



February 16<sup>th</sup> – February 20<sup>th</sup>  
Family Newsletter

# IRON EAGLE PRESS:

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

As we wrap up another productive week at MIT, I want to take a moment to recognize the incredible accomplishments of our students and thank you for your continued partnership and support.

Our MIT seniors officially submitted their senior projects this week! It was inspiring to see the depth of research, innovation, and creativity showcased across all projects. We are extremely proud of their hard work and commitment to academic excellence.

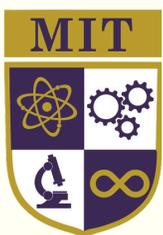
MIT Magnet Jr. High students were honored at the Governing Board meeting for earning spots on the Superintendent’s List. This recognition reflects their dedication and the strong academic culture shared across our MIT community. Congratulations to these outstanding scholars!

Parent–Teacher Conferences are scheduled for the first week of March, right before Spring Break. I strongly encourage all families to visit with MIT teachers and staff, learn more about your student’s progress and goals, and explore the many MIT programs, opportunities, and supports available for college and career readiness. Your involvement is vital to our students’ success, and we look forward to partnering with you during this important time.

Thank you again for your ongoing support of our students, our staff, and MIT’s mission. Together, we continue to build a strong learning community focused on rigorous academics, STEM excellence, and preparing every student for a bright future.

Have a wonderful weekend, Iron Eagles!

Mr. Gandhi  
Headmaster, MIT



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## MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- February 25<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> AZELLA Testing
- March 4<sup>th</sup> - March 6<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Release
- March 9<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Break No School
- March 27<sup>th</sup> No School STEM PD
- April 6<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> State Testing
- April 8<sup>th</sup> & April 15<sup>th</sup> NO EARLY RELEASE

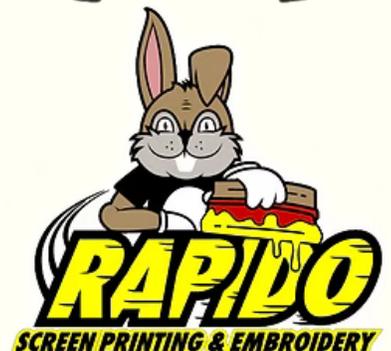
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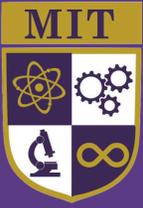
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- 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.





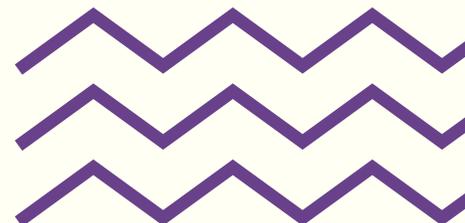
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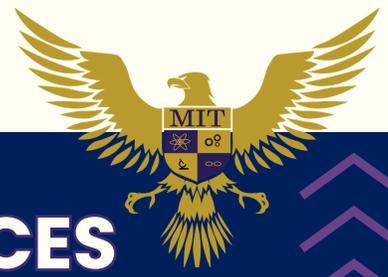


## New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



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





# SPRING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences are just around the corner! This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your student's teachers, review their progress for Semester 2, and discuss strategies for continued success. We encourage all families to take advantage of this time to ask questions, celebrate growth, and address any concerns before the end of the semester.

## **Conference Dates:**

- March 4th: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
- March 5th: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM & 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
  - Teachers will have a short break from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM.
- March 6th: 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

We look forward to partnering with you to support your student's academic success!





# RESD BOARD RECOGNITION MIT MAGNET JR HIGH

On Thursday night, students from MIT Magnet Junior High were proudly recognized at the Riverside Elementary School District Board meeting for their outstanding academic achievement. Representing 7th grade were Elijah C. and Elizabeth D., and representing 8th grade were Samuel A. and Natalie D. These students have demonstrated exceptional dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence in their studies. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and the way they continue to represent MIT Magnet Junior High with integrity and academic excellence. Congratulations on this well-deserved honor!

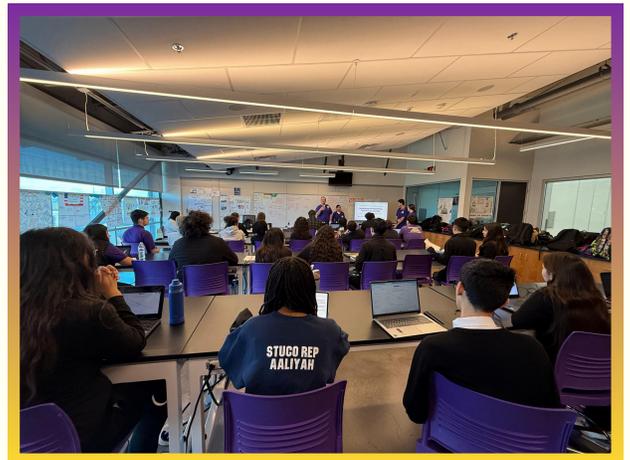




# GCU NURSING STUDENT VISIT MIT SENIORS

This week, we were excited to welcome nursing students from Grand Canyon University (GCU) to MIT High School for a special presentation with our seniors. The GCU nursing students led an engaging and informative session focused on identifying toxic relationships.

