



# PADRE PRIDE

## MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL

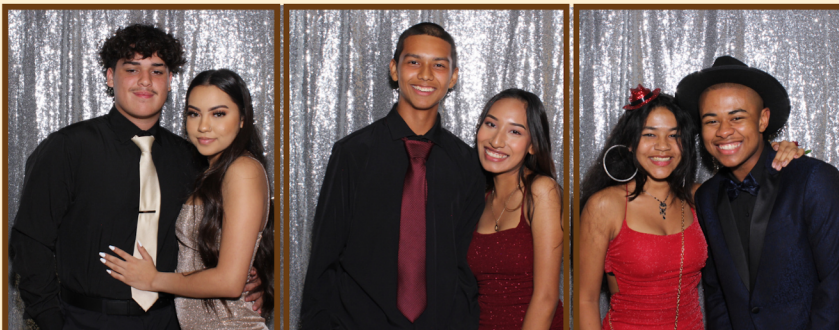
TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

### PADRE PRIDE

#### Homecoming Dance

We hosted over 700 students for the homecoming dance on October 15th. Students had a great time celebrating Marcos de Niza and our traditions. Congratulations to our Padre Homecoming King, Eric Flores and Queen, Celeste Rivas.

Thank you to Maureen Sneed and Bobby Davis and Student Council for planning a fantastic dance. Thank you to Agustin Laguna and his Maintenance team for helping us with last minute changes to our venue. We also would like to thank the many others that planned and supported this event including our Security team, Officer Pfeifer, School Administration, Activities Assistant Ximena Burciaga, and our staff chaperones (Chris Hernandez, Claire Feldhaus, and Danny Peres).



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A newsletter to share some of the amazing things our students and staff are doing at MDN.





# STAFF NEWS

## National Principals Month

October was National Principals Month, so we took a moment to thank our six amazing principals. We appreciate the hard work that you all put in for our TUHSD family.

We also thanked **Principal Brown** for all that he does for our Marcos de Niza family.

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**THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING TUHSD PRINCIPALS!**

Principals: Kleve, White, Brown, Arroyo, Banks, and Guliford

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**MARCOS DE NIZA 50 YEARS STRONG** **MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL**

**THANK YOU, PRINCIPAL BROWN!**



## Coach of the Year

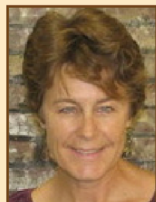
Congratulations to **Coach Figueroa** for being selected as 4A Desert Sky Region Coach of the Year. Thank you for leading the way.



## Farewell!

Farewell to our friendly school nurse **Karen Allen**. We will miss you.

Thank you for your dedication to education and 25 years of service to the MDN staff, students and the Padre community.



Once a Padre, always a Padre!

## Welcome!

Welcome new staff member, **Jill Goodnough** to the Marcos de Niza Family. She is our new school nurse and we are glad to have her here.





# STUDENT NEWS

## Native American Heritage Month

Our district recognized November as Native American Heritage Month. Our library encouraged students to participate in a sit-in/read-in of works written by Native American authors.

To continue celebrating Native American Heritage Month, the TUHSD Indian Education program taught *Fry Bread 101* to Culinary Arts students. Thank you to Valerie Molina, Staci Mendoza, Nora Murillo and Meredith Holstead for working together on this.







# STUDENT NEWS

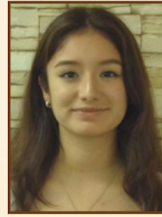
## National Merit Semifinalist

Congratulations to **Makayla Johnson** on being named a 2023 National Merit Semifinalist on September 14th. National Merit Scholars must score in the top 1% of all students in the nation on the PSAT test to be considered. Great Job Makayla!



## National Hispanic Recognition Award

**Makayla Johnson** and **Naysa Cruz Castillo** were also recognized as our school's two National Hispanic Recognition Award winners. Congratulations to you both.



## 4A Desert Sky Region

### Offensive Player of the Year

Varsity quarterback **Braesen Leon** was named as the 4A Desert Sky Region Offensive Player of the Year on November 23rd. Congratulations to Braesen on this huge accomplishment and on an amazing season.



