



HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!!

What a week of school spirit at MIT. We held our first Pep Rally of the year today, and the energy our students brought to the gym was wonderful to see. Our Student Council also met with the administrative team this week to begin planning the events and activities that will carry us through the year. I want to thank our teachers and staff for the way they have supported our students in these first weeks, it shows in our classrooms and in our hallways.

Our students have new ways to get involved. The MIT Dance Club has been approved and is now open to students in grades 9 through 12, and the Pumping Iron Club is accepting sign-ups for students interested in weightlifting. Information for both has been posted in Google Classroom. I encourage your student to take a look and find a place to belong here beyond the classroom.

On the academic side, our seniors have begun their Senior Projects with Dr. Angulo, National Honor Society applications have been received, and one of our seniors has been recognized in connection with the National Merit Scholarship program and has started the application process. Our dual enrollment partnership with Grand Canyon University also continues, with students completing registration and placement steps for their college-level coursework.

Please note that our teacher office hours and tutoring schedule have been finalized. It will be posted here in the newsletter and on ParentSquare, and copies are available at the front office. If your student needs extra support, please use it and reach out to your student's teacher with any questions.

A word on safety: we conducted our first Special Event Fire Drill on Wednesday, and our students and staff followed our updated evacuation procedures well. The safety of our student-athletes will always come first in those decisions.

Finally, please save the date for MIT Family Night on Thursday, September 3. This is our first family event of the year, and we would love to see you there. The RSVP link has been posted on ParentSquare. Everyone, have a wonderful and safe weekend, and I will see you on Monday.

—Mr. Gandhi, Headmaster

Let's Roll, MIT! School Spirit Night is Tomorrow!

Join us at Great Skate for a fun night of skating while supporting MIT Football & Cheer! Bring your friends and family, show your school spirit, and enjoy a night out with the MIT community.

- Saturday, August 29, from 6:30–10:30 PM at Great Skate Glendale
 - 10054 N 43rd Ave, Glendale, AZ 85302
- Admission: \$12 | Skate Rental: \$6 | Non-Skating Parents: \$4

Come skate, support, and show your MIT spirit!

SCHOOL SPIRIT Night!

SKATE. SUPPORT. SHOW YOUR SPIRIT!

LET'S ROLL TOGETHER AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Maricopa Institute of Technology Football and Cheer

DATE & TIME
Sat., August 29, 2026 | 6:30pm - 10:30pm

PRICING INFORMATION
Admission: \$12.00 | Skate Rental: \$6.00
Non-Skating Parents: \$4.00

FILL OUT YOUR WAIVER

10054 N 43RD AVE, GLENDALE, AZ 85302 | 623-842-1181 | WWW.GREATSKATEGLENDALE.COM

MIT Family Night

Come join us for the first MIT Family of the year!

Click the link or scan the QR code to RSVP: [RSVP Link](#)

Maricopa Institute of Technology

MIT

Family Night

Join us for an evening of connection, information, and community!

Thursday, September 3, 2026

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

MIT Gym

If attending, families will receive a **FREE** admission ticket to the game after the meeting!

Information about the school academic standing and letter grade will be provided.

SCAN QR CODE

RSVP

MIT STEM² High School

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Phoenix, AZ 85043

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Wednesday, September 16, 2026

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Teachers Office Hours



TEACHER OFFICE HOURS 2026–2027

Academic Support Schedule

MONDAY • 2:45–3:45 PM

Teacher	Content Area	Room / Location
Brist	U.S. History / AP European History	137-B
Daniels	Chemistry / Pre-Med	247-A
Glaser	AP World History / English III	139-B
Morganstern	AP Literature / AP Human Geography	141-B
Moya	ELA / Social Studies (Gr. 7–8)	120-B
Sarkar	Science / Engineering (Gr. 7–8)	121-B
Valenzuela	Spanish I & II / Dance	161-A
Verley	Geometry	118-B

TUESDAY • 2:45–3:45 PM

Teacher	Content Area	Room / Location
Frazier	AP Computer Science	156-A
Hojreh	Biology / Medical Lab / Anatomy	221–222-A
Jamal	Physics / Robotics / STEM	136-A
Meza Torres	Biology	248-A
Montiel	AP Seminar / AP Language	140-B
Villalobos	Foundational Skills	243-A

WEDNESDAY • 12:15–1:15 PM

Teacher	Content Area	Room / Location
Magno	Medical Assistant	217-A

THURSDAY • 2:45–3:45 PM

Teacher	Content Area	Room / Location
Alba	Spanish IV / AP Spanish	162-A
Gandhi, K.	Calculus / AP Precalculus / College Algebra	116-B
Salazar	Algebra I	119-B
Wright	English I–English III	138-B

FRIDAY • 2:45–3:45 PM

Teacher	Content Area	Room / Location
Lee	Physical Education	Lecture Hall B
Sharma	Government / Economics	136-B
Sunkara	Algebra II / Study Skills	117-B

Teacher Office Hours are available for students who need tutoring, academic support, guidance, make-up assistance, or clarification on coursework. Students should report directly to the listed room/location.

