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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



HOME OF THE HEAT

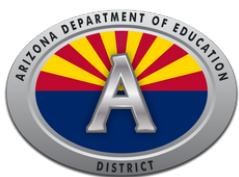
MHP VEX ROBOTICS TEAM 8373P WIN TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS!

Madison Highland Prep's VEX Robotics Team, 8373P, has qualified for the state competition after winning tournament champions at the recent HPW 3rd Annual VEX Robotics Competition.

8373P consist of five students: Adebowale Rafiu, Rocket Rolando, Keelan Shardonofsky, Wayne Galloway, and Tate Del Housaye. The team is now focused on delivering outstanding performances at the state competition, scheduled to take place on March 6th and 7th, 2026. With their sights set on the

next level, the team is eager to take on the best teams in the state and secure a spot at the VEX Robotics World Championship.

The team attributed their decisive victory to their new strategy and significant modifications to their bot, which gave them a distinct competitive edge in the tournament's complex challenges. Adebowale shared, "We're really excited for state because we've been working on our bots in a more strategic way and communicating better as a team." Go Heat!



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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

I can't believe winter break is upon us. Our students have made such remarkable progress during the first semester.

Our fall athletics wrapped up with several of our fall athletes being recognized by the AIA in our region. Elle Jenkins came in first place at the cross country regional competition. Student Council has hosted several events on campus including two pep assemblies, our Halloween BBQ, spirit weeks, and a movie night. MHP held it's RAC Aerial Drone Racing competition and two of MHP's VEX Robotics teams has earned a spot in the upcoming state competition. Cinema Society held auditions for their short film. MHP

students participated in the Highland Prep Academies Science Fair and Omar Arriaga took first place for his Affordable Biofabrication project. Seniors have been busy submitting their college applications and completing their FAFSA with over 80% of our seniors having submitted it to date. Their hard work earned MHP recognition from the Arizona Board of Regents for surpassing the 50% FAFSA completion rate ahead of the state's December 31st deadline. MHP's learning community will continue to thrive and evolve as each student maximizes their potential.

With the holiday season upon us, I want to express my warmest wishes for each and every one of you to have a safe and restful winter break. I am so proud of our community.

Yours Truly,
Rosana Rodriguez • Principal



School Calendar

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
12/15-12/19 Mandatory Attendance Week

FEBRUARY 2026

2/2-2/6 Winter Spirit Week
2/6 Winter BBQ
2/7 Winter Formal
2/12 Spring Open House & STEM Showcase
2/12 Spring NHS Induction Ceremony

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

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 12/19: No Breakfast or Lunch Service
- 12/19: Enrollment Packets Due
- 12/22-1/2: Winter Break (No School)
- 1/24/26: Placement Testing
- 2/21/26: Course Registration

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



OUR HEAT TOUR THE NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

Our juniors and seniors recently went on a campus field trip to Northern Arizona University, where they gained valuable insights into life as a Lumberjack. During the informative tour, they got the chance to explore the campus facilities, learn about their range of academic programs, and even enjoy lunch at the NAU dining hall.

MHP'S FIRST SEMESTER SCORCHING SENIORS:

September	Zoe Hudson
October	Makenna Douglas
November	Do Nghia
December	Abraham Rico

We want to give a massive shout-out and congratulations to our first semester "Scorching Seniors"! This title is reserved for a remarkable senior who stands out as an exemplary student and possesses great leadership qualities, integrity, and school spirit. Your hard work has not gone unnoticed.

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

OMAR ARRIAGA TAKES 1ST PLACE AT HPA SCIENCE FAIR!

Congratulations to Omar Arriaga for winning first place at the HPA Science Fair with his "Affordable Biofabrication" project! Driven by the critical need for organ donations and the high costs associated with current procedures, Omar explored innovative ways to reduce expenses by producing artificial organs. He successfully utilized PVA material combined with sodium alginate and calcium chloride to biofabricate an artificial organ.



ON THE PATH TO ENGINEERING INDUSTRY CERTIFICATION

Nine MHP students have achieved a significant milestone by passing the first of 3 RECF Engineering and Robotics Industry Certification exams. The following students are: Micah Wild, Kevin Pineda, Fernando Peralta, Noah Medina, Kane Rivera, Michael Syntax, Liam Steindler, Alaina Thompson, and Abraham Rico. By pursuing this certification, these students plan to demonstrate their expertise and enhance their college and career prospects.

INNOVATIVE UNIT CIRCLE INTERPRETATIONS IN MATH

Our students absolutely crushed their unit circle projects, transforming trigonometry into a vibrant celebration of creativity! From math-themed treats to clever interactive games, every project was a testament to their ingenuity. Each creation demonstrated an understanding of how radians and degrees intersect on the unit circle.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT **OF THE MONTH**



MRS. MARTIN

Mrs. Martin teaches Chemistry, AP Chemistry, and AP Environmental Science at Madison Highland Prep. She earned her bachelor's of science degree in chemistry and biochemistry from Kent State University. She was born in San Diego, California and raised in Dayton, Ohio. In her free time, Mrs. Martin enjoys reading, exercising, and video games. Beyond the classroom, she serves as the advisor for Student Council and assistant coach for Girls Soccer. We're incredibly fortunate to have Mrs. Martin as part of our faculty, shaping curious minds and ensuring students are not only prepared for future academic challenges, but are also excited about the possibilities within science.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



AERIAL DRONE TOURNAMENT

We are so incredibly proud of our Heat teams for their phenomenal performance and at the 4th Annual Aerial Drone Competition MHP recently hosted! Their seamless teamwork made it an exciting start to the drone season.



