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Family Newsletter

October 19th - October 23rd , 2026 · Week 13

HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday..!!

What a week to be an Iron Eagle! Our seniors started Wednesday with Senior Sunrise on the football field, a tradition planned and led by our Student Council President, Maryem Al Attraqchi.
It was a joy to watch our Class of 2027 greet the morning together. That same day, we celebrated National Medical Assistant Day with our future healthcare professionals. Six of our students also represented MIT at the STEMONSTRATION at Rogers Ranch STEM Academy, showing younger students what a STEM² education looks like. Tonight we closed the week with our Homecoming football game, honoring our football and cheer seniors under the lights.

Student leadership was on full display this week. Fourteen of our Student Council members attended the Jostens Renaissance Student Leadership Collaborative at Hamilton High School with Mr. Sunkara. They came home with five new traditions they plan to bring to MIT this year, so stay tuned! I also want to thank Mrs. Dirkes for donating books, library resources, and College Depot cards for our new student mini library. Thank you to Coach Gilmer, our coaches, the cheer team, Mrs. Montiel, Mr. Sunkara, Ms. Covarrubias, and every staff member who made this week so special for our students.

Next week is a big one with the Halloween Spirit Week, the Quarter 1 Awards Ceremony, the Trunk or Treat Event at the Kings Ridge Preparatory Academy, and the Homecoming Dance. Also on Tuesday, October 27, our students will take the PSAT/NMSQT and SAT, beginning at 8:30 AM. I have one ask: please make sure your student gets a good night's rest, eats breakfast, and arrives on time Tuesday morning. That same evening, come cheer on our volleyball seniors at Senior Night against BASIS Chandler at 5:30 PM.

Have a wonderful and restful weekend, Iron Eagle Families. Go Iron Eagles!

Mr. Gandhi
Headmaster, MIT.

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MIT Homecoming Spirit Week



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Celebrating National Medical Assistant Day!

In honor of National Medical Assistant Day, MIT celebrated our Medical Assistant students with cupcakes and a small appreciation gift to recognize their hard work, dedication, and commitment to caring for others. As they prepare for careers in healthcare, these students are learning that compassion and kindness are just as important as clinical skills.

We are proud of their growth and the heart they bring to our program. We look forward to seeing the difference these future healthcare professionals will make in the lives of their patients!







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Raising Awareness Through Creativity

Students in our Medical Assistance Program are using their creativity to raise awareness about important health and social issues! Joshua M. created an impactful poster highlighting domestic violence awareness, while Eriel N. designed an informative poster promoting breast cancer awareness. Through their work, both students demonstrate the importance of education, advocacy, and compassion in the healthcare field. Great job, Iron Eagles!





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Senior Sunrise

This past Wednesday, our seniors gathered bright and early for their Senior Sunrise! As they watched the sun rise together, the Class of 2027 celebrated the beginning of their final year of high school, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Here's to an unforgettable senior year, Iron Eagles!



CLASS OF 2027







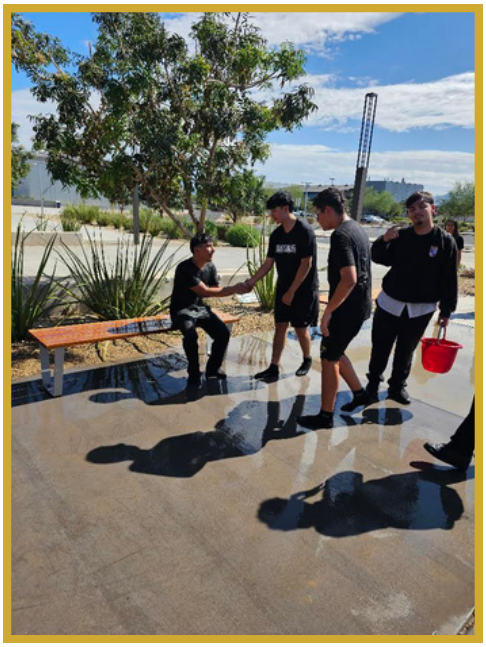
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Soak a Senior!

This past Tuesday, our seniors made a splash during our Soak a Senior fundraiser! Students had a blast soaking their favorite seniors while helping raise funds for the Class of 2027. The event was filled with laughter, school spirit, and unforgettable memories. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported our seniors!











