker & Clothing Drive: Now Through Christmas Break!

As we enjoy this week off, we encourage everyone to take the opportunity to clean out closets and gather clothing items you no longer need. Our clothing donation drive will resume collections when school returns on December 1st. We want to sincerely thank those students who have already made donations — your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

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# MIT SNEAKER DRIVE



We are accepting **all** types of **athletic shoes** (running, casual, basketball, etc.) of **any sneaker brand** (Jordan, Vans, Adidas, etc.)!

- Must be: **Pairs & Wearable!**
- Can be **any** size.

**DONATION DROP-OFF'S ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL!**  
(Please leave in lobby area under starway and attach a name tag)



**Ms. Villalobos**  
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# MIT DONATION CLOTHING DRIVE

CLOTHING, PURSES, LINENS, TOWELS, BELTS, BLANKETS, DRAPERIES, AND STUFFED ANIMALS.



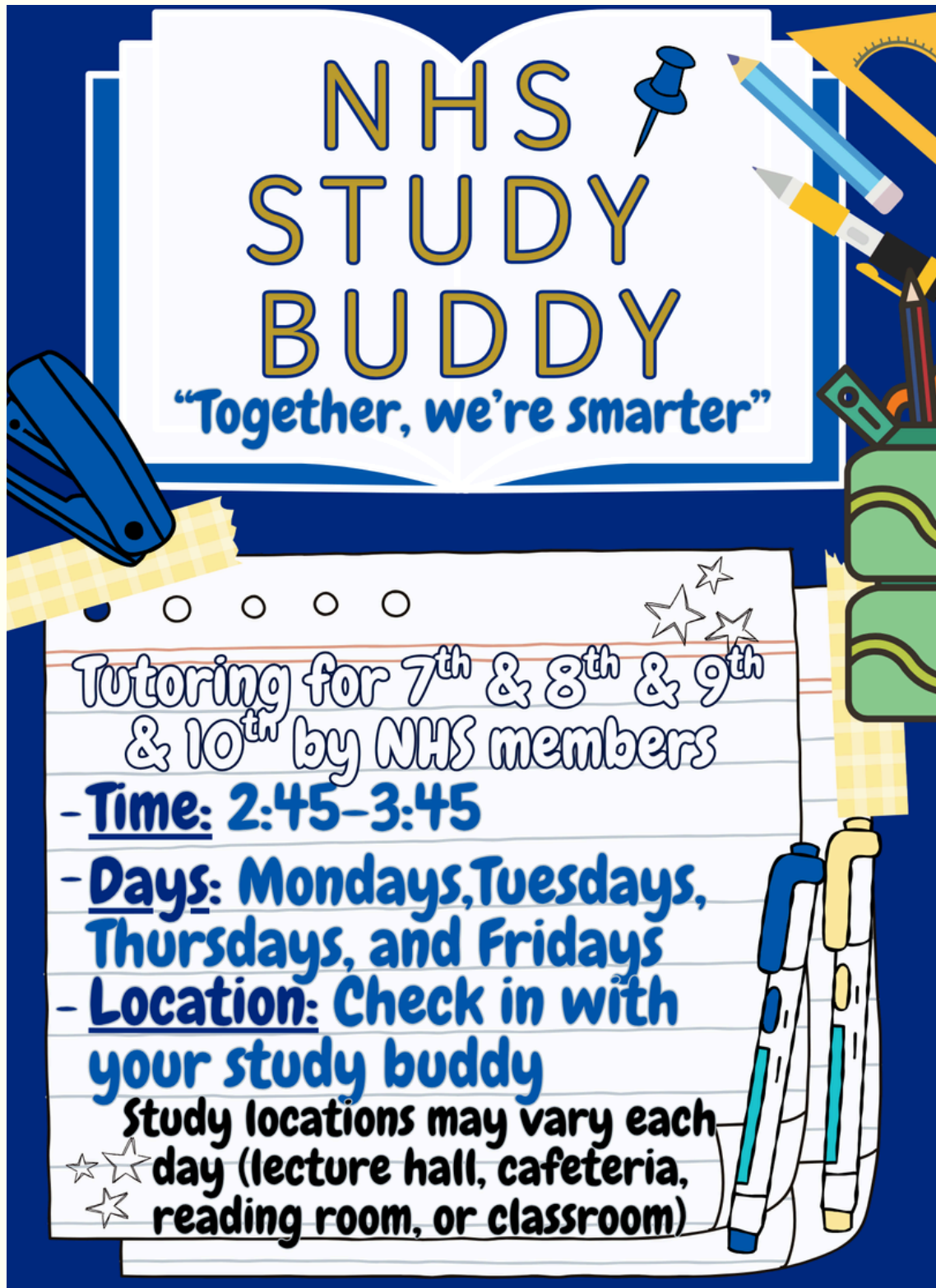
Please drop off any donations **before school** or **after school** in front of the school lobby under the stairway. Make sure your name is labeled on each bag. Thank you!

