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HOME OF THE HEAT

MHP SERVICE CLUB MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY!

Our service club recently had the privilege of volunteering with Delivering Dreams of Arizona, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of children through philanthropic programs. During their volunteer event, the club assembled 500 health kits that will significantly impact students in need. They also helped organize the warehouse, showcasing their commitment to community service.

In addition to their work with Delivering Dreams of Arizona, our service club has been actively involved

in other community service initiatives. Recently, they volunteered at St. Mary's Food Bank, where they packed and distributed food to 1,173 families.

The service's club's efforts demonstrate their dedication to addressing pressing social issues and making a positive impact in our community. Their commitment to service is truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing their future endeavors. Keep an eye out for their upcoming Closet Swap event, where they will be collecting and selling used items.



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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

The first quarter of the school year will be behind us in just a couple of weeks. I can't believe how quickly it flew by. What an amazing first quarter we have had at MHP.

Our freshmen have assimilated into a college prep campus. Our sophomores and juniors will be diving into ECAPS to learn about the upcoming PSAT/NMSQT exam. Juniors and seniors have been learning about different colleges and universities. Seniors have been busy with college and scholarship applications and will soon be filling out their FAFSA. Our AP students have been actively tutoring students on campus on all subjects and it has been great to see the growth they've had.

VEX robotics is preparing to compete in their first competition of the year. Service Club has participated in community service events and is organizing MHP's trunk or treat event. Student Council held a successful fall pep assembly and homecoming spirit week that lead into "A Night in Paris" homecoming dance on Saturday, September 20th.

We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful MHP community. I would like to personally thank our student body, faculty and staff, and parents for their commitment to the pursuit of academic excellence. It is extremely rewarding to work with an education team so driven to providing our students with a quality education.

Yours Truly,

Rosana Rodriguez • Principal



School Calendar

OCTOBER 2025

10/2 Government Proficiency Assessment
10/3 No Breakfast/Lunch Service
10/22 12th Grade SAT School Day
10/22 Trunk-or-Treat
10/31 Halloween BBQ

DECEMBER 2025

12/2 Parent Workshop: Supporting Your Teen
12/8 Teen Talk w/ Ms. Schwindt
12/9 HPA Science Fair @ HPW
12/15 Visual Arts & Fine Arts Showcase
12/22-1/2 Winter Break

NOVEMBER 2025

11/14 Winter Sports Pep Assembly
11/11 Veteran's Day (No School)
11/18 Parent Workshop: FAFSA
11/22 MHP Aerial Drone Racing Competition
11/26-11/28 Thanksgiving Break

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 9/29-10/3: Mandatory Attendance Week
- 9/1-11/28: Pre-Enrollment Period
- 12/19/25: Enrollment Packets Due
- 1/24/26: Placement Testing
- 2/21/26: Course Registration

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



CONGRATS THOMAS, OUR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR SEMIFINALIST!

Congratulations to senior Thomas Clyne for being named a National Merit Scholar Semifinalist, placing him in the top 1% of the nation's high school graduating seniors! Each year, approximately 1.3 million juniors enter by taking the PSAT/NMSQT, and only about 16,000 students (roughly the top 1% of test takers) qualify as Semifinalists.

MHP COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS:

9/22/25	Bowdoin College
9/22/25	United States Naval Academy
9/22/25	Florida Polytechnic University
9/23/25	Hofstra University
9/23/25	Wentworth Institute of Technology
9/23/25	University of British Columbia
9/24/25	Smith College (Virtual)

EXTRACURRICULAR

SCHEDULE:

