

# MdN Padres



Fall 2015

TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL

## Padre Pride

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### MdN...Football past and present

#### GOLDEN FOOTBALL PRESENTATION

On Friday, October 23, 2015 Mdn was presented with an NFL Golden Football. The presentation was made by retired NFL wide receiver **Preston Dennard**, who caught the first ever touchdown pass in the stadium at Marcos de Niza High School. In 1973-74, Dennard's senior year, the Padres won their division with a perfect record and finished third in the state. Dennard, who was named a Who's Who All-American, went on to play college football at the University of New Mexico and became the first freshman there to earn first team All-WAC honors. In 1975, he finished third in the nation in receiving. The following year he was first team all-league and by his senior year, Dennard held every receiving record at UNM. He caught 142 passes for 2,257 yards, numbers that still rank high in the Lobo record book.



Mr. Mc Donald, Preston Dennard (and Jimmy Moore)

In addition to the Rams, Dennard played for the Buffalo Bills and the Green Bay Packers. During his NFL career, he was named Most Outstanding Receiver and was twice nominated for NFL Man of the Year. Former teammate and fellow NFL alum Jimmy Moore was in attendance, too.

As if that was not enough, MdN had a visit from the Sunday Night Football bus. It just so happens that retired Arizona Cardinals tight end **Ben Patrick** now works at Marcos de Niza and is Padre football's special reams Coordinator and tight ends/receivers coach.



As a Cardinal, coach Patrick caught a touchdown pass in Super Bowl XLIII, a thriller between the Cards and the Pittsburgh Steelers.

To top off the semester, Marcos de Niza's football went to the state playoffs! It has been a history making football season for our varsity players along with Head Coach Sean Morin. The Padres had not been to the State playoffs in six years!

The Padres finished the year with a 12-3 record and finished as the Arizona Division II State Championship Runners-up. The Marcos de Niza football team had only appeared in the State Championship once before and that took place in 2009. The team was able to defeat Corona del Sol in the opening round of the playoffs by a narrow margin of 14-7. The next round was played against the #4 seed in the tournament, Ironwood Ridge of Oro Valley, which is just north of Tucson. The Padres handily defeated the Nighthawks 35-15. This victory sealed a berth in the semi-final game, which put the Padres up against the undefeated, #1 seed, Skyline Coyotes. After a very close game, the Padres were able to secure the win, going 44-37 over the Coyotes. The State Championship was played against Scottsdale Saguaro and took place at Arizona Stadium, which is home of the U of A Wildcats. After leading 25-20 in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Saguaro was able to add two scores, which sealed the victory at 38-20. Although it was a heartbreaking loss, the Padre players were able to hold their heads up high as they looked back on their amazing accomplishments. We wish the best for the outgoing seniors. We look forward to underclassmen to fill the shoes of one of the best senior classes in the history of our school. Go Padres!



# Padre Principal...a Message from Mr. McDonald

## Excellence in Teaching and Learning

### Challenging, Inspiring and Achieving!

Dear Padre Family,

Greetings! It is hard to believe that we are already done with the first semester of a very exciting school year. We have had a wonderful start to the 2015-16 school year and are looking forward to the second semester. Please take a look inside this newsletter, as there is a great deal of information regarding registration for next year, graduation, athletics, activities, and upcoming events. There have been successes and proof of student growth in the classrooms, the auditorium, the athletic field, and every arena in which our students perform. These successes and many more are in addition to the day-to-day growth experienced in the classrooms across Marcos. We are proud of the work that has been accomplished, blessed by the support of our educational community, and look forward to the challenges and growth, which the rest of the year will bring. We have had the opportunity to discuss the mission of the school and the importance of setting goals. Our instructional leadership will continue to analyze our school data and have identified areas where we believe improvement is necessary. To this end, we have developed school-wide instructional strategies that will impact student achievement in the areas of:

1. Teachers are working in professional learning communities (PLCs) to share specific strategies that are proven to be successful in their classrooms, based on data from common assessments that are administered during the learning process. Known as formative assessments, these offer both the student and the teacher the opportunity to understand what the student does and does not know about the material, so that the teacher can adjust instructional techniques and the student can adjust learning tactics as necessary.
2. Teachers will align their curriculums to the (AZCCRS) Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards.
3. Administration and teachers will utilize Learning Targets. The learning targets consist of the Topic, Level (Depth of Knowledge), and the assessment with criteria for student success. The teachers are using strategic questioning strategies as well as introducing student goal setting the second semester.

Marcos de Niza will use research-based practices and innovative instruction to deliver challenging and engaging academics designed to meet or exceed state and national standards. It is our desire that students take full advantage of the quality instruction by being present and ready to learn. This is important every school day, as well as when we gear up for the AZ Merit assessment administration in the spring. Students (freshmen and sophomores) who are taking Biology will take AIMS Science test in the spring.

We will continue to do our best to support our students' academic achievement. Students today are more challenged than ever, as they must earn 23 credits in order to graduate. If you have any concerns about your student's progress, please feel free to contact his/her guidance counselor and/or teachers. We recognize that student growth is a team effort and look forward to working as a community to face the challenges that meet us each year.

As always, I welcome any conversation you wish to have with me regarding Marcos de Niza and our pursuit of EXCELLENCE. Please feel free to call me at 480 - 838-3200. We thank you for your support; it takes "Everybody, Everyday!"

Happy Holidays,  
Sean McDonald, MdN Principal



The community of Marcos de Niza will strive to:  
**Challenge** students to look to the future as responsible citizens,  
**Inspire** students to be lifelong learners, to prepare students to  
**Achieve** academically for college and career success.

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**WHAT'S NEW?**  
 Do you have something we should know about? Do you want to submit information for the next edition of the Padre Newsletter? We welcome your input and additions to this valuable publication. You may submit feedback in writing to Gloria Laguna at [glaguna@tempeunion.org](mailto:glaguna@tempeunion.org) or contact any administrator at (480) 838-3200.  
 The Spring newsletter will be published at the end of March and our final Summer newsletter will be published at the end of May. Our newsletters are available on our website at <http://www.tempeunion.org/domain/92>  
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# From the Academics Office...Mr. Alvarado



## STUDENT SERVICES

The registration office is where you can receive assistance with students' schedules, transcripts, curriculum, registration and graduation information. If you have any questions about a student's schedule, please feel free to contact us. Any issues that arise due to attendance or discipline concerns regarding seniors and freshmen will be handled in this office. We try our best to make sure everyone graduates on time; however, it is ultimately the student's responsibility to ensure that academic apathy or behavior does not affect graduation status. Please visit or call our office at (480) 730-7654 if you have any questions or need assistance.

## IMPORTANT SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION

◆ **Senior Panoramic Picture** is on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the football field.

◆ **Cap and Gown** distribution will take place in the auditorium from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2016.

◆ **Cap and Gown Photos** will be taken in the auditorium lobby from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 24, 2016.

## GRADUATION ORDERS

Orders have been taken for graduation announcements, caps, and gowns. If your son or daughter have failed to place an order, please Contact our Jostens' representative at (480) 855-3744. Look for further information regarding graduation in our Spring newsletter.

## "PREPARING FOR HIGH SCHOOL"

Orientation and registration for 2016-2017 school year will began in January. A parent information night concerning registration for high school is scheduled for January 26, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the MdN auditorium. The counselors will visit 8th grade students from our feeder schools and will also visit all Marcos de Niza social studies and/or English classes.

January 20 KMS orientation  
 February 4 KMS registration  
 January 22 Fees orientation  
 February Fees Registration  
 January 26 "Preparing for High School" informational meeting

Please contact our guidance office if you have any questions concerning this process.

## SENIOR CREDIT CHECKS

Senior credit checks will be completed by a counselor to determine graduation status. However, it is the responsibility of the parent and student to ensure that the student is on track for graduation and for entrance into post-secondary institutions.

## 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) Go to <http://www.tempeunion.org/Domain/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 student 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 are 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.

