



Spring 2008



Pet Club...mdn's pet project

3TV AND QWEST 2007 SPIRIT AWARD

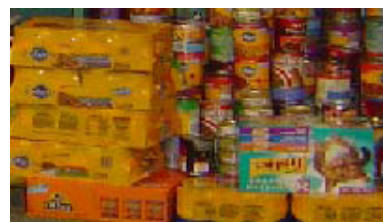
Congratulations MdN Pet Club for being honored as recipients of the *3TV and Qwest Spirit Award*. The MdN Pet Club was featured on the Channel 3 news on Friday, Dec. 21, 2007.

The Marcos de Niza Pet Club would like to thank all those that participated by donating to their canned pet food and blanket/towel drive. Pet Club members are **Ashlee Taylor, Kirsten Dewees, Socorro Gobeia, Victoria Clifton, Mike Nieto, Julien Witowski, and Stephany Chavez**. The Pet Club is sponsored by Mr. Colborn.

Members of the Marcos de Niza Pet Club are happy to report that they successfully met their goal of 1000+ cans of cat and dog food. The dog food was delivered to the Arizona Humane Society on December 19, 2007. Animals at the Arizona Humane Society shelter eat only bagged food during the year; however, the Humane Society enjoys giving them a special treat at Christmas—canned food, provided by generous donations from MdN students and staff.

The club also collected over 300 blankets and towels, which were delivered to Sheriff Joe Arpaio's "No Kill Shelter" in December. The blankets will be used as beds for the dogs and cats who would otherwise sleep on hard, cold concrete floors at the First Avenue Jail, while some towels will be used to bathe the animals.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."
-- Mahandas Gandhi (1869-1948)



ATTENTION MdN PARENTS!

Would you like to receive our MdN School Newsletter by e-mail?

If you would like to receive our newsletter by e-mail, please send your e-mail address to Mr. Mirizio at:
fmirizio.mdn@tuhsd.k12.az.us

Your e-mail address will not be shared; addresses will be kept confidential.

You may also view our seasonal newsletter on our website; click on:
<http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdnIndex.htm>

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Padre Principal...a Message from Mr. Mirizio

“EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING”

Greetings!

Wow! It is hard to believe that we are entering the last quarter of the school year. Time flies when you are having fun! Please take the time to read some very important information inside this newsletter. There are several reminders to parents about AIMS and Terra Nova testing in April. This year the state will be testing sophomores in science as well as math and English. Please make sure your students come to school on these days, since passing these tests directly affects graduation for your son/daughter.

At this time our Winter athletic season comes to an end. I want to congratulate the boys and girls soccer programs for making it to the state tournament again. The boys program finished 7-5 this year and has shown great improvement, posting its first winning season in almost ten years. Our girls soccer program had an outstanding finish this year at 11-4 and almost all the starters are returning next year. The boys and girls basketball teams are getting ready for the state playoffs after a very successful season. A huge congratulations to our varsity cheer for an outstanding year and for placing runner-up at State. Last but not least, our wrestlers are currently ranked 3rd in the state and have a shot at putting another banner up in our gym. Special congratulations to the following students who have signed or committed to 4-year institutions on an athletic scholarship; they are: **Rudy Jaramillo**-University of New Mexico, baseball, **Bianca Dollar**-Arizona State University, soccer, **Aubrielle Funk**-University of Oregon, volleyball, and **Harrison Evens**-San Diego State University, football.

Our Spring musical is quickly approaching. This is a production in which our choir, band, orchestra and drama students collaborate to present an extraordinary show. You will be sorry if you miss this year’s showing of *Thoroughly Modern Millie* from March 5th – 8th.

We are extremely proud of our senior student **June Yoon**, who was named as a finalist for the prestigious FLYNN Scholarship program. This is quite an accomplishment. We are very proud of all of June’s accomplishments, and we congratulate her!

As always, I welcome any conversation you wish to have with me regarding our pursuit of excellence here at Marcos de Niza. Please feel free to call me at (480) 838-3200 x 47651.

Thank you for your support,
Frank Mirizio, Principal

ACADECA... go for the gold

ACADECA

The MdN Academic Decathlon Team earned two 2nd place trophies at the Mt. Pointe and Queen Creek Invitational Tournaments, preparing them for the toughest Region IV competition on February 1st and 2nd. The team members consist of honor students—**Rose Kiyler, Florence Williams, June Yoon**; scholastic students—**Kyle Shearer, Lee Palmer, and Team (Tim) Chen**; and varsity students—**Aasima Khokhar, Alexandra Lucero, and John Gaches**. Three students took medals at regionals in the speech category.—Gold for **Kyle Shearer**, Silver for **John Gaches**, and Bronze for **Rose Kiyler**. The students are preparing for the AZAD tournament in March under the coaching of Luan Walker and Betty Jo Heath. Go for the Gold!





SENIOR CLASS INFORMATION

- ❖ Senior Panoramic Picture is Wednesday, March 26, 2008 at 7:45 a.m. in the gymnasium.
- ❖ Cap and Gown Photos will be taken in the auditorium lobby from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 26, 2008.
- ❖ Senior Final Exams will be May 15 and May 16, 2008
- ❖ All Seniors will need to check with the bookstore, library, and athletics office to clear all debts to Marcos de Niza before they will be allowed to take part in the graduation ceremony.
- ❖ **MANDATORY:** Graduation Practice is Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 8:00 a.m. All graduating seniors will meet in the main gymnasium.
- ❖ Graduation is **Thursday, May 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.** Seniors will need to report to the main gymnasium by 6:15 p.m.

ON THE DAY OF GRADUATION:

Graduation is a ceremony, not a celebration: Please treat the ceremony with the dignity it deserves. Please arrive promptly at 6:15 p.m. on Wednesday evening.

DRESS APPROPRIATELY

- Gentlemen must wear a shirt, tie, and dress slacks — **NO** jeans will be permitted.
- Ladies must wear a dress, or skirt and blouse, or business suit.
- Appropriate dress shoes must be worn — **NO** tennis shoes, flip-flops, or Birkenstocks.
- Seniors who are not appropriately dressed will **NOT** be permitted to march in the ceremony.
- Do not bring items that could be disruptive to the ceremony.
- Unacceptable behavior will result in removal from the ceremony.
- Anyone under the influence or in the possession of alcohol or other illegal substances will be removed from the ceremony.

MdN Bookstore...debt reminder

SENIOR DEBTS!

All books must be returned; all fees must be paid, and all debts cleared in the bookstore, in the athletics office, and in the library in order to graduate. Remember, you are accountable for all four years at Marcos.

- Now's the time to check under your beds, in your closets and in the trunk of your car for textbooks and library books as well as athletic equipment.
- Stop by early in the bookstore, the athletics office, and the library to see if you have any debts and/or fees due.
- Only **CASH** will be accepted in payment after **March 31**.

Don't procrastinate!! Stop by today to see what needs to be cleared before graduation.

