

MdN Padres



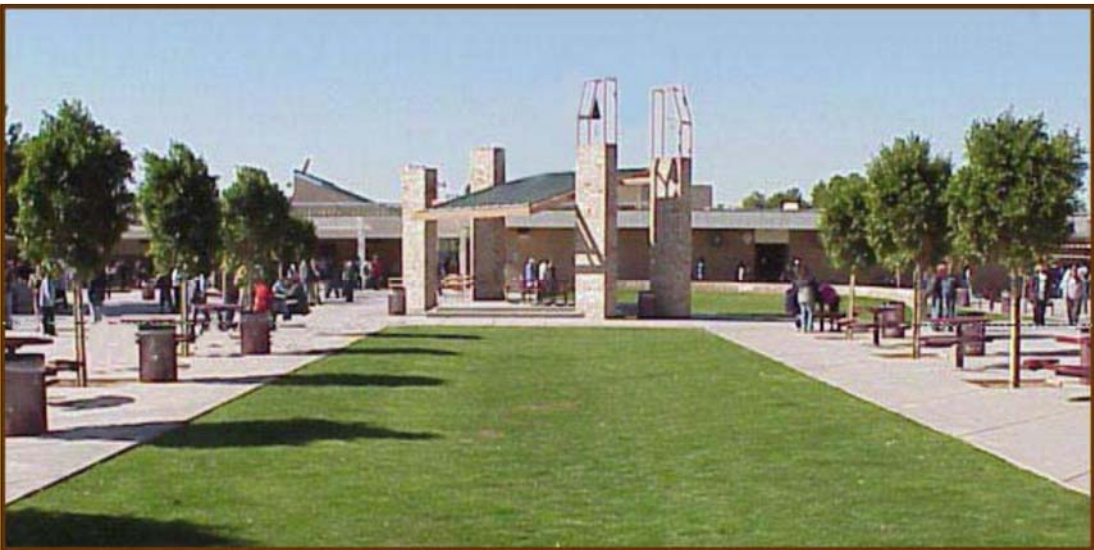
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TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL

Padre Pride

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MdN ...setting a record

FIRST FEMALE TO SCORE POINTS AT A FOOTBALL GAME



Krystan Teuila-Ines Muir, a sophomore at Marcos de Niza, plays a sport totally dominated by males, until now. She is the kicker on the Points-After-Touchdown team on the junior varsity squad.

Since she was four years old, she has been watching her dad, Coach Jeremy Muir, who has coach football for nineteen years. She was always on the sidelines with him and the boys. She thought that it would be cool if she got out there and played. When she saw the opportunity here at MdN, she went for it.



When asked about what she liked about the sport of football, Krystan says, "Everything! I like the physical contact, competitiveness to get the ball, and defense!"



We asked how her team mates felt about her being on the team, she replied, "I think that at first they thought it was a little weird, but they are all okay with it now, and we are all friends. I now have a band of brothers behind me."

Krystan has never been injured while making a Point After Touchdowns; she credits this to the great blockers on her team. They never let someone from another team hit her and if someone happens to get a tackle in, they have her back. She also has an awesome holder who also has her back and calls them on any bad snaps, which were rare this year.

"My parents support me 100%. We all love football. They know that I will do my best no matter what sport I play." On that note, Krystan also enjoys playing volleyball and was a member of our MdN junior varsity volleyball and on the girls varsity soccer team this season.



As for her plans for the future she says, "I would like to keep kicking through my senior year, improve my distance on kicking, and make the team again and move up to the varsity level with the rest of my team".





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 the school year. We have had a wonderful start to the 2014-2015 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, 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.

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 who have not yet mastered each section of the AIMS test will have an additional opportunity to retest 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 this year.

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

Best Regards,

Sean McDonald, MdN Principal

**Silent witness hotline
Keep Marcos safe**

YOU CAN REPORT MISCONDUCT OR CRIMES TO:

Tel: 480-730-7675

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 by email, glaguna@tempeunion.org or contact any administrator at (480) 838-3200.

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



STUDENT SERVICES

The registration office is where you can receive assistance with student's 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 Wednesday, March 18, 2014. Meet at 7:00 a.m. at the football field.
- ◆ A senior meeting is scheduled on March 18, right after the class panoramic picture. Seniors, please make 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.
- ◆ 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.

GRADUATION ORDERS

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

2015-2016 STUDENT ORIENTATION AND REGISTRATION

Orientation and registration for 2015-2016 school year will begin in January. Open House will be Monday, January 8, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the MdN auditorium. The counselors will visit eighth grade students from our feeder schools in January and will also visit all Marcos de Niza Social Studies and/or English classes.

- ◀ January 07—KMS Orientation
- ◀ January 22—KMS registration
- ◀ January 09—Fees Orientation
- ◀ January 20—Fees registration
- ◀ January 12— "Preparing for High School" informational meeting at 5:30 p.m. by counselors
- ◀ January 12—Open House at 6:30 p.m. by faculty

Please contact the guidance office at (480) 838-3200 if you have any questions concerning this process.

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.

2015-2016 ONLINE REGISTRATION


This year all students 9th-11th grade will be registering for their 2015-2016 classes online. Look for more information to come on this process. Step by step instructions can be found on page 13 of this newsletter. Directions will also be given during registration orientation.

In an effort to "go green" there will not be registration books given out to students at MdN. The registration handbook may be found online by visiting the Marcos de Niza website at https://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/admin/Registration_handbook.pdf

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.

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.

VISITOR INFORMATION



This year there will be a change to our visitor process. When you check in with the front office you will be required to leave your photo ID upon receiving a visitors 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 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.

PROGRESS REPORTS

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

11/14/14
2/5/15
4/16/15

REPORT CARDS

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

12/22/14
3/9/15
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 eleven 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 16th total absence, the student will be referred to the 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 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 of all of the MdN staff, will help create a climate for learning at Marcos de Niza High School.

FAREWELL TO FACULTY MEMBERS



Peggie Peters

Peggie Peters—Social Studies teacher and department chair for years—has resigned. Mrs. Peters started her teaching career at MdN in 1992. Advanced Placement U.S. History, Honors US/AZ History and Honors World History. We bid her a fond farewell and thank her for many years of service and dedication to our district as well as our school.



