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Art Show Winners

Congratulations to our illustrious art students! Ximena Carmona and Damian Etsitty's artwork is currently displayed at the Shemer Art Center. Congratulations to Damian for receiving a scholarship award for her "Fancy Dancer" acrylic painting. In addition, the following students won awards at the Sister Cities Art Reception: Special recognition—Kimberly Nunez Figueroa, Honorable Mention—Naomi Lewis and Damian Etsitty. Best of Show and \$150 went to Celyn Evens for her artwork entitled "Community in Grasp," which will be displayed in Washington D.C. at a national show. Sara Hambleton, Esperanza Gonzales and Devonne Vizzerra were also chosen to display their artwork.

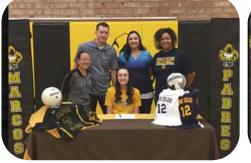


National Letters of Intent Signing Day

Congratulations to four of our Marcos de Niza student athletes who signed national letters of intent to continue in athletics in college on December 19, 2018 in the gymnasium, supported by families and coaches. Those students are pictured below: **Orion Hunter**—University of Colorado; Track & Field (Pole Vault), **Matthew Bergevin**—Concordia University Portland; Baseball, **Elyse Olson**—Phoenix College; Volleyball, and **Torren Union**—South Dakota State University; Football. Well done, Padres!



Orion Hunter



Elyse Olson

Matthew Bergevin



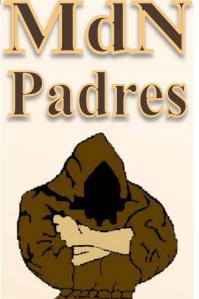
Torren Union

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A MESSAGE FROM...Mr. McDonald

Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Challenging, Inspiring and Achieving!

Padre Parents and Students,

I want to take this opportunity to first thank you for allowing me to serve this community. I have enjoyed supporting the students and staff in my role as principal of Marcos de Niza High School for the last five years.

I would like to share that this will be my final year at Marcos de Niza as I have been selected as the new Assistant Superintendent for District Safety and Support for the Tempe Union High School District. This role aligns with my passion and experience, and I am grateful to continue to serve the Marcos de Niza community, along with the rest of the Tempe Union High School District. I will remain at Marcos through the conclusion of the 2018-19 school year and will proudly present the Class of 2019 with their diplomas on May 23.

It will be a bitter-sweet transition, but I look forward to impacting the amazing students, staff and community members in the Tempe Union High School District.

The district hosted a parent and community forum on February 28th so that you would have input on the next principal at Marcos. Students and staff were asked for their input. More information about the forum was sent in the "Week at a Glance" (WAAG) email.

"Once a Padre, Always a Padre,"

Sean McDonald, MDN Principal

MDN Mission Statement

It is the mission of Marcos de Niza High School to nurture a positive environment in which all students are inspired to strengthen their character, challenged to reach their highest level of achievement and prepared to be enrolled, enlisted or employed upon graduation.



MDN Site Council Information

MdN Site Council is a committee that consist of parents, faculty, staff and students working together to improve our school. This council serves as the advisory board to the principal. This council meets on the first Wednesday of every month in Room #255 from 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome your attendance. If you have any concerns you would like to address, please feel free to contact any of the committee members.

Important Testing Dates

March 28th will be the AIMS Science Test April 1st & 2nd will be the AZMerit Writing Test April 8th & 9th will be the AZMerit Reading Test April 11th & 12th will be the AZMerit Math Test April 16th will be the CTE Testing Site Council Meeting Dates:

March 6 April 3 May 1

4:00 PM - 5:00 PM 255 FACS Living Room

Final Exam Dates

May 15th—17th: Senior Final Exams

May 20th—22nd: Underclassman Final Exams

STAFF NEWS



ACADEMIC COACH

We are very excited to announce that the MDN Baseball program has hired **Miguel Hernandez** to be the programwide Academic Coach. Miguel will be responsible for all grade progress and overall on campus behavior for the players in the program. We are happy to have Miguel as part of the MDN Baseball staff as I know that he and I have the exact same vision for where the program should be academically," said Matt Courtney, Head Baseball Coach. Congratulations, Mr. Miguel!

