



December 15th – December 19th
Family Newsletter

IRON EAGLE PRESS:

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

We are thrilled to share some exciting updates and reminders. First, congratulations to our MIT staff for winning the RESD District Volleyball Tournament! This achievement reflects the teamwork and spirit that make our community so special. We also want to express our sincere gratitude for your support during Semester End Finals and Midterm Exams—your encouragement plays a vital role in helping our students succeed.

As we approach the holiday season, MIT students will have opportunities to participate in festive activities and enjoy some field trips. However, it is important to note that these experiences are a privilege and require students to complete all academic requirements beforehand. These opportunities are designed to celebrate their hard work, foster community, and provide enriching experiences beyond the classroom.

Thank you to all parents and guardians for your continued support and partnership in preparing our students for college and career readiness. Together, we are building a strong foundation for their future success.

Have a wonderful weekend, Iron Eagles!

Mr. Gandhi
Headmaster, MIT



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MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- December 19th Early Release at 12:10 PM
- December 22nd – January 2nd Winter Break
- January 5th School Resumes
- January 19th Martin Luther King Day No School
- January 30th No School STEM PD



UNIFORM INFORMATION

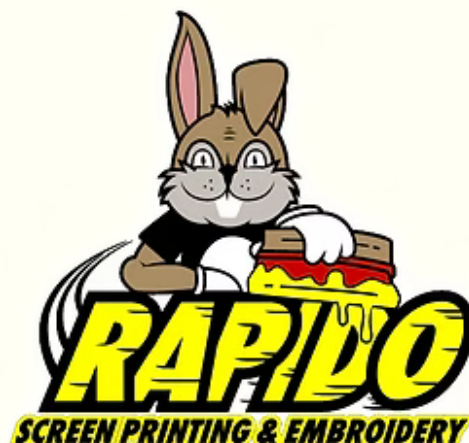
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- 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.





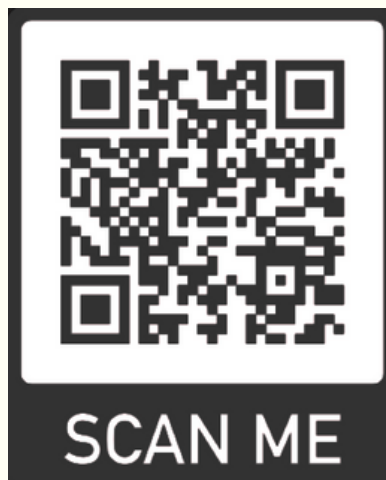
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New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



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MONDAY
Comfy Christmas

Show off your most cozy clothes for the first day of spirit week, keep it comfy

DEC ~ 16

TUESDAY
Holiday Lookalike

Be your best camouflage, Match your look to an item, character, or concept of christmas!

DEC ~ 17

WEDNESDAY
Ugly Sweater Day

A well known classic theme to don your worst-looking christmas sweater!

DEC ~ 18

THURSDAY
Just Santa Claus

Prepare to descend upon MIT as an army of Santas where the only rule is "Just Santa."

DEC ~ 19

FRIDAY
Night before Christmas

Go all out with holiday cheer! Go all out, or wind down with christmas spirit.

STAFF VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT-CHAMPIONS



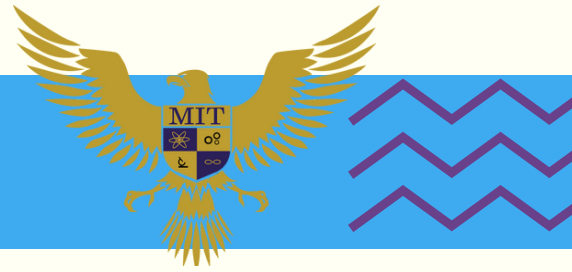
MIT won the District wide, staff volleyball tournament and brought home the trophy! This incredible achievement reflects MIT staff's dedication, teamwork, and commitment to excellence—not just on the court, but in everything we do as a school.