### 2015-2016 PROGRESS REPORTS

Progress reports will be mailed at the middle of each quarter. The dates for the semester are:

11/16/15

2/4/16

4/14/16

### 2015-2016 REPORT CARDS

Report cards are mailed at the end of each quarter. The dates for the semester are:

12/21/15

3/8/16

5/23/16

## MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT PREVENTION PROCEDURES

**3<sup>rd</sup> absence:** Dropout Coordinator will meet

with the student informing the student of the number of absences and reviewing the MDN attendance policy. Dropout Coordinator will document this contact in Synergy (student conference notes). Morning, lunch or after school detention may be assigned.

**5<sup>th</sup> absence:** Dropout Prevention Coordinator will meet with the student and contact parents/guardian via phone call or email explaining that the student has reached 5 absences in one or more classes and that if this continues it could negatively impact the student's grade. One day of after school detention may be assigned to make up class time and complete missed assignments; regular school day attendance is still required.

**8<sup>th</sup> absence:** Dropout Prevention Coordinator meets with the student to sign an Excessive Absence/Loss of Credit Acknowledgement form. Student takes form to his/her teacher and home to parents/guardian for signature and returns it to Dropout Prevention Coordinator. Three days of after school detention may be assigned to make up class time and missed assignments; regular school day attendance is still required.

**11<sup>th</sup> absence:** Student's attendance record will now go into a review to determine if the extenuating circumstances will allow the student to continue with the class and earn credit beyond the 16<sup>th</sup> absence. If there are none, student will lose credit at 16<sup>th</sup> absences but will remain in the class unless he/she becomes a disruption to the educational process. Five days of after school detention may be assigned to make up class time and complete missed assignment; regular school day attendance is still required.

**16<sup>th</sup> absence:** Student will lose credit for the class unless they have an approved extenuating circumstances or a current Chronic Illness Plan on file with the school. Students with 504 plans, special needs, and chronic illness forms will follow a process that is appropriate for their circumstances. Contact Dropout Prevention Coordinator for more information as needed.

# Attendance...reporting an absence



## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE IS OPEN WEEKDAYS FROM 7:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

To report an absence, please access the voice mail system (available 24 hours) by dialing (480) 730- 7659. Only parents or legal guardians may excuse absences. In order for an absence to be excused, the parent/legal guardian must call the Attendance Office within 24 hours of the absence.

### EXCUSING STUDENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS (EXCEPT FOR LUNCH TIMES)

To excuse a student for an appointment, etc., send a note with him/her to bring to the Attendance Office at the beginning of the school day. An off-campus pass will be issued to the student so that he/she may leave class at the appropriate time. By using this procedure, your son/daughter can be waiting for you in the front office. Students must **ALWAYS** check into the Attendance Office when returning to school so that the time can be noted, and the student can be admitted to class.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Do not access the attendance voice mailboxes to record messages for off-campus passes for students to leave school for appointments. Your message may not be heard in time for the pass to be issued.

### EXCUSING NINTH AND TENTH GRADE STUDENTS AT LUNCHTIME

To enable a ninth or tenth grade student to leave the campus at lunchtime, a parent or legal guardian must personally visit the Attendance Office to complete the checkout process. A note or phone call will not be accepted. This policy is in effect due to the closure of the campus at lunchtime for ninth and tenth grade students.

### EXCUSING STUDENTS FOR LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

To excuse your son or daughter for arriving late to school, you must check in with your student at the front office. A pass will be issued at that time. Your son/daughter will be sent directly to sweep if no parent/guardian checks the student in.

**ATTENDANCE HOTLINE  
TO REACH THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE  
PLEASE DIAL,  
(480) 7307659**

## ATTENDANCE RULES AND REGULATIONS

A student may lose the opportunity to earn credit when sixteen total absences (excused and/or unexcused) are reached in any individual class during a semester. Unexcused absences will be recorded separately from excused absences and could result in disciplinary action.

### DEFINITIONS AND GUIDELINES

**SWEEP:** A student will be sent to sweep when he/she is late to class.

**ABSENCE:** A student who does not attend a class or arrives 20 or more minutes late is considered absent.

**EXCUSED ABSENCE:** An absence is legitimate (excused) under the following conditions:

- a. Personal illness
- b. Doctor or dentist appointment
- c. Serious family illness
- d. Death in family
- e. Important family business
- f. Checking out of school through the Nurse or Attendance Office
- g. Religious holiday

Students will be allowed the number of days absent to make up assignments.

In the case of long-term projects such as research papers or reports, it is the teacher's prerogative to set specific due dates. It is the student's responsibility to submit long-term projects on those specific due dates regardless if an absence is excused or unexcused. If extenuating circumstances exist, i.e. an extreme emergency or extended illness only, students will be given an extension; however, parents must notify the teacher prior to or on the due date when an emergency arises.

**UNEXCUSED ABSENCE:** Any absence that is not excused within 24 hours of the absence by a parent/guardian. Students will be accountable for information missed. It is recommended that no credit be given by the teacher.

**SCHOOL-RELATED ABSENCE:** If a student misses a class due to a pre-approved, school-related activity, it will not count as an absence.

**SUSPENSION:** The days of suspension, even though suspension is considered a serious consequence, do not count as absences toward the attendance policy.

### ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE:

1. Computer attendance calls will be made daily.
2. On the 16<sup>th</sup> total absence, the student will be referred to Jermaine Whitaker, attendance coordinator.

## SWEEP BUILDS RESPONSIBILITY



The SWEEP program addresses any student who is tardy. A student who is tardy is sent to the SWEEP area, room 504. The purpose of the SWEEP program is to reinforce the importance of punctuality, responsibility, and respect. If a student enters a class after the bell rings, it is a disruption to the learning process of all of the students in the class.

- Students are not allowed to be tardy to any class.
- All students who are late for any class period throughout the day are SWEPT.
- Tardiness of more than 20 minutes is classified as an absence.
- Every third SWEEP will count as an unexcused absence.
- Students with excessive time in SWEEP may have further disciplinary action taken by the administration.
- A student attending SWEEP sits quietly for the remainder of the hour he or she is SWEPT.
- The student is responsible to see the teacher of the class she or he missed in order to turn in work, learn what was covered in class, and receive homework assignments.
- Remember, it is the student's responsibility to see the teacher of the missed class by the end of that day to make up the missed work for credit.
- The support of this program by parents and students, as well as of all of the MdN staff, will help create a climate for learning at Marcos de Niza High School.

## NEWS AND MORE

Congratulations to **Cindy Benson**—Marcos de Niza AP English Teacher—who was recognized with the DIST[IN]GUISHED Service Award by the Landings Credit union. The winners were surprised on November 17<sup>th</sup> by the Landings "Prize Patrol." They were recognized and received their awards at the November 18<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting. This is the second year that Landings Credit Union participates with Tempe Union to showcase outstanding employees who were nominated by their peers.



Congratulations to **Lillie Moore** for completing in the Ironman Arizona race in Tempe. She finished in 13:01:22 (with some rain and wind.) So amazing!

If you haven't worked with Lillie, she is our social worker. You can stop by counseling to congratulate her! Way to go, Lillie, your Padre family is so proud of you!

### Sweep Consequences for Students

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sweep	Verbal Warning (PARENT CONTACT) 3 Days of Lunch Detention
4 <sup>th</sup> Sweep	Detention (Defiance)
5 <sup>th</sup> Sweep	ISS All Day (Defiance)
6 <sup>th</sup> Sweep	2-days ISS (Defiance)
7 <sup>th</sup> Sweep	Parent Meeting (OCS) (Defiance)

**Silent Witness Hotline  
Keep Marcos Safe**

**YOU CAN REPORT MISCONDUCT OR CRIMES TO:**

**Tel: 480-730-7675**



Kudos to **Scott Glasser**—Orchestra teacher for his love of music. Outside of school, Mr. Glasser plays in a professional chamber music ensemble, Aletheia String Quartet. They have been performing together for about two years and have played at many great events, such as An Evening with Jazz Jennings, opening act for Renee Fleming at Mesa Arts Center, and a featured performing group for the Arizona Human Rights Campaign Gala.

