



November 10th – November 14th  
Family Newsletter

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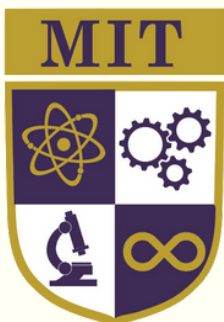
Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

This week marks a historic achievement for MIT High School – we have been honored with the prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award, one of the nation's highest recognitions for academic excellence. This award reflects our dedication to delivering rigorous STEM education and preparing students for success in college and their careers.

As we celebrate this milestone, we remain focused on expanding these exceptional opportunities to more students. Enrollment for the next school year is now open, and seats are filling quickly. We also ask for your support in spreading the word about MIT High School. Please share this exciting news and encourage friends, family, and community members to consider enrolling their students for next year. Together, we can provide more students with access to the outstanding education that earned us this national recognition.

Thank you for your continued support in making MIT High School a place where excellence thrives. Together, we will continue to build a future of innovation and achievement for our students.

Take care, Iron Eagles!  
Mr. Gandhi  
Headmaster, MIT





## MIT IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- November 20<sup>th</sup> First Fall Festival
- November 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Thanksgiving Recess No School
- December 12<sup>th</sup> End of Semester 1 Grading
- December 22<sup>nd</sup> – January 2<sup>nd</sup> Winter Break



## UNIFORM INFORMATION

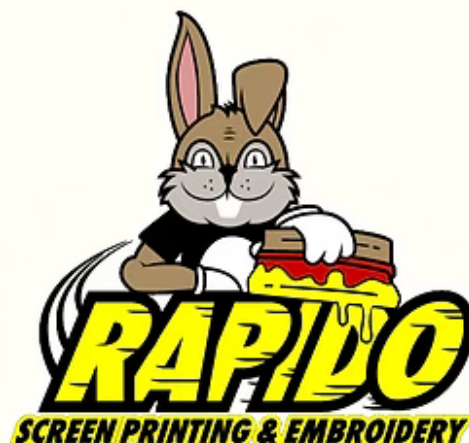
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- 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  
Building!  
Opening  
July 2026

New  
Gymnasium!  
Opening  
July 2026



SCAN ME

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





MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

**PRESENTS**

FALL  
*festival*

NOVEMBER 20TH, 2025

3900 S 55TH AVE

PHOENIX, AZ 85043

3PM TO 7PM

**RSVP**



- Live Music Food
- Trucks Face
- Painting
- Bounce House
- Mechanical Bull

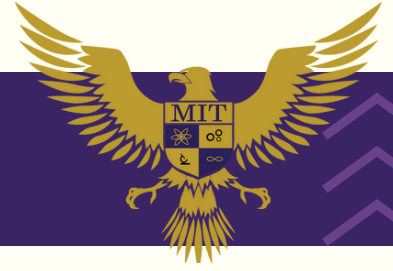




# MIT High School Earns Prestigious Blue Ribbon Recognition



# ACE PROGRAM



## ACE Program Application Deadline – December 1st

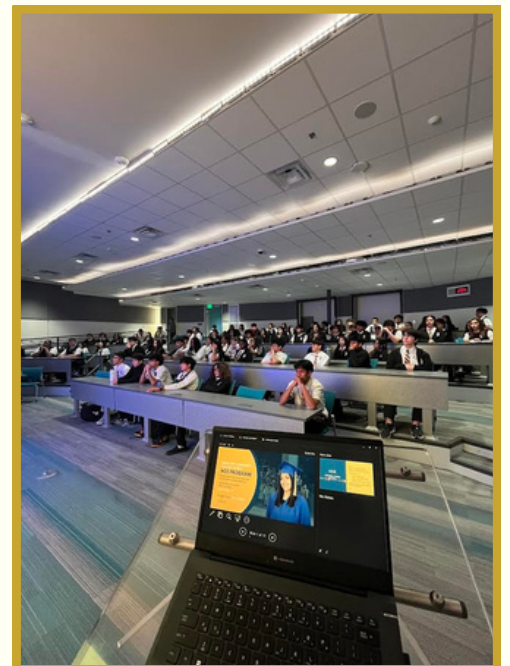
We are excited to share that the ACE (Achieving a College Education) Program is now accepting applications. ACE is a fantastic opportunity that allows eligible high school students to begin earning college credit while still in high school. Students who participate gain access to academic support, college-readiness workshops, and valuable experiences that help them prepare for their future education and career pathways.

