



HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday!

What a difference a second week makes. Walking our halls this week, I watched our Iron Eagles arrive on time, in uniform, and move between classes with purpose. Routines that were brand new just days ago are already becoming habits.

I want to thank our families and guardians for the support you are providing at home. Your daily encouragement is helping your student understand MIT's mission and vision and follow our school expectations and procedures. Those habits are the foundation of the college and career readiness we build here every day.

Next week, our students will take their Benchmark Assessment. These assessments give teachers a clear picture of what your student already knows, so instruction can be planned to meet their needs. A detailed testing schedule will be shared with you on Monday. Please help your student arrive on time, well rested, and ready to do their best.

Our Student Council has also begun planning fun activities for our students and our community. Details will be shared soon.

Wishing you a happy and relaxing weekend, Iron Eagles!

Mr. Gandhi

Headmaster, Maricopa Institute of Technology



Microscope Lab with Mrs. Ishani Sarkar

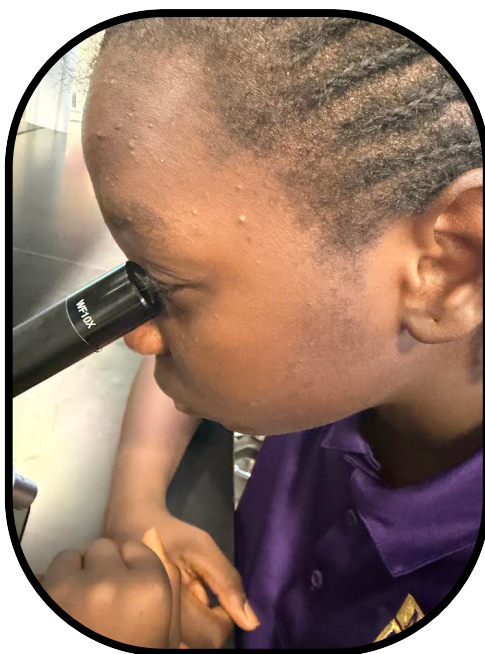
This week, Grade 7 stepped into the fascinating world of microscopy during their science class. Under the guidance of Mrs. Ishani Sarkar, students used microscopes for the very first time and discovered how scientists explore the hidden structures of living things.

First Encounters with the Microscope

Students began by learning the basic parts of a microscope and how to adjust the focus. They practiced observing prepared samples, gaining confidence in handling this essential scientific tool.

Our Grade 7 students proudly showcased what they observed through the microscope. This hands-on experience allowed them to explore, investigate, and experience science beyond the textbook.

“Science is not just something we learn—it is something we observe, explore, and discover!”



Dance Class Dress Code & Expectations

From Ms. Valenzuela, Dance Instructor

We are very excited to have our students be part of our first set of dance class electives! Please review the dress code expectations from Ms. Valenzuela.

Students must dress out daily for dance class. Please follow these requirements:

- Wear a solid-color, fitted top with short or long sleeves. Tank tops and spaghetti straps are not permitted.
- Tops must cover the midriff, even when arms are raised.
- Wear BLACK jazz pants, yoga pants, pants, leggings, or knee-length shorts.
- Jeans, baggy or loose pants, and oversized T-shirts are not permitted.
- Male students may wear gym shorts or pants with a solid-color, fitted T-shirt.
- Hair must be pulled back and away from the face.
- Jewelry must be stored in the student's locker.
- Bring your own lock.

Upon arriving, students should:

1. Go directly to the locker room to change.
2. Report immediately to the dance room, ready to participate.
3. Leave all your things in the locker.

If access to the locker room is unavailable, please wear black jazz pants, yoga pants, leggings, or knee-length shorts under your school skirt during dance class.

Contact Mrs. Valenzuela for more information



Forging Fledglings & Molting Iron: MIT's Artists & Writers

From Mr. Morganstern — Scholastic Art & Writing Awards

Students who write, draw, paint, photograph, design, or film now have a national stage. Mr. Morganstern is bringing the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards back to MIT, and any student in grades 7 through 12 may take part.

The Goal

To produce and submit an original student-created work of art or writing to the national Scholastic Gold Key Awards competition by **December 1, 2026**. There are more than 30 categories to choose from — students and families can browse them at artandwriting.org.

Why It Matters

The Awards are presented by the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers, a nonprofit that identifies students with exceptional artistic and literary talent and presents their work to the world. Students compete for recognition, exhibition, publication, and scholarships.

Over the last seven years, students submitted more than 1,250,000 original works. In that same period, more than 60 arts institutes and colleges have made over \$60 million in scholarships and aid available to regional and national winners. National winners are invited to the awards ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City over Memorial Day weekend.

Past participants include Andy Warhol, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Joyce Carol Oates, Ken Burns, and Robert Redford. Award alumni also go on to lead in medicine, science, journalism, law, and government — a natural fit with our STEM² mission. MIT students have earned national recognition through this program before.

Interested? See Mr. Morganstern

Any MIT teacher can serve as a student's mentor and receive recognition alongside them. Mr. Morganstern is happy to answer questions and help students get started.

A note for families and guardians:

In keeping with the tradition of the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, students are encouraged to express themselves freely, without fear of censorship. Some student works may therefore contain subject matter that is not appropriate for every audience. The content of any student work does not represent the views of MIT or its staff; the school serves as a vehicle for our young artists and writers.



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MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Coffee • Lattes • Smoothies



LOCATION

Building B



HOURS

Breakfast | 7:30–8:30 AM
Lunch | 11:30 AM–1:00 PM

WHAT YOU'LL FIND



Hot
Coffee



Iced
Coffee



Lattes



Cappuccinos



Specialty
Drinks



Fruit
Smoothies



Smoothies



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STUDENT EXPECTATIONS



Respect
student workers



Wait
patiently



Clean up
after yourself



Follow
school rules



IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Students may purchase
approved beverages
from the Perch Café.



Meal benefits
cannot be used
at the Perch Café.



Students may not
purchase meals
designated as
Adult Meals.

Thank you
for helping us keep
our café a safe and
positive place for all!

★ BE RESPECTFUL. BE RESPONSIBLE. BE AN IRON EAGLE. ★

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

Everything on this page needs a response or a plan from you

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. **Plan for Benchmark Testing**, August 11–14 — on time, rested, device charged. *Deadline: August 10.*
3. **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.*
4. **Read this newsletter every Friday.** It will be published at the end of every week for the entire school year. *Ongoing.*



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.