They performed their first stand-alone concert on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, at the Tempe History Museum. The performance was entitled *Beginnings* featuring Franz Joseph Haydn's *Sunrise Quartet* and Dimitri Shostakovich's *First String Quartet*.





# From the Activities Office...Ms. Sarah Tolar

## 2015-2016 Bell Schedules

MON, TUES, THURS, FRI SCHEDULE		
Period	Start	End
0	6:40	7:25
Conference	7:15	7:40
1	7:45	8:45
2	8:50	9:50
3	9:55	10:55
4	11:00	12:00
5 / Lunch	12:00	12:32
6	12:37	1:37
7	1:42	2:42
8	2:47	3:47

WEDNESDAY EARLY RELEASE SCHEDULE		
Period	Start	End
0	6:40	7:25
Conference	7:15	7:40
1	7:45	8:30
2	8:35	9:20
3	9:25	10:10
4	10:15	11:00
5/Lunch	11:00	11:35
6	11:40	12:25
7	12:30	1:15
8	1:20	2:05

HALF DAY District Office Staff Development Sept. 23 & Feb. 10		
Period	Start	End
0	6:40	7:25
Conference	7:15	7:40
1	7:45	8:23
2	8:28	9:06
3	9:11	9:49
4	9:54	10:32
6	10:37	11:15
7	11:20	11:58
8	12:03	12:41

PEP ASSEMBLY "A"		
Period	Start	End
0	6:40	7:25
Conference	7:15	7:40
Pep Assembly	7:45	8:25
1	8:30	9:21
2	9:26	10:17
3	10:22	11:19
4	11:24	12:15
5/Lunch	12:15	12:50
6	12:55	1:46
7	1:51	2:42
8	2:47	3:37

SEMESTER EXAMS December 16 & 17 May 17 & 18		
Period	Start	End
1 / 4	8:00	9:17
2 / 6	9:22	10:39
3 / 7	10:44	12:00

PEP ASSEMBLY "B"		
Period	Start	End
0	6:40	7:25
Conference	7:15	7:40
1	7:45	8:36
Pep Assembly	8:41	9:21
2	9:26	10:17
3	10:22	11:19
4	11:24	12:15
5/Lunch	12:15	12:50
6	12:55	1:46
7	1:51	2:42
8	2:47	3:37



## 2015-2016 Early Release Days

January 6	March 16
January 13	March 23
January 20	March 30
January 27	April 6
February 3	April 13
February 17	April 20
February 24	May 4
March 2	May 11

### VISITOR INFORMATION



Our visitor process is as follows: When you check in with the front office, you will be required to leave your photo ID upon receiving a visitor's badge to be on campus. Once you have completed your visit on campus, you will need to check out in the front office to obtain your ID and return your visitor's badge. This process will be implemented so that we have an accurate record of who has been on campus and/or who is on the campus should there be an emergency situation in which people need to be accounted. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance in implementing this new procedure.

### CLOSED CAMPUS



The MdN Site Council determined that the MdN campus would be closed for incoming freshman and sophomores. A closed campus for freshman and sophomores means that those students may not leave the campus during lunch unless they are signed out by a parent. Juniors and seniors are permitted to leave campus at lunch provided they can show a current, legitimate student ID card identifying their year. Likewise, juniors and seniors may leave the campus during their release hour provided they can show a current schedule or release card. If you have questions about our closed campus policy, feel free to contact the principal at (480)838-3200.

### LOCK-DOWN DRILLS





When there is a situation on or near the campus that has the potential to endanger students, the school's administration will place the campus under "lock-down." Classroom and building doors are locked and all students and staff remain inside until the lock-down is lifted. Beginning with the fall semester, Marcos de Niza will initiate random lock-down drills. Similar to a fire drill, lock-down drills will not be pre-announced, but the information that it is only a drill will be available should parents call in and inquire.

# ATTENTION PARENTS and STUDENTS

ID cards must be worn daily on a lanyard around the neck.

ID PICTURES WILL  
ONLY BE TAKEN ON:  
**TUESDAYS**  
12:00 P.M. to 12:30 P.M.  
**AND**  
**THURSDAYS**  
7:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.  
and from  
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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- Please have your schedule and/or receipts for the Athletic Pass with you.
- If you bought an Athletic Pass after you received your FREE ID you will need to purchase a replacement ID.
- Replacement ID cards cost \$5.00; please pay at the bookstore.
- Students must have a pass from the teacher during class time.

## *Counselor's Corner...department information*



### Marcos de Niza High School Guidance and Counseling Department

Erin Barnes, Lisa Coleman, Debbie Martinez, Claudia Ramirez

#### Areas of Focus

Erin Barnes (ext. 47658)	Lisa Coleman (ext. 40063)
Department Chair Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for Freshman 504 coordinator AZMerit Coordinator College Contact ECAP /Canvas Coordinator for Freshman class Emergency Management Team Member <i>Guidance on the Go</i> Coordinator MDLP Contact	Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for Honors/Gifted and Sophomores AP testing coordinator Dual Enrollment Coordinator (Split) ECAP/ Canvas coordinator for Sophomore class & Honors Gifted Coordinator Military liaison/ASVAB Coordinator Registration for incoming 8 <sup>th</sup> grade
Debbie Martinez (ext. 40062)	Claudia Ramirez (ext. 40056)
Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for Juniors ACE/REACH contact ASU FOCUS facilitator/ College Connect Dual Enrollment Coordinator (Split) ECAP/ Canvas Coordinator for Junior class SAT/ACT/PSAT Coordinator Scholarship/financial aid Coordinator Students with Disabilities Coordinator (SSD)	Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for Seniors CRC Administrator District Counseling Crisis Team Representative ECAP /Canvas Coordinator for Senior class ELL/Foreign students EVIT liaison Guidance Dept. website/ Twitter/Facebook coordinator McKinney/Vento Coordinator
Sarah Easton (ext. 47630) Guidance Administrative Assistant	Jermaine Whitaker-(ext. 40010) Drop out Coordinator
College/University college visitation coordinator Free/Reduced Lunch Liason Summer School Registration	Attendance issues/discipline At risk students NCAA
Lillie Moore (ext. 40054) Tempe Social Services & District McKinney-Vento Social Worker	Valerie Molina (ext. 40068) District Indian Education
Support Groups (Th, 9:30am-2:30pm) Homeless services (M & W)	Supplemental Services
Staci Mendoza-(ext. 40068) District Indian Education Liaison	Ray Delgado (ext. 40072) District Guadalupe Liaison
Supplemental services (M, T, Th, F)	Supplemental services



# Counselor's Corner...college preparation

## START YOUR PATH TO COLLEGE TODAY

### Freshman Year (9<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- Meet with your high school counselor - familiarize yourself with "class rank" and "GPA"
- Join clubs and organizations
- Start a pattern of working hard and studying in high school
- Get involved in community service
- Attend summer camps at your local universities if possible

### Sophomore Year (10<sup>th</sup> Grade)

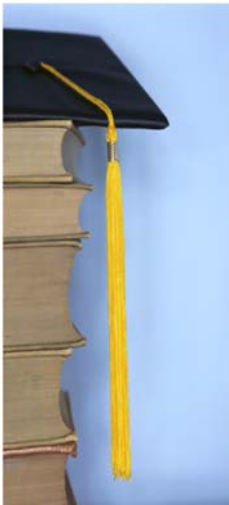
- Meet with your high school counselor
- Start collecting information about subjects and careers that interest you
- Take the PLAN Test if it is offered on campus
- Begin talking with your family about plans to pay for college
- Participate in clubs, organizations, and activities
- Take the PSAT in October (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test)

