



# POINTES OF PRIDE

A Mountain Pointe High School Communication



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Dear Students, Parents, and Community Members,

The 2014-2015 school year saw our students and staff again recognized for outstanding achievement. Many accolades were earned throughout the year; Mountain Pointe again produced a Flinn Scholarship winner, **Alex Stoken** (only 20 given out in Arizona), four students (**Chloe Dietz, Alison Romero, Alex Stoken, and Atticus Townsend**) achieved National Merit Semi-Finalist status, **Tara Garretson** and **Kristen McCann** won the Division I Badminton State Doubles Championship, Band and Choir received “excellent” ratings at various competitions, the theater department put on several outstanding main stage plays, including the critically acclaimed Laramie Project, and the Tempe Diablos Philanthropic Organization recognized two of our staff members for their excellence; **Meredith Morrissey** as Most Inspirational and **Lane Waddell** for Lifetime Achievement. These are just a few of the many accomplishments this year by the Pride.

Just as important as the continued high level of academic achievement, is the tradition of giving back and serving our community that our students have established. The class of 2015 immersed themselves in the attitude of helping others. Among the charities benefitting from our students involvement were March of Dimes, St. Vincent de Paul, Susan G. Koman Foundation, Christmas Angels, Phoenix Rescue Mission, Phoenix Fibers, United Blood Services, Habitat for Humanity, Arizona Humane Society, and the Phoenix Child Crisis Center. All of our clubs and athletic teams are involved in activities that give back to the community. The staff at Mountain Pointe High School is extremely proud of all of our students and their hard work.

Now it is time to transition to a new school year. Expectations remain high and we will continue to challenge all of our students with a rigorous and relevant curriculum. For the past two years our staff has been hard at work implementing the new state standards and our students and staff will continue this journey together as the new Arizona College and Career Readiness Standards become the norm. These standards allow all schools to provide a more focused curriculum that all students need to master in order to be College and Career Ready. All sophomores and freshmen in Biology or Honors Biology will continue to take the AIMS Science test. The Arizona Department of Education has adopted the AZ Merit test for English Language Arts and Math. Currently students do not have to pass either test for graduation. As we receive more information from the state, we will pass it on to our students and parents.

To help all of our students succeed it is important that our parents are fully involved in each of our student’s educational experience. Please become and stay involved. Research is crystal clear on this, the more involved a parent is the higher the student will achieve. Take a few minutes each evening and talk to your son or daughter about what they are doing in school, volunteer at school and check the teacher websites. Anything that shows your interest in your student’s success is beneficial. Most importantly make sure you activate your ParentVUE account. ParentVUE will allow you to monitor their grades and attendance in real-time. It does make a difference! Additionally, encourage your son or daughter to take a challenging class, find a club or sport they are interested in, all of this will help students achieve at a higher level.

For those who are new to Mountain Pointe High School, I want to welcome you. I look forward to building a positive relationship with all of our students and families. Remember our vision; **Purpose, Pride and Performance**. These three words serve as a guide to our mission of “Providing a supportive environment that challenges all students to realize their potential.” The pursuit of excellence with honor is an essential attitude taught at Mountain Pointe since its inception. Each day we ask our students to focus on getting the best education possible. This focus has allowed our students to flourish. This is not an easy task but one that, if we work together, can be achieved by all. I challenge each student to dare to dream, to find out what they are capable of achieving, and to make a positive difference to those they come into contact with.

**Welcome class of 2019!** When you enter Mountain Pointe High School you will feel the tradition of greatness. Those that have walked the halls before have set a standard of excellence. It is your responsibility to raise that level even higher. Reach for success, we are here to help you.

Please read through the newsletter in its entirety as it contains information to provide for a smooth transition back into the school year. School begins August 3rd and learning takes place the first day of class. See you all then. Remember, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kipper,  
Principal

## Welcome to the 2015-2016 school year!

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Mountain Pointe High School  
**BOOT CAMP**   
 for Freshmen

All incoming freshmen students are required to attend both days of camp.

**Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup> • 8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**  
**Friday, July 31<sup>st</sup> • 8:00 AM – 11:00 AM**

- Team Building Activities
- Assemblies
- True Color Assessment
- Campus Tour
- Respect Workshop
- Time Management
- Technology Training
- Follow Schedule
- Note Taking Strategies
- And much more!

Lunch will be provided on Thursday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Buses will run following the 2015-2016 schedule. For times and locations, visit [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org), click on Departments → Transportation.

**Did you know.... ?**

You can read the Principal's weekly email updates online! Visit [mphpsride.com](http://mphpsride.com) and find Principal Kipper's Weekly Update right next to Quick Links.

**Stay informed!**

## New Student Orientation

Please join us!

**For 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> Graders**


**Wednesday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**

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Students & Parents NEW to Mountain Pointe, please join us...

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- ♦ **New IEP Services Parents & Students**  
6:00 pm ~ Room C141
  - Meet the department chair of IEP services
  - Questions and answers about our program
  - Information about school activities
- ♦ **New Students & Parents**  
6:30 pm ~ Auditorium
  - Meet other new students take a guided tour of the school
  - Administration Q & A for parents in the auditorium
  - Athletics, clubs & activities info



**We are MP**  **We are A+**

A+ Schools of Excellence

Mountain Pointe High School ~ Recipient of the

**A+ Schools of Excellence Award**

presented by the Arizona Educational Foundation,  
April 2010 and April 2014.

## MOUNTAIN POINTE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM



**PRINCIPAL**

**BRUCE KIPPER**



**ACADEMICS**

**MARY KELLER**



**ACTIVITIES**

**JOE DOMINGUEZ**



**ATHLETICS**

**MIKE GRIFFITH**

# Book & Schedule Distribution

Tuesday, July 21 – Wednesday, July 29

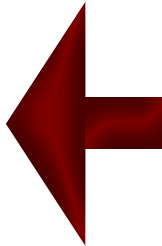
7:30 am – 12:00 pm

All students must attend!



Book & Schedule Distribution for the 2015-2016 school year will be held in the bookstore as listed below. Schedules will not be available on StudentVUE until July 31st.

Last Name	Date
So – Z	Tuesday, July 21
Pe – Sn	Wednesday, July 22
M – Pa	Thursday, July 23
Hi – L	Friday, July 24
E – He	Monday, July 27
C – D	Tuesday, July 28
A – B	Wednesday, July 29



## All students should attend on their scheduled day.

- An equal number of students has been scheduled on each day in an attempt to reduce wait times. Please make every attempt to arrive on your scheduled day.
- Students arriving on an unscheduled day can expect longer wait times.

## NEW ID POLICY!

### All students will receive a new ID card for FREE!

- Every student **MUST** take a new ID photo.
- Head coverings are **NOT** allowed to be worn in ID photos.
- Students must wear their new ID during the school day.
- Lanyards will be available for purchase

## Course and Activity Fees

During book and schedule distribution, students may also pay for the following:

Course Fees	See next page
Activity / Athletic Fee	\$ 50 per activity/sport
Book Locker Rental	\$ 5
PE Uniform	\$ 15
Dance Uniform	\$ 17 (additional items may be required)
Yearbook	\$ 70 (Price increases on September 1st)
Parking Permit	\$ 100 per year
Athletic Pass	
• Student Pass	\$ 45
• Adult Pass	\$ 55
• Family Pass	\$ 150 (Allows up to 6 family members per event)



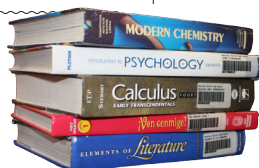
**NOTE:** The athletic pass allows admission to all regular season home athletic events.

Returning students should pay all remaining debts at the time of book and schedule distribution. **Last year's textbooks must be returned at this time.**

The bookstore will accept cash, checks, debit and credit cards (*MasterCard and Visa only. American Express not accepted.*)

## Frequently Asked Questions about Book & Schedule Distribution

- Q.** I can't find my ID. Do I need it to receive my books?  
**A.** **No.** All Students **MUST** get a **NEW ID** (at no cost) before books will be distributed.
- Q.** Can I use my old ID if I still have it?  
**A.** **NO!** ALL students must take a new photo and obtain a new ID. Students will wear IDs every day while on campus.
- Q.** Should I arrive at 7:30 am in order to get to all stations?  
**A.** **No.** An equal number of students have been scheduled each day. If all arrive at 7:30 am, there will be lines.
- Q.** Can my friend pick up my locker assignment so I can be next to him/her?  
**A.** **No.** All lockers are pre-assigned.
- Q.** I am a working parent. Do I need to accompany my student for book & schedule distribution?  
**A.** **No.** Students do not need to have a parent with them. However, parents should send a signed check with their student for purchases unless paying with cash, debit card or credit card (Visa and MasterCard only).
- Q.** We will be out of town during the book & schedule distribution dates. Can a friend pick up my books?  
**A.** **No.** Students are responsible for their books and have to sign for them. If you absolutely cannot make your scheduled date, you may come on another scheduled day, but only one line will be available to service those students.



**All students MUST attend  
Book & Schedule Distribution!**

# Course & Activity Fee Schedule • 2015–2016

## Student Activity Fees

To help offset the M&O expense of providing extra-curricular student activities in the Tempe Union High School District, a \$50 participation fee will be charged for the activities listed below:

- Activities and athletics for which a sponsor or coach is paid a stipend.
- Fees are \$50 per activity with a maximum of \$150 for any one student. There is no family maximum.
- If financial assistance is requested, the school principal will determine if/when it is needed. Financial Assistance forms are available in the Administration Office.
- Students must pay their activity fee in the bookstore prior to official participation in any activity. **Fees for class related activities must be paid during book and schedule distribution.**
- Refunds are approved by site administration only.
- Activity fees are eligible for tax credit, therefore retain your receipt. If you plan to also make a tax credit donation, reduce your donation by the amount you expect to pay for activity fees as there is a limit (see back page of newsletter).

### Athletic/Activity Fees Eligible for Tax Credit

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| • Badminton                       | • Literary Magazine |
| • Band                            | • Journalism        |
| • Baseball                        | • Orchestra         |
| • Basketball                      | • Percussion        |
| • Chess Team                      | • Soccer            |
| • Choir                           | • Softball          |
| • Cross Country                   | • Special Olympics  |
| • Dance                           | • Speech & Debate   |
| • Design Production<br>(Yearbook) | • Spiritline        |
| • Drama                           | • Student Council   |
| • Flagline                        | • Swim & Dive       |
| • Football                        | • Tennis            |
| • Golf                            | • Track             |
| • Guitar                          | • Volleyball        |
|                                   | • Wrestling         |

## New ID Policy

Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, **ALL students and staff will be required to WEAR their Mountain Pointe ID card displayed on a lanyard around their neck during the school day.** All students will have a photo taken & will be issued a free ID during book distribution (see page 3).

Lanyards can be purchased at the Bookstore for \$1.00, or students may provide their own, school appropriate lanyard. Replacement ID cards are \$5.00 and may be purchased from the bookstore during the school year. Students must have a current ID taken at the beginning of each school year. In addition, a MPHS ID must be shown in order to ride any TUHSD bus or to gain entrance to all extracurricular activities including school dances.

