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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



HOME OF THE HEAT

THOMAS CLYNE NOMINATED AS 2026 U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLAR

Madison Highland Prep is proud to announce that senior Thomas Clyne has been selected as a candidate for the 2026 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Thomas is among a select group of students nationwide invited to apply for this honor, which recognizes graduating high school seniors for their exceptional academic achievements, leadership qualities, and commitment to excellence. As one of the highest honors bestowed upon high school students, the program provides a platform to celebrate the nation's most distinguished young

scholars as they prepare for their post-secondary journeys. The White House Commission on Presidential Scholars oversees the selection process, which culminates in the naming of up to 161 scholars from across the country. Thomas will now move forward in the application process to compete for a final spot in this elite group. The entire school community celebrates this milestone and takes great pride in his dedication and success. The final selections for the 2026 class will be announced later this spring by the U.S. Department of Education.



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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

As we near the end of the third quarter, I am proud to reflect on all that our school community has accomplished.

Our student-athletes have made a strong impact with multiple teams qualifying for conference playoffs during our fall and winter athletic seasons and our cheer earned bronze in the Duel in the Desert competition. Our student council wrapped up the winter season with our BBQ and winter formal. They hosted our spring pep assembly to introduce our spring athletic teams. VEX Robotics is preparing to compete in the state competition. As our seniors head into their final quarter, freshmen and juniors are preparing to take

the ACT Aspire and ACT exams. Juniors and seniors will be studying for their AP exams in May, and freshmen, sophomores, and juniors will be updating their four-year academic plans and completing their college research assignments.

It has been inspiring to witness the academic and personal growth of our students as they continue to mature into thoughtful scholars committed to lifelong learning. Our education team appreciates the continued partnership of our families in supporting students. Through their achievements, determination, and focus both inside and outside of the classroom, our students are developing the skills and experiences necessary to succeed in a 21st century global society.

Yours Truly,
Rosana Rodriguez • Principal



School Calendar

MARCH 2026

3/2 Spring Visual & Fine Arts Showcase
3/6 EOC's English, Math, Science
3/24 Parent Workshop: College Admissions
3/27 NHS Blood Drive
3/28 HPA SeaPerch Competition

MAY 2026

5/1 End of Year BBQ
5/14 Senior Sunset
5/19 Academic Awards Banquet
5/21 Graduation
5/22 Last Day of School

APRIL 2026

4/7 11th Grade ACT Testing
4/7 9th/10th/12th Asynchronous Learning
4/14 Parent Workshop: Stress Management
4/18 Prom Dance
4/23 HPA Science Fair @ MHP

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 3/6/26: No Breakfast/Lunch Service
- 3/9-3/13: Spring Break (No School)
- 3/25: 11th Grade SAT School Day
- 3/31: 11th AzSCI/ 9th ACT Aspire Testing
- 3/31: 10th/12th Asynchronous Learning

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



HEAT SENIORS ACCEPTED TO AN HONORS COLLEGE

Congratulations to our Class of 2026 seniors who have earned acceptance into their respective university honors colleges! This achievement reflects your relentless pursuit of academic excellence. We are incredibly proud to see your hard work recognized by these prestigious programs and celebrate this well-deserved milestone with you!



OUR SPRING NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY

Congratulations to our new inductees who were recognized at our Spring National Honor Society (NHS) Induction Ceremony! NHS serves to recognize students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, and character. We are proud to have more of our Heat join the esteemed organization!

