

# PADRE PRIDE

# MdN Padres

## MdN Students...gives back to community



### SMILES OF CHRISTMAS

*Smiles of Christmas* involves every school from Tempe Union and gives back to our local community. Frank Elementary School brought 250 children to our campus and they were paired with 250 TUHSD high school students. The pairs enjoyed a fun-filled day participating in activities, such as a Home Depot project, face painting, photos with Santa, arts and crafts, games, and the Tempe Police Mounted Unit, Fire, and Hazardous Response Team.

We were fortunate this year to have Smiles on #GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving. Thank you to everyone who helped make Marcos' first *Smiles of Christmas* amazing.



## Thanksgiving Cheer

### MDN CHEER

A big shout out to our MDN Cheer who volunteered their time to help out St. Vincent de Paul collect and sort food for the Thanksgiving holiday. Great job!



## Empty Bowls Event

### CERAMICS

On Saturday, November 10th, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM, we were proud to host our annual Empty Bowls Bowl-athon in the ceramics room at Marcos de Niza. This event, to benefit the Tempe Community Action Agency and the United Food Bank, is part of a tradition our school and district have been proud to take part in for many years. During the day, Marcos de Niza ceramics students, staff, and alumni produced bowls that will be fired, glazed, and then finally sold at an event in February (see the link below for more details).



While experience with clay is a bonus, it is not required to participate in the event, families, staff, and community members were welcomed to attend, get their hands dirty, and learn a little about how we endeavor to give back to our community.

<http://www.tempeemptybowls.org/>

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# A MESSAGE FROM...Mr. McDonald



*Excellence in Teaching and Learning*

**Challenging, Inspiring and Achieving!**

Dear MdN Parents,

I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of the first semester. We had many activities occurring over the weeks from concerts to sporting events. Our students and staff have been working very hard to bring you excellence in all that they do. Congratulations to all on a job well done.

I want to remind all of you that there are many opportunities for our students to get assistance from their teachers. Please go to conference hour, AcLab, after school tutoring on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday or make an appointment before/after school with your teacher(s).

Lastly, although the holiday season is a joyous time for many of us, it can be very difficult for others. If any of you need support during the holiday season or any time of the year—WE ARE HERE FOR YOU! Please finish the semester strong and enjoy the winter break. Thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,

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.

**SITE COUNCIL MEETING**  
**4:00 PM - 5:00 PM**  
**255 FACS Living Room**

SEMESTER 2  
 January 9  
 February 13  
 March 6  
 April 3  
 May 1

MEMBERS of the COMMITTEE	
Administrators	Certified
Carlos Alvarado	Lindsey Danskin
Brian Fleming	Kelly Muchmore
Sean McDonald	Victoria Clark
Parents	
Rosalie White	Joseph Sverev
Sandy Allen	Lenica Ruiz
Nicole Salvagni	Laurie Varela (Lead)
Jim Kenehan	
Community at Large	Classified
Loren Grizzard	Manuel Varela

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Follow us on TWITTER at:  
[https://twitter.com/TUHSD\\_News](https://twitter.com/TUHSD_News)



**AWARD WINNER**

Congratulations to Kelley Muchmore, recipient of the 2018 *Dr. Eileen Yellin Safe Schools Advisor Award*, in recognition of the late Dr. Eileen Yellin of Tempe High School. *The award* is presented to a Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) Advisor who has gone above and beyond to foster safe and inclusive spaces for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning (LGBTQ) youth in schools. *The Safe Schools Advisor Award* recognizes outstanding leadership as well as a long-standing commitment to ensuring LGBTQ youth can reach their fullest potential. Well done!



**NEW HEAD BASEBALL COACH NAMED**  
 Matt Courtney has been offered the position of Interim Head Coach for Varsity Baseball. Coach Courtney has accepted the position and is looking forward to working as the new leader of the program. Coach Courtney has taught in the MdN Special Education Department for ten years and has been a coach in the MdN Baseball program for thirteen years. Congratulations, Coach Courtney!



**WELCOME!**  
 A warm welcome to Phillip Verdugo who has recently joined our MdN family. Phil will be teaching in our Educational Service Department. Say hello when you see him and give him a warm MdN welcome.



**TIME OUT**

The Student Services/Special Education department staff got together for a stress-busting, self-care session after school at the end of November! They also were also happy to welcome English/History/Study Skills resource teacher Phil Verdugo to Marcos! A rainbow of colors was provided and everybody made a shirt with Marcos colors or their own creative mix. This event was sponsored by Sharon Weiss, our social worker, who is also new to Marcos this year. Sharon inspired the staff to sail in to finals with a smile.

