

MdN Padres



Spring 2015

TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL

Padre Pride

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MdN ...Workbridge

HELPING STUDENTS TRANSITION

Workbridge is one of the district's best kept secrets; it is a wonderful class for students to transition from high school to the world of work. Here at Marcos de Niza we offer this class two consecutive periods a day, so the students have time to gain experience in the community volunteering or working at a local business and to tour post secondary opportunities in the community. Not only do we provide work experience for the students, but we also teach them what it takes to live independently, how to ride the city bus, how to fill out job applications and complete resumes, as well as how to conduct themselves in job interviews. Some of our students have successfully obtained their food handlers card, driving permit, and even received offers of employment. The best part of the program is watching the students accomplish their goals throughout the year and learn essential skills necessary to successfully transition out of high school. We would like to have the opportunity to offer it to many more students. For further information about our program, email Mrs. Werth at kwertth@tuhsd.k12.az.us or feel free to call (602) 722-8424.



This school year Workbridge has created a club here on campus. Our goal is to earn money for our end of year banquet and help others in our community. One of our fundraisers was at Someburros, and it was great success!

Our first community project was to help the pets of homeless people during the Christmas season. We had a pet food drive at school and were able to donate 200 lbs of food to the homeless. We would like to continue to help our furry friends by collecting pet food throughout the year and donating it to the Guadalupe Pet Food Bank. If you would like to donate any food to our cause, it can be dropped off in room #115 before or after school. Thanks to all who have supported our fundraisers and charity work. Way to make a difference, Padres!





Padre Principal...a Message from Mr. McDonald

Excellence in Teaching and Learning
Challenging, Inspiring and Achieving!

Greetings!

It is hard to believe that we are soon entering the last quarter of the school year. Time flies when you are having fun! Please take the time to read some very important information inside this newsletter. There are several reminders to parents about AIMS in February and AzMerit testing in April. This year the state will be testing students who are taking Freshmen, Sophomore, and Junior English as well as Algebra 1-2, Geometry 1-2, and Algebra 3-4. Please make sure your students come to school on these days.

We want to congratulate this year's *Tempe Top 10 Teens*, presented by the Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell. They are Mackenzie Dunnahoo, Bailey Erwin, Reagan Griffith, Timothy L'Heureux, Matt Langmack, Sarah Rogers, Casey Silva, Savannah Smith, Dalton Svoboda, and Franklin Zyriek. These students are exceptional young people who are dedicated students and citizens. They participate in many activities at Marcos de Niza. We are very proud of the young leaders they have become.

At this time our winter athletic season is coming to a close. We want to acknowledge all levels for soccer, basketball, and wrestling. A special recognition goes out to our Boys' Basketball team and our Wrestling team this season. Our wrestlers qualified eight individuals for the State tournament and Ryan Sondrup finished as State Runner-up. Good job, Ryan! Our basketball team qualified for the State tournament with the opening round against Saguaro. If you get a chance, this team is worth watching as they hustle on the court and can shoot the lights out of the gym. Good luck, Padres!

We are quickly approaching our spring musical in which our choir, band, orchestra and drama students collaborate to put on an extraordinary show. You will be sorry if you miss this showing of *Foot Loose*. You don't want to miss this one; it is going to be awesome!

Special congratulations to several students who were recently awarded exclusive scholarships to Harvard University, The American University, University of Alabama, Arizona State University, Northern Arizona University, and the University of Arizona. They are all wonderful young students who are very committed to their academic success, and we are quite proud of them. Continuing with the theme of academics, kudos to the Academic Decathlon team, who recorded several awards in the regional tournament earlier this month.

Finally, I want to address attendance and homework. Please stay on top of your students to complete their homework assignments. Remember we have tutoring in the mornings at conference period from 7:30 a.m. – 7:55 a.m. If your student is falling behind, please provide them this opportunity to get assistance with their work.

As always, I welcome any conversation you wish to have with me regarding Marcos de Niza. I thank you for your support! Please feel free to call me at (480) 838-3200, ext. 47651. We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Sean McDonald, MdN Principal

Silent witness hotline
Keep Marcos safe

YOU CAN REPORT MISCONDUCT OR CRIMES TO:

Tel: 480-730-7675



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@tuhsd.k12.az.us

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>

From the Registrar's Office...Mr. Alvarado



IMPORTANT SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION

- ◆ Senior Panoramic Picture is also Wednesday, March 18, 2015. Meet at 7:00 a.m. in the football field.
- ◆ A senior meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 right after the class panoramic picture. Seniors, please be sure to attend.
- ◆ Cap and Gown distribution will take place in the auditorium from 7:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25, 2015.
- ◆ If you have not ordered your cap and gown, contact Jostens at (480) 756-0555.
- ◆ Cap and Gown Photos will be taken in the auditorium lobby from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 26, 2015..
- ◆ Senior Final Exams will be Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 20, 2015.
- ◆ Last day of school for seniors is Wednesday, May 20, 2015.
- ◆ MANDATORY senior meeting Tuesday, May 19, 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meet in the main gymnasium.
- ◆ All Seniors will need to check with the bookstore, library, and athletics office to clear all debts to Marcos de Niza before they will be allowed to take part in the graduation ceremony.
- ◆ MANDATORY: Graduation Practice is Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 8:00 a.m. All graduating seniors will meet in the main gymnasium.
- ◆ Graduation is Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Seniors will need to report to the main gymnasium by 6:00 p.m.
- ◆ If you DO NOT plan to walk, notify Mr. Carlos Alvarado's office immediately.

ON THE DAY OF GRADUATION:

Graduation is a ceremony, not a celebration: Please treat the ceremony with the dignity it deserves. Please arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening in the gymnasium.

- ▶ Gentlemen must wear a shirt, tie, and dress slacks — NO jeans will be permitted.
- ▶ Ladies must wear a dress, or skirt and blouse, or business suit.
- ▶ Appropriate dress shoes must be worn — NO tennis shoes, flip-flops, or Birkenstocks.
- ▶ Seniors who are not appropriately dressed will NOT be permitted to march in the ceremony.
- ▶ Do not bring items that could be disruptive to the ceremony.
- ▶ Unacceptable behavior will result in removal from the ceremony.
- ▶ Anyone under the influence or in the possession of alcohol or other illegal substances will be removed from the ceremony.

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.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/>
- 2) Click on *Check Student Grades*
- 3) Go to PARENTVUE link
- 4) Type in the student's name



You may contact the front office for your password or request one by email at canvasparents@tempeunion.org.

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.

SENIOR CREDIT CHECKS

Please see your guidance counselor to determine graduation status. 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. Senior students will not be placed on the marching list for graduation if all correspondence class grades are not posted with the records clerk by Friday, May 15, 2015. There will be no exceptions to this timeline.

SENIORS! DON'T PROCRASTINATE!

