



POINTES OF PRIDE

A Mountain Pointe High School Communication



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Dear Pride Families,

JUNE 2023

It has been a wonderful year here at Mountain Pointe! It is with great enthusiasm that I write to you from the office of Principal of this amazing school and community. I am excited to lead with “pride” and hope that your summer is off to a great start with planned time for family, fun, and relaxation.

The 2022-2023 school year saw our students and staff again recognized for outstanding achievement. Many accolades were earned throughout the year. We had 2 State Championships this past year: Marching Band and Boys Track. Congratulations to both groups! We also had 11 students graduate in 2023 that earned their Associate of Arts degree from Rio Salado Community College. These students took advantage of the Dual Enrollment Program during high school and got a jump start on their college studies. The class of 2022 saw \$8.8 million of scholarship offers and 80% of the graduating class is moving on to post-secondary education. In addition, 16 students earned a Seal of Biliteracy and another 13 students received a Seal of Arts from the state of Arizona. Social Studies teacher Mr. Max Pincus was recognized as Teacher of the Year by the Tempe Diablos in May. These are just a few of the many accomplishments this year by the Pride. There is so much to be proud of here at Mountain Pointe!

Just as important as the continued high level of academic achievement, is the tradition of giving back and serving the community that our students have established. The class of 2023 immersed themselves in the attitude of helping others. Our clubs and athletic teams are involved in activities that give back to the community. The staff at Mountain Pointe High School are extremely proud of all of our students and their hard work.

As we transition to a new school year, we are welcoming a new Assistant Principal of Activities, Mr. Don Baker, a new Dean of Students, Mr. Orlando Rodriguez, and a new Academic Interventionist, Ms. Marisol Blackmon. These three individuals will be joining the administrative team this year. Please welcome them to the Pride!!

Welcome class of 2027 and to all of those transferring to Mountain Pointe! When you enter Mountain Pointe High School you will feel the tradition of “purpose, pride, and performance”. Those that have walked the halls before have set a standard of excellence. As members of the Pride, it is your responsibility to raise that level even higher. Reach for success, we are here to help you. I look forward to building a positive relationship with all of our students and families.

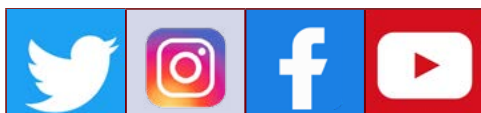
Please read through the newsletter in its entirety as it contains information to provide for a smooth transition back into the school year. Resource distribution will begin on Thursday, July 6 (information can be found on page 3 of this newsletter). If you are not following our social media accounts, please do so immediately. There is lots of amazing information and great news about MPHS on MP Facebook, MP Instagram, and MP Twitter.

School begins Wednesday, July 19 at 8AM and learning takes place the first day of class. We will not be on early release the first day of school. It will be a normal full day schedule. Our bell schedule has not changed for this year. School begins at 8AM and will end at 3PM. See you all then. Remember, my door is always open.

Sincerely,

Tomika Banks,
Principal

Stay
IN THE KNOW
Follow us!



WEDNESDAY
07 19 23
1ST DAY
of school!
2023-2024
 Full school day; NOT an Early Release Wednesday

MOUNTAIN POINTE HIGH SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION TEAM



Tomika Banks
Principal

- ◆ Administrative and Instructional Leader for the campus
- ◆ School vision & direction
- ◆ Liaison to:
 - Science department
 - IEP Services department
- ◆ Parent information dissemination



Shoshana Cleary
Assistant Principal
– Academics –

- ◆ Registration and class scheduling
- ◆ Graduation
- ◆ Liaison to:
 - CTE department
 - English department
 - Guidance department
 - Office Staff
- ◆ 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Leader of Learning
- ◆ Major Discipline issue for all students with last names P–Z



Don Baker
Assistant Principal
– Activities –

- ◆ Extra Curricular Activities
- ◆ Freshman Year Experience Program
- ◆ Liaison to:
 - Fine Arts department
 - Math department
 - World Languages department
 - Booster Organizations
 - Facility Reservations
 - Bookstore
 - Parking
 - Library
- ◆ 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Leader of Learning
- ◆ Major Discipline issues with students with last names A–G



Aaron Frana
Assistant Principal
– Athletics –

- ◆ Athletics and Coaches
- ◆ Leads School Safety and Preparedness team
- ◆ Liaison to:
 - Physical Education department
 - Social Studies department
 - Maintenance
 - Security
- ◆ 3rd point of contact for the areas above after working with the teacher and Leader of Learning
- ◆ Major Discipline issues for all students with last names H–O



Orlando Rodriguez
Dean of Students

- ◆ MINOR conflict and discipline issues with all students
- ◆ 2nd point of contact for behavior and student conflicts



DEPARTMENT LEADERS

Academic Support

- ◆ 2nd level of contact for classroom concerns
- ◆ Contact these individuals only after working directly with your teen's teacher:

CTE/ Business	Tamara Reichert
English	Toby Greer
IEP Services	Erin Preston
Mathematics	Jack Vermeer
Performing & Visual Arts	Kim Bonagofski
Physical Education/Health	Jeff Decker
Science	Chandra Mitnik
Social Studies	Sergio Holguin
World Languages	Erica Shelton

Resource Distribution

for the 2023-2024 school year!



Students – Please attend resource distribution on your designated day as listed below.

Grade 9 ♦ 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

LAST NAME	DAY	DATE
A – Z	Thursday	July 6

Grades 10-12 ♦ 8:30 AM - 1:30 PM

LAST NAME	DAY	DATE
A – K	Friday	July 7
L – Z	Monday	July 10

NEW STUDENTS!

In addition to Resource Distribution, all students **NEW** to Mountain Pointe should attend **Pride Prep** on **Tuesday, July 11th**. See next page for details!

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. I already have a TUHSD laptop. Do I need to attend Resource Distribution?

A. If you do not need to conduct any other business, you do not need to attend. (see top right, "Should I Attend")

Q. Can I attend without a parent?

A. Yes. However, if you need to make any purchases, please plan accordingly. See acceptable payment options on right (under "Optional Purchases").

Q. Can I obtain a new ID card once school begins?

A. Yes. Visit the library before school, during your lunch, or after school any day to obtain a new ID card. ID cards will not be made during class time.

Q. Can I make optional purchases once school begins?

A. Yes. Visit the bookstore before school, during your lunch, or after school. Students will not be waited on during class time.

Why should I attend?



- ✓ Obtain a required **TUHSD laptop** (see additional laptop info below)
- ✓ Pay for a student **Parking Pass** (apply online; see page 11)
- ✓ Purchase an **Athletic Pass** (see info below)
- ✓ Obtain a free **Student ID card** (photo will be taken)
- ✓ Pick up a **PE uniform, weight training shirt, or yoga shirt**
- ✓ **Dual Enrollment** info available
- ✓ Purchase a 2023-2024 **yearbook** (available online beginning July 5th @ www.jostens.com)
- ✓ Settle **outstanding debts**: return laptops, textbooks, library books and English class novels; **Pay fees**, if applicable.