Final Exam Schedules

All classes will be meeting on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

Seniors Only Exam Schedule

Thursday, May 15

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| Period 1 | 8:30 - 10:08 |
| Break | 10:08 - 10:18 |
| Period 3 | 10:18 - 12:02 |
| Lunch | 12:02 - 12:47 |
| Period 7 | 12:52 - 2:30 |

Friday, May 16

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|----------|---------------|
| Period 2 | 8:30 - 10:08 |
| Break | 10:08 - 10:18 |
| Period 4 | 10:18 - 12:02 |
| Lunch | 12:02 - 12:47 |
| Period 6 | 12:52 - 2:30 |

Last day of school for Seniors is Friday, May 16

Underclassman Exam Schedule

Tuesday, May 20

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| Period 1 | 7:50 - 9:07 |
| Period 3 | 9:13 - 10:29 |
| Period 7 | 10:35 - 11:52 |

Wednesday, May 21

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|----------|---------------|
| Period 2 | 7:50 - 9:07 |
| Period 4 | 9:13 - 10:29 |
| Period 6 | 10:35 - 11:52 |

Attendance...reporting an absence

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES



To report an absence, please access the voice mail system (available 24 hours) using the numbers listed in the box below. Only parents or legal guardians may excuse absences. In order for an absence to be excused, the parent/legal guardian must call the Attendance Office within 24 hours of the absence.

EXCUSING STUDENTS FOR APPOINTMENTS (EXCEPT FOR LUNCH TIMES)

To excuse a student for an appointment, etc., send a note with him/her to bring to the Attendance Office at the beginning of the school day. An off-campus pass will be issued to the student so that he/she may leave class at the appropriate time. Using this procedure, your son/daughter can be waiting for you in the front office. Students must ALWAYS check into the Attendance Office when returning to school so that the time can be noted and the student can be admitted to class.

EXCUSING NINTH AND TENTH GRADE STUDENTS AT LUNCH TIME

To enable a ninth or tenth grade student to leave the campus at lunchtime, the parents or legal guardian must personally visit the Attendance Office to complete the checkout process. A note or phone call will not be accepted. This policy is in effect due to the closure of the campus at lunchtime for ninth and tenth grade students.

PLEASE NOTE: Do not access the attendance voice mailboxes to record messages for off-campus passes for students to leave school for appointments, etc. Your message may not be heard in time for the pass to be issued.

EXCUSING STUDENTS FOR LATE ARRIVAL TO SCHOOL

To excuse your son or daughter for arriving late to school, you must check in with your student at the front office. A pass will be issued at that time. Your son/daughter will be sent directly to sweep if no parent/guardian checks the student in. Remember: School starts every day at 7:50 a.m. Students are encouraged to use the conference hour.

STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

To make necessary changes to student information, please contact the Attendance Office at (480) 838-3200 according to the student's grade level. Please remember that the office needs any updates pertaining to your son or daughter as they occur. Updates include change of address, phone numbers, and emergency contact information.

PLEASE NOTE: All address changes need to be made by the parent/guardian and must be accompanied by proof of the new address. Purchase paper, rental agreement, or gas, water and electric bills will be accepted as proof. We will not accept telephone or cable bills.

DEFINITIONS AND GUIDELINES:

SWEEP: A student will be sent to sweep when he/she is late to class.

ABSENCE: A student who does not attend a class or arrives 10 or more minutes late is considered absent.

EXCUSED ABSENCE: An absence is legitimate (excused) under the following conditions:

- a. Personal illness
- b. Doctor or dentist appointment
- c. Serious family illness
- d. Death in family
- e. Important family business
- f. Checking out of school through the Nurse or Attendance Office
- g. Religious holiday

Students will be allowed the number of days absent to make up assignments. In the case of long-term projects such as research papers or reports, it is the teacher's prerogative to set specific due dates, and it is the student's responsibility to submit long-term projects on those specific due dates regardless of whether an absence is excused or unexcused. If extenuating circumstances exist, i.e. an extreme emergency or extended illness only, students will be given an extension; however, parents must notify the teacher prior to or on the due date when an emergency arises.

UNEXCUSED ABSENCE: Any absence that is not excused within 24 hours of the absence by a parent/guardian. Students will be accountable for information missed. It is recommended that no credit be given by the teacher.

SCHOOL-RELATED ABSENCE: If a student misses a class due to a pre-approved, school-related activity, it will not count as an absence.

SUSPENSION: The days of suspension, even though suspension is considered a serious consequence, do not count as absences toward the attendance policy.

ATTENDANCE PROCEDURE:

1. Computer attendance calls will be made daily.
2. On the 3rd absence a computer-generated letter will be sent home.
3. On the 11th total absence the student will be referred to the attendance coordinator to be dropped from the class with loss of credit.

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

(480) 730-7659

New Info

Parent Information ...student reports

PROGRESS REPORTS

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

April 22



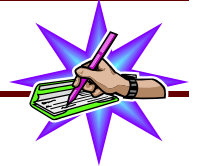
REPORT CARDS

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

May 23

Check Writing...district policy

NOTICE OF INSUFFICIENT FUNDS POLICY



The school district has contracted with CCM Enterprises to collect any insufficient funds checks received by our school. While we have posted notifications at our bookstore, child care center and cafeteria for parents that visit our campus, we also need to advise parents that if their child brings a check to school, the parent is giving authorization to electronically debit his account the returned check amount plus fees if the check should be returned by the bank. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the bookstore manager or Roland Carranza, Director of Finance, at (480) 345-3730.

Tax Credit ...contributions

HIGHER CONTRIBUTIONS ALLOWED



The state law, effective Jan. 1, 1998, allows Arizonans to contribute up to \$200 (maximum \$400 for couples filing a joint return) to public schools for extra-curricular activities, and then deduct that amount directly from their state income taxes through a tax credit. Contributions must be postmarked by December 31st of the year in which you want to apply your tax credit. This tax law helps support school activities and programs.

For a TUHSD Tax Credit Form, stop by the MdN Bookstore or contact Roland Carranza, Director of Finance at the District Office at (480) 345-3730. Tax Credit forms may also be downloaded at www.tuhd.k12.az.us/parent/tax_credit.htm.

Cash and/or checks will be accepted at the MdN campus bookstore. Please make checks payable to Marcos de Niza. A receipt will be issued and mailed to the contributor at the time of the donation.

LRTC...test prep site for aims or ap or sat or act or clep or...life

PRACTICE! PRACTICE! PRACTICE!

Now is the time to tackle **tests** with confidence, get into the **colleges** you want, and score the **scholarships** you deserve! Prepare using the online **Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC)**! The LRTC has purchased this online program to help prepare all MdN students for AIMS tests as well as AP and college entrance exams. Take advantage of these practice tests at home or at school.

All sophomores were introduced to the TERC program in their social studies classes. Mrs. Vinson and Ms. Heath instructed every sophomore in testing techniques and invited them to create their own accounts to practice for AIMS or other upcoming exams. It is our hopes that all students make time to practice these testing skills on-line.

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching, and our goal of encouraging students to read more is successful. The LRTC has made a concerted effort to increase the selection of new fiction books available to students, and students have responded by checking out 4471 fiction books this year. We are glad to see the MdN students reading as the professional literature indicates that students who read more also improve their reading and related writing skills.

Guidance Corner...testing changes weekly schedule

AIMS MATH/TERRANOVA AND AIMS SCIENCE TEST SPRING 2008

The week of April 7th through the 11th will bring an unusual testing schedule for all MdN students and parents. To help you understand the change of schedules, we have provided a detailed calendar of events and times.