WELCOME

We want to welcome our newest members of our Padre family. Juan Gonzalez—Paraprofessional in our Educational Services Department, Stephanie Ornelas—Security Guard, who is new to MDN but not new to working in a school setting; she comes to us from Red Mountain High School, and Skylar Rubalcaba—Physical Education, weight training coach.







FOLLOW PADRES ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Visit us on Facebook. See what our students and staff are doing. You will find interesting videos and you may post your comments at https://www.facebook.com/padrepride



Follow us on TWITTER at: https://twitter.com/TUHSD_News

> Empact Crisis Hotline Suicide Prevention 490-784-1500

Mercy Maricopa Crisis Hotline Behavioral Health 602-222-9444

Teen Line Lifeline Hotline Mental Health Suicide Prevention 602-248-8336

National Suicide Prevention Hotline 800-273-8255 (Talk)

City of Tempe Care 7 Crisis Hotline 480-350-8004

Padre Resources

ThreadZ Pro is located in the DECA room 238. Please help us provide students with the tools they need to succeed! We need dress shirts, ties, slacks, women's dresses, blouses, skirts, pants as well as men's and women's dress shoes.

Please clean out those closets and donate your gently used business clothing to the all new ThreadZ Pro, sponsored by DECA.

Niños Preschool is beginning our registration process for the fall 2019-2020 school year. Please see the requirements below:

- 3 years old (or turning 3 by fall break).
- Fully potty trained.
- Tuition is \$140 a week.
- You provide a packed lunch. We provide 2 snacks (morning and afternoon).
- TUHSD Calendar We are closed during all breaks, no tuition paid.

Pass this along to your family members, friends and neighbors. We have a great program!



Padres of The Quarter

<u>Students</u> Sakinah Bayless Marina Carlson Regan Hatch Kyontee Johnson

Faculty

Lori Fragoso Kate Roman Skylar Rubalcaba

<u>Classified</u> Peggy Hogshooter Sabrina Pacheco

AROUND CAMPUS

On January 23rd, Marcos de Niza students attended the State Capitol to hear a bill about vaping in Arizona. These students, who helped design an anti-vaping campaign at Tempe Union High School District, want students and parents to understand the dangers of vaping. Read more about our *Vanish the Vape* campaign: www.tempeunion.org/vanishthevape



WHO WILL BE CROWNED MR. PADRE 2019?

Attention all Padres! Coming up on April 3rd at 7:00 pm is Mr. Padre. Would you like to be in the running to be crowned Mr. Padre 2019? Applications are available in the front office. Submissions are due by March 8th. Be sure to turn them in. See you there!

BAND, CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the following students who were selected to participate in the West Region Honor Orchestra: Elizabeth Bejarano (Violin), Maggie Hernandez (Viola), Bianca Martinez-Mason (Cello), and Jordyn Bursh (Cello) GO PADRES!







DRAWING AND PAINTING

Vanessa Miller's art masterpiece "Sky Color" is displayed in our preschool. **Celyn Evens**' artwork "Community in Grasp" will be displayed in Washington D.C. at a national show.



Congrats to Erica Miranda who was the winner of the Grad Night raffle.

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IN THE CLASSROOM

You "otter pop" into the library to join our reading challenge! Marcos, McClintock, Mountain Pointe, and now Tempe High are competing in the annual M³T Reading Challenge. The challenge begins on March 6th and goes through April 17th. The goal is to read more TOTAL pages than our competitors. The school that reads the most pages total win the illustrious trophy. McClintock Chargers won it last year, and we want it back this year. Students and staff are all welcome to join. Come pop in the library and see Ms. Heath to join our reading team.

