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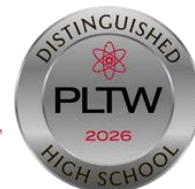


HOME OF THE HEAT

THOMAS CLYNE SELECTED AS A 2026 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR!

Madison Highland Prep is proud to announce that senior Thomas Clyne has been named a National Merit Scholar, representing the first time a student has earned this official title in our school's history, following a strong tradition of many Semifinalists from the MHP community. Out of 1.3 million students who entered the competition nationwide, Thomas rose to the top to earn a \$2,500 National Merit Scholarship. The selection process for National Merit Scholars is highly competitive, beginning with the PSAT/NMSQT, where only the

top 1% of scorers in each state advance as Semifinalists. To move toward Finalist standing and scholarship consideration, students must maintain a consistently high academic record, earn a confirming score on the SAT or ACT, and receive a formal recommendation from their school principal. A committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors then evaluates each Finalist. Madison Highland Prep congratulates Thomas on this national recognition and appreciates his contribution to the school's academic environment.



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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

As we close out another remarkable school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together and express my sincere gratitude for the people that make MHP such a special place.

This year has been filled with achievements that exemplify the spirit of perseverance, teamwork, and innovation that defines our school. Two of our VEX Robotics teams made it to the state VEX competition. Two of our SeaPerch Robotics teams qualified for the international competition taking place at the end of May in Maryland. One of our senior Mathletes qualified for the national Mathletes competition in St. Louis, MO.

Track and Field had six athletes qualify for divisional competition. Our Service Club participated in a myriad of community service projects. We have five juniors who earned the Scholastic Achievement Certificate awarded by Congressman David Schweikert. Perhaps most impressively, our Class of 2026 earned over \$7.2 million in merit scholarships. We have our first National Merit Scholar and US Presidential Scholar candidate in MHP history, and our first High School Senior Merit Award winner awarded by Congressman David Schweikert.

As we head into summer, I want to thank our students, parents, teachers, and staff for making this year one of fun, success, dedication, and community. I hope the break ahead provides time for rest, reflection, and celebration.

Yours Truly,

Rosana Rodriguez • Principal



School Calendar

MAY 2026

5/1	End of Year BBQ	5/15	Student Council Exec. Board Elections
5/4-5/8	Teacher Appreciation Week	5/18	Visual Arts & Fine Arts Showcase
5/9	Heat Mini Cheer Clinic	5/19	Academic Awards Banquet
5/11	Student Council Class Rep. Elections	5/21	Graduation
5/14	Senior Sunset	5/22	Last Day of School

SUMMER CAMP SCHEDULE:

6/1-6/11	Strength & Conditioning (Session 1)	7/13-7/23	VEX Robotics
6/15-6/25	Strength & Conditioning (Session 2)	7/20-7/30	Cross Country
7/6-7/9	Aerial Drones	7/20-7/30	Cheer
7/6-7/16	Basketball	7/20-7/30	Flag Football
7/6-7/16	Soccer	7/20-7/30	Football
7/13-7/16	Pep Band	7/20-7/30	Volleyball

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



SCORCHING SENIOR OF THE MONTH: DANIEL SOTELO

We are thrilled to spotlight senior Daniel Sotelo, our current student council president, who has earned acceptance to an impressive list

of universities, including Arizona State University, the University of California, Irvine, and the University of California, San Diego. Throughout his time at MHP, he has been heavily involved in Student Council, Yearbook, NHS, and served as Captain of the Heat Boys Volleyball team. This coming fall, Daniel plans to attend Arizona State University to major in Neuroscience. Congratulations, Daniel! We are beyond proud of your accomplishments and cannot wait to see where your future takes you.



DANIEL SOTELO & MARTHA CRUZ ARE 2026 DORRANCE SCHOLARS!