### Junior Year (11<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- Meet with your high school counselor
- Keep studying hard and trying to achieve high grades
- Take the PSAT in October
- Register to take the ACT or SAT in the spring
- Continue to research colleges of interest
- Visit college campuses of interest if possible
- Search for scholarships and other ways to pay for college (ie: loans and grants.)
- Continue to participate in clubs, organizations, activities, and community service

### Senior Year (12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

- Meet with your high school counselor
- Continue to work hard and stay involved
- Reregister to re-test for ACT or SAT in the Fall, if needed
- Meet with college admissions representatives when they are on campus
- Attend college fairs
- Apply to colleges of choice
- Send ALL items requested (transcripts, application fees, SAT or ACT test scores, letters of recommendation.)
- Complete your on-campus housing application
- Apply for scholarships
- Fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), available January 1.
- Attend college orientations



## MDN...testing information

### IMPORTANT TESTING DATES FOR 2015-2016

Dec 16 and 17 Semester exams

March 28 April 8 State Testing

April 15 CTE Testing

May 2 - May 13 AP Exams

May 17 and 18 Semester Exam



### ACT TESTING DATES

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
February 6, 2016*	January 8, 2016	January 9–15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5–18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7–20, 2016

### SAT TESTING DATES

Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Deadline	Deadline for Changes
		<p>There is an additional fee if you register after the regular deadline but before the <u>late registration</u> deadline.</p> <p>If you need to change test date, test center, or test type, you may do so with additional fees.</p>	
		<b>Mail</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Jan 23	Dec 28	Jan 8	Jan 12
Mar 5	Feb 5	Feb 19	Feb 23
May 7	Apr 8	Apr 22	Apr 26
Jun 4	May 5	May 20	May 22

#### GUIDANCE HOURS OF OPERATION

Students, for your convenience, the guidance office is open before and after school. We are also open during lunch; however, there is only one counselor available. Please be patient as you may have to wait.

#### ON CAMPUS

Guidance has chosen January 19<sup>th</sup> for our next Guidance-on-the-go date. Evit will be on campus that afternoon playing music, and guidance will have hot chocolate available for everyone. Come visit the counselors and see what is available for you at MdN.

#### We're GRANT[IN]G Scholarships

Tempe Dollars for Scholars' Executive Board was recognized for its generous support of our students, offering tens of thousands of scholarship dollars.

# MDN...college prep opportunities



## SENIOR PARENTS—COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NIGHTS

Tempe Union counselors will help families with scholarship details and information. **Chelsea Meraz**, University of Arizona Senior Outreach Coordinator, will help explain the FAFSA application process. This information presented is valid for any college or university. MDN parents may also attend the same presentation on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the library at McClintock High School.



Mark your Calendars for  
Marcos de Niza/Corona del Sol  
Senior Parent Financial Aid Night on  
Thursday, January 21, 2016  
6:00 P.M.  
in the  
Corona del Sol's Auditorium  
Lecture Hall B



## COLLEGE CONNECT

Preparing our community for college and career

*Free  
Workshop  
Series*

Tempe Public Library  
3500 S. Rural Rd.

10:00 am –12:00 pm



### Saturday, Jan. 30 - It's All About the Money

- Financial Literacy - From the FAFSA to the FAN
- Student panel on Funding Your Education

### Saturday, Feb. 27 - What's Next?

- Looking ahead - Summer Opportunities
- College Representatives Panel

Reserve your seat today!

[www.CollegeconnectTempe.org](http://www.CollegeconnectTempe.org)

## HOMework LAB

### MDN LEARNING RESOURCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

(Library)

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY, & THURSDAY  
HOMework LAB WILL NOT MEET ON HOLIDAYS.

3:00 PM—4:00 PM

### HOMework HELP FOR:

- Math (All Levels)
- English (All Levels)
- Foreign Language (Spanish—All Levels)
- Science & Social Studies (General help offered by NHS Students)
- A Quiet Place to Complete Homework



For more information please call, Mr. Carlos Alvarado, Assistant Principal of Academics (480) 730-7654.

# Scholarship Opportunity

### ATTENTION SENIORS:

The Arizona State University Leadership Scholarship Program is an institutional scholarship that is worth \$9,000 per year. To be eligible, students must have a minimum 3.25 GPA and a history of community service and involvement with clubs and organizations. Only one student may be nominated per high school. Students must submit a resume and a letter of recommendation to Mrs. Martinez in the guidance office by noon on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> to be considered for nomination.



**2ND SEMESTER ACTIVITIES**

Fri., Dec. 11	Performing Arts <i>Holiday Triple Assembly</i> , Choir Caroling Concert
Sat., Dec. 12	ACT Test
Wed., Dec. 16 & 17	Mid-term Exams
Fri., Dec. 18	Staff only Day / End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester
<i>Mon.-Fri., Dec.21-Jan.3</i>	<i>Winter Break-no school</i>
Mon., Jan. 4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter/2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester Begins
Mon. Jan. 11	Challenge Day
Sat., Jan. 16	Faculty Talent Night
<i>Mon, Jan. 18</i>	<i>MLK Holiday-no school</i>
Sat., Jan. 23	JROTC Padre Skills Meet, SAT Test
Tues., Jan. 26	Incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders Registration Night
Fri., Jan. 29	Pep Assembly for Winter Sports
Sat., Feb. 6	ACT Test
Tues., Feb. 9	Choir Concert
Wed., Feb. 10	District Staff Development ½ Day Jostens Class Ring Presentations
Thurs., Feb. 11	Band Feeder School Concert
<i>Mon., Feb. 15</i>	<i>Presidents' Day holiday-no school</i>
Wed., Feb. 17	Senior Panoramic Picture, State Math Contest
Fri., Feb. 19	Jostens Ring Ordering
Sat., Feb. 20	Sadie Hawkins Dance
Mon., Feb. 29	Musical Matinee for Youth
Mon.-Fri., Feb. 29-March 4	Spring Week (Spirit week)
Wed.-Sat., March 2-5	Musical Performances – “ <i>Legally Blonde</i> ”
Thurs., March 3	Musical Triple Assembly
Sat., March 5	SAT Test
<i>Mon.-Fri., March 7-12</i>	<i>Spring Break-no school</i>
Mon., March 14	4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins
Fri., March 18	Talent Show
Mon.-Thur., March 21-24	Diversity/Unity Week
Thurs., March 24	Cap & Gown Picture Day, Cap & Gown Delivery
<i>Fri., March 25</i>	<i>Holiday-no school</i>
Mon.-Fri., March 28-April 8	AzMERIT Testing

**Dates subject to change**

**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>



**CHECK WRITING**

**NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDS POLICY**

The school district has contracted with CCM Enterprises to collect any insufficient funds checks received by our school. While we have posted notifications at our bookstore, child care center and cafeteria for parents who visit our campus, we also need to advise parents that if their child brings a check to school, the parent is giving authorization to electronically debit the account for the returned check amount plus fees if the check should be returned by the bank. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the bookstore manager or Roland Carranza, Director of Finance, at (480) 345-3730.

**New  
Deadline!**

**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) \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_

**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 • 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.

The new deadline of April 15 takes effect, people who donate by April 15 can choose which calendar year they want to apply the credits. For example, a donation made in April 2016 can be applied to either 2015 or 2016. Contact your tax advisor for more information.



# Marcos de Niza High School



## Grad Night 2016

Tempe Marketplace  
Thursday, May 19, 2015

Send registration to the MdN office, c/o Grad Night 2016, 6000 S. Lakeshore Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283

### WHAT IS GRAD NIGHT

For more than 20 years the parents of Marcos de Niza have sponsored an all-night graduation party. True to the tradition of Grad Night, the Marcos party offers a fun filled alcohol and drug free environment where graduating Seniors get a chance to celebrate all night with their classmates one last time.

Grad night is a unique and special time to share with Senior classmates in a celebration that leaves new graduates with lasting memories.