All books must be returned; all fees must be paid, and all debts cleared in the bookstore, in the athletic office, and in the library in order to graduate. Remember, you are accountable for all four years at Marcos.

- 📖 Now is the time to check under your beds, in your closets and in the trunk of your car for textbooks and library books as well as athletic equipment.
- 📖 Stop by early in the bookstore, the athletics office, and the library to see if you have any debts and/or fees due.
- 📖 Only CASH will be accepted in payment after March 30th.

Stop by today to see what needs to be cleared before graduation.

PROGRESS

Progress reports will be mailed at the middle of each quarter.

4/16/15

REPORT CARDS

Report cards are mailed at the end of each quarter.

5/26/15

Attendance...reporting an absence



**REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES
THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE IS OPEN
WEEKDAYS FROM 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

To report an absence, please access the voice mail system (available 24 hours) using the number listed in the box below. 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) 730-7659**

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:

- Personal illness
- Doctor or dentist appointment
- Serious family illness
- Death in family
- Important family business
- Checking out of school through the Nurse or Attendance Office
- 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:

- Computer attendance calls will be made daily.
- On the 16th absence, the student will be referred to Jermaine Whitaker, attendance coordinator at (480) 838-3200 ext. 40071.

MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL DROPOUT PREVENTION PROCEDURES

3rd absence: Dropout Coordinator will meet with the student informing the students 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.

5th 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.

8th 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.

11th 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 16th absence. If there are none, student will lose credit at 16th 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.

16th 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.

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 10 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 all of the MdN staff, will help create a climate for learning at Marcos de Niza High School.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to our newest MdN faculty members. Taylor Miller—Science, John Shirk—Special Education, transferring from Compadre High School and KennyZuvela—Mathematics.



Taylor Miller



John Shirk



Kenny Zuvela

FAREWELL

We wish Michael Lee a fond farewell as he takes on a new teaching position in the Chino Valley area. Marina Castro—Educational Services has decided to stay home and be a full-time mother and Jovana D'Errico—Educational Services, has decided to broaden her horizons as well. Good luck to all of them.

COACH OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to Coach Dave Stark, for being named the Section !! Section Four Coach of the year.



Dave Stark

Once a Padre, always a Padre



From the Activities Office...Mr. Fleming

FOLLOW PADRES ON SOCIAL MEDIA



Visit us on Facebook. See what our students and staff are doing. You will find interesting videos and may post your comments at <https://www.facebook.com/ticonderoga10>.

MDN CHALLENGE DAY

Challenge Day was held on January 21st, 2015 and it was truly an unbelievable experience. We brought together 94 students and 22 community members in an effort to bring our campus closer together. The goal of the Challenge Day Program is to build community and to help stop the teasing, violence and alienation that is so deeply a part of the school experience for millions of young people every day. The message we want to send to our kids and our community is we are creating a culture of caring and kindness here at Marcos de Niza. Challenge Day was a powerful and transformational day that we hope changed the way people view each other forever. It was also a day of fun, friendship and new possibilities.

Our next challenge is called *Be The Change*. We want to empower those 94 students to become leaders on campus to make our community that we live in a better place.

MDN INCENTIVE PROGRAMS PADRES OF THE MONTH

The Padres of the Month Program is designed to recognize outstanding Marcos teachers, staff and students. Students are nominated on the basis of any of the following: integrity, honesty, scholastic endeavors, and service to school, good behavior, citizenship or courage. Teachers and staff members can be nominated based on academic contributions, school activities, community involvement, or care and concern for students. Eight students, two athletes, two teachers and one staff member are selected each month to receive Padre of the Month honors.

PADRE RENAISSANCE PROGRAM

The Padre Renaissance Program at Marcos de Niza High School recognizes outstanding students for good academic achievement and good citizenship by giving rewards such as gift cards, coupons and merchandise.

Congratulations to the nearly 450 students who were designated as Padre Renaissance students during first quarter! During the first nine weeks of this school year, these students achieved a 3.5 or higher GPA, and/or a nomination as a Padre of the Month and no discipline referrals. These students are eligible to win a variety of prizes and their names are listed on the Marcos website at https://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/awards/padre_renaissance.htm.

CLOSED CAMPUS



Marcos de Niza High School has a modified closed campus. Juniors and seniors are allowed to leave campus during lunch by showing their Marcos student I.D. cards to the security guard or administrator on duty.

All freshmen and sophomores are required to remain on campus. Any student who must leave campus during the school day, except for juniors and seniors during lunch, must have a parent-approved, off-campus pass obtained through the Attendance Office.

2014-2015 Bell Schedules

MON / TUES/ THURS/FRI SCHEDULE		
"Zero" Hour	6:40	- 7:25
Conference	7:30	- 7:55
Period 1	8:00	- 8:57
Period 2	9:02	- 9:59
Period 3	10:04	- 11:01
Period 4	11:06	- 12:03
5/Lunch	12:03	- 12:38
Period 6	12:43	- 1:40
Period 7	1:45	- 2:42
Period 8	2:47	- 3:43

HALF-DAY BELL SCHEDULE		
"Zero" Hour	6:40	- 7:25
Conference	7:30	- 7:55
Period 1	8:00	- 8:36
Period 2	8:41	- 9:17
Period 3	9:22	- 9:58
Period 4	10:03	- 10:39
Period 6	10:44	- 11:20
Period 7	11:25	- 12:00
Period 8	12:05	- 12:40
<i>Schedule Half Days</i> Sept. 24 and Feb. 11		

WEDNESDAY EARLY OUT SCHEDULE		
"Zero" Hour	6:40	- 7:25
Conference	7:30	- 7:55
Period 1	8:00	- 8:54
Period 2	8:58	- 9:53
Period 3	9:58	- 10:52
Period 4	10:57	- 11:51
Lunch	11:51	- 12:26
Period 6	12:31	- 1:25
Period 7	1:30	- 2:24
Period 8	2:29	- 3:23

TRIPLE ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE		
"Zero" Hour	6:40	- 7:25
Conference	7:30	- 7:55
Period 1	8:00	- 8:48
Period 2 A	8:53	- 9:24
Period 2 B	9:29	- 10:00
Period 2 C	10:05	- 10:36
Period 3	10:41	- 11:29
Period 4	11:34	- 12:22
Lunch	12:22	- 12:57
Period 6	1:02	- 1:50
Period 7	1:55	- 2:42
Period 8	2:47	- 3:34

EARLY OUT PLC DAYS SCHOOL WILL END AT 1:40	
All PLC days are Wednesdays	
March 4, 18, 25	
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	
May 6, 13	

PEP ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE		
"Zero" Hour	6:40	- 7:25
Conference	7:30	- 7:55
Pep Assem-	8:00	- 8:35
Period 1	8:40	- 9:30
Period 2	9:35	- 10:25
Period 3	10:30	- 11:20
Period 4	11:25	- 12:15
Lunch	12:15	- 12:52
Period 6	12:57	- 1:47
Period 7	1:52	- 2:42
Period 8	2:47	- 3:37

Be on time



Padres!

