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Family Newsletter

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HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Iron Eagle Families, Happy Friday..!!

What a week it has been on our campus! We started Halloween Spirit Week on Monday with Disney Day. That same morning, our Media and Yearbook Club visited ASU's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism. On Tuesday, 52 students took the PSAT/NMSQT and 22 took the SAT. I was proud of how prepared and focused they were. Our freshmen also took part in a Teen Lifeline workshop on stress and coping, and more wellness workshops for sophomores and juniors are planned before the semester ends. On Wednesday, the whole school gathered in the gym for our Quarter 1 Awards Ceremony. Seeing teachers walk up beside the students they nominated reminded me why we do this work. That evening, our Media Club and NHS ran their own stations at the Trunk or Treat at Kings Ridge. It was a wonderful night with our RTS and KR families.

We also have news to celebrate as a community. The Arizona State Board of Education released the 2025–2026 school letter grades this week, and both MIT High School and our MIT Magnet Jr. High earned an A. Our Jr. High earned more than 100% of eligible points. This belongs to our students, our teachers and staff, and to you, our families, who support learning at home every day. On Thursday, six of our student ambassadors showed off MIT at a STEMONSTRATION at Western Valley Middle School. Thirteen families from Rogers Ranch also toured our campus after seeing last week's event. Thursday evening ended with our Homecoming Dance. Thank you to our Student Council, Mr. Sunkara, Mr. Wright, and the many staff members who chaperoned. A special thank-you goes to Lucy Coto Rosas and her father for bringing the materials for the castle centerpiece. Congratulations as well to our Boys Soccer team on making the CAA playoffs!

I have two requests for you as we head into November. First, if your child plays a winter sport, please join us for Winter Sports Parent Night on Wednesday, November 4, from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Building A Lecture Hall. Second, please come out and cheer for our Boys Soccer team in the playoffs. The game is tentatively set for Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 PM, and we will confirm details as soon as the first round is played. Your presence in the stands means a great deal to our students.

Thank you for another great week, Iron Eagles. Please enjoy a safe and happy Halloween weekend with your families, and we will see everyone on Monday!

Warm regards,
Mr. Gandhi
Headmaster, MIT.

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Media & Yearbook Club Visits ASU!

On Monday, our Media & Yearbook Club visited Arizona State University's Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication! Students explored exciting career paths in journalism and media, learned about the school's PBS station, and discovered hands-on opportunities through sports journalism capstone projects and internships covering major events like the FIFA World Cup and MLB Spring Training. After an informative session, students enjoyed lunch in the heart of downtown Phoenix. It was an inspiring experience that gave our future journalists and media professionals a glimpse into the exciting opportunities ahead!







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Quarter 1 - Awards Ceremony

Our gym was filled with purple and gold pride this week as we celebrated our Iron Eagles at the Quarter 1 Awards Ceremony! Students in grades 7–12 came together as one school to recognize classmates earning the Headmaster's List (all A's), Honor Roll (A's and B's), Golden Eagle, Citizenship, and Perfect Attendance awards. This cherished MIT tradition reminds every student that hard work and strong character are noticed and celebrated here. After the awards, our Student Council led team-building games that had students and staff cheering together. Thank you to our families for your support at home, and to our faculty and staff for making the day possible. Congratulations, Iron Eagles — let's keep soaring in Quarter 2!

















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MIT Clubs Join Kings Ridge Trunk or Treat!

This Wednesday, our Iron Eagles brought the Halloween spirit to Kings Ridge's Trunk or Treat event! Members of MIT's National Honor Society (NHS), Media Club, Culinary Club, and HHS came together to create a fun and festive experience for the community. Students showed their creativity, teamwork, and school spirit while spreading Halloween cheer to families and children. Thank you to all our student volunteers for representing MIT and making this event a success!











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A Special Treat for Our MIT Teachers!

This past Wednesday, the Riverside Elementary School District (RESD) team showed their appreciation for our hardworking MIT teachers with a special coffee and snack cart! This thoughtful gesture was a wonderful way to recognize the dedication, passion, and hard work our educators put into their classrooms every day. A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Rivera and the entire RESD team for their generosity and for making our teachers feel appreciated. We are grateful for your continued support of our MIT family!