Tyler Saeugling's class started a coffee delivery service for teachers on Mondays and Fridays during first hour. They are learning to run a business and do all of the jobs from taking orders to making drinks to delivering on time. They offer coffee drinks, hot chocolate and tea for low prices!



Felicia Tew's class has a brisk business making greeting cards. Once again they were featured by Channel 3 news over Valentine's Day. Each valentine is a work of art as the students make their own paper and design the cards.



MILITARY SCIENCE

Congratulations to the Tempe Union JROTC program. Last week of January, members of the Drill team, Raider team, and Rifle team all competed in the Padre Skills Meet, where over 15 JROTC programs from around the state participated. The Tempe Union Cadets earned 1st place overall as a program, including numerous awards earned by each team.



Senior **Sam Lumbra**, Captain of the JROTC Rifle Team, competed in the JROTC Western Rifle Regionals last week. Sam scored the second highest total score out of all Army JROTC participants in nation. He will represent the Tempe Union Army JROTC program and Marcos de Niza next month at Nationals in Anniston, Alabama.



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Earlier this month the TUHSD JROTC program held its 36th Annual JROTC Military Ball. Almost 200 Cadets and guests gathered at the Embassy Suites Tempe Ballroom for a great evening. The evening began with some military formalities and then transitioned to dinner before the closing ceremonies and the DJ took over for the rest of the night. A great time was had by all that attended.



Recently in the JROTC program, many cadets volunteered at St. Mary's Food Bank, preparing over 1,300 emergency food boxes.



PADRE PRIDE

CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATION & SENIOR EVENT INFORMATION

On Behalf of the Faculty and Staff of MDN,

Congratulations to the MDN Graduating Class of 2019!

We would like to acknowledge all of the parents and guardians of this outstanding class of graduates by extending our appreciation for making MDN your school of choice and for completing the journey with your senior! Congratulations!

Marcos de Niza Graduation Ceremony: May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Parking:

- Student/Faculty Parking, located just east of the Baseball Stadium
- LDS Church parking lot will also be available on the night of the ceremony
- Gates to the stadium will open at 5:00 p.m.
- Handicapped seating will be available on both sides of the stadium.
- Handicapped seating will be extremely limited and available to those that absolutely need the accommodation along with one relative to act as a care taker. For more information, please call the MDN Administrative Office.

The MDN Cheer program will be selling flowers for the event and Grad Images Photography will be present to capture the moment when your student is receiving his/her diploma during the ceremony.

MDN 2019 SENIOR EVENT SCHEDULE

For senior event schedule, please click here: <u>https://www.tempeunion.org/Page/2778</u>

GRADUATION CEREMONY DRESS CODE

All graduates will be required to wear a mortar board (cap) and gown provided by the Jostens Graduation Supply Company. If you have not purchased a cap and gown as of yet, they are still available through Jostens. *Contact Jostens at (602) 765-7227.*

Seniors will not be allowed to decorate their mortar boards or gowns in any way.

Dress Code:

- Ladies must wear an appropriate dress, blouse/skirt or suit.
- Gentlemen must wear a shirt, tie, and dress pants.
- Dress shoes are required. For ladies, flats are recommended due to the fact that they will be walking on the football field.
- No t-shirts, tennis shoes, flip flops, Birkenstocks, or jeans.
- No cell phones, purses, bags, sunglasses or items of personal attire beyond the required dress.
- DO NOT bring any items that could be disruptive to the ceremony.

Any student that is suspected of being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol will be subject to an immediate evaluation by the Tempe Police Department. Any student found to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol may be removed from the ceremony and referred to the Tempe Police Department.