MONDAY 7:30 AM

NHS, MRS. WATSON

MONDAY 2:30-3:30 PM

VEX ROBOTICS, B117

ANIME CLUB, B222

ART CLUB, B211

PEP BAND, B111

SPEECH & DEBATE, B215

STUDENT COUNCIL, E114

MONDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

AERIAL DRONE RACING, B202

CREATIVE WRITING, B215

TUESDAY 2:30-3:30 PM

VEX ROBOTICS, B117

DRAMA CLUB, B116

MATHLETES, B206

SERVICE CLUB, MS. SCHWINDT

YEARBOOK, B222

TUESDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

SEAPERCH, B113

THURSDAY 2:30-3:30 PM

VEX ROBOTICS, B117

MATHLETES, B206

DRAMA CLUB, B116

CINEMA SOCIETY, E115

PERFORMANCE CHOIR, B111

EPICS ENGINEERING, B205

THURSDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

ESPORTS, B222

MHP NEWSPAPER, B220

EPICS ENGINEERING, B205

CHESS CLUB, B216

FRIDAY 2:30-3:30 PM

VEX ROBOTICS, B117

BOARD GAME CLUB, B206

GSA, B208

STUDENT COUNCIL, E114

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS, B116

FRIDAY 3:30-4:30 PM

GARDENING CLUB, B205

SPANISH CLUB, B114

PING PONG CLUB, B211

STEM DIGEST

A SUCCESSFUL FALL OPEN HOUSE & STEM SHOWCASE

Our Fall Open House and STEM Showcase was a resounding success! Current and prospective Heat families explored our vibrant classrooms, engaging with our exceptional teachers and discovering the innovative STEM projects that our students have been working on. It was wonderful to see the excitement and curiosity as families learned more about our STEM curriculum and the hands-on learning experiences that our students enjoy.



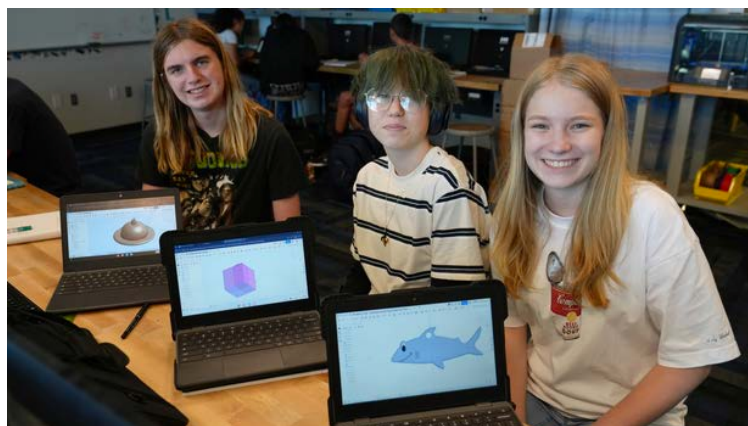
BEETS IN BLEACH IN AP BIOLOGY

In this lab, our AP Biology students investigated the relationship between cell size and efficiency by calculating the surface area to volume ratio of different sized cells. To visualize this concept, students cut beet cubes of varying sizes and soaked them in bleach. As the bleach diffused into the beets, students observed and recorded their findings. This striking visual demonstration helped students grasp the importance of surface area to volume ratio in material transport.



DESIGNING CUSTOM KEYCHAINS IN ENGINEERING

In our Introduction to Engineering classes, students put their design skills to the test by creating custom keychains for a classmate. Through collaboration and communication, students worked closely with their peers to bring their unique ideas to life, incorporating specific requests such as color, text or no text, and shape.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT **OF THE MONTH**



MR. GUNNELLS

Mr. Gunnells teaches Algebra 1. He earned his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education with a concentration on Special Education from Arizona

State University. He was born and raised in El Paso, Texas and has been teaching for 9 years. Mr. Gunnells' interests include spending time with family, trying new restaurants, and watching sports. Beyond the classroom, he serves as the advisor for Mathletes and Ping Pong Club. Mr. Gunnells has made a significant impression at MHP despite being new this year. His genuine care for his students' academic growth is evident in his teaching and we are grateful to have him part of the MHP team.



CEREAL BOXES BASED ON NEUROTRANSMITTERS

In a creative and engaging project, our AP Psychology students designed cereal boxes themed around different types of neurotransmitters, such as serotonin and dopamine. By tapping into their artistic skills, students showcased their understanding of the functions, malfunctions, and fascinating facts about each neurotransmitter.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



9/11 RIBBON MEMORIAL

The morning of September 11th, 2025, we took a moment to remember and honor the lives lost 24 years ago. Our students tied ribbons on the fence by our baseball field, a small but meaningful gesture to show honor and respect.