## Course Fees

*Fees as of time published. Subject to change.*

Several courses focus on hands-on activities which require a variety of supplies or materials. Fee amounts are noted in the course description section of this handbook. All fees are paid at our bookstore.

### Business

Business Law .....	\$10
Accounting 1-2 or Hr. Advanced Accounting.....	\$15
Marketing or Advanced Business Marketing .....	\$25
Sports & Marketing Entertainment.....	\$10
Desktop Publishing.....	\$10
Web Design 1 or Web Design 2 .....	\$10
Advanced Multimedia .....	\$15
Multimedia Communications .....	\$10
PC 101 .....	\$10
TV Production 1-2 or 3-4.....	\$25

### English

Communication Media & Technology .....	\$10
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### Family & Culinary Arts

Fashion Design .....	\$50
Aspire to Teach.....	\$35
Culinary Arts 1-2.....	\$40
Culinary Arts 3-4 or 5-6.....	\$50
Early Childhood 1-2.....	\$30
Early Childhood 3-4.....	\$35

### Fine Arts – Visual

Art & Design.....	\$30
Honors Art.....	\$50
Ceramics.....	\$35
2-D Graphic Art.....	\$25
Introduction to Computer Graphic Art .....	\$25
Drawing & Painting .....	\$35
Photography 1-2 .....	\$40
Photography 3-4 or 5-6 .....	\$50
AP Studio Art .....	\$50

### Fine Arts – Performing

Theatre 1-2 (Basic Drama) .....	\$15
Theatre 3-4 (Production & Performance) .....	\$15
Theatre 5-6 (Advanced Acting & Directing).....	\$15
Film Study.....	\$10
Technical Theatre 1-2 or 3-4 (Stagecraft 1-2 or 3-4).....	\$20
Technical Theatre 5-6 or 7-8 (Stagecraft 5-6 or 7-8).....	\$25
Band.....	\$30
Choir .....	\$30
Honors Music Exploration & Performance .....	\$30
Orchestra .....	\$30
Guitar .....	\$30
Piano.....	\$20
Percussion Class.....	\$30

*Music & band courses may assess additional fees to offset costs specific to the program.*

### Fine Arts – Dance

Intermediate or Advanced Dance.....	\$10
Dance Performance.....	\$10

### IEP Educational Services

Basic Art.....	\$25
Survival Skills 1-2 or 3-4 .....	\$20

### Science

Engineering 1-2 or 3-4 or Mechanical Engineering 5-6 .....	\$30
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Students who cannot afford these fees may be provided financial assistance according to district criteria. No student will be denied access to a course due to lack of ability to pay.

# Academic Services

MARY • KELLER

Parents and Students –

Please carefully read the following information before attending Book Distribution.

- **A list of student's classes** will be handed out during Book Distribution (see page 3 for dates and times). Keep in mind that **this is not an official schedule**.
- **Schedules – Students MUST PRINT & BRING their SCHEDULE on the FIRST DAY of school.**

**Schedules will be available for viewing on ParentVUE and Student VUE on Friday, July 31st.**

**Freshmen** will receive initial schedules during Boot Camp. **Please note** that these schedules may change before the first day of school.

**Schedules must be shown to each of your teachers on the first day of school.** Students will not be allowed to attend classes without a schedule.

- **Seniors** – If your credit check reflects that you are deficient more than six credits, see your assigned counselor with your plan for graduation. Seniors will not be placed on the marching list for graduation if all testing out grades, online course transcripts or transcripts from any other accredited high school are not posted with the records specialist **by May 1st of senior year**. There will be no exceptions to this timeline!



**Schedule Change Requests for the 2015-2016 school year will NOT be accepted after July 2nd.**

**Schedule changes will be made ONLY for the following reasons:**

1. We have failed to update your schedule after Summer School.
2. We have failed to update your schedule due to receiving a D/F in a course last semester.
3. There is a clerical error such as:
  - a) a hole in your schedule.
  - b) you have the same class listed twice.
  - c) you are missing a lunch.

**If any of these special circumstances apply, see Mrs. Keller.**

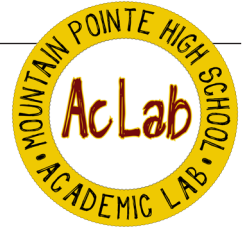
**Print & bring your schedule on the 1st day of school!**

## Academic Lab Assists in Student Achievement

“AcLab” goes hand in hand with our high learning expectations and provides an increase in the amount of time for mastering concepts and receiving extra help. **Two times a week for a 38 minute period**, all staff will focus their efforts and attention in support of student achievement.

### AcLab will

- begin right after 6th period
- last 38 minutes (1:08 - 1:46)
- be held on Tuesdays & Thursdays
- begin the 2nd week of school



### The AcLab Process

- Formal AcLab passes will be used to document where the student is travelling. This pass **MUST** be carried and shown as needed during the AcLab passing period.
- In his/her 6th period class, the student will sign out on the sign-in/out sheet noting where s/he will be travelling. The student will write on the AcLab pass the name of the teacher and the room number where the student will be travelling. The 6th period teacher will initial pass.
- Upon arrival at AcLab, the student will sign in on the AcLab teacher's sign-in/out sheet. The AcLab teacher will initial the student's pass noting that they were in class.
- New AcLab passes will be issued each quarter. If a pass is lost, a student may obtain a new one at the bookstore for \$1.00.
- All students may only travel to **ONE** teacher or one optional lab during an AcLab period.

### Optional Labs

You may travel to an Optional Lab – make sure to plan ahead!

- ✓ Library and Computer Labs (*must sign-up in advance*)
- ✓ Business Labs (*must sign-up with your teacher in AM*)
- ✓ College and University Visits in Auditorium (*obtain pass in advance from Guidance*)
- ✓ Cafeteria – quiet study area
- ✓ TOTEM Tutoring (*G-109c – 1st come 1st served up to 20*)

### Rules during AcLab

- Students must be in designated areas at all times.
- Bathroom breaks will **NOT** be allowed during AcLab.
- Sweep will be in place and Sweep policies will be followed.
- Appropriate bells will be set up so students will know when to be in designated labs. Bells apply to **ALL** students.
- iPods and prohibited electronic devices will **NOT** be allowed during AcLab.
- Make-up tests should be made available to students before or after school or during AcLab. Make-up testing cannot be limited strictly to AcLab time.
- **Off campus passes will NOT be issued during AcLab.** (Since students travel during AcLab, **parents please consider AcLab time when making outside appointments.**)

## Visitor Information

Visitors to Mountain Pointe are welcome during regular business hours. All visitors must report to the main office immediately upon arrival on campus and show their photo ID to obtain a visitor badge.

Requiring photo ID is a safety measure that assists our office staff in knowing who is in the building should an emergency occur. This check of ID requires visitors to exit through the front office.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## Attendance Procedure

The following is a summary of the Mountain Pointe Attendance procedure:

### Reporting an Absence

Only the parent/legal guardian of the student can notify the school of an absence or request an off-campus pass. When a parent/legal guardian calls to excuse their student, the absence is listed as excused and the reason given is documented. Parent or legal guardian **must call on the same day** of the absence **before 3:00 p.m.** to be excused for that day. If a parent does not call, an automated message will be made to inform the parent of the unexcused absence. You can place a call to the attendance line after hours and it will be excused the following day.

### Off Campus Passes

To leave campus a student's parent/guardian must call the attendance hotline (see *article on right*) on the day of and at least 45 minutes prior to the time of the departure to receive an off-campus pass and be excused. Parents should allow time for security to bring a pass to the student. Parents wishing to pick up students during lunch should arrange for their student to meet them in the front office at a pre-arranged time. Passes cannot be delivered to students who are on lunch.

**Students who are ill** must report to the nurse. The nurse will make arrangements with the parent/guardian with regard to how the student will get home.

Students **will not** receive off-campus passes to leave for academic lab or lunch.

## Have You Moved?

**Report your new address and phone number!**

It is important that you keep all contact information **current** with the MP Attendance Office. Please **update your address, email and phone numbers** by filling out a Change of Information form from the Attendance Office. The Post Office will not forward school or district mail.



## MP is a Closed Campus

Mountain Pointe requires all students to remain on campus throughout the day including during lunches.

Students who have an early release schedule are required to show security their current school ID with an early release sticker to obtain permission to leave campus. Early release stickers can be obtained from Mrs. Acuna in the front office.

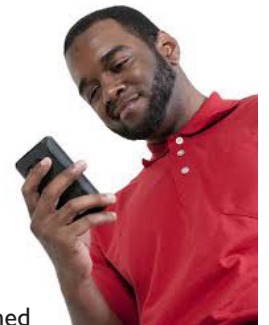
All other students needing to leave campus during the school day must have a parent-approved off campus pass from the front office before they will be permitted to leave campus. See articles below for more information about obtaining an off-campus pass and reporting an absence.

## How to Report an Absence or Request an Off-campus Pass

- **Dial (480) 388.8989**
- **Enter**
  - 1 – for an off-campus pass  
*(kindly call 30 minutes prior to time of departure)*
  - 2 – to report an absence for grades 9 or 10
  - 3 – to report an absence for grades 11 or 12

**After message and tone, please verbally state the following information:**

- Spell the student's last name, then give the first name
- Grade
- Date of absence
- Periods missed
- The reason for the absence
- Your relationship to the student
- Phone number where you can be reached



### Helpful Hint:

To expedite **student pick-up** during the school day, parents may call and request an off-campus pass **prior** to coming to school.

This will cut down on wait time while your student is called to the office. **Also see "Attendance Procedure" on left.**

## Summer Office Hours

Monday – Friday • 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

Campus will be **CLOSED** July 3 – 17.

The Office will reopen on July 20.



# Open House: A Chance to “Meet the Faculty” of MPHS

Monday, August 17th • 6:30 pm • MP Gymnasium

## Welcome Pride Family!

Open House will be held on **Monday, August 17th** starting at **6:30 p.m.** in the MPHS **Gymnasium**. Following a brief opening, parents will spend 10 minutes with each of your son/daughter’s teachers. Each teacher will share vital information with you about the classroom procedures, objectives and the “keys to success” in their class. Important contact information will be given as well.

**Please ask your student for a copy of their schedule and the information sheet they will be given.** Due to time restrictions, we ask that you email or call the teacher at a later time with specific questions you might have regarding your child’s individual progress or academic standing. Below is the evening’s schedule:

Opening Session in Gymnasium: 6:30 pm – 6:40 pm	
First Bell..... 6:40 pm	
Period 1 ..... 6:45 – 6:55 pm	Period 4/5 ..... 7:30 – 7:40 pm
Period 2..... 7:00 – 7:10 pm	Period 6..... 7:45 – 7:55 pm
Period 3..... 7:15 – 7:25 pm	Period 7 ..... 8:00 – 8:10 pm

The Administration and Staff of Mountain Pointe look forward to sharing the great things happening in our classrooms each day. It is vital to get acquainted and work together to benefit your student.

## Deliveries to Students Will Not be Made During the School Day

To minimize classroom disruptions, the school **does not deliver packages, flowers, balloons, food or other items** to students during the school day. Students should not bring balloons and flowers to classes because of student allergies. In addition, students are NOT allowed to order food to be delivered to campus.