We are proud to announce that Daniel Sotelo and Martha Cruz

have been named recipients of the prestigious Dorrance Scholarship. This life-changing scholarship provides \$12,000 annually—renewable for four years—to support their education. Valued at over \$100,000, the program offers far more than financial support, including a five-week summer bridge program, international travel opportunities, dedicated mentorship, and two years of on-campus housing to ensure collegiate success. We congratulate these two exceptional Heat leaders on this well-deserved achievement!

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS!

We are proud to showcase that our Heat took home big wins at the Highland Prep Academies Science Fair! Our Heat took first place with "Humans vs. Nature" and second place with the "Determining the LC50 of Extracts." In addition, the Grit Award for "Brake-ing Point," the Excellence in Scientific Method award for "Basically Botany," and the Excellence in Engineering award for the "Inclusive Game Controller."

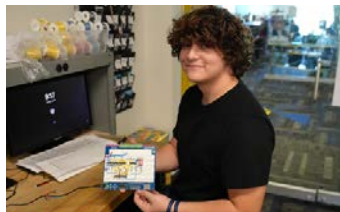


MICAH WILD SECURES SPOT AT MATH LEAGUE NATIONALS

We are proud to celebrate senior Micah Wild, who secured a remarkable fourth-place finish at the Math League Arizona State Championship held in Tucson. His outstanding performance has qualified him for the Math League National Championship in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 16th. We are honored by Micah's achievement as he prepares to represent our school on the national stage, and we wish him the absolute best of luck in the competition.

DIGITAL ELECTRONICS CLASS MASTERS CIRCUIT WIRING

Our Digital Electronics class engineered complex circuits capable of displaying their own birth dates using programmed LED outputs. This challenging project required precise wiring and significant logical problem-solving to ensure the LEDs functioned in the correct sequence. These young engineers are mastering breadboarding techniques!



TEACHER SPOTLIGHT **OF THE MONTH**



Ms. Gorman has taught high school mathematics and tutored high school students in mathematics for over ten years. She holds a Bachelor of Art in Secondary Mathematics Education from

Arizona State University. Ms. Gorman was born in Gallup, New Mexico and was raised in Nazlini, AZ, the heart of the Navajo Nation. She facilitates MHP's homework support program every day afterschool. Ms. Gorman is a standout math teacher whose passion for the subject makes even the most complex concepts accessible and engaging for her students. We are incredibly lucky to have her on our Heat faculty, fostering both academic growth and a genuine love for math!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ASU SUMMER INTERNS!

We are thrilled to announce that six of our students have been selected for The ASU Transportation Extravaganza: Abigail R, Esther L, Andres H, Alex A, Kane R, and Jovani A. This immersive 5-day internship program, offers rising 11th and 12th graders a deep dive into transportation engineering through site visits to local hubs and intensive design challenges. Congratulations to these future industry leaders!

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



GOVERNMENT CLASSES VISIT PHOENIX COURTHOUSE

Our government students had the opportunity to visit the Sandra Day O'Connor Federal Courthouse in Phoenix seeing firsthand our federal legal system.



LIA ROTHMAN SELECTED FOR FILM FESTIVAL

We are proud to announce that student filmmaker Lia Rothman had her short film, *Zombies?*,

selected for the Arizona Student Film Festival. This highly competitive national event, which receives entries from across the country, featured Lia's film as part of its official showcase at the Harkins Scottsdale 101 on April 18, 2026. Being listed alongside top student creators on the festival schedule is a remarkable achievement, highlighting the professional caliber of her storytelling and technical skill. It's so rewarding to see Lia's hard work and talent recognized on a big stage. We know this is just the beginning of her exceptionally bright career in film! Way to go, Lia!

ATHLETICS

MHP CELEBRATES BASEBALL SENIOR NIGHT

We celebrated an unforgettable Heat Baseball Senior Night, honoring the leadership and growth of Nate, Anthony, and Rhett. It has been a true privilege to watch these athletes transform from ambitious freshmen into the inspiring leaders they are today. While the dugout won't be the same without their presence, we are honored to have shared in their journey and look forward to cheering them on as they begin their next chapters!

