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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



HOME OF THE HEAT

SERVICE CLUB HOSTS CLOSET SWAP TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY

Madison Highland Prep's Service Club is hosting a Closet Swap, promoting the importance of sustainability. The event encourages students to reduce waste and support a more environmentally friendly approach to fashion. To participate, students are asked to bring in new or gently used clothing they'd like to donate.

In exchange for their donations, students will receive a ticket to use to "shop" the swap, browsing through the donated items and finding new treasures. Club

Advisor Ms. Schwindt noted, "We wanted to create a fun and inclusive space where students can connect, share styles, and support each other."

The Service Club has partnered with Buffalo Exchange, a retailer that buys, sells, and trades used clothing and accessories. Students who participate in the closet swap will be entered to win a Buffalo Exchange gift card. By working together, the club aims to make a positive impact on the environment and inspire others to do the same.



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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

As the fall season comes to a close, it's impressive to see how engaged and productive our students have been. They've approached their second-quarter classes with enthusiasm, deepening their understanding of each subject. While maintaining a strong focus on individual academic growth, they've also continued to collaborate effectively with their peers both inside and outside the classroom.

Fall athletics are wrapping up and teams are preparing for their banquets. Winter athletes are preparing for upcoming tryouts and winter athletic season. Student Council has wrapped up homecoming activities and is gearing up for our Halloween BBQ on

Friday, October 31st. Over the course of the first semester, Service Club has volunteered at Delivering Dreams of Arizona Thrift Boutique, St. Mary's Food Bank, and Farm Angel's Sanctuary. Service Club also organized MHP's 2nd annual Trunk-or-Treat event and is gearing up to host MHP's first closet swap on Friday, November 7th. VEX Robotics is preparing for their 2nd competition and Aerial Drone Racing is getting ready to host MHP's annual Aerial Drone Racing competition on November 22nd.

The Madison Highland Prep education team and I wish to extend our thanks for the wonderful year we have had thus far, and for the kindness and support shown by our families and learning community.

Yours Truly,
Rosana Rodriguez • Principal



School Calendar

NOVEMBER 2025

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

JANUARY 2026

1/10 MHP VEX Robotics Competition
1/12 Teen Talk w/ Ms. Schwindt
1/13 Parent Workshop: Scholarships 101
1/19-1/23 9th Grade ECAP Assignment
1/26-1/30 10th Grade ECAP Assignment

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

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

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



OUR HEAT TOUR THE GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Our juniors and seniors recently went on a campus field trip to Grand Canyon University, where they gained valuable insights into life as a Lope. During the informative tour, our Heat got the chance to explore the campus facilities and learn about their academic programs. This immersive experience allowed them to see the opportunities at GCU.

MHP COLLEGE PRESENTATIONS:

10/27/25	Azusa Pacific University
10/29/25	Senior Meeting
10/29/25	Arizona State University, Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
10/29/25	The University of Arizona, W.A, Honors College
10/30/25	University of Alabama
11/6/25	New Mexico State University

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

AP BIOLOGY STUDENTS EXPLORE PHOTOSYNTHESIS

Our AP Biology students investigated how plants produce oxygen and respond to varying light conditions. Using spinach leaves, students observed the process firsthand, noting the differences in oxygen production when exposed to bright light versus darkness. This engaging experiment not only deepened their understanding of photosynthesis, but also showcased the intricate relationship between lights, plants, and oxygen.



MACHINE LEARNING MOVEMENTS

Our Principles of Engineering students designed and built machines that can interact with humans through gestures like waving, high-fiving, and fist bumping using machine learning. The machines were coded to respond with the chosen movement after either detecting a certain color or having close proximity to a subject. By integrating machine learning, students brought their machines to life, demonstrating their ability to think outside the box and push the boundaries of what's possible in engineering.



ENGINEERING STUDENTS' AIRPOD & CELL PHONE CASES

Our Introduction to Engineering and Design students showcased their creativity and design skills by crafting custom cases for either AirPods or a cell phone. Each student had the freedom to choose their design, resulting in a diverse array of unique and personalized creations. We're so proud to see our students' brilliant creativity shine!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT **OF THE MONTH**



MS. SANDOVAL

Ms. Sandoval teaches Spanish at Madison Highland Prep. She earned her bachelor's degree in Bilingual Education from Arizona State University. She

was born and raised in Monterey, Mexico and has been teaching for over 18 years. In her free time, Ms. Sandoval enjoys spending time with her family. Beyond the classroom, she serves as the advisor for Spanish Club. As an educator, her goal is for her students to have a knowledgeable facilitator in order to grow intellectually by mastering Spanish. We are fortunate to have Ms. Sandoval on our faculty. Her love of teaching is evident in everything she does, and her students benefit greatly from her expertise.

