



January 12th – January 16th  
Family Newsletter

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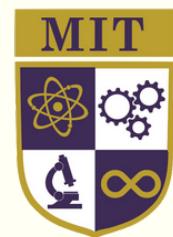
Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

Thank you for a strong week of learning and collaboration. I'm proud to share that our students have successfully completed the Mid Benchmark Exam. These assessments play an important role in preparing our scholars for upcoming state tests by identifying strengths and areas for continued growth.

A reminder that there will be no school on Monday in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. We encourage everyone to take this time to rest, reflect, and enjoy a well-deserved long weekend.

Wishing you all a relaxing and restorative weekend. Take care, Iron Eagles, and I will see you on Tuesday.

Mr. Gandhi  
Headmaster, MIT



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## MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- January 19<sup>th</sup> Martin Luther King Day No School
- January 30<sup>th</sup> No School STEM PD
- February 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> AZELLA Testing
- February 13<sup>th</sup> No School STEM PD
- February 16<sup>th</sup> No School President's Day
- March 4<sup>th</sup> – Match 6<sup>th</sup> Parent-Teacher Conferences/Early Release
- March 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> Spring Break No School



## UNIFORM INFORMATION

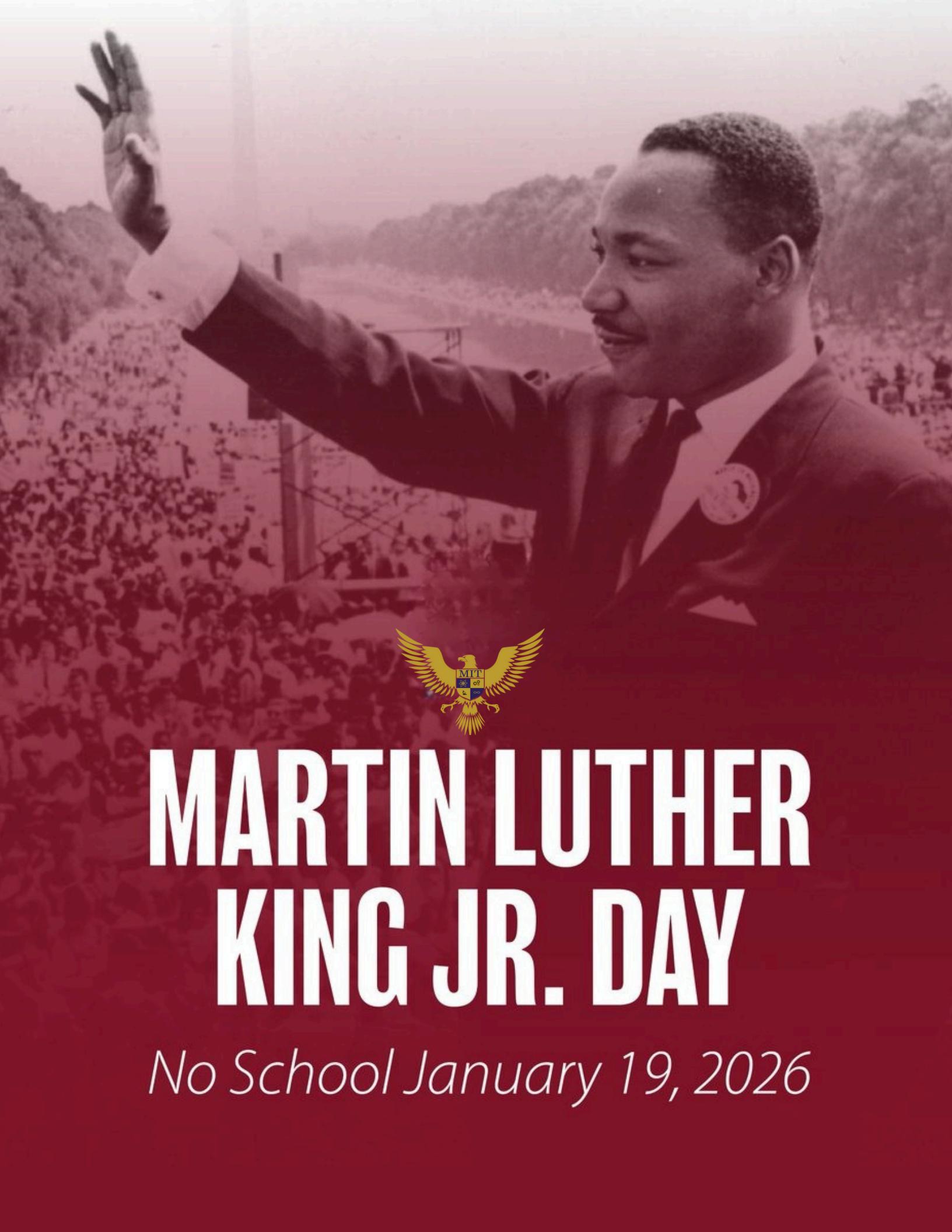
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- 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.