**Phone messages will not be delivered** during class time except in case of an emergency. Transportation changes between student and parent are not considered an emergency. Telephones are provided for student use at Mountain Pointe when necessary.



*Parents ~ please do not drop off items for students in the front office.*

*Deliveries will NOT be made of any kind.*

*Thank you!*

# MP Site Council Seeks Parents/Community Members

The Site Council is a shared decision-making body for the entire campus composed of parents, teachers, students, community members, and administrators. Major campus decisions are reviewed by this body. The MP Site Council is currently seeking parents and community members to serve for a two-year term beginning this fall. The commitment is simply to attend every meeting (see *schedule below*) and occasional outside research.

Site Council meetings are held one Monday evening each month from 5:15 - 7:00 p.m. in room G-109A (unless otherwise posted). Meetings scheduled are as follows:

August 24	October 26	January 11	March 21
September 21	November 16	February 22	April 25

If you are interested in serving on Site Council, please contact Lane Waddell at [lwaddell@tempeunion.org](mailto:lwaddell@tempeunion.org).

## PURPOSE

### Parent Volunteer Round-Up

Tuesday, August 25th

9:00 AM • Faculty Cafeteria

Volunteers are important ‘cogs in the wheel’ that help keep things moving smoothly at Mountain Pointe High School. It is also a great way to get involved at your child’s school and meet other parents and community members.

Possible areas to volunteer:

- Copy Room
- Guidance Office
- Health Office
- Athletic Department
- Activities Office
- Classrooms (ILC, ESL, TOTEM Tutoring Center, etc.)
- Bookstore (Back-to-School Book Distribution Days)
- Front Office (Special Projects)



All volunteers in the district must complete an online application process. At the Round-Up, we will welcome new volunteers, answer questions about the sign-up process and discuss areas to volunteer.

To get a head start on your application before the Round-Up, visit [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org). Under 'Community' select 'Volunteering at TUHSD' and apply online.

If you cannot attend but would like to get involved, please contact: Susi Fathauer at [sfathauer@tempeunion.org](mailto:sfathauer@tempeunion.org) or Jenny Mark at [jmark@tempeunion.org](mailto:jmark@tempeunion.org).

# Online Tools for Parents & Students to Help Navigate Through High School

## Parents

**ParentVUE** helps parents stay informed and connected by providing access to classroom information as well as attendance, discipline, conference visits, health office visits, immunization compliance, transcripts, graduation status and access to view your child's classes in Canvas, the district learning management system (LMS).



**Canvas** is a leading edge online classroom tool that provides teachers a universal approach to engage students by providing materials, calendars, assignments, communication, quizzes and tests for classes in one place available online from school or home.

As the district moves to a more widespread use of Canvas, many teachers may be conducting many of their classroom activities in Canvas. Teachers will be communicating to students and parents at the beginning of the school year as to how they will be using Canvas on a day-to-day basis.

Find detailed information about Canvas at:  
<http://www.tempeunion.org/parentcanvas>

## Accessing ParentVUE & Canvas

Parents will access Canvas through ParentVUE at:  
<http://parentvue.tuhsd.k12.az.us>

- ▶ **Parents new to the district** will need to set up a ParentVUE account for TUHSD. You will receive an Activation Key to create your account upon completion of your student's registration.
- ▶ **Parents of incoming freshmen** also need to set up a ParentVUE account for TUHSD. Activation Keys will be distributed at Book Distribution (for dates and times, see page 3). If you cannot attend Book Distribution with your student, activation keys will be available for pickup at Open House on Monday, August 17th.
- ▶ **Parents of returning students** continue to use their existing accounts.
- ▶ **Parents with students from the Kyrene and Tempe Elementary** districts will need a separate TUHSD ParentVUE account as it is not connected to other Districts.

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<http://studentvue.tuhsd.k12.az.us>

Canvas can be accessed by students via this direct link:  
<https://tempeunion.instructure.com/>

- ▶ **Incoming Freshman** will set up their StudentVUE and Canvas accounts during Boot Camp on July 30 & 31
- ▶ **New students to TUHSD** will set up these accounts with the Library staff during their first week of school and/or when registering throughout the year.
- ▶ **Returning students** will continue to use their existing accounts for StudentVUE and Canvas.

## Available Apps

Now available for iOS and Android devices.

District URL for mobile apps:  
<http://parentvue.tuhsd.k12.az.us>



## Additional Support

- ▶ **More information** can be found at [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org)
- ▶ **Canvas training guides** can be found at: <http://guides.instructure.com/>
- ▶ **Email questions or concerns:** [canvasparents@tempeunion.org](mailto:canvasparents@tempeunion.org)



<b>Monday / Friday &amp; Non-Early Release Wednesdays</b>		7:45
Warning Bell		
1	7:50 - 8:49	59
2	8:54 - 9:53	59
3	9:58 - 10:57	59
4	11:02 - 12:01	59
5 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	12:01 - 12:34	33
OR		
4 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	10:57 - 11:30	33
5	11:35 - 12:34	59
6	12:39 - 1:38	59
7	1:43 - 2:42	59

<b>Early Release Wednesday</b>		7:45
Warning Bell		
1	7:50 - 8:39	49
2	8:44 - 9:33	49
3	9:38 - 10:30 Announcements 9:38-9:41	52
4	10:35 - 11:24	49
5 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	11:24 - 11:54	30
OR		
4 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	10:30 - 11:00	30
5	11:05 - 11:54	49
6	11:59 - 12:48	49
7	12:53 - 1:42	49

<b>AcLab Tuesday / Thursday</b>		7:45
Warning Bell		
1	7:50 - 8:41	51
2	8:46 - 9:37	51
3	9:42 - 10:33	51
4	10:38 - 11:29	51
5 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	11:29 - 12:02	33
OR		
4 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	10:33 - 11:06	33
5	11:11 - 12:02	51
6	12:07 - 12:58	51
6 - Extended	12:58 - 1:03	05
<small>Students remain in 6th hour for announcements &amp; AcLab prep</small>		
AcLab	1:08 - 1:46	38
7	1:51 - 2:42	51

<b>Half Day</b>		7:45
Warning Bell		
1	7:50 - 8:25	35
2	8:30 - 9:05	35
3	9:10 - 9:45	35
4 / 5	9:50 - 10:25	35
6	10:30 - 11:05	35
7	11:10 - 11:45	35

<b>Split Assembly</b>		7:45
Warning Bell		
1	7:50 - 8:35	45
2	8:40 - 9:24	44
2-Assembly A	9:29 - 10:10	41
2-Homeroom B	10:15 - 10:56	41
OR		
2-Homeroom A	9:29 - 10:10	41
2-Assembly B	10:15 - 10:56	41
3	11:01 - 11:45	44
4	11:50 - 12:34	44
5 - 2 <sup>nd</sup> Lunch	12:34 - 1:04	30
OR		
4 - 1 <sup>st</sup> Lunch	11:45 - 12:15	30
5	12:20 - 1:04	44
6	1:09 - 1:53	44
7	1:58 - 2:42	44

<b>Exams</b>		7:45
Warning Bell		
1	4 / 5	80
2	6	80
3	7	80
	10:40 - 12:00	80



## Student Handbooks Serve as Valuable Resources

All students will be receiving their new Student Handbook and the District Policy Handbook on Friday, August 7th during 2nd hour. The information, rules and policies covered in these documents will help your student to have a clear understanding of the policies and expectations at Mountain Pointe and Tempe Union High School District. It is important for students and parents to read the information in both the Student Handbook and the District Policy Handbook carefully as many areas undergo changes from year to year. Please carefully review the dress code, sweep, cell phones & electronic/digital devices sections.

The Student Handbook **calendar** can help students to stay organized, and also allow parents to check on their student's organization and daily homework.

The **District Handbook** gives parents and students the chance to review information about student discipline, grading, technology use, and Governing Board policies that directly affect the students.

### Review all materials with your student!

Parents and students **must** review the materials together and **RETURN the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Handbooks form by August 21st.**

The **Acknowledgement of Receipt** form also includes a **Technology Use Agreement** for student and parent to sign for access to District Technology for educational purposes. (**Please sign both parts.**) Please note that this page is where you will need to notate if you choose the **military opt-out option** for your student(s). Finally, there is an **optional page** to sign called **The Designation of Directory Information Form**. If you do not wish to have directory information released, please use and return this form.

### Forms due by August 21st

**Return your forms** to your 2nd hour teacher, correctly filled out, **by Friday, August 21st.** Students who do not return the forms may have their technology privileges suspended. We ask that you keep this book available as it contains many district related policies and procedures that you may find informative throughout the year.

#### Mountain Pointe High School Student Planner • 2015 - 2016



School policies can be found in the Mountain Pointe Student Planner posted at [www.mphspride.com](http://www.mphspride.com)

District Student Policies & Regulations Handbook can be found at [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org)

## Math and English Required Summer Projects

Students enrolled in the following classes have required summer projects that need to be completed and ready to turn in on the first day of school.

**English:** Honors Freshman, Sophomore, & Junior English, AP Language & Literature, Advanced Composition

**English summer projects can be found at:**  
<https://sites.google.com/a/tuhsd.k12.az.us/don-meyer/>

**Math:** Algebra 1-2, Geometry, Honors Geometry, Honors Algebra 3-4, PreCalculus, AP Calculus AB, & AP Calculus BC

**Math summer packets can be found at:**  
<https://sites.google.com/a/tuhsd.k12.az.us/mphspride/academics/mathematics/summer-projects>.

## Healthy Lunches at Reasonable Prices



Tempe Union High School District offers a wide variety of food choices. Students can choose menu items from of least four or more specialized food court areas. Daily menu choices include pizza, burgers, chicken sandwiches, fries, & Casa Solana Mexican Foods, as well as freshly made subs and salads. We also offer Arby's sandwiches as well as Chick-fil-a chicken sandwiches.

All food items are sold a la carte with the exception of the Combo Meal, priced at \$3.00 and includes entrée, side, fruit/vegetable, and choice of milk. The menu for the special combo of the day will be posted monthly on the District website. Follow link to <http://www.schoolnutritionandfitness.com/index.php?sid=0208131455429577>

**New for 2015-16 school year:** A new online payment system is available with more capability for our parents to access account information, set up payment, email alerts to low account balance, and automatic payment choices.

**Meal Applications:** The Combo Meal is available free or reduced to all families who qualify. Please feel free to fill out a free/reduced application, available after July 1, 2015 on our website at [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org). You may also pickup a copy in the MP front office or cafeteria. Completed forms are best returned to the cafeteria manager. New for 2015-16 school year: Check our website to access on-line application submittal.

**Student Meal Accounts:** Students may open an account in the cafeteria. The student ID will be used to access this account and the funds. Deposits can be made into the account by cash, check, or on-line. No charges for meals are allowed. Accounts can be opened in the cafeteria or by calling the Food and Nutrition Department. For details, visit [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org) → Departments → Food & Nutrition. Please remember, free or full price student debit accounts can only be accessed by showing the student's school ID card.

**Questions?** Please feel free to contact our school cafeteria manager, Danny Martinez at 480-388-8985 or call the District Food & Nutrition Office at 480-345-3745.

