



WINTER 2008

## Padre Pride

TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCOS DE NIZA HIGH SCHOOL

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## MdN Pride...newest sun devil

### BURKE TO STAY HOME, SIGNS WITH ASU

November 12, 2008 was a big day for Marcos de Niza senior basketball player Joy Burke as she signed a National Letter of Intent to stay home and play basketball for the Arizona State Sun Devils and Head Coach Charli Turner Thorne. Tuesday marked the first day athletes in the class of 2009 could make their mark and officially be recognized as a part of their future teams.

"It makes me very happy and it's a huge relief," said Burke as she signed in front of approximately fifty family members and friends. "It's a huge accomplishment for me and I feel like all my hard work is paying off. It's an awesome experience to be in this position—to have my college paid for and play basketball at ASU. I'm just really overjoyed."

The 6' 6" Burke was rated among the Top 100 basketball players in the country by *rivals.com* and *espn.com*, along with being one of the Top 15 players at her position. Burke, who averaged 20 ppg, 13 rpg, and 5 bpg as a junior, had numerous options as she received scholarship offers to play basketball from across the country. Burke narrowed her choices down to Arizona State University, the University of Southern California, and the University of Louisville as her final three, but couldn't deny the prospect of staying and playing at home in front of family and friends.

"The difference for me was the support of my friends and family," she added. "I love Arizona and the fact my friends and family can come to a game helped me make my decision. It was a tough decision because

you get close to all the coaches, but across the board ASU was the best fit for me."

Marcos Head Coach Matt Bjorklund was also elated about Burke's decision to stay home. "I told Joy from day one, that whatever decision she made I would be happy and proud of her, but from a personal and selfish reason, I hoped she'd choose ASU because I'd get to watch her more often," Bjorklund said. "It's really a perfect fit for both Joy and Charli. She has a very high ceiling in terms of what she'll be able to accomplish as a basketball player at ASU, and Charli and her staff are the perfect people to bring the best out of her."

Burke, who is a 4.0 student, is a little unsure about what she'll major in at ASU; nevertheless, she remains focused on her senior year at Marcos.

"I want to go out with a bang," she added. "I'd like to win a state championship this year and there's some records out there I'd like to break, too."





## Padre Principal...a Message from Mr. Mirizio

### “EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING AND LEARNING”

Greetings!

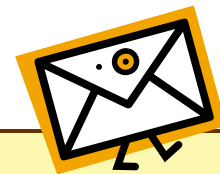
It is hard to believe that we are ending our first semester. As you know time flies when you are having fun, and boy, are we having fun! There has been much going on this past month. Our marching band did a great job at State, receiving the highest ratings of the year. Our fall plays were outstanding and choir and orchestra have been busily preparing for the winter holiday schedule.

Our fall sports competed at a very high level. First and foremost, our Girls Golf Team are STATE CHAMPIONS for the first time in our school’s history. To top this off--**Shelby Martinek** is the Individual State Champion!!! We will get to hang another banner in the gym. We also have another State Champion in **Sam Doorman**, who captured his third straight title in Boys Diving! **Katie Zissis** finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State, swimming in the 200 freestyle. In cross-country we had our best showing in years, with our girls team finishing in 6<sup>th</sup> place as a team and **Kay Shaeffer** earned 10<sup>th</sup> overall. The boys team finished 10<sup>th</sup> and **John Mark** earned 12<sup>th</sup> place overall. As I write this letter, our football team is 9-1 and Region Champions for the second year in a row. We are ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State and will host two playoff games as we continue to strive towards our goal of becoming State Championship.

Special congratulations to the following student athletes who have accepted full-ride scholarships for next year: **Aubrielle Funk**-University of Oregon, volleyball; **Anthony Rose**-Arizona State University, football; **Joy Burke**-Arizona State University, basketball, and **Bianca Dollar**-Arizona State University, soccer. We are very proud of these young people and know they will be successful in their college careers.

Please take a look inside this newsletter since there is a great deal of information regarding the AIMS tests, registration for next year, and of course, GRADUATION! As always I welcome any conversation you wish to have with me regarding Marcos de Niza and our pursuit of EXCELLENCE! I thank you for your support!