Monday, April 7

Regular Bell Schedule #2 (All classes begins at 7:50)

Terra Nova & AIMS Math-Tuesday, April 8

Testing occurs from 7:50 a.m. to 11:47 a.m.; No classes will meet

Freshmen: TerraNova (The TerraNova is a national norm-referenced assessment covering language arts and mathematics.)

Sophomores: AIMS Math Test

Juniors: AIMS Math Retakes (for students that have not passed or want to excel; **others are excused.**)

Seniors: AIMS Math Retakes (for students that have not passed or want to excel; **others are excused.**)

7:50 - 9:45 a.m. (1 hour, 55 min): Reading/Writing TerraNova, AIMS Math Session 1

9:45 -10:20 a.m. (35 min): BREAK – Breakfast is available for students to purchase in cafeteria.

10:20-11:50 a.m. (1 hour, 30 min): Math TerraNova, AIMS Math Session 2

12:00 p.m. Buses pickup students

*AIMS testers who need extra time to finish Session 1 can work through the break.

*AIMS testers who need extra time to finish Session 2 can work beyond dismissal time.

*TerraNova testers (Freshman only) MUST finish within the time limits of the test – it is a timed test

AIMS Science-Wednesday, April 9

AIMS Science. Biology, Honors Biology, and Living World

Testing occurs period 7:50 a.m. –9:20 a.m. all classed will resume at 9:30

Freshmen: AIMS Science (for all who are REQUIRED to test.)

Sophomores: AIMS Science (for all who are REQUIRED to test.)

Juniors: Late Start at 9:30 a.m.

Seniors: Late start at 9:30 a.m.

Modified Testing Schedule

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| Period 1 | 9:30 | -10:08 |
| Period 2 | 10:13 | -10:51 |
| Period 3 | 10:56 | -11:36 |
| Period 4 | 11:41 | -12:19 |
| LUNCH | 12:19 | - 1:04 |
| Period 6 | 1:09 | - 1:47 |
| Period 7 | 1:52 | - 2:30 |

Thursday, April 10

Regular Bell Schedule #1

Regular Bell Schedule #1

Period 1 7:50 -8:45

Period 2 8:50 -9:45

Period 3 9:50 -10:45

Period 4 10:50 -11:45

LUNCH 11:45 -12:30

Period 6 12:35 - 1:30

Period 7 1:35 - 2:30

Friday, April 11

Regular Schedule #1

AIMS Resources... test prep

The following is a list of websites and campus opportunities designed to help students meet the standards.

- ◀ Arizona Department of Education: AIMS Information Center <http://www.ade.state.az.us/AIMS/default.asp>
- ◀ **Ideal (Integrated Data to Enhance Arizona's Learning):** <https://cas.ideal.azed.gov/cas/> OR <http://moodle.dmit.asu.edu/>
This site provides online Math, Reading, and Writing practice tests for AIMS.
- ◀ **Tempe Union High School District Mathematics:** staff.tuhsd.k12.az.us/math/
- ◀ **TV411: Reading:** www.tv411.org/reading/
This site provides strategies to improve your reading.
- ◀ **ASU Asset:** www.asset.asu.edu/
When using this site, click on *Asset @ Home, Grades 9-12*, then choose *MathActive* for math assistance or *Subject Area Favorites* and *Language Arts* for assistance with writing or reading.
- ◀ **Infotrac:** <http://find.galegroup.com/menu/commonmenu.do?userGroupName=temp97683>
Click on Testing & Education Reference, then Testing Preparation, then *Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS)* under State Assessments. This test most resembles AIMS.
- ◀ **After School Homework Lab:** Monday thru Thursday 2:30p.m.-5:00 p.m. in Room 118
- ◀ **Free AIMS Tutoring:** See Mrs. Lang in guidance to coordinate

PASS THE TEST!

Seniors Last Chance and Sophomores First Attempt

This spring sophomores take the Arizona's Instrument to Measure Standards, the state-mandated tests entitled *AIMS HS* (High School), and continue to test twice annually in their junior and senior years until they have met or exceeded the standard in each area tested (Writing, Reading, and Mathematics). Seniors, in order to be 2008 graduates, **must pass** in each area tested by achieving a score in the "meets" range.

Test scores were sent in January to the students who took the 2007 Fall AIMS retakes advising them of their achievement: Exceeds (4), Meets (3), Approaches (2), and Falls Far Below (1). Junior and senior students with test scores of **A** (Approaches) and **F** (Falls Far Below) will test again this spring (see dates in this newsletter).

This year all freshmen and sophomores who are enrolled in a life science course will take the AIMS Science test. This test will occur the day after the AIMS Math and TerraNova tests; please see schedule in this newsletter.

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

Study guides, remediation, and workshops

Students at MdN have much assistance in preparation to take the upcoming AIMS tests. Marcos teachers continue to incorporate reading, writing, math, and test taking strategies across the curriculum in order to prepare students. Students are also able to register for an elective credit math lab and an elective credit reading class. If a student is unable to fit one or both of these classes in his or her schedule, he or she will have the opportunity for before or after school tutoring. See Mrs. Lang in the guidance department to set up free AIMS tutoring.

In addition to all that Marcos is doing to assist students, the Arizona Department of Education is providing AIMS Personalized Study Guides based on individual test results. In December, every enrolled freshman student received a Study Guide based on his/her Spring 2007 AIMS DPA (Dual Purpose Assessment) performance. Juniors and seniors received another Study Guide in January based on their Fall 2007 AIMS HS. If a student needs a replacement study guide or does not receive one, additional study guides can be downloaded at www.yourstudyguide.com/arizona.

How Parents Can Help Prepare for AIMS HS

Please provide positive reinforcement for your child as to the importance of the AIMS tests.

- Encourage your student to attend conference every Wednesday and Thursday morning and ask his or her teachers for help if necessary.
- If your student needs help in the reading or writing standard, ask him or her about what he or she has read in his textbooks or encourage him to read the newspaper and discuss together what he or she has read.
- Assist your student in completing the student planner in the AIMS HS Personalized Study Guide.
- Stay abreast of the state's guidelines for AIMS and how they may affect your student. While some details of the AIMS policies may change, it is imperative that your student takes each and every testing opportunity.
- Ensure he or she gets a good night's sleep before the test and provide him or her with a nutritious breakfast on the test days.

STUDENTS MUST CARRY A SCHOOL ID CARD

ID cards must be presented when leaving campus at anytime. Your ID card is valid for four years. It may be used in the library to check out books, or in the cafeteria as a lunch card. If you have lost, or damaged your ID card, there is a \$5.00 replacement fee. Please pay at the MdN Bookstore and bring your receipt to room 121, where we will replace your ID. Don't get caught without one!