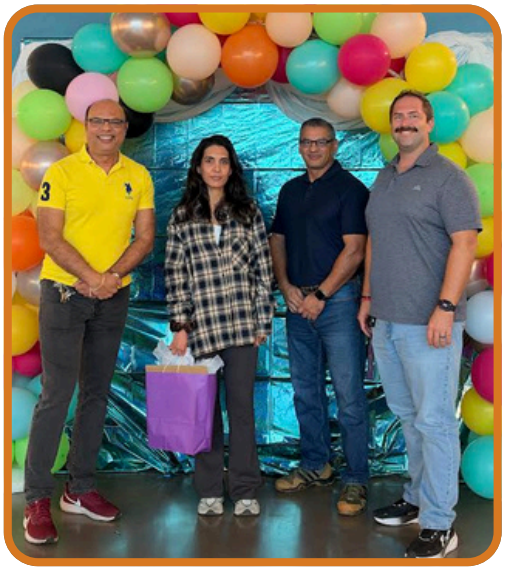




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Celebrating October Birthdays at MIT!

During today's STEM2 Professional Development Day, MIT administration took a moment to celebrate our wonderful October birthdays! A special birthday shoutout goes to Ms. Jamal, Mrs. Montiel, and Mrs. Sarkar! We appreciate our administration for taking the time to recognize our staff and bring a little extra joy to the day. Wishing our October birthday ladies a fantastic year ahead filled with happiness, success, and wonderful memories!





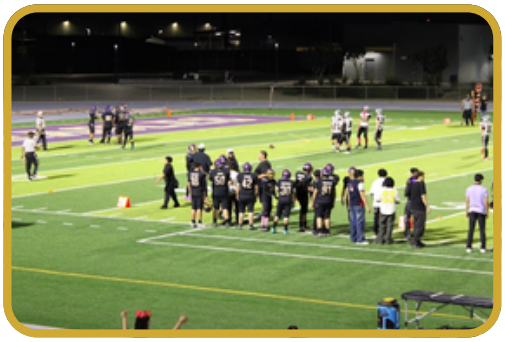


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Homecoming Victory & Senior Night!

Last Friday night, our MIT Iron Eagles celebrated Homecoming and Senior Night with an exciting 28–21 victory over Imagine Prep Superstition! This night was especially meaningful as many of our senior football players and cheerleaders have been part of their programs since freshman year, when MIT first launched its football and cheer programs. These seniors helped build the foundation of MIT Athletics, creating traditions and leaving a lasting legacy for future Iron Eagles. We are incredibly proud of their dedication, growth, and commitment over the past four years. Congratulations to our athletes and seniors on a memorable night filled with victory, celebration, and Eagle pride!



















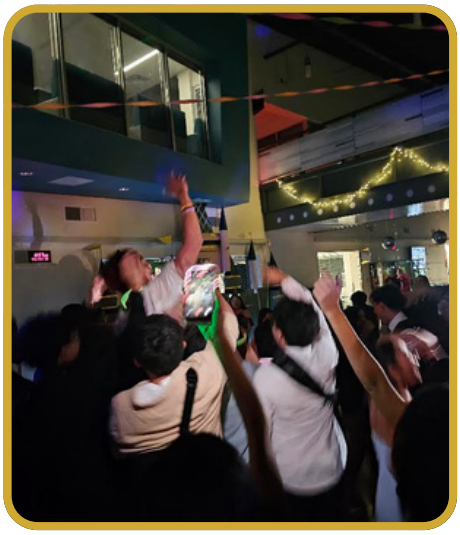


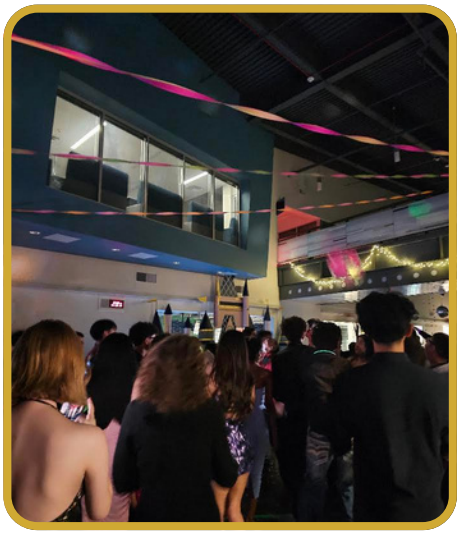
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Homecoming 2026: A Night in Ibiza!

Last night, our Iron Eagles celebrated Homecoming with an unforgettable *Night in Ibiza*! Students dressed to impress and enjoyed an evening filled with music, dancing, laughter, and memories with friends. The vibrant atmosphere brought the spirit of Ibiza to MIT, making it a night to remember! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Homecoming celebration a success!

















