



January 5th - January 9th
Family Newsletter

IRON EAGLE PRESS:

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

Welcome back, MIT families! We hope everyone enjoyed a restful Winter Break. Semester 2 is officially underway, and we're excited to see our students return energized and ready to finish the year strong.

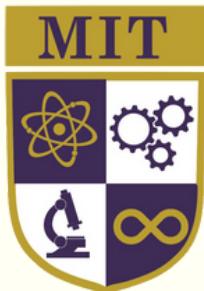
Semester 1 grades have now been finalized, and all earned credits have been added to student transcripts. This marks an important milestone, and we are proud of the hard work our students have shown so far.

As we begin this new semester, our focus turns to academics and preparation for upcoming state and national assessments. These important evaluations will arrive quickly, and we encourage all students to stay engaged, organized, and committed to their learning from day one.

Enrollment for the next school year is now open, and we have limited seats available. We encourage our current families to share this opportunity with friends, relatives, and community members who may be interested in joining MIT High School. Your referrals play a key role in strengthening our learning community.

Thank you, students and parents, for your continued partnership and support. Together, we will ensure a successful and productive second semester for every MIT High School scholar.

Mr. Gandhi
Headmaster, MIT



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MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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



UNIFORM INFORMATION

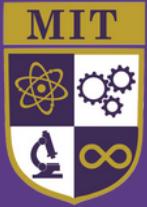
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- 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.





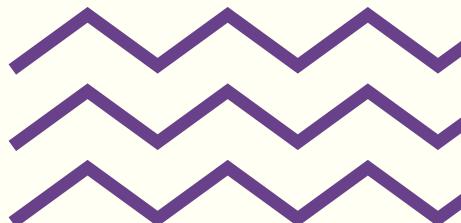
Now Enrolling FY 2026 - 2027

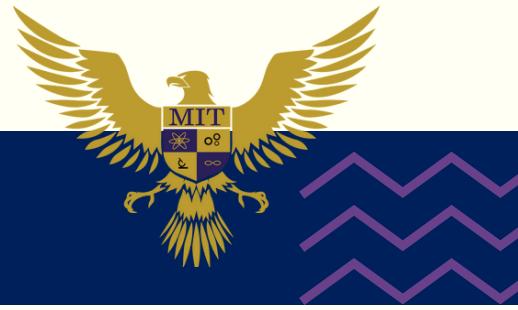


New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



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.

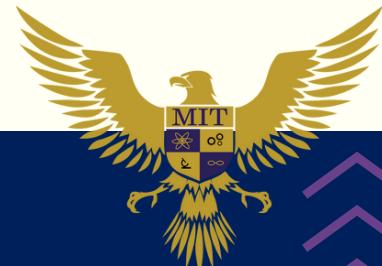
What This Means for Students

- 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



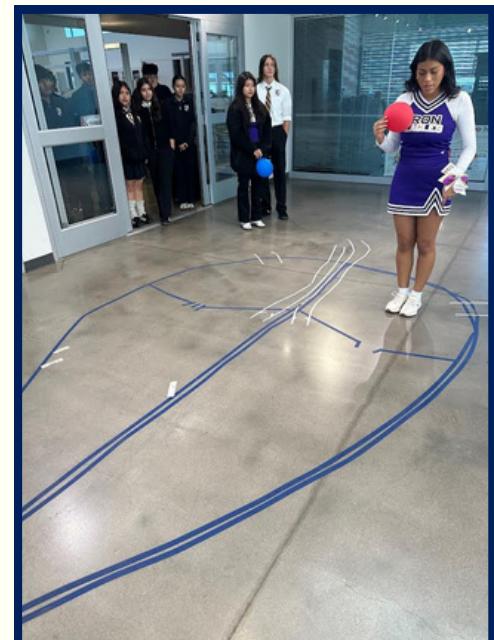
CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: ANATOMY

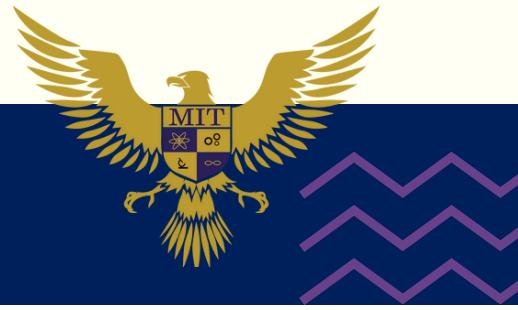
Students in the Anatomy class are actively demonstrating their understanding of the heart's structure and function through an engaging, hands-on activity called "Walking the Heart." In this interactive lesson, students take on the role of blood cells and physically trace the pathway blood follows as it moves through the heart.

