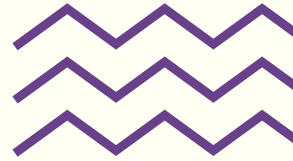




August 14th – August 18th  
Family Newsletter



# IRON EAGLE PRESS:

Dear Iron Eagle Family,

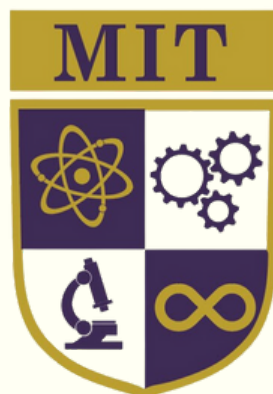
Happy Friday! It seems like school has just started and we are already at the end of the third week. Our students are settled, have made friends and already having a great time on campus.

This week was a special week for our students for receiving Pocky Sticks Snack boxes and they seemed very excited and happy. We also wrapped up our Galileo Pre Benchmark Assessment for all of our students. We will now prepare them to take the Practice ACT test in the near future. Student councils and NJHS/NHS applications are coming in and the elections are underway.

A friendly reminder that our students are allowed to wear their purple polo shirts on Fridays and their Gold Polo shirts on Game days. Monday to Thursday they should be wearing the MIT School uniform with a tie/bowtie and their white shirt tucked in.

Have a nice and safe weekend, Iron Eagles! We will see you on Monday.

–Mr. Gandhi – Headmaster





# PARENT NIGHT

**Maricopa Institute  
of Technology presents...**

## PARENT NIGHT

5:30 PM to 5:45 PM - Headmaster's  
Presentation

5:45 PM to 5:55 PM - Raffle

5:55 PM to 6:10 PM - Counselor's  
Presentation

6:10 PM to 6:15 PM - Raffle

6:15 PM to 6:30 PM - Athletic Director's  
Presentation

6:30 PM - End of Event

Where..??

MIT Lecture Hall

Who is invited..??

Parents, guardians, students, teachers community  
members....

When..??

August 22nd, 2023

Tuesday

What time..???

From 5:00 to 6:30 pm

To RSVP please scan the QR Code





## A SWEET TREAT TUESDAY

It was indeed a sweet Tuesday for our MIT Family. A very generous Special World Nonprofit Organization donated a large number of Pocky Sticks Snacks boxes. They were sent to MIT to distribute for free to our MIT Family. Our students were very excited to receive this sweet surprise and they enjoyed it fully. We would like to thank Mr. Jose Moreno, our Executive Director of Business Services at the Riverside Elementary School District for making these arrangements.

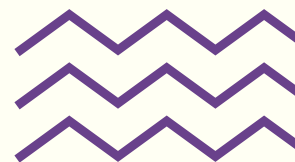
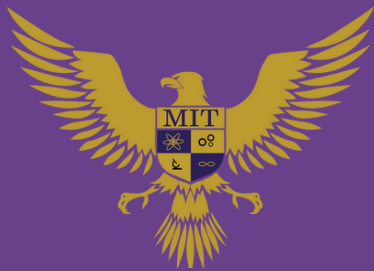


## CLUB SPOTLIGHT

In this exercise, the Forensic students learn about crime scenes and how to record a crime scene. They need to spot evidence and practice the proper way to record, photograph and measure each item. They also learned how to collect evidence and later how to process them.

Students then needed to recreate the crime scene in a sketch and present it to the class. Students must use their logical reasoning and analytical skills to assess the evidence and also how to secure the crime scene.





# CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

## **THE FORENSICS CLUB (GRADES 11-12) – ADVISOR: DR. ANDERSON**

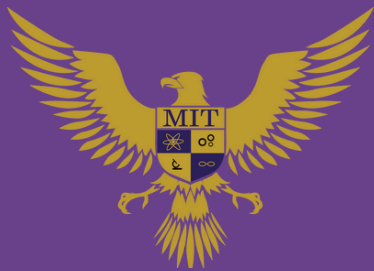
Forensics is the application of any type of science (i.e., biological, psychological, social, physical, or mathematical) to legal matters. Some topics that will be covered include criminal profiling, the defendant's competency to stand trial, the insanity defense, jury selection/courtroom analysis, eyewitness and expert testimony, lie detection, and scientific procedures used to solve crimes. Using scientific methods, students will collect and analyze evidence through simulated crime scenes such as fingerprint analysis, ballistics, blood splatter analysis, and DNA analysis.