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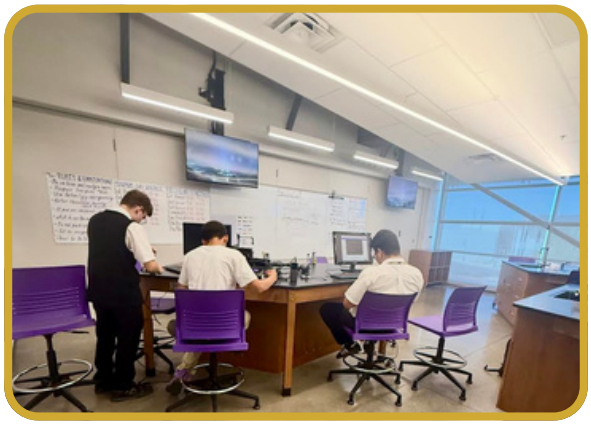
Spotlight on DEER Tech Club at MIT!

The DEER Tech Club (Design · Electronics · Engineering · Repair) gives students hands-on experience in technology, creation, and practical skills. It's a student-driven space where future innovators collaborate, tackle complex tech problems, and learn how hardware and systems work from the inside out.

During September and October, DEER Tech Club members engaged in hands-on technical learning by building circuit prototypes, mastering electronic repair safety, and performing clean Linux OS installations to navigate new software environments. Students also explored network infrastructure by setting up Network Attached Storage (NAS) to configure servers and manage data across devices, all while experienced members mentored newcomers in technical tools, safety, and project planning.







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Study Buddy Program Begun 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 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

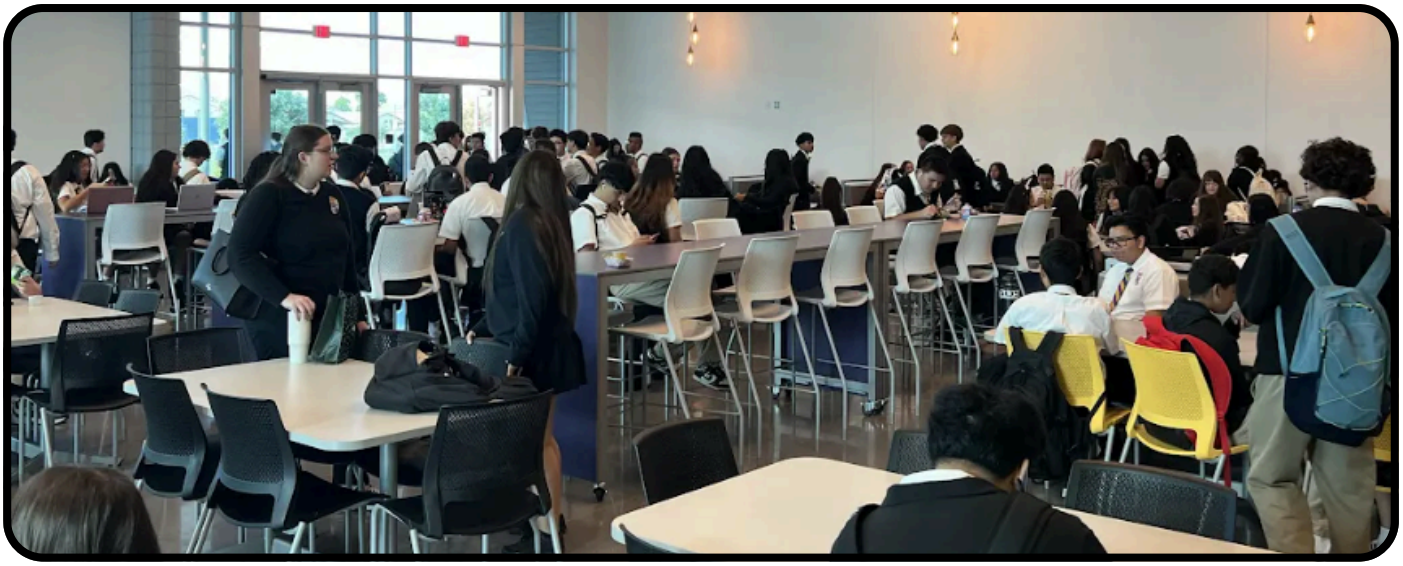
At MIT, we require our students to wear uniforms. All students are required to have:

- 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** based on the requirements in our student handbook, and order from Rapido AZ if anything is missing.
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.
3. **Read this newsletter every Friday.** It will be published at the end of every week for the entire school year. *Ongoing*.
4. **Veterans Day:** No school on November 11th, 2026
5. **Quarter 2 Progress Grading Period** ends on November 12th, 2026
6. **Thanksgiving Break:** November 23rd to November 27th (I-Day)



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 STEM^2 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

