



HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday...!!

What a week it has been on campus! Thank you to every family who joined us for Parent-Teacher Conferences. Seeing parents, students, and teachers sitting together over Quarter 1 report cards reminded me why our partnership matters so much. On Wednesday, we also welcomed Mr. Calderon, President of our Estrella Educational Foundation Board, for a tour of our growing campus. As we stood in front of our new mural, with the Lion, the Husky, and our Iron Eagle breaking through the wall together, I felt proud of the K-12 “ABC’s to PhD’s” vision we are building with Riverside.

Our classrooms were busy too. We launched our first “College Portfolio Wednesday,” and more than 240 students in grades 7–10 are now building their digital College Portfolios. Our seniors received their Senior Project timeline, and our juniors and PSAT students are preparing for upcoming exams.

I want to thank our teachers, counselors, and office team for the long hours they put in this week to make conferences and Quarter 1 grading run smoothly.

Here is my ask of you: please sit down with your student this weekend and look over their Quarter 1 report card together. Celebrate what went well, and set one goal for Quarter 2. Also mark your calendar for picture retakes on Wednesday, October 21, and come cheer on our softball team at home that afternoon.

Enjoy a restful weekend with your family. Let’s keep soaring, Iron Eagles!

Mr. Gandhi

Headmaster, MIT.



Estrella Educational Foundation -Board President Celebrates MIT's Growth and Partnership

On Wednesday, October 14, Maricopa Institute of Technology welcomed Mr. Calderon, President of the Estrella Educational Foundation Board of Directors, for a tour of our growing campus. It was a proud day to share what our students, staff, and families have built together.

The tour began at our new twin building, where Headmaster Mr. Gandhi greeted Mr. Calderon. In the modern, tiered lecture hall, Mr. Calderon saw a space that gives our students a true college-style learning experience. He then stopped at our awards showcase, home to MIT's most prestigious honor: recognition as a National Blue Ribbon School. The showcase also features MIT's recognition as an A+ School of Excellence, our AP School Honor Roll Platinum status, and our national ranking among U.S. News & World Report's Best High Schools. Each honor reflects our students' hard work and the dedication of our teachers and staff.

Next, Mrs. Chalabi, our Child Nutrition Services Director, and our nutrition team showed Mr. Calderon the new Bistro and its state-of-the-art kitchen. The Bistro's welcoming serving line and our team's commitment to quality meals make it a place our students enjoy.

The tour ended at the home of the Iron Eagles. Our Athletic Director, Mr. Gilmer, welcomed Mr. Calderon and walked him to center court in our new gym, beneath the "Birds of Prey" banner. Together they explored our fully equipped weight room. At the trophy case, Mr. Calderon saw our back-to-back High School Chess State Championship trophies. Our athletics team presented him with an official Iron Eagles polo to thank him for his visit.

One of the most meaningful stops was our new campus mural. It shows three mascots breaking through a brick wall together: the Lion of Riverside Traditional School (grades K–4), the Husky of Kings Ridge Preparatory Academy (grades 5–8), and our own Iron Eagle of Maricopa Institute of Technology (grades 9–12). Half of the eagle is painted in gold feathers and half in steel and gears, a nod to our STEM² (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics, and Medicine) mission. Together, the three mascots symbolize our partnership with Riverside Elementary School District. It is a true K–12 partnership that brings the "ABC's to PhD's" vision to life, supporting students from their first day of kindergarten through graduation and on to college and careers.

Thank you, Mr. Calderon, for your continued support of our students, staff, and families. We are proud to be Iron Eagles!

Soar to the next page for photo highlights from the tour! 🦅



Board President Visit: Photo Highlights



Classroom Spotlight - AP Environmental Science

Our students have begun a hands-on investigation into intraspecific and interspecific competition—two important ecological concepts that help us understand how organisms interact and compete for limited resources. In the first part of the lab, students are growing different numbers of the same species together to investigate how competition within a species may affect plant growth. They are also growing two different species together to explore competition between species.

This investigation is also helping students build the foundational skills and concepts they will need for AP Environmental Science. In APES, students study populations, resource availability, carrying capacity, and the environmental factors that can limit population growth. College Board also places a strong emphasis on scientific investigations, data collection, and data analysis.

Over the coming days, students will care for their experimental plants and measure and record their average height each day. They will then analyze their data to look for patterns, determine how increasing competition affects plant growth, and consider which species may be better suited to competing for available resources. It is a great opportunity for students to experience ecology in action—while developing the observation, data collection, analysis, and evidence-based reasoning skills that are essential for success in AP Environmental Science.



Classroom Spotlight - Spanish IV

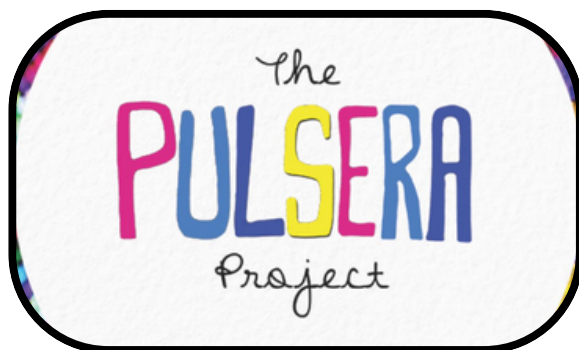
The Spanish IV classes created collaborative murals of important Hispanic figures to commemorate Hispanic Heritage Month. Students also researched important people, wrote their biographies with their accomplishments and contributions to the United States and finally presented them to the class as part of this celebration activity.



