



February 2<sup>nd</sup> – February 6<sup>th</sup>  
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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## MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- February 9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Spirit Week
- February 12<sup>th</sup> MIT Science Fair 5PM to 7PM
- February 13<sup>th</sup> No School STEM PD
- February 16<sup>th</sup> No School President's Day
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Quarter 3 Progress Reports
- February 18<sup>th</sup> Japan 2027 Information Night
- 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



## 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.



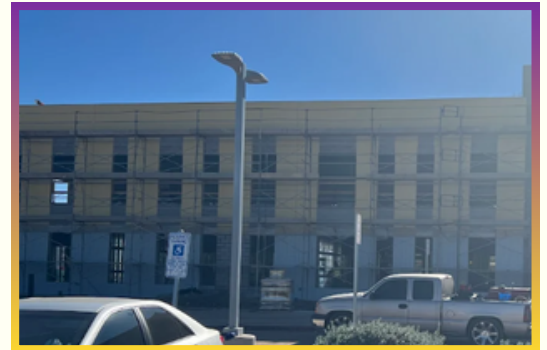




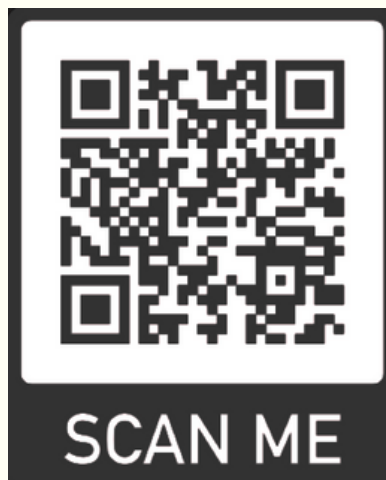
# Now Enrolling FY 2026 – 2027



## New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



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