SEMESTER EXAM SCHED-		
Period 1/4	8:00	- 9:17
Period 2/6	9:22	- 10:36
Period 3/7	10:44	- 12:00
Wed., Dec. 17 & Thu., Dec 18 Tues., May 19 & Wed., 20		

2014-2015 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR

Mon., Mar 2	Youth Musical Matinee
Wed., Mar 4	Early Out Schedule
Mon.-Fri., Mar 2-6	Spring Spirit Week
Wed.-Sat., Mar 4-7	Musical performances (p.m.) – “Footloose”
Thurs., March 5	Musical triple Assembly
Mon.-Fri., Mar 9-13	Spring Break
Sat., Mar 14	SAT Test
Mon., Mar 16	4 th Quarter Begins Early Out Schedule
Wed., Mar 18	Senior Panoramic Picture Senior Meeting
Mon.-Fri., Mar 23-27	Diversity/Unity Week
Tues. Mar 24	Band concert (p.m.)
Wed., Mar 25	Cap & Gown Delivery Early Out Schedule
Thurs., Mar 26	Cap & Gown Picture Day
Fri., Mar 27	Diversity Triple Assembly
Sat., Mar 28	Talent Show
Wed., Apr 1	Early Out Schedule
Fri., Apr 3	Good Friday Holiday—no school
Tues., April 7	CTE Testing
We.d, Apr 8	Early Out Schedule
Fri., Apr 10	JROTC Awards Night (p.m.)
Wed., Apr 15	Early Out Schedule
Fri.-Sat., Apr 17 & 18	Dance Show (p.m.)
Wed., Apr 22	Early Out Schedule
Thurs.-Fri., Apr 23-24	Night of Shorts Drama Production (p.m.)
Fri., Apr 24	Pep Assembly Student Council President Elections
Sat., Apr 25	Prom (p.m.)
Wed., Apr 29	Early Out Schedule
Thurs.-Fri., Apr 30-May 1	Choir Pops Concert (p.m.)
Fri., May 1	Student Council Officer Elections
Sat., May 2	SAT Test
Mon.-Fri., May 4-15	AP Exams
Tues., May 5	Band Pops Concert (p.m.)
Wed., May 6	Art Show Early Out
Thurs., May 7	Orchestra Concert
Tues., May 12	Choir Chamber Concert
Wed., May 13	Early Out Schedule
Thurs., May 14	“Mr. Padre” Competition
Tues.-Wed., May 19-20	Semester Exams
Thurs., May 21	GRADUATION / End of 4 th Quarter
Fri., May 22	Staff Only Day

Note: Calendar subject to change



TAX CREDIT

If you could reduce what you owe on your taxes or increase your refund, while helping students, wouldn't you do it? There are only a few more weeks left make your tax credit contribution and we hope you'll consider supporting Marcos de Niza and TUHSD.

It's easy to [donate online](#) – with no fees. Just click on the school of your choice and select the athletics and/or activities you want to donate to. You can even designate your money toward a specific student(s).


Tempe Union High School District Offices, 500 West Guadalupe Rd., Tempe, AZ, will be open on December 31st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to collect last minute donations. Those last minute contributors will be treated to refreshments while they drop off their [tax credit donation forms](#) (Spanish version) and staff will be available to answer questions.

The [Arizona Tax Credit Program](#) (A.R.S. 43-1089.01) allows any Arizona taxpayer, regardless of whether they have children in school, to donate up to \$400 to a school of their choice in support of extracurricular programs such as after-school clubs, sports, arts and music programs. An individual filing their tax return may contribute up to \$200, and married couples filing jointly may contribute up to \$400.

For those who wish to donate but may not have readily available funds, Landings Credit Union is again offering a 0% Interest [Tax Credit Loan program](#).

Thank you for your support of our schools!

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 that 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 his 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.

Counselors' Corner ...important information

MDN COUNSELOR ASSIGNMENT

All students at MdN are assigned a counselor according to the first letter of the student's last name. The assigned counselor will move with the student through his/her four years at MdN.

COUNSELORS			
Erin Barnes	(480)	838-3200	Ext. 40055
Lisa Coleman	(480)	838-3200	Ext. 40060
Claudia Ramirez	(480)	838-3200	Ext. 40056
Nora Talavera	(480)	838-3200	Ext. 40063
Debbie Martinez	(480)	838-3200	Ext. 40062
Sara Easton	(480)	838-3200	Ext. 47630

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

Canvas (access through ParentVUE account)

Each student has a Canvas account and a class listed in it for Guidance. You will find reminders about scholarships, college visits, and many other items on the student's calendar and in the announcement area.

<http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/departments/counseling/index.htm>

You can also access the webpage from the MdN homepage: go to *Departments*, then *Counseling*. This website offers resources and links to help families and students searching for information to make the best decisions possible for their high school years as well as for their post-secondary future as well as a daily calendar of Guidance events.

OTHER IMPORTANT WEBSITES:

Follow us on *Twitter* (twitter.com/MarcosGuidance) and like us on *Facebook* (www.facebook.com/Marcos-Guidance) to stay up with all the things the MdN Guidance Department offers.

AIMS Information Center:
www.ade.state.az.us/AIMS/default.asp

Free Application for Federal Student Aid:
www.fafsa.gov

Registration, practice, and information regarding the SAT I, SAT II, "New" SAT I, PSAT and AP program and exams:
www.collegeboard.com

Registration and information regarding the ACT:
www.actstudent.org

Registration for athletes in the junior year:
www.ncaaclearinghouse.net

The world's largest and most successful college fair (it meets entirely online): www.collegeweeklive.com

College search made simple: www.cappex.com/

Parchment for online transcript requests: www.parchment.com



THE SCHOLARSHIP HUNT IS ON!

Use your *Kuder Navigator* (www.az.kuder.com) account to search for scholarships that are a good fit for you. If your student forgot his/her login information, go to <http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/departments/counseling/ecap.htm>

Search 600,000 national scholarships worth over \$1 billion dollars on www.fastweb.com

ARIZONA UNIVERSITY'S SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Arizona State University:
<http://students.asu.edu/scholarships>

University of Arizona:
<http://financialaid.arizona.edu/scholarships/>

Northern Arizona University:
http://www4.nau.edu/finaid/types_of_aid/scholarships.html

COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

Mesa Community College:
<http://www.maricopa.edu/students/financialaid/scholarships.html>

Maricopa Community College Foundation:
<http://www.maricopa.edu/foundation/apply/index.php>

South Mountain Community College:
<http://enroll.southmountaincc.edu/financialaid/default.htm>

MDN STUDENTS VISIT GCU

Juniors and Seniors are invited to attend Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, AZ on Friday, March 27th. Students will:

- Hear from GCU students
- Attend College Readiness Presentations
- Learn about GCU's many colleges including College of Nursing and Health Care Professions

Space is limited to 55 students so registration will be first come first served basis. The deadline to turn in the permission and registration form to Guidance Office is March 17th. Lunch will be provided by GCU. If you have questions, contact Mrs. Martinez in Guidance.