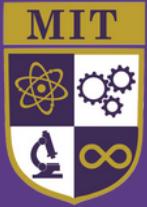
You may purchase your student's uniform over the phone at Rapido AZ (602)689-9592 or visit 3334 W Wilshire Dr. Phoenix AZ 85009 STE# 42.





# MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

No School January 19, 2026



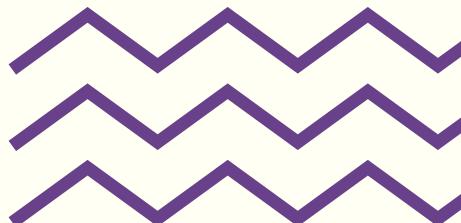
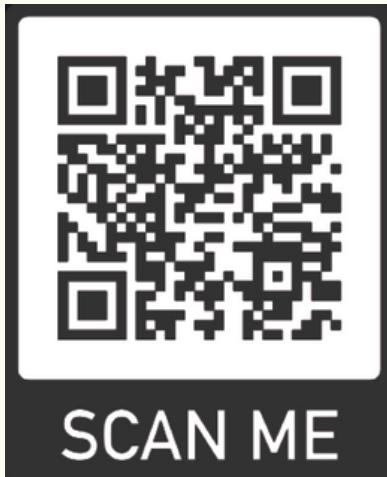
# Now Enrolling FY 2026 - 2027

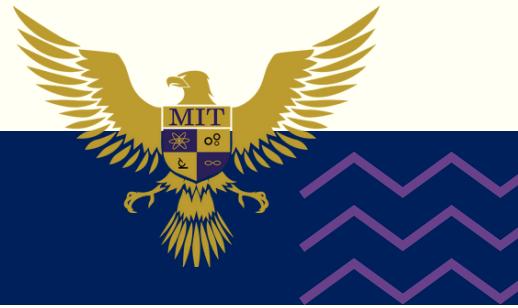


## New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



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





# MIT HIGH SCHOOL EARNS PLATINUM AP SCHOOL HONOR ROLL AWARD!

MIT High School is proud to announce that we have earned **Platinum recognition** on the **2025 AP School Honor Roll**, the highest distinction awarded by the College Board. This honor highlights our commitment to rigorous academics and preparing students for college and career success.

## Why MIT Earned Platinum

- **College Culture:** Over **100%** of the Class of 2025 took at least one AP exam, exceeding the Platinum benchmark of 80%.
- **College Credit:** **71%** of seniors earned a score of 3 or higher on an AP exam, surpassing the 50% requirement.
- **College Optimization:** **18%** of students completed 5+ AP exams, with at least one in 9th or 10th grade, exceeding the 15% benchmark.

## What This Means for Students

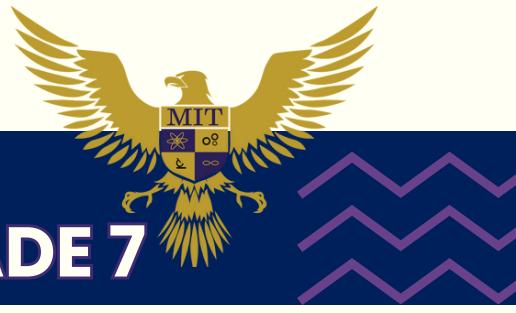
- Increased college readiness
- Early access to college-level coursework
- Opportunities to earn college credit and reduce future tuition costs

Thank You, MIT Community – This achievement reflects the hard work of our students, families, and dedicated AP teachers. Your commitment to excellence continues to elevate our school. Congratulations, MIT—together, we rise!



**PLATINUM**  
**AP 2025 School Honor Roll**  
**Maricopa Institute of Technology**

# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: EXPLORING STEM CAREERS GRADE 7



In our Grade 7 STEM Career Elective class, students have been diving into the exciting world of STEM careers! As part of this hands-on learning experience, students researched a wide variety of careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics and created career cards to showcase their findings.