Student Laptops

Already have a TUHSD Laptop?

Students who currently have a school laptop checked out will keep the laptop for their duration at Mountain Pointe.



Students **MUST** have a TUHSD laptop

All students will be **required to utilize a district-issued laptop** while in school. See "Technology Update" on next page for important changes beginning in July.

Laptop Protection Plan Highly Recommended

All students are highly encouraged to purchase the **School Laptop Protection Plan** at the affordable price of only \$30 per school year. See link included below in Optional Purchases.

Laptops must be returned upon graduation and/or withdrawal from Mountain Pointe.

Optional Purchases

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

OPTIONAL PURCHASES		
FEES	PRICE	NOTE
Yearbook	\$75 <i>increases after August 18</i>	Available online at www.jostens.com
Parking Permit	\$80 July 6–12 <i>Permit is required to park on campus</i>	One-time yearly fee
	\$100 after July 12 <i>Pro-rated 2nd semester</i>	Application required to obtain permit
Student Athletic Pass <i>*printed on ID card</i>	\$25 <i>*purchase BEFORE getting new ID card</i>	Valid for regular season, HOME athletic events only.
School Laptop Protection Plan	\$30 per year <i>Find details in the Student Laptop Handbook (see right)</i>	Visit: tempeunion.org > Student > Student Handbooks

Technology Update

Laptops & Personal Devices



As we begin the 2023-2024 school year on **July 19th**, our District IT team will be implementing an **important change to student device usage**.

- Students will **no longer** be able to use **personal laptops or tablets** during class time.
- Students will only have **access to the internet on their personal devices** through the District's WiFi **outside of class time**.

District-Issued Laptop Required for All Students



Requiring students to use district-issued laptops will ensure student machines have the required resources, ease the process of state testing, prevent distractions during instructional time, and contribute to overall heightened network security.

Additionally, applications and other software used by students are licensed to TUHSD and installed remotely. Installation of these applications are not permitted on computers not purchased by Tempe Union High School District.

We appreciate your support of these new initiatives as we continue to expand the ways that we use technology in the classroom.

Laptop Protection Plan

Tempe Union offers a Laptop Protection Plan (LPP) to students for a very reasonable annual fee. **The LPP will minimize the potential repair and/or replacement costs associated with the laptop.**

LPP IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED!

Enrollment in LPP requires a **\$30 annual fee**, payable through the TUHSD Bookstore online portal: [Click HERE](#).

Once logged in, find and select the option to pay the \$30.00 annual fee associated with the Laptop Protection Program. You may also pay in person at the Mountain Pointe Bookstore during Resource Distribution (see page 3).

PLEASE NOTE:

Families/students who choose **NOT to purchase** the Laptop Protection Plan **are responsible for 100 percent of all repair and replacement costs** for their borrowed laptop.

REPLACEMENT & REPAIR FEES:

In addition to a \$20 assessment fee, replacement/repairs costs will be applied towards the students account. Fee must be paid prior to graduation and/or withdrawing from TUHSD.

STUDENT LAPTOP HANDBOOK:

Find more information in the TUHSD Student Laptop Handbook. [CLICK HERE](#).

PRIDE PREP NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS & THEIR FAMILIES!

If this is your first time attending Mountain Pointe, please join us!

TUESDAY, JULY 11

A-L * 8:00 -11:00 AM

M-Z * 1:00-4:00 PM

- ★ Meet other new students
- ★ Family Informational Sessions
- ★ Talk with Administrators
- ★ Tour campus
- ★ Learn about:
 - ★ Clubs & Activities
 - ★ Athletics
 - ★ and more!

**RSVP
by July 7**



[Scan QR or click here](#)

Questions? Contact Marisol Blackmon
mblackmon@tempeunion.org



Shoshana Cleary • Asst. Principal - Academics

Student Schedule Information

- **Student will receive a list of their classes** during Resource Distribution (see page 3 for details). Keep in mind that **this is not an official schedule**.
- **Schedules** will be available on ParentVUE and StudentVUE on **Tuesday, July 18th**. Students should have access to their schedule via their phone through StudentVUE.
- **Freshmen** will receive initial schedules during Pride Prep, New Student Orientation. **Please note:** these schedules may change before the first day of school. Check StudentVUE and/or ParentVUE on the Sunday before school starts for any last-minute changes.
- **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!

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, administrators, and community members. 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 and occasional outside research.

Meetings will be held **the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:30–5:30 pm** (unless otherwise posted) in the **Family Resource Center**, located in the Counseling Center.

If you are interested in serving on Site Council, please contact Principal Banks at tbanks@tempeunion.org.



Credits Earned Outside of TUHSD

All credits earned outside of Tempe Union High School District require counselor approval **PRIOR** to enrollment in the non-TUHSD institution (i.e. Primavera, Pinnacle, MCC, etc.). Questions? Please contact your student's counselor.

Curriculum Night Meet the Faculty of MPHS

Monday, August 7 • 6:00 pm

Curriculum Night for the 2023-2024 school year will be held on **Monday, August 7 beginning at 6:00 pm**. Following a brief opening led by Principal Banks, 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.

Details will be communicated to parents and available in August on our school website at www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe.

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.

Advisory Assists in Student Achievement

"Advisory" goes hand in hand with our high learning expectations. During Advisory time, students will remain in their 2nd period class every Wednesday for 30 minutes. All staff will focus on ACT prep, social and emotional wellness and goal setting.

Advisory

- begins right after 2nd period
- lasts 30 minutes (9:31 - 10:01)
- held on Wednesdays



Rules during Advisory

- Students must be in designated areas at all times.
- Appropriate bells will be set up so students will know when to be in designated labs. Bells apply to ALL students.
- Phones and other prohibited electronic devices will NOT be allowed during Advisory.
- Make-up tests should be made available to students before or after school.
- Off campus passes will not be issued during Advisory (Parents please consider this when making outside appointments).

No Student Deliveries Accepted

- No food / drinks
- No flowers
- No balloons
- No money
- No personal items
- No phone messages



Students may NOT accept deliveries on campus. The front office, security and staff will NOT accept deliveries on behalf of students.

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.





Mountain Pointe High School

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
7:15 AM – 3:45 PM





Attendance Pointes

Mountain Pointe is a CLOSED campus. Students may not leave campus during school hours without a parent/guardian contacting the front office.



Request an Off-Campus Pass

CALL IN ADVANCE!

If you call 30+ minutes ahead of the student's departure time, your wait time on campus is drastically reduced.