### GRAD NIGHT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Ⓟ For 2016 Graduating Seniors only. Valid Marcos I.D. required for admission.
- Ⓟ Doors open at 10:30pm. NO ADMISSION AFTER MIDNIGHT.
- Ⓟ All persons shall arrive drug and alcohol free. Smoking in designated areas only.
- Ⓟ Grad Night is NOT an official school sponsored activity. Transportation to and from the event is NOT provided.
- Ⓟ Grad Night is a lock-in event. Attendees may not leave early unless a parent with photo ID. signs them out.
- Ⓟ There will be no readmission for anyone leaving early.

Ⓟ Every attendee must provide contact number for at least one parent.

### WHY IS GRAD NIGHT IMPORTANT?

For many seniors, this will be the first time that they have had a chance to gather together, and for many, this will be the last time. No matter their backgrounds or their futures, they will be bonded forever as the MdN Class of 2016. Grad Night will be their last high school event - an opportunity for them to celebrate their shared accomplishment.

Marcos de Niza Grad Night is organized by a committed group of parents joining together with community members to give our graduating seniors a safe, sober and unforgettable graduation celebration.

Statistically, the two highest-risk nights for high school students are prom and graduation. Peer pressure is high on both of these nights. More than just a party, Grad Night is a community effort to keep graduating seniors entertained and safe after graduation ceremonies. Graduates enjoy a once-in-a-lifetime party while their parents know that their son or daughter is in a safe environment



*Marcos de Niza High School does not sponsor this event. This is a safe & sober event hosted by parent volunteers.*



### Ticket Price

- \$45 Early bird (before Jan 15)
- \$55 Regular Price
- \$65 Better Late than Never (after May 6)
- \$ Help with the Event
- \$ Total

Send registration to the MdN office, c/o Grad Night 2016, 6000 S. Lakeshore Dr. Tempe, AZ 85283

### Parent Volunteer

★ Yes, I want to volunteer and help make Class of 2016 Grad Night memorable!

You can reach me by:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarships (Mark if needed)

Thanks to the senior class Grad night committee, many generous senior families and other community members, scholarships are available. We want every student to have an opportunity to attend Grad Night, regardless of cost ★**Scholarships require student fundraising participation.** Look for fundraising events and opportunities throughout the year.

### ADMISSION PRICE INCLUDES

- Ⓟ Midway Games
- Ⓟ Interactive Arcade Games
- Ⓟ Billiards
- Ⓟ Photo Booth
- Ⓟ Hypnosis Stage Show
- Ⓟ Tarot Card Readers
- Ⓟ All you can eat food and drink
- Ⓟ Lots of fun
- Ⓟ Basketball Challenge
- Ⓟ Caricature Artist
- Ⓟ Karaoke
- Ⓟ Raffle Prizes All Night
- Ⓟ All Night Movies
- Ⓟ Hourly Drawings

### 2016 GRAD NIGHT REGISTRATION

Student ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Student email: \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate Name (first and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing, I agree to the conditions of a drug-free and alcohol-free Grad Night Party. If it is determined by Security and the Grad Night Committee that I am in possession of or incapacitated by such substance, or my personal conduct is deemed disrespectful or uncooperative, my parents/guardian will be contacted for my immediate pick-up. I understand that this is an all-night event and that I will not be released before 4:45am, regardless of my age.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### MANDATORY PARENT SIGNATURE

My son/daughter will be attending Marcos de Niza Grad Night 2016 and I agree to assume the risk of personal injury during his/her participation. I understand that all reasonable efforts will be extended to insure the health and safety of attendants, I waive, release and hold harmless the 2016 Marcos de Niza Grad Night Committee and any of its agents, officers and parent volunteers from any and all rights and claims for damage or cost I may incur for personal injury, death or property damage suffered by my son/daughter or that he/she may cause to others as a result of his/her participation in this activity. If due to fatigue, alcohol consumption or possession, or misconduct, my child is deemed unfit to participate in Grad Night activities. I understand that I will be called for immediate pick-up. I have read and clearly understand the above statement and release Marcos de Niza Grad Night 2016 from liability. Should my son/daughter wish to leave prior to the 4:45 a.m. release time, I agree to be called by the Grad Night Committee to pick-up my child. providing photo I.D. at pick-up.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number (time of event): \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff, Students and Community Members**

*Kick---Off the New Year!!*



*"Walk For Wellness"*

**Saturday, January 9, 2016**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Kiwanis Park**

(Baseline Road Parking Lot)

Hosted by TUHSD Wellness Committee



Questions: Contact Dianne Welling at [dwelling@tempeunion.org](mailto:dwelling@tempeunion.org)  
Map will be provided

We hope to see many of you out there!

Order Yours Now!



The 2015 -2016 Yearbook can be purchased for \$65. Name stamping is available for an additional \$5 fee.

**YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE YOUR 2016 YEARBOOK ONLINE!**

Go to: [yearbookordercenter.com](http://yearbookordercenter.com)

Enter MdN Order Number #7636

then follow the prompts. Yearbooks with or without name stamps can be ordered until January 29, 2016.

Yearbooks cost \$65.

Contact Allison Adam at [aadam@tuhsd.k12.az.us](mailto:aadam@tuhsd.k12.az.us) with questions



**TEMPE CARES ANNUAL COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT**

will be held on

**Saturday, March 5, 2016**

**8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m..**

We invite volunteers from within and outside the community who live, work, or play in the Tempe community to step forward and be counted to show how much they truly care! Volunteers of ALL ages will be accommodated and are encouraged to serve. A complimentary breakfast will be provided to all volunteers.

Please contact us to volunteer and to make a monetary gift at: [tempecares@gmail.com](mailto:tempecares@gmail.com).

Thank you, and we look forward to serving with you!

All the best,  
Tempe Leadership Tempe Cares Volunteer Committee

**THREADZ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Parents, here is an opportunity to help our schools and our students. The THREADZ Teen Resource Center is in need of volunteers. There are two locations, one at Tempe High and one at Marcos de Niza High School. Please contact Lynette Stonefeld at 480.858.2316 or [lynette\\_stonefeld@tempe.gov](mailto:lynette_stonefeld@tempe.gov)

For more information on the program, donations, or to become a parent volunteer visit the follow the links below:

<http://www.tempecommunitycouncil.org/programs/youth/c2s/threadz-teen-resource-centers/>

<https://threadztempe.wordpress.com/>

<http://www.tempeunion.org/Page/1141>

**Cash donations** are always appreciated to purchase new socks and underwear as well as personal hygiene items. Other donations of clothing, shoes, accessories, school supplies and personal hygiene products are accepted as well.



# Marcos de Niza High School Baseball Program 3RD Annual Golf Tournament

Where: Ken McDonald Golf Course, Tempe, AZ  
 When: January 23, 2016  
 Time: 7:00 am check-in  
 8:00 am Shotgun Start

The Marcos de Niza Home Run Club, a booster club for the baseball program, is proudly hosting the tournament followed by a gourmet food truck lunch, awards, silent auction and raffle at the course.



## *Swing For Marcos Baseball!*



**Golf Package: \$360 with cart Per foursome • \$90 single with cart**  
**Includes: Green Fees • Range Balls • Cart**  
**• Food Truck Lunch • Awards**

**Tournament Registration:** Please send form and payment to address below or register at: [www.marcosdenizabaseball.com](http://www.marcosdenizabaseball.com)

For more information contact:  
 David Denton at 480-231-5940



**Method Of Payment (circle one)**  
 Cash Check Visa Mastercard  
 Card Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Card Holder Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Checks Payable to: MdN Home Run Club  
 Send form and payment to: MdN Home Run Club  
 1017 W. Chilton Dr.  
 Tempe, Az 85283

**Registration Deadline: January 13, 2016**

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_

**Foursome contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Tournament fees due: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Who invited you to play?*  
*Please list your Marcos contact:* \_\_\_\_\_



Marcos de Niza Home Run Club, Inc. EIN #46-3725301, designated 501(c)(3) status as a subordinate member of ParentBooster USA, Inc., group exemption number 5271. Address: 282 E Louis Way, Tempe AZ 85284. Website: [www.marcosdenizabaseball.com](http://www.marcosdenizabaseball.com) email: [mdnbaseball4@gmail.com](mailto:mdnbaseball4@gmail.com)

# SCHOOLCENTS



## HOLIDAY 2015

### SHOP & LOG TO HELP YOUR SCHOOL EARN \$300-\$3,000!

Shop at Chandler Fashion Center & The Boulevard Shops between May 1, 2015 and March 31, 2016 to support your school. Bring receipts to Guest Services, located on the upper level across from Barnes & Noble to earn five points per dollar spent.