As they progress through the activity, students identify and name key anatomical landmarks while explaining the purpose of each chamber and vessel. For example, students begin as deoxygenated blood entering the heart through the vena cava into the right atrium, carrying blue balloons to represent oxygen-poor blood. They then follow the correct route through the heart and lungs, reinforcing how blood becomes oxygenated.

Once the "blood" reaches the left side of the heart, students switch to red balloons to symbolize oxygen-rich blood that is ready to be pumped to the rest of the body. This visual and kinesthetic approach helps students deepen their understanding of cardiac circulation, strengthens vocabulary retention, and connects anatomy concepts to real physiological processes.

This activity not only builds content knowledge but also encourages collaboration, critical thinking, and scientific communication in an engaging and memorable way.

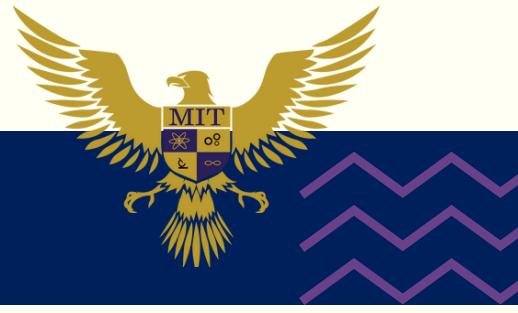




CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: CCRS ACT PREP

This week the CCRS juniors began preparing for the Spring 2026 ACT Test where they had their first round of the ACT Practice Tests (online-version) all week starting with the English section (untimed) on Tuesday, the Science section (untimed) on Wednesday, the Math section (untimed) on Thursday and the Reading section (untimed) on Friday.



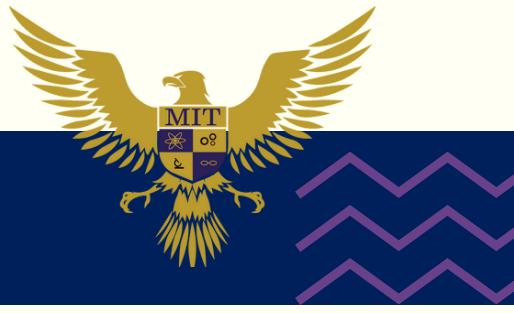


CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT: SPANISH 1 PIÑATA PROJECT

The piñata project was completed with the Spanish 1 students as a way to explore and celebrate Hispanic cultural traditions. Students had the opportunity to create a piñata by hand, following traditional methods and using crepe paper, tissue paper, flour paste, and water. This hands-on activity helped students develop creativity, teamwork, and a deeper appreciation for cultural traditions.

