



March 30th – April 3rd
Family Newsletter

IRON EAGLE PRESS:

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

We are proud to share outstanding news and important reminders as we continue our journey toward academic excellence and college and career readiness. I am pleased to celebrate the tremendous accomplishment of our 8th- and 11th-grade students, who achieved 100% participation on the AzSCIENCE State Assessment. This achievement reflects our students' dedication, the strong instructional support from our educators, and the unwavering partnership of our families.

The AzSCIENCE assessment measures students' understanding of science concepts, practices, and real-world applications—essential skills for future academic and career success—and this milestone demonstrates the strength of our learning community.

As we celebrate this success, we also want to remind families and students of upcoming required state assessments. Our magnet junior high students in 7th and 8th grade will be participating in the Arizona Academic Standards Assessment (AASA), which measures proficiency in English Language Arts and Mathematics. The AASA is an important tool for monitoring student growth, guiding instruction, and ensuring students are prepared for high school and beyond.

In addition, our 11th-grade students will take the Arizona ACT State Assessment, a nationally recognized college entrance exam provided at no cost. The ACT supports college admissions, scholarship opportunities, placement decisions, and career planning, making it a critical component of junior-year success.

Student attendance during all testing days is essential. We ask families to prioritize on-time attendance, avoid scheduling appointments during testing windows, and ensure students arrive rested and prepared. While make-up testing opportunities may be limited, full participation ensures students can demonstrate their learning and access future academic opportunities.

At MIT High School, assessments are not about pressure—they are about opportunity, growth, and readiness for the future. Thank you for your continued support and partnership as we work together to prepare every student for success in college, career, and life beyond high school.

Mr. Gandhi
Headmaster, MIT



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AASA AND ACT – STATE ASSESSMENT

THE WEEK OF APRIL 6TH, 2026

Dear MIT Parents and Students,

This is a reminder that

- MIT Magnet (7th and 8th grade) Students will participate in the **AASA State Assessment** on the following dates:
 - Monday, April 6th – AASA Writing
 - Wednesday, April 8th – AASA Mathematics – Unit 1
 - Thursday, April 9th – AASA Reading Unit 1
- MIT High School – 11th Grade Students will participate in the **ACT Assessment on**
 - Tuesday, April 7th, 2026

Testing Time: 8:00 AM

- Arrive at school on time
- Get a good night's sleep
- Eat breakfast
- Bring their fully charged Chromebook if required by the school
- Come ready to do their best

We appreciate your support in helping our students feel confident and prepared during testing.

MIT Administration



AASA – STATE ASSESSMENT – WHY IT MATTERS..

Why the AASA Matters for Students

- **Shows academic growth:** The AASA allows students to demonstrate what they know and can do in line with Arizona’s academic standards.
- **Builds readiness:** The experience prepares students for college entrance exams, industry certifications, and other postsecondary assessments.
- **Encourages persistence:** Participating helps students practice focus, stamina, and problem-solving skills essential for success beyond high school.
- **Ensures fairness:** Every student’s participation ensures all voices and learning experiences are represented.

Why It Matters for Families

- **Clear information:** AASA results provide families with valuable insights into their child’s strengths and areas for growth.
- **Accountability:** The assessment helps ensure that schools are meeting learning expectations and serving students effectively.
- **Better support:** Data from the AASA helps teachers and counselors tailor instruction and provide targeted support.

Why It Matters for Our School & Community

- **Improves instruction:** Results guide curriculum decisions, instructional strategies, and student supports.
- **Reflects our commitment:** Strong participation reflects our shared belief in high academic expectations for all students.
- **Supports opportunities:** AASA results can influence resources, programs, and future opportunities for students.

Our Commitment

We are committed to creating a positive, supportive testing environment where students feel prepared and confident. The AASA is not about pressure—it is about opportunity, growth, and continuous improvement.

Thank you for encouraging your child to take the assessment seriously and to do their very best. Together, we can ensure our students are well-prepared for college, careers, and life beyond high school.



ACT – STATE ASSESSMENT – WHY IT MATTERS..

Why the Arizona ACT Matters for Juniors

- **College-readiness benchmark:** The ACT measures the skills colleges expect students to have when entering credit-bearing courses.
- **Free college entrance exam:** The state provides this exam at no cost, giving every junior equitable access to a nationally recognized assessment.
- **College admissions opportunities:** ACT scores can be used for college applications, scholarships, and postsecondary programs.
- **Career planning support:** Results help students explore career pathways by aligning interests with strengths in English, math, reading, and science.
- **Practice under real conditions:** Taking the ACT builds testing stamina and confidence for future exams.