ID HOURS

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| Mon/Tues/Wed/Fri | Thurs |
| During Lunch 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | During Conference 7:50 a.m. - 8:25 a.m. |
| After School 2:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m. | During Lunch 12:00 p.m.-12:47 p.m. |
| | After School 2:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. |



2007-2008 NPLB (No Parent Left Behind) University Workshops

On behalf of NPLB University, I would like to express my sincere thanks for your participation in the workshops and a continued invitation to join us for future workshops. It is true that knowledge provides enlightenment and those treasured **“Aha Moments”** are truly worth the extra effort it may take to attend the workshops. It never ceases to amaze me what I come away with and the new insights that present themselves and broaden my understanding. Therefore, my challenge to you is to participate in at least one of the remaining workshops and see if you, too, can experience an **“Aha Moment”**.

| 2008 NPLB WORKSHOPS | | | |
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| Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | Transitioning from High School to College for Students with Disabilities Monday, March 3, 2008 Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m. Marcos de Niza High School-Room 222 Layla Reitmeier-TRiO Student Support Services-ASU and Phyllis Jones, Disability Resource Center-ASU | Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | Goal Setting and Career Planning Tuesday, April 8, 2008 5:30-7:00 p.m. Pizza and Workshop Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255 Paul Santa Cruz-MdN Summer Bridge Site Coordinator |
| *Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | The Walkman Within Thursday, March 6, 2008 5:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza & Workshop Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255 & 259 Cathie Belcher-Life Coach | Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | Drug and Gang Education Wednesday, April 23, 2008 6:00-7:30 p.m. Pizza and Workshop Tempe High School- Library's West Room David Morton, THS Summer Bridge Site Coordinator |
| *Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | It Is What It Is Thursday, March 20, 2008 5:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza & Workshop Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255 & 259 Cathie Belcher-Life Coach | *Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | Enough Stuff Thursday, April 24, 2008 5:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza & Workshop Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255 & 259 Cathie Belcher-Life Coach |
| Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | Self-Injury: The Secret Pain (Adults Only) Wednesday, March 26, 2008 Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./ Workshop at 6:30 p.m. Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255 notMykid | Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | The Truth Behind Kevin's Last Walk Wednesday, April 30, 2008 Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m. Tempe Public Library's Program Room notMykid & Tempe Partnership |
| *Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | Try On Thursday, April 3, 2008 5:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza & Workshop Location: Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255 & 259 Cathie Belcher-Life Coach | *Topic: Date/Time: Location: Presenter(s): | Celebration-Party Hearty Thursday, May 1, 2008 5:30-8:00 p.m. Pizza & Workshop Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255 & 259 Cathie Belcher-Life Coach |



For further information and/or to pre-register for any of the workshops above, please call Kay Cosner, Parent Community Services Manager, at (480) 838-3200 extension 40074 or email kcosner.mdn@tuhsd.k12.az.us

Workshops, dates, times or locations may be subject to change. To get the most up-to-date information visit the Tempe Union High School District website at <http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us>
Thank you for your interest! I hope to see you at a workshop!

*A **Life Coached Workshop** = Workshops that utilize the now popular life coach approach that allows the participants to establish a positive attitude which in turn will cause a chain reaction of positive thoughts, events and outcomes in their lives.

MdN Coach...football



2008 PIMA COACH OF THE YEAR

Mr. Roy Lopez, Head Football Coach at Marcos de Niza High School for the past four Seasons, finished with a winning record of 10-2 and was named the **2008 Pima Coach of the Year**. Please congratulate Coach Lopez on a job well done!

Advanced Placement...testing dates and fees

ADVANCED PLACEMENT TESTING

The Advanced Placement (AP) Program provides motivated high school students with the opportunity to take college-level courses in a high school setting. Highly qualified high school teachers teach AP courses and the curriculum is developed by a committee composed of college faculty and AP teachers. The courses cover the breadth of information, skills, and assignments found in the corresponding college course. Students who participate in the Program not only gain college-level skills, but in many cases they also earn college credit while they are still in high school by taking the AP test. Students whose AP grades exempt them from introductory college courses typically do better in subsequent higher-level courses than those students who take the introductory college course. (Information obtained through <http://apcentral.collegeboard.com>)

Marcos de Niza currently has eleven courses that prepare students for exams administered by the Advanced Placement Testing Service. There is an \$84 fee for each AP Exam; a \$13 **non-refundable fee** is due Friday, March 7 and the final \$71 deposit is due Friday, April 11. The testing schedule for 2008 is printed below.

| 2008 ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST SCHEDULE | | |
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| Week 1 | Morning Session 8:00 a.m. | Afternoon Session 12:00 p.m. |
| Monday, May 5 | Government and Politics: United States | Government and Politics: Comparative French Language |
| Tuesday, May 6 | Computer Science A Computer Science AB Spanish Language | Statistics |
| Wednesday, May 7 | Calculus AB Calculus BC | Chinese Language and Culture |
| Thursday, May 8 | English Literature German Language | Japanese Language and Culture French Literature |
| Friday, May 9 | United States History | European History Studio Art (portfolios due) |
| Week 2 | Morning Session 8:00 a.m. | Afternoon Session 12:00 p.m. |
| Monday, May 12 | Biology, Music Theory | Physis B Physics C: Mechanics |
| Tuesday, May 13 | Environmental Science Chemistry | Psychology |
| Wednesday, May 14 | Italian Language and Culture English Language | Art History |
| Thursday, May 15 | Macroeconomics, World History | Microeconomics |
| Friday, May 16 | Human Geography, Spanish Literature | Latin Literature, Latin: Vergil |

MdN Bookstore...keep in mind

2008-2009 TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION

In order to help our students plan and prepare for the up coming school year, book distribution for the 2008-2009 school year is currently scheduled for the following days. Please note these dates and times are subject to change, never the less with school starting Monday, August 4th, MdN strives to distribute books by the end of July. Keep an eye out for our MdN Summer Newsletter, due out in June for more information.

TEXTBOOK DISTRIBUTION DATES

| FRESHMEN | SOPHOMORES | JUNIORS | SENIORS |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| A-M July 21 N-Z July 22 | A-M July 23 N-Z July 24 | July 25 | July 28 |

The Big Apple...excitement

NEW YORK TRIP

Nearly ninety students in the MdN combined Orchestras and their director, Ellen McCurdy, will be taking a bite out of the “Big Apple” during Spring Break. That’s right! They will be flying to New York City on Monday, March 10th and returning on Friday, March 14th. While in New York City, they will be visiting musically significant and nationally historic sites as well as sharpening their performing skills.

The students will hear a rehearsal of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, one of the premier orchestras in the world. A member of the orchestra will conduct a workshop with the Marcos students at Lincoln Center. The Broadway production of “Phantom of the Opera” is also on the itinerary.

Sight-seeing will include the Juilliard School of Music, the Metropolitan Opera House, Central Park, Times Square, Rockefeller Center and the Radio City Music Hall. Visits will also be made to the historic Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, Battery Park, Wall Street, World Trade Center site, Harlem, Greenwich Village, Chinatown, and Little Italy. Excitement is growing as they approach their departure date. What a wonderful musical and cultural experience awaits all these young musicians!

Grad Night...volunteers needed

ATTENTION ALL SENIOR PARENTS! WE NEED YOU FOR MdN GRAD NIGHT 2008

Graduation will soon be upon our seniors--Thursday, May 22, 2008--a great accomplishment for our grads and an exciting evening for everyone. As family and friends leave the field after the ceremony to return home, what is there for our grads to do? GO TO GRAD NIGHT, Of COURSE!!!

What Is Grad Night?