Our seniors learned how to recognize warning signs, set healthy boundaries, and prioritize their emotional and mental well-being. The presentation encouraged students to reflect on the importance of surrounding themselves with supportive, respectful individuals as they prepare for life beyond high school. We are grateful to the GCU nursing students for sharing their knowledge and empowering our seniors with tools to build healthy, positive relationships.





# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

## GRADE 8 SCIENCE

Our Grade 8 students in Mrs. Sarkar's Science class have been exploring the exciting topic of Evolution and Human Influence on Living Organisms through a creative, hands-on poster project!

Students selected one plant and one animal and investigated how living things change over time through:

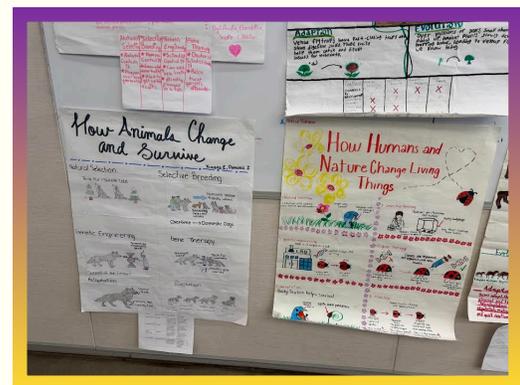
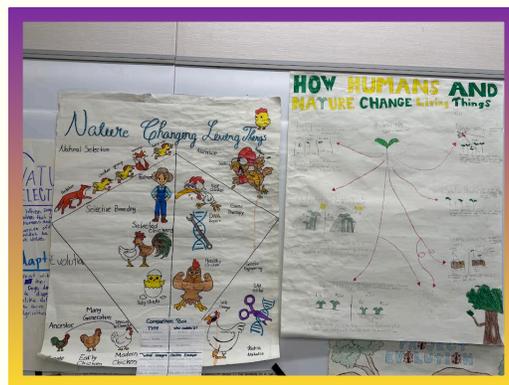
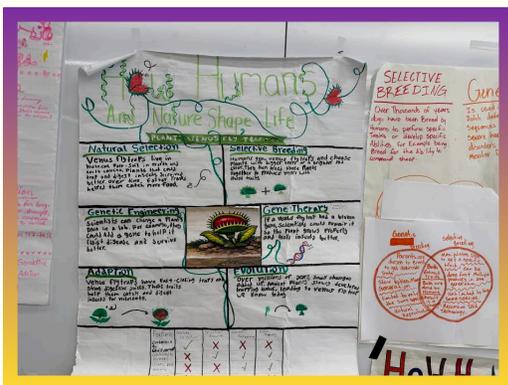
- Natural Selection
- Selective Breeding
- Genetic Engineering
- Gene Therapy
- Adaptation
- Evolution

Through research, drawings, and scientific explanations, students demonstrated how nature and human actions both play important roles in shaping organisms. The project encouraged critical thinking, creativity, and the use of strong science vocabulary while helping students connect real world examples to classroom learning.

The colorful posters showcased clear diagrams, labeled processes, and thoughtful comparisons between natural and human driven changes in living organisms. Students worked hard to present accurate scientific ideas while developing visual communication skills and collaboration.

We are proud of our Grade 8 students for their curiosity, effort, and creativity as they continue to grow their understanding of how life evolves and adapts over time!

Great work, Grade 8 Science!





