



February 2nd – February 6th
Family Newsletter

IRON EAGLE PRESS:

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

We've had an energizing and inspiring week on campus, filled with hands-on learning, student achievement, and moments that reflect the heart of our mission—preparing students for college and career readiness through rigorous academics and meaningful experiences.

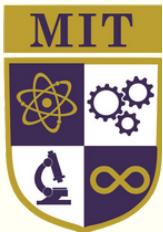
Our Magnet Jr. High students shined this week through their Science and Social Studies Project-Based Learning presentations. Their curiosity, collaboration, and problem-solving were on full display as they tackled real-world concepts through creative and thoughtful projects. We are proud of their dedication and growth.

Congratulations to our MIT Student Council for receiving the Honorable Mention Award at this year's State Convention! Their leadership, hard work, and commitment to representing MIT with pride earned them well-deserved recognition among schools statewide. We applaud their dedication and teamwork as they continue to amplify student voice and strengthen our school community.

We are thrilled to announce that Afsana Ali, a dedicated and inspiring member of our school community, has been selected as a National Finalist for the prestigious National Honor Society (NHS) Scholarship. This remarkable honor is awarded to only 25 high school seniors nationwide, recognizing students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to service. Afsana has been invited to represent our school at the National Education Leadership Awards (NELA) in Washington, D.C., from April 15–18, 2026.

Thank you for your continued partnership and engagement with our school community. Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and enjoyable weekend.

Mr. Gandhi
Headmaster, MIT



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DISTINGUISHED SCHOOLS





MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- February 9th – 11th Spirit Week
- February 12th MIT Science Fair 5PM to 7PM
- February 13th No School STEM PD
- February 16th No School President's Day
- February 18th Quarter 3 Progress Reports
- February 18th Japan 2027 Information Night
- February 25th – 27th AZELLA Testing
- March 4th – Match 6th Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Release
- March 9th – 13th Spring Break No School
- March 27th No School STEM PD
- April 6th – 17th State Testing
- April 8th & April 15th NO EARLY RELEASE



UNIFORM INFORMATION

At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms.

All students are required to have:

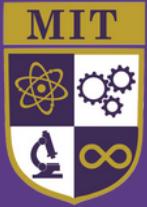
- a solid white button-up shirt with the MIT coat of arms and a tie/bow tie.
- Purple polos with the MIT coat of arms are only permitted on Fridays.
- Pants must be either black or khaki. No jeans!
- Students may only wear jackets or sweaters with the MIT coat of arms.



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.

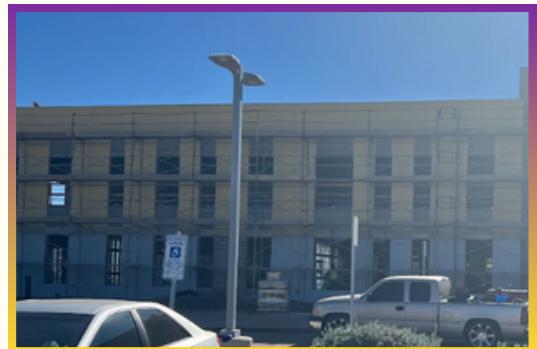




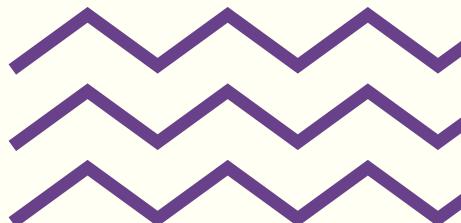
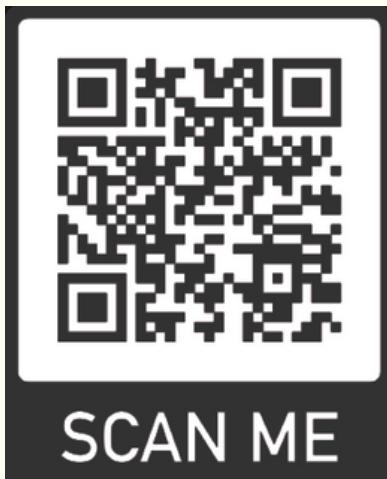
Now Enrolling FY 2026 - 2027



New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



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



Spirit Week

February 9th - February 12th

VALENTINES WEEK
1\$ per day

Monday
emo vs. Cupid

Which side? Dress in
black or show your love
by dressing in valentines
colors!