RIO SALADO DUAL ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

Rio Salado Dual Enrollment Placement Testing for the 2015-16 school year will take place in the library on April 21 – May 1, 2015. The math students will test during their current prerequisite class. The students who have registered for Advanced Composition have been assigned a time for the writing placement test during their Junior English class. The students who require testing have been identified and their teachers will be notified of the testing day, time, and process. If students are unable to test during the assigned time, they will, also, be able to test at a Rio Salado Test Center during the summertime. Registration for Dual Enrollment credit for 2015-16 classes will start when school resumes in August. Reminder, it is mandatory that students present a picture I.D. to take any test.



AzMERIT TEST

Monday, April 13
 Tuesday, April 14
 Wednesday, April 15
 Thursday, April 16
 Friday, April 17

In November 2014, the Arizona State Board of Education adopted a new statewide achievement test, AzMERIT, for Arizona students. Arizona's Measurement of Educational Readiness to Inform Teaching (AzMERIT) is Arizona's new statewide achievement test. Arizona is partnering with the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to develop tests, which are unique to Arizona.

What is AzMERIT?

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Why does Arizona need this new test?

In 2010, the Arizona State Board of Education adopted new standards in English language arts and mathematics for all students in Arizona. These academic standards outline what students should know and be able to do at each grade level. With the adoption and implementation of new standards, a new test was necessary.

How is AzMERIT different from the AIMS test?

Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards (AIMS) tested the old standards. Spring 2014 was the last time AIMS was administered for reading, writing, and mathematics. AzMERIT, based on the new standards, will tell teachers, students, and parents if students are on track to be college and career ready upon graduation from high school. The Arizona Science Standards did not change, so students in Grades 4, 8, and high school will still take the AIMS Science test. High school students graduating after December 31, 2016 will no longer be required to pass the AIMS test to graduate high school.

Who will take AzMERIT?

Arizona public school students in Grades 3 through high school will take AzMERIT. Students taking high school level English and mathematics will take End-of-Course assessments that will test their proficiency in these subjects. Only eligible students with significant cognitive disabilities will participate in other alternate achievement tests.

When will the test be given?

Students will take AzMERIT in the spring of 2015. The testing window for schools administering the computer-based test is March 30-May 8, 2015. The testing window for the paper-based test is April 13-24, 2015. Schools will inform students and parents of specific testing dates within these windows.

SCIENCE AIMS TEST

Tuesday, April 7
 8:05 a.m.

ALL freshmen and sophomores will be REQUIRED to test. Juniors and seniors who have not met the standard or have signed up to exceed are REQUIRED to test. Juniors & seniors who have met the standard will have a late start this day. *Bring something to work on if you finish early!*

THE ADVANCED PLACEMENT

(AP) Program provides motivated high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. Highly qualified high school teachers teach AP courses and the curriculum is developed by a committee composed of college faculty and AP teachers. The courses cover the breadth of information, skills, and assignments found in the corresponding college course. Students who participate in the program not only gain college-level skills, but in many cases they also earn college credit while they are still in high school by taking the AP test! Students whose AP grades exempt them from introductory college courses typically do better in subsequent higher-level courses than those students who take the introductory college course. (Information obtained through <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>)

Marcos de Niza currently has 15 courses that prepare students for exams administered by the Advanced Placement Testing Service; however, a student may take an exam without taking the corresponding course. There is an \$91 fee for each AP Exam. Registration for the exams will begin in February 2015.

2015 AP EXAM CALENDAR

2015 AP EXAM CALENDAR			
Week 1			
	Morning 8	Afternoon 12	
Mon., May 4	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology	
Tues., May 5	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language and Culture Seminar	
Wed, May 6	English Literature and Composition	Japanese Language and Culture	
Thurs., May 7	Computer ScienceA Spanish Language and Culture	Art History Physics 2: Algebra-Based	
Fri., May 8	German Language and Culture United States History	European History	
Studio Art—last day for coordinators to submit digital portfolios (by 8 p.m. EDT) and to gather 2-D Design and Drawing students for physical portfolio assembly			
Teachers should have forwarded students' completed digital portfolios to Coordinators before this date.			
Week 2			
	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12	Afternoon 2 p.m.
Mon., May 11	Biology Music Theory	Physics C: Mechanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tues., May 12	United States Government and Politics	French Lan- guage and Culture	
Wed., May 13	English Language and Composition	Statistics	
Thurs., May 14	Comparative Government and Politics World History	Italian Language and Culture Macroeconomics	
Fri., May 15	Human Geography Microeconomics	Latin	

CHECK YOUR CREDITS

It is easier than ever to see students' current and past grades and graduation requirements through StudentVue and ParentVue. Students' unofficial transcripts are also available through the Guidance Department. If you notice your son or daughter is behind in credits or he or she wants to get ahead, below are some options.

TUOL (Tempe Union Online Learning): Many core classes are open entry and the student has 18 weeks to complete the course. The final exam (and mid-term for Math classes only) is in-person. The cost for .50 credit is \$175.

TUOL Credit Recovery: Students who previously failed an English and Social Studies course are eligible to take these courses online for free during the school year. Classes start every quarter.

Evening School: Courses are offered only during the regular school year at Compadre High School. All core academic classes are offered along with a few electives. The cost for .50 credit is \$175. Registration is during the first two weeks of each semester but may have openings at other times throughout the school year.

Saturday School: English, Science, Social Studies, and Algebra 1-2 classes are offered only during the regular school year at MdN. The cost for .50 credit is \$175.

2015 SUMMER EDUCATION ACADEMY

Classes are Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:40 p.m.

Note: Class on June 12th and July 1st are from 7:30 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Summer Education Academy's campus-based sessions for 2015 will be located at Mountain Pointe High School, 4201 E. Knox Road, Phoenix, AZ 85044.

Registration for both sessions of Summer Education Academy begins:

1st Session Registration: Monday, March 2nd through May 15th.

2nd Session Registration: Monday, March 2nd through June 12th.

The cost is \$175.00 per session

All registration for courses and payment will be conducted online only.

1) Log on to <http://tempeuhsd.registarsystems.net/>

1) Complete the Student Information Section

2) Complete Course Information

3) Complete Payment Information

4) Print Receipt and bus pass if purchased.

Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis and are determined by the order in which the registration is submitted.

Transportation will be provided from your student's home school to Mountain Pointe High School. We encourage you to purchase a bus pass.