ART STUDENTS PREPARE FOR WINTER SHOWCASE

Our talented art students are currently preparing in the studio for their upcoming Visual Arts Showcase on Monday, December 15th, at 5 p.m. They are channeling their creativity into outstanding pieces that promise to captivate and inspire all who attend. We invite everyone to join us for this vibrant celebration of student artistry!



AP PSYCHOLOGY CLASS STEP INTO SOCK BABIES PROJECT

Our AP Psychology students are getting a hands-on lesson in responsibility through the "sock babies" project. This unique assignment requires them to care for their "infants" around the clock, providing a tangible experience of the demands and challenges of childcare. The project offers students a profound and memorable understanding of the patience and importance of providing consistent care.

ATHLETICS



HEAT BOYS BASKETBALL 3-1 TOURNAMENT FINISH

Our boys' basketball team brought the HEAT to the Ben Franklin Thanksgiving tournament! They finished the weekend with a 3-1 record, securing dominant wins over Apache Junction (82-27), Lincoln Prep (84-46), and Leading Edge Gilbert (74-49), and a loss to Veritas in the final game.



HPA CHEER CLASSIC

Congratulations to our incredible Heat Cheer team on their outstanding performances at the 2nd Annual HPA Cheer Classic! Your hard work, countless hours of practice, and undeniable team spirit consistently shine every time you take the competition mat. We are immensely proud of your dedication and energy. Keep up the great work!

UPCOMING GAMES SCHEDULE:

Girls BB	12/12	6:00 PM	Rancho Solano Prep	H
Boys BB	12/12	7:30 PM	Rancho Solano Prep	H
Girls Soccer	12/15	3:45 PM	Horizon Honors	A
Girls BB	12/15	5:30 PM	Scottsdale Christian	H
Boys BB	12/15	7:00 PM	Scottsdale Christian	H
Girls BB	12/16	7:30 PM	Great Hearts Anthem	A
Girls Soccer	12/17	5:00 PM	Highland Prep West	H
Boys BB	12/17	7:30 PM	Mountainside H.S.	H
Girls BB	1/7	5:30 PM	ALA- Mesa North	H
Girls Soccer	1/7	6:00 PM	Arete Prep	H
Boys BB	1/7	7:00 PM	Arete Prep	H
Boys BB	1/8	5:00 PM	NFL Yet	A
Girls BB	1/14	5:30 PM	Scottsdale Prep	H
Girls Soccer	1/14	6:00 PM	Gilbert Classical	A
Boys BB	1/14	7:00 PM	Scottsdale Prep	H
Girls BB	1/16	5:30 PM	Sedona Red Rock	A
Girls Soccer	1/16	6:00 PM	North Phoenix Prep	H
Boys BB	1/16	7:00 PM	Sedona Red Rock	A
Girls Soccer	1/20	6:00 PM	Tempe Prep	A
Girls BB	1/20	6:30 PM	BASIS Flagstaff	A
Girls BB	1/21	5:30 PM	Round Valley	H
Boys BB	1/21	7:00 PM	Round Valley	H

HAPPENINGS @ MHP

NINJA TURTLE WINTER SPORTS PEP ASSEMBLY

We kicked off our winter sports season in style with an electrifying assembly full of games, spirited cheers, and non-stop fun! It was a fantastic event where we proudly introduced our dedicated Girls' Basketball, Boys' Basketball, Girls' Soccer, and Winter Cheer teams. The energy was incredible, setting a perfect tone for the season ahead. A huge thank you to MHP Student Council!



MHP HOSTS CLOSET SWAP TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABILITY

Our MHP Service Club's Closet Swap was a huge success, thanks to our wonderful friends at Buffalo Exchange for partnering with us! Their support helped us promote sustainable fashion, and our closet swap participants loved the awesome tote bags, stickers, and pens they generously provided. A huge shoutout goes to everyone who came out, swapped some great clothes, and made this event both fun and environmentally friendly!

MHP HOLIDAY MOVIE NIGHT ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD

MHP Student Council hosted a cinematic evening under the stars with a special football field screening of the holiday classic, *Home Alone*. The event brought our students together for a cozy night with blankets and classic concessions like hot cocoa and popcorn. Thank you to everyone who joined us for this memorable experience.



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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Incoming Freshmen 2026-2027

COURSE PLACEMENT TESTING

Testing for: English Language Arts & Mathematics

SATURDAY

JANUARY
24TH

**STARTS AT 9:00 AM
AT MHP CAMPUS**

**1431 E CAMPBELL AVE.
PHOENIX, AZ 85014**

- ✓ Eat a good breakfast
- ✓ Check-in for testing no later than 8:45 AM
- ✓ Bring a water bottle

Incoming freshmen that do not complete the placement testing may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2026-2027 school year.

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