



HEADMASTER'S MESSAGE

Hello Iron Eagle Families,

What a full and meaningful week it has been as we close out our first quarter. On Thursday afternoon, I had the honor of attending our HHS Induction Ceremony. Watching our students accept their certificates with such pride reminded me why recognizing character and achievement matters. Congratulations as well to our newly selected National Honor Society board officers, who are ready to lead with service. Today we also paused to thank our custodial team on School Custodian Day. They keep our campus safe, clean, and welcoming every single day. Please join me in thanking them when you see them.

Academically, our students continue to take ownership of their futures. Our College Portfolios are nearly complete, with 280 of 300 finished and five mentor groups at 100 percent. Our juniors are helping launch the College Portfolio, with both a University Pathway and a Career and Technical Pathway. Several of our Medical Assisting students will spend part of Fall Break in clinical externships, gaining real-world healthcare experience. I am grateful to Mrs. Alba, Ms. Valenzuela, Mrs. K. Gandhi, Dr. Angulo, Mrs. Montiel, Coach Gilmer, and our entire faculty and staff for the care they bring to this work.

As we head into Fall Break, October 5–9, I have one ask of every family. Please sit down with your student this week and review their Quarter 1 progress together. Then mark your calendar for Parent-Teacher Conferences, which begin Wednesday, October 14, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. On Thursday, October 15, our Parent-Teacher Conferences will be from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Your partnership is what makes our students successful.

Enjoy a restful, safe, and joyful Fall Break with your families.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, October 12.

Mr. Gandhi

Headmaster, MIT.



Pre-Med Students Put Their Skills into Practice

Last week, students in our Medical Assisting CTE pathway needed a volunteer for their blood draw practice, and I was happy to roll up my sleeve! Ximena, an 11th grader, carefully and confidently completed the draw with real professionalism and skill. Under the guidance of instructor Ms. Gabriela Magno and Program Coordinator Mrs. Francisca Montiel, our students are gaining hands-on clinical experience and taking early steps toward careers in medicine. I am so proud of our future healthcare professionals! Go Iron Eagles!

— Mr. Gandhi, Headmaster



ANNOUNCEMENT

¡Felicidades to Our New Hispanic Honor Society Inductees!

On Thursday, October 1, MIT proudly welcomed its newest members into the Hispanic Honor Society. Led entirely by our HHS student leaders, the ceremony recognized students for their academic excellence in Spanish and their dedication to language and culture.

A special highlight of the evening was an inspiring address from MIT alumna Santal Sanchez, Class of 2023 Valedictorian and HHS member, who encouraged the new inductees to carry their passion for language and service into college and beyond.

Following the ceremony, families celebrated with cake and refreshments at Talon Bistro. Thank you to Mrs. Alba and Ms. Valenzuela for their guidance, to our student leaders for a wonderful event, and to all the parents and guardians who joined us. Congratulations, inductees.



Bus Evacuation Drill

Today, during 2nd period, MIT conducted our first bus evacuation drill of the school year.

This drill gave students and staff the opportunity to review and practice the proper procedures for safely and efficiently evacuating a school bus in an emergency. Our staff and transportation team guided students through the process, and everything went smoothly.

We are very proud of our students for following directions and taking the drill seriously. Thank you to our teachers, staff, transportation team, and everyone who helped coordinate and support today's drill. Safety drills like this help our students feel prepared and confident in emergency situations.

Thank you, MIT families, for your continued support in helping us maintain a safe campus and transportation environment for all of our students.



Celebrating Our Custodians on National Custodian Day

Today, the Iron Eagles family paused to celebrate National Custodian Day and honor the incredible people who care for our school every single day. Our custodians wear many hats: they are also our bus drivers, greeting students with a smile each morning and getting them home safely each afternoon. In between, they work tirelessly to keep our campus clean, safe, and welcoming for everyone. As a small token of our gratitude, staff presented each of them with a gift bag. When you see them on the bus or around campus, please join us in saying thank you!