- Dial (480) 759.8449 (Parent/Guardian only)
 - Enter ext. 1
then select:
1 – to request an off campus pass
- After message & tone, please clearly state the following information:**
- Student ID Number
 - Spell the student's last name, then the first name
 - Your name and relationship to the student
 - Time of departure
 - Reason for departure
 - Time student will return
 - Student must check in at front office upon return

Sick Student?

If a student is not feeling well, they should report to the Nurse's office. If the student needs to be sent home, the Nurse will notify a parent/guardian. Students should not call and arrange to be picked up from school by their parent/guardian without seeing the nurse.

Report an Absence

- Dial (480) 759.8449 (Parent/Guardian only)
 - Enter ext. 1
then select:
2 – to report an absence for **grades 9 or 10**
3 – to report an absence for **grades 11 or 12**
- After message & tone, please clearly state the following information:**
- Student ID Number
 - Spell the student's last name, then the first name
 - Reason for the absence
 - Your name and relationship to the student
 - Date of absence
 - Periods missed
 - Phone number where you can be reached

Late to School?

When a student is dropped off late for school, a parent/guardian must sign the student in at the front office (please use visitor parking in the front lot - do not park along the curb).

If the student is late due to a doctor's appointment, s/he can show a doctor's note in lieu of a parent/guardian signature.



TUHSD Food & Nutrition

Healthy School Meals

Tempe Union High School District offers a wide variety of food choices for students. All meals include entrée, side, fruit/vegetable, and choice of milk.

School Meal Choices:

Breakfast at school is a great way to start the day with choices that include breakfast sandwiches, burritos, cereal, items from the bakery and yogurt parfaits.

Combo Meals are offered daily for lunch as well as items from our grill with chicken sandwiches and burgers, deli section with sandwiches and salads, pizza line, and our full menu from Casa Solana of Mexican Fare.

Meal Prices:

Student Breakfast	\$ 1.75
Reduced Price Breakfast	\$.30
Free Breakfast	\$.00
Student Lunch	\$ 3.50
Reduced Price Lunch	\$.40
Free Lunch	\$.00

Going Green!
Menus



Click to sign up to have your menus emailed automatically

[Click Here!](#)

A la Carte Items:

In addition to school meal choices, A la carte entrees, snacks and beverages are available for purchase and a list of these items and pricing is available on our website.

Pre-Payment Options:

An online payment system gives parents the capability to access account information, set up payments and receive email alerts. All balances from last school year have been forwarded to this school year. Visit at <https://linqconnect.com/>.

Student Meal Accounts:

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.

Meal Applications:

Applications for **free and reduced meals** are available after July 1, 2023 at <https://linqconnect.com/>.

Questions?

Please feel free to contact the Mountain Pointe cafeteria manager, Danny Martinez at 480-388-8985 or call the District Food & Nutrition Office at 480-345-3745.

Visit our Website for More Information:

www.tempeunion.org > [Departments](#) > [Food & Nutrition](#)



JOIN MP THEATRE!

www.mptheatreco.com

1ST SHOW

Informational Meeting
for all cast & crew:

- ▶ Thursday, July 27
- ▶ Drama Room, A-134
- ▶ 3:15 - 3:45 PM

Auditions:

- ▶ Friday, July 28
- ▶ Drama Room, A-134
- ▶ 3:00 - 5:30 PM

MPTC MEETINGS

- ▶ Thursdays
- ▶ Drama Room, A-134
- ▶ 3:00 - 4:00 PM
- ▶ All students welcome!



[@MPTheatreCo](https://twitter.com/MPTheatreCo)

[@mptheatreco](https://www.instagram.com/mptheatreco)

Kim Bonagofski ★ Theatre Teacher & Director ★ Room A-134
Corey Quinn ★ Science Teacher & Theatre Director ★ Room D-210

School Pictures

Yearbook Photos

- **All Students (9-12):**
September 14 & 15
- **Retakes (9-12):**
October 18
- **Clubs Photos:**
October 26



Seniors

Once the year begins, Seniors will receive information about senior portrait options, cap and gown photos, senior panoramic picture, etc.

CLASS OF 2024 SENIOR JERSEYS

NEXT ROUND OF ORDERS COMING SOON!



Baseball
Jersey

Check site in July.

Click [HERE](#)
to order or
scan QR code!



Basketball
Jersey

Black and maroon options available.

Parents and Students to Review District Policy Handbook

Students will receive a **District Student Policies & Regulations Handbook** and review select policies during Advisory in August. The information, rules and policies covered in this document will help your student to have a clear understanding of the policies and expectations at Mountain Pointe and Tempe Union High School District.

Review All Materials with Your Student

The 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.


It is important for students AND parents to read the information in District Policy Handbook carefully as many areas undergo changes from year to year. Please carefully review the dress code, cell phones & electronic/digital devices sections and tardy policy.

Electronic Acknowledgment Required

Student and Parent **acknowledgement will be required through StudentVUE/ParentVUE in August.** More information will be sent via email once the school year begins.

Handbook available online

The District Student Policies & Regulations Handbook can be found on the District website at www.tempeunion.org.

 <h3>MPHS Principal's Updates</h3>	<p>Parents/Families will receive a bi-weekly email from Principal Banks with current issues and important events at Mountain Pointe and in the Tempe Union High School District during the school year. Please take the time to read through these informative emails. Updates can also be found on the MP website.</p> <p>Contact Information Updates Please log into ParentVue and confirm your contact information is up to date to ensure you are receiving Principal's Updates and other important communication.</p> <p>www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe</p>
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Campus Dress Standards

UPDATES
COMING SOON!

The dress standards of Mountain Pointe High School have been established to promote respect, positivity, and pride for one's self and the academic environment. **Students are encouraged to express themselves within the set of standards listed below:**

Prohibited Attire / Accessories:

- ✓ Attire or accessories which advertise, display, and/or promote any of the following **are prohibited**:
 - drugs, alcohol, tobacco
 - sexual activity
 - violence, weapons, gang activity
 - disrespect and/or bigotry towards any group or person.
- ✓ Attire or accessories which present risk to the health, safety, and general welfare of the school community **are prohibited**, including, but not limited to:
 - items which express obscenities or,
 - those that immodestly expose the chest, abdomen, legs, or buttocks.
- ✓ **Sleepwear** on campus **is prohibited**, including, but not limited to, house shoes, slippers, pajamas, housecoats, and bathrobes.

Prohibited Head Coverings:

Students wearing **hooded sweatshirts are prohibited from covering their heads** with hoods inside campus buildings.

Acceptable Head Coverings:

Hats and/or religious head-coverings are **acceptable**.

Standard Guidelines:

- ✓ Clothing worn on the upper body **must at least possess straps placed over the shoulders** (*no tube tops or strapless dresses*).
- ✓ Undergarments must remain **underneath clothing and non-visible**.

Dress with
pride & respect!