Back row, Left to right: Vanessa Anspach, Matt Courtney, Erin Meier, Chris Skaggs, Victoria Clark, Katie Kelley, Stephen Wilmot, Monica Zehring, Phil Verdugoo. Front row, Left to right: Bernadette Alvarado, Felicia Tew, Sharon Weiss, Joe Jeffers, Lori Fragoso.



**Padres of The Quarter**

Students

Stephen Green  
Christina Schultz  
Hailey White

Faculty

Rachael Clawson  
Janet Scott  
Jill Windsor

Classified

Chris Gooden  
Miguel Hernandez



**NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**

Congratulations to all the National Honor Society Inductees for their hard work and academic success. The Inductee ceremony was held on November 20<sup>th</sup> in the MdN auditorium. Inductees were recognized by Tempe's current mayor, Mark Mitchell.

**INDUCTEES**

Itzel Jacobo Avendano  
Elizabeth Bejarano  
David Choi  
Jonathan Choi  
Izik Deike  
Brach Drew  
Silus Famoso  
Callahan Farr  
Audrey Hoskin  
Abdurrehman Khokher  
Alexander Norrish  
Sidney Osterholt  
Nathan Patterson  
Salma Reyes  
Evelyn Salgado  
Jackson Scott  
Ethan Storment  
Josh Tata  
Michelle Valdez

**AROUND CAMPUS**

*All City Athletes*



**TEMPE HONORS ATHLETES**

On Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, three seniors represented MDN at the Tempe All-City Banquet as Tempe All-City selections for volleyball and football. Jenifer Lauer was recognized as a member of the 2018 Tempe All-City Volleyball Team. Torren Union and Eli Hill were recognized as members of the Tempe All-City Football Team. Congratulations, Padres!

*Model UN*



**CONFERENCE WINNERS**

Congratulations to the Marcos de Niza Model UN Club for participating in the ASU Model UN Conference. Top awards went to seniors Mateo Uribe who received an Outstanding Diplomat Award, Nick Hargis who received an Outstanding Diplomat Award, and Eric Waters who received an Outstanding Delegate Award for both his paper and his conference participation. Fantastic job to the entire MDN Model UN Delegation!

*Marching Band*



**BAND CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Congratulations to the Padre Pride Marching Band who finished in 2nd place at the Division IV Arizona State Marching Band Championships. In addition, the band received the "Best Music" award at the City of Tempe Fantasy of Lights Parade.

Earlier in November the Band earned an EXCELLENT Rating at State Marching qualifying competition. The band also received special caption awards in the areas of color guard, percussion, general effect, and music performance. Please congratulate all of the band members for a job well done!

*Key Club*



**BLOOD DRIVE**

Our Key Club members sponsored a wonderful opportunity for our MDN family to give back to our community and potentially save lives. For every pint United Blood Services receives, three lives can be saved.

Prior to the blood drive, Key Club members visited classrooms to promote and inform our MDN students of the upcoming Blood Drive, handing out flyers. The Blood Drive was held on November 6<sup>th</sup> all day; students were assigned an appointment time for donating.

Key Club members in "good standing" were assigned to assist as runners and organizers during the event. Participating students were: Marianna Adams, Jasmine Araujo, Elizabeth Bejarano, Trevor Benson, Alan Chavez, Callahan Farr, Shazeem Imtiaz, Jenny Reed, Abdurrehman Khokher, Gracie Marker, Macy Ruiz, Emily Mornet, Evelyn Salgado, Sofia Serna, Gage Sisamout, Grace Smith, Mateo Uribe, Makayla Wade, Eric Waters, Colin Wood, and Asael Worden. Great job, Padres!



## IN THE CLASSROOM

PADRE PRIDE

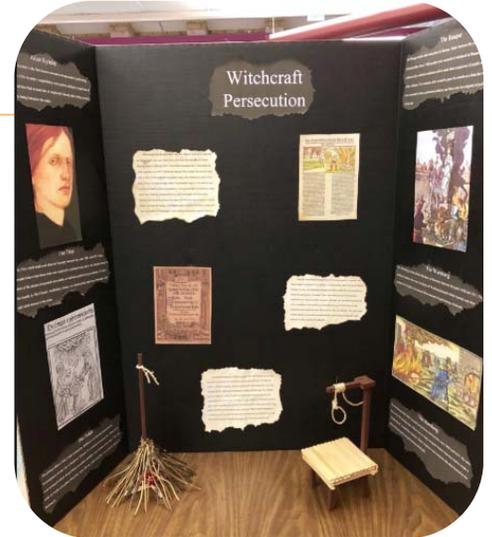


### History Class

#### WORLD HISTORY MUSEUM TOUR

Mr. Conner Exline's Honors World History students set up a "museum" display in the library as part of their final. They chose a topic from the time-periods that they have been studying and created an in-depth presentation to teach viewers about their topic. Some of them were very creative and quite impressive. Several classes came to the library to tour through the museum.