Each career card highlighted:

- The career title
- How the job connects to the STEM field
- Key skills and education needed
- Why the career is important in the real world
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This activity helped students better understand how different careers fit within STEM and allowed them to explore paths that match their interests and strengths. Students shared their cards with classmates, sparking thoughtful discussions and curiosity about future possibilities.

It was exciting to see students make real-world connections and begin envisioning how STEM can shape their futures!





# UNDERSTANDING BLOOD PRESSURE IN THE CLASSROOM

Blood pressure is the force that blood exerts against the walls of blood vessels as the heart pumps throughout the body. With each heartbeat, blood pressure rises as the heart contracts and pushes blood into the arteries, and it falls as the heart relaxes between beats. Even during these resting moments, there is always a baseline level of pressure present to ensure continuous blood flow. This pressure is created by two key physical forces: the pumping action of the heart and the natural resistance of the arteries as blood moves through the circulatory system.

In this hands-on activity, students explored these concepts by learning how to measure blood pressure manually using a cuff and stethoscope. They practiced proper technique, identified systolic and diastolic readings, and then verified their results by comparing them with measurements from an automatic blood pressure monitor. This process helped students understand both the science behind blood pressure and the importance of accuracy in medical measurements.

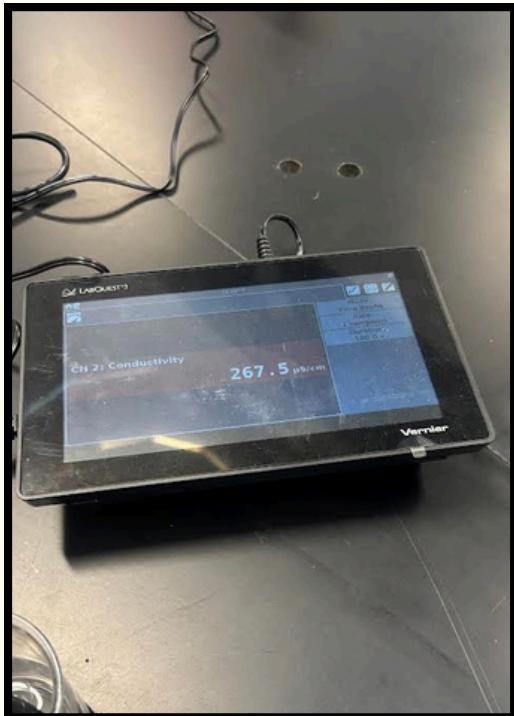
In addition, students learned about hypertension (high blood pressure), its potential health risks, and practical strategies for prevention, including maintaining a balanced diet, staying physically active, managing stress, and getting adequate sleep. Through this engaging and real-world application, students gained valuable insight into cardiovascular health and developed skills that connect classroom learning to everyday life.



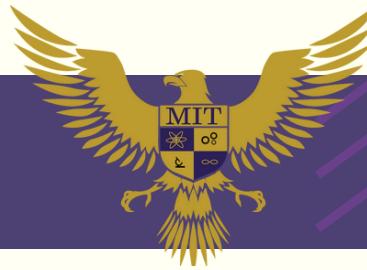


# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: CHEMISTRY

In science class, students explored how electrical conductivity can be used to predict the properties of different substances. By measuring whether materials allowed electricity to flow, they identified substances as strong, weak, or nonconductive. Students also used their observations to classify substances as ionic, polar covalent, or nonpolar covalent, deepening their understanding of the relationship between bonding, structure, and observable properties through hands-on investigation.



# 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 WEEKLY UPDATES: WEEK OF JANUARY 20-25

Let's keep the momentum going, Eagles! We have a busy week ahead filled with competitions, tryouts, and a special fundraiser. Come out and support our student-athletes as they continue to compete and represent MIT with pride.