Why It Matters for Families

- **Clear feedback:** ACT score reports provide detailed information on academic strengths and areas for improvement.
- **Informed decisions:** Families can use results to guide conversations about senior-year courses, college options, and support services.
- **Opens doors:** Strong participation ensures students do not miss opportunities for college placement, scholarships, or dual enrollment programs.

Why It Matters for Our School & Community

- **Academic accountability:** ACT results help us evaluate how well we are preparing students for life after high school.
- **Improved instruction:** Data informs curriculum design, intervention supports, and college-readiness initiatives.
- **Equity and access:** Schoolwide participation ensures all students—regardless of background—have access to postsecondary opportunities.

Our Commitment to Students

We are committed to ensuring students feel prepared, supported, and encouraged. This assessment is not about pressure—it is about opportunity. We ask our juniors to give their best effort, knowing that this experience can positively shape their future options.

Thank you for partnering with us in supporting student success. If you have any questions about the Arizona ACT State Assessment, please do not hesitate to contact the school.



MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- April 6th – 17th State Testing
- April 8th & April 15th NO EARLY RELEASE
- April 22nd Field Day
- April 27th – 30th Benchmark Testing
- May 4th – May 15th AP Testing
- May 13th – May 15th Semester 2 Finals
- May 13th 8th Grade Promotion
- May 20th High School Graduation
- May 21st Last Day of 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.





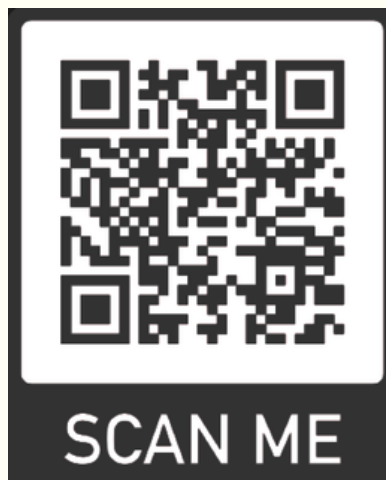
Now Enrolling FY 2026 - 2027



New Classroom and Gymnasium Building! Opening July 2026



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





MIT WEBSITE COMMUNITY RESOURCES

We are excited to share that new community-based resource information has just been added to our school website. This page includes a variety of helpful supports for students and families, including information about local organizations, community services, and mental health providers.

At MIT, we believe that supporting our students goes beyond the classroom. We are committed to valuing and prioritizing the overall well-being of our students and their families. By making these resources easily accessible, we hope to ensure that everyone in our community knows where to turn for additional support when needed.

We encourage students, families, and community members to explore the new resource page using the link provided below. Together, we can continue to build a strong, supportive community for all.

You can find the new information on our [website here!](#)



Mental Health Help

Parenting can be a joyful and demanding experience, particularly when it comes to our kids' mental health. As parents, we frequently look for ways to help our children through the challenging and formative school years. These helpful tools and techniques can assist parents in ensuring the mental health of their kids.

- [Mental Health Resources](#)
- [Mental Health Services – Multiple Providers](#)
- [Community Resources](#)



U OF A OPPORTUNITIES FOR MAGNET JR HIGH

We are excited to share opportunities for our middle school students provided by the University of Arizona. These programs are a great way for students to explore college life, discover academic interests, and begin thinking about their future goals.

Families can explore a variety of camps, workshops, and enrichment programs designed specifically for younger students:

- Insect Discovery: <https://extension.arizona.edu/programs/insect-discovery>
- Summer & Pre-College Programs: <https://eao.arizona.edu/summer>
- Admissions & Campus Information: <https://www.arizona.edu/admissions>
- K-12 Classroom Visits: <https://science.arizona.edu/community-engagement/k-12-educators>

If you have any questions about these programs, please contact Ali Schindler at 602-827-2577.

We are excited to share these opportunities with students and help them begin exploring their future pathways!



AP TESTING INFORMATION



The AP testing schedule has been posted and all exam times are now set. Please review the schedule and verify the times for the exams your student is registered for. **All dates are set by College Board and cannot be changed.** AP exams are a great opportunity for students to showcase the knowledge and hard work they have put into their courses this year.

- **Please note that PM exams may go past the 2:40 PM dismissal time. Transportation will not be available for students testing past that time, so please plan accordingly.**
- **Additionally, students who do not show up for their scheduled AP exam will be expected to reimburse MIT \$95 for the unused exam.**

We wish all of our AP students the best of luck as they take on this exciting academic milestone!