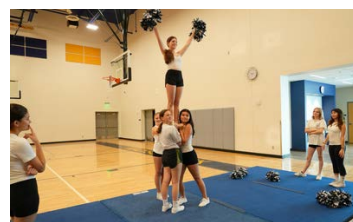


BOYS VOLLEYBALL SENIOR NIGHT

We celebrated our Heat Boys Volleyball seniors, Fernando, Z'ron, and Daniel as they took the court for their final home game. These three have truly come into their own since they started, transforming into the backbone of the team and setting a powerful example of what it means to be a student-athlete. While their presence at the net will be deeply missed, we are so proud of the character they've built and the dedication they've shown. We wish you all the best in your next chapter!

SIGN UP FOR OUR 2026 SUMMER CAMPS!

Our summer camps are almost here, and now is the time to secure your spot! With a diverse lineup ranging from basketball and cheer to flying drones and volleyball, there truly is something for everyone. We are also thrilled to debut our new Strength & Conditioning camp with two sessions available. Don't wait—head to the front office today to drop off your registration forms and fees.



HAPPENINGS @ MHP

OUR END-OF-THE-YEAR BBQ CELEBRATION

We had the absolute best time at our end-of-year Aloha BBQ! Our students enjoyed a massive water slide and engaged in epic water balloon fights, while staying cool with refreshing treats from local shaved ice and gelato trucks. We couldn't have asked for a better way to wrap up this great year and are incredibly grateful for the amazing vibes and spirit our Heat brought to this final BBQ.



A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM PROM 2026

A Midsummer Night's Dream Prom 2026 was a magical milestone, transforming the industrial-chic space of Monorchid into an enchanted forest for an evening of elegance. Our Heat brought incredible energy to the dance floor, surrounded by ethereal decor that perfectly captured the whimsical theme. It was a spectacular night filled with laughter and community, providing our students with an unforgettable way to celebrate, dancing the night away.

CREATIVE WRITING CLUB'S OPEN MIC NIGHT

The MHP Creative Writing Club hosted a captivating Open Mic Night, providing a platform for students and staff to take center stage. The evening was a profound display of literary talent as performers bravely shared original works and cherished pieces. This event highlighted self-expression and the power of the written word.



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

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



2026 Summer Feeding Program

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Program Overview

Madison School District will be participating in the Summer Food Service Program, which provides free meals to children 18 years of age or younger. Children do NOT have to be enrolled in any summer program OR at Madison Elementary School District to participate. No application or paperwork is required. Community members wishing to participate should report to the school office and ask to be directed to the cafeteria. Meals must be consumed on-site and during meal times. Service is first come first serve.

To view menus, please visit: linqconnect.com or <https://www.madisonaz.org/families/food-nutrition-services>

Summer Feeding Sites and Dates

Madison Camelview

Address 2002 E Campbell Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85016

Serving Dates: Monday through Friday, 6/1/2026 through 6/17/2026

Breakfast Times: 8:00 - 8:15

Lunch Times: 11:45 - 12:45

Madison Park Middle School

Address 1431 E Campbell Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85014

Serving Dates: Monday through Thursday, 6/1/2026 through 7/2/2026 (**NO SERVICE 6/18/2026**)

Breakfast Times: 7:30 - 7:55

Lunch Times: 11:30 - 12:00

Madison Richard Simis School

Address 7302 N 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Serving Dates: Monday through Friday, 6/1/2026 through 7/31/2026 (**NO SERVICE 6/19/2026 & 7/3/2026**)

Breakfast Times: 7:45 - 8:20

Lunch Times: 11:45 - 12:45

Madison Traditional Academy

Address 925 E Maryland Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85014

Serving Dates: Monday through Friday, 6/1/2026 through 7/31/2026 (**NO SERVICE 6/19/2026 & 7/3/2026**)

Breakfast Times: 7:45 - 8:20

Lunch Times: 11:45 - 12:45