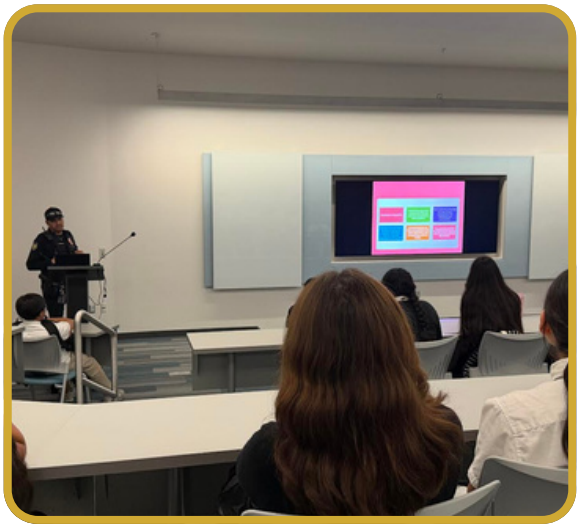
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Law Related Education (LRE) by our SSO (School Safety Officer)

Our School Safety Officer, Officer Lopez, recently visited our Magnet Jr. High students to deliver a Law-Related Education (LRE) lesson. Students in Mrs. Sarkar and Mr. Salazar's class learned how laws shape our daily lives, why they matter, and how good decisions today build safe and responsible citizens for tomorrow.

Thank you to Officer Lopez for investing in our students, and to Mrs. Sarkar and Mr. Salazar for welcoming this valuable learning into their classrooms!









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From Data to Conclusions: Our Plant Competition Lab

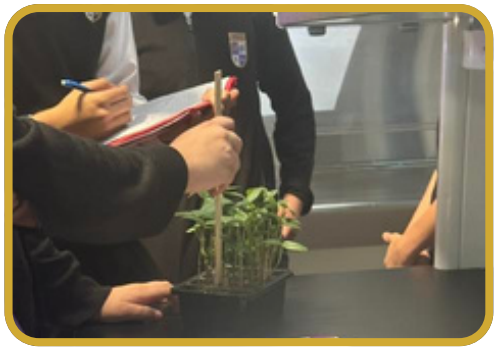
The plants have grown, the measurements have been collected, and now our students are taking the next step in the scientific process: analyzing their data and writing their lab reports!

Students have completed their daily measurements and are now using their results to look for patterns in plant growth under different levels of intraspecific and interspecific competition. They are moving beyond simply recording numbers and beginning to ask what those numbers actually tell us about competition and resource availability.

As they prepare their lab reports, students are practicing an essential part of science: using evidence to support a conclusion. They will examine their results, consider what happened as competition increased, compare the performance of the different species, and think critically about variables that may have influenced plant growth.

This is another important step toward AP Environmental Science, where students are expected not only to understand environmental concepts, but also to collect, analyze, and communicate scientific evidence. Our goal is for students to see that science is not just about getting the "right answer"—it is about asking questions, gathering evidence, recognizing limitations, and using data to explain what we observe.











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Student Council Spotlight

On Friday, October 23, members of the Maricopa Institute of Technology Student Council, with advisor Mr. Sunkara, attended the Jostens Renaissance Student Leadership Collaborative at Hamilton High School in Chandler. The morning event, led by educator and speaker Dr. Phil Campbell, brought together student leaders from across Arizona around one shared belief: everyone deserves to love coming to school each day.

Throughout the session, our students explored what it takes to build a positive school culture where every student, teacher, and staff member feels seen, heard, and valued. They learned creative and meaningful ways to recognize the people who make our school community special, and they gained practical insight into what it means to lead by example, both in and out of the classroom.

The highlight of the day was the hands-on collaboration time. Working in small groups, our council members brainstormed and developed five powerful new traditions they plan to bring to MIT this school year. These ideas are designed to strengthen school spirit, celebrate achievements, and bring our community closer together.

We're proud of how our student leaders represented MIT and can't wait to see their ideas come to life. Keep an eye out in the coming months as the Student Council begins rolling out these new traditions, and be ready to join in!













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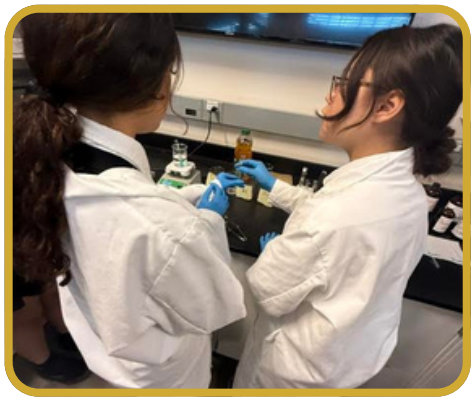
Biomolecules Lab: Exploring the Chemistry of Life

Students explored the structure and function of biological molecules through hands-on investigations. Before testing food samples, students used ball-and-stick models to construct molecular representations of biomolecules and examine their chemical structures. Students then used chemical indicators, including Benedict's solution, iodine, Biuret reagent, and lipid tests, to investigate the presence of carbohydrates, proteins, and lipids in various food samples. A major focus of the lab was analyzing experimental results, as students examined chemical reactions, interpreted observable evidence, compared findings with expected outcomes, and constructed evidence-based explanations about the molecular composition of foods. Throughout the investigation, students also developed essential laboratory skills, including safely operating hot plates, accurately transferring liquids using pipettes, following proper waste management procedures, and selecting appropriate laboratory equipment for different tasks. These experiences strengthened students' ability to conduct investigations safely, analyze scientific data, and draw conclusions supported by experimental evidence.