An ongoing tradition at Marcos, grad night is an all-night party (from approximately 11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.) held at Dave & Buster’s, and includes food, entertainment, games, great prizes and more. For many of them, it will be the last time they will be together as a class, and this is a wonderful and safe way for our kids to celebrate their achievement. Our goal is to have 75% attendance by our grads—that’s more than 300 students!



What is Involved

- ◆ \$35,000! It is expensive, but all the funds go toward the rental of the facility, entertainment, food, and lots of prizes.
- ◆ Attend Grad Night Organizational Meetings (See schedule below.)
- ◆ Fundraising and Volunteering make this a great event.
 - Volunteer at the Tempe Arts Festival in December and March (We receive funds.)
 - Solicit door prizes or gift cards from local businesses. (These will go directly to students.)
 - Participate in the Padre Golf Tournament in April (You may volunteer or solicit prizes.)
 - Solicit corporate sponsors, grandparents, etc. to help with the event.
 - Be a chaperone at Grad Night (We will need people for registration, as casino dealers, in the prize room, etc.)

When Do We Meet?

Please mark your calendar to join us on these Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at MdN in room 452, located next to the tennis courts.

March 3rd April 7th May 5th May 12th May 19th If you

have any questions please contact, Cindy Smith at cl.smith@cox.net or at (480) 430-8514.

PLEASE NOTE

MdN office hours: Monday– Friday 7:15 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
For parents/guardians to reach the new Attendance Hotline,
please dial (480) 838-3200, then press the #2 to reach the Attendance Office.

MdN Prom

Saturday, May 10th, 2008

8:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.

Theme and secret Prom location will be revealed the latter part of April.

Tickets

Only single tickets will be available.

\$ 30 per person in advance

\$40.00 per person at the door



Tickets go on sale in April at the bookstore.

CLASS OF 2008 *GRAD NIGHT THE PLACE TO BE!*

Dave & Buster's Tempe Market Place

All-Night Party

Thursday, May 22, 2008

11 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

Early registration \$35.00

Register on March 26th

and be eligible for a \$50.00 cash prize drawing!!

(Grad Night Committee will have a registration table set up in the main gym lobby.)

If you have any questions, please contact, Cindy Smith at cl.smith@cox.net or (480) 430-8514 .





NOVEMBER

Students
Bethza Buelna
Jose Giron
Dustin Hayes
Stephanie Hightower
Michael Kenneth
Daniel Parkhurst
Jamie Zissis
Katie Zissis

Athletes of the Month
Emily Hegdahl
Donald Richardson

Staff
Peggie Peters
Darin Shryock
Vincent Staromana

DECEMBER/JANUARY

Students
Jessica Badger
John Hernandez
Mariah Hoffman
Deaunte Jefferson
Melissa Johnson
Madison Ryan
Erica Solomon
Meghan Wentz

Athletes of the Month
Maggie Alesci
Bianca Doller

Staff
Cheri Kinney
Jill Windsor
Peter McBroom

Keep up the good work, Padres!



2008 NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

Gregor Grossman and **Florence Williams** have advanced to the finalist for the prestigious 2008 National Merit Scholarship. To be selected, students must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by the school principal, and must take the Preliminary *SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test* and have *SAT* scores that confirm the student's previous qualifying test performance. We are proud of these students. Please congratulate them on their achievements.

NHS...nominees

2007-2008 NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTEES

The induction ceremony of National Honor Society for 2007-2008 was held in the Marcos de Niza High School auditorium in December. Arlene Chin from ASU was the guest speaker. Please congratulate the following students when you see them.



| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Kelsie Beaudoin | Jillian Eberts | Kyle Koepke | Maxim Sankey |
| Josh Brindley | Mariah Evans | Tanner Kundrat | Paula Schumann |
| Joy Burke | Emily Foree | Alex Lee | Laura Scotney |
| Karina Camacho | Angel Giron | Julia MacDonald | Kyle Shearer |
| Annalili Chacon | Gillian Grabowski | Casey Maloney | Nicole Shiao |
| Team Wing Chen | Mariah Hoffman | Vanessa Martinez | Michelle Snow |
| Jonathan Chen | Paula Ibieta | Ashley Martinez | Zachary Spencer |
| Jeni Chen | Amol Jain | Josh McCoy | Suzanne Williams |
| Danielle Corrales | Jordyn James | Katelyn Murphy | Amina Ziri |
| Bianca Doller | Melissa Johnson | Carly Nacke | Jamie Zissis |
| Christopher Downs | Lauren Johnston | Justin Peterson | |
| | Michael Kenneth | Daniel Riley | |

MdN Choir...on that note

CHOIR ON THE GO!

Congratulations to the following MdN Choir members who represented Marcos de Niza at the West Region Honor Choir Festival on February, 15th and 16th. **Kelsie Beaudoin** (soprano), **Madeline Powell** (alto), **Ashley Martinez** (alto alternate), **Rebecca Schmidt** (alto alternate), **Paul Powell** (tenor), **Justin Peterson** (tenor alternate), **Zach Spencer** (bass), **Chris Cabbage** (bass).

We also want to congratulate the MdN Vocal Jazz Ensemble for their "Superior" rating at the NAU Jazz/Madrigal Festival, held on February 8th and 9th.

A reminder to all interested students: Auditions for 2008-2009 choirs will be held March 17th through the February, 20th. Contact Mr. Shryock or come by the Choir Room 220 to sign up for an audition time. Auditions are open to all freshmen, sophomores and juniors, whether or not you've sung in a choir before.

Yearbook...reminder

2009 YEARBOOK PICTURES

Upcoming 2009 Seniors, you will be receiving information about having your senior portraits taken from Southwest Portraits in early May. It is important that seniors get their pictures taken this summer and do not wait until school starts to have them taken! Senior Portraits for the yearbook will only be accepted from Southwest Portraits.

If you have any questions, please call the studio at (480) 222-1199. The studio is located at Rural and US60 at 4450 S. Rural Rd. Suite C101 in Tempe.