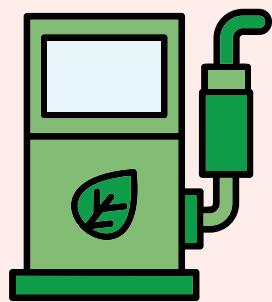
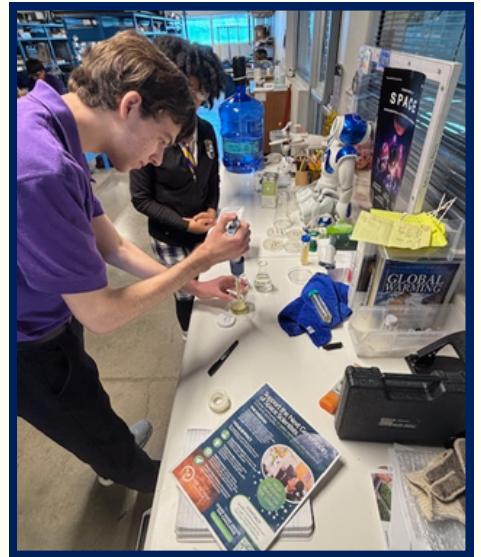
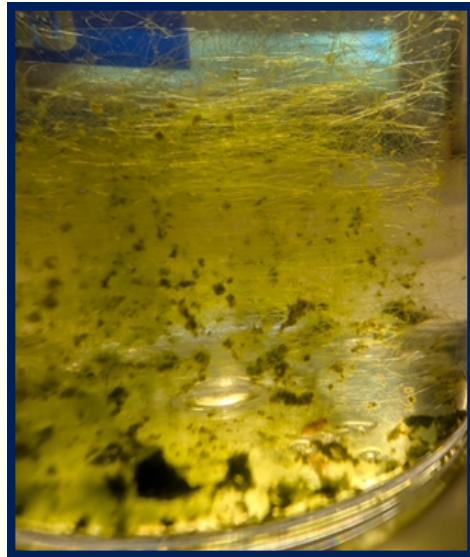


STEM ROBOTICS

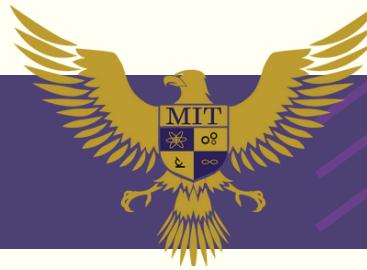


The STEM Robotics and Mr. Torres' STEM Elective had a great start this new year and semester. It's great to having students engaged in project based learning and proposing solutions to real-world challenges.

Our Biofuel sources now include mixed pond culture to identify organisms to drive our biofuel production.



NHS STUDY BUDDY



Study Buddy is Back!

We're excited to announce that Study Buddy will return on Monday, January 12, 2025, offering peer-to-peer support after school! National Honor Society students will serve as tutors, providing academic help and guidance to those who need it.

If you've already signed up for a Study Buddy, please check your email to confirm which days you'll need support.

Interested in joining Study Buddy? Simply fill out the Google form to get started! : [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)

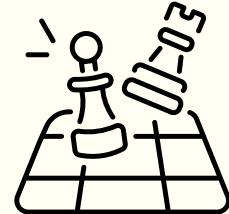


MIT ATHLETICS

UPCOMING ATHLETIC EVENTS

Chess

- Chess Match Away at Herberger Young Scholars Academy
MIT vs. Western School of Science & Technology and Herberger
Match 1: 4:30 PM
Match 2: 5:30 PM



Boys Basketball

- Home Game vs. Imagine Prep Superstition at Kings Ridge
Tuesday, 13th – 6:30 PM
- Away Game at Pan American
Thursday, the 15th – 6:30 PM
- Home Game vs. Pan America at Kings Ridge
Friday – 6:30 PM



Boys Tennis

- Away Match at Heritage Academy
Saturday, the 17th – 5:00 PM



Tryouts

- Softball Tryouts
Tuesday, the 13th
4:00–6:00 PM
- Boys Baseball Tryouts
Thursday, the 15th
3:00–5:00 PM
Please arrive in athletic gear and athletic shoes
- Boys Volleyball Tryouts
Monday, January 20th
5:30–7:30 PM

Important Reminders

Soccer Registration Deadline:

If you have made the soccer team, please ensure your athletic registration is completed by January 23rd in order to be eligible when practices begin.

Please be sure to check the MIT Athletics Website regularly for updates and all athletic-related events.

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

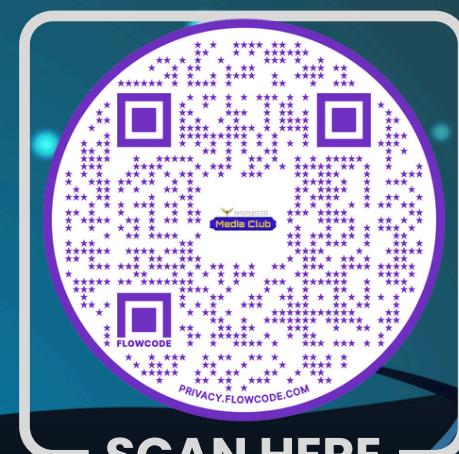
1. Go to: treering.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode:

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Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.