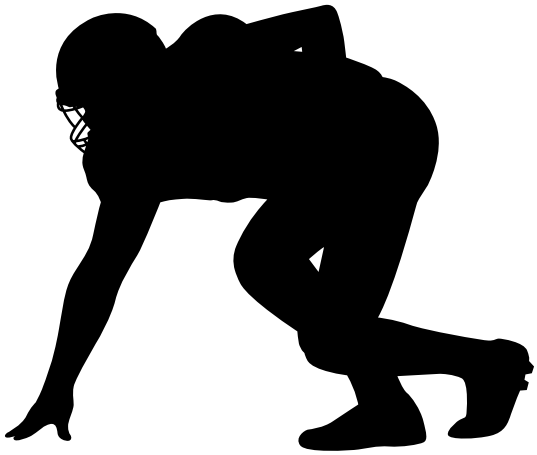




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MIT Athletes of the Week - Football & Cheer









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Homecoming Announcement



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KR Trunk or Treat



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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!



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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.



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MIT Yearbook is on Sale!



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Teachers Office Hours

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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.

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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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FAMILY REFERENCE

Uniform Information

Please review with your student before Monday

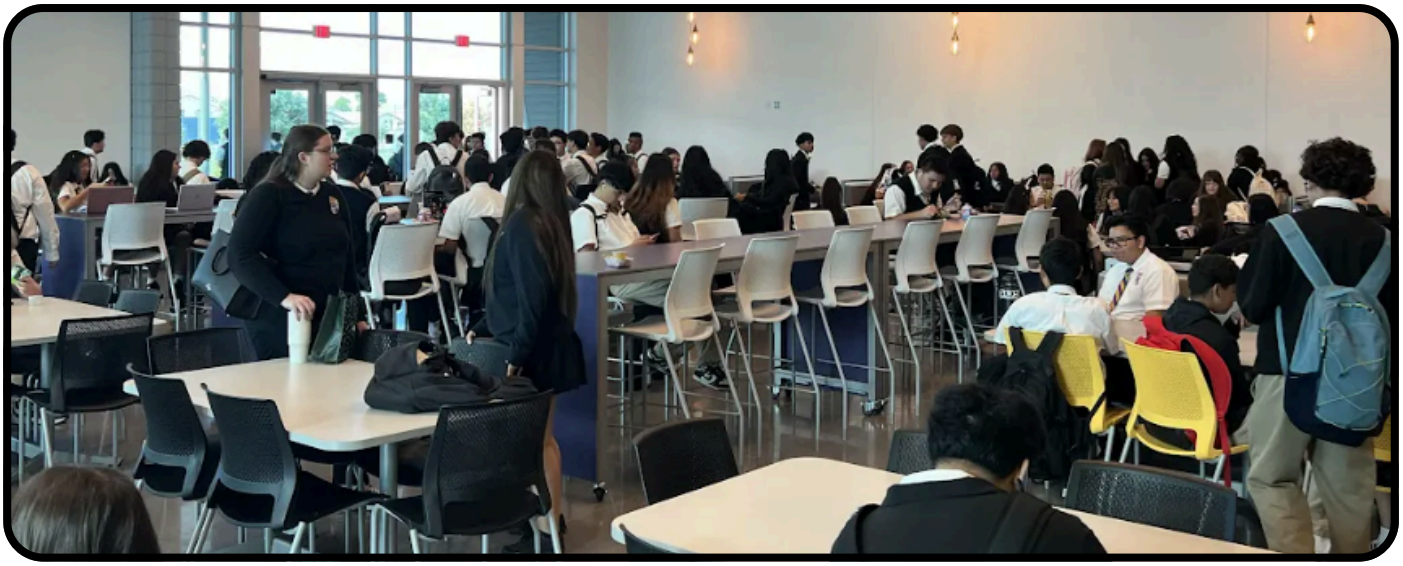
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- 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.

BEFORE YOU PUT THIS DOWN

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