Mountain Pointe High School

Bell Schedules ✨ 2023 - 2024

M ✨ T ✨ TH ✨ F		
Warning bell	7:55	
1	8:00 - 9:00	60
2	9:05 - 10:05	60
3	10:10 - 11:10	60
4 - 1st lunch	11:10 - 11:45	35
5 - class	11:50 - 12:50	60
or		
4 - class	11:15 - 12:15	60
5 - 2nd lunch	12:15 - 12:50	35
6	12:55 - 1:55	60
7	2:00 - 3:00	60

Half Day		
Aug. 30 ✨ Nov. 17 ✨ Feb. 7 ✨ March 1		
Warning bell	7:55	
1	8:00 - 8:35	35
2	8:40 - 9:15	35
3	9:20 - 9:55	35
4 / 5	10:00 - 10:35	35
6	10:40 - 11:15	35
7	11:20 - 11:55	35
No lunch on half days		

Wednesday Advisory & Early Release		
Warning bell	7:55	
1	8:00 - 8:43	43
2 - Class	8:48 - 9:31	43
2 - Advisory	9:31 - 10:01	30
3	10:06 - 10:49	43
4 - 1st lunch	10:49 - 11:24	35
5 - class	11:29 - 12:12	43
or		
4 - class	10:54 - 11:37	43
5 - 2nd lunch	11:37 - 12:12	35
6	12:17 - 1:00	43
7	1:05 - 1:48	43

Semester Exams			
December 13-14-15 ✨ May 20-21-22			
Dec. 13 May 20	Dec. 14 May 21	Dec. 15 May 22	
Warning Bell	Warning Bell	Warning Bell	7:55
1	3	6	8:00 - 9:30
Break	Break	Break	9:30 - 9:50
2	4 / 5	7	9:55 - 11:25
No lunch on exam days			

Split Assembly		
August 11 ✨ October 13 ✨ January 19 ✨ April 19		
Warning bell	7:55	
1	8:00 - 8:53	53
2 - A		
▪ Travel to gym	8:58 - 9:03	5
▪ Assembly A	9:03 - 9:38	35
▪ Travel to class	9:38 - 9:43	5
▪ Class	9:43 - 10:33	50
or		
2 - B		
▪ Class	8:58 - 9:48	50
▪ Travel to gym	9:48 - 9:53	5
▪ Assembly B	9:53 - 10:28	35
▪ Travel to class	10:28 - 10:33	5
3	10:38 - 11:31	53
4 - 1st lunch	11:31 - 12:06	35
5 - class	12:11 - 1:04	53
or		
4 - class	11:36 - 12:29	53
5 - 2nd lunch	12:29 - 1:04	35
6	1:09 - 2:02	53
7	2:07 - 3:00	53

✨ Dates to Note ✨

Early Release Monday		
August	7	Open House

Non-Early Release Wednesdays		
July	19	First Day of School
August	30	Half-Day
December	13	Semester Exams
January	3	First Day of 2nd Semester
February	7	Half Day
May	22	Final Exams

Additional Schedule Changes		
Half day, assembly & exam dates can be found above with the corresponding bell schedule.		

Early Release Wednesdays	
July	26
August	2 ✨ 9 ✨ 16 ✨ 23
September	6 ✨ 13 ✨ 20
October	11 ✨ 18 ✨ 25
November	1 ✨ 8 ✨ 15 ✨ 29
December	6
January	10 ✨ 17 ✨ 24 ✨ 31
February	14 ✨ 21 ✨ 28
March	6 ✨ 27
April	3 ✨ 10 ✨ 17 ✨ 24
May	1 ✨ 8 ✨ 15

Holidays		
September	4	Labor Day
September	25-29	Fall Break
October	2-6	Fall Break
October	9	Student Holiday
November	10	Veterans Day
November	22-24	Thanksgiving
December	18-29	Winter Break
January	1	Winter Break
January	2	Student Holiday
January	15	MLK Day
February	19	Presidents Day
March	11-22	Spring Break
March	25	Student Holiday

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SCHOOL CALENDAR 2023-2024

Revised 7.03.23



SEMESTER I

July 11	Pride Prep - New Student Orientation (for all grades)
July 19	First Day of School (Wednesday) Full day; no early release
August 7	Curriculum Night Early Release schedule
August 30	Half-Day • Staff Development
September 4	Holiday • Labor Day
September 22	End of 1st Quarter
September 25-29	Holiday • Fall Break
October 2-6	Holiday • Fall Break
October 9	Student Holiday Teacher PD/Staff Work Day
October 10	Beginning of 2nd Quarter
November 8	Family/Teacher Conferences
November 10	Holiday • Veterans' Day
November 17	Half-Day
November 22-24	Holiday • Thanksgiving
December 13-15	Semester Exams
December 18-January 1	Winter Break

SEMESTER 2

January 2	Student Holiday Teacher PD/Staff Work Day
January 3	School Resumes (Wednesday) Full day; no early release Beginning of 3rd Quarter
January 15	Holiday • MLK Day
February 7	Half-Day • Staff Development
February 19	Holiday • Presidents' Day
February 28	Family/Teacher Conferences
March 1	Half-Day
March 8	End of 3rd Quarter
March 11-15	Holiday • Spring Break
March 18-22	Holiday • Spring Break
March 25	Student Holiday Teacher PD/Staff Work Day
March 26	Beginning of 4th Quarter
May 6-17	AP Testing
May 16-17	Senior Semester Exams
May 20-22	Semester 2 Exams (grades 9-11)
May 23	Graduation • Staff only workday
May 24	Last day for Teachers

[CLICK HERE: MP ACTIVITIES CALENDAR](#)

Half Day, Early Release and Testing Schedules

◆ 2023-2024 ◆

Mountain Pointe will have early release days for staff development activities on most Wednesdays. In addition, state mandated testing days follow a different schedule. To help you plan ahead for the school year, below are the days with schedule variances. *Please note all dates are subject to change.*

Early Release Monday

Students will follow the Early Release schedule.
August 7 (Curriculum Night, see page 5)

Half Days (District Staff Development*)

Students will be released at 11:55 on the following half days:

August 30*	February 7*
November 17	March 1

Early Release Wednesdays

Students will be released at 1:48 on the following dates:

July 26	
August 2 • 9 • 16 • 23	January 10 • 17 • 24 • 31
September 6 • 13 • 20	February 14 • 21 • 28
October 11 • 18 • 25	March 6 • 27
November 1 • 8 • 15 • 29	April 3 • 10 • 17 • 24
December 6	May 1 • 8 • 15

Non-Early Release Wednesdays

Bell schedules will be sent to parents in advance via "Principal Update" bi-weekly emails.

July 19 (1st day of school)	January 3 (1st day of Q3)
August 30 (half day)	February 7 (half day)
September 27 (fall break)	March 13 (spring break)
October 4 (fall break)	March 20 (spring break)
November 22 (Thanksgiving)	May 22 (final exams)
December 13 (final exams)	

State Testing

Testing details and schedules will be sent to parents in advance via "Principal's Weekly Update" emails. You may also contact the Counseling department for more information.

