



THE HEAT CHRONICLES

MADISON HIGHLAND PREP'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



ECAP Extravaganza: Your Road Map to Free College

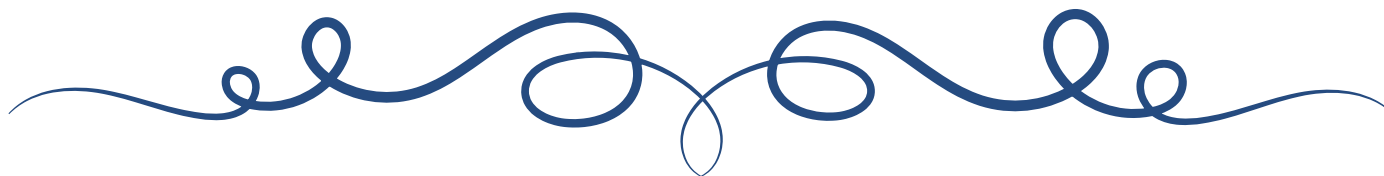
This October, Madison Highland Prep students are kicking off the year with their Fall Education and Career Action Plan (ECAP) meetings, the first of three this school year, with more to come in February and April. In these meetings, every student builds a personalized four-year plan to explore colleges and careers, set goals, and get the most out of college acceptance and scholarship opportunities. A highlight this year is the new Major Map Decoder, which shows students exactly how their Madison Highland Prep courses count toward a real college degree. For example, a senior pursuing Biological Sciences at Northern Arizona University could arrive with 45 college credits already earned, saving about three semesters with \$0 in tuition. With AP and Dual Enrollment courses offered right on campus through partners like Embry-Riddle, Maricopa Community Colleges, and PLTW, students can earn thousands of dollars in college credit before graduation.

There's even more ahead. Our Senior Internship program has expanded to twice the time, and new opportunities like Welding and Fabrication and Embry-Riddle aviation give students real-world experience and a head start on their futures. ECAP meetings also help students understand their GPA and transcript, prepare for the SAT and ACT, and learn how activities, athletics, and community service help them stand out. That planning pays off: our Class of 2026 earned an incredible \$17 million in scholarships! Families, ask your student about their ECAP meeting, the goals they set, and the college major they explored. Together, we're building a bright future for every member of the Heat family.





MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Dear MHP Families,

As fall begins to wind down, it is incredible to reflect on how much our students have accomplished in such a short time. Our students have embraced the first quarter with enthusiasm and determination, continuing to strengthen their understanding and mastery of the content in each of their classes. At the same time, they are learning the importance of balancing individual academic goals with collaboration, teamwork, and meaningful relationships with their peers.

At Madison Highland Prep, we believe that involvement beyond the classroom is an essential part of the high school experience. Extracurricular activities provide our students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, build lasting connections, explore their interests, and contribute to the vibrant culture that makes MHP special. These experiences also allow our students to grow as well-rounded individuals as they prepare for their futures beyond high school.

Our fall athletic season is in full swing. Our Varsity Volleyball team came in first place at the Small School Epic Tourney. Cheer is preparing for the upcoming competition season. Flag Football and tackle Football teams continue to demonstrate grit and determination every game. Our Drone and VEX Robotics teams are also hard at work learning and preparing for the new competition challenges of the 2026–2027 season. We are excited to host the MHP Drone Competition on Saturday, November 21st, and look forward to seeing our students showcase their skills and dedication.

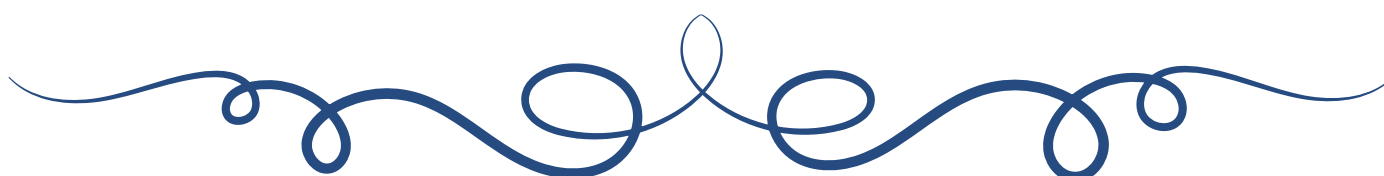
Drama Club has hosted auditions and is preparing for their production of “Love's Labour's Lost.” National Honor Society hosted their first blood drive of the school year and Student Council has held a eventful homecoming spirit week with daily grade level lunch challenges to promote school spirit.