Iron Eagles Weave a Connection Across Borders

To celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, MIT students partnered with the Pulsera Project, a nonprofit founded in 2009 that works with nearly 200 artisans in Nicaragua and Guatemala. Our students set up a sales table on campus offering handwoven pulseras (bracelets) for \$5 and bolsitas (small woven bags) for \$15. Each piece carries a tag identifying the artist who made it, so every purchase connects the buyer directly to a real person and their craft.

Pulsera sales give these artists fair-trade employment. The proceeds also support scholarships, education, healthcare, housing, and community programs in their home countries. We are proud of our students for leading a project that celebrates Latin American culture and turns that celebration into real support for families abroad. Thank you to everyone who stopped by the table!



MIT Athlete of the Week - Cross Country

***We are excited to introduce this week's Iron Eagle Athlete of the Week:
Mc Gezer C.***

Can you introduce yourself and tell us what sport you play?

My name is Mc Gezer. I'm a junior and I run Cross Country

How did you get started playing your sport?

I started as a beginner and was completely new to the sport.

What has been your favorite moment this season so far?

My favorite moments are whenever I finish the race and find that I got a new PR. It feels very rewarding.

How do you balance athletics and academics?

I find time to be able to do homework or anything that is due soon at lunch or at home when I have nothing to do instead of scrolling on Instagram for hours.

What advice would you give to other students who want to get involved in athletics?

For students wanting to get involved in sports, if you are interested in joining in sports, I say do it because there are so many experiences waiting, and it will be worth it in the end.

If you could choose any professional athlete to be your teammate, whom would it be and why?

I would choose Paul Tergat because as one of the best runners of all time he would help push me further as an athlete.



MIT Athletics - Esports Registration is Now Open!

Esports registration is officially OPEN!

Students who would like to participate will need to complete the following:

- Registration Fee: \$125
- Physical Required: All participating students must have a current physical on file.
- Custom Team Jersey: \$75 for each student's personalized Esports jersey.
- Go Bound Registration: [Go Bound](#)
- PlayVS Registration: [PlayVS Login](#) (Use your School Gmail)

Registration Fee & Fundraising

The \$125 sports registration fee does NOT need to be paid immediately. Please do not let the registration fee prevent you from signing up or expressing interest in joining the team. We will be organizing fundraising opportunities to help students raise money toward their sports fees. More information about fundraising will be shared soon.

PlayVS Registration

Students must register for PlayVS using their SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS. Please do not use a personal email address when creating your account.

We are looking forward to building our team and having a great Esports season! Additional information regarding practices, games, team expectations, and jersey customization will be shared as we get closer to the start of the season.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Montiel at ymontiel@mitglobalonline.org.



Picture Retakes is coming!

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Picture Retake Day is Coming!

¡Ya llega el Día de las nuevas tomas fotográficas!

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Maricopa Institute of Technology Retake Day!



Scan to
order now!
*¡Echa un vistazo para
encargar ahora!*



How it Works:



Students are
photographed on
Picture Retake Day.
Bring original package
if available!



You can still order on
mylifetouch.com. Create
an account or login with
your Picture Day ID:
EVTHHQSM



Orders will be sent
home with your student
after Picture Retake Day.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Homecoming Announcement



MIT Student Council Presents

Night in Ibiza

HOMECOMING
2026

Thursday

October
29

6 to 9 pm

TICKET PRICE

\$15 PRE-SALE
\$20 AT THE DOOR

PRE-SALE BEGINS

OCT' 22ND

LOCATION

MIT PERCH CAFE

FOOD FOR SALE

\$10 FOR 3 DOUBLE TACOS WITH
JAMAICA OR HORCHA'IA

ANNOUNCEMENT

KR Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat

Join the Trunk or Treat Fun! Grab your costume and candy bag for a night of Music and Food.

October 28th

Kings Ridge Parking Lot
3650 S. 64th Ln Phoenix,
AZ 85043
3-6 PM



Study Buddy Program Begins Monday, October 19!

The National Honor Society is launching its Study Buddy Program, offering free peer help for MIT students. Starting October 19, qualified NHS members will be at the Perch Café on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. to help with homework, review concepts, and prepare for assessments.

Asking for help is a sign of self-discipline and a smart way to take ownership of your learning. Bring your materials and questions, and stop by. We'd love to see you there!

THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
IS PROUD TO PRESENT...

STUDY BUDDY PROGRAM

"High Standards, High Achievement."

**STARTING
MONDAY, OCT. 19**

- Mon., Tue., Thu., & Fri.
- 2:45 - 3:45 p.m.
- Qualified NHS Members
- Academic Excellence

Location:
Perch Café



The illustration shows two students, a male and a female, standing side-by-side and giving thumbs up. They are wearing purple polo shirts with the NHS crest on the left chest and dark pants or skirts. To their left is the NHS logo, which consists of a blue torch with a yellow flame and yellow wings, with the letters 'NHS' on a blue shield in the center of the torch.

ANNOUNCEMENT

MIT Yearbook is on Sale!

Media and Yearbook Club

Presents

10% early bird discount until October 31st

\$50
+tax

2026-2027 Yearbook
on sale now!

Please see Mrs. Montiel
for any questions.

Price will increase on
January 4th, 2027

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Teachers Office Hours



MARICOPA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY TEACHER OFFICE HOURS 2026–2027

Academic Support Schedule

MONDAY • 2:45–3:45 PM

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

TUESDAY • 2:45–3:45 PM

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

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

FRIDAY • 2:45–3:45 PM

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

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.

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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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 12

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. **Picture Day Retakes** will take place on Wednesday, October 21st, 2026.

5. **A Night in Ibiza** Homecoming Dance: October 29th, 2026

6. **STEM PD:** No school on October 30th

7. **Veterans Day:** No school November 11th, 2026



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



MIT Mission & Vision

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