# Bus Transportation for Students



## Bus Policies

Students who reside **more than two miles from Mountain Pointe** may ride district bus transportation to school provided you are not an open enrollment student. **If you are an open enrollment student**, this is a reminder that transportation is your responsibility and you are not allowed to ride district transportation.

**NOTE:** All students riding a school bus **MUST show their current school ID** with the appropriate bus number/sticker in order to board. (*IDs will be distributed during Book & Schedule Distribution. See page 3 for details.*) Any student not showing their school ID and not having the appropriate bus number/sticker will not be allowed to board the bus.

## Bus Schedules

Riding a school bus is a privilege, not a right. The student who persists in misbehaving on the school bus jeopardizes the safety of everyone on the bus and may lose the privilege of riding the bus. The bus driver is responsible for maintaining discipline on the bus and in this capacity has the authority to assign seats and to make other reasonable demands of students. Bus drivers may deliver a misbehaving student to a school principal or to the police before finishing the route in extreme circumstances. A principal will administer any necessary discipline. Once privileges are lost, that student cannot ride any bus for the duration of the suspension. Students will only be put off the bus at the bus stop or at school.

Misbehavior on the bus can result in removal from the bus for 1 to 10 days, depending on circumstances, or permanent removal from the bus by formal hearing at discretion of the principal. Serious misbehavior on the bus may include suspension or expulsion from school.

## Bus Conduct

- ◆ Passengers must remain seated at all times while the bus is in motion.
- ◆ The bus driver may assign seats.
- ◆ Be courteous.
- ◆ No profanity.
- ◆ DO NOT eat or drink on the bus. Keep the bus clean.
- ◆ No smoking.
- ◆ Keep all body parts and objects inside the bus.
- ◆ Do not throw anything inside or outside the bus.
- ◆ All instruments and equipment carried by passengers shall be under their control at all times and carried in their laps, between seats, or properly secured in a vacant seat. Nothing shall be placed in the driver's compartment or the stepwell.
- ◆ The aisle is to be open and passable at all times.
- ◆ No harmful objects and substances allowed on the bus at any time. This includes drugs, tobacco, alcohol, weapons, glass containers, pets, radios, skate boards, etc.
- ◆ Cleats and spikes are not allowed on the bus at any time.
- ◆ Do not destroy property. Students will be charged for damages.
- ◆ For your own safety, do not distract the bus driver through misbehavior!

## Bus Schedules

Bus schedules for the 2015-2016 school year will be posted on the Tempe Union High School District website at [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org).

## Questions

If you have questions, you may contact the District Transportation Office at (480) 839.0292. Also see complete rules & regulations at [www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org) → Departments → Transportation

## Student Parking

### Students **MUST** Have Permit to Park on Campus

Student parking permits for the 2015-2016 school year may be obtained during Book and Schedule Distribution (see page 3 for dates and times). Parking is \$100.00 for the school year and \$25.00 for replacement or additional tags. **All students will need to have a parking permit in order to park on campus.**

Parking spaces are designated as follows:

- ▶ **Maroon Curbs** – Faculty and Staff **ONLY**
- ▶ **Gold Curbs** – Campus Visitors
- ▶ **Unpainted Curbs** – Open for **students WITH parking permits**. Students will **not** have assigned parking.

Vehicles parked illegally on campus may be towed.

### Application process during Book Distribution:

1. **Obtain application** from the Activities Office. Both sides of application **must** be completed.
2. **Attach copies** of the following to the application:
  - Permanent drivers license ~ photo must be clear
  - Current registration and proof of insurance for each vehicle (up to 3)
3. **Submit completed application** and all requested copies to the Activities Office.
4. **Obtain Ok to Pay slip** from the Activities Office.
5. **Submit OK to Pay slip to the Bookstore**, pay the annual \$100 fee, and **obtain parking tag**.

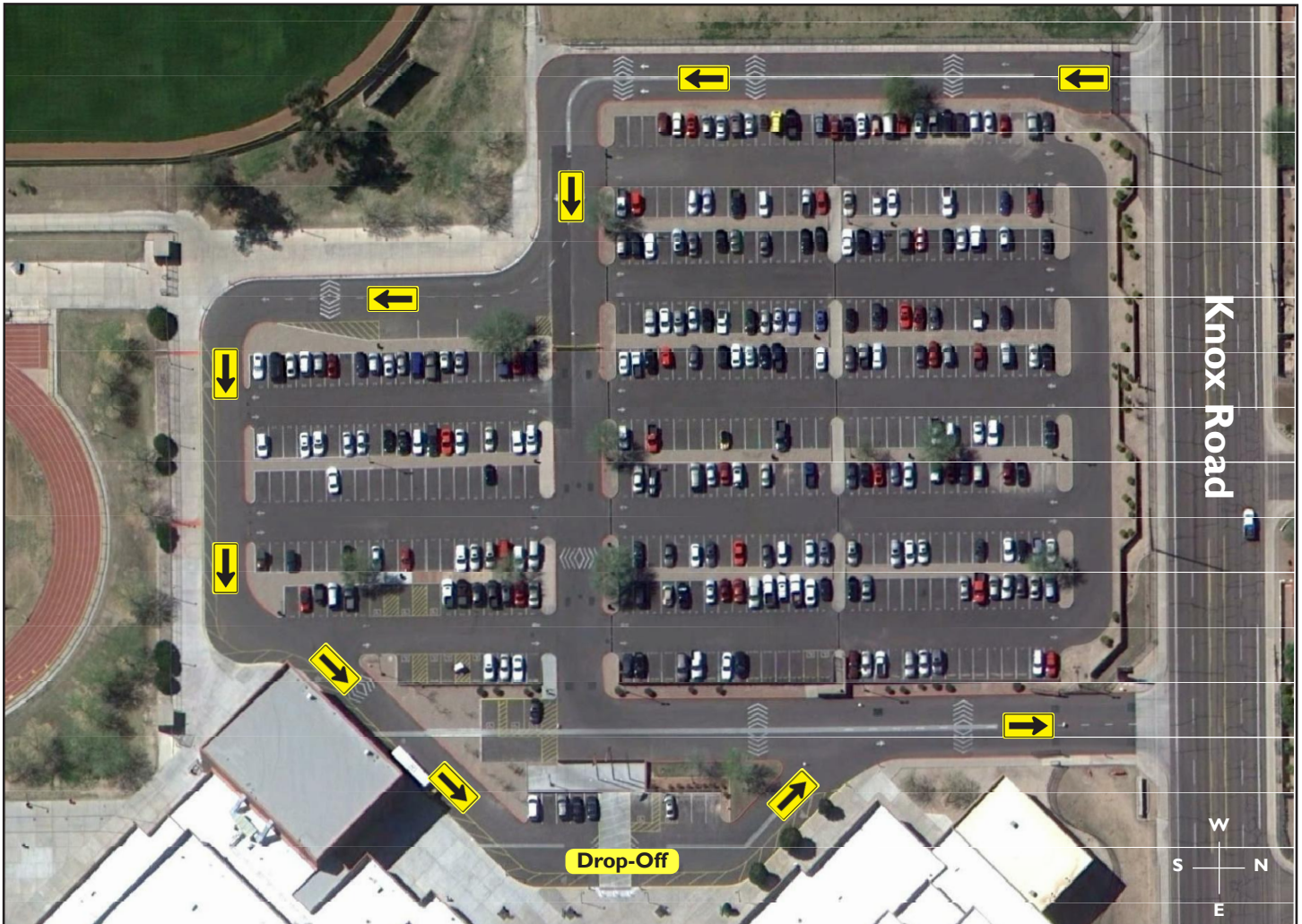
## Questions?

Call the Activities Office at (480) 388.8906.



# Traffic Flow for Student Pick up & Drop off

All student drop-off & pick-up **MUST** be made in the **FRONT LOT** (off of Knox Road).  
Do **NOT** drop-off students in the back lot (off of 44th Street).



## Student Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

- ◆ All student drop-off and pick-up must be made in the **front lot off of Knox Road**. Do **NOT** drop off students in the **back lot off of 44th Street**.
  - Enter **Knox Road** at the **western most** driveway.
  - Proceed, following signs to drop student in **front** of the school.
  - **Exit** the **east** driveway, **by the marquee**.
- ◆ The **map above** indicates the traffic patterns for student pick-up and drop-off. Additionally, signs will be posted to assist you. It is important that everyone understand the procedures prior to the first day of school. As with any plan, cooperation by all is essential in order for this plan to be successful. Traffic flow will be carefully monitored at the start of the school year and you will be advised if problems arise.
- ◆ **DO NOT drop-off/pick-up students in the cul-de-sac off 44<sup>th</sup> Street**. This area is designated to parents using our preschool, parents with special needs students and for delivery vehicles **only**.
- ◆ **DO NOT STOP to drop-off/pick-up ON KNOX OR 44<sup>TH</sup> STREETS!** This poses an extreme hazard to students crossing the streets and to stopped vehicles. In addition, you can be cited by the Phoenix Police for stopping!
- ◆ **The red curb area, also known as the fire lane, must not be used as a parking place.** The purpose of red curbs is to allow emergency vehicles quick and close access in the event of an emergency. Parking along the red curb at any time is a violation of F.C. 902.2 and carries a **fine** of up to **\$40**.



## Homeless Services Offered to District Families

If due to loss of housing and/or economic hardship, you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground, on the street, in abandoned buildings or trailers, or doubled up with relatives or friends, then according to the McKinney-Vento Act, you may be considered homeless. (Also considered homeless: refugees, unaccompanied youth, or individuals living in substandard housing.) Your children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live and how long you have lived there
- Continue in the school they last attended before becoming homeless if that is your choice and is feasible
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before the family became homeless if you or a guardian request such transportation
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs

If you have questions, please contact the At-Risk Coordinator at (480) 759-8449 ext. 50135.

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HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
[www.tempeunion.org](http://www.tempeunion.org)



### Mountain Pointe High School

#### ∞ Vision ∞

“Establishing Purpose, Instilling Pride,  
Empowering Performance, – One Person at a Time.”

#### ∞ Mission ∞

“We exist to provide a supportive learning environment  
that challenges all students to realize their highest potential.”

## Information for JROTC Students

Mountain Pointe students signed up for JROTC will attend class at Marcos de Niza High School each day from 7:10 – 8:00 am.

On **Monday, August 3rd** all JROTC students need to report to Mountain Pointe to take the bus to Marcos for your first ROTC Class. An upper class JROTC student will be there in uniform to guide you. The bus will arrive at **6:35 am** in the **44th Street parking lot by the Beach Club** to transport you to Marcos. Parents may choose to drive their cadet to/from Marcos de Niza rather than taking the bus.

Once at Marcos, all Cadets should meet in the Gym Annex. Class is dismissed at 8:00 am and you are expected to return to Mountain Pointe between 8:15 and 8:25 am and report to the G-Wing each day.

All cadets will be provided a packet of **forms to be filled out and returned** to the Instructor **no later than Thursday, August 13th**.

If you have questions, please contact Major Robert Fore at Marcos de Niza, (480) 730.7685 or [rfore@tempeunion.org](mailto:rfore@tempeunion.org).

