

Maricopa High School Newsletter

February 5, 2021

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Principal's News

Good evening RAM Nation,

As of today, February 5th, MHS plans to reopen our campus to in-person learning on Monday, February 8th. Please be mindful of any further communication from the district over the weekend.

- **Seniors will begin the Civics Test** next week. Passing this assessment is a graduation requirement. Further information will be shared in the upcoming days.
- **Information regarding CPR Certification** will also be shared in the upcoming week. This may be completed online and is free to your student. If you have already completed this requirement, you may email a copy of your card to Mr. Perry, wperry@musd20.org.
- **Many of our online class sizes are at, or quickly nearing, capacity.** We are still receiving requests for changes in instructional delivery and we will do our best to accommodate your request. However, be prepared to be placed on a waitlist. We will continue to monitor our enrollment and accommodate a schedule change when room is available.

Thank you for choosing MHS!

Ms. Deana McNamee, Principal
Maricopa High School

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www.musd20.org/Domain/11

Upcoming Events

- ◆ Feb. 8 - MHS Site Council Meeting
- ◆ Feb. 8 - NHS Sponsored Blood Drive
- ◆ Feb 10 - Junior Picture Day
- ◆ Feb. 15 - President's Day, No School
- ◆ Feb. 16 - Sophomore Picture Day
- ◆ Feb. 16 - Dual Enrollment/Early College Night
- ◆ Feb. 17 - Freshman Picture Day
- ◆ Feb. 24 - PSAT 10
- ◆ March 1 - MHS Site Council Meeting
- ◆ March 5 - End of Quarter 3
- ◆ March 8-22 - Spring Break

Celebrations

Congratulations Student of the Week

Student of the Week

Your Teacher Nominated You

Thomas Abel
 Aaliyah Alvarez
 Alberto Arana
 Philip Bechamp
 Tatiana Brown
 Maria Carmack
 Jose Delgado
 Dakota Dolata
 Emily Dickerson
 Erica Edgerton
 Kellen Fitzgerald
 Fabricio Flores
 Mara Fortunato
 Servian Francisco
 Baylie George
 Abigayil Gindini
 Abigayil Gindin
 Maria Harris

Ms.Luna
 Mr. Basiga
 Ms. Quiroz
 Ms. Herezo
 Ms. Nelson
 Ms. Miles
 Ms. Alley
 Mr. Garavito
 Ms. Miller
 Ms. Pour
 Mr. Struble
 Kayla Colling
 Mr. Kellenaers
 Ms. Kaur
 Ms. Galay
 Mr. Satyavarapu
 Ms. Kimbrough
 Ms. Kimbrough

Student of the Week

Your Teacher Nominated You

Kristine Heckadon
 Uzariah Imes
 Emilee Janssen
 Molly Jorgensen
 Cody Keene
 Parker Lay
 Andrew Lus
 Angela Luster
 Joshua Maamo
 Pocahontas McCabe
 Kevin McIntosh
 Elijah Meja
 Hunter Moore
 Zion Morgan
 Georgia Nickens
 Juan Noriega
 Olivia O'dell
 Jacob Ortiz

Scott Burton
 Mr. Cloud
 Ms. Abel
 Ms. Smith
 Ms Medel
 Ms. Kimbrough
 Ms. Galay
 Mr. Stuoan
 Ms. Kaur
 Ms. Ittamalia
 Ms. Kimbrough
 Ms. Galay
 Mr. Satyavarapu
 Ms. Stone
 Mr. Abel
 Ms. Herezo
 Ms. Mendez
 Ms. Smith

Student of the Week

Your Teacher Nominated You

Vielka Payan
 Bryan Perez
 Alton Polacek
 Ana Pumarino Arcos
 Robert Riggerbach
 John Roe
 Cristian Rojo
 Dylan Rossi
 Mia Ryszka
 Nathan Sherreri
 Kenneth Stillwell
 Evan Torres
 Elijah Trast
 Miriam Velasco Munoz
 Koelby Williams
 Nicolas Yendzreski
 Rachel Zindler

Kayla Coling
 Mr. Rutherford
 Ms. Santos
 Ms. Kimbrough
 Ms. Colling
 Ms. Alley
 Ms. Galay
 Ms. Miller
 Mr. Blanchard
 Mr. Chamberlain
 Ms. Kaur
 Ms. Abellaneda
 Ms. Bailey
 Ms. Martin
 Mr. Hanks
 Ms Kimbrough
 Ms. Panter



Staff Principal's Mug Recognition

Ms. Bernadette Russoniello

Thank you for your commitment to our students and your profession!

#NailedIt



Thank you!!
 for exhibiting behaviors and actions that we **Value!**

- Attendance
- Staying Current with Learning
- Self-Advocacy
- Connection
- Growth Mindset
- Teamwork

Counseling News

Title 1 Tutoring is available!