# VALENTINES WEEK

1\$ per day

**Monday**  
*Emo vs. Cupid*

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

**Tuesday**  
*Symbols of Love*

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

**Wednesday**  
*Dynamic Duos*

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

**Thursday**  
*Dress to Impress*

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

**Spirit Week**  
February 9<sup>th</sup> - February 12<sup>th</sup>





# **Annual MIT Science Fair**

**February 12th  
5:00–7:00 PM**

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**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

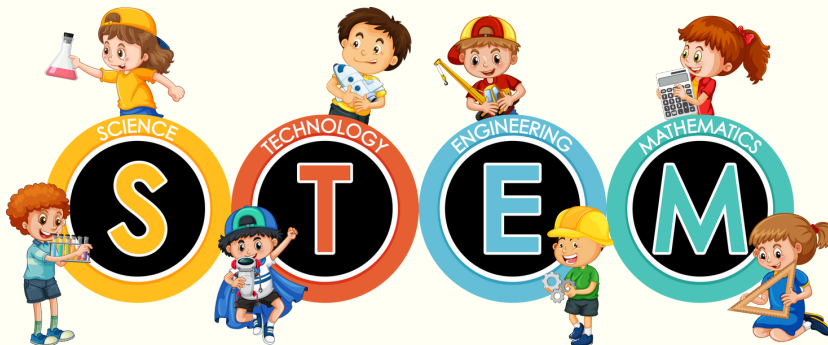
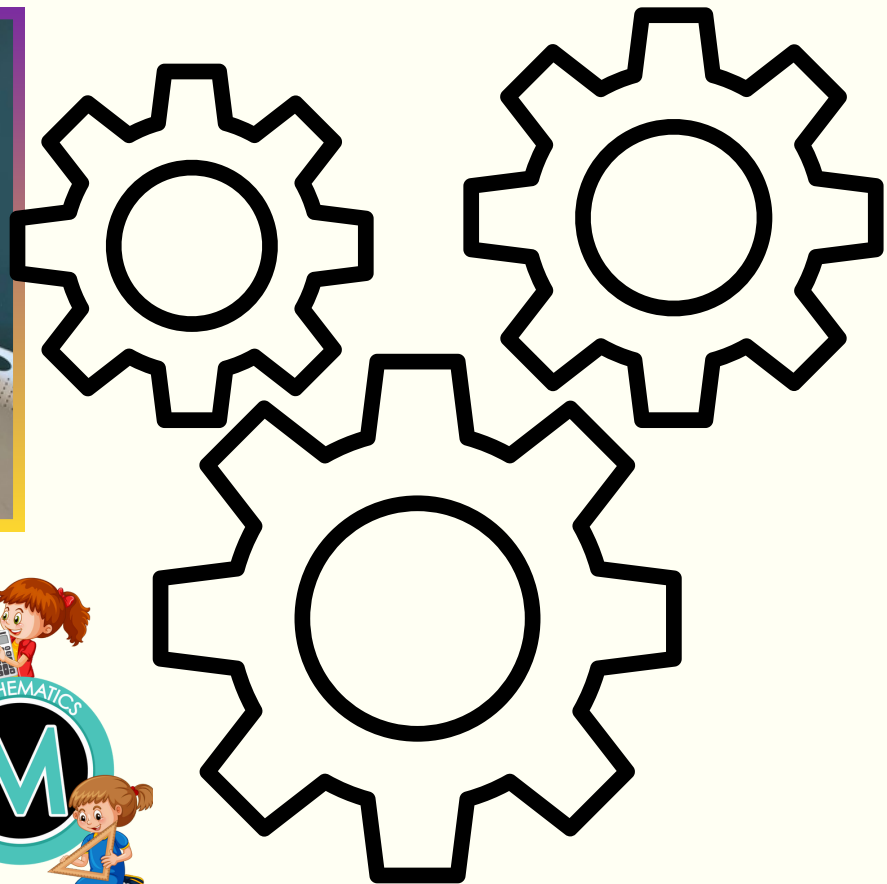
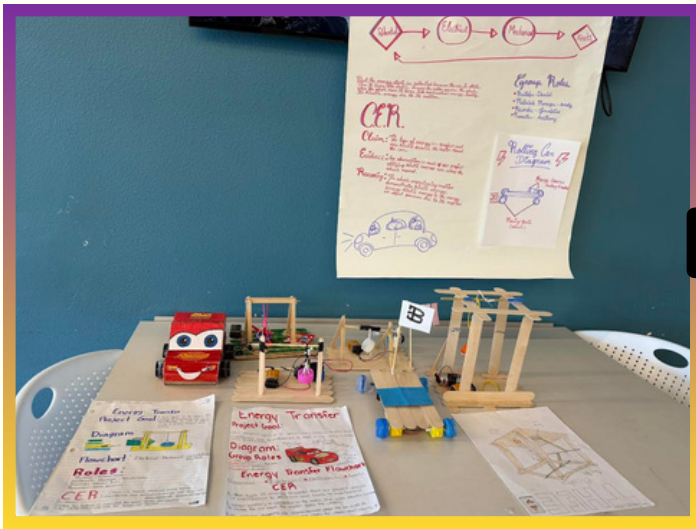
## 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE SCIENCE

