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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



AP 2024 SCHOOL HONOR ROLL PLATINUM MADISON HIGHLAND PREP



84% percent of students in the graduating class took an AP exam at any point in high school.



60% percent of students in the graduating class scored 3+ on any AP Exam in high school.



19% percent of students in the graduating class took 5 or more AP Exams in high school, where at least 1 exam was taken in 9th or 10th grade.

HOME OF THE HEAT

COLLEGE BOARD RECOGNIZES MHP AS “PLATINUM” AP SCHOOL

Madison Highland Prep has earned the prestigious Platinum level recognition on the AP School Honor Roll for the 2023-2024 school year. This highest level of distinction, awarded by the College Board, acknowledges the school's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and college readiness. In addition, and equally exciting, Madison Highland Prep was recognized with the AP Access Award for providing all students the chance to participate in AP courses, including students of underrepresented populations. By achieving all criteria set forth by the

College Board, Madison Highland continues to demonstrate its dedication to providing students with rigorous academic opportunities. Remarkably, 84% of Madison Highland Prep's graduating class took an AP exam, 60% scored a 3 or more on any AP exam, and 19% took 5 or more AP exams, with at least one being taken in 9th or 10th grade. As a Platinum level school, Madison Highland Prep joins an elite group of institutions recognized for exceptional academic achievement, solidifying its reputation as a leader in education.



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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

As fall winds down, it is remarkable how busy and productive our students have been. MHP students are tackling their second quarter classes with high energy, strengthening their mastery of the content in each class. Our students have narrowed their focus towards individual academic achievement, while continuing to work collaboratively with their peers in team settings, both academic and athletic.

At Madison Highland Prep, we believe that extra-curricular participation is important for fostering a dynamic school culture, providing a well-rounded high school experience, and enhancing our students' college applications. Fall athletics are

wrapping up and teams are preparing for their banquets. MHP's Drone and VEX Robotics teams are learning the new game elements for the 2024-2025 season. MHP's Drone Competition will be taking place Saturday, November 23rd. National Honors Society is preparing to host penny wars with proceeds going to Phoenix Children's Hospital. Service Club has been busy volunteering at St. Mary's Food Bank and Joy Bus Diner, as well as hosting drives to provide needed supplies for those in need.

The Madison Highland Prep education team and I wish to extend our thanks for the wonderful year we have had thus far, and for the kindness and support shown by our families and learning community.

Yours Truly,

Rosana Rodriguez • Principal



School Calendar

OCTOBER 2024

10/21-10/25 ECAP, 9th Grade
10/22 PSAT/NMSQT Exam, 9th-11th Grade
10/23 SAT School Day, registered 12th Grade
10/24 Academic Awards Assembly- 1st Qtr.
10/31 Halloween BBQ

DECEMBER 2024

12/5 Fall Band & Choir Concert
12/9-12/13 Holiday Spirit Week
12/10 Highland Prep Academies Science Fair
12/11-12/12 ECAP 10th/11th Grade
12/16 Visual Arts Showcase- 2nd Qtr.

NOVEMBER 2024

11/8 Staff vs. Student Kickball Game
11/12-11/15 ECAP, 11th Grade
11/15 Winter Sports Picture Day
11/15 Winter Sports Pep Assembly
11/23 3rd Annual Aerial Drone Qualifiers

JANUARY 2025

1/11 MHP 11th Annual Robotics Qualifiers
1/14 Parent Workshop: Scholarships 101
1/16 Academic Awards Assembly- 2nd Qtr.
1/21 ACT Practice Exam, 11th Grade
1/25 Placement Testing: Incoming Freshmen

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



MR. CUDA WINS SUPPLY MY CLASS

We're thrilled to announce that Mr. Cuda, one of Madison Highland Prep's exceptional science teachers, was selected as a winner of Arizona Public Service's (APS) Supply My Class Program! This award grants Mr. Cuda a \$500 grant to enhance his classroom with essential supplies, empowering his students' learning environment. Congratulations to Mr. Cuda, we look forward to seeing how this grant is utilized.



NAU COLLEGE VISIT

Some of our seniors recently embarked on an exciting college visit to Northern Arizona University (NAU). Exploring the Flagstaff campus, they discovered academic programs, campus life and beautiful scenery. This enriching experience allowed our students to envision their future, sparking enthusiasm for the next chapter of their journey.

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

DIGITAL MEDIA TAKES ON CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION

Our School Resource Officer, Sue collaborated with Mr. Rasmussen's digital media and technology class on an engaging criminal investigation project. Officer Sue presented a real-life scenario, challenging students to do research and simulate the investigative process. Students took on roles, gathering clues, analyzing evidence and building cases. Through group presentations, they showcased their findings to their classmates.