The bus schedule is on the Tempe Union website.

Teacher and room assignments will be made available on the first day of each session.

For additional information, the Summer Education Academy Brochure is available on the Tempe Union website at tuhsd.k12.az.us.

BUICK SCHOARSHIP

This is the final call for Buick Achievers Scholarship Program applicants! To apply, students must enroll full time at a four-year college or university and plan to major in engineering, technology, design or business, with an interest in the automotive industry. Go to the MdN Scholarship website for an application. Deadline is February 27th.

TEMPE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Scholarship will award over 30 scholarships worth \$1,000 each to Tempe Union High School students planning to attend a community college, university or vocational/technical school. To apply, go to the MdN Scholarship website. Deadline is February 27th.

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

CESAR E. CHAVEZ LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

This is a high-energy leadership program for Arizona high school sophomores and juniors. While living on the ASU campus, participants will explore high educations, develop leadership skills, and discover the value of community service. To apply, go to the MdN Scholarship website. Deadline is March 4, 2015.

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY LUMBERJACK SCHOLARS AWARD

This scholar award offers a full tuition scholarship awarded up to four years. To apply, students must have a 3.5 core GPA and received no grade lower than "B" in the 16 core competency courses. If a student has a "C" grade in a core competency course, he/she may retake that course in high school in order to qualify for this scholarship, please contact NAU Admissions Officer Charlie Just at 928-523-6023 about this process. Go to www.nau.edu to find out more about freshman scholarships.

RIO SALADO TUITION ASSISTANCE

Tuition Assistance for the 2015-2016 school year will be available for those students who meet the eligibility requirements. Interested students need to complete the pre-approval process for the 2015-2016 school year by submitting application paperwork starting March 23 - May 29, 2015. Registration for actual classes will begin Fall 2015. For more details, visit our dual enrollment website at www.riosalado.edu/ or visit the MdN Counseling Office.

CHRIS MASSEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is for current MdN seniors who plan to attend a community college or university in the fall of 2015 and have a minimum 2.5 GPA. The donors award at least two scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000. To apply, go to the MdN Scholarship website. Deadline is March 27, 2015.

ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY FUTURE SUN DEVIL EXPERIENCE

On Friday, April 10th from 8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M., 50 MdN freshman students are invited to attend ASU's Future Sun Devil Experience. This free event is a 1-day, highly interactive campus visit designed to bring awareness to higher education opportunities, provide critical and age appropriate college readiness information, and expose freshman to the ASU Campus. Students must sign up in the Guidance Office by March 20th. The permission form is due to Guidance Office on Friday, March 27th.

The SAT is on March 14, 2015 ARE YOU READY?

Tempe Union High School District Community Education is partnering with Sycamore Learning Company to offer:

SAT/PSAT

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For all TUHSD Students!

In this 5-hour seminar, you will:

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Only
\$99!

Students who have taken this seminar have seen an average increase of 50-150 points on the SAT!

Convenient Saturday Dates, Times and Locations:

(Classes include 1 hour lunch break)

Sat., Feb 21 9:00am – 3:00pm Corona del Sol H.S. 1001 E. Knox Rd., Tempe 85284

Sat., Feb 28 9:00am – 3:00pm Desert Vista H.S. 16440 S. 32nd St., Phoenix 85048

Register online at www.tiny.cc/tempeunion

Select "Community Education – Youth Enrichment," then "SAT Prep Class." comprehensive take-home study guide!



Tempe Union High School District and Kaplan Test Prep are pleased to provide free online test prep for the ACT, SAT and PSAT.

Benefit from free 24/7 On Demand access to comprehensive preparation!

Kaplan's award-winning online course is taught by expert teachers and covers every tested topic on the exams. This flexible option provides students the ability to prep on their own schedule.

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Here's how to sign up:

1. Visit kaplanatschool.com/tempe
Under "Kaplan's Program Options and Pricing" select "SAT On Demand," "PSAT On Demand" or "ACT On Demand."
2. Once directed to our product page, click "Enroll Now."
3. On this page, "Your Cart," you'll see a box under "Order Summary" Go ahead and enter the appropriate promotion code:
 - ◆ SAT On Demand: KAS2014SAT
 - ◆ ACT On Demand: KAS2014ACT
 - ◆ PSAT On Demand: KAS2014PSAT
4. Then click "Apply" and "Proceed to checkout."
5. The next page will prompt you to log in with your Kaplan account. You do not have one, select "Parent/Guardian" or "Student" and new section will open. Fill out the necessary fields, and click "Save & Continue" when done.
6. After, you will receive an Order Confirmation. Congratulations You're an official Kaplan student!

Contact Nicole George, nicole.george@kaplan.com
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2014 - 2015 SAT SCHEDULE

Test Date	Registration	Late Registration Deadline	
May 2	Apr 6	Apr 17	Apr 21
Jun 6	May 8	May 22	May 27

For more information on SAT and to register, go on-line to www.collegeboard.com

2014 - 2015 ACT SCHEDULE

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Apr 18	Mar 13	Mar 14-27
Jun 13	May 8	May 9

For more information ACT and to register, go online to www.act.org

CONFERENCE PERIOD

This takes place every day. Any student can go to his/her teacher's class and get the help they need. All teachers are available at 7:30 a.m. to assist their students. Conference period is a good way for students to get their missing work if they were absent or if, by chance, they were sent to sweep.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

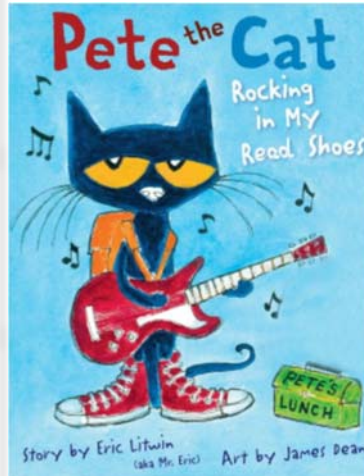
Students, for your convenience, the guidance office is open before and after school. We are also open during lunch; however, there is only one counselor available. Please be patient as you may have to wait.



HOMEWORK LAB

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday
in the LRTC (library).
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Are you up to the challenge?
Join the **3M** Reading Challenge!



Marcos, Mt. Pointe, and McClintock, the 3Ms, are hosting a reading challenge. Read 3,333 pages or more in seven weeks, and win prizes and recognition. Which school can get the most readers in on the challenge? Which school can read the most pages? Sign up for the **3Ms** reading challenge in your school's library. 3Ms Reading Challenge is being held from March 2nd through April 17th, 2015. Discover great new stories, read about

real-life people, dig for information about any topic of interest—just read! You'll have fun and improve your reading literacy and vocabulary skills at the same time.

Every page counts for a point. This year our theme come from the coolest cat in school—Pete the Cat. We are going to be "Rocking in my READ shoes!" Last year Marcos de Niza pulled out a victorious win over its sister school, but only by the size of a Harry Potter's book. We have a reputation to uphold, so join us in the 3M Reading Challenge this year.

