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MADISON HIGHLAND PREP'S COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR



HOME OF THE HEAT

SERVICE CLUB MAKE A GLOBAL IMPACT WITH PROJECT C.U.R.E.

The MHP Service Club recently volunteered at Project C.U.R.E., a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing medical equipment and supplies to hospitals and clinics in resource-limited countries.

During their volunteer day, students worked diligently to pack and prepare medical supplies for shipment, carefully sorting and loading essential items such as bandages, gloves, and surgical instruments into cargo containers. These containers, each equivalent in size to a semi-truck, will be

delivered to hospitals and clinics in need, supporting healthcare initiatives in countries struggling with poverty, disasters, and violence.

The MHP Service Club's commitment to serving others demonstrates the power of young people making a positive impact on the global community. By volunteering with Project C.U.R.E, our students are not only making a tangible difference in the lives of others, but also gaining valuable insight into the importance of global healthcare initiatives.



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Message from the Principal

Dear MHP Families,

It is hard to believe we are in the final quarter of the school year. Fourth quarter is always a busy time of year at MHP.

Students will tackle ACT and Advanced Placement Exams, update their four-year academic plans, register for 2025-2026 courses, and more.

Spring athletics are in full swing upon return from spring break. Our baseball, softball, boys' volleyball, and track and field teams are ready for the competition this season with the goal of advancing to the post-season. MHP's three SeaPerch teams are gearing up for their first competition of the season at the end of March and will be traveling to compete in

San Diego in April. Our National Honor Society is hosting its second blood drive of the year and partnering with our Student Council to organize a fun run. Also in the final quarter, Drama Club will host the MHP Spring Talent Showcase. MHP's academic awards banquet in May will recognize our students academic and extracurricular achievements. Seniors will be attending Disneyland for their senior trip in April and preparing for graduation on May 22nd.

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 future.

Yours Truly,

Rosana Rodriguez • Principal



School Calendar

MARCH 2025

3/3 Visual Arts Showcase- 3rd Qtr.
3/26 SAT School Day, registered 11th grade
3/27 Academic Awards Assembly- 3rd Qtr.
3/28 NHS Blood Drive
3/29 HPA SeaPerch Qualifying Event

MAY 2025

5/1 Spring Band & Choir Concert
5/2 End of Year BBQ
5/8 Talent Show
5/22 Graduation
5/23 Last Day of School

APRIL 2025

4/1 AzSci (11th) & ACT Aspire (9th) Testing
4/5 MHP 1st Annual Cornhole Tournament
4/15 Parent Workshop: Transition to College
4/26 Prom
4/29 Highland Prep Academies Science Fair

SUMMER 2025

6/2-6/26 Summer School-Session 1
6/2-6/26 Future Freshmen Academy-Session 1
7/7-7/24 Summer School-Session 2
7/7-7/24 Future Freshmen Academy-Session 1
8/4 First Day of School

ACADEMIC BULLETIN



SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: AIDAN ZUBER

We are proud to highlight senior, Aidan Zuber who has been admitted to the University of Alabama, the University of

Mississippi, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Portland. He has been a dedicated member of the Madison Highland Prep community for the past 4 years, exceling both inside and outside of the classroom. Aidan has been a part of the MHP Baseball program throughout his four years and would like continue playing baseball at university. As for his studies, Aidan would like to pursue a double major in Business and Kinesiology. Although he is still waiting to hear back from other schools, Aidan looks forward to attending the University of Alabama this fall. We are incredibly proud of Aidan and wish him all the best!



CONGRATS NEW NHS INDUCTEES!

We had the honor of welcoming our National Honor Society (NHS) inductees, who were honored at our Spring NHS Induction Ceremony! We couldn't be prouder of these outstanding students, who exemplify our school's values and represent our most honorable scholars. Great job, Heat!