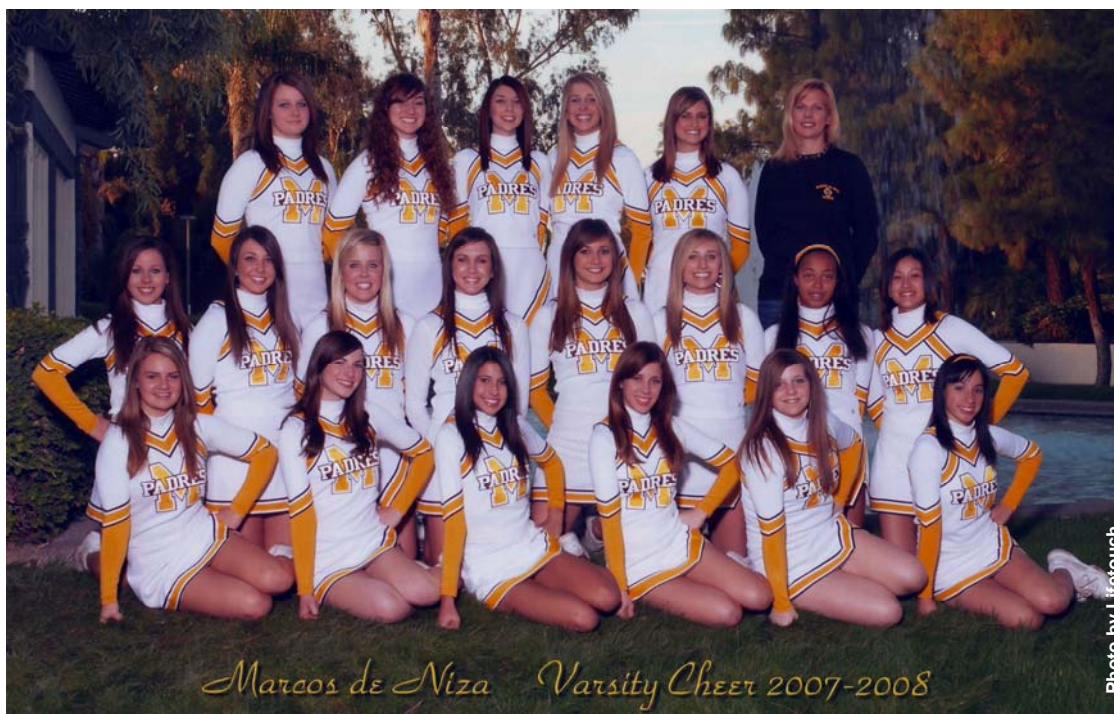
MdN Orchestra...music to our ears

NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ORCHESTRA

June Yoon and Ilyana Orozco were selected to be in the National High School Honor Orchestra, which will perform as part of the National String and Orchestra Teachers Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico on Feb. 29th. These girls were selected from students who auditioned from all over the United States. June, a violinist, and Ilyana, a violist, are both seniors. It is a great honor to have two students from any state selected for this prestigious orchestra, much less two students from a single high school. Marcos is honored to have two musicians the caliber of June and Ilyana. Congratulations to both of them!

MdN Varsity Cheer...two bits, four bits, six bits a dollar

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2007-2008 AIA SPIRITLINE STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to Varsity Cheer who were selected Runner-up AIA State Championship 5AII Show Cheer Division for 2008. The girls did a fantastic job representing Marcos de Niza and deserve a hearty congratulations. We are very proud of all their accomplishments this year, which include winning 1st place Universal Cheer Association Cactus Cup in Show Cheer Division and they also cheering for the P.F. Changs Rock and Roll Marathon in January and participated in the Superbowl half time show! Squad members are **Sarah Altamirano, Danielle Corrales, Alex Schmoker, Mariah Bohn, Emily Glenn, Margie DiFiore, Amanda Coppola, Emily Hegdahl, Megan McNiff, Amber Houser, Hannah Smith, Raven Booker, Bryanna McLane, Kati Laubscher, Rose Kiyler, Chelsea Walker, Kristi Caban, Sarah Gross, and Taylor Mascia.** The team is coached by Jennifer Rapp. Please congratulate them when you see them. GO PADRES!!!

MdN Students AIM High ...kudos

JUNIORS AND SENIORS AIMS ARE HIGH!

Fall 2007 *AIMS* scores (combined with previous years scores) reflect a high percentage of MdN juniors and seniors exceeding or meeting the standards and many more are within just a few points of passing. Students who exceeded the standards in all *three* areas are seniors: **Jane Adams, Tobi Badger, Kelsey Becker, Corbin Boyles, Michael Braham, Joshua Brindley, Sarah Cassidy, Team Chen, Lauren De'Reche, Mariah Evans, Jose Giron, Anna Grodzinski, Gregor Grossman, William Hollander, John Jones, Joseph Joslin, Brittany King, Kelly McCarty, Kyle McClean, Samantha Meyerhoff, Reyna Olvey, Paul Powell, Appolonia Summers, Hannah Turley, Florence Williams, and June Yoon;** juniors: **Bridgette Bennett, Johnathan Chen, Alexandra Cookie, Christopher Downs, Jillian Eberts, Emily Foree, Gillian Grabowski, John Hernandez, Mariah Hoffman, Paula Ibeieta, Lauren Johnson, Michael Kenneth, Katherine Laubscher, Julia MacDonald, Ashley Martinez, Parker McLaughlin, Chanel Michael, Laura Scotney, Zachary Spencer, Davis Stevenson, Andrew Swan, and Jamie Zissis.** Over one hundred and fifty juniors and seniors have exceeded the standards in one or more areas.

Fine Arts Presents...

THOROUGHLY MODERN millie The Musical

Book by Richard Morris & Dick Scanlan
Music by Jeanine Tesori, Lyrics by Dick Scanlan

**Marcos de Niza
High School
Auditorium**

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5th
Opening Night Gala Fundraiser