Rachael Clawson

BACK IN HISTORY

A warm welcome to Rachael Clawson—Social Studies teacher. She will be teaching Advanced Placement U.S. History, Honors US/AZ History and Honors World History. While she is our newest faculty member at MdN, she is not really new to the MdN family. Rachael graduated from MdN, did her student teaching here and substituted for Mrs. Peters while she was out on FMLA. Please give her a warm MdN welcome when you see her.



Beverly Onorato

RETIRING

Beverly Onorato, Food Service employee in our faculty cafeteria—has resigned her position. She will be enjoying her time off with family and friends. Beverly worked at Marcos for 10 years. We wish her well in all her future endeavors.



Sara Easton

NEW IN GUIDANCE

Marcos Guidance is pleased to announce Sara Easton is our new administrative assistant. Sarah has moved over from the front office and we are so excited to have her knowledge, experience and skills in the guidance department.



Michael Johnson

WELCOME NEW STAFF MEMBER

Welcome to one of our newest staff members to the MdN family, Michael Johnson—Equipment Manager—who comes to us from Red Mountain High School. Mike will be a great asset to our MdN campus.



Mike Munn

IN MEMORY OF

Mike Munn, longtime security guard at Marcos de Niza, passed away Saturday, September 27, 2014 after a battle with brain cancer. Mike was a dedicated co-worker and friend. In 2008 Mike was the recipient of the Tempe Diablo Award of Excellence. Our deepest sympathy go out to his family. He will surely be missed by many.



From the Activities Office...Mr. Fleming

EMPTY BOWL CHALLENGE

Marcos de Niza's Art Club and Ceramics program held their 14th annual Empty Bowls event on Saturday, November 15th to support the Tempe food banks. These

bowls will be glazed and fired over the next several weeks in preparation for sale in February at the Empty Bowls Event. For more information visit www.tempeemptybowls.org. We had a tremendous turnout for our initial event including staff, students, administrators, and alumni who all threw down to fight hunger. Marcos de Niza's contribution to Empty Bowls this year will be approximately 300 bowls; sale of these bowls will generate \$3000 to feed the hungry in Tempe.

STUDENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES

The lives of Marcos de Niza Student Council members have been quite eventful as of recently.

In November, Student Council led the school's participation in the Penny Wars, an event for Corona del Sol High School's Ridge Vanderbur, a student recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Despite the historic and heated rivalry between Corona and Marcos, Student Council recognized the opportunity to help out a human in need, no matter what their station in life. In addition, Student Council held a car wash with all profits going toward Ridge's treatment process. In total, Student Council raised \$3,000 for our brother at Corona.

For December, Student Council is focusing in on its participation in Adopt-a-Family. Students will be shopping at the Tempe Marketplace's Target to buy supplies and food for families in need. As the holiday season is here, students will pack the supplies, which are transported to the families involved with the Adopt-a-Family program. Giving back to the community is an ideal that MdN Student Council members find very central to their beliefs.

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>.

HOMEWORK LABS



This takes place every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday in the LRTC (library). Students will have the advantage of working with certified teachers from our campus from 3:00-4:00 p.m. They can use the computers or work with other students, but the key here is to complete classwork and homework. We also have a lab in room 133 set up for all Guadalupe and Indian Education students. If you have any

questions regarding this lab, please contact Ray Delgado at ext. 40072 or Staci Mendoza at ext. 40071.

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.

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 p.m .	
All PLC days are Wednesdays	
January 7, *12, 14, 21, 28	
February 4, 18	
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



SEMESTER EXAM SCHEDULE		
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 4015 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2ND SEMESTER	
Mon., Jan. 5	School Resumes, 3 rd Quarter Begins
Wed., Jan. 7	Early Out Schedule
Mon., Jan. 12	Open House—Incoming 9 th Graders
Wed., Jan 14	Early Out Schedule
Mon, Jan. 19	MLK Holiday—no school
Wed. Jan 21	Early Out Schedule
Sat., Jan. 24	JROTC Padre Skills Meet, SAT
Tues., Jan. 27	Band Feeder Concert
Wed., Jan 28	Early Out Schedule
Fri., Jan. 30	Pep Assembly—Winter Sports
Wed., Feb. 4,	Early Out Schedule
Tues., Feb. 10	Choir concert (p.m.)
Wed., Feb. 11	District ½ day, Jostens Class Ring Presentations
Mon., Feb. 16	Presidents' Day Holiday—no school
Wed., Feb. 18	State Math Contest, Early Out Schedule
Fri., Feb. 20	Jostens Ring Ordering
Sat., Feb. 21	Sadie Hawkins Dance (p.m.)
Mon.-Wed., Feb. 23-25	AIMS Testing
Mon., Mar 2	Youth Musical Matinee
Mon.-Fri., Mar 2-6	Spring Week (spirit week)
Wed., Mar 4	Early Out Schedule
Wed.-Sat., Mar 4-7	Musical performances (p.m.) "Footloose"
Thurs., Mar 5	Musical Triple Assembly
Mon.-Fri., Mar 9-13	Spring Break
Sat., Mar 14	SAT
Mon., Mar 16	4 th Quarter Begins
Wed., Mar 18	Senior Panoramic Picture, Senior Meeting, Early Out Schedule
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
Wed., Apr 1	Early Out Schedule
Fri., Apr 3	Good Friday Holiday
Wed., 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.)
Tues., April 21	CTE Testing
Wed., Apr 22	Early Out Schedule
Thurs.-Fri., Apr 23-24	Night of Shorts Drama Productions (p.m.)
Fri., Apr 24	Pep assembly, Student Council President Elections
Sat., Apr 25	Prom
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
Mon.-Fri., May 4 -15	AP Exams
Tues., May 5	Band Pops Concert (p.m.)
Wed., May 6	Art Show, Early Out Schedule
Thurs., May 7	Orchestra Concert
Tues., May 12	Choir Chamber Concert
Wed., May 13	Early Out Schedule
Tues.-Wed., May 19-20	Semester exams
Thurs., May 21	GRADUATION, End of 4 th Quarter
Fri., May 22	Staff Only Day

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!

2014 TUHSD Tax Credit Deposit Form

Donate to a Marcos de Niza extracurricular activity*

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 _____

Donation must be made and/or postdated by December 31.