### **TONIGHT - Friday, January 16**

Boys Home Game vs. Pan American – Half- Court Shot Contest (See Flyer for more Details)

**Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> No School: Enjoy the day off – no scheduled athletic events.**

### **Tuesday, January 21**

♟ Chess – Away Matches

- MIT vs. Tri-City – 4:30 PM
- MIT vs. Tipping Point – 5:30 PM

🏀 Boys Basketball – Away Game

- MIT at ASU Prep – 6:30 PM

### **Wednesday, January 22**

🏀 Boys Basketball – Away Game

- MIT at Harvest Prep – 4:00 PM

🏐 Boys Volleyball Tryouts

- 5:30 – 7:30 PM – Kings Ridge Gym

### **Thursday, January 23**

🎾 Girls Tennis – Home Match

- MIT vs. BASIS – 4:00 PM

### **Friday, January 24**

🎾 Boys Tennis – Home Match

- MIT vs. BASIS – 4:00 PM

🏀 Boys Basketball – Home Game

- MIT vs. Sequoia Pathfinders – 6:30 PM

🎯 Buckets for Bucks Fundraiser Night

Join us for our Buckets for Bucks fundraiser during the basketball game!

📄 Flyer will be attached – come ready to support MIC Athletics!

### **Saturday, January 25**

- 🥁 Cheerleading Prelims – All Day Event
- 🏃 Sunrise Mountain High School
- First performance scheduled for 9:55 AM

Come out and support our cheer team as they compete in prelims! They are an incredible group of athletes who continue to represent MIC with energy, precision, and school pride.

**Let's show up strong next week and support all of our MIC teams – your presence makes a difference!**

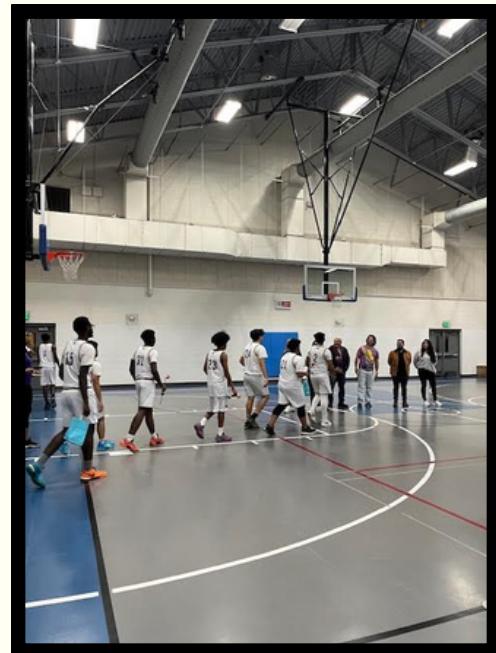
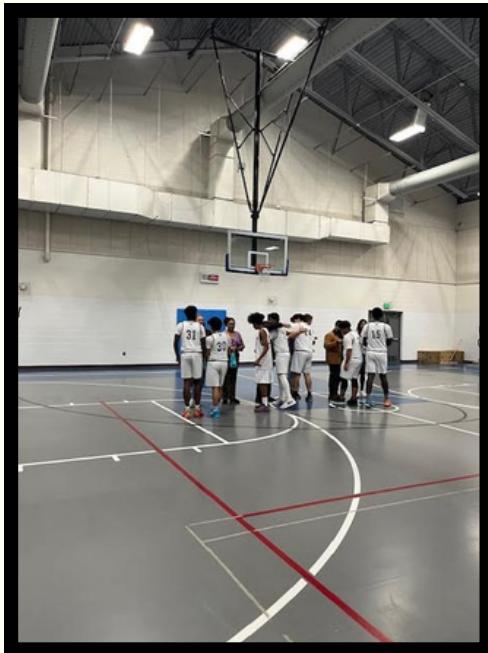
**Go Iron Eagles!**