CAP & GOWN PICTURE DAY FOR OUR CLASS OF 2026

Our Class of 2026 stole the show on cap and gown picture day! It was wonderful to see our Heat dressed in their cap and gowns, beaming with joy and pride. This milestone serves as a poignant reminder of the incredible journey they've undertaken, and how quickly graduation is approaching. We're thrilled to capture this special moment and look forward to their graduation next spring!

ATHLETICS



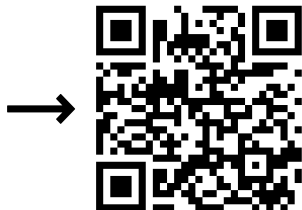
GIRLS FLAG FOOTBALL KICKS OFF THEIR SEASON

We're thrilled to announce that our Girls Flag Football season has officially kicked off, and the impact on our young athletes has been tremendous! The season has brought out the best in our girls, teaching them valuable lessons in teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship. As they take on the field, they're not only showcasing their skills but also building confidence, camaraderie, and a sense of community.

We invite the community to come out and support our athletes! Attend one of their upcoming games and witness the excitement and passion firsthand. We look forward to seeing you at the games and cheering on our Girls Flag Football team!

For a list of upcoming games, dates, and times, please visit <https://azpreps365.com/schools/2237>.

*Scan the QR code to
purchase your tickets
for upcoming MHP
sports games!*



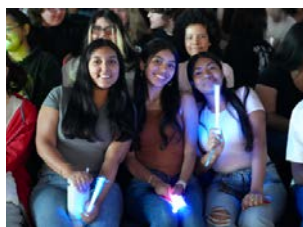
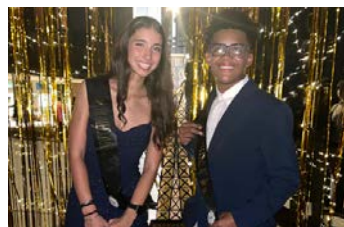
UPCOMING GAMES SCHEDULE:

V Girls VB	9/22	4:00 PM	Round Valley H.S.	A
Boys Soccer	9/23	6:00 PM	Highland Prep West	A
Girls Flag FB	9/23	7:00 PM	Palo Verde Magnet	H
XC	9/24	4:00 PM	Buena Rice Mountain	A
JV Girls VB	9/24	4:00 PM	ALA Anthem South	H
V Girls VB	9/24	5:00 PM	ALA Anthem South	H
Boys Soccer	9/24	6:00 PM	Benson High School	H
Girls Flag FB	9/25	6:00 PM	Paradise Honors	A
JV Girls VB	9/26	5:00 PM	Mountainside H.S.	H
V Girls VB	9/26	6:00 PM	Mountainside H.S.	H
Football	9/26	6:00 PM	Desert Christian	A
Boys Soccer	9/26	6:00 PM	Snowflake H.S.	H
Girls Flag FB	9/29	7:00 PM	Benjamin Franklin	A
JV Girls VB	9/30	5:00 PM	Mountainside H.S.	A
V Girls VB	9/30	6:00 PM	Mountainside H.S.	A
JV Girls VB	10/1	5:00 PM	Scottsdale Prep	H
V Girls VB	10/1	6:00 PM	Scottsdale Prep	H
Boys Soccer	10/1	6:00 PM	North Valley Christian	H
Girls Flag FB	10/2	7:00 PM	Valley Christian	H
JV Girls VB	10/3	5:00 PM	Desert Christian	H
V Girls VB	10/3	6:00 PM	Desert Christian	H
Boys Soccer	10/3	6:00 PM	Camp Verde H.S.	H

HAPPENINGS @ MHP

A BEAUTIFUL NIGHT IN PARIS HOMECOMING DANCE

Our Night in Paris Homecoming Dance was a magical evening! Our students dazzled in their finest attire, enjoying the beautiful Parisian decor and snapping memorable photos with friends. The DJ's incredible playlist kept everyone dancing all night long, creating an electric atmosphere that made the night truly unforgettable. A special congratulations to our 2025 Homecoming Court!