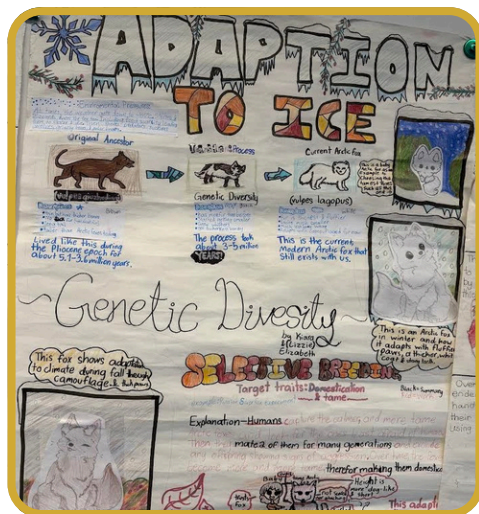
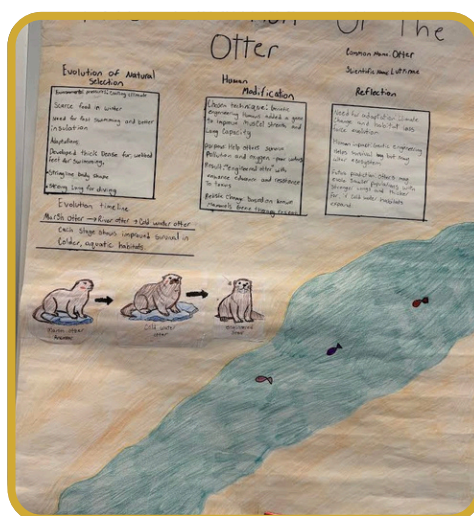
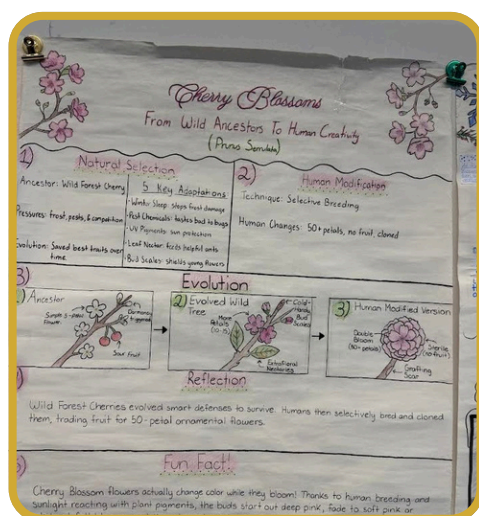
Classroom Spotlight - 8th Grade Science

Our Grade 8 students explored the fascinating ways organisms change and adapt through natural selection, adaptation, and evolution!

Students showcased their understanding by examining how environmental pressures influence survival and traits over generations, as well as how humans have influenced organisms through selective breeding and genetic engineering.

Through this engaging learning experience, students connected scientific concepts to real-world examples while developing their critical thinking, creativity, and scientific reasoning skills.

Great work, Grade 8 scientists!



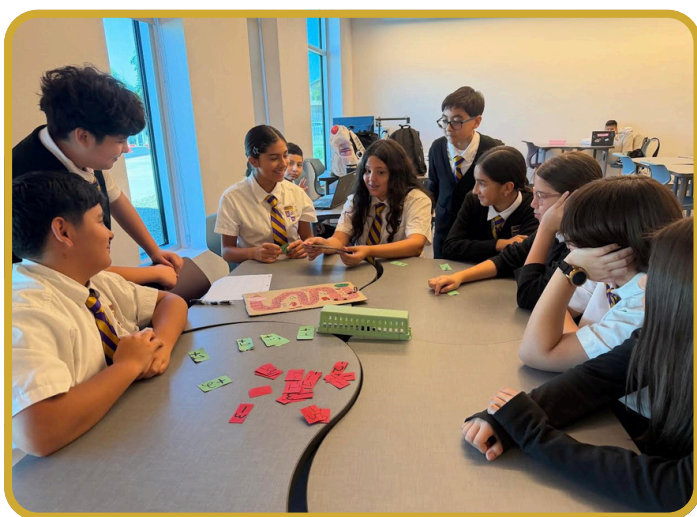
Classroom Spotlight - 7th Grade Science

Our Grade 7 students put their science knowledge into action by designing and creating their own Organ System Games!