#### Did you receive a receipt via email?

Visit [shoppingpartnership.com/chandler](http://shoppingpartnership.com/chandler) to submit a receipt emailed to you from a retailer. Questions? Call (800) 539-3273 or visit [ShopChandlerFashionCenter.com](http://ShopChandlerFashionCenter.com).

### GIVE & GET BONUS POINTS

Earn 1,000 points when you support the Angel Trees Adopt an angel from the Salvation Army Trees located on the lower level in the Sears Court from November 19 through December 20. Get a receipt for your donation and bring to Guest Services by January 31 to receive 1,000 points per angel.

## CHANDLER FASHION CENTER



### SHOP NOW, LOG LATER JANUARY DOUBLE POINTS

Bring your holiday receipts to Guest Services in January to receive double points! Receipts may be dated since May 1, 2015.

### EARN 1,000 POINTS

When you purchase a Mall Visa® Gift Card available at Guest Services. \*Bonus points apply to Mall Visa® Gift Card purchases, limit 50,000 points per school, per month. Subject to availability. See Cardholder Agreement for details, terms, conditions and (if applicable) fees. All trademarks are property of their respective owners. Product may not be available in all states. The Visa Gift Card is issued by Sunrise Banks, N.A., St Paul, MN 55103, pursuant to a license from Visa U.S.A. Inc. Sunrise Banks, N.A.; Member FDIC. This card may be used everywhere in the U.S. where Visa debit cards are accepted.

### BONUS POINTS OFFERS

Visit [shoppingpartnership.com/chandler](http://shoppingpartnership.com/chandler) to register for email reminders and School Cents bonus points offers. School Cents emails are not given, sold or rented to anyone without your consent and are sent once or twice a month.

## Come out and support our school!

### SMOOTHIE BOGO

Buy any size smoothie of juice, get 1 FREE (of equal or lesser value). 500 points per coupon.

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_



Offer valid only at the Chandler Fashion Center location through 12/31/2015 for a buy any size smoothie or juice and get a free smoothie or juice of equal or lesser value (plus applicable tax). Coupon must be presented at time of purchase to receive discount. Limit one coupon per customer, per visit. This coupon cannot be used in combination with any other offer, coupon or discount and may not be sold, transferred or reproduced. Only original, unaltered coupons will be honored. No cash value. Jamba Juice reserves the right to refuse any unauthorized or adulterated coupon. Not valid for Jamba Juice employees. ©2015 Jamba Juice Company. TEAM MEMBER: Scan code or use LSM Toolkit Screen, then BOGO Menu Drink button.

THIS IS NOT A VALID COUPON



### EARN 1,000 POINTS

Teachers and staff who register at [Teachability.com](http://Teachability.com) and complete their profile with their school's name and the license code (School Cents CFC) earn 1,000 points. Participate in a discussion to earn another 500 points each week! Teachability is an open, virtual gathering place to enhance teachers' ability to broaden their network, share firsthand learning with peers and experts in the field, and fuel professional development.

## MDN NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SELECTION PROCEDURES

Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into National Honor Society in a ceremony held on November 24, 2015. The students were selected by faculty members based on the traits of character, leadership, scholarship, and service. The students will join the current senior members in participating in various service projects throughout the year. Congratulate these students when you see them.

Fadumo Abdalla  
Maryama Aden  
Rafaal Alawi  
Nathaniel Allen  
Nicole Allen  
Melissa Amavizca  
Lucy Argota  
Luke Barnes  
Jennifer Bass  
Anthony Charley  
Caitlyn Dominguez  
Lillian De'Reche  
Braylen Drew  
Briana Fleming  
Stephanie Gauthier  
Olivia Gilliam



Patricia Gomez Del Castillo Miranda  
Andrew Gorman  
Kyra Hermanson  
Nicole Hoke  
Rida Imtiaz  
Colleen Jacobson  
Brittney Jimenez  
Andrew Johnson

Kaland Kelly  
Juan Lizardi  
Aisling Lynch  
Guadalupe Mabry  
Jessica Mada  
Sydney Madrid  
Sadara Mangino  
Chloe McQueen  
Ezekiel Mendoza  
Toni Mortimer  
Isabel Mueller  
Syarif Nurhidayat  
Alexis Osuna  
Cole Pankey  
Cristal Pina  
Mandri Randeniya  
Mateo Reyes  
James Salata  
Mason Stark  
Megan Warren  
Jade Wittboldt  
Shea Anna Woo  
Elizabeth Zyriek

## BONJOUR!

French 3-4 has been learning about food and a student, Tyler Lee, made ratatouille for the class to try. In addition, we also had our cheese tasting party to further learn and taste French cuisine.

French 3-4 got new books this year and they are so excited to be using them!



## The Marcos Business Academy has been busy this year!



So far this year we've met with our ASU W.P. Carey Mentors to prepare for college success. We took a tour of the world class University of Phoenix Stadium, where we met with members of their marketing team and toured the facility, and we attended the DECA Fall Leadership Conference, where we were inspired by successful business leaders and students from across the state!



Take a step towards success! Sign up for a business class to join in on all the fun and get a jump start on your future!

## TEEN RESOURCE CENTER



The Tempe Teen Resource Centers known as "Threadz2" provide clothing, shoes, hygiene items and school supplies to teenagers for school, internships, and job interviews. MdN students are invited to come and see what is available for their needs. All items are at no cost to the student. THREADZ2 is located at Marcos de Niza High School in Room 416 (Next to the gym). Hours: Mondays & Thursdays 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.



## DOUBLE THE LUCK

A magical double rainbow appeared over Marco. It sure has brought the Padres good luck! It has been an amazing 1<sup>st</sup> semester. Padres are looking forward to a great new year and an even better 2<sup>nd</sup> semester.



# MdN Padres ...Military Science

## JROTC HARD AT WORK

It has been a very busy first semester for our cadets! The JROTC department represented itself well at several Veteran's Day parades this year. We participated in the Guadalupe, Tempe, and Phoenix parades. In addition, we provided color guards for Veteran's Day ceremonies at numerous other locations in support of our community. The cadets looked sharp and enjoyed themselves while we honored those who have served.



The Padre rifle team is competing in the inaugural season of the Orion Rifle League. Sponsored by the Orion Scoring System, Orion's National Air Rifle League creates a bold new competition format, allowing teams to compete virtually in a low-cost, yet meaningful national competition for both elite and develop-

ing teams. Teams compete against teams of their own relative skill level in a round robin style format during the seven week regular season, beginning on October 5, with the league culminating in a single-elimination tournament at the end of the season for the top 8 teams. The intent is to give shooters a fun new way to participate, allowing them to compare their results with other shooters and teams from within their state and across the country. The Padres are currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place with a 5-2 record.



The Padre battalion made its first of four visits this year to the St. Mary's Food Bank in Phoenix. St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance is the world's first

food bank; it is a non-sectarian, nonprofit organization that alleviates hunger by efficiently gathering and distributing food to the hungry. Serving two-thirds of Arizona's 15 counties, the organization is committed to volunteerism, building community relationships and improving the quality of life for Arizonans in need. Our cadets were personally responsible for building over 42 pallets of food that helped those in our community.