Wednesday
Dynamic Duos

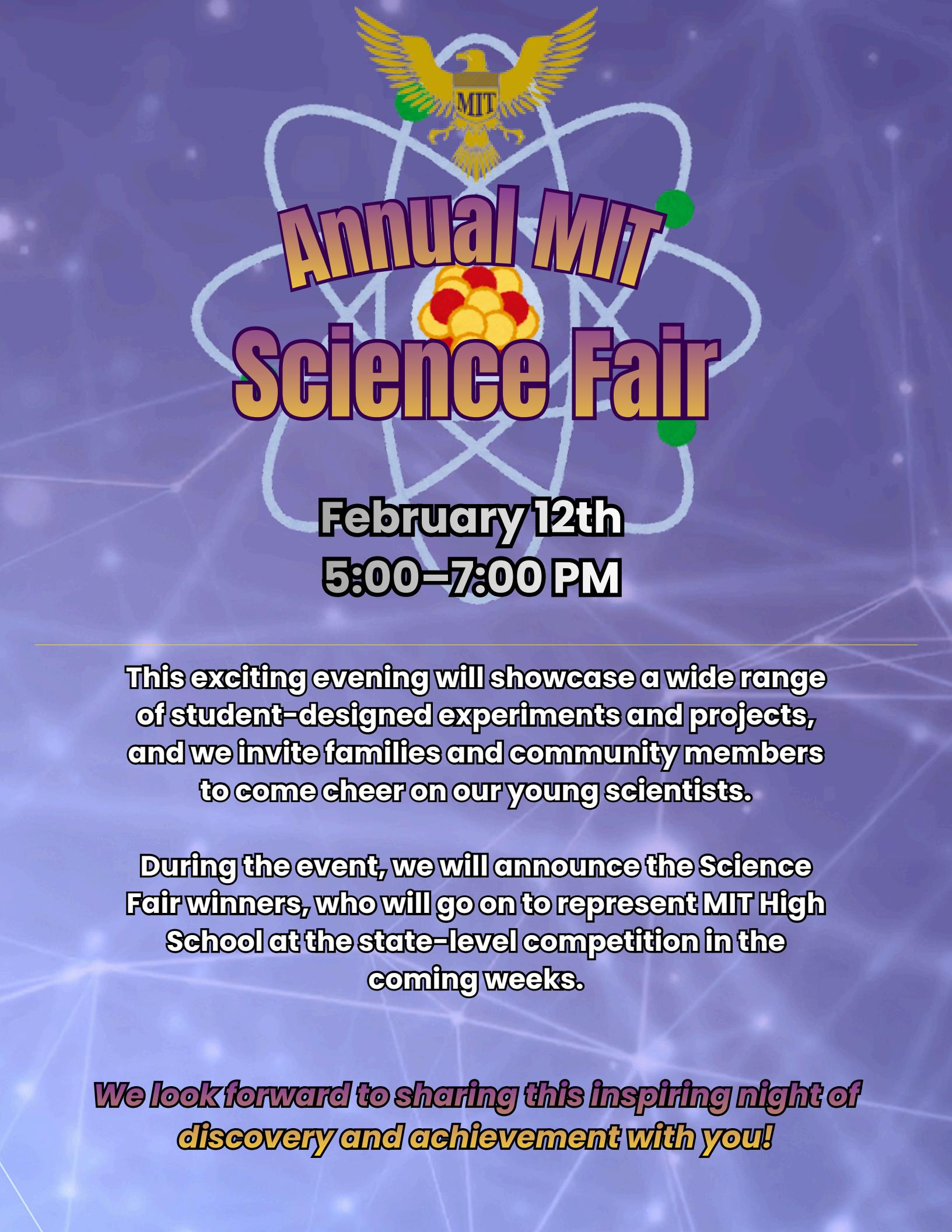
The best couples are in
town. Partner up and
dress up as your favorite
duos!!

Tuesday
symbols of love

Dress in symbols that
remind you of love!!
(hearts, polka dots, Cupid,
etc.)