The MDN Graduation Ceremony is a dignified event that you and your student will remember for a lifetime. Please encourage your student to treat the ceremony with the dignity that it deserves.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO TAKE CARE OF PRIOR TO THE CEREMONY

All debts must be cleared through the bookstore. For information regarding debts, books and school equipment, please call the MDN Bookstore at (480) 838-3200, ext. 40155 or visit: <u>https://www.tempeunion.org/domain/98</u>

Other items: It is important to note that all graduates must complete the course of study (23 credits) required by the Tempe Union High School District prior to the graduation; we have no alternative but to deny participation in the graduation ceremony.



Academics Mrs. Sarah Tolar

Fee Assistance Information

Students who have applied and qualified for free or reduced lunch are eligible to apply for fee/tuition assistance for Summer Education Academy, as well as Spring athletics and activities fees. Students can receive a fee assistance form from Counseling or the Front Office.

Student assistance funds will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, until funds run out. Funds will be allocated as follows:

Activities/Athletic Fees

All students who qualify for free or reduced lunch will receive a 25% fee reduction, which will require a student payment of \$37.50.

Summer Education Academy Students who qualify for <u>free</u> <u>lunch</u> will receive \$50 in tuition assistance for each \$175 course. Students who qualify for <u>reduced</u> <u>lunch</u> will receive \$25 in tuition assistance for each \$175 course.

NOTE: All families applying for fee assistance must have an activated ParentVue account before the request form will be approved.

Please contact Sarah Easton (seaston@tempeunion.org) in Counseling if you need assistance activating your ParentVue account.

Academics...Mrs. Sarah Tolar

ParentVue Access: We're working to get 100% of our Padre parents logged in to ParentVue this semester. Please check to ensure that you can access your account at: <u>https://az-tuhsd-psv.edupoint.com/</u>

ParentVue allows you access to important information about your student's academic progress and communication with teachers and staff.

Please take a minute to check your access and contact Sarah Easton (seaston@tempeunion.org) in Counseling if you need any assistance with your ParentVue account.

<u>AP Testing Registration Information</u>: Students enrolled in AP courses have a received a bulletin with information regarding the AP testing process. AP Registration payment is currently being accepted in the Bookstore.

Please contact Mrs. Lacerenza (slacerenzagrosklos@tempeunion.org), our AP Testing Coordinator, with any questions.

<u>TUHSD Evening and Saturday School and Summer Education Academy</u>: Evening and Saturday School registration has begun for Spring 2019 semester. Registration forms are available in the MDN Guidance Office. Student's must register as soon as possible since classes are filling up quickly.

Please visit the TUHSD Extended Education Program website at: https://www.tempeunion.org/Page/589

Summer Education Academy will open up for registration on March 1st. Please visit the website at: https://www.tempeunion.org/Page/590

All families requesting tuition assistance will be required to have an active ParentVue account prior to approval. Please check to ensure that you can access your account at: <u>https://az-tuhsd-psv.edupoint.com/</u>

EVIT Application Information: Students interested in joining EVIT next year, please pick up an EVIT application in the Guidance office. EVIT Cosmetology Application packets must be directly taken to EVIT for review.

EVIT will be on campus from 9:00 am to 11:00 am on Friday, March 1st to review completed applications packets (excluding Cosmetology) and meet with students.

Please see Ms. Ramirez or Ms. Martinez in Guidance if you have any questions.

<u>Class of 2019 - Road to Graduation</u>: Senior AcLab Meeting: Seniors will have a mandatory meeting on <u>Tuesday, March 5th during AcLab</u> to go over credit and transcript information, graduation information and 4th Quarter deadlines.

<u>Jostens</u>: March 22nd (during lunch): Jostens will be on campus to deliver graduation orders. This will be the last opportunity for student to bring order forms and money to campus to place their graduation order.

April 12th: Last day to place an online order at: <u>https://www.jostens.com/apps/store/customer/1001097/</u> Marcos-De-Niza-High-School/

Any order after this date will need to be made in person at the Cave Creek location: 21023 N. Cave Creek Rd. Suite #1 Phoenix, AZ **85024**.