Frank Mirizio,  
Principal



### ATTENTION MdN PARENTS!

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 newsletters on our website; click on:

<http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/index.htm>

### PARENT SURVEY

**PARENTS:** Please take our parent survey. It should only take 10 minutes to complete.

Thank you for your time to help us make our school better.

### THE LINK IS:

<http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/surveys/2008TUHSDparent.htm>

# From the Registrar's office...Mr. Brown



## 2009—2010 STUDENT ORIENTATION/REGISTRATION

Orientation and registration for 2009—2010 school year will begin in January. The 8th Grade Orientation Night will be **Monday, January 26, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.** in the auditorium and gym.

The counselors will visit eighth grade students from our feeder schools in January and visit all Marcos de Niza English classes in February to begin the registration process for the next school year. We recommend that parents sit down with their son or daughter and review the registration handbook.

Please contact the guidance office at (480) 838-3200 if you have questions concerning this process.

## Bookstore ...news

### 2009-2010 Textbook Distribution

Book distribution for the 2009-2010 school year is currently scheduled for the following days:

Freshmen A-M Monday, July 27	Sophomores A-M Wednesday, July 29
Freshmen N-Z Tuesday, July 28	Sophomores N-Z Thursday, July 30
Juniors A-M Friday, July 31	Seniors A-M Tuesday, August 4
Juniors N-Z Monday, August 3	Seniors N-Z Wednesday, August 5

Please note these dates and times are subject to change.

### CHECK WRITING 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, 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.

### STUDENT GRADE INFORMATION

PROGRESS REPORTS	REPORT CARDS
Progress reports will be mailed at the middle of each quarter. The following are the approximate dates:	Report cards are mailed at the end of each quarter. The following dates are the end of the quarter:
November 14, 2008	December 23, 2008
February 6, 2009	March 18, 2009
April 17, 2009	May 28, 2009



### MDN DELIVERY POLICY



For security and safety reasons, the office does NOT accept money, notes and deliveries to students. No exceptions.

### TAX CREDIT 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 31 of the year to 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.tuhsd.k12.az.us/parent/tax\\_credit.htm](http://www.tuhsd.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.

# Attendance...reporting an absence



## REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

**THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE IS OPEN  
WEEKDAYS FROM 7:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.**

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 **All WAYS** check into the Attendance Office when returning to school so that the time can be noted and the student can be admitted to class.

**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 NINTH AND TENTH GRADE STUDENTS AT LUNCH TIME

To enable a ninth or tenth grade student to leave the campus at lunch-time, a parent 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.

## 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 everyday at 7:50 a.m. Students are encouraged to use the conference hour on block days.**

## STUDENT INFORMATION UPDATE

To make necessary changes to student information, please contact the Attendance Office at (480) 838-3200. 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:

- Personal illness
- Doctor or dentist appointment
- Serious family illness
- Death in family
- Important family business
- Checking out of school through the Nurse or Attendance Office
- 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 if 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:

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

## ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

**TO REACH THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE  
PLEASE DIAL,  
(480) 730- 7659**

**Press #2— for senior and juniors  
Press #1—for freshmen and sophomores**

# Counselors Corner... testing dates and schedules

## TESTING, TESTING, AND MORE TESTING!

### AIMS Writing-Tuesday, February 24

Testing occurs from 7:50 a.m. to 10:25 a.m.; ALL classes will resume at 10:40 a.m.

*Freshmen:* No testing-Report to school at 10:40 a.m.

*Sophomores:* AIMS Writing Test

*Juniors:* AIMS Writing Retakes (for students that have not passed or signed up to excel; others report to school at 10:40 a.m.)

*Seniors:* AIMS Writing Retakes (for students that have not passed or signed up to excel; others report to school at 10:40 a.m.)

### AIMS Reading-Wednesday, February 25

Testing occurs from 7:50 a.m. to 10 a.m.; ALL classes will resume at 10:15 a.m.

*Freshmen:* No testing-Report to school at 10:15 a.m.

*Sophomores:* AIMS Reading Test

*Juniors:* AIMS Reading Retakes (for students that have not passed or want to excel; others report to school at 10:15 a.m.)

*Seniors:* AIMS Reading Retakes (for students that have not passed or want to excel; others report to school at 10:15 a.m.)

### Terra Nova & AIMS Mathematics-Wednesday, April 8

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

*Freshmen:* TerraNova Test (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.)