## Tempe Festival of the Arts

### YAE 2022 Fall Awards

The Tempe Festival of the Arts had the YAE 2022 Fall Awards on Dec 2nd-4th. Congratulations to **Camille Smith** for placing 2nd in the photography category for her *Le Papillon Blanc* Art Piece and to our honorable mentions, **Priscilla Pantoja** for *Reaching for the Stars*, **Zachary Nichols** for *Forget the Brain*, **Aliyah Martinez** for *Magic Shop*, **Maya Coronado-Henson** for *Sweet & Sour*. Way to go Padres!



## Youth of the Year Award

Congratulations to **Anthony Flores** who was named Youth of the Year from the Guadalupe Boys and Girls Club. We're so proud of you, Anthony.



# STUDENT NEWS

## Padre Pride Marching Band

Congratulations to our Padre Pride Marching Band. They won first place at the Corona del Sol Invitational on October 15th. They also won first place at the Higley Invitational on October 18th.

In addition, our Padre Pride Marching Band won fifth place in their division at the state championship in November. Congratulations to Mr. Mike Hall and his incredible students on this accomplishment.



## Military Ball and Massing of the Colors Ceremony

The JROTC Program held their Military Ball on December 3rd. The JROTC Program also hosted the annual Massing of the Colors ceremony on December 7th to rededicate national faith in the United States and to honor those who have served in our military. Thank you to all that helped make these events happen!





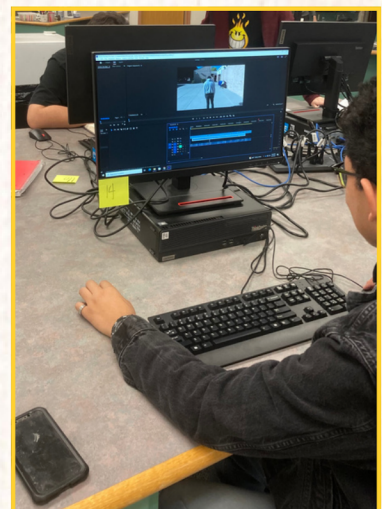
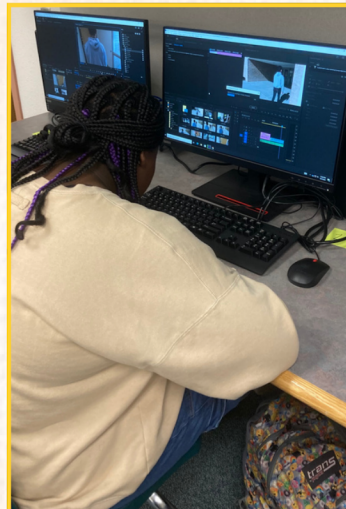
# STUDENT NEWS

## Film/TV Production Class



Congratulations to Ms. Matuszewski (Ski) and her awesome filming students. They have begun our new Film/TV Production Program and have filmed some amazing videos.

The filming class is a new program to Marcos. Formerly it was an after school club. With Ms. Ski's lead it has turned into a great program and students are excited to sign up for Film 2.



**Film/TV Production Class Sign Up**

If you are interested in content creation or video production, talk to your counselors about taking our Film/TV production classes. The opportunities in film production are endless. Film/TV Production needs everyone from camera operators, writers to graphic designers and set/prop builders and so much more. There is room for **EVERYONE** to learn to create engaging video content and tell epic stories.

Have questions? Drop by our film lab in room 121 during lunch or after school to meet with Ms. Ski and the Padre TV crew.





# STUDENT NEWS

## MDN Dance Concert


### "When I Grow Up"

On December 1st and 2nd, MdN Dance presented "*When I Grow Up*" in our auditorium. Our students worked really hard this semester to put this show together and we are so proud of them and our Dance Director Mrs. Tahlia Remer.