As we approach fall break, the Madison Highland Prep education team and I want to express our sincere gratitude to our families and entire learning community. Your continued support, encouragement, and partnership play an important role in the success of our students. We are incredibly proud of all that our students have accomplished thus far and look forward to all that is still to come.

Thank you for being such an important part of the MHP community!

Yours Truly,

Rosana Rodriguez
Principal





UPCOMING EVENTS



October Events



Mandatory Attendance Week	October 5 – 9	ALL DAY
Visual Arts Showcase	Monday, October 5	5 PM
Fine Arts Assembly	Friday, October 2	1:30 PM
Finals	October 8 – 9	ALL DAY
Fall Break	October 12 - 16	ALL DAY
PSAT 8/9 (9th Grade)	Tuesday, October 20	ALL DAY
PSAT/NMSQT (10th/11th Grade)	Tuesday, October 20	ALL DAY
BOC's 2 nd Quarter	Thursday, October 22	ALL DAY
Trunk-or-Treat	Thursday, October 29	5:30 PM
Halloween BBQ	Friday, October 30	10:30 AM

No breakfast/lunch service on Friday, October 9th.
Students will have to eat breakfast at home and bring a lunch from home.

Parent Events

Parent Workshop - FAFSA	Tuesday, October 6	4:30 PM
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Senior Events

Asynchronous 12 th Grade	Tuesday, October 20	ALL DAY
SAT Testing	Wednesday, October 21	ALL DAY
Senior Meeting	Wednesday, October 28	9:30 AM





HOME GAMES



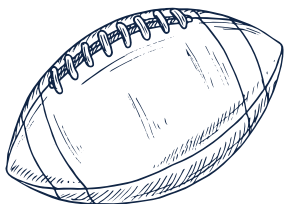
FOOTBALL

MHP vs. Scottsdale Prep	Friday 10/2	7 PM
MHP vs. Heritage Acad Mesa	Friday 10/9	7 PM

VOLLEYBALL



MHP vs. Tonopah Valley	Wednesday 10/7	JV @ 4PM V @ 5PM
MHP vs. Highland Prep	Friday 10/9	JV @ 4PM V @ 5PM
MHP vs. Arete Prep	Friday 10/23	JV @ 5PM V @ 6PM
MHP vs. Kingman	Monday 10/26	JV @ 4PM V @ 5PM



FLAG FOOTBALL

MHP vs. Kingman	Thursday 10/22	7 PM
MHP vs. Seton Catholic Prep	Tuesday 10/27	7 PM





ATHLETICS UPDATE

FOOTBALL

Madison Highland Prep's varsity football team has shown plenty of heart and grit this fall. The Heat opened the season with a hard-fought defensive battle against Highland Prep that came down to a single score, and they put up 16 points against Highland Prep West. Senior Xander Ashcraft has led the way on both sides of the ball, averaging nearly 78 rushing yards per game with two touchdowns while also forcing and recovering a fumble on defense. Senior Aedan King has added a strong running game, and senior Connor May anchors the defense with a team-high 4.5 tackles per game. Sophomore Ricardo Miranda has been a playmaker at receiver and defensive back, and senior Eric Tallabas came up big with an interception. Every week the Heat keep competing hard and getting better together. October brings a home game under the lights on October 9 at 7:00 pm against Heritage Academy Mesa, so come out, fill the stands, and show our players what Heat pride looks like!