Mail to: Marcos de Niza High School • Attn: Bookstore Manager
6000 S. Lakeshore Drive• Tempe, AZ 85283

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

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

Counselor's Corner...department information



Marcos de Niza High School Guidance and Counseling Department Alphabetical Assignment and Areas of Focus

Lisa Coleman	A - B
Claudia Ramirez	C - G
Nora Talavera	H - M
Debbie Martinez	N - S
Erin Barnes	T - Z

Lisa Coleman (ext. 47658)	Claudia Ramirez (ext. 40056)
Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for Honors/ Gifted/Students A-B AP Testing Coordinator Honors Advanced Studies Class Coordinator ECAP & Canvas Coordinator for Honors Facebook coordinator	Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for students C-G College Visit Outreach Coordinator CRC Administrator District Counseling Crisis Team Representative ECAP & Canvas Coordinator for Sophomore Class EVIT liaison Free/reduced lunch liaison EVIT Liaison Free/Reduced Lunch Liaison Guidance Department website maintenance <i>Guidance on the Go</i> Coordinator Twitter & Facebook Coordinator
Nora Talavera (ext. 40063)	Debbie Martinez (ext. 40062)
Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for students H-M Dual enrollment coordinator ECAP Coordinator for Junior Class ELL/Foreign students Military liaison/ASVAB coordinator PSAT Coordinator Steering Team Representative	Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for students N-S 504 coordinator ACE/REACH Contact ASU FOCUS Facilitator ECAP & Canvas Coordinator for Senior Class *QUEST Co-coordinator Registration for Incoming 8 th Grade SAT/ACT coordinator
Erin Barnes (ext. 40055)	Jermaine Whitaker 40010
Personal/Social/Academic/Career services for students T-Z ABOR High Honors Tuition Waiver AIMS Testing Coordinator/AIMS Augmentation PARCC Testing Coordinator ECAP & Canvas Coordinator for Freshmen Class MDLP Contact Stanford 10 testing	Drop Out Prevention Attendance Coordinator
Sarah Easton -Guidance Administrative Assistant (ext. 47630)	Lillie Moore-Tempe Social Services (ext. 40059)
College/University/College Visitation Coordinator	Support Groups (T, 8am-1pm)
Valerie Molina—Indian Education Program Coordinator (ext.40068)	Helen Hale-District McKinney-Vento Social Worker (ext. 40054)
Financial Assistance (academic & athletics) (M,W) Offering free tutoring to MDN students	Homeless services (M, W, Th)
Staci Mendoza-District Indian Education Liaison (ext. 40071)	Ray Delgado-District Guadalupe Liaison (ext. 40072)
Supplemental services (M, T, Th, F)	Supplemental services

College...prepare your path

START YOUR PATH TO COLLEGE TODAY



Freshman Year (9th Grade)

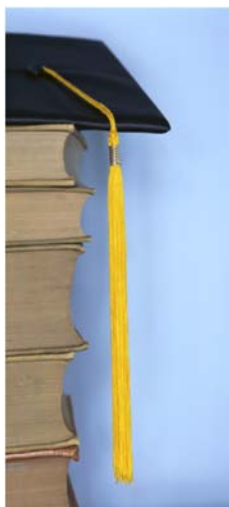
- Meet with your high school counselor - familiarize yourself with "class rank" and "GPA"
- Join clubs and organizations
- Start a pattern of working hard and studying in high school
- Get involved in community service
- Attend summer camps at your local universities if possible

Sophomore Year (10th 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 (11th 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 (12th 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

Counselor's Corner...important information



DUAL ENROLLMENT CLASSES WITH RIO SALADO COLLEGE

We are thrilled to be continuing another year of dual enrollment in our partnership with Rio Salado College. Rio Salado Dual Enrollment is the only NACEP (National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships) accredited college in Arizona. Currently, we offer the following courses for dual enrollment credit through Rio: Ceramics, Computer Applications, Desktop Publishing, Multimedia Technology, Advanced Marketing, AP Art History, Early Childhood 1/2 and 3/4, AP Computer Science, Java Programming, Advanced Composition (ENG101/102), AP Senior Literature and Composition, Honors Junior English, Honors US History, AP U.S. History, Pre Calculus, AP Statistics, Honors Brief \Calculus/Finite Math, Calculus, Spanish 5/6 and Spanish 7/8. For the 2015-2016 school year, we may be adding more, so check www.riosalado.edu/dual for more information about current courses.

The cost for classes for Maricopa County Residents is \$84.00/credit hour plus a \$15.00 registration fee each semester.

Tuition Assistance for 2015-2016 School Year: Rio Salado College continues to offer tuition assistance to eligible students based on financial need. **Students who wish to participate for fall of 2015 must apply for tuition assistance in spring of 2015 to receive funding.** Dates will be posted on our website and will be announced throughout campus.

Dual Enrollment courses will transfer to all in-state universities and community colleges and many out-of-state universities to include: Purdue, University of Arkansas, University of Massachusetts, University of Nebraska, University of Wisconsin, and the University of Washington, just to name a few. For a complete list of out of state schools who will automatically accept dual credit, go to www.nacep.org. If your school of interest is not listed here, then contact the school to see if they will accept dual credit.

To see what requirements your transfer credits will fulfill in any Arizona college or university, go to www.aztransfer.com.

Once student registration paperwork is processed at Rio Salado, your student will be able to access their student account at my.maricopa.edu. This is where payments can be made and transcripts will be requested.

For further questions, please contact Nora Talavera, Rio Salado College Dual Enrollment Liaison, at (480) 838-3200, ext. 40063 or visit www.riosalado.edu/dual.



RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

<http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/departments/counseling/index.htm>
You can also access the web page from the MdN home page: 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.

Stay up to date on all the latest news and information the MDN Guidance Department sends out! Scholarships, College Visits, Volunteering, SAT/ACT, ECAP, Dual Enrollment, EVIT, FAFSA & *much more!*

Follow us on Facebook or Twitter @ Marcos Guidance
Other important websites

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

Tempe Union High School District scholarship page:
<https://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/view.php?page=55,82>

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/



ATTENTION JUNIORS! Do you want to EXCEED on AIMS?