Thursday
Dress to Impress

Who's ready for a date?
Come dressed in your
best look!



Annual MIT Science Fair

**February 12th
5:00–7:00 PM**

This exciting evening will showcase a wide range of student-designed experiments and projects, and we invite families and community members to come cheer on our young scientists.

During the event, we will announce the Science Fair winners, who will go on to represent MIT High School at the state-level competition in the coming weeks.

We look forward to sharing this inspiring night of discovery and achievement with you!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

AFSANA ALI



We are thrilled to announce that Afsana Ali, a dedicated and inspiring member of our school community, has been selected as a National Finalist for the prestigious National Honor Society (NHS) Scholarship. This remarkable honor is awarded to only 25 high school seniors nationwide, recognizing students who demonstrate outstanding academic achievement, leadership, and commitment to service.

Afsana's journey at our school has been defined by excellence, compassion, and determination. She has distinguished herself through her rigorous academic pursuits as an honors student and her active leadership roles, serving as Vice President of Student Council and President of the Multicultural Club, MESA Engineering, and Muslim Students Association. Her passion for making a difference extends beyond our campus—she has led fundraising initiatives for orphans worldwide and serves as a STEM Ambassador in our community, helping fellow students discover their path to higher education.

National Recognition and Opportunities

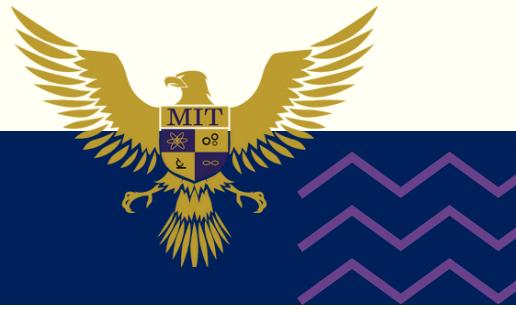
As an NHS National Finalist, Afsana will receive a \$5,625 scholarship and is invited to represent our school at the National Education Leadership Awards (NELA) event in Washington, D.C., from April 15–18, 2026. This prestigious event brings together celebrated student leaders, Principals and Assistant Principals of the Year, and national education advocates to honor leadership, service, and impact. NASSP will cover all major travel and accommodation expenses for award recipients, ensuring our students can fully participate in this incredible opportunity.

A Message from Afsana:

"I am incredibly honored to be named a National Honor Society National Scholarship Finalist and proud to have been a member of NHS for the past four years as I enter my final year before graduation. Throughout high school, I have challenged myself academically as an honors student while staying involved in leadership and service. I currently serve as the Vice President of Student Council and the president of the Multicultural Club, MESA Engineering, and the Muslim Students Association. My drive to make a difference in my community led me to lead fundraising efforts for orphans worldwide. But my passion to see change didn't stop there. I wanted to see change within my own community, which is why I became a STEM Ambassador. I love helping students find their path to higher education and empowering them to believe in their potential. I am truly grateful for this opportunity and for the incredible support I've received from my teachers, mentors, family, and peers. This recognition reflects years of hard work, and I am proud of the student I have become."

Please join us in congratulating Afsana on this extraordinary achievement. We are proud to celebrate her accomplishments and look forward to seeing the positive impact she will continue to make on our school and beyond!





CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

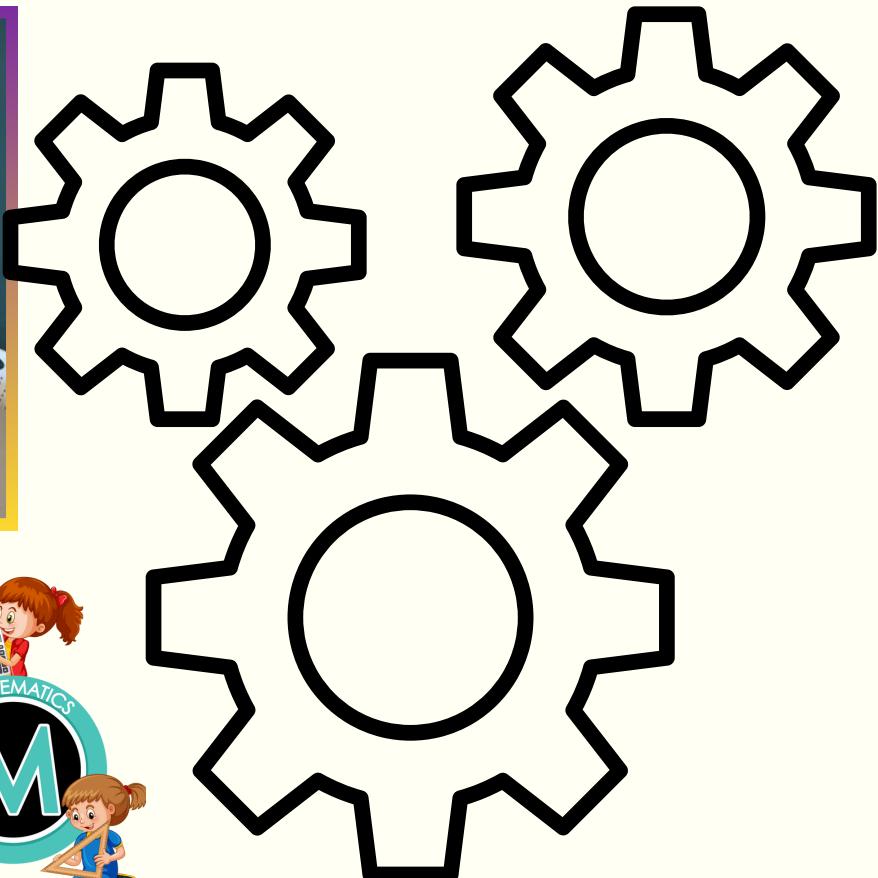
8TH GRADE SCIENCE

Energy in Action

Our Grade 8 students are engaging in an exciting STEM project that combines science and engineering to explore how energy flows through different systems. Students are designing and building models that show how energy is transferred and transformed, such as from electrical to mechanical or from stored energy to motion.

Through this hands-on project, students are learning to think like engineers by planning, testing, and improving their designs. They also explain their ideas using diagrams and evidence, strengthening their critical thinking and communication skills.

This project encourages creativity, teamwork, and real-world problem solving while deepening students' understanding of energy concepts they will use throughout middle school and beyond.



CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

7TH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES



This week, students in Mr. Moya's 7th grade Social Studies class stepped into the role of reporters during World War I. Students created first-person news reports as if they were journalists living through the war, covering specific events or battles from the time period. They then presented their newsletters to the class, bringing history to life through perspective, research, and strong presentation skills.



FIRST BATTLE OF THE SOMME

VOL. 19, NO. 190 * 1 JULY 1916

BREAKING NEWS

FIRST DAY OF TRAGEDY

Words from our fellow soldiers:

"On July 1st, we and our comrades got a command from our sergeants that we needed to head to the western front because the British Empire and the French Republics sent out 1,000,000 men to our land. They wanted us to be a part of it, we didn't want to but men on the side or else our country would have been taken away from us. Currently we and our comrades have been taking turns on watching out for the Allied soldiers coming to our camp and stealing our ammunition. Oh well I must go now, I hope the land is by our side for this battle."

"DAS SCHLAMMIGE GRAB"



Soldiers walk among the ruins of the village of Herbécourt, France, during the First Battle of the Somme, in 1916.