### 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.



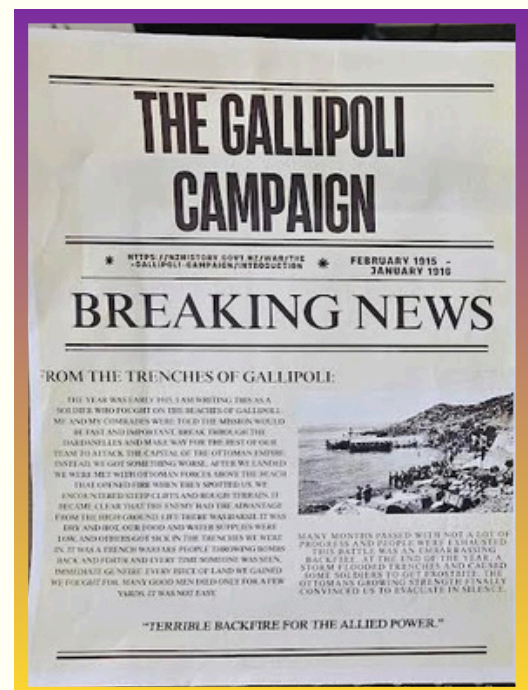




# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

## 7<sup>TH</sup> 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.



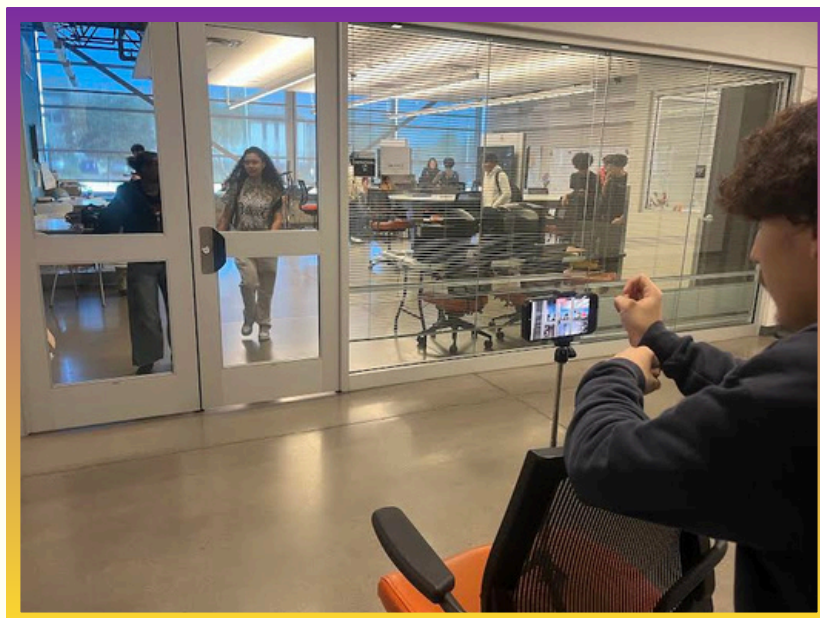




# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT

## 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.





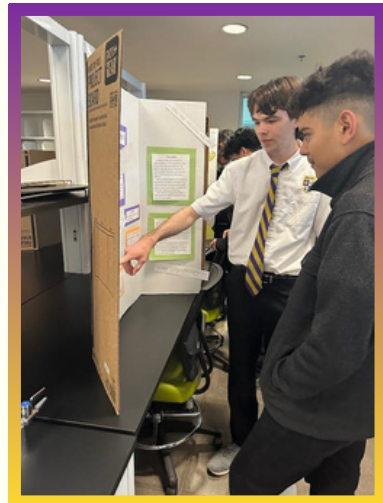
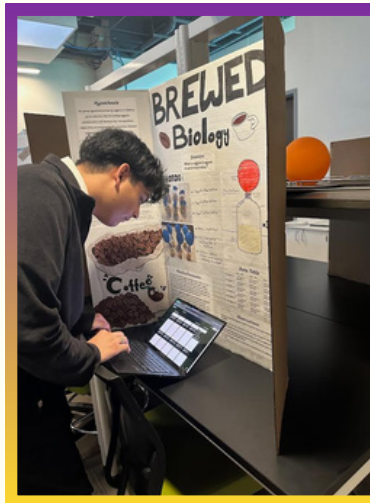
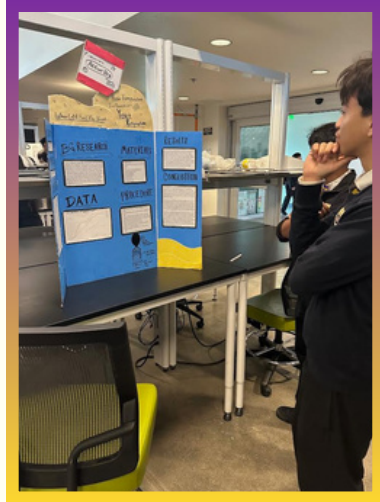


# MIT SCIENCE FAIR

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!

A graphic illustration featuring a blue background with various school supplies. At the top, a white sign with yellow text reads "NHS STUDY BUDDY" and "Together, we're smarter". Below the sign, a blue binder clip holds a piece of yellow and white checkered paper. To the right, a green pencil holder contains several colored pencils and a yellow ruler. At the bottom, a white notepad with blue lines and three punch holes contains the following text: "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", and "Study locations may vary each day (lecture hall, cafeteria, reading room, or classroom)". The notepad is decorated with three stars in the top right corner. A blue and yellow marker is visible at the bottom right of the notepad.





# 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/10C0A4CADA29A3FCC25-62212527-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/10C0A4CADA29A3FCC25-62212527-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/10C0A4CADA29A3FCC25-62212527-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!*



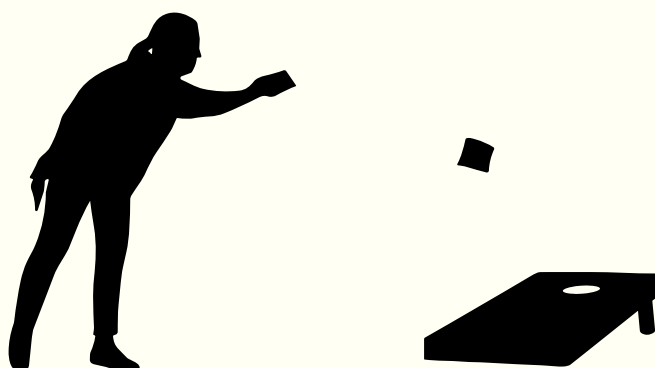


# MIT ATHLETICS

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!