Final Exams (follow Exams bell schedule)

December 13-15	All Students
May 16-17	Seniors (schedule shared in spring)
May 20-22	Freshman, Sophomores, Juniors



SEE BELL SCHEDULES ON PAGE 9

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR ◆

Bus Transportation for Students

School ID Required to Board Bus

Students **MUST** show their **CURRENT (2023-2024) MP student ID** in order to board a school bus. Any student not showing their school ID after the first week of school will not be allowed to board the bus. (*IDs will be distributed during Resource Distribution. See page 3 for details.*)



Expectations

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.

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.

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 Schedules

Bus schedules for the 2023-2024 school year will be posted on the Tempe Union High School District website soon at www.tempeunion.org.



Questions

If you have questions, you may contact the District Transportation Office at (480) 839.0292.

Please see the complete rules & regulations at www.tempeunion.org → Departments → Transportation

Student Parking

Students **must** have a valid tag to park on campus. **An online application must be completed to receive a parking tag.**

Obtaining a Parking Tag:

Visit www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe

- About MPHS
 - Transportation & Parking
1. Complete the **online application**.
 2. Download, print and sign **Parking Agreement**.
 3. Bring Parking Agreement to Bookstore during Resource Distribution. (*See page 3 for dates and times.*)
 4. Pay **parking fee** to Bookstore:
\$100 for the school year (pro-rated after fall break)
\$20 to replace a lost tag.



*Parking Agreement **must be signed** by both parent and student before submitting to bookstore.*

Where do I park?

Parking spaces are designated as follows:

- ▶ **Unpainted Curbs** – Open for **students WITH current parking tag**. Students will **not** have assigned parking.
 - ▶ **Maroon Curbs** – Faculty and Staff **ONLY**
 - ▶ **Gold Curbs** – Campus Visitors
- See map on next page!*

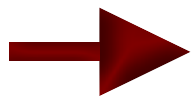


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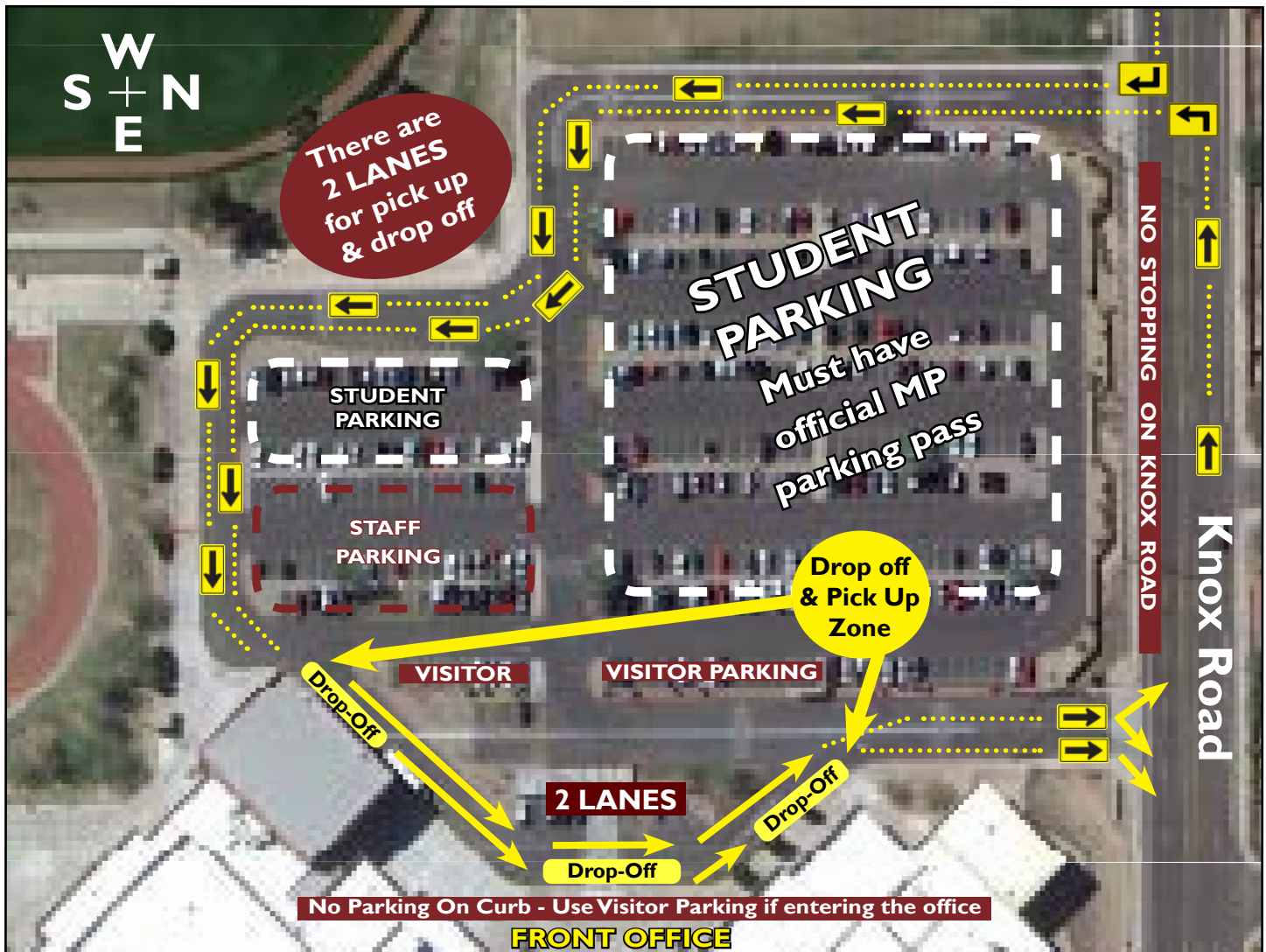
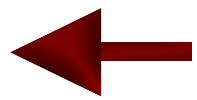
Call the Activities Office at (480) 388.8906.



Traffic Flow for Student Pick up & Drop off



All student **drop-off & pick-up MUST** be made in the **FRONT LOT ONLY** (off of Knox Road).



The above traffic flow takes effect **before school and after school only** on all school days.

Pick-up and Drop-off: FRONT LOT ONLY (off of Knox Road).

- Enter from **Knox Rd.** at the **western-most** driveway.
- Proceed, following signs to drop student **in front of the school**, between Auditorium & Small Gym
- **Exit** the **east** driveway, **by the marquee.**

No Parking on Red Curb (Fire Lane) Use Visitor Parking if entering the building

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.**

DO NOT Drop-off or Pick-up in the following areas:

- **On Knox Road**
- **On 44th Street**
- **Cul-de-sac** (Knox & 44th Street)
- **Back parking lot** (off 44th Street)
*The back lot is for **buses and staff ONLY.***
- **Apartment Complex**
- **Senior Living Center**



**DROP OFF IN
FRONT LOT
ONLY**

You can be cited by the Phoenix Police for stopping in the areas listed above.