Marcos de Niza Dance Programs Present:

# When I Grow Up



December 1st & 2nd, 2022 @ 7:00pm  
Marcos de Niza High School Auditorium

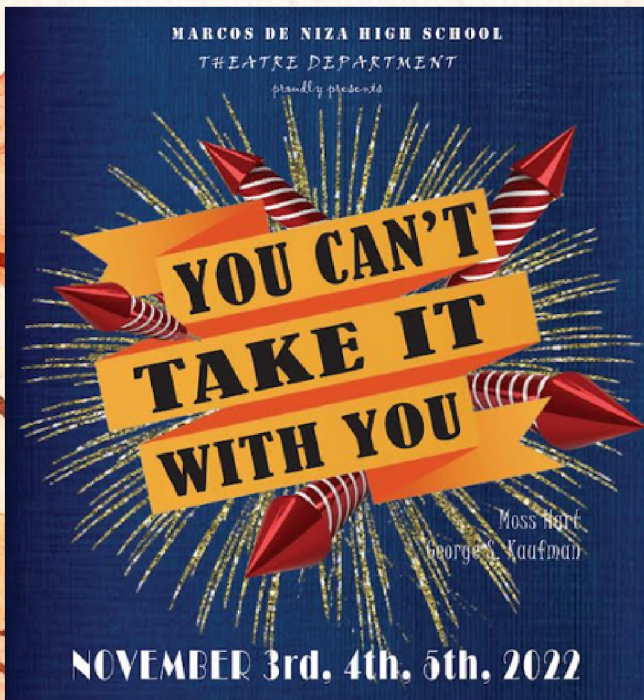




# STUDENT NEWS

## MDN Theatre's Fall Play *You Can't Take it With You*

The MdN Theatre program successfully produced *You Can't Take it With You* on November 3rd-5th. As always, the parents and adult volunteers worked diligently to design and build amazing costumes, props, and sets for the production, while the students memorized, developed their characters perfectly. Thank you to our new Theatre Director, Ms. Angela Hines for a great production.



### CAST LIST

<b>Penelope Sycamore</b>	Allie Tucker
<b>Essie</b>	Ella Kenney
<b>Rheba</b>	Camille Smith
<b>Paul Sycamore</b>	Drew Passmonick
<b>Ms. De Pinna</b>	Andrey Aitchison
<b>Ed</b>	Tristan Gee
<b>Donald (Donna)</b>	Sena Djengue
<b>Martin Vanderhof</b>	Ghais Rehmon
<b>Alice</b>	Johanna Villanueva
<b>Tony Kirby</b>	Russell King
<b>Mr. Kirby</b>	Jacob Gamboa
<b>Mrs. Kirby</b>	Lydia Blackwelder
<b>Henderson</b>	Kinnari Jariwala
<b>Boris (Natasha) Kolenkhov</b>	Zarah Tualla
<b>Gay Wellington</b>	Rebekah Hopkins
<b>Olga</b>	Camila Merlos
<b>Government Officials</b>	Izzy Fitzmaurice, Jaeden Daly, Jacob Valenzuela

The family of Martin Vanderhof lives “just around the corner from Columbia University – but don’t go looking for it.” Grandpa Martin is the head of a large and extended family of charming eccentrics, the Sycamores. His granddaughter, Alice, is embarrassed by her family’s idiosyncrasies. When Alice falls for Tony, a handsome scion of Wall Street, she fears that their two families – so unlike – will never come together. But why be obsessed with money? After all, you can’t take it with you...



# PADRES OF THE MONTH

## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

### AUGUST - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



Marco Sanchez, Niveah Gary, Jaidan Fritz, Julia De Rienzo



Matthew Mazon, Evangelina Mathews, Talitha DuBose, Alex X. Ledesma



Rachel Russell, Tegan Melendez, Janae McCowan, Madison Dennee



Tristan Gee, Charlotte Smith, Laquira Alexander, Demien Bobo

Students and Staff members are nominated by staff members and selected by a committee as someone who exemplifies one of the following:

- Who go above and beyond
- Who demonstrate amazing character
- Who have done something remarkable
- Who is deserving of an award for something they did
- Who is ALL IN

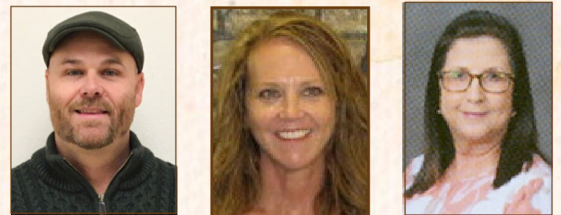
Congratulations to all these amazing students and staff! Thank you parents for your encouragement to students to reach their potential. The monthly winners are awarded with a certificate and luncheon.