Congratulations and Thank you for your hard work in supporting our students and fostering an environment where they can thrive. Victories like this remind us that when we work together, we can accomplish great things. Let's keep this momentum going and continue striving for many more successes—both in academics and extracurriculars.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

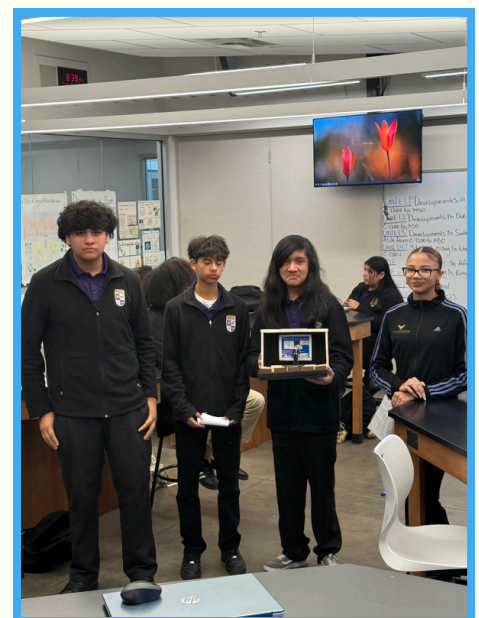
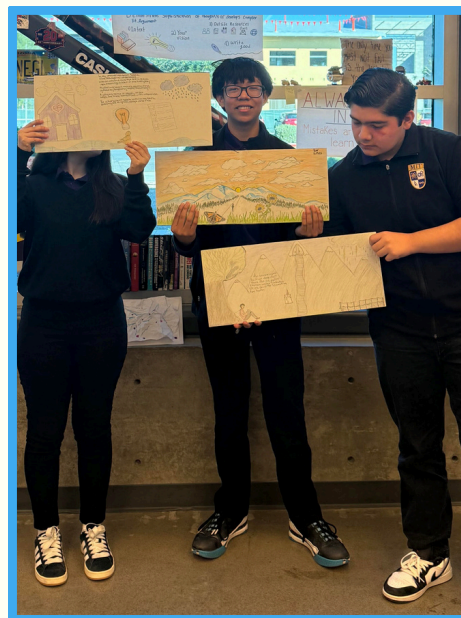
FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS CLASS



In a recent collaborative lesson, students participated in an engaging, hands-on project centered around the 16 Personalities (MBTI) and Big 5 personality assessments. As a culminating activity, students were thoughtfully grouped according to their personality profile results and utilized a variety of digital tools to research and compare career paths aligned with their unique strengths. Through group discussions, they explored how personality traits influence teamwork, career decisions, and interpersonal relationships. Students then synthesized their findings by creating visual representations that highlighted both commonalities and differences within their groups.

This project demonstrates a strong connection to STEM by building essential competencies such as digital literacy, data analysis, and collaborative problem-solving—skills that are foundational for success in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields. Students showcased their insights through innovative presentations, infographics, digital portfolios, and tangible models, reflecting on how a deeper understanding of personality can enhance communication, teamwork, and informed career planning in STEM and beyond.

—Ms.Villalobos



NJHS & NHS TOY DRIVE



Support a Good Cause: Toy Drive with National Honor Society

This holiday season, the National Honor Society is proud to partner with Pentecostals of Phoenix for a special Toy Drive to support local families in need. Together, we can help bring joy and comfort to children in our community who may otherwise go without gifts during this time of year.

We invite all students, staff, and families to participate by donating a new toy—wrapped or unwrapped. Please drop off your donations at the front desk and make sure your name is attached to your gift. If your toy is wrapped, kindly include a note describing the item. Every donation will be carefully distributed to children in our area to help ensure each child experiences the magic of the holidays.

Our Toy Drive will run through December 17th, so there's still time to make a difference! Your support and generosity will help brighten the season for a child and remind them that their community cares.

Thank you for helping us spread kindness and joy this holiday season!