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

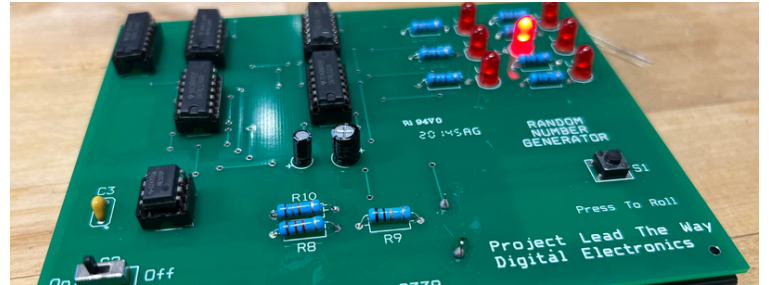
SPANISH CLUB, B114

PING PONG CLUB, B211

STEM DIGEST

DIGITAL ELECTRONICS BUILD NUMBER GENERATOR

Our students in Digital Electronics successfully built a random number generator using a printed circuit board (PCB). Using soldering irons, students carefully connected components on the PCB. The result is a functional device that displays a random number between 1 and 6 using LEDs when the switch is flipped and the button is pressed. The goal of this project was to teach students skills in assembling and soldering.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSES

Our Civil Engineering students are currently working on a unique Habitat for Humanity project, designing a customized house tailored to meet the specific needs of one of their classmates. This project provides students with an insider's perspective on the work of architects and interior designers, as they navigate the challenges of creating a functional and accessible living space. Our students are not only learning about design and construction, but also about working for the community.



BIOMEDICAL SCIENCE PERFORM PHLEBOTOMY LAB

Our Biomedical Science students participated in a hands-on phlebotomy lab, where they gained practical experience in collecting blood samples. Under the guidance of Mr. Cuda, students learned about the intricacies of venipuncture and blood sample processing. It was especially interesting for our Heat interested in a career in the medical field.

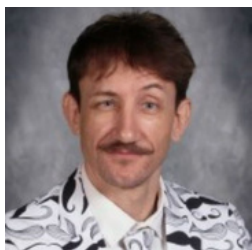


TEACHER SPOTLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



MS. GORMAN

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 has a state teaching certification and is a highly qualified teacher in mathematics. 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 after school in her classroom. Ms. Gorman prides herself in being a very "do-it-yourself" person, as she personally does her own nails, fixes her minor home repairs herself, and changes her own oil. She enjoys all things skin care and has most recently been following a vegan lifestyle.



MR. RASMUSSEN

Mr. Rasmussen graduated from ASU with a degree in Business Management from the W. P. Carey School of Business. He has experience teaching English in Japan, Spain, China, and Korea.

While abroad, he received his master's degree in ESL and Bilingual Education from the American College of Education (ACE). Mr. Rasmussen was born and raised in Mesa, Arizona. He oversees MHP's Chess Club and coached MHP's girls JV and Varsity basketball teams. Mr. Rasmussen is a published author. His published books include topics such as learning Japanese and Korean. In his free time, he enjoys bowling and juggling.

CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



LEARNING ABOUT DRONES WITH PHOENIX FIRE DEPT.

The Phoenix Fire Department Captain Alex Macrodimetrius shared invaluable insights on the innovative use of drones in firefighting to our Aerospace Engineering classes. This visit was a perfect complement to our students' studies on Unmanned Autonomous Vehicles (UAVs), where they've been learning about drone design, navigation, and sensor integration.



SPANISH 1 FOOD DIAGRAMS

Our Spanish 1 students presented their learning on the pronunciation of fruits, vegetables, and meat. This helped demonstrate their growing proficiency in Spanish.

ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS ARE OFFICIALLY IN SESSION

The wait is over, and spring sports are officially in session! Check out the upcoming games schedule.