**2014-2015 YEARBOOK
ON SALE NOW!**

Students, don't forget to buy your yearbooks!
Price is \$65.



Be sure to purchase your copy today!

Parent Page...volunteer

GET INVOLVED

In an effort to have a successful high school experience for our MdN students, it is important for our parents to become involved in school activities. There are several opportunities for parents who are looking to volunteer.

GRAD NIGHT 2015 PLANNING COMMITTEE

We'd like to announce our new web site: <http://mdngradnight.wix.com/mdngradnight> which features a real time countdown to graduation and contains links to our fundraising activities on Sign Up Genius.

HELP WANTED:

Parent volunteers are needed to work the donut table on Tuesday or Thursday mornings (7 a.m. – 9 a.m.). It's an incredibly popular fundraiser for Grad Night 2015 and the students LOVE our donuts (and cinnamon rolls and croissants...). By volunteering to work the donut table, you too can be incredibly popular!

For more info, email kylewahlgren@cox.net or visit Sign Up Genius: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a054eadac23a02-donut>

MDN PADRE CLUB

The MdN Padre Booster Club supports Marcos de Niza students in academics, activities, and athletics.



Please consider joining us!
Time commitment is minimal and it's FUN!

- Help with your student's Graduation Night event
- Help school groups raise funds through concessions
- Keeper of the School Spirit Padre Mascot

For more information, e-mail PadreClub@gmail.com or contact Leslie McMullin, President (480-345-2219) or visit us on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/MdNPadreClub

CONECTATE

¿Sabe usted que nuestro website está disponible ahora en español? Visítelo regularmente para las noticias e información. <http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us>

Bring this flyer on
Date of the event

Dave & Busters
And your School celebrate:



Spirit Night

Dave & Buster's
2000 Rio Salado Pkwy.
Tempe, AZ

Tuesday, February 24th
from 6-8 pm

Wear your Team colors!

or your MdNGrad Night T-Shirt to be entered into a raffle!

20% of proceeds from food, non-alcoholic drinks, and Power Cards will be donated to: **MdNGrad Night 2015**



Class of 2015
Grad Night Party
at
Dave & Buster's



Thursday, May 21, 2015
11 p.m. to 5 a.m.
Register now for only \$55!
 Price goes up to \$65 mid May

ADMISSION PRICE INCLUDES:

- Dave & Buster's Million Dollar Midway packed with dozens of interactive arcade games
- Tarot Card Readers
- All you can eat food and drinks
- Basketball Challenges
- Hourly Drawings
- Hypnotist Stage Show
- Caricature Artist
- Photo Booth
- Raffle Prizes all night
- Karaoke
- Billiards
- All night movies

For additional information or to volunteer email us at: GradNight2015@gmail.com

2015 GRAD NIGHT REGISTRATION FORM

Student ID# _____

Student email: _____

Graduate Name: _____
First Name Last Name

Home Mailing Address: _____

Student signature: _____

By signing, I agree to the conditions of a drug- 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 pickup. I understand that this is an all-night event and that I will not be released before 4:45am, regardless of my age.

MANDATORY

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (print) _____

Contact Number (Night of Event): _____

My son /daughter will be attending Marcos de Niza Grad Night 2015 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 2015 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 2015 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 pickup my child, providing photo I.D. at pick-up.

Every girl deserves to feel
Like *a princess!*



*14TH Annual
Free Prom Dress Boutique*

Saturday, March 28, 2015

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

*The Cinderella Affair Boutique
411 N. McKemy Avenue
Chandler, AZ*

For high school juniors and seniors only,
with valid school ID.

Save the Date!

MdN Prom

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Location to be disclosed at a later date.

Tickets:
Singles \$40.00
and
Couple \$70.00



MDN PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

Footloose

MARCH 4 - 7 . 7PM

MDN THEATRE

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR GROUP RATES CONTACT:
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WWW.MDNCHOIRDrama.ORG
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STUDENTS

Stage Adaption by Dean Pitchford and Walter Bobbie
Based on the Original Screenplay by Dean Pitchford Music by Tom Snow Lyrics by Dean Pitchford
Additional Music by Eric Carmen, Sammy Hagar, Kenny Loggins and Jim Steinman
Footloose is made possible through a licensing agreement with R&H Theatricals



PADRES OF THE MONTH

DECEMBER/JANUARY

STUDENTS

Safiya Aden
Brandon Dunster
Sadara Mangino
Nikoli Millar
Luisa Rodriguez
Hailey Tunay
Ashleigh Weaver
Alexis Youngs

ATHLETES

Christopher
Anderson Wright
Aurei King-Hill

STAFF

Jon Belkis
Sgt. Peter McBroom
Lisa Szpakowski

MdN
Padres

ACADEMIC DECATHLON REGION COMPETITION



On February 6th-7th the Academic Decathlon team at Marcos de Niza took part in the Region IV Competition. This meet determines which teams in Arizona make it to the State competition. The Academic Decathlon is the competitive sport for the mind. The decathletes take part in 10 different academic events, as well as a public Super Quiz. On Friday, the students participated in

the speech and interview events. On Saturday, they took 7 multiple choice tests in the subjects of Art, Economics, Music, Mathematics, Literature, Science and Social Studies. The team achieved a score of 25,891.6 to place 17th out of 20 teams. Highlights of the weekend included senior captain Franklin Zyriek winning the gold medal in the Honors Interview division. The team members: Franklin, as well as Luisa Rodriguez, Sophia Neria, Patricia Miranda, Maggie Niederkorn, Nickolas Weeks, Rosa Araujo, Makaela Judy and Maria Hernandez. The team has qualified for the State Competition in March.

WEST REGION ORCHESTRA

Congratulations to the following symphony orchestra students who were selected to represent MdN in the West Region Symphony orchestra. Jennifer Bass, Briana Chacon, Briana Estrella, Christopher Jones, Mandri Randeniya, Sarah Rogers, Michelle Sebastian, and Delaney Wood. Alternates: Nicole Hoke and Raven Vallejos. Kudos on a job well done!

WEST REGION CHOIR

The following students are to be congratulated for being selected to represent MdN: Jordan Scott—Alto, Luke Ottinger, Liam Mitsis and Cole Shryock—Tenor, Clark Shaeffer and Basslan Winters—Bass, Peiton Bursh—Alto Alternate, Aubrey Reynolds—Alto Alternate and Joseph Powell, Tenor Alternate. Keep up the great work Padres!

WEST REGION BAND

Congratulations to the Regional Honor Band Members, they are: Alayna Comer, Enrique Higgins, Jessica Mada, Mason Paschke, Joseph Powell, and Casey Silva. Great job, Padres!