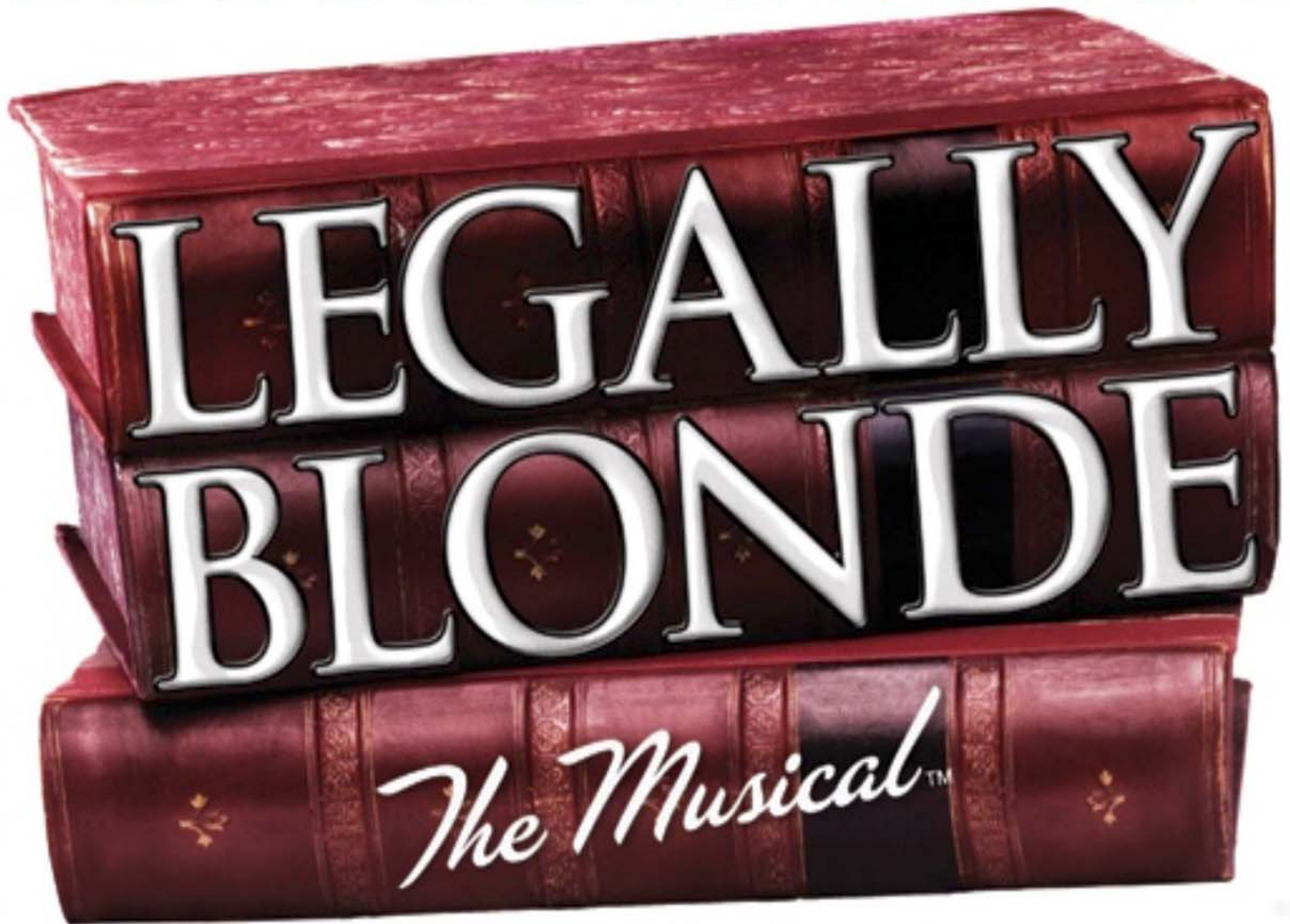


# MdN





Marcos de Niza Performing Arts presents



Legally Blonde is presented in agreement with Musical Theatre International



*Wednesday March 2nd-  
Saturday March 5th, 2016  
7:00pm*

**Marcos de Niza Theatre**  
6000 S Lakeshore Drive -Tempe, Az 85283  
**Adults \$10.00**  
**Senior Citizens/Students: \$5.00**



@MdNChoirDrama  
#MdNLegallyBlonde16

[www.marcosdenizachoir.com](http://www.marcosdenizachoir.com)  
[publicity@mdnchoirdrama.org](mailto:publicity@mdnchoirdrama.org)



Marcos de Niza Choir  
and Drama



HOME OF THE



**PADRES**  
Principal:  
Sean McDonald

Athletic Director:  
Brian Fleming

Conference: 4A

Mascot:  
Padre



School Colors:  
Brown & Gold



## From the Athletic Director...winter schedules

MDN WRESTLING				
Dec 10	Red Mountain Mesa	A	V JV F	7:00PM 5:30PM 4:00PM
Dec 12	12th Annual Paradise Valley JV Wrestling Tournament Invitational	TBD	TBD	TBD
Dec 18	Moon Valley Invitational Wrestling Tournament	A	V JV	5:00PM
Jan 05	Shadow Mountain Vista Grande Higley Mesquite Thunderbird	H	V JV F	5:00PM 5:00PM 4:00PM
Jan 07	Multi-Meet Mesquite Maricopa	A	V JV	6:00PM 4:30PM
Jan 14	Multi-Meet Paradise Valley Skyline	H	V	4:00PM 5:00PM
Jan 15	Flowing Wells Invitational	A	V	TBD
Jan 27	Poston Butte Higley	A	V	5:00PM 4:00PM
<b>Varsity:</b> Jeremy Muir <b>Junior Varsity:</b> Juan Enriguez <b>Freshman:</b> Joseph Shiflette				

BOYS SOCCER				
Dec 11	Desert Edge	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Dec 14	Fountain Hills	A	V	6:00PM
Jan 6	Seton Catholic	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 8	Scottsdale Christian	A	V	6:00PM
Jan 13	Shadow Mountain	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 15	Paradise Valley	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 19	Sierra Linda	A	V	6:00PM
Jan 21	Coronado	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 25	McClintock South Mountain	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 27	Seton Catholic	H	JV	4:00PM
<b>Varsity:</b> Bobbie Davis <b>Junior Varsity:</b> Jason Godfrey				

GIRLS SOCCER				
Dec 10	South Mountain	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Dec 14	Combs Fountain Hills	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 6	Tempe	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 8	Scottsdale Christian	H	V	4:00PM
Jan 13	Shadow Mountain	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 15	Paradise Valley	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 19	Combs	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 20	American Leadership	A	JV	6:00PM
Jan 21	Phoenix Country Day	A	V	4:00PM
Jan 25	McClintock	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 26	Saguaro	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Jan 28	Scottsdale Prep	H	V	3:30PM
<b>Varsity:</b> Steve Jorgensen <b>Junior Varsity:</b> Darl Edington				

**WRESTLING**  
 Alfredo Jon Audelo  
 Jsacob Baker  
 Rtan Brennan  
 Rafael Cabrera  
 Joe Chavez  
 Anthony Cruz  
 Carnell Dargan  
 Zack Famoso  
 Danny Fierro  
 Isac Enriquez  
 Tre"Vyon Holliday  
 Giovanni Huerta  
 Samuel Johnson  
 Trequan Johnson  
 Abdellatif Manassra  
 Hamza Manassra  
 Emilio Ortiz  
 KEndrickReff  
 Gabreal Sordia  
 Israel Telles  
 Alejandro Torres  
 Andrew Torres

**GIRLS SOCCER**  
**VARSIITY**  
 Madyson Amaya  
 Cierra Curley  
 Gaona- Guajardo  
 Viana Lopez  
 Anna Marble  
 Cerinity Mendoza  
 Alyssa Quinones  
 Alyssa Ray  
 Miriam Swanson  
 Brittany Krenz Wendolin