Working collaboratively, students explored the functions of different organ systems and how these systems work together to keep the human body healthy and functioning. This hands-on project encouraged students to apply their knowledge while developing creativity, communication, problem-solving, and teamwork skills.

A wonderful example of learning through creativity and collaboration!

Great job, Grade 7 scientists!



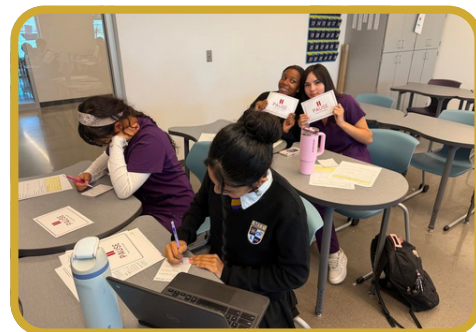
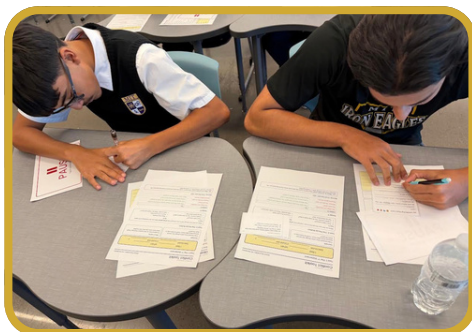
Student Council Builds Leadership Skills

Our Student Council at Maricopa Institute of Technology has been busy growing as leaders! Under the guidance of advisors Mr. Sunkara and Mr. Wright, council members recently completed two leadership workshops after school at MIT.

In Know Your Leadership Style, students discovered whether they lead like a Lion (the Driver), a Dolphin (the Connector), an Owl (the Planner), or a Fox (the Idea Maker). They learned that no style is best, and that the strongest teams include all four. Members then formed "Dream Teams" that will help shape future committees.

In Fishbowl Fix, students practiced handling conflict respectfully. After watching a dramatic "bad version" of a council disagreement, they learned to use "I" statements and the pause button, then stepped into the fishbowl to fix real-life scenarios themselves. The council wrapped up by creating and signing its own Conflict Agreement.

Our council members are learning to lead with confidence, teamwork, and respect, and they're bringing those skills to every event they plan. Stay tuned for more from Student Council!



MIT Athlete of the Week - Football

***We are excited to introduce this week's Iron Eagle Athlete of the Week:
Daniel A.***

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

My name is Daniel A., and I am a senior on the MIT Football team.

How did you get started playing your sport?

I started playing football freshman year when my best friend, Dimitiri, told me to join him. It was the first sport I've ever tried, and I am very grateful that I took the chance to try something new because it has shown me teamwork, discipline, and perseverance.

What has been your favorite moment this season so far?

My favorite moment of this season was when we were losing with less than a minute to get a touchdown, and with 6 seconds left on the clock, I got a touchdown on the final play to give us the win. Having everyone celebrate around me and seeing how happy everyone was felt so amazing, and I felt so proud of how far the team has come.

How do you balance athletics and academics?

I balance athletics and academics by making sure I prioritize my assignments before anything else. I stay organized and make sure I don't let my homework build up, so I don't get stressed and fall behind. I always try to do my assignments as soon as I can so I don't wait until the last minute to finish.

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

My biggest advice would be not to compare yourself to others. Focus on becoming better for yourself and keep improving so you can look back and see how far you've come. When you focus on being better than you were yesterday, you will continue to grow both as an athlete and as a person. Most importantly, don't give up, and don't let losses discourage you or take away your passion for the sport.

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

I would choose Tom Brady because it would be nice to have a quarterback. Our quarterback is good right now, but we have always struggled to have a consistent quarterback throughout the years.



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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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



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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. **Quarter 1 Ends on October 2nd 2026.**

5. **Fall Break** - October 5th - 9th

6. **Parent Teacher Conferences** will be from October 14th to October 16th

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