For the safety of all, please adhere to and respect these rules and procedures. Thank you.



Earn College Credit While in High School

Rio Salado Dual Enrollment

Students may take high school classes for credits toward college courses through Rio Salado.
Students attend their high school classes and receive college credit.



Dual Enrollment

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 MCCC.

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. Cleary, Academics Assistant Principal.** 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 Associates Degree (AA, AGS, or AS).

Registration

Registration begins in August. Make sure that you register for both Fall and Year-Long semesters to ensure your "spot" in classes.

Dropping a Class

If you need to drop a dual enrollment class at any time during the school year, **you MUST fill out a Rio Salado drop card** to drop the Rio course or you may not receive a refund for your tuition. See Ms. Walker in the library for a Rio Salado drop card.

Enroll Online

To enroll, visit www.riosalado.edu/dual. Video tutorials are available to watch and will guide you through the process. They should answer most, if not all, of the questions you may have on the dual enrollment process.

New Student vs Returning Student

NEW – you did **not** take a class at MP through Rio **OR** you only took Accuplacer tests as prerequisites for dual enrollment courses **OR** you cannot print an unofficial college transcript with grades earned.

RETURNING – you took dual enrollment classes at MP or with another community college, i.e., South Mountain, Gateway, etc.

Obtain MEID Number

Your MEID Number is a code consisting of letters and numbers **ONLY** used to log into the www.my.maricopa.edu site. Do **NOT** use this MEID code for registration. Create a password that both you and your parents know in order for you both to check payment status, etc. You can pay your balance through this site as well as set up a payment plan for both semesters.

Obtain Rio ID Number

Visit www.my.maricopa.edu to obtain an 8-digit Rio Salado ID Number (*this number usually begins with 36*). Follow the directions carefully because you will need this number to register for classes, check your status, see if you have payments due, and to review or request transcripts.

Registration & Tuition Fees

Year-Long classes : One-time registration fee of \$15.00 and you **MUST** pay for the Year-Long classes in the Fall semester. A final grade will be given at the end of the Spring term.

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.

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 "Obtain Meid Number" lower left.)

Tuition for the 2023-2024 school year is \$97.00 per credit hour. Watch for e-mails and mail from Rio Salado prior to payment deadlines. **PLEASE NOTE:** *Tuition and fees are subject to change, check your class schedule in your Student Center at my.maricopa.edu for all tuition due dates.*

Financial Questions

Call Rio Salado's Cashier's office at **480-517-8334** with financial questions. Ms. Walker **cannot** tell you your account balance, send out tax forms for filing, or check your account status. Log into your account at www.my.maricopa.edu to check your account status.

On-Campus Assistance

Parents may contact Rio Salado Liaison, Ms. Walker, by email at: bwalker@tempeunion.org. Students may visit Ms. Walker in the library before school, during lunch, or after school as well.

Registration Assistance at MP!

Saturday, August 5, 2023

8:00 AM – Noon • MP Library



Representatives from Rio Salado will be at MP to assist parents and students register for 2023-2024 dual enrollment classes.

ALL STUDENTS must bring:

- a printed copy of their current MP class schedule
- the student's District-issued laptop

NEW STUDENTS must bring **one** of the following to enroll:

- a copy of their US birth certificate **AND** a copy of their photo ID (school ID is acceptable)
- a copy of their driver's license or state issued ID card
- a copy of their current US passport

Activities & the Arts

Don Baker

Keep up-to-date on all Activities at

www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe



Seeking Freshmen LEADERS for Student Council



Freshmen who wish to campaign for a class office must submit an application and attend a **mandatory election meeting** in G-103 on Tuesday, July 25 at 3:10 pm. Election information will be shared at that time.

Any freshman is eligible to run for an officer position. Listen to weekly announcements for details, or contact Student Council sponsors Ana Nunez and Alaina Rowitsch in room C-212.

Senior Walk Quickly Approaching ~ Apply Now!

Senior Walk is a 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, are honored during the Homecoming Assembly and half time at the Homecoming football game, and participate in special events throughout the year. **Only members of Senior Walk may be nominated for Homecoming Court.**

All of these activities take place during 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 **each year** at MPHS – *get involved there is still time this year to start!*
- Community Service – must document at least **90 hours over 3 years** with a **minimum of 10 hours documented during freshmen year.** Community service must be obtained from **at least 3 or more organizations** during your four years at MPHS. Not all community service may be done over the summer; **must be a year-round involvement.** Check with the Activities Office for volunteer opportunities.

In 2023-2024, 68 seniors graced Senior Walk with outstanding students who earned both academic and community service honors.

SENIORS - All qualified seniors are encouraged to apply for this honor! *Applications will be available in the fall.*

- Application must include documentation of community service and active participation in MP clubs and sports.
- Applications are evaluated by the Senior Walk committee.



SENIOR WALK - CLASS OF 2023

FRESHMAN

Senior Walk is a four-year commitment. Start working on criteria now – community service hours, maintaining a scholarly GPA, and joining two clubs, sports and/or activities.

SENIORS

All seniors will be notified once applications are available in the fall. Application and directions will be posted on the MP website. Click on [Activities > Senior Walk](#)

PRIDE ATHLETICS • 2023-2024



Want to try out
for a team?

Register Now!

Athletes must complete registration and be cleared by the Athletic's office at least **one week prior to tryouts** in order to participate.

NOTE: Athletes will **NOT** be cleared **on the first day of practice/tryouts**.

How do I register?

- ➔ www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe
- ➔ [Athletics](#)
- ➔ [Athletics Registration](#)

First time participants in MPHS sports will also be required to:

- ➔ submit an original, certified state birth certificate
- ➔ complete a Brainbook course on the AIA website at: www.AIAcademy.org

Athletic Equipment:

All athletic equipment issued to students **must be returned to Giovann Melendez** 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 2023-2024.

GOT QUESTIONS?