You may also visit the JROTC website at: <http://www.tempeunion.org/Page/202>



## Pointes of Pride Newsletter Accessible Online!

[www.MPHSPride.com](http://www.MPHSPride.com)

Our Mountain Pointe newsletter is available online at the school's home page, and each time a new issue is uploaded, an email notification is sent to all of the families on our **Pride News** e-mail distribution list.

In addition, parents will receive weekly e-mails from our Principal with concerning current issues and important events at Mountain Pointe and in the Tempe Union High School District. Mr. Kipper's weekly updates can also be found on the Mountain Pointe website right next to Quick Links.

We encourage you to keep up-to-date with all the important school news and announcements by ensuring that the office has your current email address, and by checking the school's home page on a regular basis. Notify the front office staff if you have an email address change.

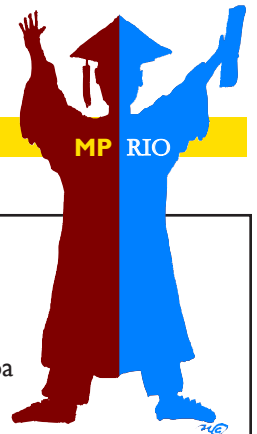
### Notice: Pest Control Schedule

Please remember that our pest control program involves spraying our campus on the third Monday of each month throughout the school year.



# Get a Jump Start on College While in High School

## Rio Salado Dual Enrollment



All students may take high school classes for credits toward college courses. Through Rio Salado, students attend their high school classes and receive college credit.

Important facts about **registering for Fall 2015** Rio classes:

- 1) **Registration begins on August 4th for Fall & Spring classes.** All **paperwork MUST be submitted to Mrs. Pompa, Rio Liaison, in the MP library no later than Friday, August 21st at noon.** This is the **final deadline.**
- 2) You are considered **NEW** to Rio Salado **if:** you did not take a class at MP last year through Rio; you only took Accuplacer tests as pre-requisites for dual enrollment courses; you cannot print an **unofficial college transcript** with grades earned.  
You are a **Returning** student to Rio **if** you took dual enrollment classes at MP **or** with another community college, i.e., South Mountain, Gateway, etc.
- 3) **To enroll, visit [www.riosalado.edu/dual](http://www.riosalado.edu/dual).**  
This site opens on August 4, 2015. Videos are available to watch and will instruct you through the process of enrolling and registering. These videos will answer most, if not all, of the questions you may have on the dual enrollment process.
- 4) Visit [www.my.maricopa.edu](http://www.my.maricopa.edu) to **check your status in the college, to check if you have payments due, and to review/request transcripts.** Follow the directions carefully in order to get your **8-digit Rio Salado ID number.** You will need this 8-digit number to register for your classes. The number will start with a 3.
- 5) Your **MEID** Number is a code that is a mixture of letters and numbers and is used **ONLY** for you to **log into your student account** at the [www.my.maricopa.edu](http://www.my.maricopa.edu) site. **Do NOT use this MEID code for registration.** Make sure you create a password that both you and your parents know in order for you both to check payment status, etc. . You can pay your fall balance through this site as well as set up a payment plan for both semesters.
- 6) **Register for both fall & spring semesters now.**  
Make sure that you register only **ONCE** and **register for all the classes you will be taking this school year.** Take your time and register for Fall and Spring semesters to ensure your "spot" in classes. If you need to **add or drop a class** after you have registered, you **MUST** fill out an add/drop card, available from Mrs. Pompa in the library.
- 7) For year-long classes there is a one-time registration fee of **\$15.00** and you **MUST** pay for the year-long classes in the Fall semester. Year-long classes are given a final grade at the end of the Spring term.
- 8) For semester-long classes there is a fee of **\$15.00** to register for the **Fall** semester, and a fee of **\$15.00** to register for the **Spring** semester. Semester classes are graded at the end of each semester.

### Earn College Credit in High School!

#### Dual Enrollment **DE**

In an arrangement with the Maricopa Community College District through Rio Salado College, students enroll in high school classes that have been approved for credit at the community college level. These courses meet the level of rigor and teachers have met the qualifications required by MCCCDC.

Additionally, students may take classes at community college and transfer credits back to MPHS for high school credit. **Courses must be pre-approved by Mrs. Keller, Registrar.** Seniors must have an official college transcript to MPHS by May 1st of each year to ensure proper credit check for graduation.

#### AA Alert



It is possible for students taking dual enrollment courses to complete a substantial number of credits required toward an Associate in Arts (AA degree).

**For more information, meet with your Guidance Counselor or see Mrs. Keller in the Registrar's Office.**

- 9) There is a specific deadline to pay your tuition. If you have not paid or set up a payment plan with Rio Salado, you will be dropped from your classes! **You MUST check your MEID account for payment and course status!** (See #4 and #5.) Please take note of the e-mails and mail from Rio Salado prior to payment deadlines. The preferred payment plan is to attach payment (check or credit card information) to your registration packet. Tuition per credit hour for the 2015-2016 school year is \$84.00.
- 10) **All financial questions need to be directed to Rio Salado's Cashier's office: 480-517-8334.** Mrs. Pompa **cannot** tell you your account balance, send out tax forms for filing or check your account status. You can check your account status by logging into your account at [www.my.maricopa.edu](http://www.my.maricopa.edu).

### Registration Assistance Available at MP!

**OPTIONAL  
EVENT**

**Saturday, August 8th  
8:00 AM – Noon • Library**

**Copy of current MP student class schedule required**

Representatives from Rio Salado College will be at Mountain Pointe on Saturday, August 8th from 8:00AM to Noon to assist parents and students register for Rio Salado's 2015-2016 dual enrollment classes. This optional registration session will take place in the library (located on the 2nd floor above the gym lobby).

**[www.riosalado.edu/dual](http://www.riosalado.edu/dual)**

# Activities Office

Joe Dominguez

Make a "pointe" to attend some of the many activities taking place at Mountain Pointe during the year!

## Upcoming Events • Fall 2015

Rio Salado Parent/Student Informational Meeting	8:00 am – Noon • Library.....	August 8
Frosh Student Council Election Meeting	7:15 am • C-209.....	August 18
Theatre Performance, "Radium Girls"	7:00 pm • Auditorium.....	August 20–21–22
	3:00 pm • Auditorium.....	August 21
Freshman Office Elections	Both lunches • Cafeteria .....	August 26
Welcome Back Assembly	Assembly Schedule .....	August 28
Club Rush	During lunches.....	September 1–3
Underclass Yearbook Pictures	During English Class • F-228 .....	September 9–10
LHS Induction	6:30 pm • Auditorium.....	September 21
Student One-Acts	6:00 pm • Drama Room .....	September 24
Hall of Fame Ceremony / Game	Gym Lobby/Kiefer Stadium.....	September 25
Fall Band Concert	7:00 pm • Auditorium.....	September 28
Fall Choir Concert	7:00 pm • Auditorium.....	September 30
Homecoming Spirit Week .....	October 12–16	
Assembly, Parade, Tailgate, Game .....	October 16	
Homecoming Dance • 8-11 pm • Gym.....	October 17	
Talent Show	7:00 pm • Auditorium.....	November 5
Club Yearbook Pictures	TBD • F-228 .....	November 10
Fall Dance Concert	7:00 pm • Auditorium.....	November 18-19
Marching Band Echoes Show	5:00 pm • Stadium.....	November 21



Activities calendars may be viewed at  
[www.mphspride.com](http://www.mphspride.com)

## Freshmen Elections Held in August

All freshmen who wish to campaign for a class office **must** pick up an application and attend a **mandatory election meeting** on **August 18th at 7:15am** in room **C-209**. Once applications are submitted, applicants must attend a meeting that explains campaign criteria. **Elections** will be held on **August 26th** during both lunches. Any freshman is eligible to run for an officer position.



## Senior Walk Quickly Approaching ~ Apply Now!

SeniorWalk is a Mountain Pointe tradition that honors Pride seniors who have made outstanding contributions to our Mountain Pointe community. The honorees appear in a special program, have their name placed on the Senior Walk banner and are honored during the Homecoming Assembly and half time at the Homecoming Football Game. Only members of Senior Walk may be nominated for the Homecoming Court.

All of these activities take place in the senior year but to be selected for Senior Walk it takes four years of commitment. As a Senior Walk candidate, you must meet the following criteria:

- 3.25 minimum GPA
- No history of serious or chronic discipline or attendance issues, including Academic Misconduct.
- Involvement in at least 2 school clubs and/or sports and/or activities **each year** at MPHS – get involved there is still time this year to start!
- Documented community service – Must have at least **90 hours over 3 years** with a **minimum of 10 hours documented during freshmen year** and the community service record must reflect volunteering for at least **3 or more organizations** during your four years at MPHS. (Not all community service may be done over the summer but should show a year round involvement.) Check in the Activities Office for opportunities to volunteer.



Last school year 46 outstanding seniors graced the Senior Walk. This year the number is expected to grow with the number of outstanding students in the Class of 2016 who have earned both academic and community service honors.

**Application** can be found at [www.mphspride.com](http://www.mphspride.com). Application forms require students to provide documentation of community service and active participation at school in clubs, sports or activities. Senior Walk applications are evaluated by the Senior Class sponsors, Assistant Principal, and Principal. All qualified seniors are encouraged to apply for this honor. **Remember, Senior Walk is a four-year commitment.**

**Seniors – apply now! Deadline is August 21st.**



## Senior Portrait Information

Southwest Portraits, located at 4450 S. Rural Rd., Suite A210 (Rural Court Office Park), has been selected as the official senior photographer for the yearbook, *Pride's Mark*.

**To be included in the 2015 – 2016 *Pride's Mark* Yearbook, your sitting at Southwest Portraits must be completed by October 21, 2015.** The studio should have already contacted you through the mail with an appointment time. If that appointment is not convenient, please call the studio at **480.222.1199** as soon as possible to reschedule. You may also email the studio at [info@southwestportraits.com](mailto:info@southwestportraits.com) with any questions or concerns.

Southwest Portraits will take a selection of inside and outside photos for the yearbook, but you have the option of taking additional poses to complete your sitting. Please plan to bring **two school appropriate outfits** for the yearbook photos; students who violate the dress code will not be included in the yearbook. There will be two images from your session in the yearbook: a traditional headshot and another 3/4 body portrait; one of the two yearbook images must be outside.

*Pride's Mark* cannot accept senior portraits from any other photographer, but would like to include every senior in the book. So, while you may receive advertisements from other photographers for senior portraits, Southwest Portraits is the only studio authorized to photograph for the 2015 -2016 yearbook. **Please note that there will be no charge for the sittings associated with the senior portraits that will be used in the yearbook.**

Please make every effort to keep your scheduled time because last minute appointments may be difficult to schedule and obtain, and the yearbook staff cannot accept late photos.

If you have questions regarding your senior sitting, please contact Southwest Portraits at your earliest convenience, or visit Southwest Portraits at [www.southwestportraits.com](http://www.southwestportraits.com).



## Senior Portrait



Show your true self.