BASEBALL



SOFTBALL



BOYS VOLLEYBALL



TRACK & FIELD

UPCOMING GAMES SCHEDULE:

Baseball	3/20	3:45 PM	Fountain Hills	A
Softball	3/20	3:45 PM	Fountain Hills	A
Softball	3/21	4:00 PM	San Simon	H
Volleyball	3/21	5:30 PM	North Valley Christian	A
Baseball	3/24	3:45 PM	Camp Verde	A
Softball	3/24	3:45 PM	Camp Verde	A
Volleyball	3/24	4:00 PM	ALA - Ironwood	A
Volleyball	3/25	5:30 PM	Odyssey Institute	H
Softball	3/26	4:00 PM	Phoenix Christian	H
Baseball	3/26	6:00 PM	Phoenix Christian	H
Volleyball	3/27	5:30 PM	Kingman	A
Softball	3/28	3:45 PM	Trivium Prep	A
Baseball	3/28	4:00 PM	Mohave Accelerated	A
Softball	3/31	3:45 PM	St. Augustine Catholic	A
Volleyball	4/1	5:30 PM	Parker	A

HAPPENINGS @ MHP

SURF'S UP FOR OUR HAWAIIAN PEP ASSEMBLY!

We came together for a fun-filled Hawaiian-themed pep assembly, where students, faculty, and staff celebrated school spirit and cheered on our spring sports teams. The energetic event featured exciting games, spirited chants, and a sea of colorful leis. With all the school united in the gym, the electric atmosphere showcased the joy and unity that makes the Heat community so special.



FUTURE FRESHMEN COURSE REGISTRATION WAS A SUCCESS

The countdown to the new school year is on! Our future freshmen have officially completed the final step in the enrollment process: Course Registration. During this exciting event, incoming students got to select their elective classes, sign up for sports and summer camps, and explore the many school clubs and organizations that will enrich their high school experience. We cannot wait to welcome the Heat Class of 2029 to our community!

VISUAL ARTS SHOWCASE & FINE ARTS CONCERT

Our Visual Arts Showcase and Fine Arts Concert was a breathtaking evening of art and talent! Congratulations to our winners of the Visual Arts Showcase- 1st Place: Lia Rothman, 2nd Place: Brittny Juarez & Jasmine Urbietta-Parente, and 3rd Place: Lennox Curtis & Taraji Wilson. We're so proud of our incredible art and choir students who poured their hearts into incredible displays of art.



**Madison Highland Prep
2024-2025 Academic Calendar**

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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	March	03-07
December	16-20	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

2025 Summer Camps

Aerial Drones at MHP Engineering Lab

Mon to Thu • July 7th – 10th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The staff will focus activities on technical skills in preparation for the 2025-2026 Aerial Drones competition. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$75.00

Football Camp at MHP Field

Mon to Thu • July 7th – 17th
8:00 am – 11:00 am

Mon to Thu • July 21st – 24th
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
The football staff will focus activities on conditioning, offensive and defensive skills and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$200.00

Men's Soccer at MHP Field

Mon to Thu • July 7th – 24th
5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

The soccer staff will focus activities on conditioning, offensive and defensive skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$125.00

Pep Band at MHP Music Room

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 17th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The pep band staff will focus camp activities on preparation for the 2025-2026 athletics season.

Fee: \$75.00

Men's Basketball at MHP Gym

Mon to Thu • July 21st – 24th
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

The staff will focus camp activities on drills and skills in preparation for the 2025-2026 basketball season. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$75.00

VEX Robotics at MHP Engineering Lab

Mon to Wed • July 14th – 24th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The staff will focus activities on design, programming, and build skills in preparation for the 2025-2026 VEX competition game. No equipment will be needed. Fee: \$125.00

Women's Flag Football at MHP Field

Mon to Thu • July 14th – 17th
8:00 am – 11:00 am

The women's flag football camp is open to all incoming and current student-athletes. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$125.00

Women's Volleyball at MHP Gym

Mon to Thu • July 21st – 24th
8:00 am – 11:00 am

The staff will focus activities on conditioning, volleyball skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed.

Fee: \$75.00

Cheer at MHP Gym

Mon to Thu • July 21st – 24th
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

The staff will focus activities on conditioning, cheer and dance skills, and teamwork drills. No equipment will be needed. Fee: \$75.00



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Registration forms available at: madisonhighlandprep.org