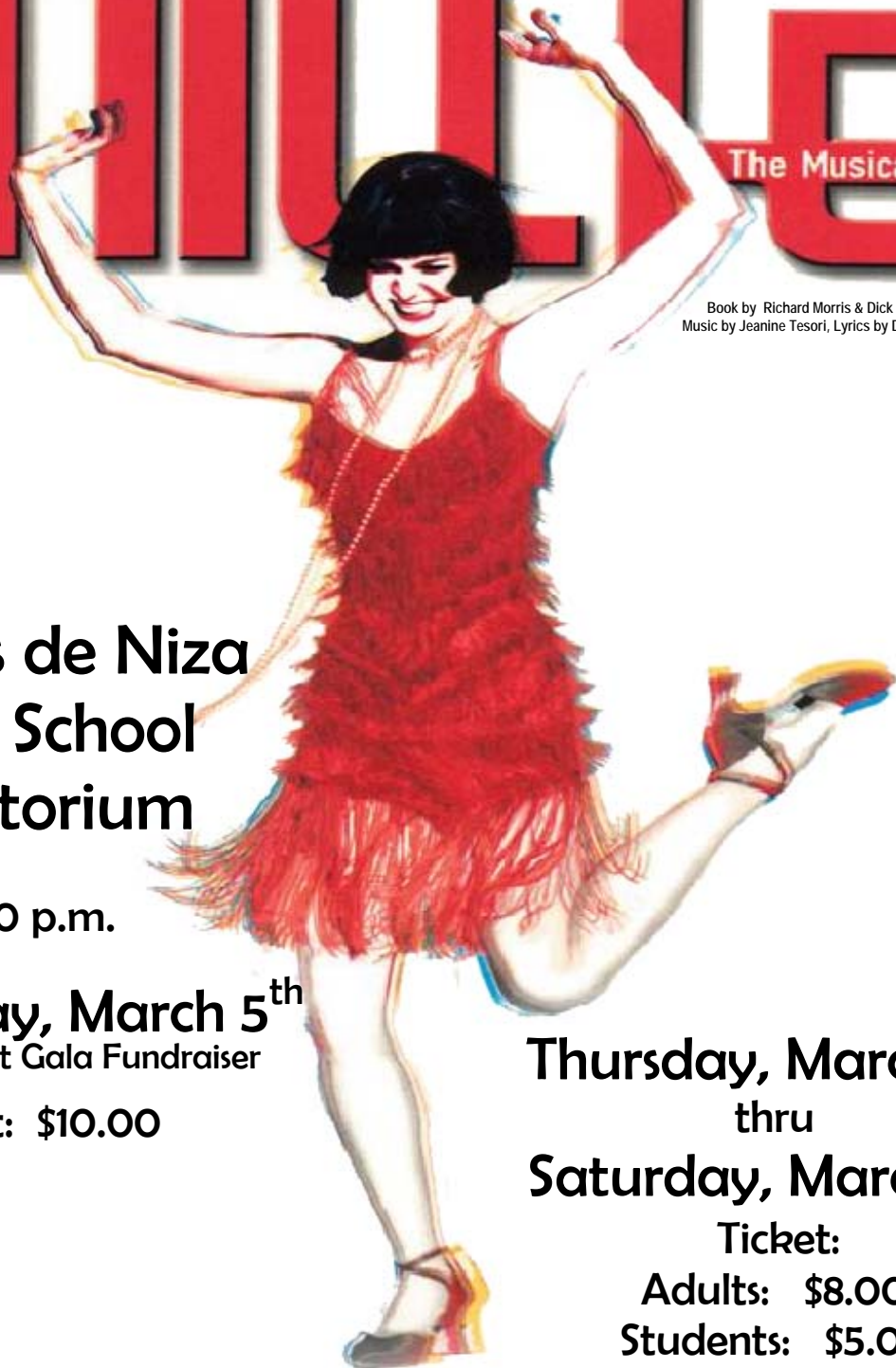
Ticket: \$10.00

**Thursday, March 6th
thru
Saturday, March 8th**

Ticket:

Adults: \$8.00

Students: \$5.00



MdN Athletics...spring sports schedules

| BOYS BASEBALL | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Fri, Feb 22 | Skyline | A | JV - ONLY | 3:45PM |
| Mon, Feb 25 | Kofa | H | V/JV | 3:45PM |
| Tue, Feb 26 | Highland | H | JV- ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Feb 29 | Desert Ridge | H | JV -ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Mar 4 | Mesquite | A H | V JV/Fr | 3:45PM 4:00PM |
| Thu, Mar 6 | Casa Grande | H A | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Mar 7 | Mesa Powell Jr. High | A H H | V JV Fr | 3:45PM 4:00PM |
| Tue, Mar 18 | Basha | A H | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Mar 25 | Yuma | A | V/JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Wed, Mar 26 | Horizon | H A | V JV Fr | 4:00PM 4:00PM 6:30PM |
| Thu, Mar 27 | Freemont Jr. High | H | Fr- ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Mar 28 | Red Mountain | A H | V JV | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Apr 1 | Skyline Mesa Jr. High | A H H | V JV Fr | 4:00PM |
| Wed, Apr 2 | North | A H | V JV/Fr | 6:30PM 4:00PM |
| Fri, Apr 4 | Mountain View Poston Jr. High | H A A | V JV(F | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Apr 8 | Desert Ridge | H A | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Apr 11 | Pinnacle | H A | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Apr 15 | Horizon | A H | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Wed, Apr 16 | Pinnacle | A H | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Apr 18 | Skyline (V) Chandler (F) | H A | V Fr NO JV | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Apr 22 | Highland | A H | V Fr NO JV | 4:00PM |
| Wed, Apr 23 | Desert Ridge | A | V-ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Head Coach: Felipe Becerra State: Apr 26 – May 10 | | | | |

| GIRLS SOFTBALL | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fri, Feb 22 | Skyline | H | JV -ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Feb 26 | Highland | A | JV -ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Wed, Feb 27 | Basha | H A | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Thu, Feb 28 | Kofa | A | V/JV/ | 3:45PM |
| Fri, Feb 29 | Desert Ridge | A | JV/Fr- ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Mar 4 | Mesquite | H A | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM 3:45PM |
| Thu, Mar 6 | Casa Grande | H A | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Mar 7 | Mesa Powell Jr. High | H A A | V JV Fr | 3:45PM |
| Mon, Mar 24 | Red Mountain | H | V-ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Mar 25 | Yuma | H | V/JV | 4:00PM |
| Wed, Mar 26 | Horizon | A H | V JV | 7:00PM |
| Thu, Mar 27 | Fremont Jr. High | A | Fr | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Mar 28 | Red Mountain | A | JV | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Apr 1 | Skyline Mesa Jr. High | H A A | V JV Fr | 4:00PM |
| Wed, Apr 2 | North | H A | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Apr 4 | Mountain View Poston Jr. High | A H H | V JV Fr | 3:45PM 4:00PM 4:00PM |
| Tue, Apr 8 | Desert Ridge | A H | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Apr 11 | Pinnacle | A H | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Apr 15 | Horizon | H A | V Fr JV | 4:00PM 4:00 PM 6:00PM |
| Wed, Apr 16 | Pinnacle | H A | V JV/Fr | 4:00PM |
| Fri, Apr 18 | Skyline Chandler | A H | V Fr | 4:00PM |
| Tue, Apr 22 | Highland | H A | V Fr NO JV | 4:00PM |
| Wed, Apr 23 | Desert Ridge | H | V- ONLY | 4:00PM |
| Head Coach: Korine Gomez State: April 26 – May 10 | | | | |

| BOYS VOLLEYBALL | | | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------|
| Tue, Feb 26 | Desert Ridge | H | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Wed, Feb 27 | Highland | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Thu, Feb 28 | Hamilton | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Tue, Mar 4 | Sandra Day O'Connor | H | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Wed, Mar 5 | Goldwater | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Fri, Mar 7 | Mountain Pointe | H | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Tue, Mar 18 | Desert Vista | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Thu, Mar 20 | Cienega | H | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Tue, Mar 25 | Deer Valley | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Wed, Mar 26 | Dobson | H | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Tue, Apr 1 | Sandra Day O'Connor | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Tue, Apr 8 | McClintock | H | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Thu, Apr 10 | Tempe | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Tue, Apr 15 | Higley | H | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Thu, Apr 17 | McClintock | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Tue, Apr 22 | Tempe | H | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Thu, Apr 24 | Higley | A | 4:00/5:30PM |
| Head Coach: Scott Miller | | | |

| BOYS AND GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS | | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------|--------|
| Thu, Feb 21 | Sunrise Mountain | A | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | H | Girls | |
| Mon, Feb 25 | San Luis | H | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | H | Girls | |
| Thu, Feb 28 | Skyline | H | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | A | Girls | |
| Tue, Mar 4 | Pinnacle | A | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | H | Girls | |
| Wed, Mar 5 | Desert Ridge | H | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | A | Girls | |
| Thu, Mar 6 | Horizon | A | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | H | Girls | |
| Tue, Mar 25 | Horizon | H | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | A | Girls | |
| Wed, Mar 26 | Pinnacle | H | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | A | Girls | |
| Thu, Mar 27 | Cesar Chavez | H | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | A | Girls | |
| Tue, Apr 1 | Skyline | A | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | H | Girls | |
| Thu, Apr 3 | Desert Ridge | A | Boy's | 3:30PM |
| | | H | Girls | |
| Boys Head Coach: | | Vanessa Anspach | | |
| Girls Head Coach: | | Judy Hoke | | |

| TRACK/FIELD | | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|-----|---------|
| Wed, Feb 27 | Mountain Pointe | A | 3:30PM |
| Wed, Mar 5 | Horizon | H | 3:30 PM |
| Wed, Mar 19 | Basha | A | 3:30 PM |
| Wed, Mar 26 | Mesquite | A | 3:30 PM |
| Wed, Apr 2 | Skyline | A | 3:30 PM |
| Wed, Apr 9 | Desert Ridge | H | 3:30 PM |
| Wed, Apr 16 | Pinnacle | A | 3:30 PM |
| Wed, Apr 23 | City Meet | TBA | TBA |
| Head Coaches: Sam Johns | | | |
| Rob Barnes | | | |