MAY 4TH TO MAY 8TH

- **May 4th**
 - 8AM AP Biology (3 hours)
 - 8AM AP European History (3 hours 15 minutes)
 - 12 PM AP Microeconomics (2 hours 10 minutes)
- **May 5th**
 - 8AM AP Chemistry (3 hours 15 minutes)
 - 8AM AP Human Geography (2 hours 10 minutes)
 - 12PM AP US Government & Politics (3 hours)
- **May 6th**
 - 8AM AP English Literature & Composition (3 hours)
 - 12PM AP Physics 1 (3 hours)
- **May 7th**
 - 8AM AP Physics 2 (3 hours)
 - 8AM AP World History (3 hours 15 minutes)
- **May 8th**
 - 8AM AP US History (3 hours 15 minutes)

MAY 11TH TO MAY 15TH

- **May 11th**
 - 8AM AP Calculus AB (3 hours 15 minutes)
 - 8AM AP Calculus BC (3 hours 15 minutes)
 - 12PM AP Seminar (2 hours)
- **May 12th**
 - 8AM AP Precalculus (3 hours)
- **May 13th**
 - 12PM AP Physics C: Mechanics (3 hours)
- **May 14th**
 - 8AM AP Spanish Language & Culture (3 hours)
 - 12PM AP Physics C: Electricity & Magnetism (3 hours)
- **May 15th**
 - 8AM AP Environmental Science (2 hours 40 minutes)

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STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Get Ready, Iron Eagles: Student Council Elections Are Here!

Hello, Iron Eagles!

We are thrilled to announce that Student Council elections for the upcoming school year will take place during the week of April 20th!

If you are ready to step up and make your voice heard, applications are available—make sure to grab yours by the end of April 6th and join the race!

Please note: Elections for our 7th and 9th graders will be held separately when we return in August.

We cannot wait to see who will step up to lead our school next year. If you have any questions about the election process or running for office, please reach out to Mr. Sunkara!





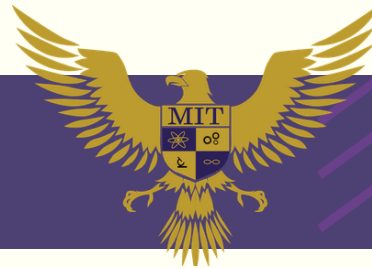
NHS STUDENTS VISIT GCU MAIN CAMPUS

National Honor Society students recently spent the day on a field trip to Grand Canyon University's main campus. During the visit, students were introduced to the Ingram Honors College and learned about the many academic and leadership opportunities it offers. They also enjoyed an in-depth campus tour and attended breakout sessions focused on majors and programs such as law, engineering, and global studies, as well as honors clubs available at the university level.

Throughout the day, students collaborated, shared ideas, and asked thoughtful questions as they explored what college life at GCU has to offer. The group also enjoyed lunch provided by GCU. Overall, it was a great learning experience and a valuable opportunity for students to envision their future in higher education.



NHS STUDY BUDDY



Get the academic support you need after school with help from National Honor Society student tutors.

If you've already registered, please check your email to confirm your scheduled support days.

Want to join Study Buddy? Just complete the Google form to sign up: [SIGN UP LINK](#)

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

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THE STANDARD IS SET HERE

PARENT & ATHLETE MEETING

EAGLES RISE THIS SPRING

**Incoming Freshmen
Welcomed**

WHAT TO EXPECT:

- SPRING BALL
- SUMMER CAMP
- PROGRAM EXPECTATIONS
- SUMMER WORKOUTS
- FUNDRAISING
- SEASON VISION

DATE: Wednesday, April 8th

TIME: 6:30 PM

**LOCATION: MIT Lecture Hall
3900 S 55th Ave, Phx, AZ 85043**

WELCOMING SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ATHLETES

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**Spots still
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Experience Japan Summer 2027

Iron Eagle families — join us for an unforgettable Japan tour in Summer 2027!

This will be our 3rd international trip with EF Tours and our 2nd visit to Japan.

Experience Japan's culture, history, food, and innovation — from Tokyo's bright lights to Osaka's peaceful temples. A true once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for students!

If your student is thinking about joining us, scan the QR code or follow the link:

www.eftours.com/2944498EM

More details on pricing and trip info are available at the link. Questions? We're here to help!

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COSTA RICA SUMMER 2026



Our trip is less than 2 months away! We have finalized reservation details for our group –which means we are coming up on our All Aboard deadline, the MVP of deadlines for our tour! There are a few essential things that must be finalized in our system before this date. Please review the information below before our January meeting, and feel free to jot down any questions that you want to chat through.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

We had a couple more people sign up this week! But, now we have hit our deadline - at this point, the trip is still available, but the price will increase. There are still plenty of spots available!