Maricopa Institute of Technology has already hosted two presentations to inform students about this great opportunity. Additional information and the application link are also available in students' Google Classroom.

**The application deadline is December 1st, and spots are limited, so early submission is strongly encouraged.**

Parents, encourage your student to take advantage of this opportunity and support them in completing their application before the deadline. If you have any questions, please contact the Me. Genene in the counseling department.

*"May the odds be ever in your favor." – The Hunger Games*





# 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING



Our Grade 7 students have been exploring the fascinating world of Structural Engineering . Under the guidance of Mrs. Sarkar, Science/Engineering teacher, students put their creativity and problem solving skills to the test.

They designed and built bridges to test how much weight their structures could hold, constructed skyscrapers using straws, and engineered tsunami blockers to understand how design can protect coastal areas from natural disasters.

Through these hands on projects, students learned about forces, stability, balance, and real world engineering challenges all while having fun and working as a team!

Great job, young engineers, your innovative designs are truly inspiring!



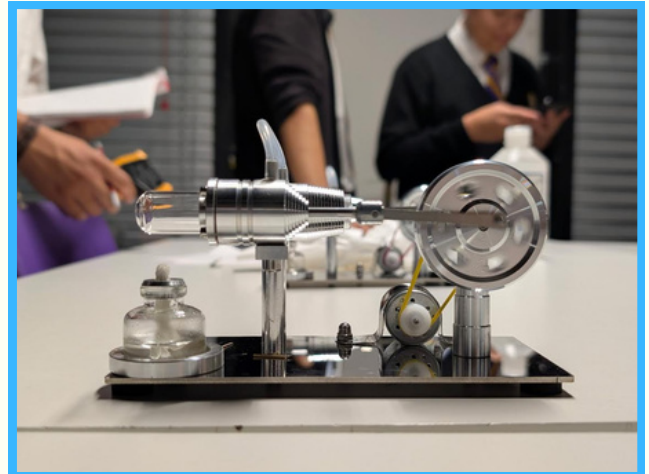
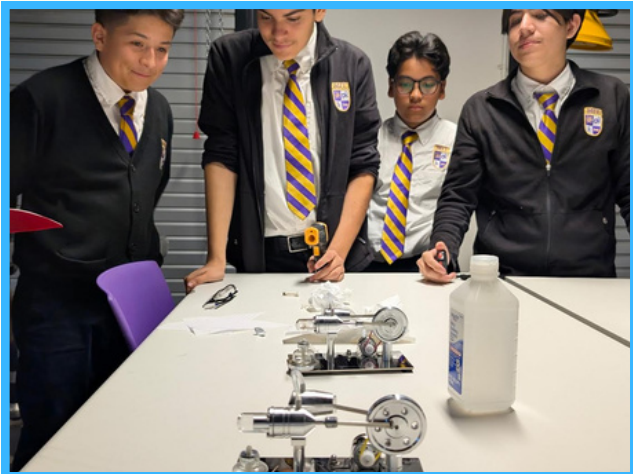
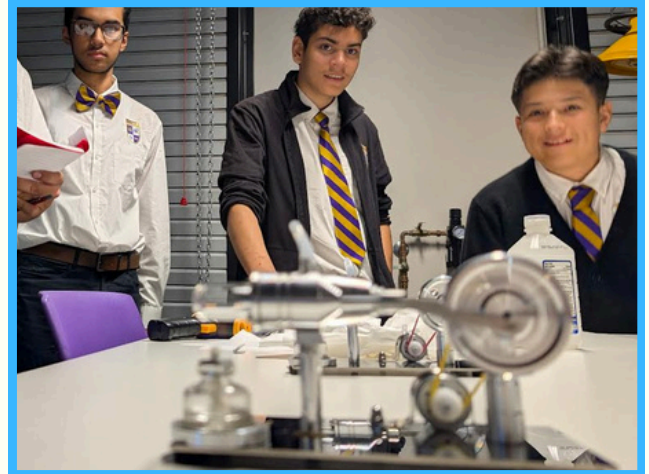