May 3rd: Final on-campus delivery.

Cap and Gown Pictures for the Yearbook:

March 20th: Senior cap and gown pictures for the yearbook will be taken throughout the day.

ACTIVITIES...Mr. Brian Fleming



Activities Mr. Brian Fleming

THE TEMPE YOUTH TRANSIT PASS

The Tempe Youth Transit Pass Program allows all eligible Tempe youth ages 6 to 18 to ride regional and local Valley Metro bus routes and the MET-RO light rail for free. Free passes are available at the Tempe Transit Store, 200 E. Fifth St., from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you attend Tempe, Compadre, Marcos de Niza or McClintock High Schools AND LIVE IN TEMPE OR GUADALUPE, you can get your transit pass at the school. Go to the activities office for more information and to get a registration form. If you attend Tempe, Compadre, Marcos de Niza or McClintock High Schools and get the pass at the school (not at the Transit Store), the parent does not need to accompany the child nor do you need to have the proof of residency or birth certificate. The school registrar will verify all the information.



2ND SEMESTER

Mon., March 4	Musical Matinee/ Double Assembly 12:45 PM - 2:00 PM
Tues., March 5	Musical Preview 7:00 PM
Wed., March 6	Musical Performance 7:00 PM
Thurs., March 7	Musical Performance 7:00 PM
Fri., March 8	Musical Performance 7:00 PM
Fri., March 9	Musical Performance 7:00 PM
Mon., March 11 - Fri., March 15	Spring Break
Mon., March 18 - Fri., March 22	4TH Quarter Starts STUDCO President Elections
Wed., March 20	Club Picture Retakes (Gym Annex) STUDCO President Elections
Mon., March 25 - Fri., March 28	STUDCO Office Election Week
Fri., March 29	STUDCO Officer Inductions
Wed., April 3	Mr. Padre 2019 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Fri., April 12	JTROTC Awards Night 7 PM in Auditorium
Fri., April 19	Good Friday (No school)
Tues., April 23	Orchestra Concert 7:00 PM
Thurs., April 25	Night Of Shorts 7:00 PM in RM 222
Fri., April 26	Night Of Shorts 7:00 PM in RM 222
Fri., April 26	Night Of Shorts 7:00 PM in RM 222
Thurs., May 2	Dance Concert 7:00 PM
Tues., May 7	CTE Awards Night 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thurs., May 9	Spring Art Show 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Fri., May 10	Choir POPS Concert 7:00 PM
Tues., May 14	Band Concert 7:00 PM
Thurs., May 16	Chamber Concert 7:00 PM
Sat., May 18	MFFA Awards Night 6:00 PM
Mon., May 20	Final Exam 1/2
Tues., May 21	Final Exams 3/4
Wed., May 22	Final Exams 6/7
Thurs., May 23	Graduation 7:00 PM
Fri., May 24	Teachers' Last Day

March 19: Arizona Community College Information Night 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Compadre High School Cafeteria







ATHLETICS...Mr. Carlos Alvarado

Parents/Guardians and Sport Enthusiasts:

For those attending all regular season home games during the winter season, basketball, soccer and wrestling, there is an admittance fee for adults, students (K-12th grade) and seniors. We currently only accept cash at the door.

Prices for admission are as follows:

Adults/College Students:	\$5.00
Students K-12 th grade: (high school ID required)	\$3.00
Seniors 55 and older:	\$3.00
Military/Veterans:	\$3.00

AIA passes are accepted and include 1 guest (passes do not include entry to play-off games).

**No outside food or drinks are permitted; please dispose of them prior to entering the facility. While in the gymnasium, only water is permitted on the main gym floor. All other snacks and drinks are allowed, but must be consumed upstairs. The concession stand is open with a variety of snacks and drinks available.

Basketball

Big congratulations to basketball players JJ Hill for making Second Team All-Region and Tommy Lingruen and Russ Lingruen and Ty Frazier for making Honorable Mention All-Region. Great job!