If you are planning to get an Honors Tuition Waiver to an Arizona state university by EXCEEDING on AIMS, you must sign up to take the test in the Counseling Department. **You must sign up prior to February 1st for the test due to ordering deadlines.**

Remember: To get the waiver, you must have:

- B or better in each core course (as defined by the Arizona Board of Regents Tri-University Admission requirements)
- GPA of 3.5 or be in the top 5%
- Exceeded the Standards on all THREE of the AIMS (Math, Reading, and Writing) tests* or Exceeded the Standards on TWO of the AIMS tests and Meet the Standards on one of the AIMS tests* and received at least a score of 3 on two Advanced Placement tests or have a score of at least 4 on two International Baccalaureate exams or at least a 28 on the ACT test or at least a 1300 on the SAT1 test (critical reading & math, excluding essay)

**Only AIMS results from a student's sophomore and junior year will be considered when determining eligibility for the High Honors Tuition Waiver. This means that students will need to "Exceed" on AIMS during their sophomore or junior year to qualify.*

MDN...AIMS Testing

Monday, February 23: Writing AIMS
 Tuesday, February 24: Reading AIMS
 Wednesday, February 25: Math AIMS

Juniors and seniors who have not met the standard or have signed up to exceed are REQUIRED to test. Freshmen and juniors & seniors who have met the standard will have a late start this day.

*If students believe they will continue to test through lunch, they are encouraged to bring a lunch and/or snack.

A.I.M.S. TESTING: Pass the Test!

In order to be 2015 graduates, students must pass Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards, the state-mandated reading, writing and math tests entitled *AIMS*. AIMS Augmentation may be used to reach a passing score in order for seniors to graduate. This process requires students to complete all of their required coursework, participate in tutoring opportunities, and have taken the AIMS HS each time it was offered. Students and parents interested in AIMS Augmentation should speak with their child's guidance counselor.

There are exceptions to the AIMS graduation requirement for students transferring to Arizona from out-of-state. Students or parents must provide official documentation to the school of the child's score(s) from the other state. High school counselors and registrars have a list available of specific exams and states that are eligible for Arizona reciprocity.

College Entrance Exam Reciprocity: Senior students who have previously taken the AIMS test at each administration may have their SAT or ACT scores substituted for passing scores on the AIMS test. The following subtest scores are approved for the purpose of satisfying the AIMS high school graduation requirements:

AIMS HS Content Area	Reciprocal SAT Test Scores	Reciprocal ACT Test Scores
Writing	420 or higher on Writing	16 or higher on combined English/writing
Reading	420 or higher on critical reading	16 or higher on reading
Mathematics	420 or higher on mathematics	16 or higher on mathematics

Notices are sent during the summer after the spring test and in January after the Fall test to the students who took AIMS advising them of their test scores: Exceeds (4), Meets (3), Approaches (2), and Falls Far Below (1). Junior and senior students with test scores of A (Approaches) and F (falls Far Below) must test again; students with a score of M (Meets) may sign up to Exceed.

HELPING STUDENTS MEET THE STANDARD

Juniors and seniors who have not met the standard for AIMS have an abundance of assistance in preparation to take the upcoming AIMS tests. Marcos teachers continue to incorporate reading, writing, math and test taking strategies across the curriculum in order to prepare students. Junior and senior students who have not met the standards were able to register for an elective credit math lab and an elective credit reading class specifically designed to assist students with AIMS. If a student was unable to fit one or both of these classes in their schedule, they have the opportunity for after school tutoring in our homework lab.

Registration for the 2015 -2016 School Year is...

Right around the Corner.

Parent Involvement is Extremely Important!

Step-by-step procedures for current MdN students

Orientation/Registration will be done in the following classes:

- Freshmen (class of 2018): Chem/Phys & Honors Biology classes
- Sophomores (class of 2017): World History/Geography classes
- Juniors (class of 2016): Junior English classes

*If your student is not currently registered for one of the above classes, please have him/her see his/her guidance counselor.

ORIENTATION: Counselors will be presenting course information for upcoming year in the auditorium.

- Juniors: Friday, January 23
- Sophomores: Friday, January 16
- Freshmen: Wednesday, January 21

Parent/Teacher Approval and Signatures

- Review your personal graduation status online on Parent/StudentVue click on course history, then click on graduation status tab in upper right hand corner. Use Registration Handbook at https://www.tuhsd.k12.az.usmdnadminRegistration_handbook.pdf and the course selection worksheet (given to students during orientation) prior to making course selections.
- Make course selections based on graduation requirements and college entrance requirements.
- Courses must be approved by teachers by having them sign the Course Selection Worksheet.
- Parent/Guardian must sign the Course Selection Worksheet.

REGISTRATION: All current MdN students will be able to select their courses through Student/ParentVue the week between orientation and registration, counselors will then be collecting course selection worksheets and approving their online selections during their classes as-signed times.

- Juniors: Monday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 3
- Sophomores: Tuesday, January 27 and Wednesday, January 28
- Freshmen: Thursday, January 29 and Friday, January 30

Counselors will be available Jan 26th under the bell tower during lunch to assist all students.

*All parents are STRONGLY encouraged to ensure they can access ParentVue prior to January. Access codes may be obtained in the front office (if you have not yet received one) or by emailing MdN Synergy Login Support (mdnsynergy@tuhsd.k12.az.us). Please include your child's name and ID number.

MDN...AP , SAT, ACT testing schedules

2015 AP EXAM CALENDAR

Week 1		
	Morning 8 a.m.	Afternoon 12 noon
Monday, May 4	Chemistry Environmental Science	Psychology
Tuesday, May 5	Calculus AB Calculus BC	Chinese Language and Culture Seminar
Wednesday, May 6	English Literature and Composition	Japanese Language and Culture Physics 1: Algebra-Based
Thursday, May 7	Computer Science A Spanish Language and Culture	Art History Physics 2: Algebra-Based
Friday, 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 noon	Afternoon 2 p.m.
Monday, May 11	Biology Music Theory	Physics C: Me- chanics	Physics C: Electricity and Magnetism
Tuesday, May 12	United States Government and Politics	French Language and Culture Spanish Literature and Culture	
Wednesday, May 13	English Language and Composition	Statistics	
Thursday, May 14	Comparative Government and Politics	Italian Language and Culture Macroeconomics	
Friday, May 15	Human Geography Microeconomics	Latin	

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

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.

SAT[®]

2014 - 2015 SAT SCHEDULE

Test Date	Registration	Late Registration Deadline	
Jan 24	Dec 29	Jan 9	Jan 13
Mar 14	Feb 13	Feb 27	Mar 3
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

ACT

2014 - 2015 ACT SCHEDULE

Test Date	Registration Deadline	(Late Fee Required)
Feb 7,	Jan 9	Jan 10–16
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

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.