## STAFF OF THE MONTH

### AUGUST - NOVEMBER/DECEMBER



Kelly Muchmore, Jamaica Drowne, Ximena Burciaga



Aran Kelly, Maureen Sneed, Virginia Martinez



William Sargent, Korine Gomez, Marie Elena Craven



Michelle Griffin, Scott Glasser, Kathy Wozniak

Recognized students and staff were asked what they liked about Marcos de Niza, here are their answers:

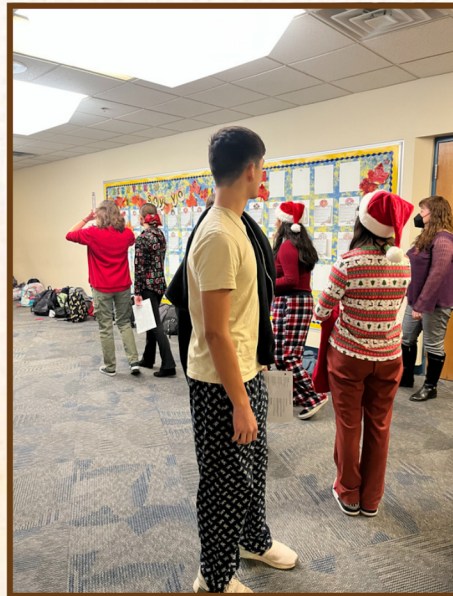
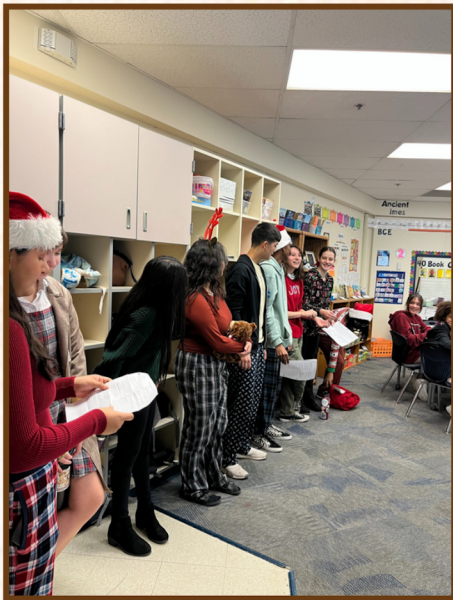
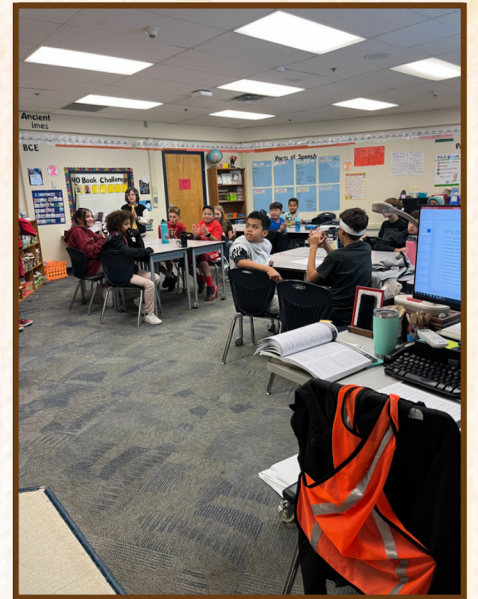
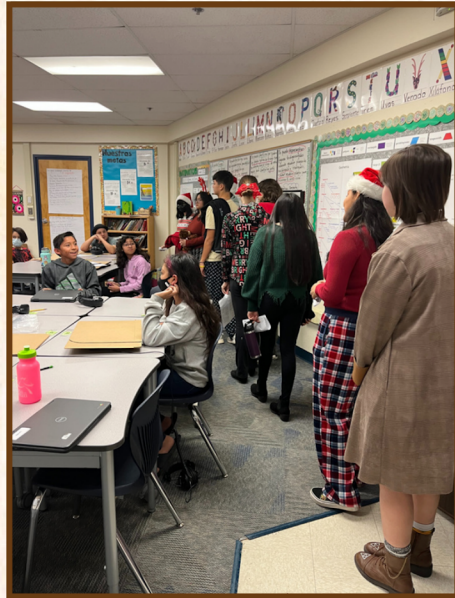
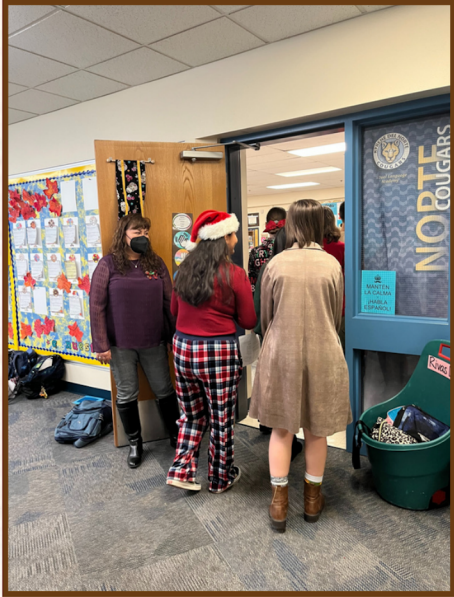
- The teachers care about their students and that makes me feel good.
- Our school cares about mental health and I have teachers who I trust that I can go to and rely on to help me.
- All students can participate in anything they want to on this campus.
- The diversity and welcoming environment at MdN.
- The learning that is happening here. The teachers are great and MdN is fun.