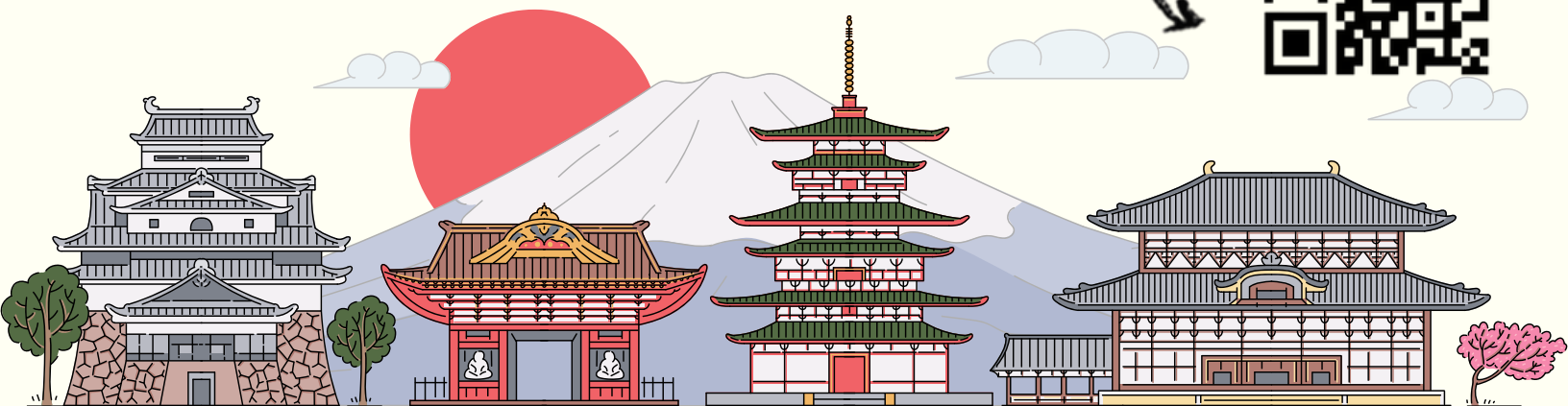
Best,

***Mr. Moya & Ms. Montiel***

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[smoya@mitglobalonline.org](mailto: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

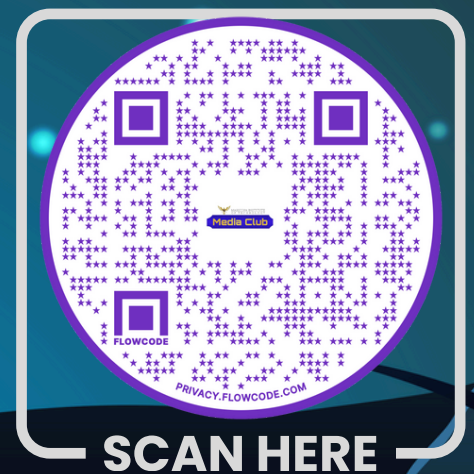
1. Go to: [treering.com/validate](https://treering.com/validate)
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Regular price: **\$45.00**

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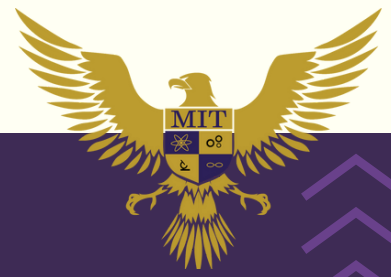
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Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.



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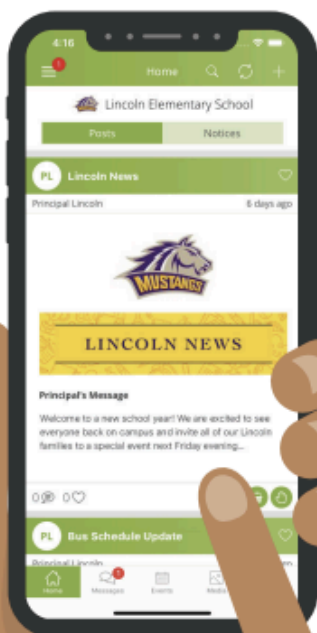


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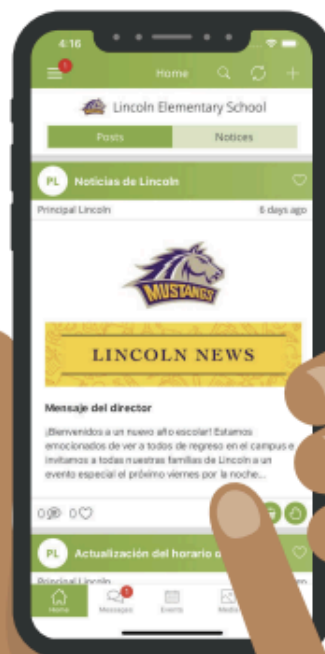


## ¡Descarga hoy mismo la aplicación de **ParentSquare**!

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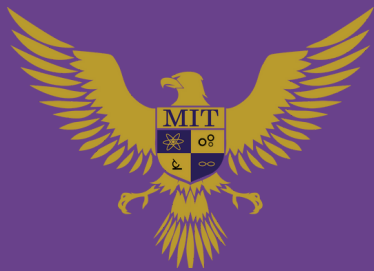


# MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



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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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19	Mid Qtr Reports Issued				22-31	Winter Break - No School				7	Semester 1 Report Cards				13	All Day STEM PD - 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.