## **THE PSYCHOLOGY CLUB (GRADES 7-12) – ADVISOR: DR. ANDERSON**

The Psychology Club is a student organization whose mission shall be to encourage, promote, and build a greater understanding of the field of psychology throughout the student body, high school, and community. The overall goal is to enhance the experience and appreciation of psychology to all students through a variety of social and educational activities. The psychology club is a great way for students to pursue their interests, gain insight from peers with similar interests, and establish themselves as a leader.

## **THE PRE-MED CLUB – ADVISOR: DR. HOJREH**

Through this club, high school students will be able to gain a better understanding of the pre-medical and medical track by attending presentations given by students and doctors, initiating school-wide efforts to give back to the community.



# FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



## MR. NATHAN BUTLER ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

My name is Nathan Butler and this is my first year at Maricopa Institute of Technology. I am very excited to join the Iron Eagles family and be a part of this community. Professionally, I began my career in education in my hometown of Southlake, Texas where I coached a variety of sports and taught Outdoor Education. Two years ago, I relocated to Arizona where I taught physical education and served as the athletic director at Madison Meadows Middle School. Before I began my teaching and coaching career, I played and coached football at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and obtained a B.A. in History Education as well as a M.Ed. in Sports Management. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my wife and our two daughters, watching sports, working out, hiking, and fishing.



## MS. TWILA SIMMONS-WALKER SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Mrs. Walker is delighted to be your new school counselor. A passionate educator and proud member of Steeler Nation, Go Steelers! Mrs. Walker is a native Pennsylvanian, born and raised in the City of Pittsburgh. She and her family relocated to Arizona in July of 2022. We love it here! Mrs. Walker's career in education began in 2002 as a STEM enrichment provider and environmental educator for a large wastewater facility in Pittsburgh. In 2011 she was promoted to manager and served in that capacity until 2017. Mrs. Walker then began her career as a school counselor working for a charter school organization, then for Pittsburgh Public Schools as a CTE counselor. Last year Mrs. Walker was a counselor at Notre Dame Preparatory High School in Scottsdale. Mrs. Walker has a bachelor's degree in communication, a Master's degree in Curriculum & Instruction, and second Masters in Counseling Psychology. Mrs. Walker has completed approximately 2/3 of the coursework required to earn a doctorate in education at the University of Pittsburgh. She plans to complete her doctoral studies in the coming years once the dust has settled and she is able to recommit the rigorous process. Mrs. Walker is a proud mom of 3 adult children and 1 teenager. She is the grandmother of 4 adorable grandchildren who own her whole heart.







# MIT FACULTY AND STAFF BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION:

The MIT teachers and staff spent a few minutes on Wednesday afternoon to appreciate and celebrate the July and August Birthdays of the MIT Family members. The faculty and staff were surprised and happy to receive this token of appreciation from the headmaster, Mr. Gandhi. MIT will continue this tradition this year to celebrate the birthdays of faculty and staff members every month. We want to wish a very happy birthday to..

Mr. Ryan Riggs - Technology Coordinator - July 7th

Mr. Sergio Perez - Maintenance and Transportation - July 19th

Mr. John Tharp - Physics and Engineering teacher - July 29th

Ms. Dunora Alba - AP Spanish teacher - August 5th

Mr. Jordan Kauk - AP Calculus/Pre Calculus teacher - August 21st

Ms. Jasmine Coleman - AP Chemistry/Chemistry teacher - August 28th





# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING (NACAC)

**NACAC VIRTUAL**

# College Fair

**SEPTEMBER 10TH**

**VIRTUAL**  
10:00AM TO  
3:00PM

To register click the link below  
**[HTTPS://WWW.NACACNET.ORG  
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VIRTUAL-COLLEGE-FAIR-09-  
2023/](https://www.nacacnet.org/event_detail/nacac-virtual-college-fair-09-2023/)**



# SPORTS



Next week the 2023-2024 athletic season kickoffs! Below are the games that we are playing at either MIT or Kings Ridge. Please come out and support your Iron Eagles!

- 8/22 Boys Soccer vs Alta Vista at 5 pm
- 8/25 Girls JV Volleyball vs Heritage Academy at 4 pm
- 8/25 Girls Varsity Volleyball vs EVAC at 5:30 pm

Our Winter Sports Parent/Athlete meeting is taking place on Monday, September 18th at 6:00 pm in the MIT Lecture Hall. If you are interested in trying out for any of the teams listed below then please join us to learn about our programs and meet our coaches!

- Boys Basketball
- Girls Basketball
- Cornhole
- eSports
- Chess



**Have a great weekend Iron Eagles!**