SPREADING GOOD WILL AND CHEER TO OTHERS!



Not only is Padre Processing (sponsored by Mrs. Tew) an MdN club in the business of providing volunteer work to our local and global communities but this semester, Mrs. Steffens 7th hour teamed up with them to provide Good Will and Cheer to others on our campus! Ms. Heather Hunt, one of Marcos finest,

has a mother, Juanita, who has recently undergone some heart issues. After finding out about this, Padre Processing and Mrs. Steffen's class got to work making her some cards to cheer her up! Juanita sent us a picture showing her display of our cards in her rehabilitation room. This is not the only unique activity this group of students have participated in so far this year! With Valentine's approaching, Padre Processing and Mrs. Steffens 7th hour class designed a Valentine Quilt for Mrs. Hughes, our music therapist. Mrs. Hughes has provided Music Therapy for us for 14 years. Mrs. Hughes also has a son, Daniel, who graduated from the MdN Life Skills program. Padre Processing and Mrs. Steffens class hope everyone has good will and Padre cheer!

FUN IN CULINARY CLASS

Mrs. Allen's Culinary 3-4 classes, baked and decorated cakes (including made-from-scratch fondant and decorations!) for staff members of their choosing. Students baked several cakes. Wedding cake for Mrs. Bethany Allen—Ashley Felton, Derrick Taylor, BreAna Grimes and Tyler Dandie; Pig cake (hee hee!) for Officer Greg Bacon—Ariana Gayton, Alexis Osuna, Michaela Aske, and Jesse Huggins; Tennis cake for Coach Brian Blackwelder—D'Angelo Clayburn, Anamarie Gamboa and Owen Bridge; Football helmet cake for Coach Ben Pareick—Fernando Almanza, Ruben Connolly and Adriana Garcia; Globe cake for Mr. Dave Dotts—Olivia Gilliam, Celeste Macias, Trevon Britton and Julio Morales; Yellow cake (picture not shown) for Mr. Kevin Glascock—Michael Orozco Gomez, Ruben Ramos, Mauricio Castaneda and Leo Castaneda. All in all, the students had fun learning about fondant frosting, as well as creating and decorating the cakes.



MdN JROTC... on the move

JROTC NEWS

The JROTC program will sponsor its annual Military Ball at the Double Tree by Hilton Resort on February 28th. Each year approximately 200 cadets and their dates enjoy the camaraderie, guest speaker and dancing.



The drill and color guard teams will continue its competitive meets at the West Mitchell Drill Meet at Sky Harbor Airport on February 21st. The cadets recently hosted it's Padre Drill Meet where it finished 2nd among 16 other teams. It just returned from the 5th Brigade Drill Meet at San Antonio, Texas on February 7th.

The cadets will be continuing their Color Guard support at the District Governing Board meeting on March 18th. The program has continued to provide monthly color guards at the meetings for the past seventeen years.



The Leadership & Academic Bowl teams are competing in the Level II online tests during the week of February 13th-15th. Both teams recently qualified to compete by placing among the top 50% of nearly 1400 teams that competed during Level I.



The cadets will take the cadet challenge physical fitness test during the week of March 2nd. This five-event fitness test is establishing benchmarks in personal fitness for each cadet and will determine the top five boys and girls who will earn medals that will be awarded in April.



We will be conducting our community service training at the St. Mary's Food Bank on March 20.



Twenty-five cadets will travel to Fort Huachuca from March 27th-31st to participate in the annual spring camp training. Cadets will live in army barracks, eat in army dining facilities except for consuming three MRE's as their lunch, and train at army training sites. This is the capstone event during the year.



The Command Sergeant Major and Battalion Commander Selection Boards will be scheduled for March 18th and April 1st respectively. We always have 4-6 candidates for each and this year will be no exception.

Our annual Awards Night ceremony will be on Friday, April 10th at 7:00 P.M. in the MdN auditorium. Numerous patriotic organizations will present awards to deserving cadets. Similarly, the instructors as will continue to present unit awards to a host of other cadets. The parent support group will sponsor a reception in the cafeteria following the awards ceremonies



From Athletics...Mr. Griffith



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Athletic Director:
Mike Griffith



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Mascot:
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MDN BASEBALL

Tue., Mar 3	Basha	A H	F/JV V	3:45PM
Thu., Mar 5	Tempe	A H	F/JV V	3:45PM 4:00PM
Fri., Mar 6	Maricopa	H A	JV V	3:45PM
Wed., Mar 18	Campo Verde	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM
Fri., Mar 20	Saguaro	H A	F/JV V	4:00PM
Mon., Mar 23	Coronado	H A	F/JV V	3:45PM 4:00PM
Tue., Mar 24	McClintock	H A	F/JV V	4:00PM
Thu., Mar 26	South Mountain	A H	F/JV	4:00PM
Wed., Apr 1	Notre Dame Prep	H H A	F JV V	3:00PM 6:00 PM 4:00PM
Fri., Apr 3	Higley	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM
Tue., Apr 7	Apache Junction	H A	F/JV V	3:45PM 4:00PM
Wed., Apr 8	Dobson	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM
Thu., Apr 9	Seton Catholic Prep	A A H	F JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM 4:00PM
Tue., Apr 14	Queen Creek	H A	F/JV V	3:45PM 4:00PM
Tue., Apr 21	Williams Field	A H	F/JV V	3:45PM 4:00PM
Fri., Apr 24	Casa Grande	A H	F/JV V	3:45PM 4:00PM
Tue., Apr 28	Arcadia	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM
Wed., Apr 29	Bradshaw Mountain	H A	F/JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM

Head Coach: Steve Schucks

MDN TRACK AND FIELD

Wed., Mar 4	Casa Grande Apache Junction Gilbert Classical @Apache Junction	Girls Boys	JV/V JV/V	3:30PM
Fri., Mar 6	Aztec Invitational	Boys	V	3:45PM
Wed., Mar 25	South Mountain Arcadia @Arcadia	Boys	V	3:45PM
Wed., Apr 15	Williams Field Perry @Perry	Girls Boys	V	3:30PM
Tue., Apr 21	Tempe All-City Track Meet	Girls Boys	V	TBA

Girls Head Coach: Jermaine Whitaker

Boys Head Coach: Mattianne Web

MDN SOFTBALL

Thu., Mar 5	Tempe	H A	JV V	3:45PM
Mon., Mar 16	Maricopa	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM
Wed., Mar 18	Campo Verde	H A	F/JV V	4:00PM
Fri., Mar 20	Saguaro	A H	JV V	4:00PM
Mon., Mar 23	Chandler	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM
Tue., Mar 24	McClintock	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM
Thu., Mar 26	South Mountain	H A	F/JV V	4:00PM
Mon., Mar 30	Westwood	A H	F/JV V	3:45PM
Wed., Apr 01	Notre Dame Prep	A H	JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM
Fri., Apr 3	Higley	H A	F/JV V	3:45PM
Tue., Apr 7	Apache Junction	A H	JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM
Thu., Apr 9	Seton Catholic Prep	H A	JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM
Fri., Apr 10	Desert Ridge	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM 7:00PM
Tue., Apr 14	Queen Creek	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM
Tue., Apr 21	Williams Field	H A	F/JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM
Fri., Apr 24	Mesquite	A H	F/JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM
Tue., Apr 28	Arcadia	H A	JV V	4:00PM 3:45PM
We., Apr 29	Bradshaw Mountain	A H	F/JV V	3:45PM