FLAG FOOTBALL

Madison Highland Prep's varsity flag football team is showing what hustle and determination look like this fall. Under head coach Nicholas Moreno, the Heat have taken the field against some of the toughest programs in the Valley, and every game has been a chance to learn, compete, and grow together as a team. The players keep bringing energy, teamwork, and a never-give-up attitude to every snap, and that spirit is building something special for the future of the program. October is packed with exciting matchups, including a trip to take on Highland Prep on October 6, followed by two home games at 7:00 pm, against Kingman on October 22 and Seton Catholic Prep on October 27. Come out, cheer loud, and show our athletes that the Heat family has their backs!



VOLLEYBALL

The gym has been buzzing this fall as Madison Highland Prep's varsity girls volleyball team brings energy and determination to every match. The highlight so far came on September 12, when the Heat went a perfect 4-0 at an invitational, beating Miami, Desert Star, Antelope Union, and Apache Junction in a single day. The team also earned a hard-fought five-set win at Andrada Polytechnic and pushed Chino Valley and Mohave to five sets. Senior Gia Mammini leads the defense with 184 digs, and senior Cady Dustan runs the offense with 155 assists and a team-high 32 aces. Junior Lailee Sotelo powers the attack with 80 kills. October brings four home matches: Tonopah Valley on October 7 at 5:00 pm, Highland Prep on October 9 at 5:00 pm, Arete Prep on October 23 at 6:00 pm, and Kingman on October 26 at 5:00 pm.

Pack the gym and cheer on the Heat!



CROSS COUNTRY

Madison Highland Prep's cross country team is off and running, and some of our athletes are already making school history! Freshman Brendan Lewis ran a 5K in 19:11.8 at the NoPo Invitational, the third-fastest time in school history, and fellow freshman Anthony Parra cracked the program's all-time top 11 in 19:55.7. On the girls' side, junior Narissa Nagji set a personal record of 25:04.4 to move into sixth place on the school's all-time list. With so many young runners already rewriting the record books, the future of Heat cross country is bright! October is packed with races, including the Bradshaw Mountain Invitational on October 10, the East Valley XC Invite on October 21, and the Talon Invite on October 24, all leading up to the AIA Sectional on November 5. Cheer on our runners as they chase new PRs!





STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



CHRISTOPHER DEVOUS
SENIOR



Madison Highland Prep is proud to congratulate Christopher Devous on being named a National Merit Semifinalist. Christopher brings a quiet spirit of excellence to everything he does, balancing his academic achievements with an impressive commitment to leadership and the arts. At MHP, he serves as secretary and treasurer for VEX, president of Science Olympiad and Acapella, and vice president of Mathletes.

Outside of school, Christopher shares his talents on the stage through Don Bluth Front Row Theatre. He was recently nominated for a regional theatre award for his performance as Jim Hawkins in their production of *Treasure Island*. His involvement across academics, STEM, music, and theatre reflects the wide range of interests and dedication he brings to everything he takes on.

This recognition reflects the discipline and high standards Christopher has shown throughout his high school years. We are excited to cheer him on as he continues in the National Merit Scholarship competition and represents Madison Highland Prep so well.



SOPHIA BETHELL
SENIOR



Sophia Bethell has started her senior year with the kind of steady example that makes a difference. She arrives prepared, takes care of her responsibilities, and remains focused on her goals. Her kindness and willingness to help others have earned the respect of both her peers and teachers. Through her daily choices, Sophia reflects the leadership, respect, and work ethic we hope every senior will carry forward.

She has also made a meaningful impact on campus through her involvement as a Student Ambassador, Student Council secretary, National Honor Society member, and Yearbook Club member, while dedicating all four years of high school to the MHP cheer team.

We are proud to recognize Sophia as Madison Highland Prep's first Senior of the Month for the 2026–2027 school year. Her consistent dedication to her school and the people around her makes her a wonderful example of the kind of student and leader we are proud to celebrate.