# ROBOTICS CLUB SPOTLIGHT

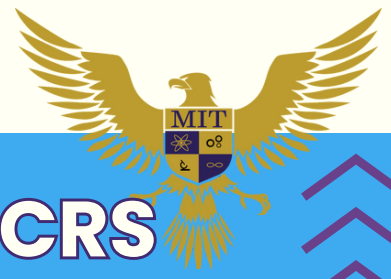
## Algal Biofuel: A Sustainable Solution for Transportation

"Our club is focused on a transportation algal biofuel process development in order to identify robust algal strains that can be manipulated to produce lipids, optimizing energy production. Microalgae represent a valuable renewable resource for biofuel production due to their high lipid content, rapid growth rates, and non-competition with food resources. The proposed work is to develop algal biofuel production by extracting and testing a sustainable alternative to petroleum-based transportation fuels. We are testing a model Stirling engine to demonstrate the potential of algal biofuel as a cleaner energy source, as well as engineering prototypes at MIT."

Mr. Sergio Torres

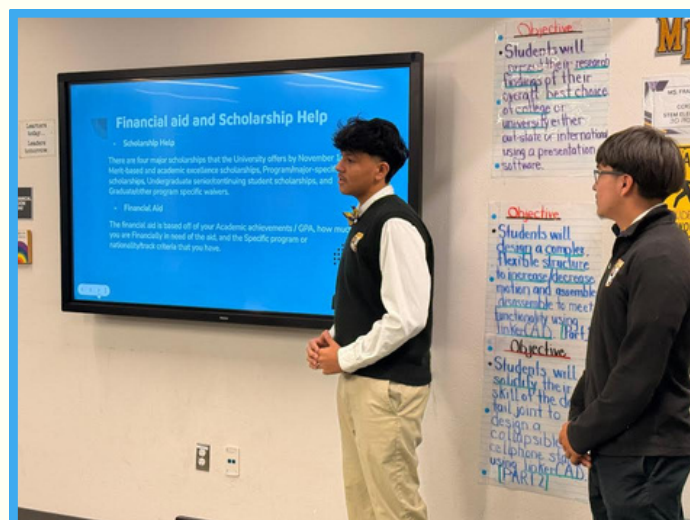
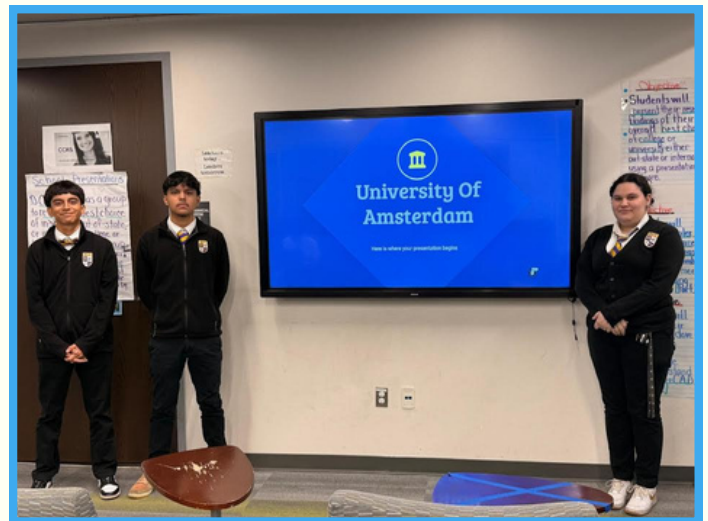
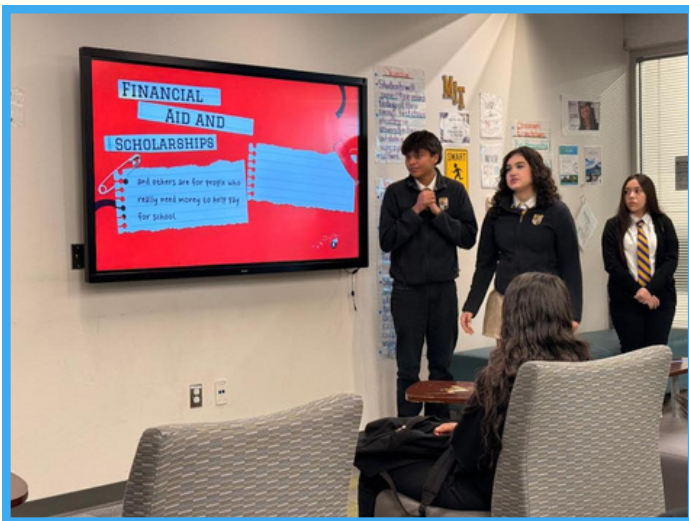






# CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT – CCRS

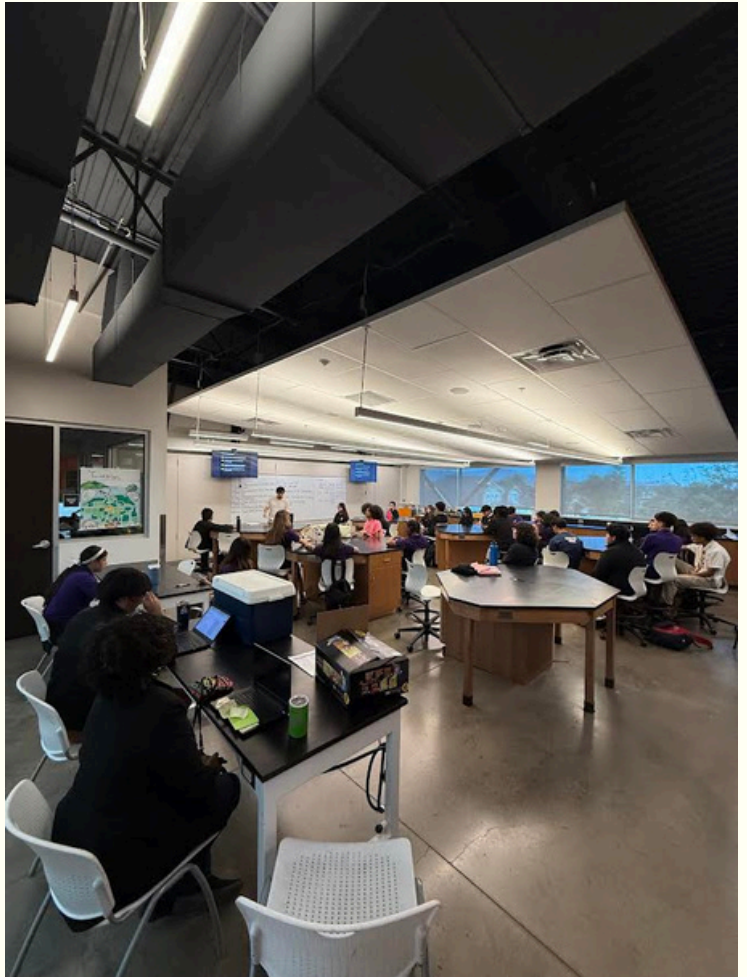
Our CCRS students showcased their hard work this week through presentations on colleges and universities from around the nation and the world. Each student selected an institution—national or international—and highlighted key information such as academic programs, campus life, admissions requirements, and unique opportunities. Their presentations demonstrated strong research skills and a growing awareness of the many pathways available after high school.



# CLUB SPOTLIGHT

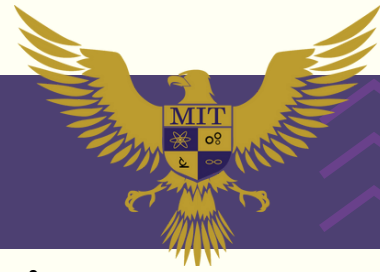


Our Fellowship of Christian-Catholic Students gathered together this week for another meaningful meeting. Students engaged in an open and honest discussion on procrastination—reflecting on how it affects their daily lives and sharing strategies to stay focused and grounded. We are excited to share that Chick-fil-A representatives will be visiting at our next meeting to speak with students about job opportunities, internships, and ways to get involved. We look forward to welcoming them and continuing to support our students' personal and spiritual growth.