Mr. Exline always makes his classes fun and looks for hands-on creativity for his students. Last year he had the civil war cake wars; this year the museum displays. We cannot wait for the next semester. Great job, Padres!



### Health Class

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Marcos de Niza health students are required to do ten hours of service in the community and at the school during the semester. Some help at *Feed my Starving Children*; others work with elementary students; some volunteer at the hospitals, and some even volunteer to help in the library. Mya Flores is one student who used her creative talents to make a *reading bulletin board* for the library. Volunteering and serving in our community makes a significant and positive impact on our students. Eva-Marie Johnson stated, "It changed my life." Thank you, Mr. Henika and Mrs. Remer, for having service as part of the curriculum!



MILITARY SCIENCE

The Tempe Union High School District Army JROTC Battalion conducted its annual East Valley Massing of the Colors on Friday, December 7, 2018. Other JROTC units from around the state participated with their color guards in our event as well. Many honored guests attended and there was a short video presentation. It is so fantastic to see these young men and women represent their nation with their service in the community. The Society of the Massing of the Colors first held a patriotic ceremony on Armistice Day in 1922. Military Order of World Wars (MOWW) inherited the responsibility for conducting this event across the country in 1927 when the original sponsoring society faded away. To date, MOWW is the only Veteran Service Organization (VSO) in the United States to conduct such ceremonies.

JROTC also participated in several Veterans' Day parades this year, participating in both the Guadalupe and Tempe parades. In addition, we provided Color Guards for Veterans' Day ceremonies at numerous other locations in support of our community. The Cadets looked sharp in their dress blues and enjoyed themselves while we honored those who have served







### CLASS WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Students who are dropped from any class due to excessive absences will remain in that class under no credit status. All other classes drop/adds have to be made within the first ten days of school.

### ONLINE, CORRESPONDENCE AND CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT STUDENTS

All online, correspondence, and concurrent enrollment courses must have prior approval from a counselor or/ and registrar if a student expects to receive high school credit. It is the student's responsibility to have an official transcript submitted to the Records Clerk upon completion of the course prior to May 16, 2019. All courses must meet Tempe Union High School District's curriculum standards. These standards include content as well as credit hours. Again, make sure to check with your counselor to ensure that the course you are wanting to take satisfies the district's graduation requirements.



## MDN ACADEMICS...Ms. Sarah Tolar

### ONLINE GRADES

MdN teachers post their grades online. If you have access to the Internet, this may be an easy way for you and your child to keep track of day-to-day academic progress.



### ACCESSING STUDENT GRADES ONLINE

- 1) <http://www.tempeunion.org/Domdn/11>
- 2) Click on *the Parent button*
- 3) Go to PARENTVUE link
- 4) Type in the student's name



If you have any questions email the MdN Synergy Login Support at ([canvasparents@tempeunion.org](mailto:canvasparents@tempeunion.org)). Please include your child's name and ID number.

Although online grade reports are updated regularly, the grades reflected might already be outdated. The student's grades are subject to change at any time and is not official until reported on a district-issued report card. Student grades are posted for your convenience as a general indicator of the student's progress.

### ADDRESS CHANGES

It is imperative that the school has your current address with accurate home, work, and cell phone numbers. Parents and legal guardians please inform the student services office as soon as possible if:

- you have moved. (You must provide proof of address before an address change can be made. Please fill out a new Student Data Revisions form and provide us with a copy of your new lease agreement, mortgage statement, or current electric bill.)
- there is a change in any of your phone numbers. It is important that we have current phone numbers in the computer in the event a staff member needs to contact you for any reason.
- you need to change the designated Emergency Contact in your child's records. It is important to have someone else we can contact if we are unable to reach you during the school day.

To make necessary changes to student information, please contact the Attendance Office at (480) 838-3200. Please remember that the office needs any updates pertaining to your son or daughter as they occur. Updates include change of address, phone numbers, and emergency contact information. **PLEASE NOTE:** All address changes need to be made by the parent/guardian and must be accompanied by proof of the new address.

### Important dates to remember

PROGRESS REPORTS
Progress reports will be available on-line at the middle of each quarter.
2/4/19 4/12/19

REPORT CARDS
Report cards are mailed at the end of each quarter. The following dates are the end of the quarter:
12/21/18      3/8/19 5/23/19



# Padres! Requesting a 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Schedule Change?



Scan me

Requests will be made using this request form ONLY.