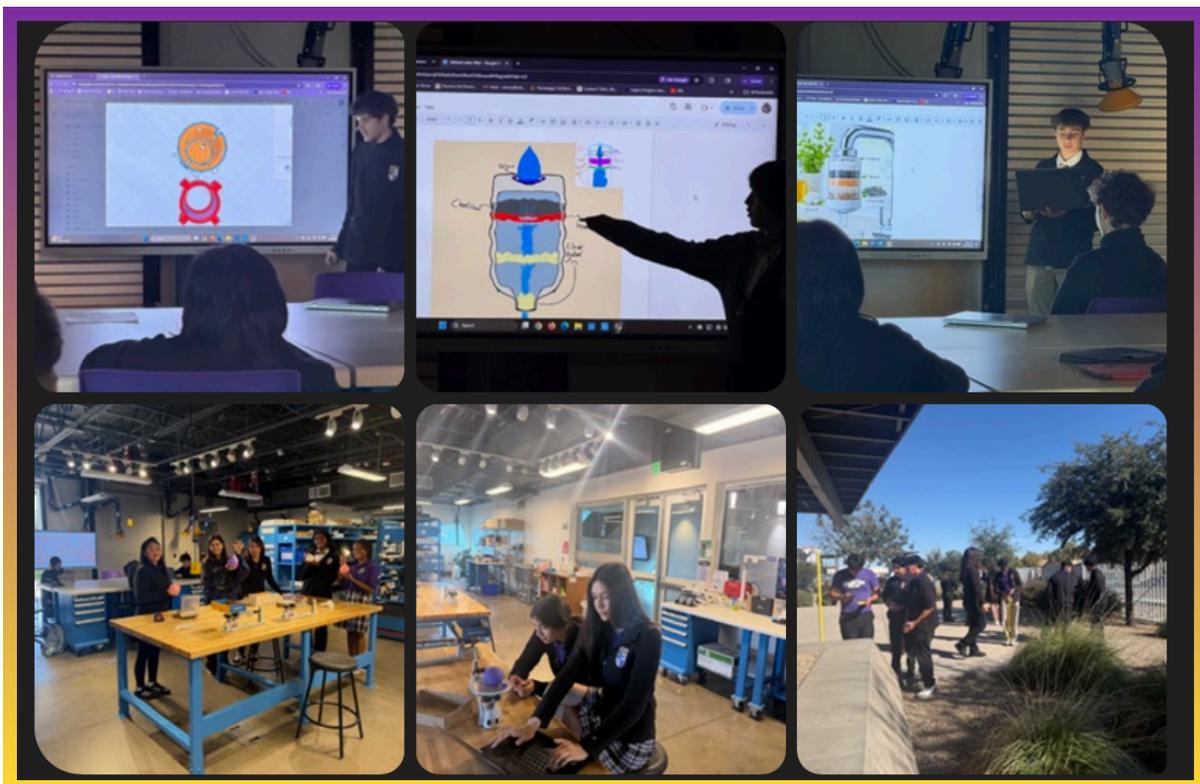
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## AP PHYSICS

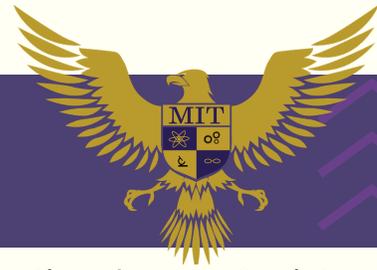
In our Honors/AP Physics and STEM classes, students don't just learn science—they do science and engineer solutions.. Through hands-on experimental design and collaborative engineering projects, students actively engage in authentic science and engineering practices. From designing and prototyping water filtration systems to modeling Newton's laws, impulse and momentum, and testing real-world solutions. Learners apply core concepts in biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science to meaningful challenges.

Using a constructive learning approach, students build understanding by asking questions, developing and testing hypotheses, analyzing data, and refining their designs. Classrooms transform into innovation labs where students present technical models, evaluate performance, iterate on prototypes, and defend their conclusions with evidence. Whether collaborating at lab benches, working with digital design tools, or conducting field observations, students take ownership of their learning through inquiry, problem-solving, and critical thinking.

These experiences cultivate scientific literacy, engineering mindset, teamwork, and communication skills—preparing students for future careers in STEM fields where innovation, resilience, and creativity drive real-world impact.



# 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](#)

Let's make this semester a success by supporting each other!

**NHS STUDY BUDDY**  
"Together, we're smarter"

Tutoring for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>  
& 10<sup>th</sup> 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)



# MIT ATHLETICS

**Week of February 24–28, 2026**

## **Important Reminder: Final Registration Deadline**

All athletic registrations must be completed and paid by Tuesday, February 24th for student-athletes to remain eligible for this week's games.

*If registration is not finalized, athletes will NOT be permitted to play in Tuesday or Thursday competitions.*

## **Weekly Schedule & Events**

Monday, February 23rd

- No athletic events scheduled.