MdN Parents and Students are invited to attend our Student Orientation

on Monday, January 12, 2015

in the MdN Auditorium at

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Join us and learn more about what our school has to offer.



INDIAN EDUCATION STUDENT REGISTRATION



The new school year will be here before you know if. This year the program had an increase of registered students within our program. With this increase, the program quickly ran out of funds to help support students who need assistance with fees. To help with next years budget, we need your assistance.

If your student is going to need assistance with Dual Enrollment, Paying for course fees, participation fees, Saturday School, Evening School, MDLP, sports fees, PE uniforms, JROTC PT uniform, you will need to re-register with our program before or by January31 2015.

Registration forms are located in your front office. Please include a copy of your Certificate of Indian Blood if available. Please contact the Indian Education office located at Marcos de Niza if you have further questions. (480) 838-3200 ext. 40068, 40071, 40072. Failure to register with the program might result in loss of funding for the 2015 school year. We appreciate your continued support of the Indian Education Program and continued support of your sons/daughters education.

READING IS THE GIFT THAT LASTS A LIFETIME

As the librarian I thought I'd never go for e-books. I love the smell of new hardback books just being unpacked from the book shipment. I enjoy gently breaking in the pages of the book so I don't damage the spine. I relish the feel of paper in my hands; it's a comfortable relic from childhood. But then I bought my first ipad and downloaded several apps for reading. I was hooked. Here's a few of my top reasons for loving the new e-book platform. As my eyes get older, I need bigger font. The zoom feature is fabulous—no more bifocals. In addition, the night reading is a great feature. No longer do I keep others up with a bright reading lamp or even flipping pages too loudly. I also don't lug around 10 books or more for a summer vacation; they nicely come on one small smart device. E-books can read to me in the car like an audiobook or on a computer. Most importantly, checking out an e-book has never given me a late fine. The book is just swallowed back up into cyberspace on the due date. Who knew that you could take notes and underline important passages in an e-book, but you can! Then the next time you check it back out, there are your notes. Voila! This is a great feature for research. As a result, my love of reading now incorporates the e-readers as well.



So what does that have to do with Mdn students? The librarians are purchasing most of their non-fiction books online so students may have information 24/7. While some students still love the feel of a book in their hands, others are embracing e-books. We are now purchasing more fiction e-books for students. The ever popular Maze Runner trilogy by James Dashner is online for check out. You can check out our card catalog or go directly to our district FollettShelf at https://wbb11658.folletshelf.com to read online. The guest username/password is tempe/union. You may also download the FollettShelf app Brytewave and check out an e-book on the student's personal account. Currently the username is the student's ID number (no S) and the password is the student's last name, capitalized as a proper noun, i.e. Smith. By January, the district's technology department is hoping to have it that same as the student's computer log-in. I still hope e-books do not completely replace print books, but for now I can find a place for both in my reading world.



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

Attention Class of 2015!

Early Registration for the Grad Night Party

at

Dave & Buster's

ends January 16th!

Why pay more? Register now for only \$45!

Thursday, May 21, 2015

11 p.m. to 5 a.m.



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.

Mail/deliver registration to the MdN office c/o Grad Night 2015, 6000 S Lakeshore Dr, Tempe, AZ 85283

MDN PERFORMING ARTS PRESENTS

Footloose

MARCH 4 - 7 . 7PM

MDN THEATRE

6000 S. LAKESHORE DR. TEMPE, AZ 85283

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MDN BOOKSTORE
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR GROUP RATES CONTACT:
PUBLICITY@MDNCHOIRDrama.ORG

WWW.MDNCHOIRDrama.ORG
[FACEBOOK.COM/MDNCHOIRDrama](https://www.facebook.com/mdnchoirdrama)

\$10 ADULTS

\$5 SENIOR CITIZENS/
STUDENTS

Stage Adaptation 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

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS

Jasmine Estupinan
Chris Jones
Faith Lavoie
Jessica Mada
Sabrina Pacheco
Cole Pankey
Samantha Zangari

ATHLETES

Tammia Jones
Jesse Arroyo

STAFF

Mr. Patrick McChesney
Mr. Robert Owen-Jones
Mr. Ben Patrick

OCTOBER STUDENTS

Lupita Escobedo
Ryan Fischer
H-Tubtun Hernandez-
Elenes
Nicole Hoke
Violet Rengel
Aubrey Reynolds
Jenna Shoosmith
Ciera Siaki

ATHLETES

Carly Fiel
Jarod Jenkins

STAFF

Mrs. Lauren De'Reche
Mrs. Lori Fragoso
Miss Nicole Hopper

NOVEMBER STUDENTS

Maricela Berg
Randie Bustillos
Bailey Erwin
Savannah Farnsworth
Karina Luquen
Jazmyne Morrison
Eli Quinn
Nicholas Valencia

ATHLETES

Marissa Kyman
Nicholas Buckley

STAFF

Officer Greg Bacon
Mr. Mark Berry
Mrs. Laurie Varela

MdN Padre Page ... shine on

2014-2015 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES



Congratulations to the following students who were inducted into National Honor Society in a ceremony held on November 25, 2014. 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.

Benjamin Andorfer

Hebah Bahta

Julian Bauerle

Katherine Barone

Yakira Bergsman

Dominic Bonelli

Nicholas Buckley

Jacob Canevett

Ryan Capeloto

Briana Chacon

Nathan Coady

Alayna Comer

Brooke Dana

Devany Dellis

Nelson De'reche

Briana Estrella

Savannah Farnsworth

Benjamin Friedman

Gabriela Garcia

Jorge Gonzalez

Sara Higginbotham

Erika Hochhaus

Travis Holland

El-Ham Ismail

Jarod Jenkins

Joy Jimenez

Hannah Jones

Marissa Kyman

Thomas Maher

Laurence Manuelito

Christian Marquez

Jocelyn Martinez

Zachary Mauck

James Montanez

Sarahi Montano

Amy Montoya

Marcos Nido

Morgan Otis

Mason Paschke

Josue Pena

Jasmine Perez

Alyssa Ray

Colton Sauerland

Michelle Sebastian

Clark Shaeffer

Cameron Stark

Shaynea Sturrrup

Victoria Tai

Savannah Westerfield

Joseph Whitney

Annalise Wilfert

Matthew Wilkinson

Sean Wood

Israel Zaldivar

Mercedes Zamora

BEST BUDDIES

First in Fundraising



The MDN Best Buddies Club has over 60 participants this year. Our MDN Best Buddies chapter is officially the first in the state to reach (and more than double!) their fundraising goal for the Friendship Walk in February. BBAZ is rewarding them with a Zoyo party for 20 & have given them shout-outs on Twitter, Facebook, & Instagram.