MICHAEL SYNTAX LANDS IMPRESSIVE INTERNSHIP



MICHAEL SYNTAX

Junior Michael Syntax is currently interning at an impressive tech company, where he's been working Monday through Friday after school for the past eight

months. Michael shared he landed the internship by emailing the company and expressing his interest, even offering to "simply sweep the warehouse" to get his foot in the door. This bold move led to an in-person interview, where he impressed the team and secured the opportunity. As the only high school student working in the company, Michael has gained invaluable experience in mechanical engineering, which he plans to pursue in college.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



CIVIL WAR REENACTMENT

Our US History classes were treated to a unique learning experience with a dynamic guest speaker who brought the Civil War to life through a captivating reenactment and presentation of authentic artifacts used during the war.



MHP ENGINEERING CLUB INNOVATES FOR INCLUSION

The MHP Engineering Club recently wrapped up their "Makers of Change" projects, creating custom assistive devices for Levi, a young boy with cerebral palsy. With ingenuity and compassion, our students designed and built innovative solutions tailored to Levi's needs, taking a significant step toward a more inclusive world. We're beaming of pride of our Heat's dedication and creativity!

ATHLETICS



CHEER ATTENDS DESERT KICKOFF

Our cheer squad kicked off the competition season, attending the Desert Kickoff competition at Higley High School. The

team had the opportunity to showcase their skills, performing their routine and competing against numerous other schools. We're so proud of our ladies and cannot wait to see them bring the heat for the Highland Prep Academies Cheer Classic!

A HEARTFELT FAREWELL TO OUR SENIOR FALL ATHLETES!

The fall sports season is wrapping up, and we proudly salute our exceptional senior athletes! Their remarkable dedication, perseverance and teamwork have forever left their mark on Madison Highland Prep's legacy. These exceptional individuals have embodied the Heat spirit!



Our girls' volleyball team is set to celebrate their Senior Night on Wednesday, October 29th after JV's game and girls' flag football will celebrate on Thursday, October 30th at 6pm. Come out and support our ladies as they conclude their seasons.



WINTER SPORTS TRYOUT DATES

NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

 **GIRLS' BASKETBALL - 2:30-4:30PM (GYM)**

 **BOYS' BASKETBALL - 5:30-7:30PM (GYM)**

NOVEMBER 5TH & 6TH

 **GIRLS' SOCCER - 3:00-5:00PM (FIELD)**

NOVEMBER 10TH & 11TH

 **CHEER - 2:30-4:30PM (CAFETERIA)**

Deadline for athletic fees will be **November 13th**. Athletic fees will need to be paid before players can attend practice. You can make a payment through your students **Campus Parent Portal** or call the **front office** and pay by credit card or send in cash.

ATHLETIC FEES:

BOYS' JV BASKETBALL	\$100
BOYS' VARSITY BASKETBALL	\$125
GIRLS' JV BASKETBALL	\$100
GIRLS' VARSITY BASKETBALL	\$125
CHEER/WINTER SIDELINE	\$100
GIRLS' VARSITY SOCCER	\$125

Please make sure that you have all the required documentation along with the sports physical uploaded to your RMA account. We will not be accepting sports physicals in the front office. You will need to upload all required documents in your RMA account.



2ND ANNUAL HPA CHEER CLASSIC

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3RD, 2025

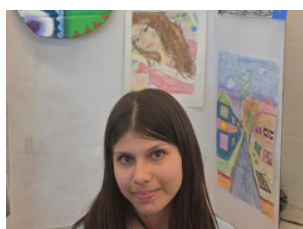
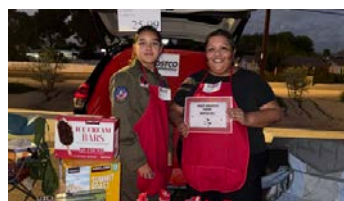
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HOSTED AT HIGHLAND PREP WEST GYM
12235 W VAN BUREN ST, AVONDALE, AZ 85323

HAPPENINGS @ MHP

MHP HOSTS SPOOKTACULAR TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Our trunk or treat event was a spooktacular success! Our community came together for a night of fun, friends, and festive frights! Congratulations to our winners for “Most Creative” and “Most Spooky” trunks! A huge thank you to our dedicated Service Club for planning an unforgettable evening, showcasing the spirit of community and kindness that defines our school.



CELEBRATING OUR TALENTED HEAT IN VISUAL & FINE ARTS

Our Fall Visual Arts & Fine Arts Showcase was an unforgettable evening, highlighting the exceptional talent of our students! Visual arts students showcased their stunning artwork from the first quarter, while the talented band and choir students performed memorable pieces they have been perfecting. Both showcases demonstrated the hard work and dedication that our arts programs foster. A special congratulations to the award-winning art students!

THE MADISON DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT

We were thrilled to have attended the 2025 Madison District High School Night, where we had the opportunity to share what makes MHP unique! It was a fantastic chance to connect with prospective Heat families and showcase our academics, sports, and extracurriculars. We're proud to partner with the Madison community!



**Madison Highland Prep
2025-2026 Academic Calendar**

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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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