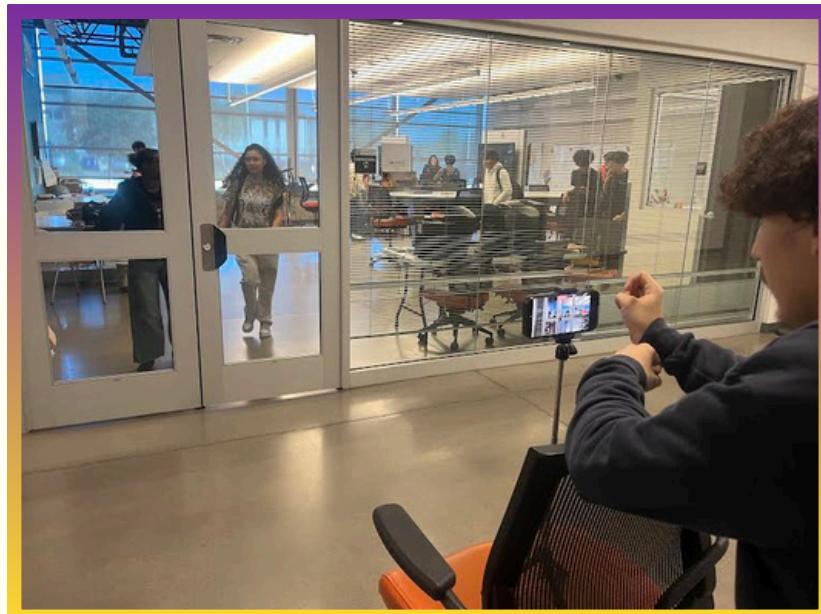
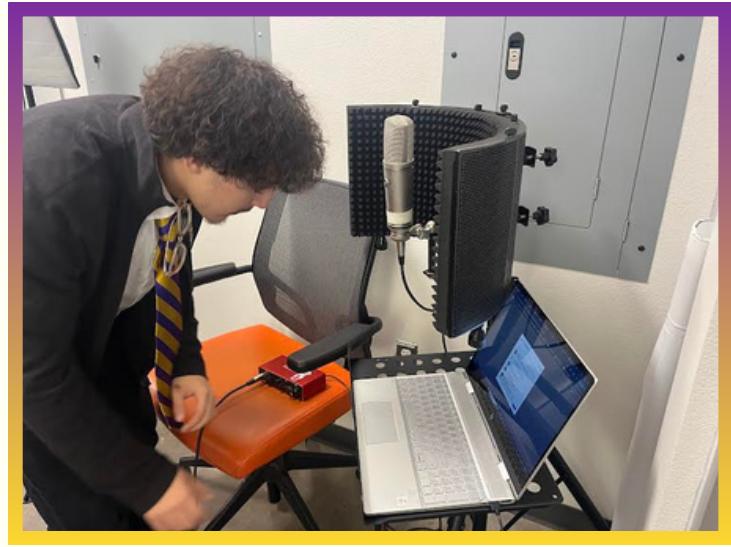
The layout is a newspaper-style design. At the top, a large, bold title reads "THE GALLIPOLI CAMPAIGN". Below the title, a URL "HTTPS://WWW.HISTORY.GOV/HISTORY/GALLIPOLI-CAMPAIGN/INTRODUCTION" is followed by the dates "FEBRUARY 1915 - JANUARY 1916". The main headline "BREAKING NEWS" is prominently displayed in large, bold letters. Below the headline, a sub-headline reads "FROM THE TRENCHES OF GALLIPOLI". The central image is a black and white photograph of a coastal landscape, likely Gallipoli, showing a beach and some structures. To the left of the image, a block of text describes the soldiers' experience. To the right, another block of text discusses the progress of the campaign. At the bottom, a quote is framed by a double-line border: "'TERRIBLE BACKFIRE FOR THE ALLIED POWER.'"

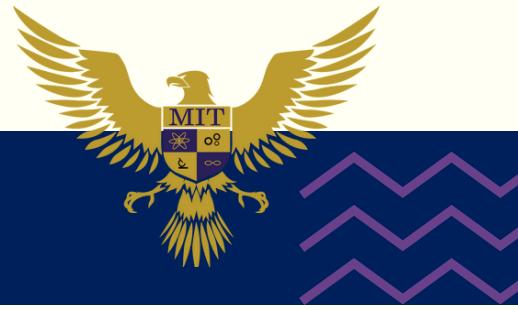


CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

MEDIA & JOURNALISM

Mr. Moya's Media and Journalism class recently collaborated to support one of our seniors, Viktor C., with his senior project. Santiago M. took the lead on recording, while the entire class played an active role in the video's production. This hands-on experience highlighted teamwork, leadership, and real-world media skills, showing how collaboration across grade levels can bring student projects to life.