# STUDENT NEWS

## MDN Dual Language Program

The MdN Dual Language students visited Kyrene del Norte Elementary School and sang Spanish holiday songs and did fun activities with the younger students on December 7th.





# STUDENT NEWS

## ATHLETICS - Football

Marcos de Niza's football team had an amazing season and were named as the Division 4A Desert Sky Region champions on November 23rd. Congratulations to our 1st Team, 2nd Team and Honorable Mentions - All Region and All-City (4A Desert Sky) selections. Great job, Padres!

"The impact these young men have had on each other, this program, our school and community has been unbelievable. They brought people together and restored our Padre pride. They created memories and built relationships that will last a lifetime.

This group set the standard."

-Coach Anthony Figueroa.



**1st Team:** Elian Ruiz, Chaz Ponce, Jamaal Young, Lorenzo Alexander, Braesen Leon, Davien Henry, Xavier Bueno, Mason Stromstad, Juan Lopez, Damian Gonzalez, Tegan Ligouri-Melendez, Cameron Royalty

**2nd Team:** Adan Estrada, Clinton Hopkins, Juan Lopez, Jamari Johnson, Michael Turner, Damian Gonzalez, Paul Garcia, Marcus Jones, Jamaal Young

**Honorable Mentions:** Jayden Alvarado, Guillermo Chavez, Juan Lopez, Luis Pichardo, Paul Bueno, Tucker Flores



Congratulations to Jamaal Young, Elian Ruiz, Mason Stromstad, Xavier Bueno, Michael Turner and Damian Gonzalez on receiving Tempe Union All-City honors. Way to represent Padres Football!



# STUDENT NEWS

## Native American Night

On October 14th, the Marcos de Niza football team hosted Native American Night in order to kick off Indigenous Peoples' Day. The players took the field with the flags from the tribes that are represented by our district and had special performers before the game and at halftime. Way to go, Padres!



## Varsity Football Home Opener

Varsity Football Home Opener

On September 23rd during halftime, the marching band performed and we officially dedicated our brand new turf field.



**GAMEDAY**

23 SEPTEMBER 2022 • 7:00 PM  
 VICTOR C. SANCHEZ JR., STADIUM  
 VARSITY FOOTBALL HOME OPENER

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE ON GOFAN.CO





# STUDENT NEWS

## ATHLETICS - Basketball

Congrats to **Charles Clark** and **Marcus McClure** for strong play throughout our four games during the week of November 26th and for making the All-Tournament team.



## ATHLETICS - Swim Team

Marcos de Niza's Swim Team celebrated their senior night during the week of October 10th. Congratulations to the two seniors on the team, **Sam Supriyasilp** and **Pyper Hatch**!





# UPCOMING EVENT

PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS...

## The Wizard of Oz

Performances March 1st-4th, 2023



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