MDN CHOIR

Congratulations, to the Marcos de Niza Chamber Orchestra on a fantastic performance at the Northern Arizona University Orchestra Festival this November in Flagstaff! The orchestra received a EXCELLENT rating and represented our school with Padre Pride!

MDN WORKBRIDGE



We started off the year with 12 very impressive hard working students. They have shown to be very productive in the work community. They each have amazing skills they bring to work at places like, to name a few, Origami Owl, Someburros, Ace Hardware, Lost Our Home Pet Rescue, Mi Amigos and recently added Tempe YMCA. We have some students who volunteer regularly on their own at places like Goodwill and some eagerly awaiting job interviews to work after school. We are very proud of what they have learned, how to fill out resumes, job applications, how to conduct themselves in job interviews and learning about city transportation so they can be independent. We look forward to the next half of the school year to watch the students grow even more and to succeed in their work opportunities.

SPRING MUSICAL AUDITIONS

Auditions for the spring musical *Footloose* begin the first week after winter break, Monday January 5th through Friday January 9th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. in the MDN auditorium any Marcos De Niza students may audition! Come learn the audition songs after your midterms on Wednesday, December 17th from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the MDN choir room 220.

PADRE VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to all our amazing volunteers at the Tempe Arts Festival! We had an excellent turnout and the festival coordinator was very impressed with how hard our volunteers worked. Thanks for making Marcos look good and for helping Grad Night 2015!

PURCHASE YOUR 2015 YEARBOOK ONLINE

Go to: yearbookordercenter.com

Enter MdN Order Number #7636

then follow the prompts.

Yearbooks with or without name stamps can be ordered until Monday, December 16, 2014.

Yearbooks \$65/ 1-line name personalization \$5

A \$3.50 credit card processing fee will be added to your online order.

Contact Allison Adam at aadam@tuhsd.k12.az.us with questions.

MdN Padre Page ... shine on

JROTC NEWS

The JROTC program will be starting the Spring Semester at a record number 240 cadets.



We have just completed our annual *Massing of the Colors* along with numerous other JROTC programs and patriotic organizations. Our Brigade Commander, COL Ricardo Morrales and Command Sergeant Major, CSM David Osborne attended our recent *Massing of the Colors* on December 5, 2014.



Our extracurricular teams are continuing to train for upcoming regional and national events. The rifle team will fire at the Arizona State Match on January 10th; and the JROTC Army Championship on February 20th.



The drill and color guard teams will compete at the Padre Skills Meet on January 24th and the Army Regional Drill Meet in San Antonio, Texas on February 6th.



The path recon team will continue orienteering competitions on January 31st and March 7th.

Our Leadership and Academic Bowl teams will compete online in the Level II competition on February 11th and 13th.



We will be performing three more service learning projects at St. Mary's Food Bank in January, February, and March.

Our capstone event for the quarter will be our annual Military Ball on February 28th.

Anyone interested in an elective course that challenges you mentally and physically as well as providing you wholesome activities and fun throughout the school year should check JROTC out!



HOME OF THE
PADRES



Principal:
Sean McDonald

Athletic Director:
Michael Griffith

Conference:
5A

Mascot:
Padre



School Colors:
Brown & Gold



TITLES
WRESTLING
ARIZONA TEAM STATE
CHAMPIONS
1997 2002 2003

Ranked #9 High School
Wrestling Team in the U.S.A
2004

ARIZONA TEAM STATE RUN-
NER-UPS
1996, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2011

ARIZONA TEAM STATE
3RD PLACE
1999, 2009, 2010, 2012

BOYS BASKETBALL
5A STATE CHAMPIONS
2002

GIRLS BASKETBALL
STATE CHAMPIONS
1980, 1986, 1989, 1990

MENS SOCCER
5A STATE CHAMPIONS
1990, 191, 1992

GIRLS SOCCER P
PIMA REGION CHAMPIONS
2008

BOYS & GIRLS JV/V SOCCER				
Tue., Jan 6	Apache Junction	Boys-A Girls-H	V JV V	6:00PM 4:00PM 6:00PM
Fri., Jan 9	Campo Verde	Boys-H Girls-A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Mon., Jan 12	Tempe	Boys-H Girls-A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Tue., Jan 13	Notre Dame Prep	Boys-H Girls-A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Thu., Jan 15	Saguaro	Boys-A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
	Prescott	Girls-A	V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Tue., Jan 20	McClintock	Boys-H Girls-A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Fri., Jan 23	South Mountain	Boys-A Girls-H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Wed., Jan 28	Higley	Boys-H Girls-A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Thu., Jan 29	Williams Field	Boys-H Girls-A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Varsity Coach: Bobbi Davis JV Coach: Jason Godfrey				

**GIRLS SOCCER
VARSITY**

Jasmine Aguilera
Madyson Amaya,
Andrea Connolly
Viv Corral
Ariel Greene
Vianna Lopez
Hilaria Loza
Alexis Mancha
Kysten Muir
Jasmine Perez
Aylin Ramirez
Janice Rogers
Savannah Smith
Natalia Venegas
Swanson Miriam
Antionette Ware

JUNIOR VARSITY

Karen Campos
Cierra Curley
Caitlyn Dominguez
Ashley Erwin
Wendolin Gaona
Kyra Hermanson
Brittany Krenz
Lexi Lagarda
Jocelyn Martinez
Cerinity Mendoza
Genalyn Padama
Dana Porras
Alyssa Quinonez
Jenive Sanchez
Danyale Santi
Melissa Torres
Yessica Yepiz-Alvarez

**BOYS SOCCER
VARSITY**

Mahad Abdul
Juan Anaya
Nick Buckley
Ricardo Campos
Ruben Connolly
Austin Fischer
Gerrardo Gaona
Matt Gill
Tristan Johnson
Colton Ketterer
Angel Lara
Jamal McCown
Ruben Payan
Jakob Rivali
Santiago Swanson
Abdul Yoolah