ANNOUNCEMENT

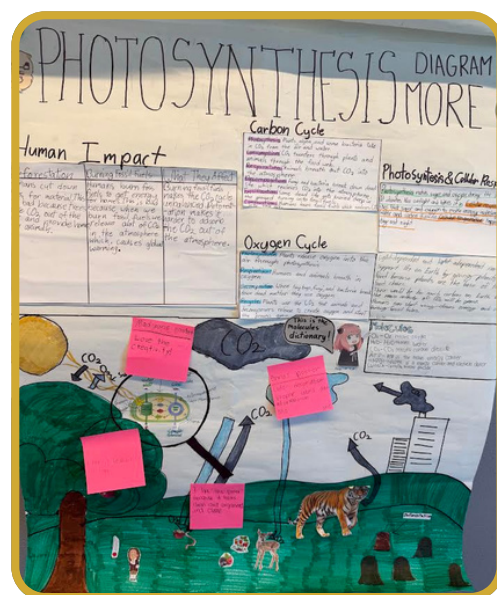
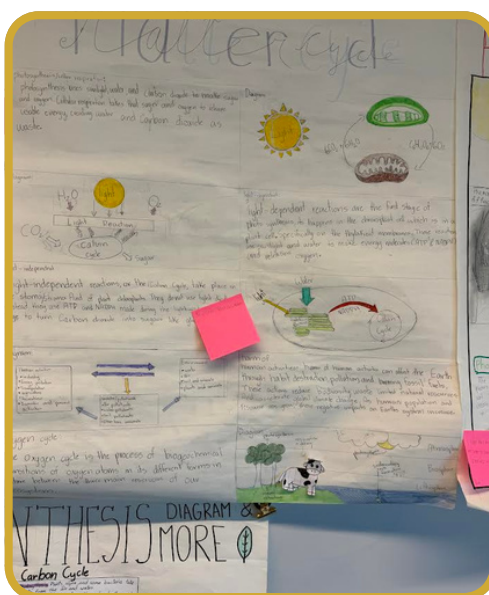
Classroom Spotlight: Grade 7 Science!

Mrs. Sarkar's 7th graders took on an epic challenge: design custom mini-posters proving how photosynthesis drives Earth's ultimate recycling engine!

Check out the key connections our student scientists uncovered:

- The Carbon Cycle: Plants snatch carbon dioxide straight out of thin air, converting it into energy-packed sugars that fuel living food webs.
- The Oxygen Cycle: By blasting water molecules apart using sunlight, plants continuously release fresh oxygen for every air-breathing organism on Earth.
- The Matter Cycle: Nothing goes to waste! Photosynthesis proves that atoms never vanish—they endlessly transform from invisible atmospheric gases into living plant and animal life.

Shoutout to Grade 7 class for bringing planetary science to life through creative design!



Exploring Albedo, Solar Energy, and the Greenhouse Effect

In this hands-on investigation, students explored how surface color and albedo affect the absorption of solar energy and temperature. By comparing different-colored surfaces exposed to sunlight, students observed how lighter surfaces reflect more energy while darker surfaces absorb more heat. They collected and analyzed temperature data to see these differences firsthand.

Students also investigated the greenhouse effect and the role of carbon dioxide (CO_2) by monitoring temperature changes in different bottles placed in sunlight. Through these NASA- and NOAA-inspired activities, students connected their findings to Earth's energy balance and real-world topics such as climate change, melting ice, and greenhouse gases.



Media & Yearbook Club in Action

The Media & Yearbook Club recently held its latest meeting, giving members the opportunity to build their skills in photography, yearbook editing, and hosting our school broadcasts. Students practiced capturing moments behind the camera, worked on creating and editing yearbook content, and gained experience being in front of the camera as broadcast hosts.

We are excited for everything this year has in store! Our goal is to provide club members with even more opportunities for on-site coverage of games, events, activities, and special moments across campus. By getting out into the MIT community, students will gain hands-on media experience while becoming more involved in our school culture and helping tell the story of the Iron Eagles!

Media & Yearbook Club meets on Thursdays after school in room 140-B!
All grades are welcome!



Dance Club First Meeting

Dance Club will have its first meeting this coming Thursday, September 3rd. at 2:45 pm!

