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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



START YOUR JOURNEY NEW FLIGHT PROGRAM

MHP LAUNCHES NEW FLIGHT PROGRAM WITH EMBRY-RIDDLE!

We are thrilled to announce that Madison Highland Prep is launching a groundbreaking flight program in partnership with Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University starting in Fall 2026! This program is exclusively available to our 11th and 12th grade students, offering a unique opportunity to jumpstart a professional pilot career while still in high school. We are incredibly proud to be the only high school to partner with Embry-Riddle for an opportunity of this caliber, giving our students a unique head start in the aviation industry. Through this partnership,

our students will earn five college credits via Dual Enrollment and receive comprehensive preparation for the FAA written exam. Our students will gain vital hands-on experience in our flight simulators and begin earning their Private Pilot License (PPL) hours. Enrollment for the Fall 2026 term is strictly limited. We encourage interested students to secure their place in this program by joining the official interest list immediately. To join, please scan the program QR code on the flyers around campus or visit: <https://form.jotform.com/260897013099061>.



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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

As we approach the end of the final quarter of the school year, Madison Highland Prep students will tackle advanced placement exams, update their four-year academic plans, and register for 2026-2027 courses. MHP's education team is counting on families to continue to support their students by ensuring they attend school well rested and homework completed.

These last remaining weeks of the school year are jam-packed with activities. Baseball, softball, boys volleyball, and track and field will be wrapping up their seasons and potentially preparing for a post-season run in playoffs. Student Council is gearing up to host a dodgeball

tournament, "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Prom and the end of year BBQ. Pep Band & Acapella are hosting MHP's annual Talent Show. Cinema Society has been busy filming their production, and Mathletes has a couple of competitions remaining to finish the year. We are excited to celebrate our athletic and extracurricular student achievements at our end of year Academic & Extracurricular awards banquet and preparing to send off our Class of 2026 graduates.

On behalf of the entire MHP education team, I wish to extend our thanks for the kindness and support shown by our families and learning community. We look forward to continuing this journey and helping our students achieve their dreams and secure a bright and prosperous future.

Yours Truly,

Rosana Rodriguez • Principal



School Calendar

APRIL 2026

4/7	11 th Grade ACT Testing	5/1
4/7	9 th /10 th /12 th Asynchronous Learning	5/14
4/14	Parent Workshop: Stress Management	5/19
4/18	Prom Dance	5/21
4/23	HPA Science Fair @ MHP	5/22

AP TESTING DATES:

5/4	AP Biology	5/8
5/5	AP Chemistry	5/12
5/6	AP English Literature	5/13
5/6	AP Physics	5/14
5/7	AP Statistics	5/14

MAY 2026

End of Year BBQ
Senior Sunset
Academic Awards Banquet
Graduation
Last Day of School

AP US History
AP Psychology
AP English Language
AP Spanish Language
AP Computer Science

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



SCORCHING SENIOR OF THE MONTH: RHETT CLEMENS

We are thrilled to spotlight senior Rhett Clemens, a dedicated student-athlete who has earned acceptance into Concordia Univ-

ersity, Nebraska with a \$76,000 scholarship and Arizona State University with a \$32,000 scholarship. Throughout his time at MHP, Rhett has been a valued member of the baseball program, demonstrating a commitment to both his sport and his academics. This coming fall, he plans to attend Concordia University, Nebraska, to pursue a degree in Exercise Science. The MHP community is incredibly proud of his hard work and looks forward to seeing all he accomplishes as he begins this exciting new chapter.



ERIK & RIZY SECURE SUMMER ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAM!

Juniors, Erik Lomeli and Rizy Lucas have been accepted to the Entrepreneurship Summer Academy at the University of Arizona. This June, they will spend a week residing on campus at the McGuire Center for Entrepreneurship, immersing themselves in a college environment focused on innovation, leadership, and business management.



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

SEAPERCH WIN AWARDS AT HPA COMPETITION!

Our Heat SeaPerch teams showcased incredible talent at the Highland Prep Academies 3rd Annual SeaPerch Competition as they maneuvered their ROVs through obstacle courses and mission courses. Among the standout performances, MHP Zora's Domain was honored with the Resiliency & Grit Award, while MHP SeaMonkeys earned the Sportsmanship Award. We celebrate the hard work and dedication displayed by all of our Heat teams!



VEX ROBOTICS TEAMS COMPETE IN 2026 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Our Heat VEX Robotics teams, MHP Loose Screws and MHP Smoking Motors, recently showcased their talent at the Arizona State Championship, competing alongside the most elite programs in the state. Their performance on this high-stakes stage reflected not only technical skill but also incredible perseverance and collaboration. We are remarkably proud of the hard work they displayed throughout the season and celebrate this big milestone!

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EXPLORE BIOSPHERE 2

Mrs. Martin's Environmental Science students enjoyed an interactive field trip exploring Biosphere 2, the University of Arizona's world-renowned "living laboratory." They stepped inside this massive, enclosed research facility to see firsthand its interconnected biomes, including a rainforest, desert, ocean, and mangrove wetlands.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



DR. SHERER

We are proud to spotlight our dedicated college counselor, Dr. Sherer, an Illinois native with over 15 years of diverse experience across K-12, higher education, and mental health services. With an Ed.D in Educational Leadership and credentials as a Licensed Professional Counselor and Certified Executive Coach, Dr. Sherer brings a powerful blend of academic expertise and leadership development. She works tirelessly to provide top-tier college and scholarship guidance, helping students navigate complex career planning. She is renowned for her student-centered approach, building deep, trusting relationships that ensure every student feels supported and empowered.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



DIGITAL MEDIA FILM NEW PINEAPPLE PARFAIT RECIPE

Our Digital Media students recently filmed a new episode of "Cooking with Heat," this time featuring a Pineapple Parfait! Stay tuned for the full recipe video!