## School Pictures

### Yearbook Photos

- Underclassmen: Room F-228  
September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>
- Clubs Photos: Auditorium  
November 10<sup>th</sup>
- Underclassmen Retakes:  
Room D-120  
October 20<sup>th</sup>



### Seniors Portraits

- Senior portraits must be taken by **October 2<sup>nd</sup>** at Southwest Portraits.  
Southwest Portraits ~ official photographer  
4450 S. Rural Road • Tempe, AZ 85282 • (480) 222-1199  
(see article on left for more information)
- Cap & Gown Pictures at Mountain Pointe:  
February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>



# PRIDE

## Want Your Photos in the Yearbook?

Download the *Josten's* app, *ReplayIt* for your Smart Phone, or go to [replayit.com](http://replayit.com).

### How to submit photos:

- ▶ Go to: [Replayit.com](http://Replayit.com)
- ▶ Create an account
- ▶ Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload, but remember to **Pause Before you Post**. Before you make a post, ask yourself:
  - Who will be able to see what I post?
  - Will anyone be embarrassed or hurt by it?
  - Am I proud of what I'm posting?
  - How I would feel if someone posted it about me?
- ▶ You will need to choose a category for the photo and tag it with the names of the people in the photos.
- ▶ You will also need to add your name, grade, photo caption information and date taken.
- ▶ Then, finish tagging the photo.



### It's that easy!

If you have questions, please contact [kpinckard@tempeunion.org](mailto:kpinckard@tempeunion.org).

# Attention!

## SENIOR RECOGNITION AD!

Parents, guardians, relatives & friends are invited to congratulate their 2016 graduate in the *Pride's Mark* yearbook. All ads include photos and there are options for every budget.

(1/4 and 1/2 page ads shown on right.)

### Senior Recognition Ad for 2016 Yearbook

Page Size	Page Dimensions	Number of Photos	Number of Words	Price thru August 31	Price after August 31
1/8	2.5" x 4"	1	25 or less	\$45 <sup>00</sup>	\$50 <sup>00</sup>
1/4	4" x 5"	2-3	50 or less	\$90 <sup>00</sup>	\$100 <sup>00</sup>
1/2	5" x 8.5"	4-6	75 or less	\$180 <sup>00</sup>	\$200 <sup>00</sup>
Full	8.5" x 10.5"	8-10	100 or less	\$350 <sup>00</sup>	\$375 <sup>00</sup>

Payment plans are available.

Contact Krystin Pinckard at  
[kpinkard@tempeunion.org](mailto:kpinkard@tempeunion.org) for more information.

All ad payments & info due by Friday, January 15, 2016

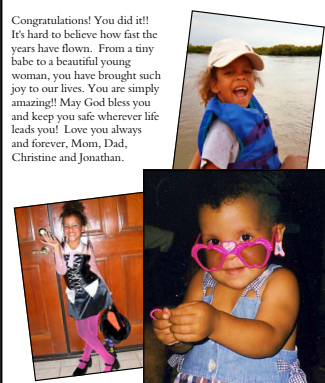
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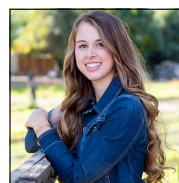
*May you fly higher than you ever dreamed,  
 May you never stop believing in yourself,  
 May you never forget how much you are loved*

Mariah Bell

Congratulations! You did it! It's hard to believe how fast the years have flown. From a tiny babe to a beautiful young woman, you have brought such joy to our lives. You are simply amazing!! May God bless you and keep you safe wherever life leads you! Love you always and forever, Mom, Dad, Christine and Jonathan.



Morgan Keating



CONGRATULATIONS MORGAN!

Wow, how this day came so fast. We are so proud of the smart, beautiful and responsible young woman you have become. We wish you the best and brightest future, and that you enjoy your next "chapter" in life.

WE LOVE YOU ALWAYS,  
 Dad, Mom, Jake and Chase



Senior Ads will be sold at [www.Jostens.com](http://www.Jostens.com). Ads purchased online are customizable. Ads purchased in the bookstore will be designed by students.

# 2015-2016 YEARBOOK

## Pre-Sale Offerings

**Now – 8/31 \$70**  
**9/1 – 3/13 \$75**  
**3/14 – 4/1 \$80**

### Please Note:

- Yearbooks are available in the bookstore & online at [www.jostens.com](http://www.jostens.com) beginning July 1st.
- Payment plans available in the bookstore with a \$10 deposit, but all books must be paid in full by Friday, April 15, 2016.

### For more information:

Contact Krystin Pinckard at:  
[kpinkard@tempeunion.org](mailto:kpinkard@tempeunion.org)

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# Our Pointe



2015 yearbook shown

# PRIDE FALL SPORTS



[www.mphspride.com](http://www.mphspride.com)

Coach	E-mail	Room
Badminton		
Rick Carter	<a href="mailto:rcarter@tempeunion.org">rcarter@tempeunion.org</a>	D-238
Cross Country		
Grant Sinclair	<a href="mailto:gpsinclair1@gmail.com">gpsinclair1@gmail.com</a>	off-campus
Football		
Norris Vaughan	<a href="mailto:nvaughan@tempeunion.org">nvaughan@tempeunion.org</a>	off-campus
Golf ~ Boys		
Tony Ramseyer	<a href="mailto:tramseyer@tempeunion.org">tramseyer@tempeunion.org</a>	F-137
Golf ~ Girls		
Pete Manigold	<a href="mailto:pmanigold@tempeunion.org">pmanigold@tempeunion.org</a>	C-122
Swim & Diving ~ Boys		
Greg Mahon	<a href="mailto:gmahon@musd20.org">gmahon@musd20.org</a>	off-campus
Swim & Diving ~ Girls		
Lisa Mancuso	<a href="mailto:lisa.mancuso@avnet.com">lisa.mancuso@avnet.com</a>	off-campus
Volleyball ~ Girls		
Karen Gray	<a href="mailto:jkgray93@yahoo.com">jkgray93@yahoo.com</a>	off-campus



Tryouts begin on Monday, August 10th.  
Football begins on Monday, July 27th.

Contact the listed Head Coach  
for questions or more information.

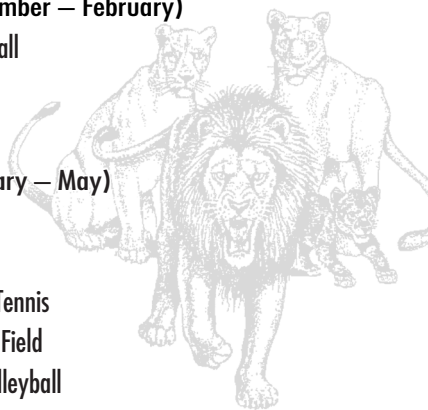
## Be Ready for the Next Season!

### Winter Sports (November – February)

- Boys & Girls Basketball
- Boys & Girls Soccer
- Wrestling

### Spring Sports (February – May)

- Baseball
- Softball
- Boys & Girls Varsity Tennis
- Boys & Girls Track & Field
- Boys JV & Varsity Volleyball



For more information contact the Pride Athletics Office at 480-388.8904.

## Participating in a Sport? Obtain an Equipment Card Now!

Athletes must obtain an equipment card prior to try-out or participation in a sport. To obtain an equipment card, **the following must be submitted** to Barb Neal in the Athletics Office:

- a completed physical packet, including parent signatures
- a receipt from the bookstore for the \$50 activity fee

### First time participants in MP sports must also:

- submit an original, certified state birth certificate
- complete a Brainbook course on the AIA website at [www.AIAcademy.org](http://www.AIAcademy.org)

**All athletes must complete the process** to be cleared by the Athletics Office **no later than Tuesday, August 5th** to try-out for Fall Sports. **No one will be cleared on the first day of practice/tryouts.**

### Athletic Equipment:

All athletic equipment issued to students must be returned to the equipment room or coach immediately after the season ends. Equipment not returned must be paid for by the individual. Athletes with outstanding equipment will not be issued clearance for try-outs or participation for 2015-2016.



## PERFORMANCE

### Capture the Spirit of High School Sports

Mountain Pointe athletic events are great activities for the whole family! Join us for the passion, spirit and sheer drama of high school sports.

**Student, adult and family athletic passes** may be purchased at the Bookstore and are good for **regular season home athletic events only**. Athletic passes cannot be used for admittance to away games, tournaments or AIA events.

Student Season Pass .....	\$45.00
Adult Season Pass .....	\$55.00
Family Season Pass .....	\$150.00
<i>(Entrance for up to six family members per event)</i>	

# GO PRIDE!

# Mountain Pointe Sports Medicine Clinic

Tuesday, July 21st – Thursday, July 23rd  
12:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
MPHS Athletic Training Room

MPHS students interested in learning more about Sports Medicine and Athletic Training are invited to attend the **7th Annual Sports Medicine Clinic**. Students will learn and have hands-on practice in a variety of topics and skills such as:

- ◆ Taping
- ◆ Stretching
- ◆ Rehabilitation exercises
- ◆ Strengthening exercises
- ◆ Football Helmet Pad Removal
- ◆ Shoulder Pad Removal
- ◆ CPR /First Aid
- ◆ Spine board
- ◆ Emergency Action Plan
- ◆ Heat Illness
- ◆ Concussions

**Cost of camp is \$25 per student – includes a CPR card**

**Suggested attire is athletic shorts, t-shirt, and tennis shoes.** Appropriate clothing is needed for physical movement.

**Please send completed form and payment before July 17th to:**

Mountain Pointe Sports Medicine Club  
4201 E. Knox Road  
Phoenix, AZ 85044

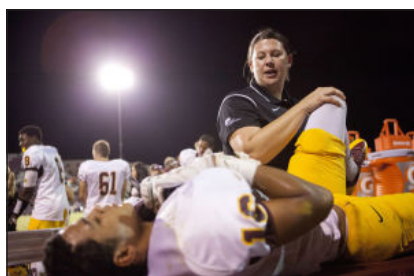


*Make checks payable to TUHSD. Phone number, student name and ID number MUST be included on check. Cash will not be accepted.*

**Questions?** Email Jess Pierce at [jpierce@tempeunion.org](mailto:jpierce@tempeunion.org).

## MP Sports Medicine Clinic 2015

Name	Grade
Address	
City	Zip
Phone	Email



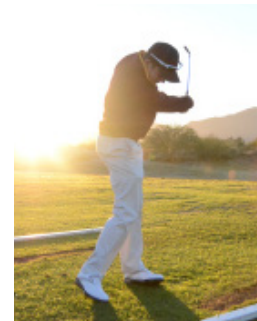
Mountain Pointe Athletic Trainer Jess Pierce stretches a player's hamstring during a Varsity football game.

# Grab Your Clubs.... Boys Golf Season Begins Soon

Mountain Pointe's Boys' Golf Team will be having **tryouts for the 2015 season** beginning **August 10th at 3:00 PM** at the Foothills Golf Course. Coach Ramseyer welcomes any young men planning to attend Mountain Pointe High School this fall to try out.

### Requirements for tryouts are as follows:

- Obtain an equipment card from the Athletics Office prior to the first day of tryouts.
- Proper golf attire must be worn at all times. This includes a collared shirt and golf shorts or slacks. Jeans and long, baggy shorts are not allowed.
- Bring your own set of golf clubs.
- Be ready to have some fun!