Contact the Pride Athletics Office
at 480-388.8904 or
mwiley@tempeunion.org



FALL SPORTS		
<i>August - November • Tryouts begin August 7th</i>		
SPORT	HEAD COACH	EMAIL
Badminton	Anthony Leathers	aleathers@tempeunion.org
Cross Country	Eric Smith	esmith@tempeunion.org
Football	Eric Lauer	elauer@tempeunion.org
Golf - Boys	Tony Ramseyer	tramseyer@tempeunion.org
Golf - Girls	Max Pincus	mpincus@tempeunion.org
Spiritline - Cheer (all year)	Sarah Portle	sportle@tempeunion.org
Spiritline - Pom (all year)	Grace Schwab	gschwab@tempeunion.org
Swim & Dive - Boys & Girls	Mona Nyheim-Canales	mnyheimcanales@tempeunion.org
Volleyball - Girls	Justine Ackie	jackie@tempeunion.org

WINTER SPORTS		
<i>November - February • Tryouts begin October 30th</i>		
SPORT	HEAD COACH	EMAIL
Basketball - Boys	Kaimarr Price	kprice@tempeunion.org
Basketball - Girls	Ashle (Burns) Ledford	aburns@tempeunion.org
Soccer - Boys	Willie Molina	wmolina@tempeunion.org
Soccer - Girls	Christina (Hughes) Daigle	cdaigle@tempeunion.org
Wrestling	Mark Caliendo	mcaliendo@tempeunion.org

SPRING SPORTS		
<i>February - May • Tryouts begin February 5th</i>		
SPORT	HEAD COACH	EMAIL
Baseball	Max Pincus	mpincus@tempeunion.org
Beach Volleyball	Amy Park	sjpark@tempeunion.org
Softball	Jess Portillo	jportillo@tempeunion.org
Tennis - Girls	Rick Carter	rcarter@tempeunion.org
Tennis - Boys	Tony Hentz	thentz@tempeunion.org
Track & Field - Girls	Trevaia Davis	twilliamsdavis@tempeunion.org
Track & Field - Boys	Brian Whitacre	bwhitacre@tempeunion.org
Volleyball - Boys	TBD	

Contact the listed Head Coach for more information.

Team websites can be found at www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe

Student Athletic Pass Available

Students who purchase an athletic pass receive free admission to all **HOME** athletic events for **all sports**, all year!

- ✓ Purchase the pass in bookstore
- ✓ Take your receipt to the ID station
- ✓ Athletic pass will be printed on your 2023-2024 ID card
- ✓ Show your **ID card** with the athletic pass imprint at door/gate of events

NOTE: Athletic passes are good for **regular season home athletic events only**. They cannot be used for admittance to away games, tournaments or AIA events.

STUDENT ATHLETIC PASS

Lower price during Resource Distribution!

DATES	PRICE
July 6 - July 12	\$25
after July 12	\$30

To gain free entry at events, the student must have in their possession the current (2023-2024) MPHS ID card with athletic pass imprinted on card.

PRIDE ATHLETICS POLICIES

Tickets

- Must have a ticket to gain entry
- Tickets are available online only at GoFan.co
- No cash ticket sales
- A Family Pass is available for purchase at GoFan.co
- TUHSD staff badges allow free entry

Clear Bag Policy

- Clear bags only allowed
- No backpacks
- Purses/bags must be clear

Food & Beverage

- Food and drinks are not allowed to be brought into the gymnasium or stadium
- Food & drinks sold from gym concessions are not allowed inside the gymnasium, opened or unopened
- Clear, unopened water bottles only are permitted in gym and stadium
- Non-clear beverage containers are NOT allowed in gym or stadium

No Re-Entry

Once you leave the stadium you will not be allowed to re-enter. Please plan accordingly.

Tickets



GoFan.co



BACKPACKS



FOOD & BEVERAGE



BEVERAGE CONTAINERS



CASH TICKET SALES



RE-ENTRY



SEALED WATER BOTTLE



CLEAR BAGS

Please understand policies are in place to ensure a safe and fun environment for all student-athletes, coaches, spectators and event workers.

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

Coach Ramseyer welcomes any young men attending Mountain Pointe High School this fall to try out for the 2024 Boys' Golf Team. Interested players should meet with Coach Ramseyer on August 4th right after school in Coach Waddell's room, C-205.



TRYOUTS:

August 7 – August 11 • 3:30 PM
Ahwatukee Country Club

Requirements:

- Must be registered & cleared prior to tryouts:
Visit www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe
→ Athletics → Athletics Registration
- 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!

OPEN RANGE:

August 8th • 4:00 PM • Ahwatukee Country Club

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

QUESTIONS?

Contact Coach Ramseyer at tramseyer@tempeunion.org or (480) 388.8912.



JOIN THE MP BADMINTON TEAM!

TEAM TRYOUTS

August 7 – 11

3:00 – 5:30 pm • Small Gym

If interested, contact:

Coach Leathers at
aleathers@tempeunion.org

Coach Quick at
kquick@tempeunion.org

GO PRIDE!



MOUNTAIN POINTE HIGH SCHOOL

PRIDE CROSS COUNTRY

*Join a team that will challenge you, keep you in physical shape,
and give you the opportunity to meet great people!*



REGISTER NOW

All runners must be registered and cleared one week prior to participating.

Visit the MP website to register:

- ▶ tempeunion.org/mountainpointe
- ▶ Athletics
- ▶ Athletics Registration

XC SEASON

- ▶ Pre-season begins June 5th.
- ▶ Runners will meet at 5:30 am • MP Stadium
- ▶ Regular season officially begins August 7th.

QUESTIONS? Contact Coach Eric Smith at: esmith@tempeunion.org

PRIDE FOOTBALL



SEASON OPENER

MP at Valley Vista
Friday, August 25
7:00 pm

Mountain Pointe Counseling Center

(480) 759.8449



Students are assigned to a counselor as follows:

Grade Level	Alphabet / Group	Name	Email	Voice Mail
9 only	A – Z	Erin Barnes	ebarnes@tempeunion.org	ext. 50134
10 – 11 – 12	A – G	Jamie Ryan	jryan@tempeunion.org	ext. 50133
10 – 11 – 12	H – O	Bryan Sabato	bsabato@tempeunion.org	ext. 50136
10 – 11 – 12	P – Z	Kristen Bryant	kbryant@tempeunion.org	ext. 50137
9 – 12	Gifted & IEP Students	Anne Jauregui	ajauregui@tempeunion.org	ext. 50138

Additional service and support:

Grade Level	Title / Role	Name	Email	Voice Mail
9 – 12 A – K	Care 7 Youth Specialist	Cartea Carr	cacarr@tempeunion.org	ext. 50110
9 – 12 L – Z	Care 7 Youth Specialist	Eskesha Clark	eclark@tempeunion.org	ext. 50111
9 – 12	AZ R3 Coordinator	Dreametta Campbell	drcampbell@tempeunion.org	
9 – 12	Counseling Assistant	Stephanie Earby	searby@tempeunion.org	ext. 50132
9 – 12	Records & Transcripts	Malia Austin	mداustin@tempeunion.org	ext. 50130

Frequently Asked Questions



Q. What are the hours of the MPHS Counseling Center?

A. The Counseling Center is open every school day from 7:30 am until 3:30 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 and/or parents can schedule an appointment with their counselor anytime via email or phone (see contact information above). Walk-in hours are available before school, after school and during lunch.