NJHS & NHS CLOTHING DRIVE



Sneaker & Clothing Drive: One More Week Left!

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and National Honor Society (NHS) want to remind you that there's just one week left in our annual Sneaker and Clothing Drive! We invite all students, staff, and families to help make a difference in our community by donating gently used sneakers and clothing.

Your donations will go to those in need this holiday season. Please bring your items to the designated donation bins at school. All sizes and styles are welcome—every contribution counts!

Let's come together to spread warmth and kindness. Thank you for supporting our drive!

— Ms. Villalobos (NJHS & NHS Advisor)

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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-OFFS ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL!
(Please leave in lobby area under starway and attach a name tag)



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Share The Warmth

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!

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NHS STUDY BUDDY



The Study Buddy program, led by NHS, had a wonderful first semester with dedicated tutors and students who benefited from one-on-one sessions. We are so proud of everyone's effort and commitment!

Study Buddy sessions will resume when we return on January 5th. If you are in need of a tutor in preparation for semester 2, please go to the grade level Google Classroom for the link to sign up.





MIT ATHLETICS



MIT ATHLETICS WEEKLY UPDATE – DECEMBER 15–19

Here's what's coming up next week in MIT Athletics:

Monday, December 15

Boys Basketball – Away Game

- MIT at West Phoenix High School
- 4:30 PM
- Location: Pueblo Del Sol K-8

Tuesday, December 16

Boys Basketball – Home Game

- MIT vs. Sequoia Charter School
- 6:30 PM
- Location: Kings Ridge Academy

Thursday, December 18

Girls Tennis – Home Match

- MIT vs. BASIS Mesa
- 4:00 PM
- Location: MIT

Varsity Boys Basketball – Away Game

- MIT at Pan America Charter School
- 6:00 PM
- Location: Pan America Charter High School





MIT ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration is officially open for the following Spring sports:

- Girls Soccer
- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys Volleyball
- Track & Field

Families may begin registering now. All student-athletes must be fully registered before tryouts.

Spring Sports Tryouts – January 5–9

Tryouts for all Spring sports will take place the week we return from Winter Break.

Track & Field Tryouts

- Monday, Jan 5th, Tuesday, Jan 6th, Thursday, Jan 8th
- 3:30–5:00 PM

Softball Tryouts

- Tuesday, Jan 6th, Wednesday, Jan 7th, Thursday, Jan 8th
- 4:00– 6:00 PM

Baseball Tryouts

- Thursday Jan 8th
- 3:00– 6:00 PM

Boys Volleyball Tryouts

- Tuesday, Jan 20th and Wednesday Jan 21st
- 5:30–7:00 PM

Girls Soccer Tryouts

- Monday, Jan 5th, Tuesday, Jan 6th, and Thursday, Jan 8th
- 3:30–5:00 PM

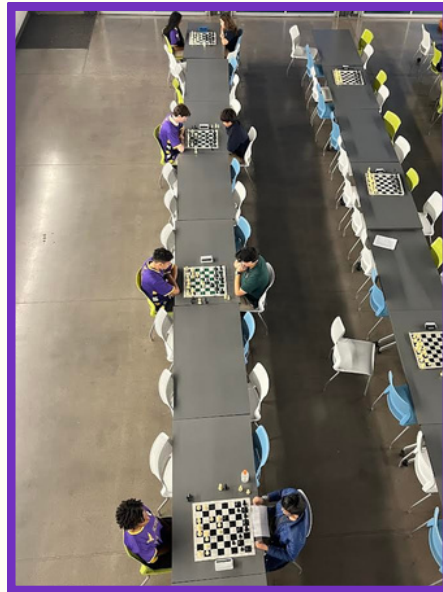
If you are participating in another sport and that conflicts with tryouts for Spring sports, please speak with the coach to schedule an alternative time for your tryout.





SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS CHESS

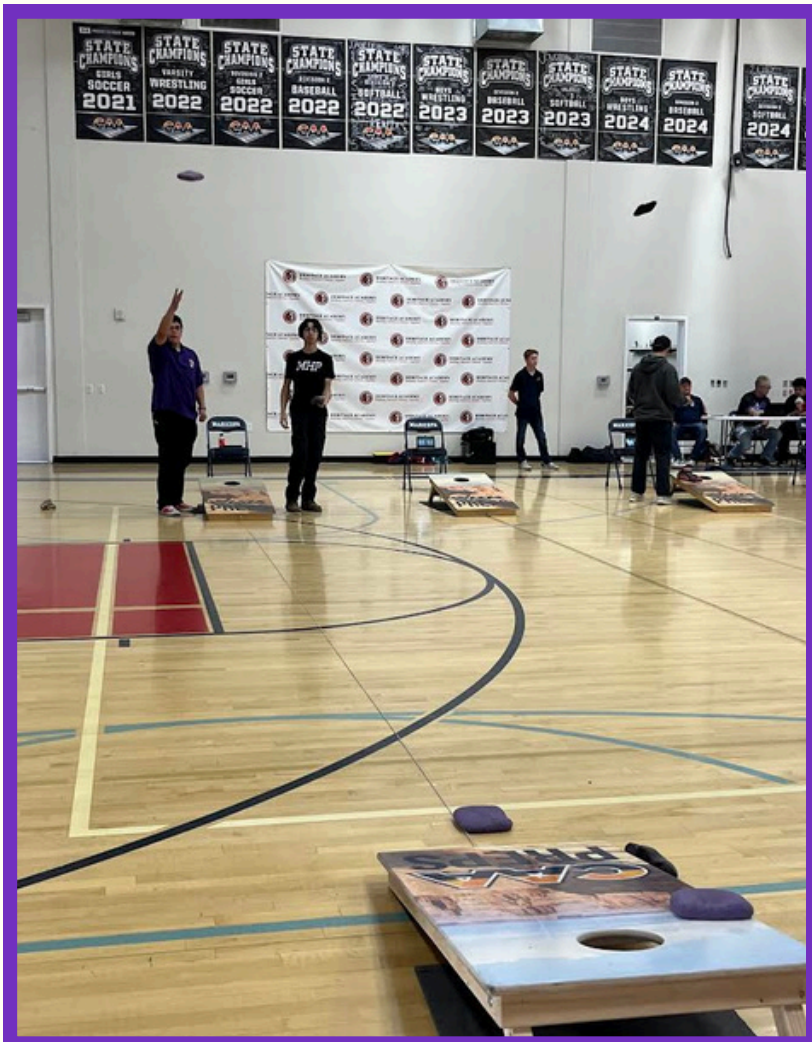
The chess team competed in a home match this week, welcoming their opponents to campus for an exciting round of games. Our players demonstrated focus, strategy, and sportsmanship throughout the match, representing the team well on their home boards. Great effort from Aldo A., Alexander D., London D., Keymora M., Chidera N., and Amayah S. as they continue to grow and compete this season.





SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS CORNHOLE

The Cornhole team kicked off their first match of the season with a strong showing and great energy! The boys did an excellent job representing their team and setting a positive tone for the season ahead. Shoutout to Elias J., Aiden S., and Manuel R. for their effort, teamwork, and competitive spirit in this season opener