There is an optional **GOLF CAMP** available **July 27th & 28th** at the Foothills Golf Course. For details, check out our website at [www.mphsboysgolf.org](http://www.mphsboysgolf.org).

High school golf is very competitive in Arizona. Many of the young golfers are participating in the JGAA tournaments or Southwest Junior PGV tournaments throughout the summer. Practice and play golf as much as possible this summer.

**Questions?** If you have any questions regarding the MPHS Boys' Golf team, please contact Coach Ramseyer at (480) 759-8449 ext. 50553 or [tramseyer@tempeunion.org](mailto:tramseyer@tempeunion.org).

# MPHSPRIDE.COM



## season opener

Pride vs. Padres

Friday, August 21 • 7:00pm • Marcos de Niza

# Mountain Pointe Guidance Center

Mountain Pointe students are helped by some of the best counselors around! The counselor/student ratio in the Tempe Union High School District is 450:1. Mrs. Ricki Cassutt will be taking care of the guidance needs of all of the students that score in the top 3 percentile in the areas of verbal, mathematical, or abstract reasoning on aptitude testing. All other Mountain Pointe students are assigned by their graduation year and will be assisted by the support personnel listed below. Feel free to contact your student's counselor by email with any questions or concerns.

## Students are assigned to a counselor by their graduation year as follows:

Student Group	Name	E-mail	Voice Mail
Class of 2016	Steve Mancuso	smancuso@tempeunion.org	ext. 50134
Class of 2017	Sonia Salazar, Dept. Chair	ssalazar@tempeunion.org	ext. 50137
Class of 2018	Erin Smith	ersmith@tempeunion.org	ext. 50138
Class of 2019	Bryan Sabato	bsabato@tempeunion.org	ext. 50136
Gifted Students	Ricki Cassutt	rcassutt@tempeunion.org	ext. 50133
At-Risk Students	Tim O'Neil	toneil@tempeunion.org	ext. 50135
Student Support	Danielle Saffer	dsaffer@tempeunion.org	ext. TBA

## Additional Guidance Department Service and Support:

Specialized Area	Name	E-mail	Voice Mail
Guidance Assistant	Deb Perez	dperez@tempeunion.org	ext. 50132
Records & Transcripts	Kim Davidson	kdauidson@tempeunion.org	ext. 50130

## Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. What are the hours of the MPHS Guidance Center?**
- A.** The Guidance Center is open every school day from 7:15 am until 3:15 pm.
- Q. How do I know who my counselor is?**
- A.** Students are assigned to a counselor by grade level. See chart above.
- Q. How can I see my counselor?**
- A.** Students/Parents can make an appointment with Mrs. Perez. Walk-in hours are available before school, after school or during lunch. Students may NOT come see their counselor during class time unless it is an emergency.
- Q. What if I have an emergency and my counselor is not available?**
- A.** A response counselor is available every day who can help any student or parent that walks in with an emergency. There is an At-Risk counselor available each day to assist with those students in crisis as.
- Q. How do I get information about colleges, careers, scholarships, or any other guidance information?**
- A.** Throughout the year, counselors provide relevant information to all grade levels. Freshmen presentations cover completing a four year plan; Sophomore, Junior and Senior presentations include career assessments, scholarship websites and deadlines, (testing) PSAT, ASVAB, ACT and SAT information, university, community college and vocational information. Students and parents should also review Mr. Kipper's weekly email updates for the most up-to-date information.



## Scheduling an Appointment

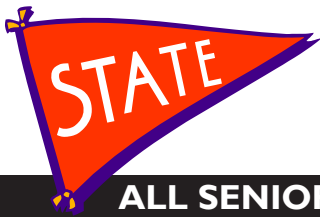
Deb Perez, Guidance Assistant  
480.759.8449 ext. 50132

Mountain Pointe Counselors will be happy to make an appointment with a student or parent.

- Students may come to the Guidance Department counter to make an appointment with their counselor for the following school day.
- Parents are welcome to contact the Guidance Assistant to make an appointment during the school day or email the assigned counselor to make an appointment before or after school.
- The Guidance Department uses the Response Counselor of the Day model for any emergency or immediate need. This counselor rotates each day of the week and is on call—waiting to respond to your immediate need. Contact the Guidance Assistant to connect with the response counselor of the day who can assist you.

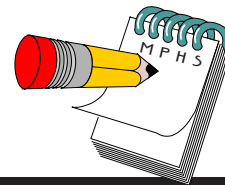
## Visit Us Online

Find the most up-to-date information on the Guidance tab at [www.mphspride.com](http://www.mphspride.com).



# College Information

Mark your calendars with the following dates.



## ALL SENIORS & PARENTS

### Senior Parent College Information Night

Monday, August 17, 2015

Auditorium • Before Open House

Learn about the college application process, scholarship opportunities, and Q/A time! Receive the same information Seniors will receive in the Senior English classes on August 20-22. Be in the same loop that your Senior should be in! Hopefully ALL of your questions will be answered!

### In-State College Night for All MP and DV Seniors and Parents

Monday, September 21, 2015

MP Auditorium • 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

If your Senior is going to college next year, this is an important event to attend. This night is an excellent opportunity for Seniors and their Parents to get information from the In-State University and Community College Representatives. Pick-up the necessary applications, learn about important admissions dates, financial aid and/or scholarship deadlines, tour information, etc. You will be glad you attended this event with your student!

### Out-of-State College Info – Greater Phoenix College Fair

Saturday, October 10, 2015

Phoenix Convention Center • 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Free and open to the public. Students interact with admission representatives from a wide range of postsecondary institutions. Visit [www.nacacnet.org](http://www.nacacnet.org) for more information.

### On Campus College Visitations & Scholarship Sessions

During both lunches and Academic Lab

Our local community colleges and universities plus many out of state colleges visit our Mountain Pointe campus **during both lunches** and during **AcLab on Tuesdays and Thursdays** throughout the school year. The college representatives welcome interested students and parents to take advantage of these MPHS campus visits. The visits are announced each day and visitation dates are posted in the Guidance Center and in Senior English classrooms.

### \$\$\$ Scholarships \$\$\$

Mrs. Salazar and Mr. Mancuso coordinate scholarship information. Please see one of them to get information on scholarships as they are updated on a weekly basis. They can't do the work for you, but they would love to help you begin the process.

## SENIORS & JUNIORS, TOO!

### SAT & ACT Testing

In order to apply to a four-year university, students must take the SAT and/or the ACT. Determine which test that the university to which you are applying prefers and sign up online ASAP. **Seniors** should take the **first available** test and **Juniors** should take one of the **Spring** tests.

Go to the following website for SAT/ACT test dates, information, and registration for 2015-2016.

**SAT** [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

**ACT** [www.actstudent.org](http://www.actstudent.org)

**Note:** Mountain Pointe High School's code for online registration purposes is 030307.

**Online registration is highly recommended ~ visit the websites to register.** Students who need special accommodations for testing or fee waivers should see their assigned counselor in Guidance for the necessary forms to be filed prior to registration. **Students who do not have proper forms filed with the testing organization will not receive special accommodations on test days.**

Students are strongly advised to take the practice test before testing to become familiar with the test format. These practice tests are provided with the registration materials or are available on the websites listed above.

**Note:** SAT and ACT scores are not currently recorded on Tempe Union High School transcripts. Send scores directly to the universities when the test is taken.

### ASVAB Testing

Friday, November 6, 2015

MP Auditorium • Time TBA

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery is the most widely used multiple-aptitude test battery in the world. As an aptitude test, the ASVAB measures your strengths, weaknesses, and potential for future success. The ASVAB also provides you with career information for various civilian and military occupations and is an indicator for success in future endeavors whether you choose to go to college, vocational school, or a military career.



College and testing information continued on next page.

## JUNIORS & HONORS SOPHOMORES

### PSAT/NMSQT Test

(Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test)

Saturday, September 26, 2015

8:00 AM – Noon • MPHS Room TBA

The PSAT/NMSQT measures skills that are important for success in college – verbal reasoning, critical reading, math problem-solving, and writing. Taking the PSAT/NMSQT enables students to:

- Practice for SAT (college admissions tests)
- Seek information from colleges
- Receive feedback about critical academic skills
- As a Junior, enter the scholarship competition conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NSMC) if the necessary qualifying scores are achieved

More information and practice for the PSAT is available at: [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

# Check it out!

[www.mphspride.com](http://www.mphspride.com)

Click on Guidance 

## Additional Informative Websites

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

Tempe Union High School District.  
Point to “Students” to find scholarship information

[www.azcis.intocareers.org](http://www.azcis.intocareers.org)

User name: mtpointehs Password: 4azcis02  
A great college and career website posted by the State of Arizona

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

Registration, practice, and information regarding the SATs, PSAT and AP program and exams

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

Registration and information regarding the ACT

[www.ncaaclearinghouse.net](http://www.ncaaclearinghouse.net)

Registration for athletes in the junior year

[www.armedforcescareers.com](http://www.armedforcescareers.com)

Military information



## Recommendation Packets Available in Guidance Center

Mountain Pointe Counselors are happy to write a recommendation for college, scholarship, or job purposes. Students can pick up a **Counselor Recommendation Packet** in the MPHS Guidance Center. After completing the packet, students need to make an appointment with their counselor to submit the packet, specific details, deadlines, etc. Students must provide an addressed, stamped envelope with each recommendation letter.

**NOTE:** Please **allow two weeks** for letters to be written. All requests for university applications and recommendations **must be submitted** to your guidance counselor **by November 1st**.

## More Important Dates Fall 2015



Meet the Teacher Night .....	August 17
Gifted Senior Selective College Informational Night .....	August 25
PSATs .....	October - date TBA
AzMerit Testing .....	October 26 – December 4
ASVAB .....	November 6
Open House for Current 8th Graders .....	November 11

## ECAP Program at MPHS



*“Goals are dreams we convert to plans and take action to fulfill.”*

– Zig Ziglar

Mountain Pointe High School uses the Kuder Career Planning System to build a comprehensive career plan, beginning with our freshman students. ECAP (Arizona Education and Career Action Plan) and Kuder will enable students to track career goals through interest and skill inventories, track academic and postsecondary education goals by creating an individualized academic plan, and track extracurricular activity goals by documenting participation in student organizations, activities, and sports. ECAP powered by Kuder will assist your son or daughter in all aspects of career exploration, career research, and education planning.



**Parents,** you have a vital role in this plan! You will be able to help your son or daughter explore careers, develop education plans through high school and beyond based on their career goals, compare schools that offer training for specific career fields and apply for scholarships.

# Mountain Pointe High School

## Student Dress Code

The dress code policy at Mountain Pointe was created by a committee of parents, students, teachers and school officials who had their eye on creating a positive and safe learning environment for all. They agreed that school pride, morale and image are directly influenced by the general appearance of our students. This set of guidelines allows freedom of choice for our students to express themselves within the set parameters listed below.

### School Pride, Morale and Image

It is the belief of the faculty and administration that school pride, morale and image are influenced by the general appearance of our students. Additionally, Mountain Pointe High School expects student dress and grooming to reflect high standards of personal conduct so that each student's attire promotes a positive, safe, and healthy atmosphere within our school.