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

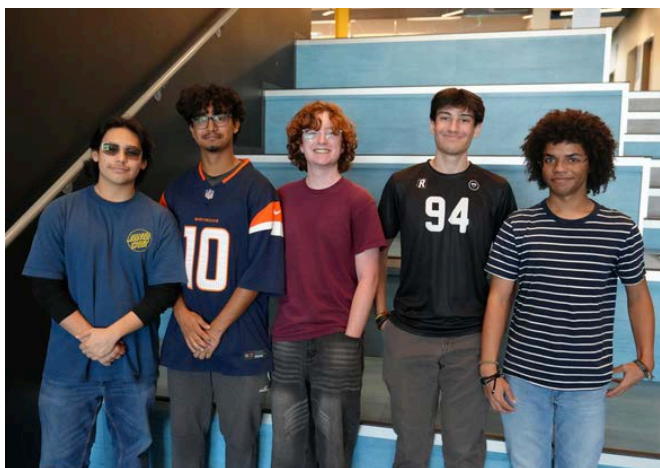
SPANISH CLUB, B114

PING PONG CLUB, B211

STEM DIGEST

OUR SPRING OPEN HOUSE & STEM SHOWCASE

Our Spring Open House & STEM Showcase was a success, filled with energy and innovation! It was a joy to welcome our community onto campus to meet our dedicated staff and explore our facilities firsthand. The highlight of the event was seeing families dive into our impressive STEM activities, sparking curiosity and creativity through hands-on learning. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us and made the day so memorable.



CONGRATS TO OUR RECF INDUSTRY CERTIFIED STUDENTS

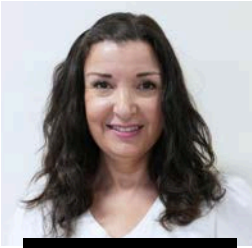
We are proud to announce that Kane Rivera, Angel Urias, Michael Syntax, Fernando Peralta, and Micah Wild have successfully earned the RECF Industry Certification! Earning this full certification is a two-step journey that began back in November. By passing this second exam, these students have demonstrated mastery in key STEM competencies designed to meet global industry standards. Congratulations to all of our newly certified students!

BRAIN DISSECTIONS IN BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE

Our Biomedical Science students recently had an immersive brain dissection lab! By mapping structural landmarks, they gained a fascinating, firsthand look at the intricate biological networks that power the human body. It's one thing to read about anatomy, but it's another thing entirely to hold it in your hands. Outstanding work, Heat!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT **OF THE MONTH**



MRS. ROSS

Mrs. Ross teaches AP English Language, English 3 Honors, English 1, and AP English Literature at Madison Highland Prep. She earned her B.A. in English from Western Michigan Uni-

versity and an M.F.A. degree in Creative Writing from Arizona State University. Mrs. Ross was born and raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan. In her free time, she enjoys traveling and reading. Beyond the classroom, she serves as the advisor for Newspaper Club and Creative Writing Club. Mrs. Ross is an invaluable member of the MHP faculty. Her unwavering care for her students and her passion for education are evident in every lesson. Thank you for everything that you do!



BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL TOWER

Our students visited the Phoenix Sky Harbor Air Traffic Control Tower for an exclusive look at their aviation operations! Thank you to the Sky Harbor team for showing us a behind the scenes look at all the work behind takeoffs and landings!

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



GCU ADMITTED STUDENTS

Grand Canyon University (GCU) recently surprised our GCU committed students with lunch, snacks, and a goodie bag filled with cool university merch. Thank you GCU! We can't wait to see all the amazing things our Future Lopes will do at Grand Canyon University!



DIGITAL ELECTRONICS MASTER CIRCUIT DESIGN

Our Digital Electronics students assembled custom random number generator circuit boards! From the precise placement of 555 timers to the intricate soldering of decade decoders, they discovered how components synchronize to produce a random result.

ATHLETICS



MHP CHEER WINS BRONZE AT DUEL IN THE DESERT

Our amazing cheer squad brought the heat to the Duel in the Desert competition and proudly brought home the bronze! Their incredible performance was a testament to months of hard work, unshakeable spirit, and seamless teamwork. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement!

AIA REGION RECOGNITIONS:



UPCOMING GAMES SCHEDULE:

Baseball	3/2	3:45 PM	San Simon H.S.	A
Softball	3/3	3:45 PM	St. Augustine H.S.	A
Baseball	3/4	6:00 PM	Wickenburg H.S.	H
Boys VB	3/5	4:00 PM	San Tan Charter	A
Softball	3/6	3:45 PM	Tempe Prep	A
Boys VB	3/6	4:30 PM	NFL Yet	H
Track & Field	3/7	All-Day	North Canyon H.S.	A
Boys VB	3/17	5:30 PM	St. John Paul II	A
Baseball	3/17	6:00 PM	Trivium Prep	H
Softball	3/19	3:45 PM	Fountain Hills H.S.	H
Baseball	3/19	3:45 PM	Fountain Hills H.S.	H
Boys VB	3/20	5:30 PM	Gilbert Classical	A
Softball	3/20	5:30 PM	Tempe Prep	H
Baseball	3/20	6:00 PM	Arete Prep	H
Track & Field	3/21	All-Day	Goodyear H.S.	A
Softball	3/23	3:45 PM	Camp Verde H.S.	A
Baseball	3/23	3:45 PM	Camp Verde H.S.	A
Boys VB	3/23	5:00 PM	ALA- Ironwood	H
Boys VB	3/24	5:30 PM	Odyssey Institute	A
Softball	3/25	3:45 PM	Phoenix Christian H.S.	A
Baseball	3/25	3:45 PM	Phoenix Christian H.S.	A
Softball	3/27	2:45 PM	Trivium Prep	A

HAPPENINGS @ MHP

HEAT SPRING SPORTS PEP ASSEMBLY

We had an absolute blast at our Spring Sports Pep Assembly, where the energy was off the charts. We loved introducing our new spring sports teams and cheering through the epic staff vs. student games. A huge shoutout to all our grade levels for crushing it with your class themes and Heat energy! Your spirit was unmatched. Let's channel this same hype right into the season. Go Heat!



LOVE IS IN THE AIR BBQ & WINTER FORMAL

Our Love is in the Air festivities were an absolute blast, featuring a high-energy BBQ and a magical Winter Formal! The celebration kicked off with our BBQ packed with delicious food, refreshing treats from the Kona Ice and Bevvy trucks, and plenty of friendly competition during musical chairs and yard games. The excitement continued with our Winter Formal the next day, where our Heat danced the night away in their best attire.

INCOMING FRESHMEN COURSE REGISTRATION

We had an incredible morning welcoming our newest Heat as they signed up for their first round of high school classes, sports teams, and summer camps. It was amazing to see these future leaders take their first steps toward their Madison Highland Prep journey. They are officially all set for the fall, and we couldn't be more excited!



**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

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

2026 HEAT SUMMER CAMPS



STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

(SESSION 1)

Mon to Thu • June 1st - June 11th
11:30am - 2:00pm

Focusing on building a physical and
mental foundation

Fee: \$100 | MHP Gym

(SESSION 2)

Mon to Thu • June 15th - June 25th
11:30am - 2:00pm

Fee: \$100 | MHP Gym

AERIAL DRONES

Mon to Thu • July 6th - July 9th
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Focusing on skills in preparation
for 2026-2027 aerial drone season

Fee: \$75 | MHP Engineering Lab

SOCCER

Mon to Thu • July 6th - July 16th
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Conditioning, offensive and
defensive skills, and teamwork drills

Fee: \$125 | MHP Field

BASKETBALL

Mon to Thu • July 6th - July 16th
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Conditioning, offensive and defensive
skills, and teamwork drills

Fee: \$125 | MHP Gym

PEP BAND

Mon to Thu • July 13th - July 16th
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Instrument is required. Refining skills
and collaborating in ensembles

Fee: \$75 | MHP Music Room

VEX ROBOTICS

Mon to Thu • July 13th - July 23rd
1:00pm - 4:00pm

Designing, programming, and
building skills in preparation for
2026-2027 robotics season

Fee: \$125 | MHP Engineering Lab

CROSS COUNTRY

Mon to Thu • July 20th - July 30th
6:00am - 8:00am

Conditioning, running skills, and
teamwork drills

Fee: \$125 | MHP Field

CHEER

Mon to Thu • July 20th - July 30th
8:00am - 11:00am

Conditioning, cheer and dance skills,
and teamwork drills

Fee: \$125 | MHP Gym

FLAG FOOTBALL

Mon to Thu • July 20th - July 30th
8:00am - 11:00am

Strength and conditioning, team
building, and football skills and drills

Fee: \$125 | MHP Field

FOOTBALL

Mon to Thu • July 20th - July 30th
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Strength and conditioning, team
building, and football skills and drills

Fee: \$200 | MHP Field

VOLLEYBALL

Mon to Thu • July 20th - July 30th
4:00pm - 7:00pm

Conditioning, volleyball skills, and
teamwork drills

Fee: \$125 | MHP Gym



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Registration forms available at madisonhighlandprep.com