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

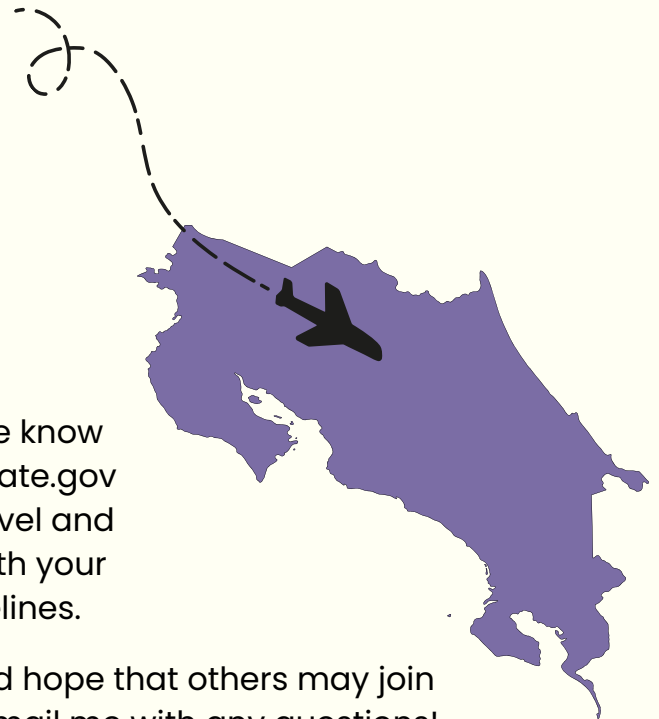
- a. If a student doesn't have a passport, let them know to apply for one and track their application status on travel.state.gov. The full process can take up to 14 weeks, so we recommend making this a top priority during tour prep.

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 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





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To purchase and customize your yearbook,
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Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

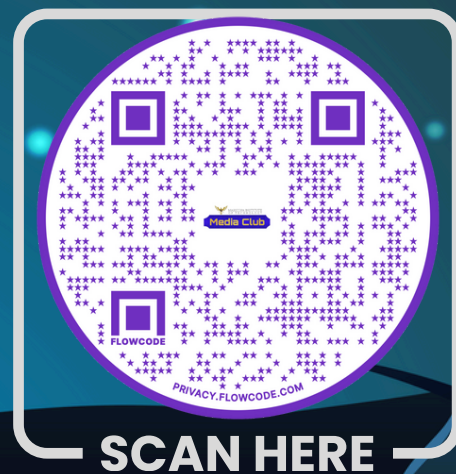
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Thank you, everyone, for making MIT High School #11 in the Phoenix, AZ Metro Area High School and #16 in Arizona High Schools.

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

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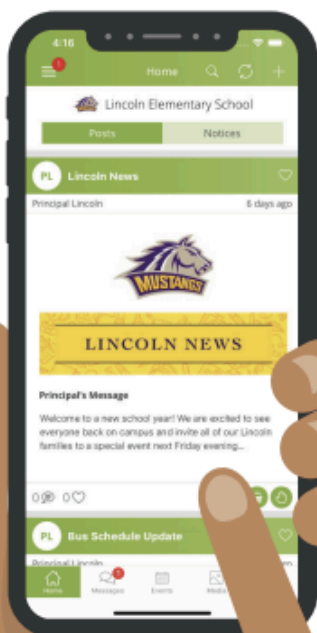
Took at Least One AP® Exam	97%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	63%
Mathematics Proficiency	33%
Graduation Rate	98%





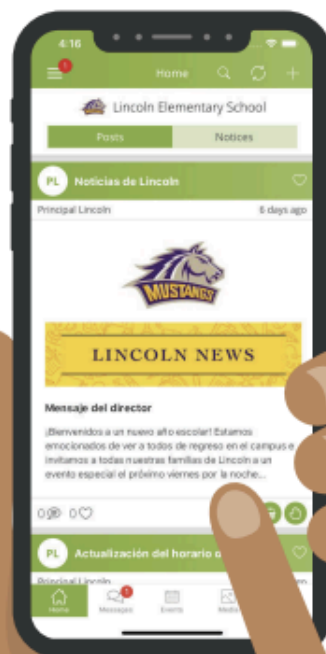
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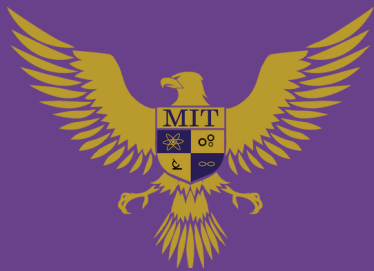




MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



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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			
28	First Day of School																		
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November 2025					December 2025					January 2026					February 2026				
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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 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.