JUNIOR VARSITY

Carlos Aguilera
Michael Albano
Nathan Allen
Abraham Andrade
Joseph Aquino
Alberto Balbuena
Fidel Chavez
Ryan Capeloto
Jose Escarcega
Javier Flores
Benjamin Gutierrez
Danny Gonzalez
Jacob Gonzalez
Luis Muniz
Michael Rivali
Kevin Silva
Hector Torres
Kyle Waters
Ishmael Zacharias

MDN F/JV/V WRESTLING			
Thu., Dec 18	Sunnyslope	JV-A V-H	5:00PM
Fri., Dec 19	Moon Valley Invitational	JV-A V-A	TBD
Sat., Dec 20	Tolleson Invitational Moon Valley Invitational	F-A JV-A V-A	TBD
Fri., Jan 2	Mile High Challenge @ Tim's Toyota Center	JV-A V-A	TBD
Sat., Jan 3	Mile High Challenge @ Tim's Toyota Center	JV-A V-A	TBD
Tue., Jan 6	Cactus Shadows/Higley @Higley Cactus Shadows/Higley	JV-A V-H	5:00PM
Sat., Jan 10	Mesa Mountain View Tournament	F-A	TBD
Thu., Jan 15	Campo Verde	F-A JV-H V-H	5:00PM
Fri., Jan 16	Flowing Wells Invitational	JV-A V-A	TBD
Sat., Jan 17	Flowing Wells Invitational	JV-A V-A	TBD
Wed., Jan 21	Washington/Cactus Shadows	JV-H V-H	5:00PM
Sat., Jan 24	Thunder Desert Vista Invitational	F-A JV-A V-A	TBD
Wed., Jan 28	Queen Creek @ Queen Creek	JV-A V-A	5:00PM
Sat., Jan 31	Last Chance @ Sandra Day O'Connor	F-A	TBD
Sat., Feb 7	Sectionals	JV-A V-A	TBD
Fri., Feb 13	State Tournament – Prescott	JV-A V-A	TBD
Sat., Feb 14	State Tournament – Prescott	JV-A V-A	TBD
Varsity Coach: Jeremy Muir Junior Varsity Coach: Juan Enriquez Freshmen Coach: Joseph Shiflette			

WRESTLING TEAM

Steve Alvarado
Adam Baca
Luke Barnes
Raphael Begay
Anthony Bello
Miguel Calderon
Centurion Hardy
Joe Chavez
Jesse Chavez
Antony Cruz
Michael Cruz
Carnell Dargan

Joshua Galindo
Gerardo Gayoso
Andrew Gorman
Marcus Green
Hamza Manassra
Edward Hercel
Antonio Hernandez
Francisco Hernandez
Giovanni Huerta
Samuel Johnson
Robert Johnson
Jacob Kang
Zack Kinnamon

Ben Martinez
Treydon Mason
Ammon Mortimer
Samuel Mortimer
Emilio Ortiz
Dylan Page
Kendrick Relf,
Ryan Sondrup
Andrew Torres
Alex Torres
Gabriel Valentin
Greg Waller
Kwantin Yazzie

Go, Padres!

F/JV/ V GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Mon. Dec 15	McClintock	A	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Fri., Dec 26	Arcadia Invitational	A	V	TBD
Sat., Dec 27	Arcadia Invitational	A	V	TBD
Mon., Dec 29	Arcadia Invitational	A	V	TBD
Tue. Jan 6	Queen Creek	A	V	TBD
Thu. Jan 8	Higley	A	V	TBD
Tue. Jan 13	Bradshaw Mountain	A	F A	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Wed. Jan 14	Williams Field	A	F JV	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Jan 16	Tempe	H	F JV F	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Tue. Jan 20	Campo Verde	A	F JV	4:00 PM 5:30 PM
Tue. Jan 27	Coronado	H	JV V	4:00 PM 7:00 PM
Thu., Jan 29	Apache Junction	A	JV V	5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Jan 30	McClintock	H	F	4:00 PM
Mon. Feb 2	Maricopa	H	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Wed. Feb 4	Poston Butte	H	F JV	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Feb 6	Glendale	H	F	4:00 PM
Fri., Feb 6	Seton	H	JV V	5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Varsity: Jermaine Whitaker				
Asst. Coach: Richard Trujillo				
Junior Coach: Lenica Ruiz				
Freshman Coach: Chelsea Steffen				

2014-2015 TICKET PRICES	
Adult & College Students	\$5.00
High School Students with High School ID	\$3.00
5 Years and under	FREE
METHODS OF PAYMENT	
Parents do not be caught off guard!	
1. Cash is preferred.	
2. Checks up to \$20.00, ID required.	

STATE SWIM MEET

Congratulations to our MdN Swim Team—Carly Fiel finished in 17th place in the 50 Freestyle, Michael Reyes finished in 29th place in the 100 Butterfly, Jesse Arroyo finished in 25th place in the 500 Freestyle, and Jarod Jenkins finished in 31st place in the 100 Breaststroke. The 200 Medley Relay Team—Jesse Arroyo, Jarod Jenkins, Michael Reyes, and Andrew Gorman finished in 12th place. Great Job Padres!

GIRLS BASKETBALL VARSITY
 Hebah Bahta
 Emma Barnes
 Kiah Begaye
 Holly Harrell
 Bailey Erwin
 Aurei King-Hill
 Alexandria Lizarrage
 Kiara Martin
 Kree Morrison
 Keionta Murry
 Logan Nanty
 Kaylene Padama
 Renee Ramos
 Selina Ruiz
 Danielle Saenz
 Jesika Stevens
 Nykai Stevenson
 Angelicah Tso
 Micaela Vasquez
 Melani Washington

BOYS BASKETBALL VARSITY
 Ismail Ahmed
 Chris Anderson Wright
 Bryan Battle
 Jake Bayfield
 Chris Buchanon
 Luke Nguyen
 Cameron Stark
 Mason Stark
 Marcos Nido
 Josiah Villa
 Sean Woods

JUNIOR VARSITY
 Dante Carter
 Sam Flores
 Gaige Hale
 Eddie Kreun
 Zurell Livingston
 Zyayre Moss
 Jamari Robinson
 Christian Trevino
 Tyson U nion
 Montre Williams
 Ben Andorfer