# MIT ATHLETICS

## TEACHER APPRECIATION NIGHT

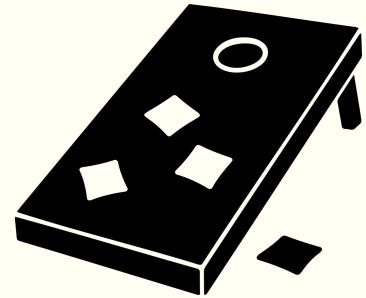
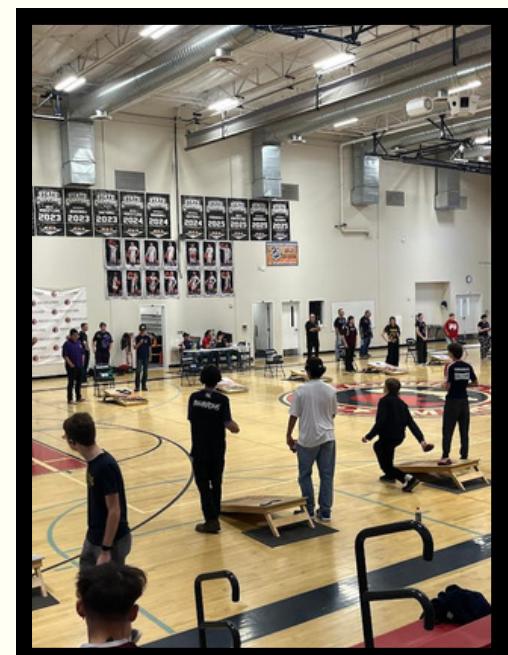
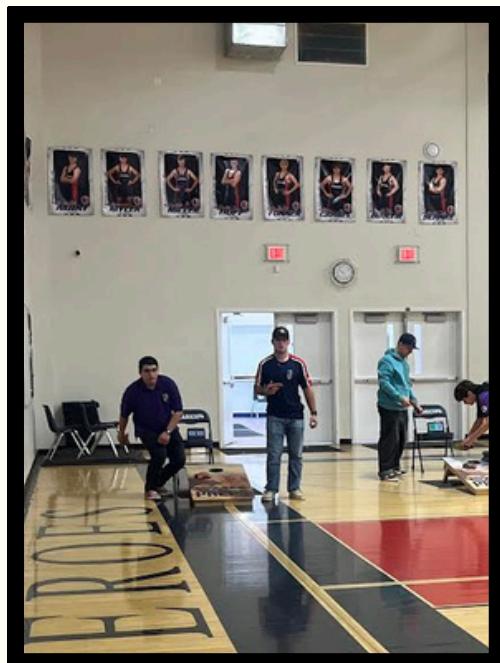
Last Friday, January 9<sup>th</sup>, our boys basketball team honored our teachers during their halftime. Our players are truly thankful for having amazing teachers and this is their way to show their thanks. Thank you to all the faculty that came out to see our Iron Eagles.





# MIT ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Aiden Schmidt, who advanced to the top 8 in the final round of individual competition this weekend. Aiden also teamed up with Elias Johnson, and together they earned a spot in the top 8 in team competition. Great job representing MIT with skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship!





# MIT HALF-COURT SHOT CONTEST

Purchase a \$1 raffle ticket for a chance to be selected to shoot a half-court shot at halftime.

- ◆ \$1 per raffle ticket
- 🎯 One ticket will be drawn per game
- 🏀 The selected participant gets 30 seconds to attempt a half-court shot

🏆 Make the shot and win a prize!

One player. One shooter. One chance to win.

6:30 PM

1.16.26

KINGS RIDGE PREPARATORY ACADEMY



IRON EAGLES



# MIT ATHLETICS

## BUCKETS FOR BUCKS

**SPONSOR A PLAYER FOR \$1 PER POINT**



CHOOSE YOUR  
PLAYER



PLEDGE \$5  
MINIMUM



MAX DONATION  
\$50

**SUPPORT OUR TEAM  
FOR ONE GAME ONLY!!**

**FRIDAY JAN 23<sup>RD</sup> 6:30 PM**

SIGN UP AND PLEDGE HERE:



**CHOOSE \$ AMOUNT PER POINT • \$5 MINIMUM • \$50 MAX**



# Cheer & Dance Prelims



**Sat., Jan 24<sup>th</sup>**

Sunrise Mountain High School

Performance Times:

9:55 am - Stunt

10:35 am- Show Cheer State Title

12:00 pm- Game Time

6:05 pm - Dance Solo/Duo/Trio

Come out and support our cheer team as they compete in prelims! They are an incredible group of athletes who continue to represent MIT with energy, precision, and school pride.



**Tickets must be purchased through this QR code**



Adults - \$10  
Military w ID - \$8  
Senior - \$8  
Student - \$5  
5 and Under FREE

# COSTA RICA TRAVEL INFO



Our trip is less than 6 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

To guarantee a spot on our tour, everyone must be enrolled by midnight of 2/6 – so if you know anyone else that wants to join who is part of our community (family, friends, former graduates, etc.) let them know they can definitely join us; the more the merrier! After this point (Feb. 6th), additional spaces on our tour will be on a request basis, based on availability, and may be subject to additional fees.

### FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE

- All travelers on the Manual Payment Plan must be paid in full

### **HERE'S THE REALLY 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

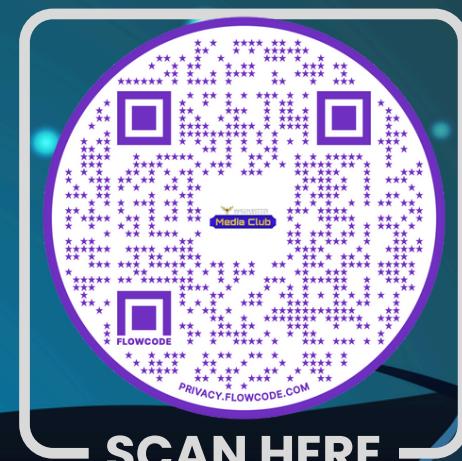
1. Go to: [treering.com/validate](https://treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:

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Regular price: **\$45.00**

\*Does not include sales tax, if applicable

Create custom pages by: **Apr 25**



Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.



**Media Club**

# Seniors



PURCHASE YOUR SENIOR  
RECOGNITION AD FOR THE  
YEARBOOK!

Size	Price
1/8	\$10.00
1/4	\$15.00
1/2	\$25.00
1 Page	\$45.00

SCAN ME

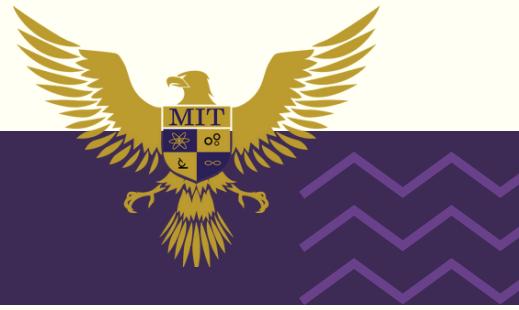


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Media Club

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# Lifetouch.

**Don't Forget to Order This Year's School Pictures**

**ENJOY 10% OFF  
your order!**

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**EXPIRES: July 31, 2026**

**Redeem Now**

Don't forget to order your FREE Digital SmileSafe card!

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

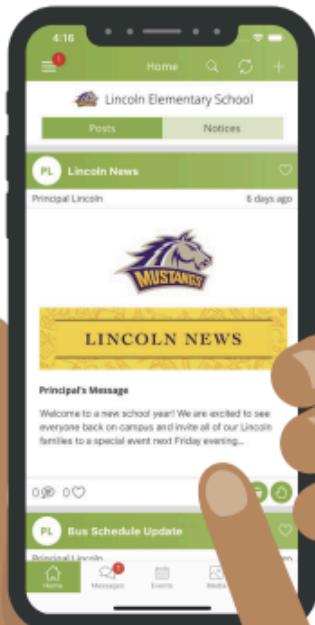


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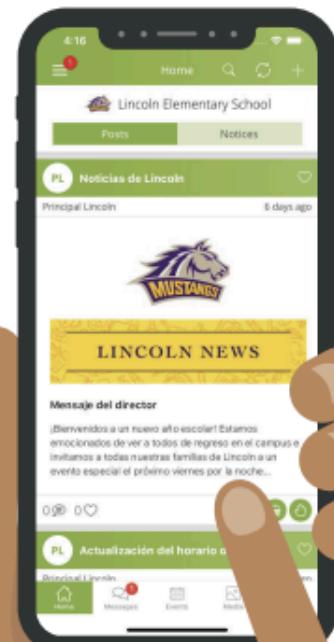


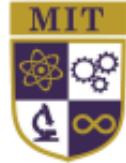
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y actividades escolares de tus estudiantes.  
Desde cualquier parte.



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# MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



July 2025					August 2025					September 2025					October 2025																			
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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					Early Dismissal: 3, 10, 17 and 24					Early Dismissal: 1,15, 16, 17, 22 and 29																			
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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				Early Dismissal: 3, 10, 17, and 19					12-16	Benchmark Testing				16	President's Day - No School																		
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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																			
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9-13	Spring Break - No School									20	High School Graduation																							
18	Qtr 3 Report Cards									21	Last Day of School Report Cards Issued																							
27	All Day STEM PD - No School									22	Teacher Check-Out																							
Early Dismissal: 4, 5, 6, 18 and 25										25	Memorial Day																							
Days of Attendance = 127 + 16 = 143					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 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.