### AIMS Science-Thursday, April 9

Testing occurs from 7:50 am to 9:20 a.m.; ALL classes will resume at 9:30 a.m.

*Freshmen:* AIMS Science Test (for students enrolled in a life science class; others report to school at 9:30 a.m.)

*Sophomores:* AIMS Science Test

*Juniors:* No testing-Report to school at 9:30 a.m.

*Seniors:* No testing-Report to school at 9:30 a.m.

## \*SAT AND \*ACT TESTING AND REGISTRATION SCHEDULE

2008-2009 S.A.T. SCHEDULE MdN Building 100 7:45 am		PLEASE NOTE <i>*SAT and *ACT have late registration deadline dates; see registration packets for more details.</i>  <i>Visit the web. For more information on SAT, go on-line to <a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a> or for more information on ACT, go on-line to <a href="http://www.act.org">www.act.org</a></i>	2008 - 2009 A.C.T. SCHEDULE	
<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>		<u>Test Dates</u>	<u>Registration Deadline</u>
January 24	December 26	February 7	January 6	
March 14	February 10	April 4	February 27	
May 2	March 31	June 13	May 8	
June 6	May 5			



### MDN SILENT WITNESS HOTLINE

Did you know that Marcos de Niza has a Silent Witness hotline? It can be a very useful tool when you have information that you are afraid to share. You can call and leave an anonymous message with any information that may be useful in helping us solve a problem or if you know of a problem or witness a crime that we need to know about, you can leave a message there. The hotline number is (480) 730-7675.

# Parent Page...NPLB workshops



## NPLB (NO PARENT LEFT BEHIND) UNIVERSITY- A PROGRAM OF TEMPE ADULT EDUCATION

Being a parent is not an easy job! In fact, to compound the issue, it is the most important job that you'll probably ever encounter! That is why NPLB (No Parent Left Behind) University was established and continues to offer you the most up-to-date workshops that pertain to your adolescent and his/her well being. One of our recent participants who is a parent and also a teacher in our school district had these comments to share, "Our district does a wonderful job offering FREE classes discussing a variety of subjects. They even give out free refreshments! I attended the one on the "College Process" [offered in October of 2008]. It was very informative and I even saw one of my former students there! I have gone to these classes over the last few years and have loved them! I hope you are able to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities!"

NPLB University's vision is to provide parents, grandparents, and/or guardians with the opportunity to network, share experiences, lend support, and learn useful parenting strategies and information in a non-judgmental environment.

- Participation in NPLB (No Parent Left Behind) University is free and available to everyone!
- To check for the most current listing of workshops visit [www.tuhsd.k12.az.us](http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us) and click on the parent tab. It will take you to the parent work shops link and the NPLB University webpage. If you scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on the pdf file, all of the woodshops for the entire 2008-2009 school year are listed for your convenience.
- To pre-register for any of the workshops, please call, Mrs. Cosner at the Community Services Office at (480) 838-3200 ext. 40074.