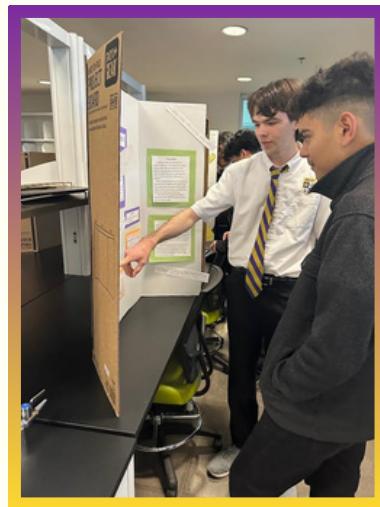
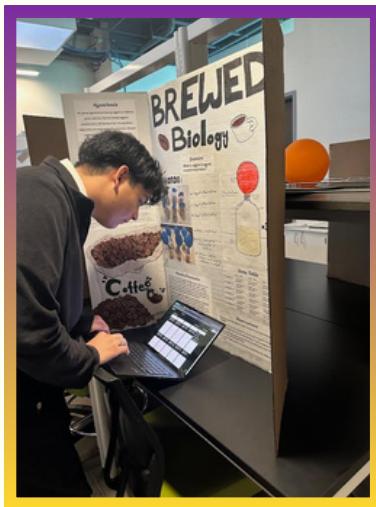
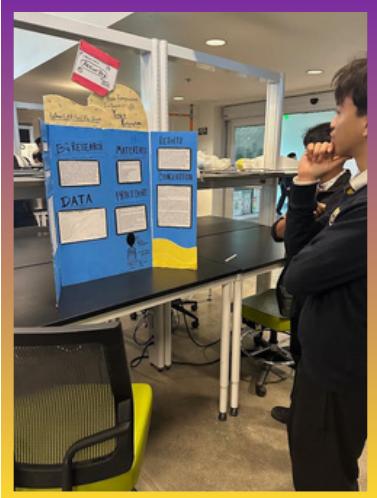


MIT SCIENCE FAIR

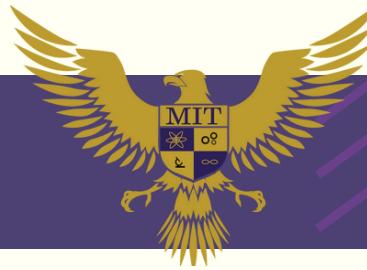
The in-class Science Fair took place this week, and students did an outstanding job showcasing their experiments and innovative projects to their classmates. Each student had the opportunity to explain their scientific question, methodology, and results, demonstrating creativity, critical thinking, and strong communication skills.

From these presentations, the top projects were selected to advance to the school-wide Science Fair, which will be held next Thursday, February 12. Students whose projects were chosen will present their work to a panel of judges and a larger audience, highlighting the depth of their research and innovation.

Parents of invited students will receive an official invitation through ParentSquare to attend the event and support their student as they present their projects. The Science Fair will conclude with awards and prizes presented to the winning projects in recognition of their hard work, originality, and scientific excellence.



NHS STUDY BUDDY



Join Study Buddy—Sign Up Today!

We're excited to announce that Study Buddy is back! 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 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)



MIT ATHLETICS

MIT Athletics – Week in Review & What's Coming Up

Hello Iron Eagles Families,

It's been a lighter week in MIT Athletics, but still an exciting one as our spring sports officially kicked off!

Week in Review

Boys Tennis

Our Boys Tennis team competed this week—great job to all our athletes who represented MIT on the courts!

Spring Sports Have Begun!

This week marked the first official week of spring practices for:

- Baseball
- Softball
- Girls Soccer
- Track & Field

Athletes are settling into their new teams, building momentum, and gearing up for a strong season.

Softball Players Needed!

We are still looking for more softball players to help complete our team.

Whether you've played before or never touched a softball in your life, this is a perfect opportunity to try something new!

We already have several players who are new to the sport, and our coaches are excited to teach the game from the ground up.

If you're interested in joining, please come out and give it a try — you might discover a new sport you love!

Thank you for continuing to support MIT Athletics. Let's make it a strong finish to the winter season and an exciting start to spring sports!

Go Iron Eagles! 



MIT ATHLETICS

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Tuesday, February 10th

Home Chess Match

MIT

4:00 PM

Friday, February 13th

Tennis Match

MIT

3:00 PM

No School Friday – PD Day

There will be no classes, but student-athletes with matches or practices should follow their coach's instructions.

Practices All Week

Spring sports will continue regular practices.