# NJHS & NHS CLOTHING DRIVE



## Sneaker & Clothing Drive: Now Through Christmas Break!

The National Junior Honor Society (NJHS) and National Honor Society (NHS) are excited to announce our annual Sneaker and Clothing Drive, happening now until Christmas break! We invite all students, staff, and families to help make a difference in our community by donating gently used sneakers and clothing.

Your donations will go to those in need this holiday season. Please bring your items to the designated donation bins at school. All sizes and styles are welcome—every contribution counts!

Let's come together to spread warmth and kindness. Thank you for supporting our drive!

— Ms.Villalobos (NJHS & NHS Advisor)

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# MIT SNEAKER DRIVE



We are accepting **all** types of **athletic shoes** (running, casual, basketball, etc.) of **any sneaker brand** (Jordan, Vans, Adidas, etc.)!

- Must be: **Pairs & Wearable!**
- Can be **any** size.

**DONATION DROP-OFF'S ARE ACCEPTED BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL!**  
(Please leave in lobby area under starway and attach a name tag)



**Ms. Villalobos**  
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602.477.2780 ext. 4202



**NJHS & NHS SPONSORED**

Share The Warmth

# MIT DONATION CLOTHING DRIVE

CLOTHING, PURSES, LINENS, TOWELS, BELTS, BLANKETS, DRAPERIES, AND STUFFED ANIMALS.

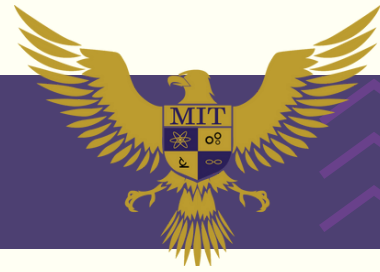


Please drop off any donations **before school** or **after school** in front of the school lobby under the stairway. Make sure your name is labeled on each bag. Thank you!

**Ms. Villalobos**  
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tvillalobos@mitglobalonline.org

# INTRO TO AI

## 9<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WORKSHOP



This past week, our 9th graders participated in an exciting “Intro to AI” workshop, where they explored the world of artificial intelligence. Through an interactive presentation, students learned about the differences between various types of AI and discovered how these technologies are being used in everyday life.

The workshop also focused on applying AI tools in educational settings, encouraging students to think creatively and responsibly about using technology for research, learning, and problem-solving. Our students asked thoughtful questions and showed great enthusiasm for exploring new possibilities with AI.

Thank you to Ms.Villalobos, who helped organize this event! We look forward to providing more opportunities for our students to engage with innovative technology and prepare for the future.





# CLUB SPOTLIGHT



The National Honor Society is excited to introduce a new program called STUDY BUDDY! This initiative is led by NHS members who will serve as after-school tutors. If your child needs extra help in any subject or class, they now have the opportunity to receive academic assistance after school. To request a Study Buddy, please visit your grade-level Google Classroom and sign up using the provided form to reserve a spot.

We look forward to supporting our students' success!

**NHS STUDY BUDDY**  
"Together, we're smarter"

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

Study locations may vary each day (lecture hall, cafeteria, reading room, or classroom)



# MIT ATHLETICS

## **Hello MIT Athletes, Coaches, and Families,**

We're excited to announce that we will be holding our Annual Fall Sports Banquet on Friday, December 5th, at 5:30 PM! This special evening is our opportunity to celebrate the hard work, dedication, and achievements of our fall sports teams and student-athletes. All players and coaches are expected to attend.

- Date: Friday, December 5th
- Location: To be determined (most likely the MIT Cafeteria)
- Time: 5:30 PM
- Dinner will be provided

To help us prepare and ensure we have enough food for everyone, please RSVP by filling out the form below with the number of guests attending:

<https://form.jotform.com/253165259773163>

We look forward to celebrating another great season with all of you! Thank you for your continued support of MIT Athletics — we couldn't do it without our incredible players, coaches, and families.