**BOYS SOCCER**  
**VARSIITY**  
 Carlos Aguilera  
 Nat Allen  
 Gordy Almanza  
 Abraham Andrade  
 Angel Campos  
 Ricardo Campos  
 Ryan Capeloto  
 Jose Escarcega  
 Javier Flores-Acosta  
 Jake Gonzalez  
 Fernando Guardado  
 Jake Hernandez  
 Angel Lara  
 Juan Lizardi  
 Alejandro Lopez  
 Dominic Martinez  
 Marcus Naisant  
 Jake Rivali  
 Michael Rivali  
 Omar Roman  
 Kevin Silva  
 Chris Torres  
 Sergio Valenzuela  
 Brock Young

**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
 Alberto Balbuena  
 Jordan Johnson  
 Alfredo Martinez  
 Youssef Mohamed  
 Luis Muniz  
 Danis Nugroho  
 Alan Perez Quezada  
 Anthony Rodriguez  
 Luis Orozco Salas

James Salata  
 Jose Luis Sanchez  
 Jose Serna  
 Kevin Silva  
 Chris Torres  
 Damian Trigueros  
 Sergio Valenzuela  
 Mahmoud Yolaah  
 Kevin Zamora

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**JUNIOR VARSITY**  
 Emma Barnes  
 Kiah Begaye  
 Braylen Drew  
 Trinity Gonzales  
 Holly Harrell  
 Marisa Herrera  
 Dierra Howard  
 Aurei King-Hill  
 Alexandria Lizarraga  
 Kiara Martin  
 Bianca Martinez-  
 Mason  
 Keionta Murry  
 Renee Ramos  
 Trinity Reynolds  
 Danielle Saenz  
 Savanna Silvas  
 Nykai Stevenson  
 Alohna Taylor  
 Micaela Vasquez  
 Melahni Washington



MDN BOYS BASKETBALL				
Jan 06	Higley	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 08	McClintock	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 11	Desert Edge	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 12	Tempe	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 15	Williams Field	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 19	Gilbert Christian	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 20	Westwood	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 22	Seton Catholic Prep	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 26	Canyon Del Oro	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 29	Campo Verde	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Feb 01	Arcadia	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Feb 02	Queen Creek	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Feb 05	Mesquite	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
<b>Varsity:</b> David Stark <b>Junior Varsity:</b> Mike Ellsworth <b>Freshman:</b> Tony Henika				



**BOYS BASKETBALL**  
VARSITY

Chris Buchanan  
Gaige Hale  
Zurell Livingston  
Jamari Robinson  
Daviguan Reagan  
Cameron Stark  
Mason Stark  
Tyson Union  
Joey Villa  
Montre Williams

**JUNIOR VARSITY**

Hector Beltran  
Janathan Bolds  
Orion Bryant  
Aaron Childers  
Ty Frasier  
Joseph Hernandez  
Markus Moreno  
Zayre Moss  
Sunny Ozuna  
Jalen Porter  
Aaron Rios  
Jackson Sedillo

**FRESHMAN**

Jordan Amaya  
Josh Amaya  
Nick Hargis  
J.J Hill  
Elye Hill  
Elias Martinez  
Loren McDonnell  
Craig Pletzke  
Sean Smith  
Avery Uhlm  
Torren Union  
Eric Waters  
**Managers**  
Maurice Cheadle  
Kolbe Lund

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

**FRESHMAN**

Kylee Cannon  
Eden Gezai  
Faith Harper  
4Rose Herchel  
Bianca Martinez-Mason  
Megan Norrish  
Emily Painter  
Patricia Ruiz  
Ashley Torres  
Deja Valenzuela

MDN GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Dec 17	Tempe High	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Dec 28	Northwest Desert Classic Invitational	A	V	7:00PM
Jan 5	Skyline	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 8	McClintock	H	F JV V	4:00pm 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 12	Desert Ridge	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 15	Williams Field	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 19	Mesa	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 20	Westwood	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 22	Seton Catholic	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 26	Canyon del Oro	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 27	Cesar Chavez	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Jan 29	Campo Verde	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Feb 2	Queen Creek	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Feb 5	Maricopa	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
<b>Varsity:</b> Jermaine Whitaker <b>Junior Varsity:</b> Larry Holmes <b>Freshmen:</b> Michael Olson				

**BOYS SOCCER: OFF TO A GREAT START**

Congrats to the MdN Boys soccer team on their thrilling 2-1 victory Friday, December 11, 2015. **Ryan Capeloto** scored his first goal of the year and **Marcos Naisant** headed home the game winner with 1:17 left in the game. Special congratulations to the back line of **Abe Andrade**, **Jacob Hernandez**, **Michael Rivali**, **Carlos Aguilera** and **Jose Escarzega** for a great defensive effort, both on the ground and in the air. Final congratulations to **Gordy Almanza**, who made 11 saves, including one as time expired to preserve the win. Wish your Padres luck as they continue their soccer season.

**2015—2016 TICKET PRICES**

Adult & College Students	\$5.00
Students with ID	\$3.00
5 Years and under	FREE

**METHODS OF PAYMENT**

Cash is preferred, we accept checks up to \$20.00, ID required.

# December 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2 Early Release Schedule  Club/groups picture day	3	4 JROTC Massing of the Colors  Dance Show	5 Dance Show
6	7	8	9 Early Release Schedule	10	11 Performing Arts <i>Holiday Triple Assembly</i>  Choir Caroling Concert	12 ACT Test
13	14	15	16 Semester Exams Schedule	17 Semester Exams Schedule	18 Staff only Day  End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Semester	19
20	21 WINTER BREAK	22 WINTER BREAK	23 WINTER BREAK	24 WINTER BREAK	25 WINTER BREAK	26
27	28 WINTER BREAK	29 WINTER BREAK	30 WINTER BREAK	31 WINTER BREAK		

# January 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter 2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester begins	5	6 Early Release Schedule	7	8 ACDEC Invitational Tournament	9 ACDEC Invitational Tournament
10	11 Challenge Day	12	13 Early Release Schedule	14	15	16 Faculty Talent Night
17	18 MLK Holiday- no school	19	20 Early Release Schedule	21	22	23 SAT Test  JROTC Padre Skills Meet
24	25	26 Incoming 9 <sup>th</sup> Graders Registration Night	27 Early Release Schedule	28	29 Pep Assembly for Winter Sports	30
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# February 2016

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Early Release Schedule	4	5 <i>Region 4 AZ Academic Decathlon Tournament @ Hamilton</i>	6 ACT Test <i>Region 4 AZ Academic Decathlon Tournament @ Hamilton</i>
7	8	9 Choir Concert	10 District Staff Development ½ Day Jostens Class Ring Presentations	11 Band Feeder Concert	12	13
14	15 <i>Presidents' Day Holiday-no school</i>	16	17 Senior Panoramic Picture State Math Contest Early Release Schedule	18	19 Jostens Ring Ordering	20 Sadie Hawkins Dance
21	22	23	24 Early Release Schedule	25	26	27
28	29 Musical Matinee for Youth Spring Spirit week					

# March 2016

SUN	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Spring Spirit Week	2 Spring Spirit Week Musical " <i>Legally Blonde</i> " Early Release Schedule	3 Spring Spirit Week Musical Triple Assembly Musical " <i>Legally Blonde</i> "	4 Spring Spirit Week Musical " <i>Legally Blonde</i> "	5 Musical " <i>Legally Blonde</i> " SAT Test
6	7 <i>Spring Break</i>	8 <i>Spring Break</i>	9 <i>Spring Break</i>	10 <i>Spring Break</i>	11 <i>Spring Break</i> ACDEC AZ State Competition	12 ACDEC AZ State Competition
13	14 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Begins	15	16 Senior Panoramic Picture Early Release Schedule	17	18 Talent Show	19
20	21 Diversity/Unity Week	22 Diversity/Unity Week	23 Diversity/Unity Week Early Release Schedule	24 Diversity/Unity Week Cap & Gown Picture Day Cap & Gown Delivery	25 Holiday-no school	26
27	28 AzMERIT Test	29 AzMERIT Test	30 AzMERIT Test Early Release Schedule	31 AzMERIT Test		





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