A set of guidelines has been created by a committee of parents, students, teachers and school officials. We want to provide the freedom for students to express themselves within the set of parameters listed below.

### Dress Code Guidelines

- Jeans, pants and trousers must be worn at the waist area and not drag excessively on the ground. Sagging is not allowed.
- Shorts and skirts must pass the "pointer finger" rule, which means that they may be not shorter than where the student's pointer finger touches the leg when the arm is hanging straight down.
- Pants, shorts or skirts must cover underwear at all times. Underwear may not show (boxers, briefs, thongs, bras, etc.) and underwear and sleepwear worn as outerwear (i.e. camisoles, men's undershirts, or pajama pants) is not permitted.
- Clothing must cover the abdomen, back, chest and genital areas. Tops exposing cleavage are prohibited. Tops must meet the top waistband of pants, shorts and skirts. See through clothing is not permitted.
- Shoes must be worn at all times according to Arizona State law. For safety, shoes must have an outdoor sole (i.e. no bedroom slippers).
- Sunglasses may not be worn in school buildings.
- **Not permitted:**  
Strapless tops, tube tops, racer backs, halter tops, or one-strap tops. Straps must be at least two fingers in width and/or 1 3/4" wide covering all undergarments and the armholes are no lower than 2 inches below the armpit.  
Attire or accessories which advertise, display, and/or promote drugs, alcohol, tobacco, gang activity, violence, sexual activity, disrespect, lewd, vulgar, or obscene language, and/or bigotry toward any group or person.

### Head Coverings

- No head or hair coverings may be worn in school buildings.
- Exceptions may be made for uniforms, formal attire or costumes *with* administrator approval.

### Student and Parent Responsibility

Students and their parents/guardians have the responsibility to be aware of the school's specific dress code and to conform to these requirements. If a student or parent has any questions about whether specific attire or accessories are in compliance with this Dress Code, they should contact an Assistant Principal prior to wearing such attire or accessory to ensure compliance.

### MPHS Responsibility

On campus, the faculty, staff and administration have the responsibility to interpret and enforce this policy. The administration retains the final discretion to determine that the garment or accessory meets the dress code.

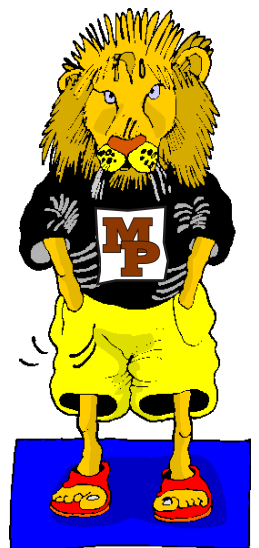
### Consequences

Any student violating this policy is subject to disciplinary action including, but not limited to, after-school detention, in-school suspension, parent conference and short-term or long-term suspension.

In addition, the student will remove the garment or accessory and replace it with an appropriate alternative provided by the school or parent.

Dress  
with  
respect!

Revised: 06.05.14







# Information from the Health Office

Marsha Neal, RN, BBA • mneal@tempeunion.org  
(480) 388.8911 • FAX (480) 388-8998 • www.mphspride.com



## Eat a Healthy Breakfast & Drink Water

Please encourage your student to eat and drink something before coming to school. Many times students come in with upset stomachs, headaches, or dizziness, and it is because they have not eaten and/or are not hydrated. Having a healthy breakfast will help them be successful at school.

Students are also encouraged to carry water bottles. Refill water stations are available on campus to use throughout the day.

## PE Excuses and Injuries

If your child is injured in PE at school they need to report it immediately to the teacher in charge at the time. If indicated they will be sent to the School Nurse. If a student is unable to participate in PE for any reason, the student must bring a parent note to the nurse explaining why the student cannot participate. After 3 days, a doctor note is **REQUIRED** per district policy if your child still cannot participate in PE.

If your child is injured in sports, they need to report it immediately to the coach and trainer, **NOT** the school nurse.

## Illness

**PLEASE** do not send your child to school if they have a fever (over 100), a severe sore throat, vomiting, a red eye, or anything contagious or infectious! Call the Attendance line at 480-388-8989 and keep them home to rest and if symptoms don't improve, take them to the doctor! It is **imperative** that we keep the spread of germs to a minimum in our school!

## Immunizations

If you receive a letter in the mail about your child needing immunizations, please contact the nurse right away and let her know whether or not your child has had the shot, or when you are planning to get it. Certain immunizations are required by the State of Arizona to attend school. We take this very seriously!

## Health Office Information & Forms

Visit the Health Office page on the school website for information and required forms. Please contact the nurse with concerns or questions.

## Medical Conditions

If you receive paperwork in the mail regarding a medical condition that your child has, please take it to your child's doctor and return it to the nurse as soon as possible! The district requires that students with certain medical conditions have paperwork on file in the nurse's office.

## Medications at School

Student **MAY NOT** carry any kind of medications at school with three exceptions which are as follows:

- Diabetic Supplies / Insulin
- Epipen for Life Threatening Allergy
- Asthma Rescue Inhaler

If a student has any of these three conditions the School Nurse **must** have paperwork on file in the nurse's office.

## Over the Counter Medications

The **only way** the school nurse can administer medications at school is if we follow district policy which requires the following:

**Parent must bring to nurse:**

1. a **sealed** container of the medication that the parent chooses for their child with their child's name written on it
- AND**
2. a completed medication permission form **signed** by a parent/guardian.

***This is the only way that the school nurse can administer medications at school.***

## Contact Information

Please keep the front desk informed of any address or phone number changes. The nurse must be able to reach a parent/guardian during school hours if your child is in the nurse's office. This is impossible to do if contact information is not updated. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

## Stay Hydrated ~ Water Bottle Refill Stations Available On Campus

Multiple water stations are available around MPHS for use in refilling water bottles. Students are allowed to bring water bottles into our carpeted classrooms where fountain drinks, sports drinks, coffee and other non-water beverages are **NOT** allowed. The stations allow the Pride campus to be more environmentally friendly while helping to keep up the appearances of our classrooms. The refill stations can be found in the main office and various other locations on both floors throughout the campus.





# Annual Notification to Parents Regarding Confidentiality of Student Education Records and School Directory Information



## Tempe Union High School District

Confidentiality of education records is a right of public school students and their parents. This right is provided for by two federal laws, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), and the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). Under these laws, education records means those records that are: (1) directly related to a student; and (2) maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a party acting for the agency or institution. Of course, education records are maintained on every child enrolled in a public school. The types of information gathered and maintained includes, but is not limited to: the student's and parents' names, address and telephone number; the student's date and place of birth, date of enrollment in the school, records from previous schools attended, attendance record, subjects taken, grades, school activities, assessment results, number of credits earned, immunization records, disciplinary records, if any, correspondence from parents, and child find and other screening results, including hearing and vision screening results.

In addition, for children with disabilities, education records could include, among other things, evaluation and testing materials, medical and health information, each annual Individualized Education Program (IEP), notices to parents, notes regarding IEP meetings, parental consent documents, information provided by parents, progress reports, assessment results, materials related to disciplinary actions, and mediation agreements.

The information is gathered from a number of sources including the student's parents and staff of the school of attendance. Also, with parental permission, information may be gathered from additional sources including doctors and other health care providers.

This information is collected to assure proper identification of a student and the student's parents and the maintenance of accurate records of the student's progress and activities in school. For children with disabilities, additional information is collected in order to assure the child is identified, evaluated, and provided a Free Appropriate Public Education in accordance with state and federal special education laws.

Each agency participating under Part B of IDEA must assure that at all stages of gathering, storing, retaining and disclosing education records to third parties that it complies with the federal confidentiality laws. In addition, the destruction of any education records of a child with a disability must be in accordance with IDEA regulatory requirements.

The federal Family Policy Compliance Office of the U.S. Department of Education has provided the following notice of parent's rights under FERPA. In accordance with IDEA, the rights of the parents regarding education records are transferred to the student at age 18.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age (eligible students) certain rights with respect to the student's education records. They are:

- (1) The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access.

Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal (or appropriate school official) a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The principal will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

- (2) The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading.

Parents or eligible students may ask a school district to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading.

If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing .

- (3) The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.

One exception which permits disclosure without consent is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the school board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

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A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, a school may disclose education records, without consent, to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll, if the school states in its annual notification of FERPA rights that it forwards records on request.

- (4) The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by a school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA is.

Family Policy Compliance Office                      202-260-3887 Voice  
U.S. Department of Education                      1-800-877-8339 TDD  
400 Maryland Avenue S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20202-4605

A school may designate information in education records as directory information and may disclose it without parent consent, unless notified that the school is not to disclose the information without consent. The law defines directory information as follows:

The student's name, address, telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and awards received, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

Notice of these rights is available, upon request, on audiotape, in Braille, and in languages other than English. You may contact the Arizona Dept. of Education at 602-542-3111.

## Child Find

It is the Tempe Union High School District's responsibility to inform the general public and all parents within our boundaries of our responsibility to make available special education services for students with disabilities aged 3 through 21 years and how to access those services. In addition, we have a responsibility to provide information regarding early intervention services for children birth through 2 years.

We are responsible for identifying, locating, and evaluating all children with disabilities including children aged 3 through 21, and for referring children from birth through 2 years of age to Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) for evaluation and appropriate services.

We are also responsible for providing a free and appropriate public education (FAPE), which includes special education and related services to children with disabilities at public expense, under public supervision and direction and without charge to the parents.

For all new students to the district, the classroom teacher will be asked to complete screening forms within 45 days of enrollment. The teacher will look at the child's ability in the areas of academics, vision, hearing, adaptive, communication, social/emotional and motor skills. If any concerns are noted the child may be referred for additional help.

Children birth through 2 years of age who are receiving early intervention services and will be participating in preschool programs for children with disabilities will be assured of a smooth transition into that program. We will ensure that:

1. Transition conferences for children aged 2 years 6 months to 2 years, 9 months will be held;
2. By the child's 3rd birthday an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Individualized Family Service Plan (IFSP) will be developed and implemented; and
3. For the child who turns 3 during the summer, the IEP team will determine the date for services to begin including eligibility for Extended School Year (ESY) services.

For students age 3 to 5, the students are referred to the district of residence. That district is required to screen and/or evaluate the child within the state prescribed timelines. Our district is responsible to use the Arizona Child Find Tracking Form and submit it to the district of residence within two working days of the date of initial referral. These forms can be obtained from the district office, Educational Services Department or from the Social worker assigned to your campus.

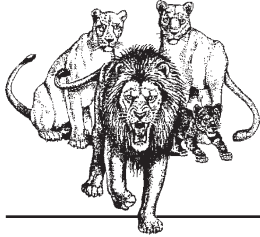
If you have concerns about your student or would like additional information, contact one of the following:

- District Educational Services Department ..... (480) 839-0292, ext. 12031
- Mountain Pointe Guidance Center ..... (480) 759-8449, ext. 50132
- Mountain Pointe Special Education Department..... (480) 759-8449, ext. 50145



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If you wish to designate your child to receive funds for an activity, write in his/her name. \_\_\_\_\_

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Please fill out all items. This information will be supplied to the Arizona Department of Revenue. A receipt will be mailed to the recipient for tax filing purposes. Include current information.

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