- More information: Mrs. Valenzuela avalenzuela@mitglobalonline.com
- Location: Dance Room (Gym)



The poster is a vibrant promotional graphic for the Dance Club. It features a dark background with a large, stylized pink star in the center. To the left of the star, the text "DANCE ONCE A WEEK" is written in white, followed by "DANCE CLUB" in large, bold, yellow and orange letters. Below this, a paragraph describes the club as a welcoming and creative space for students to explore movement, build confidence, and express themselves through dance. A yellow button with the text "JOIN US" is positioned below the paragraph. To the right of the button, the names of the organizers are listed: "More info: Joe Samaniego, Katelynn Burbulea and Mrs. Valenzuela". At the bottom left, a globe icon is next to the text "First meeting Thursday, September 3rd from 2:45-3:30 pm". On the right side of the poster, a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a yellow crop top, grey sweatpants, and pink sneakers, is captured in a dynamic dance pose with one leg raised and arms outstretched. A large pink hashtag symbol is visible in the bottom right corner.

DANCE
ONCE A WEEK

DANCE CLUB

The Dance Club is a welcoming and creative space for students to explore movement, build confidence, and express themselves through dance. Open to all skill levels, the club encourages beginners and experienced dancers to learn, create, and grow together in a supportive and inclusive environment.

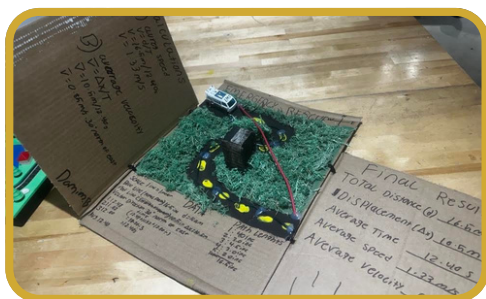
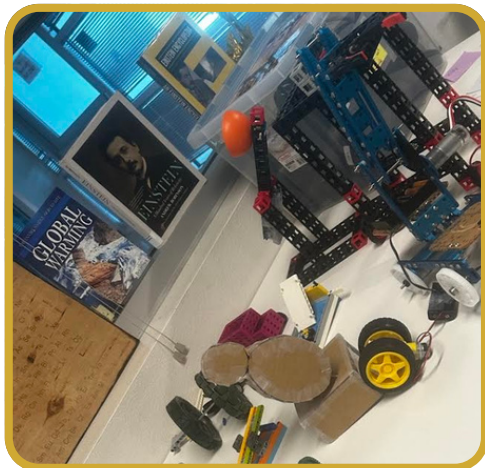
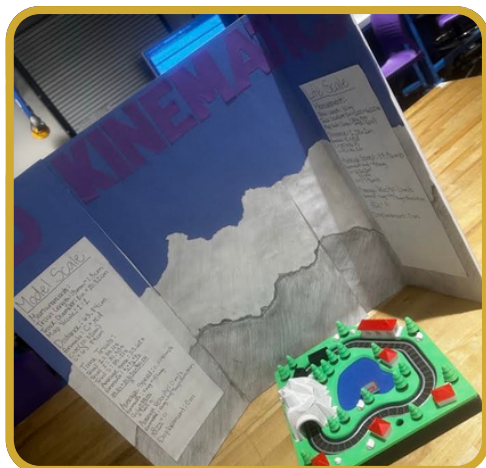
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GREAT THINGS happening in Physics & Engineering /Roboti'cs -classes"

In Physics: Mapping Motion: 3-D Kinematics Projects. Our Physics class brought motion equations to life! Students designed 3-D landscapes—ranging from emergency rescue routes to elevated highways—to calculate total distance versus net displacement. Using timed trial data, teams analyzed scalar speed and directional velocity vectors. In our Engineering & Robotics unit, students are analyzing how automation replaces human risk and fatigue in industry. Teams designed and built prototype robotic arms and mobile units aimed at two key applications: bomb squad hazard response and repetitive warehouse sorting. Check out our physical chassis models and trade-off analysis posters hanging in the lab!



First Spirit Week of the School Year!

MIT celebrated our first Spirit Week of the school year, giving students and staff a chance to show their creativity and Iron Eagle pride! Throughout the week, our campus came to life with themed days including Jersey Day, Twin Day, and BBQ Dad vs. Soccer Mom Day.

Spirit Week was the perfect way to build excitement leading up to our first-ever pep rally in the gym. Thank you to everyone who dressed up, participated, and brought their school spirit each day. From matching with friends to representing favorite teams and embracing their best BBQ Dad or Soccer Mom look, our Iron Eagles made our first Spirit Week one to remember!



MIT Kicks Off the Year with Our First Pep Rally!

MIT held its first pep rally of the school year in the gym, bringing students and staff together for an exciting celebration of school spirit! Students showed off their MIT pride by wearing their class colors and participating in a variety of fun activities and competitions.