**Ms. Villalobos**  
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# CLUB SPOTLIGHT



We would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our NHS Study Buddy tutors and students for their dedicated participation in the program. Wishing everyone a wonderful Thanksgiving break. We look forward to continuing our efforts and services upon our return.







# MIT ATHLETICS

## MIT ATHLETICS WEEKLY UPDATE

A Fantastic Fall Sports Banquet!

We wrapped up our Fall season last night with a successful Fall Sports Banquet, celebrating all of our hard-working student-athletes and coaches. Thank you to all families who attended and supported our athletes throughout the season — your presence made the night truly special.

### **Fall Athletes of the Year**

We are proud to honor two exceptional athletes who demonstrated leadership, commitment, and outstanding performance throughout the fall season:

#### **Jace M. – Fall Athlete of the Year**

Jace is a standout libero whose consistency, hustle, and mental toughness helped elevate the entire volleyball team. She repeatedly delivered clutch serving runs, including multiple stretches where she served 6+ points in a row, helping bring MIT back from deficits to take the lead. Her growth, dedication, and reliability made her a cornerstone of the team this season.

#### **Joseph G. – Fall Athlete of the Year**

Joseph, captain of the boys' soccer team, led with excellence on and off the field. His work ethic, discipline, and strong presence helped set the tone for the entire team. He consistently pushed his teammates to improve while demonstrating skill, composure, and leadership throughout the season. Joseph's influence and performance made a huge impact during the soccer program's strongest year yet.

Congratulations to both athletes. You embody what it means to be an Iron Eagle!





# MIT ATHLETICS

## UPCOMING EVENTS – WEEK OF DECEMBER 6TH

### **Saturday, December 6 – Toss Like a Hero Cornhole Tournament**

- 10:00 AM
- Location: Heritage Academy Maricopa

Come cheer on our Cornhole team as they compete in this community tournament!

### **Tuesday, December 9 – Home Chess Matches**

- Match 1: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
- Match 2: 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
- Location: MIT

Our chess team will host two rounds of competition right here on campus.

### **Tuesday, December 9 – Boys Basketball Home Game**

- MIT vs. West Phoenix High School
- 6:30 PM
- Location: Kings Ridge Academy

Let's pack the gym and support our Eagles in their home matchup!

### **Thursday, December 11 – Boys Tennis Home Match**

- MIT vs. BASIS Scottsdale
- 4:00 PM

Come support our Boys Tennis team in their home competition as they continue to sharpen their skills this season.

We appreciate your support and cooperation as we prepare for another successful season.

**GO IRON EAGLES!** 🦅💜



# COSTA RICA TRAVEL INFO



Our EF tour, Discover Costa Rica, is on the horizon! These opportunities can help you forge a life-changing experience with the help of others. <https://www.eftours.com/parents-and-students/travel-scholarships-fundraisers>

Whether it's our students' first time out of the country or their fifth, understanding passport application requirements is super important. Let's walk through three things to keep in mind as our group prepares to travel:

## 1. Apply to fly

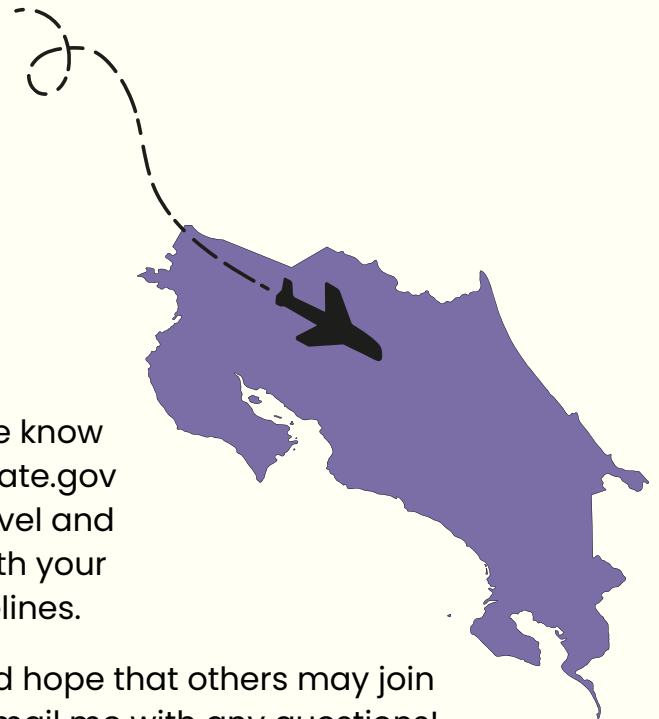
- a. If a student doesn't have a passport, let them know to apply for one and track their application status on [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov). The full process can take up to 14 weeks, so we recommend making this a top priority during tour prep.

## 2. Check those dates

- a. Passports ready? Great! Have each traveler check their passport's expiration date and confirm that it'll be valid for at least six months after your tour's return date; if not, they must apply to renew it. And remember, the application process can take up to 14 weeks.

## 3. Know before you go

- a. Travel can be unpredictable, so staying in the know before you head on tour is key. Keep [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) bookmarked for updates on international travel and your passport status, and share this video with your students for more info on EF's passport guidelines.



I am looking forward to our journey this summer and hope that others may join in our adventurous experience! Please feel free to email me with any questions!

Mr. Morganstern





# Purchase the 2025-2026 Yearbook!

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

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

1. Go to: [treering.com/validate](https://treering.com/validate)
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Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.



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# 2025-2026 BEST US HIGH SCHOOLS – US NEWS Ranking

Thank you, everyone, for making MIT High School #11 in the Phoenix, AZ Metro Area High School and #16 in Arizona High Schools.

## Maricopa Institute of Technology 2025-2026 Rankings

Maricopa Institute of Technology is ranked #720 in the [National Rankings](#). Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about [how we rank the Best High Schools](#).

### All Rankings

- 🏆 #720 in National Rankings
- 🏆 #16 in Arizona High Schools
- 🏆 #11 in Phoenix, AZ Metro Area High Schools
- 🏆 #132 in Charter High Schools

### SCORECARD

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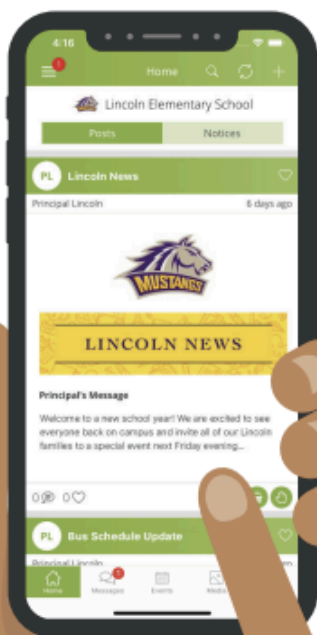
Took at Least One AP® Exam	97%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	63%
Mathematics Proficiency	33%
Graduation Rate	98%





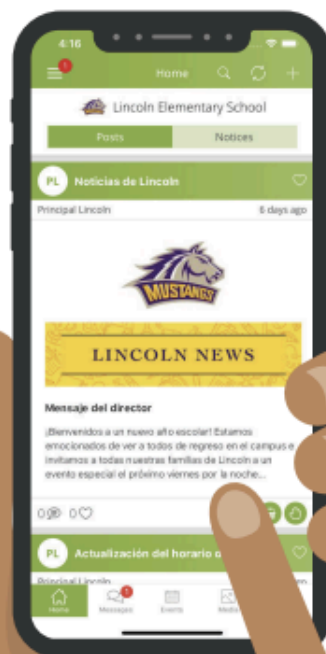
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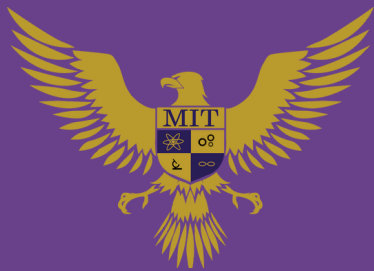




# MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



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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			
22 & 23	Meet the Teacher Night									26	All Day STEM PD - No School					and Qtr 1 Report Cards			
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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			
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# 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 STEM<sup>2</sup> 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.