Head Coach: Korine Gomez

Junior Varsity Coach: Darl Edington

VARSITY BASEBALL

JAMES MARTINEZ
SONNY MANUELITO
MATT LANGMACK
BEN BIRK
NATE DOMINGUEZ
ROBERT RAMOS
GIOVANNI NIEVES
MITCHELL JACOBSON
JAMES MONTANEZ
QADAR NJUGUNA
CHRISTIAN JOHNSON
JAKE DENHAM
CONNER WOODS
MAX L'HEUREUX
NICK LEACH

VARSITY SOFTBALL

DANA BROOKE
SARAH DUNCKEE
ADRIANA GARCIA
RACHEL GAWDUN,
CORINA GOINGS
ALYSSA MATUS
SERENA RAMOS
ALEXIS RARLIFF
NARALIA VENEGAS
MADYSON AMAYA
DANIELLE SAENZ

MDN BOYS VOLLEYBALL				
Tue., Mar 3	Combs	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Tue., Mar 17	McClintock	H	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Tue., Mar 24	Basha	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Thu., Mar 26	Desert Ridge	H	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Tue., Mar 31	Desert Vista	A	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Thu., Apr 2	Westwood	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Tue., Apr 7	Mountain Pointe	H	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Thu., Apr 9	Hamilton	H	V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Tue., Apr 14	Mesquite	A	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Thu., Apr 16	Gilbert	H	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Tue., Apr 21	Horizon Honors	A	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Thu., Apr 23	Mesa	H	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Tue., Apr 28	Dobson	A	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Thu., Apr 30	Chandler	A	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Mon., May 4	Raymond S. Kellis	A	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM
Tue., May 5	Corona Del Sol	H	JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM

Boys Coach: Carly Anderson
Junior Varsity: Darl Edington

Padres!

MDN TENNIS				
Tue., Mar 3	Betty H. Fairfax	A	Boys-JV/V H Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Wed., Mar 4	Williams Field	A	Boys-JV/V H Girls-V	3:30 pm
Fri., Mar 6	Williams Field		Girls-JV	3:30 pm
Tue., Mar 17	Paradise Valley	A	Boys-JV/V H Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Thu., Mar 19	Queen Creek	H	Boys-JV/V A Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Tue., Mar 24	Notre Dame Prep	A	Boys-JV/V H Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Wed., Mar 25	Campo Verde	H	Boys-JV/V A Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Thu., Mar 26	Arcadia	H	Boys-JV/V A Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Tue., Mar 31	Saguaro	A	Boys-JV/V H Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Thu., Apr 2	Shadow Mountain	H	Boys-JV/V A Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Tue., Apr 7	Tempe	A	Boys-JV/V H Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Wed., Apr 8	Arcadia	A	Boys-JV/V H Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Thu., Apr 9	McClintock	H	Boys-JV/V A Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Tue., Apr 14	Higley	A	Boys-JV/V H Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm
Thu./ Apr 16	Apache Junction	H	Boys-JV/V A Girls-JV/V	3:30 pm

Coach: Andrea Niederkorn

PADRES SPORTS SPOT LIGHT MDN BASKETBALL

Congratulations to the following Padres for making the all sectional basketball teams:

First Team: Sean Wood
Second Team: Mason Stark
Honorable Mention: Cameron Stark
Chris Wright
Bryan Battle

Congratulations to Cameron Stark and Chris Wright as they join the ranks of the Most 3-PT Goals/Single Game. The Record stands as follows:

Paul Mohr	8	2002
Cameron Stark	7	2015
Chris Wright	7	2015
Jon Ziri (2x)	7	2002
Josh Todd	7	2000
Robert Davis	7	1997

Congratulate these young men when you see them.

MDN WRESTLING

Congratulations to Ryan Sondrup for earning second place and Samuel Johnson on earning fourth place at the state wrestling meet. The team will have six state qualifiers next year. We will begin off season training in March, so if you are interested in wrestling next year come see coach Muir in room 331 anytime. Great job Padres!

MDN FOOTBALL

Andrew Rodriguez has signed a letter of intent to play football at Mesa Community College. Congratulations!

FIDDLEFEST

Friday, February 27th, 2015

Marcos de Niza Main Gymnasium

8:00 p.m.

Admission is free



Marcos de Niza Touchdown Club

Invites you to join them for the

2015 MdN Championship Golf Tournament

Registration Deadline: April 1, 2015



When: Saturday, April 11, 2015

Time: 6:30am Registration

7:30am Shotgun Start

Cost: Individual Golfer - \$100

(\$125 after April 1, 2015)

Includes Green Fees / Cart Lunch

Not a Golfer? - \$20 Join us for the lunch reception.

Bid on our Silent Auction & take part in our Raffle.

PLEASE ADHERE TO THE COURSE DRESSCODE: *No Denim Collared shirts required*
Thank you for your cooperation!



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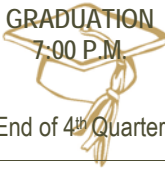
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All proceeds benefit the Marcos de Niza High School Football Program

APRIL 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Early Out Schedule	2	3 <i>Good Friday Holiday - no school</i>	4
5	6	7	8 Early Out Schedule	9	10 JROTC Awards Night	11
12	13	14	15 Early Out Schedule	16	17 Dance Show	18 Dance Show
19	20	21 CTE Testing Rio Salado Testing	22 Early Out Schedule Rio Salado Testing	23 Night of Shorts Drama Productions Rio Salado Testing	24 Night of Shorts Drama Productions Pep assembly Student Council President Elections Rio Salado Testing	25 <i>Prom</i>
26	27 Rio Salado Testing	28 Rio Salado Testing	29 Early Out Schedule Rio Salado Testing	30 Choir Pops Concert Rio Salado Testing		

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Choir Pops Concert Student Council Officer Elections Rio Salado Testing	2 SAT Test
3	4 AP Exams	5 AP Exams	6 AP Exams Early Out Schedule	7 AP Exams	8 AP Exams	9
10	11 AP Exams	12 Choir Chamber Concert	13 AP Exams Early Out Schedule	14 AP Exams	15 AP Exams	16
17	18	19 Semester exams	20 Semester exams	21 GRADUATION 7:00 P.M.  End of 4 th Quarter	22 Staff Only Day	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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