Subject focus is for:

Algebra 1

Biology

and now **Geometry!**

If your student is registered, please remember tutoring is on
Tuesday & Thursday from 2:45-3:30PM.

We still have seats available!

Email Ms. Heidi Lee, hlee@musd20.org, to register.

Transportation is provided

PSAT

for 9th & 10th Grade

Feb. 24th

The fee is \$17
(no waiver for free/reduced
lunch)

Register by contacting
Michelle Snitker
(msnitker@musd20.org)

For more information contact
Bernadette Russoniello
(brussoniello@musd20.org)

Important Dates and Information

The Virtual I Am Black History Conference 2/27/21
REGISTER BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH!
Students will take a journey exploring how the African American experience and culture through seminars: Civil Rights Movement, Music, Dance, TV & Film, and Historical Figures has shaped the world we live in. Students will engage, interact, and participate in conversation with experts dedicated to chronicling Black Excellence. The day will also include the HBCU Summit, where students will have the opportunity to meet HBCU Representatives to learn about Historically Black Colleges & Universities. Use the link to register:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd7B5Mkyvt6YrRY4-i9IFyB_vlXrxqSglLVPrCpeJlUeAITJJw/viewform

Winter/Spring Gifted & Talented (CogAT) Evaluation & consent form due February 8th.
Email to Zoe Redfern (zredfern@musd20.org) or Gretchen Brown (gbrown@musd20.org)

The 2021 Dorrance Scholarship Application deadline is February 10th by 4:59 pm
www.dorrancescholarship.org

Parent Support Group

PSG Live Meets

Tuesdays

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fridays

9:00 am - 10:00 am

<https://meet.google.com/adz-uzdg-dpo>

February 2 & February 5

Topic: Resiliency during COVID (& Beyond)

Host: Amy McCall

Guest Speaker: Sedi Perez Akhavan (Friday only)

(See RAM Parent Profile—pg 2)

Upcoming Topics/Guest Speakers:

Week of 2/28/21 - The Teenage Brain: Lynette Nelson

MHS Spotlight on Bullying

Last week, MHS hosted a virtual “No Place for Hate” assembly which offered support for those students who have experienced any form of bullying and admonished students who have engaged in such behaviors. During the assembly, which featured an array of celebrities (including TikTok stars, athletes, and musicians), a live poll was taken revealing that 88% of participating MHS students said they either experienced or witnessed cyber bullying. The following strategies were offered by the assembly host and are things parents can encourage students to do at home as well to decrease the likelihood or severity of such negative experiences:

- Limit electronic use (find a healthy balance of electronic use and other activities)
- If experiencing cyber bullying, encourage your child to block the aggressor, ignore (don't respond to) the aggressor, or remove the aggressor altogether from his/her timeline or feed
- Help your child find other activities or hobbies that can assist with enhancing self-esteem and serve as a healthy distraction from negative social interactions

Lastly, the following are ways to help prevent your student from engaging in behaviors that are or could be perceived as bullying:

- Help your child recognize the “trap” of joking around that can be taken too far or taken with hurtful intent
- Encourage your child to get to know other rather than judging them
- Remind your child, “There's No Place for Hate”

Quick Quip

*The funny thing
about kids is*

*They are the
reason we lose it*

*And, the reason we
hold it together.*

Author unknown

Week in Review

Last week, Gretchen Brown joined the PSG meeting and shared information about the Gifted & Talented program.

If you missed the meeting but would like more information about this program, contact Gretchen Brown (gbrown@musd20.org).

We also discussed the social-emotional needs of these students and how parents can help promote and develop social relationships with peers beyond the school setting through connecting with other parents. If you are a parent of a G&T or high achieving student and would like to connect with other parents in this same situation, please email me your contact information (amccall@musd20.org) which I will compile into a directory that will be shared with all participating parents.

Senior News

MHS Awarded Most Innovative Player, December by the Arizona Commission on Postsecondary Education. 34% of MHS seniors have completed their FAFSA. We are well above the state average, have increased our completion 17% over this same time last year, and our students are already breaking records for college applications and scholarships. If you have questions or need support for your senior, please book an online appointment with our College and Career Coordinator - www.calendly.com/brussoniello

ASVAB testing for military careers will be available March 24 and 31 for select seniors. To reserve a test, contact Bernadette Russoniello brussoniello@musd20.org

Maricopa Community Foundation Scholarship: The Maricopa Community Foundation awards SIX \$2500 scholarships to seniors pursuing careers in vocational, technical or health-related programs.

Junior News

Juniors:

ASVAB testing for military careers will be available March 24 and 31 for select juniors. To reserve a test, contact Bernadette Russoniello brussoniello@musd20.org

ACT testing will be provided to all JUNIORS on April 6. MUSD will offer the ACT to juniors in place of AzMERIT state testing. The test is **mandatory** for all juniors.