SENIOR CLASS UPDATES



FAFSA

The 2027-28 FAFSA is open! Seniors and families should create their FSA IDs and file as early as possible, because many scholarships and grants are awarded first come, first served. Filing the FAFSA is the key to unlocking federal, state, and college financial aid. Need help getting started? Visit College Ready AZ for free FAFSA guides and support.

Common App

If you're applying to schools through the Common App, now is the time to finish your personal statement, request letters of recommendation, and check each college's deadline. Many early deadlines fall on November 1 or November 15.

In-State Early Deadlines

Applying early to Arizona universities gives you the best chance at admission and merit scholarships. The University of Arizona's Early Action deadline is November 1, which gives priority consideration for admission, merit aid, and the Honors College. ASU and NAU also encourage early applications for the strongest scholarship consideration.

Upcoming College Visits

College reps are coming to Madison Highland Prep!

Hofstra University (Virtual) October 2, 2026 8:30 am – 9:30 am

ASU Barrett, The Honors College October 6, 2026 8:30 am – 9:30 am

University of Utah October 22, 2026 8:30 am – 9:30 am

University of Arizona October 22, 2026 11:30 am – 12:15 pm (Seniors Only)

Colorado School of Mines (CO) October 26, 2026 8:30 am – 9:30 am





SEPTEMBER RECAP

SPIRIT WEEK

Madison Highland Prep turned up the heat for Homecoming 2026 Spirit Week, and our students brought the energy and creativity every single day! The week kicked off on Monday, September 21, with Zoom Day, as students showed up fancy on top and casual on the bottom. Tuesday's Career Day filled the halls with future doctors, chefs, and more, giving everyone a fun glimpse of the careers they're dreaming about. Wednesday's Meme Day brought plenty of laughs as students dressed as their favorite internet memes. On Thursday, students traveled back in time for Throwback Day, repping their favorite decades in style. The week wrapped up on Friday with Disney Day, as students came dressed as their favorite characters. Thank you to every student and staff member who joined in the fun and helped make this year's Spirit Week a celebration of everything that makes the Heat family special!

HOMECOMING

Madison Highland Prep's Homecoming 2026 celebration came to a festive close on Saturday, September 26, with A Night on the Bayou! Students came together for an unforgettable evening of music, dancing, and school spirit as we celebrated this year's Homecoming Court. Congratulations to Freshmen Lord Xavier Cedabia and Lady Ryann Jones, Sophomore Duke Avery Gracia and Duchess Kendall Curtis, Junior Prince Jack Luman and Princess Elyse Biersack, and Senior King Leonard Webster III and Queen Hazel Zimmerman! Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Homecoming a memorable celebration for our MHP community.

CAP AND GOWN PICTURE DAY

The countdown to graduation is officially on at Madison Highland Prep! Our seniors recently stepped into their caps and gowns for Cap and Gown Photo Day, a milestone moment that made the dream of graduation feel real. Smiles filled the room as students posed for portraits that celebrate years of hard work, growth, and determination. These photos will become treasured keepsakes for students and families for years to come. It was a proud day for the Class of 2027 and for the whole Heat family, and we can't wait to see our seniors shine as they take the next steps toward walking across that stage in the spring!





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Q: What have you been up to since graduating from Madison Highland Prep, and what does life look like for you now?

A: I have been living in Tempe, AZ attending Arizona State University to pursue my Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering. Last summer, I worked at Honeybee Robotics in Altadena, California. I live in an apartment near campus with my lovely girlfriend, my family moved to Indiana, I work at the Luminosity Lab at ASU, and I go dancing on Thursday nights.

Q: In what ways did your experience at MHP prepare you for college, your career, or life after high school?

A: VEX robotics and dual enrollment classes gave me a competitive edge compared to other Freshmen when applying for scholarships and opportunities. Not only that, but VEX gave me hands-on experience in multiple disciplines and helped me to identify that I want to do interdisciplinary mechanical engineering. This last summer I did an internship at a space robotics company Honeybee Robotics, a Blue Origin company, and I believe that VEX played a big part in my story in getting to that.

Q: What advice would you give to current students as they think about their future and the goals they want to achieve?