Please check directly with your coach for updated practice:

- Times
- Days
- Locations
- Equipment needs

We Need Volunteers!

As we move into a busy spring athletics season, MIT Athletics is actively seeking volunteers to help support our student-athletes and create an amazing game-day experience. If you've ever wanted to get involved, now is the perfect time!

Concession Stand Volunteers Needed

Our concession stand helps support athletic funding, and we need more helpers!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAЕ29A3FCC25-62212527-spring>

Requirements:

- A valid Food Handler Certification (can be obtained online for \$7–\$10)
- Ability to arrive 1 hour before game time
- Most concession shifts end around halftime or midway through the event

If you're interested, please reach out — we'd love to have you on the team!



MIT ATHLETICS

We Need Volunteers! Join the MIT Athletics Team Behind the Scenes

Home Game Helpers Needed

For baseball, softball, and soccer home games, we are looking for:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAЕ29A3FCC25-62212527-spring>

- Scorekeepers
- Clock/scoreboard operators
- Ticket booth volunteers
- Game-day assistants
- Baseball/Softball stat keepers
- Game MC / Announcer
 - Introduce players
 - Play walk-up music
 - Lead the National Anthem
 - Help create an exciting game atmosphere

If you enjoy sports or want to help create a memorable experience for our athletes, this is a fantastic opportunity!

Track & Field – Major Volunteer Event

April 11th – MIT HOSTS A HOME TRACK MEET

This is one of our largest events of the year, and we need around 50 volunteers.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4CADAЕ29A3FCC25-62212527-spring>

Shift options:

- Morning: 7:00 AM – 12:00 PM
- Afternoon: 12:00 PM – 5:00/6:00 PM

Volunteers will help with:

- Timing
- Field events
- Athlete check-in
- Event stations
- General meet operations

A sign-up form will be released soon for families, students, and community members to claim shifts.

Your support makes these events possible and creates unforgettable experiences for our student-athletes. Whether you can help once or all season long, we appreciate you!

Thank you for being part of the Iron Eagles family!

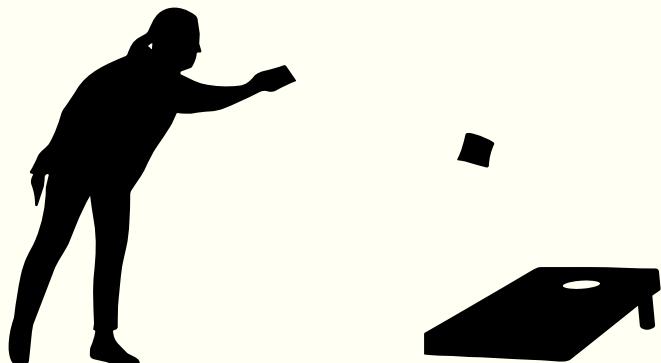


MIT ATHLETICS

We want to congratulate and thank our cornhole players for an amazing season! Best of luck at State this weekend, February 7th, as they represent MIT on the big stage.

All of our athletes qualified for State in individual competition—Aiden Schmidt, Elias Joseph, and Manuel Rodriguez—an incredible accomplishment. We are also proud to share that Aiden Schmidt and Manuel Rodriguez qualified as a doubles team.

We're proud of all your hard work and dedication. Go MIT!



JAPAN SUMMER 2027



An unforgettable adventure awaits your child in Japan!

Dear families,

We're thrilled to announce MIT's upcoming trip to Japan in summer of 2027, and your student is invited! This life-changing experience will help our students build confidence, independence, and global perspective.

We're holding an informational meeting to share everything you need to know—and spots on this trip are limited.

Find meeting info and RSVP here: <https://rsvp.eftours.com/rt7f5hr>

Why attend?

- Learn how to save \$200 with early enrollment.
- Get first access to limited spots.
- Learn about what we'll see and do, academic opportunities, trip cost, and more.

In the meantime, please visit [EF's website](#) to get answers to common parent questions. EF Tours is our trusted travel partner, and they have 60 years of experience helping students explore the world safely and affordably.

We hope to see you there and look forward to sharing how this trip can be a powerful and unforgettable chapter in your child's life!