Counselors will work on requests beginning Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

\*Please check your email regularly for communication about your request.\*

Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code or the following link to access the form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/di7ntNCxFe5xGt5J3>

*\*The schedule change process will close on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the semester, Friday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.*



### 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 METRO 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.



## ACTIVITIES...Mr. Brian Fleming

1ST SEMESTER	
Tues., December 18	Midterm Exams 1/2
Wed., December 19	Midterm Exams 3/4
Thurs., December 20	Midterm Exams 6/7 End of 2nd Quarter
Fri., December 21	Teachers last day
Mon., December 25 - Fri., January 4	CHRISTMAS BREAK (No School)

2ND SEMESTER	
Mon., January 7	School Back in Session
Fri., January 18	Winter Pep Assembly
Mon., January 21	MLK DAY (No School)
Sat., January 26	JRTOC Skills Camp SAT Testing
Thurs., January 31	Band Feeder Concert 7:00 PM
Wed., February 6	HALF DAY
Thurs., February 7	Band Concert 7:00 PM
Mon., February 11 - Thurs., February 14	Diversity Week
Fri., February 15	Diversity Assembly
Sat., February 16	Sadie Hawkins Dance 8PM Main Gym
Mon., February 18	Presidents Day (No School)
Mon., March 4	Musical Matinee/ <i>Double Assembly</i> 12:45PM-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
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

# 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-12th 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, drinks are allowed and must be consumed upstairs. The concession stand is open with a variety of snacks and drinks available.

## JV Cheer

Congratulations to JV Cheer for placing 3rd in the "Spring It On" competition this past Saturday. A special thank you to Sydney Ulm and Neveah Rivas for competing with JV. The whole squad did an amazing job.

## MdN Softball

Softball open field will begin January 8<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm, and will be every Tuesdays and Thursdays until try outs.

## Wrestling

Congratulations to our wrestling teams who are off to a great start this year. They were undefeated, winning all three duals by beating American Leadership 66-12, then Glendale, 63-12 and finally Tempe 37-33 in a come from behind victory. The Padres were led by undefeated wrestlers Gavin Gonzales, Tyrik Jones, Danny Fierro, Zach Martinez, Rafael Cabrera, Malik Jones and Zach Famoso. Our JV wrestlers winners were, Zane Patterson, Silus Famoso, Jared Lavender, Chris Ramirez, and Ian Brown. The fastest pin of the night went to Eddie Jojola who pinned his guy in 17 seconds. In a another thriller Sofia Rubio pinned her opponent in dominant fashion. Great job, Padres!

## Swim and Dive

The Padres sent one athlete to the State Swimming and Diving Championships. Michael Flaherty placed 27th, senior Jeffrey Maxwell placed 14th, scoring the Padre's only points at the meet. Way to go, boys.



## Cross Country

On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, our cross country team competed in the Division II, sectional race at cross-roads park. After two hard fought races, our team had two individuals qualify for the state, something that had not happened since 2009. The Padres cross country team's season came to an end Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> with two athletes competing. Maureen Juarez finished her senior year strong, coming in with a time of 23:57 in the women's race and Asael Worden placed 34th in the men's race with a time of 17:47. We thank everyone for the support this year and look forward to another successful season next year! Great job, Padres!



**Athletic Director:**  
Mr. Carlos Alvarado

**Principal:**  
Mr. Sean McDonald

**Division 4A**

**Mascot:**  
Padre



**School Colors:**



**Brown and Gold**

# 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!



## TICKET PRICES:

**\$55 Early Bird (before Jan 15)**

\*\*For those that register, pay and return the waiver by 1/15, you will be entered into a drawing for \$100.00 cash. Drawing to be held on Friday, January 18, 2019 which will be announced during school.

Grad night flyers are available from senior economics teachers and at the front office. \*\*

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

**\$65 Discount Price (January 16 - March 31)**

**\$75 Regular Price (April 1 - May 22)**

**\$85 Better late than Never! (at the door)**

# Taxpayers

Donate to a Marcos de Niza extracurricular activity\*

## TUHSD Tax Credit Deposit Form

YES! Distribute the enclosed donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (up to \$400\*\*)

To the following Marcos de Niza High School extracurricular activity/activities:

1) _____	\$ _____	2) _____	\$ _____
3) _____	\$ _____	4) _____	\$ _____

If your donation is for a specific student's extracurricular activity, write in his/her name and student number:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number \_\_\_\_\_

This information will be supplied to the Arizona Department of Revenue.

A receipt will be mailed to the contributor for tax filing purposes. Please complete with current information.

Full Name (first and last) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Marcos de Niza High School • Attn: Bookstore Manager •  
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\*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!

*Happy Holidays!*



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Remember: Respect is  
Everyone's Responsibility.



### ATTENTION MDN PARENTS!

If you would like to receive our newsletter by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Mr. McDonald at: [smcdonald@tempeunion.org](mailto:smcdonald@tempeunion.org)

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>

**Have a great Winter Break!**

**Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>  
Through  
Friday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**



### CONECTESE

Sabe usted que nuestro página web está disponible ahora en español?

Visítela regularmente por noticias e información [http://](http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn)

[www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn](http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn)

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