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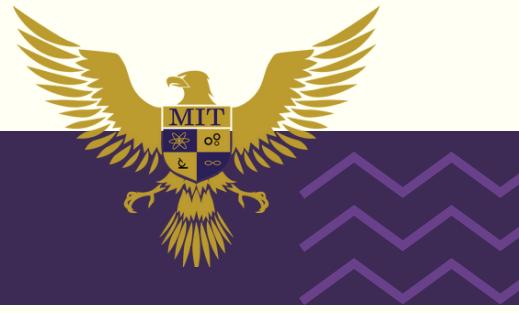


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2025-2026 BEST US HIGH SCHOOLS – US NEWS Ranking

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

Maricopa Institute of Technology 2025-2026 Rankings

Maricopa Institute of Technology is ranked #720 in the [National Rankings](#). Schools are ranked on their performance on state-required tests, graduation and how well they prepare students for college. Read more about [how we rank the Best High Schools](#).

All Rankings

- 👉 #720 in National Rankings
- 👉 #16 in Arizona High Schools
- 👉 #11 in Phoenix, AZ Metro Area High Schools
- 👉 #132 in Charter High Schools

SCORECARD	95.98
Took at Least One AP® Exam	97%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	63%
Mathematics Proficiency	33%
Graduation Rate	98%



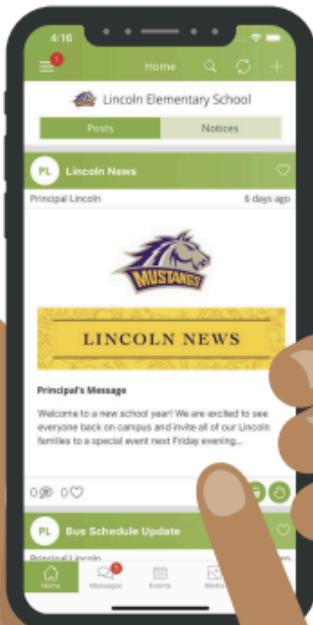


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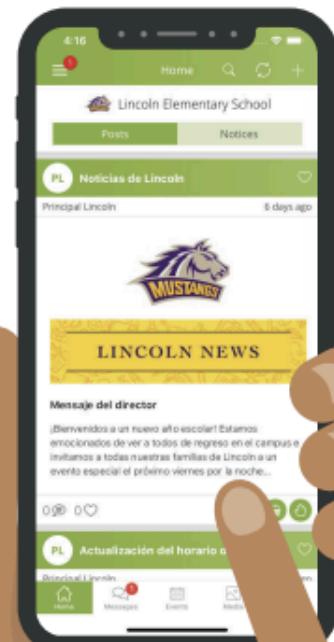


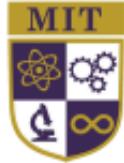
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MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



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					Early Dismissal: 6,13, 20 and 27				26	All Day STEM PD - No School					Early Dismissal: 1,15, 16, 17, 22 and 29																		
28	First Day of School										Early Dismissal: 3, 10, 17 and 24					Days of Attendance = 44 + 18 = 62																		
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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																			
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																							
	Report Cards Issued										Teacher Check-Out																							
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MIT MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

Hello Iron Eagle Families, thank you for your continued support to achieve MIT's mission and vision. Our Mission and Vision are always available on our school website at <https://www.mitglobalonline.org/Our-School> and I would also like to take this opportunity to share them with you all here.

Vision:

MIT will provide a science, technology, engineering, and math program to students within a state-of-the-art research facility with the goal of preparing our students for collegiate success and successful STEM² careers.

Mission:

Maricopa Institute of Technology (MIT) is a college preparatory high school providing an advanced science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education while challenging students to pursue personal excellence in character in order to serve and lead others. MIT will provide a comprehensive and rigorous (STEM) curriculum through interdisciplinary work, independent learning, projects, internships, and college credits earned by graduation through Advanced Placement (AP) or dual enrollment classes.