Girls Golf

Congratulations to the MdN Girls Golf Team for bringing home the Regional and State Runner-up trophy! Shirley Martinek, a freshman, shot her first hole-in-one, par 3 hole #17, and went on to place 2nd in the State. Cassia Chitla, a sophomore, shot a 79 on the first day of the State tournament, which was her lowest 18 hole score of the year. She also went on to place 9th at State. Alex Barno, Gillian Grabowski and Vanessa Martinez, all juniors, contributed to the overall team win with their strong individual performances, ending the season with a 9-5. We are delighted that all these girls will be back for another strong season next year, and we congratulate these girls on their fantastic efforts.



SCHOOL PROFILE

Principal: Frank Mirizio
 Athletic Director: Mike Griffith
 Athletic Trainer: Kim Oge
 Region: Pima
 Division: 5A2
 Mascot: Padre
 School Colors: Brown/Gold





April 2008




| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|--|--|---|-----|-----|-----|
| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | 7 | 8 AIMS / Terra Nova Testing Freshmen & Sophomores Only. | 9 AIMS / Terra Nova Testing Modified Schedule | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 <i>Half day for students (schedule #5)</i> | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 |
| 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | | | |



May 2008



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 <i>Prom and spring sports assembly</i> | 10 <i>Prom 8:00-11:30 p.m. location TBA</i> |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 <i>Senior finals (block schedule)</i> | 16 <i>Senior finals (block sched-</i> | 17 |
| 18 | 19 | 20 Semester exams semester exam schedule #4 | 21 Semester exams semester exam schedule #4 | 22 Graduation 7:00 p.m.  | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |

13th Annual MdN Golf Tournament

Entry Form

WHEN: Sunday, April 20, 2008

WHERE: *Vistal Golf Club
7th Street, South of Baseline*

TIME: *6 a.m. – registration
7:30 a.m. – shotgun start*

COST: *\$500 includes one foursome & one sponsorship
\$100 per golfer includes:*



- **Cart, Green Fees and Range Balls**
- **BBQ Lunch**
- **Special Contests: Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Hole in One**



FORMAT: Combined Score of Four Person Scramble

Your participation will support academics, activities & athletics at MdN!

Vistal requires traditional golf attire; collared shirts for men, collared or shirts with sleeves for ladies, shorts mid-thigh in length (please, no denim), and spike-less golf shoes.

Return this section with payment for each player/group. Checks payable to MdN Padre Club. Early registration is preferred. Secure reservations with payment by March 31, 2008. Golfers must be 14 years or older.

Mail entry form and checks to MdN Golf Tournament, c/o Cindy Smith, 2009 E. Yale Dr., Tempe 85283.

Name: _____ Phone _____
(Foursome contact)

E-mail Address: _____

Name: _____ Phone _____

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Name: _____ Phone _____

E-mail Address: _____

For Office Use Only

Submitted by: Band, Grad Night, Wrestling, Orchestra, Volleyball, Homerun Club



2008 MdN Parent Survey Excellence in Teaching and Learning

Directions: Please circle the answer that best reflects your opinion. Provide additional comments as needed.

Parent Involvement:

- | | |
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| 1. Are you a member of a parent organization? | YES NO |
| 2. Are you satisfied with the present opportunities for parent involvement? If no, what kinds of organizations would you like to see added? | YES NO |
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|--|--------|
| 3. Did you attend Open House in the fall? | YES NO |
| 4. Have you attended athletic games, concerts, College Night, Parent University, Freshman Orientation, or other school related activities? | YES NO |

Communication:

- | | |
|---|--------|
| 1. The teachers are responsive to parent concerns. | YES NO |
| 2. It is easy to make appointments to see teachers in our school. | YES NO |
| 3. The Progress Reports (sent after 4 ½ weeks) effectively communicate how well my student is doing in each class so far that quarter | YES NO |
| 4. The school newsletter is informative and keeps me aware of what is happening. | YES NO |
| 5. The school website http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/Marcos_de_Niza_HS/index.htm provides me with useful information | YES NO |
| 6. I use the Athletic/Activities phone line to learn about games and events each month. (480) 838-3200 – for Athletics, ext 47652; for Activities, ext 447653 | YES NO |

Academics:

- | | |
|--|--------|
| 1. The teachers and staff have high expectations for student achievement. | YES NO |
| 2. Parents are notified when their students fail to complete a major assignment or project. | YES NO |
| 3. Our school adequately prepares students to pass the state AIMS test. | YES NO |
| 4. The curriculum in our school prepares students for college. | YES NO |
| 5. The curriculum in our school prepares student for life in general after high school. | YES NO |
| 6. The school provides adequate opportunities for extra help. | YES NO |
| 7. The Counseling/Guidance Department helps my student in selecting appropriate classes. | YES NO |
| 8. The Counseling/Guidance Department provides support for my student's personal problems. | YES NO |
| 9. The Counseling/Guidance Department assists my student with college scholarship opportunities. | YES NO |
| 10. The Counseling/Guidance Department effectively communicates choices for career pathways to my student. | YES NO |

Student Activities:

- | | |
|--|------------------|
| 1. Does your student participate in the athletics program? | YES NO |
| 2. Does your student participate in other extracurricular activities? If yes, does that program meet the needs of your student? | YES NO YES NO |
| 3. Are there enough student activities offered on campus? If no, what kinds of activities would you like to see? | YES NO |
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|---|----------------------------|
| 4. Is your student able to balance academics and extracurricular activities? If no, does your student attend conference or after school homework lab? If yes, does your student attend conference or after school homework lab? | YES NO YES NO YES NO |
|---|----------------------------|

General Impressions:

- | | |
|--|--------|
| 1. The teachers enforce classroom rules in a fair and consistent manner. | YES NO |
| 2. The administration enforces school rules in a fair and consistent manner. | YES NO |
| 3. My student feels safe at school. | YES NO |
| 4. The office and teaching staff are friendly and helpful. | YES NO |
| 5. The school buildings and grounds are well maintained. | YES NO |
| 6. Drug use by MdN students is a problem. | YES NO |
| 7. Alcohol use by MdN students is a problem. | YES NO |
| 8. The nurse's office provides for students in a positive way. | YES NO |



**2008 MdN Parent Survey
Excellence in Teaching and Learning**

9. Are there any other concerns you'd like us to address?

10. Please take a moment to tell us what you like best about Marcos.

If you wish to receive a personal response to a particular problem or concern,
please contact our Principal, Frank Mirizio at (480) 832-3200 ext. 47651 or fmirizio.mdn@tuhsd.k12.az.us.

Thank you.
We value your opinion.



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