Our fall sports athletes faced off in several challenges, with one of the biggest highlights being the Teacher vs. Fall Athletes Tug-of-War! After an intense battle, the teachers claimed the victory!

A special thank you to MIT Student Council for planning and organizing this memorable event! This pep rally was just the first of many exciting events to come as we continue building school spirit and creating memorable experiences for our MIT community.



Seniors: Get FREE Help with College Applications!

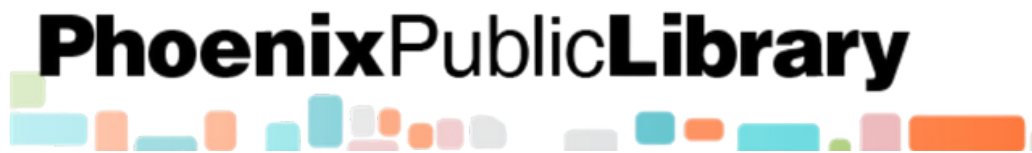
Seniors, college application season is here! If you need help navigating college applications, scholarships, financial aid, or your next steps after graduation, check out College Depot at the Phoenix Public Library.

College Depot offers FREE events and workshops on specific dates and times, including options available after school hours. This is a great community resource to help make the college application process a little easier.

Take advantage of this free support as you prepare for life after high school!

Click the link below to explore upcoming College Depot events and resources:

[College Depot Sign Ups](#)



College & Career Readiness Opportunity: Friendly House TRIO Program

We are excited to share an excellent opportunity for our middle and high school students! Friendly House's TRIO Program helps students prepare for college and future careers through free tutoring, college tours, career exploration, workshops, summer programs, financial aid assistance, and more.

Friendly House will be joining us on campus for our Tabling Event on Thursday, September 17, where students and families can learn more about the program and eligibility requirements. Applications are accepted year-round, so we encourage eligible students to take advantage of this great resource!

Program Eligibility

- First generation student
- Meet income eligibility guidelines
- Current middle school (6th-8th grade) or high school (9th-12th grade) student
- Be at least 11 years of age
- US Citizen or Permanent Resident of the US

TRIO Enrollment Application: <https://botform.com/pansol.com/Bot/FH-TRIO-TS-Enrollment-Application>



Mental Health & Community Resources

Maricopa Institute of Technology is committed to supporting the well-being of our students and families. Our school website has a dedicated Mental Health Help page with resources designed to connect families with mental health services and additional community support.

The page includes mental health resources, information on multiple service providers, and community resources that may assist families with a variety of needs. We encourage students and families to review these resources and keep the page available should support ever be needed.

Visit our Mental Health Help & Community Resources page here:

<https://www.mitglobalonline.org/mental-health-help>



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

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Free 24/7 Tutoring for Students!

We're excited to share UPchieve, a nonprofit organization offering FREE online tutoring and academic support 24/7 for eligible students in grades 6–12!

MIT students can easily create an account and connect with tutors whenever they need extra help. This is a great resource for students who may be struggling in a class, preparing for an assessment, or simply need a little extra support.

Link For Upchieve: [Free Tutors in Phoenix, Arizona](#)

We encourage our students to take advantage of this amazing opportunity!



Uniform Information

Please review with your student before Monday

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.

UNIFORM VENDOR

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



Iron Eagles in uniform during lunch — white button-up shirts with the MIT coat of arms and ties.

Family Action Items and Important Reminders

1. **Check your student's uniform** against the requirements on page 6 and order from Rapido AZ if anything is missing. *Deadline: as soon as possible.*
2. **Talk with your student** about the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards if they write or make art.
Submissions are due December 1, 2026 — see Mr. Morganstern. *Deadline: December 1.*
3. **Read this newsletter every Friday.** It will be published at the end of every week for the entire school year. *Ongoing.*
4. **Quarter 1 Progress Reports** will be posted on Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026.
5. **September 7th Labor Day:** No School.
6. **Picture Day** will be on Wednesday, September 16th 2026
7. **STEM PD** on September 25th 2026. No School.
8. **Quarter 1 Ends on October 2nd 2026.**
9. **Fall Break** - October 5th - 9th



Have a great weekend, Iron Eagles. We will see you Monday.



COMING SOON

More Sections Starting Next Week

Watch for these in future issues of the Iron Eagle Press

The Iron Eagle Press will grow as the year gets going. These regular sections begin soon — look for them in upcoming Friday issues.

Academics & Instruction

Classroom spotlights, department updates, Advanced Placement (AP) and dual-credit news, and what your student is learning in our STEM² courses.

Clubs & Student Council (STUCO)

Club sign-ups, Student Council elections, spirit weeks, and student-led events across campus.

Counseling & College/Career

Scholarship deadlines, college visits, testing information, and career pathway opportunities for our students.