NO PARENT LEFT BEHIND WORKSHOPS			
Topic:	Depression, Suicide and Self Harming Behaviors (Adults Only)	Topic:	<b>Turnarounds</b>
Date:	Tuesday, November 18, 2008	Date:	Tuesday, February 10, 2009
Time:	Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m.	Time:	Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m.
Location:	Tempe Public Library's Program Room	Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255
Presenter(s):	notMykid & Tempe Partnership	Presenter(s):	Cathie Belcher-Parent/Teen Wellness Coach
Topic:	<b>Goal Setting and Esteem Building</b>	Topic:	<b>Financial Aid Help Night: A Hands-On Experience</b>
Date:	Tuesday, December 2, 2008	Date:	Wednesday, February 11, 2009
Time:	Refreshments and Workshop at 6:00 p.m.	Time:	Refreshments and Workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location:	Tempe High School's Library	Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 118
Presenter(s):	Iesha Jackson-THS Summer Bridge Site Coordinator	Presenter(s):	Carlos Ortega, ASU Financial Outreach Specialist
Topic:	<b>Dare to Prepare: What You and Your Teen Need to Know Before They Drive #2</b>	Topic:	<b>Helping with Your Student's Career/College Choices</b>
Date:	Tuesday, January 13, 2009	Date:	Tuesday, February 17, 2009
Time:	Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m.	Time:	Refreshments and Workshop at 5:30 p.m.
Location:	Mountain Pointe High School-P.E. Lecture Hall #E 143	Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255
Presenter(s):	Jason Reynolds-Traffic Safety Specialist	Presenter(s):	Paul Santa Cruz-MdN Summer Bridge Site Coordinator
Topic:	<b>The Message Board</b>	Topic:	<b>Financial Aid Help Night: A Hands-On Experience</b>
Date:	Tuesday, January 20, 2009	Date:	Thursday, February 19, 2009
Time:	Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m.	Time:	Refreshments and Workshop from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255	Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 118
Presenter(s):	Cathie Belcher-Parent/Teen Wellness Coach	Presenter(s):	Carlos Ortega, ASU Financial Outreach Specialist
Topic:	<b>Is It Worth It? Eating Disorders</b>	Topic:	<b>Safe Dating and Healthy Relationships</b>
Date:	Tuesday, January 27, 2009	Date:	Tuesday, February 24, 2009
Time:	Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m.	Time:	Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m.
Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255	Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255
Presenter(s):	notMYkid	Presenter(s):	notMYkid
Topic:	<b>Helping with Your Student's College/Career Choices</b>	Topic:	<b>Talking and Listening to Our Teens: Tips for Communication During the Adolescent Years (Adults Only)</b>
Date:	Thursday, January 29, 2009	Date:	Thursday, March 5, 2009
Time:	Refreshments and Workshop at 6:00 p.m.	Time:	Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m.
Location:	Tempe High School's Library	Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255
Presenter(s):	Iesha Jackson-THS Summer Bridge Site Coordinator	Presenter(s):	Dr. Lisa Merrin Ph.D.-MdN's Psychologist
Título del Taller:	<b>De la Escuela Secundaria a la Universidad (En Español)</b>	Topic:	<b>Try On</b>
Fecha/hora:	Tuesday, February 3, 2009	Date:	Tuesday, March 24, 2009
Lugar:	Edificio de Administración en McClintock High Scho	Time:	Refreshments at 6:00 p.m./Workshop at 6:30 p.m.
Presentadora:	Melinda Coronado-MHS Summer Bridge Site Coordinator	Location:	Marcos de Niza High School-Room 255
		Presenter(s):	Cathie Belcher-Parent/Teen Wellness Coach

# From the LRTC...library news



## FREE BOOKS

### HELP THE MDN LIBRARY RECEIVE FREE BOOKS

Earn free books for the Marcos de Niza library with every purchase at Changing Hands Bookstore during November and December. The Changing Hands Books for Schools Program credits 20% of purchases made during the holidays to a school of your choice. When making purchases, ask the Changing Hands cashier to validate your receipt with the Books for Schools stamp. Bring all receipts to Karina Brown in the MdN LRTC (library) before January 10, 2009. Thank you for supporting student readers.



### Books with Bite® during Teen Read Week™ 2008

The MdN LRTC (Learning Resource and Technology Center/Library) celebrated the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Teen Read Week* with a *Books with Bite @your library* contest. Students were rewarded with a treat for researching and answering questions relating to books about things that bite. Also, participating students entered a drawing for one of three signed books, donated by Ms. Heath. This year's contest winners were: **Percelia Peralta, Samantha Fairley and Bryce Halstead**. Teen Read Week is an initiative of the Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA). Since 1998, Teen Read Week has encouraged teens to make time to read for the fun of it, use their local library to discover their interests, and participate in events at their school library.

The LRTC has added 65 new eBooks (books delivered through the internet) to the collection. MdN students, teachers and administrators can utilize MdN LRTC eBooks from a computer that allows them access to the library electronic catalog. A few advantages to eBooks include portable, durable, searchable and link to more information and related websites. In addition, eBooks can be interactive and contain audio, video and animations, which can enhance the message that the author is trying to convey. The eBooks added include many of the classics such as *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*, *Jane Eyre*, *The Call of the Wild*, *Aesop's Fables*, *The Autobiography of Benjamin Franklin*, Shakespeare's plays like *As You Like It* and many others great reads. Come check one out!

## Advanced Placement...scores

### ADVANCED PLACEMENT SCORES ARE HIGH!

Ninety-five students at Marcos de Niza signed up to take 135 Advanced Placed Program (AP) Exams from 12 different subject areas in May 2008, after completing challenging college-level courses at MdN. Over 68% of these tests received a score of "3" or better, enabling students to qualify for credit at the university level. This far exceeds the national average.