EDD'S CLEAN WATER PROJECT

Students in Engineering and Design (EDD) were challenged to innovate the real-world problem of people not having access to clean water, so they designed a water purification system. Students were given a dirty water sample with an NTU (nephelometric turbidity unit) of 325. The EPA standard for drinking water is 1 NTU. After Fabian Nava, Jaime Lopez, and Carter Rodriguez ran the water through their system, the water measured at an impressive -5 NTU! In essence, it became healthy drinking water, solving the problem. Great job, engineers!

MATHLETES COMPETE IN FIRST CONTEST OF THE YEAR

Our MHP Mathletes competed in their first mathletes competition of the 2024-2025 academic year. Our top three students for this Caribou Contest competition were Jackson Vo (top 16%), Sage Schaffer (top 25%), and Thomas Clyne (top 35%). They are now looking forward to their next competition coming up on November 6th, 2024.



TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



MS. SCHMITZ

Ms. Schmitz is in her 5th year of teaching at Madison Highland Prep. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Physics from Southeast Missouri

State University. She earned a Master of Science in Mathematics (specialty secondary education) from Shawnee State University. Ms. Schmitz holds a Standard Arizona Secondary Certificate in the areas of Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, and General Science and teaches Principles of Engineering, aerospace engineering, and cybersecurity. She is the faculty advisor for EPICS engineering and horticulture club as well as oversees MHP's flight simulator.



MR. GODOY

Mr. Godoy is in his 5th year of teaching at Madison Highland Prep. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Chemistry Education from Arizona State

University and earned his Master of Science in Geographic Information Systems. Mr. Godoy teaches chemistry, AP environmental science, and AP chemistry. He is the faculty advisor for MHP's drama club and is the head coach for girls' varsity soccer.



CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



NEW WEIGHT ROOM EQUIPMENT

Madison Highland Prep's athletic department has leveled up! Our weight room got an upgrade with brand-new equipment, including a half rack, fixed incline bench, preacher curl bench, new dumbbells, and more. Our Heat have already started using it, actively incorporating the new equipment into their weight training classes.



UPCOMING COLLEGE VISITS

11/4	NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIV.
11/5	EMBRY-RIDDLE (CAMPUS TOUR)
11/20	ASU WEST (CAMPUS TOUR)
12/2	OREGON TECH UNIVERSITY
12/2	WARTBURG COLLEGE
12/4	ASU POLY TECH (CAMPUS TOUR)
12/7	U OF A (CAMPUS TOUR)
2/12	ASU TEMPE (CAMPUS TOUR)

ATHLETICS

A HEARTFELT FAREWELL TO OUR SENIOR FALL ATHLETES

The fall sports season has come to a close, and we proudly salute our exceptional senior athletes! Their remarkable dedication, perseverance and teamwork have forever left their mark on Madison Highland Prep's legacy. These exceptional individuals have embodied the Heat spirit!



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



ANDREW HAMMONS

Senior, Andrew Hammons has been a great asset to the Madison Highland Prep cross country team. Qualifying for state, Andrew's impressive achievement showcases his tireless dedication and perseverance. Cross country coach Mr. Watson

praises Andrew's unwavering commitment, noting, "Andrew consistently demonstrated dedication and hard work. He gives his best effort at every practice, striving to improve." His devotion to cross country shines through in his steady progress. Coach Watson continues, "I've witnessed Andrew's growth over time, both as a skilled runner and supportive teammate. His work ethic and determination inspire our team." Congratulations, Andrew, on your outstanding achievement!



HANNAH NEWHOUSE

Sophomore, Hannah Newhouse excels as a talented backspot on the Madison Highland Prep Cheer Squad, showcasing her strength, agility and dedication. Head Cheer Coach Aleeyah proudly recognizes Hannah's remarkable development and

growth throughout this school year. Her natural leadership skills have flourished, demonstrating accountability, self-discipline, and initiative. She seamlessly rallies her team without needing a title, upholding high standards and encouraging open communication. Her dedication and passion inspire her teammates. Coach Aleeyah enthusiastically praises Hannah's progress, eager to witness her continued success. "She's just getting started!" With her work ethic and leadership, Hannah's future in cheer is bright.