A: Learn how to read textbooks. This is the biggest skill that I see lacking in individuals I encounter at university. There is a wealth of knowledge across all areas of life living in textbooks. If you know how to read a textbook it won't matter if you have a bad lecturing professor or a boss who expects you to just know things, if you know how to read textbooks you have the power within you to find the answers. Even if you aren't going into university, the ability to read textbooks will allow you to become good at anything you do and save you from reinventing the wheel every time you do something.

Q: Looking back on your time at MHP, what is something you appreciate now that you may not have fully recognized as a student?

A: Looking back, I appreciate the friends that I made. Without them, I would have been stranded in a new world with an inadequate support network. The friends that I made at MHP are the friends that I talk to, play basketball with, and rely on for help.



Connor Owens

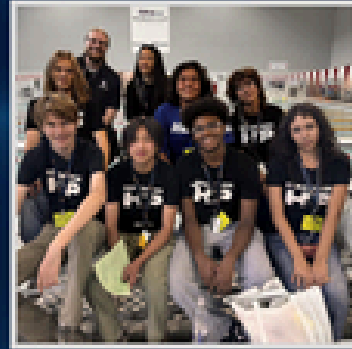
Q: What is one accomplishment or milestone since graduating that you're especially proud of?

A: I am especially proud of my most recent internship at Honeybee Robotics. It was an extremely selective group of individuals that were selected and due to my hard work and networking I was selected. It was proof that all of my hard work in classes and undergraduate research were worth it. The exact moment was when I got to control a drill actuator for flight hardware that was going to touch the surface of Saturn's moon Titan.

OPEN ENROLLMENT



2027-2028 Incoming Freshman Open Enrollment Deadlines



Pre-Enrollment Period:

September 1, 2026- November 27, 2026

Incoming Freshmen must complete and submit the enrollment application form to begin the enrollment process for the 2027-2028 school year. The enrollment application form is located and can be submitted through the MHP website at www.MadisonHighlandPrep.com. The enrollment application form is also available in the school office.

Enrollment Packets Due:

Friday, December 18, 2026

Incoming Freshmen must complete and submit the registration packet to secure enrollment in the Class of 2031. Registration packets may be returned to the school office, via facsimile, or via email to: cavalos@madisonhighlandprep.com.

Placement Testing Date:

Saturday, January 23, 2027

Incoming Freshmen 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 2027-2028 school year.

Course Registration Date:

Saturday, February 20, 2027

Incoming Freshman must register for Fall 2027 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 Freshmen that do not complete the course registration may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2027-2028 school year.

If you have any questions please contact the MHP office at: 602-745-3800
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Madison Highland Prep
2026-2027 Academic Calendar

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First Day of Quarter
Finals/Last Day of Quarter
Holiday/Break
Graduation

First Quarter	Days	44
August 10	First Day - First Quarter	
September 07	Labor Day	
October 09	Last Day - First Quarter	
October 12-16	Fall Break	

Second Quarter	Days	41
October 19	First Day - Second Quarter	
November 11	Veterans Day	
November 25-27	Thanksgiving	
December 18	Last Day - Second Quarter	
Dec / Jan 21-01	Winter Break	

Third Quarter	Days	43
January 04	First Day - Third Quarter	
January 18	Martin Luther King Day	
February 15	Presidents Day	
March 05	Last Day - Third Quarter	
March 08-12	Spring Break	

Fourth Quarter	Days	54
March 15	First Day - Fourth Quarter	
March 26	Spring Holiday	
May 27	Graduation	
May 28	Last Day - Fourth Quarter	
Instructional Days 182		

Teacher Start/End Dates		
August 03	Teachers Start Date	
June 04	Teachers End Date	

In-service - No Students	Days
All Staff In-service	5

Early Release Days - 1:30 pm	Days
Professional Learning Community (PLC)	32
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		
October 05-09	March 01-05	
December 14-18	May 24-28	
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 -	October	05	2026
100th Student Day -	January	25	2027