Best,

Mr. Moya & Ms. Montiel

ymontiel@mitglobalonline.org

smoya@mitglobalonline.org

Scan to RSVP



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.

***Mark your calendar! Your deadline is 2/6.**

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

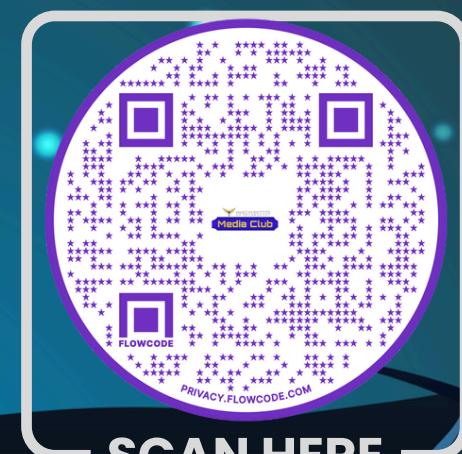
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Regular price: **\$45.00**

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Create custom pages by: **Apr 25**

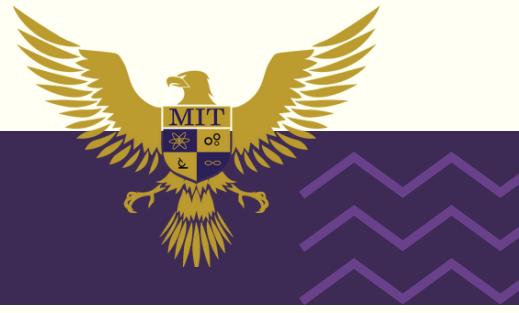


Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.



Media Club

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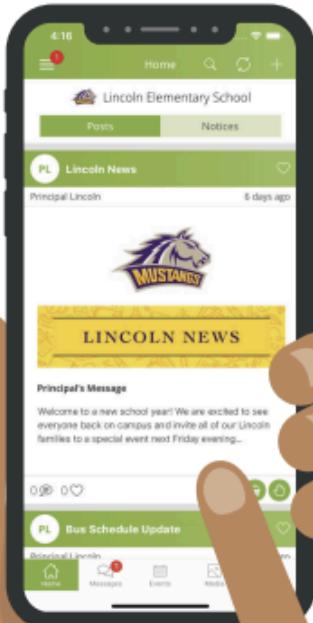


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From anywhere.



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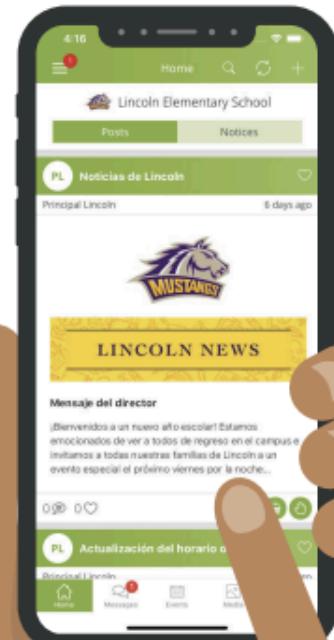


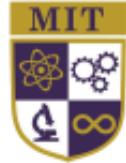
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Desde cualquier parte.



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MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



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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					Early Dismissal: 6,13, 20 and 27				26	All Day STEM PD - No School					Early Dismissal: 1,15, 16, 17, 22 and 29																		
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4-6	Parent Teacher Conferences				6-17	State Testing (No Early Dismissal)				13-15	Semester Finals				SUMMER BREAK Begins May 22, 2026																			
9-13	Early Release and Qtr 3 Ends				27-30	Benchmark Testing				15	8th Grade Promotion																							
18	Spring Break - No School									20	High School Graduation																							
27	Qtr 3 Report Cards									21	Last Day of School																							
	Early Dismissal: 4, 5, 6, 18 and 25									22	Report Cards Issued																							
Days of Attendance = 127 + 16 = 143					Early Dismissal: 1, 22 and 29					25	Teacher Check-Out																							
Days of Attendance = 127 + 16 = 143										25	Memorial Day																							
Days of Attendance = 143 + 22 = 165										Early Dismissal: 6 and 21																								
Days of Attendance = 143 + 22 = 165										Days of Attendance = 165 + 15 = 180																								





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.