OUR TOY STORY PEP ASSEMBLY WAS OUT OF THIS WORLD!

Our Toy Story themed pep assembly was to infinity and beyond! We kicked off the afternoon by introducing our talented fall sports teams, followed by an electrifying performance from our cheer team that got everyone pumped up! The energy was contagious as we played fun games that brought out the best competitive spirit! The themed decor and glow sticks added a special touch, transforming the gym into a Toy Story wonderland.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NHS FALL 2025 INDUCTEES!

We're thrilled to congratulate our Fall 2025 National Honor Society (NHS) Inductees! NHS recognizes students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship, service, leadership, and character. May you continue to lead with integrity and inspire those around you. We cannot wait to see the impact you'll make in our school community.



Madison Highland Prep
2025-2026 Academic Calendar

July 0 	August 20 	September 21 	October 3 15
November 16 	December 15 	January 19 	February 19
March 5 12 	April 21 	May 16 	June

First Day of Quarter
Finals/Last Day of Quarter
Holiday/Break
Graduation

First Quarter Days 44

August	04	First Day - First Quarter
September	01	Labor Day
October	03	Last Day - First Quarter
October	06-10	Fall Break

Second Quarter Days 46

October	13	First Day - Second Quarter
November	11	Veterans Day
November	26-28	Thanksgiving
December	19	Last Day - Second Quarter
Dec / Jan	22-02	Winter Break

Third Quarter Days 43

January	05	First Day - Third Quarter
January	19	Martin Luther King Day
February	16	Presidents Day
March	06	Last Day - Third Quarter
March	09-13	Spring Break

Fourth Quarter Days 49

March	16	First Day - Fourth Quarter
April	03	Spring Holiday
May	21	Graduation
May	22	Last Day - Fourth Quarter
Instructional Days 182		

School Events

August	Parent Academy
September	Fall Open House
February	Spring Open House

Teacher Start/End Dates

July	28	Teachers Start Date
May	29	Teachers End Date

In-service - No Students Days

All Staff In-service	5
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Early Release Days - 1:30 pm Days

Professional Learning Community (PLC)	33
Teacher In-service/Work/Grades	4

Student Coursework Testing Days Days

Progress Reports	4
*Finals	4
*Finals/Last Day of Quarter	4

Blackout/Mandatory Attendance Dates

Sep/Oct	29-04	March	02-06
December	15-19	May	18-22

See Student Handbook

State Testing Dates

Please see Assessment Calendar available on Canvas.
MHP School Calendar will be modified to accommodate State Testing Calendar.

Special Dates

40th Student Day -	September	29 2025
100th Student Day -	January	16 2026

OPEN ENROLLMENT

2026-2027 Incoming Freshman Open Enrollment Deadlines



Pre-Enrollment Period: September 1, 2025 - November 28, 2025

Incoming Freshman must complete and submit the enrollment application to begin the enrollment process for the 2026-2027 school year. The enrollment application is located and can be submitted through the MHP website at www.MadisonHighlandPrep.org. The enrollment application is also available in the school office.

Enrollment Packets Due: Friday, December 19, 2025

Incoming Freshman must complete and submit the registration packet to secure enrollment in the Class of 2030. Registration packets may be returned to the school office, via facsimile, or via email to: clflores@madisonhighlandprep.org

Placement Testing Date: Saturday, January 24, 2026

Incoming Freshman must complete the 9th grade placement tests in Reading and Mathematics. Placement testing will be held on the MHP campus at 9:00 a.m. Incoming Freshman that do not complete the placement testing may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2026-2027 school year.

Course Registration Date: Saturday, February 21, 2026

Incoming Freshman must register for Fall 2026 honors-level and elective courses. Course registration will be held on the MHP campus from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Incoming Freshman that do not complete the course registration may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2026-2027 school year.

If you have any questions please contact the MHP office at: 602-745-3800

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