Tuesday, February 24th

MIT Baseball vs. Alta Vista High School

- Home game – 4:30 PM

MIT Softball vs. Surprise High School

- Status: Game being rescheduled; date TBD

Girls Soccer vs. West Phoenix High School

- Home at MIT – 4:30 PM

State Team Chess Championship

- Hosted at MIT – 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Thursday, February 26th

Boys Baseball @ Mission Heights Preparatory High School

- Away game – 3:45 PM

Girls Softball

- Status: Game may occur at 3:45 PM or may be rescheduled (TBD)

Girls Tennis vs. Awatukee High School

- Home match – 4:00 PM

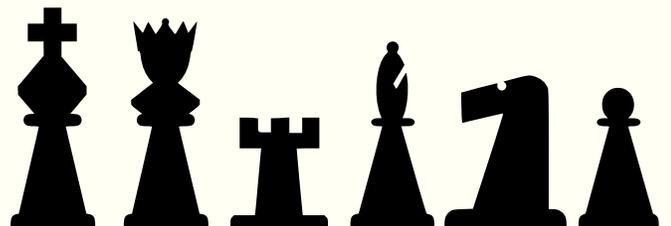
Individual State Chess Championship

- Hosted at MIT – 4:30 PM to 9:30 PM

Friday, February 27th

Boys Tennis vs. Awatukee High School

- Home match – 4:00 PM





# MIT ATHLETICS

## **Softball Players Still Needed!**

MIT is still looking for additional softball players (8th–12th grade).

If you're interested in joining, please attend practice:

- Monday–Friday
- 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Schedule is available on our athletics webpage:
- <https://www.gobound.com/az/schools/miotechnology>

## **We Still Need Event Volunteers!**

MIT Athletics is still seeking adult volunteers to help with upcoming home events. We have many games across baseball, softball, soccer, tennis, and chess this week, and your support makes a huge difference in running smooth, successful events.

If you're willing to help with roles such as concessions, admissions, scoreboard, announcing, or general game operations, please use our SignUpGenius link to choose your shifts:

SignUpGeniusLink: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAE29A3FCC25-62212527-spring#/>

*Thank you for supporting our student-athletes and our MIT community!*

## **Concession Stand Manager Needed – Stipend Position**

MIT Athletics is still looking for a Concession Stand Manager who holds a current Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) certification. This is a stipend-paid position for the spring season.

If you or someone you know is interested, please email me at [pploeger@mitglobalonline.org](mailto:pploeger@mitglobalonline.org).

*Thank you for helping us support our athletes and game-day experience!*

# COSTA RICA SUMMER 2026



Our trip is less than 4 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!

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

Must be a parent or student 13 years or older

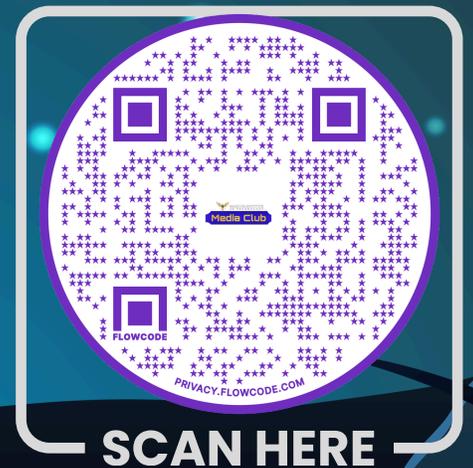
1. Go to: [treering.com/validate](https://treering.com/validate)
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Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.

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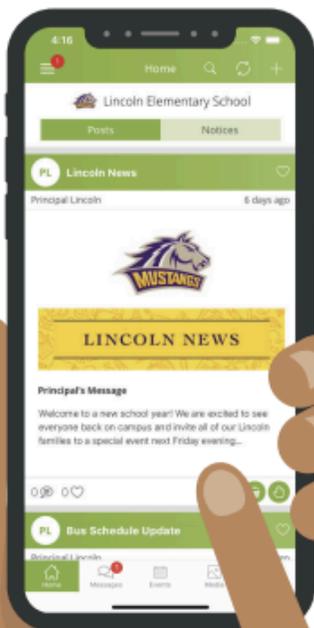
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More about the Smilesafe program [here](#).



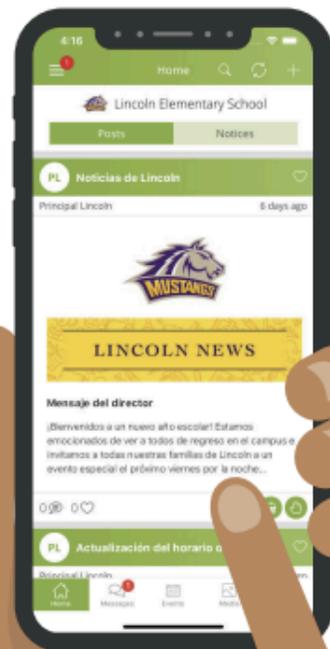
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# MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



July 2025					August 2025					September 2025					October 2025				
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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				
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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										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				
March 2026					April 2026					May 2026					June 2026				
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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				<b>SUMMER BREAK Begins May 22, 2026</b>				
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 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.