Go Iron Eagles!

## **Winter Sports Registration Reminder**

Final registration for Winter Sports — including Boys & Girls Tennis, Boys Basketball, Co-Ed Chess, and Co-Ed Cornhole — must be completed by Monday, November 17th.

If registration is not completed by the deadline:

- Your child will be ineligible to play for the season
- They will be removed from the roster
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If you need assistance, please check the registration packet, which has been available at the front desk.

Let's start the winter season prepared and ready to compete!

# COSTA RICA TRAVEL INFO



Our EF tour, Discover Costa Rica, is on the horizon! These opportunities can help you forge a life-changing experience with the help of others. <https://www.eftours.com/parents-and-students/travel-scholarships-fundraisers>

Whether it's our students' first time out of the country or their fifth, understanding passport application requirements is super important. Let's walk through three things to keep in mind as our group prepares to travel:

## 1. Apply to fly

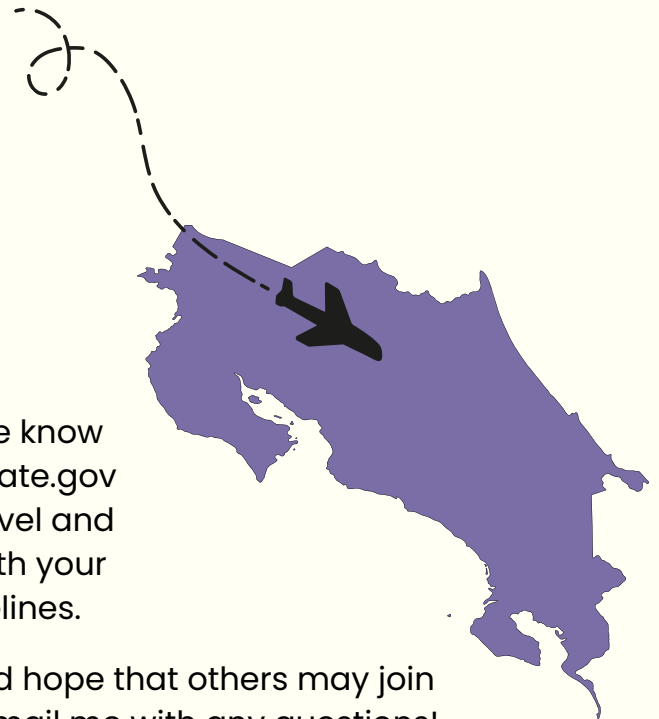
- a. If a student doesn't have a passport, let them know to apply for one and track their application status on [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov). The full process can take up to 14 weeks, so we recommend making this a top priority during tour prep.

## 2. Check those dates

- a. Passports ready? Great! Have each traveler check their passport's expiration date and confirm that it'll be valid for at least six months after your tour's return date; if not, they must apply to renew it. And remember, the application process can take up to 14 weeks.

## 3. Know before you go

- a. Travel can be unpredictable, so staying in the know before you head on tour is key. Keep [travel.state.gov](https://travel.state.gov) bookmarked for updates on international travel and your passport status, and share this video with your students for more info on EF's passport guidelines.



I am looking forward to our journey this summer and hope that others may join in our adventurous experience! Please feel free to email me with any questions!

Mr. Morganstern





# 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

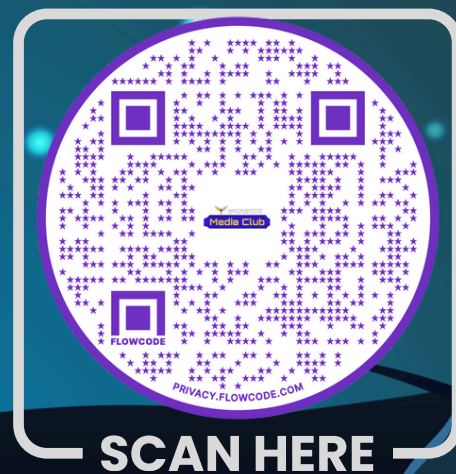
1. Go to: [treering.com/validate](https://treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:

**1016112677381574**

Regular price: **\$45.00**

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Create custom pages by: **Apr 25**







Ask Mrs. Montiel for any questions.