HEAT BOYS SOCCER WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



Photo courtesy of Jose Garcia/AZPreps365.com

Our Madison Highland Prep Heat Boys Soccer team made history, capturing their first-ever state championship title! The thrilling finale against Snowflake will be etched in memory forever. The championship was an intense, back-and-forth battle, ending 2-2 after regulation and two 10-minute overtimes. The tension mounted as the game headed to penalty kicks. That's when heroics unfolded. Goalkeeper Oliver Norman, standing tall at 6'4", blocked two crucial penalty kicks, securing the title for our Heat Boys Soccer team! They concluded their remarkable season with an impressive 14-4-1 record. Head Soccer Coach Jason Sellers reflected, "Despite facing significant challenges, our journey was well worth it. Ending on this note is fantastic!" Congratulations to our Fall 2024 State Champions: Oliver Morlan, Keelan Shardonofsky, Luis Reyes, Angel Urias, Diego Salgado, Collin Luster, Stone Solis, Noah Bethell, Corey Osborn, Daniel Dominguez, Voss Sellers, Angelo Barbosa, Aeden King, Daniel Tovar, Evan Fritz, Grant Lewenthal, Eshan Nawas, Jan Brambila, Brandon Moran Zuniga, Diego Quiroba, Bryson Pacheco and our 2024 Heat Boys Soccer Coaching Staff: Jason Sellers (Head Coach) and Alexander Krzykos (Assistant Coach).



HAPPENINGS @ MHP

SPOOKY HALLOWEEN BBQ

Our Halloween BBQ was a spooktacular success! Our new field transformed into a vibrant gathering spot, filled with laughter and camaraderie. Students enjoyed picnicking with friends, showcasing creative costumes in the duo/group and individual contests. Musical chairs added to the excitement. It was wonderful to see all of our Heat utilizing our new space and having a howling good time! Congratulations to Claudia, Hazel, and Niki for winning our BBQ costume contests.



MHP TRUNK OR TREAT 2024

We hosted our MHP Trunk or Treat community event and we had a blast seeing all of the decorated trunks and dressed up trick-or-treaters. Families and neighbors joined forces, transforming parked cars into festive treat-dispensing hubs. Our community came together, sharing laughs and candy. Congratulations to our trunk or treat winners: Omar Arriaga for Most Creative, Nathan Garcia for Most Scariest, and Sophie Manriquez for Most Cutest.

SPIRIT WEEK RECAP



Harry Potter
Monday



Inside Out
Emotions Tuesday



Spirit Animal
Wednesday



Halloween Costume
Thursday



Pajama
Friday

Madison Highland Prep
2024-2025 Academic Calendar

July 0 	August 20 	September 20 	October 4 14
November 17 	December 15 	January 19 	February 19
March 5 11 	April 21 	May 17 	June

First Day of Quarter	Finals/Last Day of Quarter	Holiday/Break	Graduation
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First Quarter		Days 44
August	05	First Day - First Quarter
September	02	Labor Day
October	04	Last Day - First Quarter
October	07-11	Fall Break

Second Quarter		Days 46
October	14	First Day - Second Quarter
November	11	Veterans Day
November	27-29	Thanksgiving
December	20	Last Day - Second Quarter
Dec / Jan	23-03	Winter Break

Third Quarter		Days 43
January	06	First Day - Third Quarter
January	20	Martin Luther King Day
February	17	Presidents Day
March	07	Last Day - Third Quarter
March	10-14	Spring Break

Fourth Quarter		Days 49
March	17	First Day - Fourth Quarter
April	18	Spring Holiday
May	22	Graduation
May	23	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	29 Teachers Start Date
May	30 Teachers End Date

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

Early Release Days - 1:30 pm	Days
Professional Learning Community (PLC)	26
Teacher In-service/Work/Grades	4

Student Coursework Testing Days	Days
Midterms	4
Progress Reports	4
*Finals	4
*Finals/Last Day of Quarter	4

Blackout/Mandatory Attendance Dates	
Sep/Oct	30-04
December	16-20
March	03-07
May	19-23
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 30 2024
100th Student Day -	January 17 2025

Open Enrollment

For Incoming Freshmen 2025-2026



2025-2026 Incoming Freshman Open Enrollment Deadlines

Pre-Enrollment Period: September 2, 2024 - November 29, 2024

Incoming Freshmen must complete and submit the Intent to Enroll form to begin the enrollment process for the 2025-2026 school year. The Intent to Enroll form is located and can be submitted through the MHP website at www.MadisonHighlandPrep.org. The Intent to Enroll form is also available in the school office.

Enrollment Packets Due: Friday, December 20, 2024

Incoming Freshmen must complete and submit the Enrollment Packet to secure enrollment in the Class of 2029. Enrollment Packets may be returned to the school office, via facsimile, or via email to: clflores@madisonhighlandprep.org.

Placement Testing Date: Saturday, January 25, 2025

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 Freshmen that do not complete the placement testing may not receive an enrollment seat for the 2025-2026 school year.

Course Registration Date: Saturday, February 22, 2025

Incoming Freshmen must register for Fall 2025 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 2025-2026 school year.

If you have any questions please contact the MHP office at: 602-745-3800

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