Baseball

Congratulations to the Varsity baseball team on their 9-3 victory at Brophy Preseason Tournament! Great job, Padres!

Wrestling

The Wrestling Team had their sectional tournament to qualify for State. The team finished in second place this year, led by sectional champions Noah Perez, Malik Shuaibe, and Gabe Sordia. Also qualifying for the State Tournament are Gavin Gonzales, Zach Martinez, Zach Famoso and Eilye Hill. Great job, Padres!



Congratulations to **Sofia Rubio** for becoming the First D1, Section 1 Champion in Women's Wrestling. She has qualified for the first ever women's wrestling championship in the state of Arizona. Congratulations!

PADRE PRIDE



Athletics Mr. Carlos Alvarado

TEAM SPORT LINKS AND WEBSITES

Please visit the athletic website:

https://www.tempeunion.org/ domain/120

CLEARANCE PROCEDURE FOR ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES

Please visit the athletic website:

https://www.tempeunion.org/ domain/116



Marcos de Niza High School 2019 Grad Night

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENT!

Thursday, May 23, 2019

Dave & Busters 2000 S. Rio Salado Parkway

Tempe, Arizona 85282

Casino - DJ - Karaoke - Free Food/Drinks - Raffles - and so much more!



For more information visit us at: http://www.gradnightmdn.wixsite.com/2019

\$75 Regular price (April 1 - May 22)\$85 Better late than never! (at the door)

Grad Night meeting: March 11th, Dave & Busters at 6:30 pm **Grad Night Fundraisers:** March 4th: Someburros, 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (Mill) March 11th: Dave & Busters, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm (Tempe Marketplace) Please mention MDN at both events to be sure we get credit for your purchase (s).

Grad Night registration is currently \$65.00 and Grad Night t-shirts are now on sale for \$15.00 each: Cash, check or debit/credit card payments accepted. Forms are available in school office and parents need to sign the registration form. Those who register on or before March 7th will be entered into a drawing for a Visa gift card. Questions? Please email <u>gradnightmdn@gmail.com</u>.



TAX CREDIT

Taxpayers

Donate to a Marcos de Niza extracurricular activity*

TUHSD Tax Credit Deposit Form

To the following Marcos of	e Niza High School extracurric	cular activity/activities:	
1)	\$	2)	\$
3)	\$	4)	\$
If your donation is for a sp	pecific student's extracurricular	r activity, write in his/her name and studer	it number:
Student Name:		Student Number	
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Mail to: Marcos de Niza High School • Attn: Bookstore Manager • 6000 S. Lakeshore Drive• Tempe, AZ 85283

*Extracurricular activities are defined as "school-sponsored educational and recreational activities that require enrolled students to pay a fee in order to participate."

**Tax credit is up to \$200 per individual tax return and up to \$400 for married filing jointly. Contact your tax advisor for more information.

DONATE TODAY!

MARCOS DE NIZA PROUDLY PRESENTS



Marcos de Niza Performing Arts Presents: Annie

Annie tells the extraordinary story of a little orphan who ends up living in luxury with Depression-era billionaire Oliver Warbucks. Unlike most of the other children at Miss Hannigan's orphanage, spunky Annie believes that her parents are still alive and will one day return to claim her. When Mr. Warbucks offers to adopt her, she asks the most powerful man in America to help find her real mom and dad instead, and he agrees. This classic family musical has a happy ending for Annie, Daddy Warbucks and the whole gang.

Show Dates & Times:

March 6th through March 9th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 students/seniors MDN Auditorium

mdnchoirdrama.org





Spring Break: March 11th – 15th



Remember: Respect is everyone's responsibility.

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ATTENTION MDN PARENTS!

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Your e-mail address will not be shared; addresses will be kept confidential. You may also view our seasonal newsletters on our website; click on: http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/index.htm

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