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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**

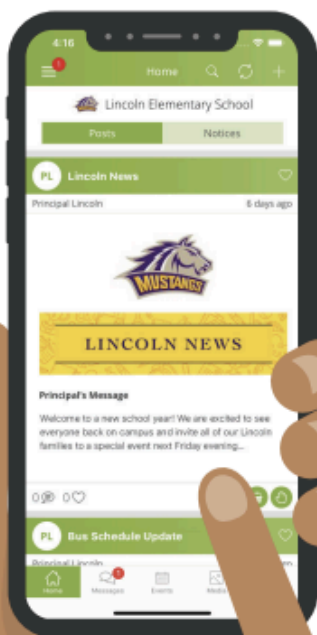
Took at Least One AP® Exam	97%
Passed at Least One AP® Exam	63%
Mathematics Proficiency	33%
Graduation Rate	98%





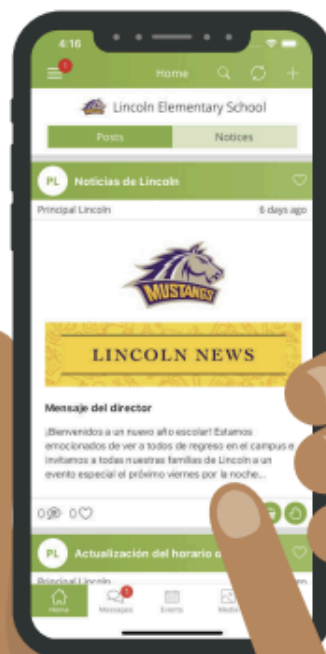
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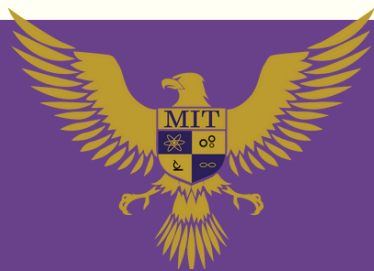


## ¡Descarga hoy mismo la aplicación de **ParentSquare**!

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Desde cualquier parte.








# MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTIONAL CALENDAR 2025-2026



July 2025					August 2025					September 2025					October 2025				
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
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28	29	30	31		25	26	27	28	29	29	30				27	28	29	30	31
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					Early Dismissal: 6, 13, 20 and 27					Early Dismissal: 3, 10, 17 and 24					Early Dismissal: 1, 15, 16, 17, 22 and 29			
Days of Attendance = 4					Days of Attendance = 4 + 20 = 24					Days of Attendance = 24 + 20 = 44					Days of Attendance = 44 + 18 = 62				
November 2025					December 2025					January 2026					February 2026				
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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			
	Early Dismissal: 5, 12 and 19					Days of Attendance = 76 + 15 = 91				15	ADM 100th Day Student Count				18	Mid Qtr Report Cards			
Days of Attendance = 62 + 14 = 76					Days of Attendance = 76 + 15 = 91					Days of Attendance = 91 + 18 = 109					Days of Attendance = 109 + 18 = 127				
March 2026					April 2026					May 2026					June 2026				
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30	31				27	28	29	30		25	26	27	28	29	29	30			
4-6	Parent Teacher Conferences Early Release and Qtr 3 Ends				6-17	State Testing (No Early Dismissal)				13-15	Semester Finals				<b>SUMMER BREAK Begins May 22, 2026</b> 				
9-13	Spring Break - No School				27-30	Benchmark Testing				15	8th Grade Promotion								
18	Qtr 3 Report Cards					Early Dismissal: 1, 22 and 29				20	High School Graduation								
27	All Day STEM PD - No School					Days of Attendance = 143 + 22 = 165				21	Last Day of School Report Cards Issued								
	Early Dismissal: 4, 5, 6, 18 and 25					Days of Attendance = 127 + 16 = 143				22	Teacher Check-Out								
	Days of Attendance = 127 + 16 = 143					Days of Attendance = 143 + 22 = 165				25	Memorial Day								
						Early Dismissal: 6 and 21				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.