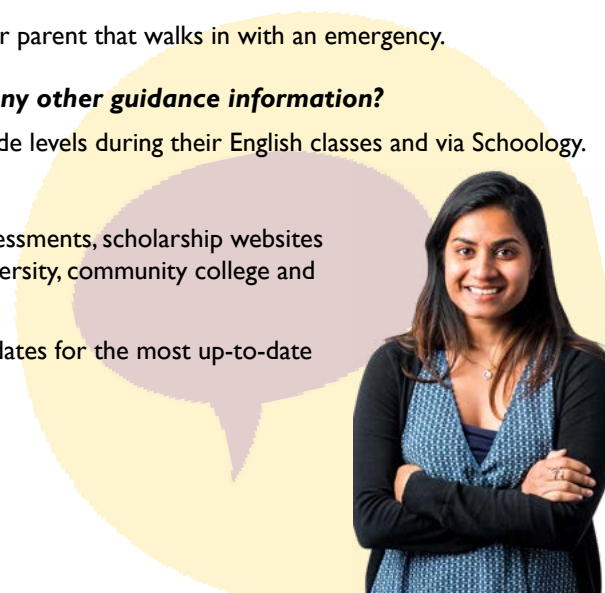
Q. What if I have an emergency and my counselor is not available?

A. A response counselor is available every day who can help any student or parent that walks in with an emergency.

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 during their English classes and via Schoology.

- ✓ **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 the Principal's email updates for the most up-to-date information.



Visit Us Online!



Find more information at www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe → Academics → School Counseling

Test Prep & College/Scholarship Info

Mountain Pointe Counseling Center

SAT & ACT Testing

In order to apply to a four-year university, students may need to take the SAT and/or the ACT. Determine which test that the university to which you are applying prefers and sign up online ASAP. Students who wish to take the SAT or retake the ACT may sign up.

Go to the following website for SAT/ACT test dates, information, and registration for 2023-2024.

SAT www.collegeboard.com

ACT www.actstudent.org

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

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.

AP Testing

Students enrolled in an AP course are strongly encouraged to take the corresponding AP exam in May. Students will receive more information from their AP teacher at the beginning of the school year.

PSAT / NMSQT Test

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

Saturday, October 14, 2023

Held at Mountain Pointe High School

Details about testing will be shared in the fall.

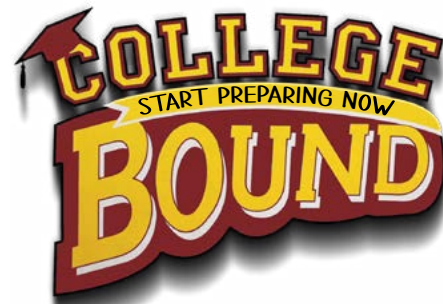
Visit www.collegeboard.com to create your account and to find more information about the PSAT.

Maia Learning is Here!

Maia Learning is a comprehensive website (replacing Naviance) that you and your family can use to make plans about colleges, and careers. Maia is a service that we use in our office to track and analyze data about college and career plans, so it provides up-to-date information that's specific to our school.

Maia Learning allows students AND parents to:

- **Get involved in the planning and advising process** — Build a resume, complete online surveys, and manage timelines and deadlines for making decisions about colleges and careers.
- **Research colleges** — Compare GPA, standardized test scores, and other statistics to actual historical data from our school for students who have applied and been admitted in the past.
- **Research careers** — Research hundreds of careers and career clusters, and take career assessments.
- **Create plans for the future** — Create goals and to-dos, and complete tasks assigned by the school to better prepare students for future college and career goals.
- **Discover local and national scholarships** — Built-in financial aid research tools allow you to find means to fund your post-secondary experience.
- **Request transcripts be sent to colleges**



On Campus College Visitations & Scholarship Sessions

Local community colleges and universities as well as many out-of-state colleges visit Mountain Pointe throughout the school year. The college representatives welcome interested students to meet with them during their campus visits.

Students will be notified of visitations via Schoology and weekly announcements along with posts in Maia Learning. We highly recommend students take advantage of attending and speaking with college representatives.

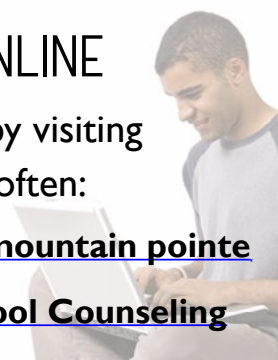


VISIT US ONLINE

Stay up to date by visiting our website often:

www.tempeunion.org/mountain-pointe

→ **Academics** → **School Counseling**



SAT

testing

SAT Testing at Mountain Pointe

- Mountain Pointe High School will be offering SATs throughout the 2023-2024 school year.
- Sunday testing is only available for those with religious exemptions.
- Please see parking/entrance notes on right.

College / University SAT Requirements

Please note that 1600+ of the nation's four-year colleges and universities are NOT requiring SAT or ACT testing as part of admissions.

An updated list can be found at <https://fairtest.org/>

This site is updated frequently to keep students and parents up-to-date on testing requirements for schools.

Please note:

There are instances in which SAT or ACT testing IS needed in order to award scholarships. (*ASU is one example.*)

Questions

If you have questions about SAT testing, please contact Mountain Pointe's site coordinator:

Erica Shelton – eshelton@tempeunion.org.

Saturday Testing Dates

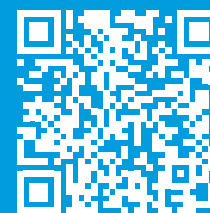
- August 26
- October 7
- November 4
- December 2
- March 9
- May 4
- June 1

2023 - 2024

Registration

Students should register through the College Board's website at:

<https://collegeboard.org>



On Test Day, Please Bring:

- Printed Admission Ticket
- Acceptable photo ID
- Two No. 2 pencils with erasers
- Acceptable calculator
- Face Mask (optional)

Students will not be admitted without proper ID and ticket.

Parking / Entrance

Students should park in the back lot (off 44th Street) and enter through the G-wing.

Cell phones will be collected during testing



Mountain Pointe High School

HEALTH OFFICE

Danielle Pardee, RN ▪ dpardee@tempeunion.org
(480) 388.8911 ▪ FAX (480) 388-8998



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.

Physical Education Injuries & Exemptions

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 an email 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!

Nurse's Office Information & Forms

Visit the Nurse's Office page on the school website for information and required forms. Please contact the nurse with concerns or questions. (See *Medications at School* on right.)

Medical Conditions

If you receive an email 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 proper forms on file in the nurse's office. Forms are available on the school website at:

www.tempeunion.org/mountainpointe → Administration → [Health 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 health care provider **AND** 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.



E-mail Directory

MOUNTAIN POINTE HIGH SCHOOL



All email addresses must be followed by @tempeunion.org

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- Jess Portillo jportillo

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- Ashley Baca abaca

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- Cecilia Hanson chanson

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