NEW
WELDING & FABRICATION
PROGRAM

Step into the future of engineering and manufacturing with our brand-new Welding & Fabrication course. Joining as a 5th-hour elective in Fall 2026. This course will utilize the industry-leading U-Link® curriculum from Lincoln Electric.

PROGRAM:

- ✓ Principles of Welding
- ✓ Welding Careers
- ✓ Robotics
- ✓ Plasma Cutting
- ✓ Thermal Cutting
- ✓ Blueprint Reading
- ✓ Fabrication




OPEN TO 11TH & 12TH GRADE STUDENTS | LIMITED SPOTS | COMING FALL 2026

MADISON HIGHLAND PREP TRACK AND FIELD

4-7PM

APRIL 10, 2026

6149 N. 7TH ST PHOENIX, AZ 85014



SUPPORT OUR TRACK & FIELD CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Get your ride sparkling clean and support our athletes at the MHP Track & Field Super Star Car Wash Fundraiser! Join us on Friday, April 10, from 4:00pm to 7:00pm at 6149 N 7th St, Phoenix. Simply scan the barcode on our flyer and enjoy a professional wash.

ATHLETICS



MHP PARENT VS. PLAYER VOLLEYBALL MATCH

The 1st Annual Parent vs. Player Volleyball Match was a huge success, bringing families together for a night of high energy and competition. The parents put up a strong fight, but the boys ultimately secured a 3-1 victory. It was a great way to build community and celebrate our athletes on the court!

TRACK & FIELD SENIOR NIGHT



UPCOMING GAMES SCHEDULE:

Track & Field	4/4	All-Day	Sabino High School	A
Baseball	4/6	4:40 PM	Scottsdale Christian	A
Boys VB	4/8	5:30 PM	ALA- Anthem South	H
Softball	4/8	5:30 PM	Scottsdale Christian	H
Baseball	4/8	6:00 PM	Scottsdale Prep	H
Boys VB	4/9	5:30 PM	North Valley Christian	H
Baseball	4/10	3:00 PM	Mohave Accelerated	A
Softball	4/10	5:30 PM	ALA- Mesa North	H
Track & Field	4/11	All-Day	Valley Christian H.S.	A
Softball	4/13	3:45 PM	Fountain Hills H.S.	A
Baseball	4/13	3:45 PM	Fountain Hills H.S.	A
Boys VB	4/14	5:30 PM	Seton Catholic Prep	A
Softball	4/15	5:30 PM	Camp Verde H.S.	H
Baseball	4/15	6:00 PM	Camp Verde H.S.	H
Boys VB	4/16	3:30 PM	Horizon Honors	A
Track & Field	4/17	All-Day	Mingus Union H.S.	A
Boys VB	4/17	5:30 PM	Parker High School	H
Softball	4/20	1:00 PM	Scottsdale Christian	A
Baseball	4/20	6:00 PM	Scottsdale Christian	H
Boys VB	4/21	5:30 PM	Highland Prep	A
Baseball	4/22	3:45 PM	Lincoln Prep	A
Softball	4/22	5:30 PM	Highland Prep West	H

HAPPENINGS @ MHP

OUR HEAT CLASS OF 2026 BANNER IS OFFICIALLY UP!

Our Class of 2026 banner is officially on display, marking a significant milestone for our seniors as they enter their final months on campus. As this banner hangs, it serves as a reminder that the entire campus is incredibly proud of the dedication they have shown throughout their journey. We look forward to celebrating their continued success as they prepare for the next chapter of their lives!



STUNNING CREATIVITY AT VISUAL & FINE ARTS SHOWCASE

Our Visual Arts Showcase was a stunning celebration of creativity and passion, highlighting the incredible skill of our students. Congratulations to those who were recognized with awards for their exceptional work. The evening continued with a spectacular Fine Arts Showcase, where our band and choir students delivered moving musical performances. It was wonderful to see so many families celebrate the vibrant arts community at MHP!

PROM SPIRIT WEEK FOR 4/13-4/17:

Monday



Senior Citizen Day

Tuesday



Pajama Day

Wednesday



Celebrity Day

Thursday



Pink Day

Friday



Mini-Me Day

**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

New! 2026-2027 School Year



Principles of AI Course

PLTW Computer Science Pathway

We're thrilled to announce Madison Highland Prep will be offering Principles of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the 2026-2027 school year! This semester-long course immerses students in key elements of AI.



Why Should Students Take Principles of AI?

- **Student readiness:** Bridges the gap between "using ChatGPT" and building future-ready data, modeling, and ethics skills.
- **Policy-aligned and safe:** Establishes responsible AI practices.
- **Workforce relevance:** Connects AI to in-demand careers across STEM, healthcare, and industry to provide clear pathway value.

- ✓ Prompt and context engineering
- ✓ Data literacy and classification
- ✓ Introductory model training
- ✓ Privacy and security
- ✓ Ethical decision-making

SCAN ME



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