FRESHMEN
 Hector Beltran Gamez
 Ja Nathan Bolds
 Marcos Moreno
 Tyler Salt
 Sunny Ozuna
 Carlan Naisant
 Joseph Hernandez
 Jaden Claridy
 Orion Bryant
 Cesar Zaragosa



MDN BOYS BASKETBALL				
Fri. Dec 12	Desert Vista	A	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Mon. Dec 15	McClintock	H	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Thu. Dec 18	Horizon Invitational	A	V	TBD
Fri. Dec 19	Horizon Invitational	A	V	TBD
Sat. Dec 20	Horizon Invitational	A	V	TBD
Fri. Dec 26	MHS Holiday Shoot-Out	A	V	TBD
Sat. Dec 27	MHS Holiday Shoot-Out	A	V	TBD
Mon. Dec 29	MHS Holiday Shoot-Out	A	V	TBD
Tue. Dec 30	MHS Holiday Shoot-Out	A	V	TBD
Tue. Jan 6	Queen Creek	H	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Thu. Jan 8	Higley	A	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Tue. Jan 13	Bradshaw Mountain	H	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Wed. Jan 14	Williams Field	H	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Jan 16	Tempe	A	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Tue. Jan 20	Campo Verde	H	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Jan 23	Gilbert Christian	H	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00PM
Tue. Jan 27	Coronado	A	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Thu. Jan 29	Apache Junction	H	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Mon. Feb 2	Maricopa	A	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Wed. Feb 4	Poston Butte	A	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Fri. Feb 6	Seton Catholic Prep	A	F JV V	4:00 PM 5:30 PM 7:00 PM
Varsity Coach: David Stark				
Asst. Var. Coaches: James Capriotti & Mike Ellsworth				
JV Coach: James Capriotti				
FR Coach: Mike Ellsworth				

ACADEMIC DECATHLETES

Safiya Aden Maria Hernandez Luisa Rodriguez
 Ashley Altherr Makaela Judy Michael Thomas
 Rosa Araujo Patricia Miranda Nickolas Weeks
 Patricia Gomez Sophia Neria Franklin Zyriek
 Eric Henderson Maggie Niederkorn



DECEMBER 2014



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 Early Out Schedule Club picture Day	4 Talent Show 7:00 p.m.	5 JROTC Massing of the Colors 8:00 a.m. Dance Show 7:00 p.m.	6 SAT Test Dance Show 7:00 p.m.
7	8 Early Out Schedule 8 th Grade Open House	9 Band concert 7:00 p.m.	10 Early Out Schedule Orchestra Concert 7:00 p.m.	11 Choir Concert 7:00 p.m.	12 Performing Arts Holiday Triple Assembly Choir Caroling Concert 7:00 p.m.	13
14	15	16	17 Semester Exams	18 Semester Exams	19 Staff only day End of 1 st semester	20
21	22 <i>Winter Break</i>	23 <i>Winter Break</i>	24 <i>Winter Break</i>	25 <i>Winter Break</i>	26 <i>Winter Break</i>	27
28	29 <i>Winter Break</i>	30 <i>Winter Break</i>	31 <i>Winter Break</i>			



JANUARY 2015



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5 School Resumes 3 rd Quarter Begins	6	7 Early Out Schedule	8	9	10
11	12 Open House For Incoming Freshmen	13	14 Early Out Schedule	15	16	17
18	19 MLK Holiday – no school 	20	21 Early Out Schedule	22	23	24 JROTC Padre Skills Meet SAT Test
25	26	27 Band Feeder Concert 7:00 p.m.	28 Early Out Schedule	29	30 Pep Assembly for Winter Sports	31



FEBRUARY 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Early Out Schedule	5	6 Academic Decathlon Regional Tournament at Hamilton	7 Academic Decathlon Regional Tournament at Hamilton
8	9	10 Choir concert 7:00 p.m.	11 District 1/2 Day Schedule Jostens Class Ring Presentation	12	13	14
15	16 <i>Presidents' Day Holiday -no school</i>	17	18 State Math Contest 8:00-10:00 a.m. Early Out Schedule	19	20 Jostens Class Ring Ordering	21 Sadie Hawkins Dance 8:00 p.m.
22	23 AIMS Writing Test	24 AIMS Reading Test	25 AIMS Math Test	26	27	28



MARCH 2015



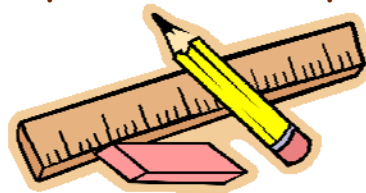
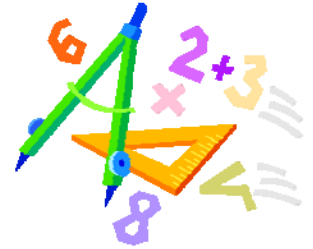
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Youth Musical Matinee Spring Week (spirit week)	3 Area Jazz Festival (Band) Spring Week (spirit week)	4 <i>"Footloose"</i> 7:00 p.m. Spring Week (spirit week) Early Out Schedule	5 <i>"Footloose"</i> 7:00 p.m. Musical Triple Assembly Spring Week (spirit week)	6 <i>"Footloose"</i> 7:00 p.m. Spring Week (spirit week) 3 rd Quarter Ends	7 <i>"Footloose"</i> 7:00 p.m.
8	9 <i>Spring Break</i>	10 <i>Spring Break</i>	11 <i>Spring Break</i>	12 <i>Spring Break</i>	13 <i>Spring Break</i>	14 SAT Test
15	16 4 th Quarter Begins	17	18 Senior Panoramic Picture Senior Meeting Early Out Schedule	19	20	21
22	23 Diversity/Unity Week	24 Band Concert 7:00 p.m. Diversity/Unity Week	25 Early Out Schedule Diversity/Unity Week Cap & Gown Delivery	26 Cap & Gown Picture Day Diversity/Unity Week	27 Diversity Triple Assembly Step Show 7:00 p.m.	28 Diversity Dance 8:00 p.m.
29	30	31				

Marcos de Niza Bookstore

Remember to visit the MdN bookstore for a variety of year-books, school supplies, pens, pencils. and poster board.



Daily Bookstore Hours
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
and from
12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.



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