FINAL PAYMENT DEADLINE: All travelers on the Manual Payment Plan must be paid in full

IMPORTANT PART: PASSPORT AND ENTRY REQUIREMENT INFORMATION:

TSA Security Regulations require that every passport must be valid at least 6 months after your scheduled return date and every traveler's ticketed name exactly matches to what is on their passport.

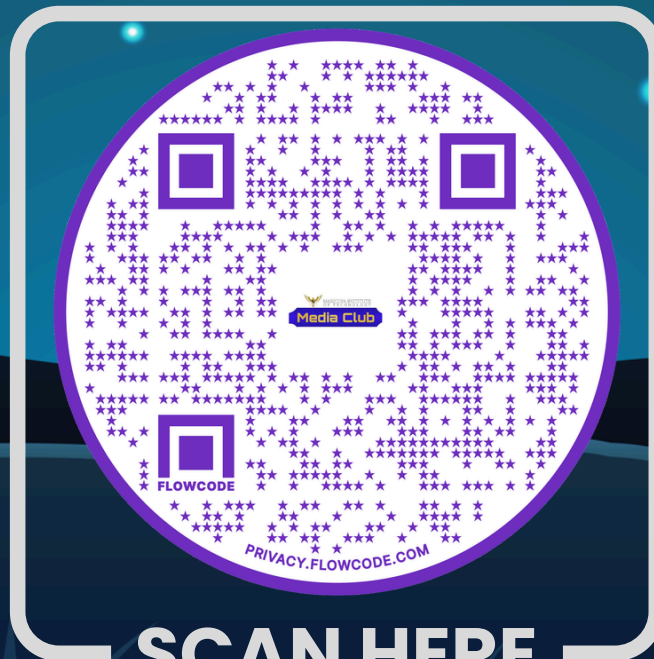
- EVERY traveler needs to log into their account to confirm the name on their reservation is identical to what appears on their passport, ensure their Date of Birth is correct and submit their passport number and expiration dates.
 - NOTE: Any changes to the reservation name after this deadline will incur a minimum charge of \$200, so it's very important that all travelers review this information before then. For more information on passports and visas, [click here](#).
- Besides your flights, EF uses passport information to secure reservations for important iconic sites, so please make sure your travelers enter their details to ensure they do not miss anything throughout the tour.
- Depending on where you're traveling or your citizenship, you may need a visa or other entry requirements for your tour. Because visa applications must be personally completed by the applicant, all travelers must obtain their own visas, both for destinations they are visiting and those they are passing through.
 - To understand your requirements, visit EF's [Help Center](#) or our Visa and Entry Requirements Tool on the account overview page – this tool will appear on your [online account](#) 4 months prior to your departure date.

**Clear your calendars for our TOUR DATES!!!
Tuesday May 26th – Tuesday June 2nd**



Purchase the 2025-2026 Yearbook!

**TO ENSURE YOUR COPY ARRIVES BEFORE THE SCHOOL YEAR ENDS,
ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY APRIL 30TH!**



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Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.



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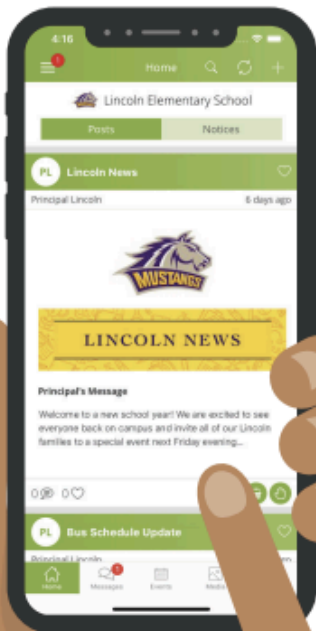
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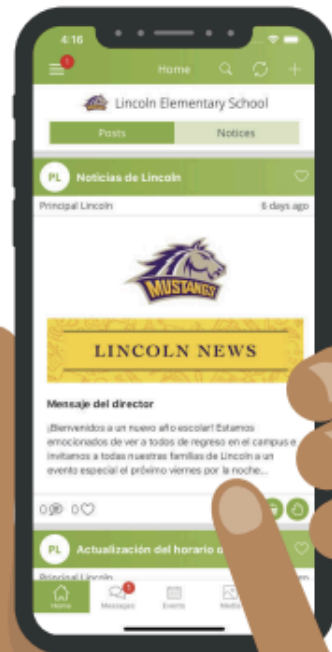
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MIT MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT

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.