MHS will be a national test site for **SAT** on May 8. Highly motivated, university-bound juniors should plan to test. Register online at www.sat.org

Sophomore News

Seeking Outstanding SOPHOMORES for HOBY

MHS will sponsor two Class of 2023 student leaders to develop their leadership skills and inspire their community aspirations at this year's virtual HOBY Leadership State Conference. Interested students should **apply by January 29** : <https://forms.gle/WeX2VyEJyeGsdHeMA>

PSAT is coming up soon! Contact Ms. Russoniello, brussoniello@musd20.org, for more information or register with Ms. Snitker, msnitker@musd20.org, in the bookstore!

Freshmen News

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Athletic News

ATHLETICS

SPRING SPORTS SIGN UPS ARE OPEN NOW!!

- Sign up on
registermyathlete.com

- First day of practice is
March 1st



HOME GAME STREAMING OPTION

Home games will be streamed through
<https://www.nfhsnetwork.com>

Spectators: Limited to two parents or guardians
per athlete.
Photo ID and cash admission required. Home
games only



This Week in Sports

Monday

Boys Basketball (A) Paradise Honors (4pm
Frosh, 5:30 JV, 7pm Varsity)

Wednesday

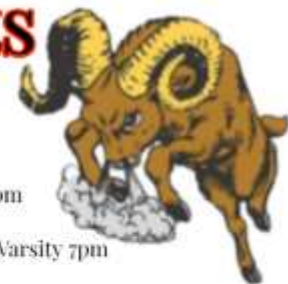
Wrestling (H) Chandler Prep, 4pm
JV Boys Soccer (A) Mesa, 4pm
Varsity Boys Soccer (H) Mesa, 4pm

Friday

Varsity Soccer (A) Queen Creek, Boys 4pm/Girls 6pm
JV Soccer (H) Queen Creek, Boys 4pm/Girls pm
Boys BBALL (H) Westwood, Frosh 4pm/JV 5:30pm/Varsity 7pm
Girls BBALL (A) Westwood, 4pm Varsity

Saturday

Wrestling (H) Tucson 12pm



Visit us on Instagram at [@mhsramnation](https://www.instagram.com/mhsramnation) or online at
maricoparams.bigteams.com for schedules, scores, announcements
and so much more!

Announcements



Barrett Summer Scholars

Barrett Summer Scholars is a summer enrichment program for academically talented and motivated students entering 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th grade in Fall 2021.

Participants engage in college-level coursework and build a community with their peers. Students participate in a Critical Thinking or Human Event course and an elective of their choice, taught by university professors, to prepare them for enrollment and success at ASU and Barrett, the Honors College. Barrett Summer Scholars will be offered through virtual programs.

<p>Eligibility Students enrolled in eighth, ninth, tenth or eleventh grade during the 2021-22 school year may apply.</p> <p>Virtual program dates</p> <p>8th grade June 7-11 and June 14-18</p> <p>9th grade June 7-11 and June 14-18</p> <p>10th grade June 14-18 and June 21-June 25</p> <p>11th grade June 7-11 and July 18-July 22</p>	<p>Costs and Fees Virtual programs: \$250* <small>*Need-based scholarships available</small></p> <p>Apply Online The application opens Jan. 4. Completed applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 7. Completed applications include the student's most recent report card/unofficial transcript and a teacher recommendation.</p> <p>Apply online at eoss.asu.edu/bss</p>
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ASU Arizona State University bss@asu.edu | 480-727-7786
BSSatASU

ASU's Barrett Honors College

is offering a virtual summer scholars program for academically talented and motivated **students entering grades 8-11.**

The total cost is only \$250 and scholarships are available for students who have financial need.

Applications are due by **March 7**

Check out the flyer for more details.



Virtual
MHS Site Council Meeting
February 8, 2021
6:00-7:00pm



<https://meet.google.com/wan-sdet-svu>

!MHS Feb 2021 Picture Day Details!

9th -11th grade Picture Days 7-2 PM in Old Gym
IN-PERSON students - Classes will go during English classes on Tues Feb 16th (A day) and Wed Feb 10 or Feb 17th (B Days).
ONLINE Students - Walk-in on the days below between 7-2pm for a photo (or join your English class when they go) . 9-11 photos are in the old gym.
Wed. Feb 10th - Juniors
Tues. Feb 16th - Sophomores
Wed. Feb 17th - Freshman

Senior Portrait Retake Day Feb 11 8-4pm in PAC
Walk-in to PAC for Yearbook photo only, no upgraded sessions.
Yearbooks are only \$65 through Feb! www.yearbookforever.com
Do NOT come to campus if you are sick or quarantined.
We will still accept emailed headshots sent to mhsyearbook@musd20.org include name, grade, ID

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Picture Day Dates:
Wednesday, February 10 - Wednesday, February 17
Picture Day ID: EVTG8K4ZC
Important Picture Day Information: Wednesday, 2/10/21
+ Tuesday, 2/16/21 + Wednesday, 2/17/21