Twenty students have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board, in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level AP Exams. Only about 18% of the 1.6 million students

worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Two students qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award by earning an average of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams. These students are **Gregor Grossman and Florence Williams**.

Six students qualified for the AP Scholar with Honor Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. These students are **Jane Adams, Jonathan Chen, Jenna Glickman, Lauren Johnston, Maxim Sankey and Kurtis Zinger**.

Twelve students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams, with grades of 3 or higher. These students are **Kelsie Beaudoin, Corbin Boyles, Emily Foree, Socorro Gobe, Paula Ibieta, Mateen Khokhar, Julia MacDonald, Joshua McCoy, Daniel Riley, Laura Scotney, Amanda Sornsins and Suzanne Williams**.

Of this year's award recipients at Marcos, eleven were juniors at the time: **Kelsie Beaudoin, Jonathan Chen, Emily Foree, Paula Ibieta, Lauren Johnston, Julia MacDonald, Joshua McCoy, Daniel Riley, Maxim Sankey, Laura Scotney and Suzanne Williams**. These students have one more year in which to complete college-level work and possibly earn another AP Scholar Award.

Marcos de Niza currently has ten courses that prepare students for exams administered by the Advanced Placement Testing Service; however, a student may take an exam without taking the corresponding course. There is an \$86 fee for each AP Exam; a \$13 non-refundable fee is due Thursday, March 9 and the final \$73 deposit is due Thursday, April 9. The testing schedule for 2009 is located online at the Marcos de Niza website or at collegeboard.com.

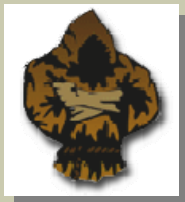
### GOT HOMEWORK?

- WHO:** Any Marcos de Niza Student  
**WHAT:** In School Homework Lab  
**WHEN:** Mondays-Thursdays  
**TIME:** 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Rooms 118 and 119 on the Marcos de Niza Campus  
**WHY:** To get help with homework  
To complete projects  
To study for exams  
To work on the computer  
**F.Y. I:** If a student stays for a minimum of 1 hour, she/he will get a bus pass and a snack!



For further information, please contact: Kay Cosner at (480) 838-3200 ext. 40074

# Padre Page...shines with pride



## Padre of the Month

October

### Students

Andrew Clauss  
Brittany Erwin  
Jason Garcia  
Ruby Hernandez  
Shantelle Madison  
Joshua McCoy  
Janeth Quintero  
Jill Swanson

### Athletes

Vanessa Martinez  
Kay Shaeffer

### Staff

Kay Cosner  
Patrick McChesney  
Marcia Parker

Keep up the good work  
Padres!



## “THIS I BELIEVE”

Students in Roxanna Dewey’s Advanced Composition class for dual enrollment credit are participating in the nationwide *This I Believe* project. According to thisibelieve.org, “*This I Believe* is a national media project engaging people in writing, sharing, and discussing the core values and beliefs that guide their daily lives.” It is based on a radio program of the same name from the 1950’s that was hosted by Edward R. Murrow. The project has since been revived and people from all over the country have been encouraged to submit their writing about what it is they believe in. The essays are aired on the NPR shows, *All Things Considered*, *Tell Me More*, and *Weekend Edition Sunday*. In class, students have completed writing the essay and thusly have been encouraged to submit their writing to post on the thisibelieve.org website. In addition, students will be podcasting their “This I Believe” essays and uploading them to Marcos de Niza’s website in order to create a collection of essays that conveys what Marcos de Niza students in the class of 2009 believe in. This initiative is one that both Mrs. Dewey and her students hope will continue through future years at Marcos de Niza.



## MdN Job Fair... a success

### TEMPE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SPONSORED JOB FAIR

The second annual Student Job Fair sponsored by Tempe Union High School District and the Tempe Union Business Advisory Council was held at the Marcos de Niza High School Cafeteria. It turned out to be quite an event! This year about 35 businesses and about 371 students attended the job fair. Students had an opportunity to meet potential employers, complete an application, schedule an interview or participate in an interview at the job fair, and learn important job seeking tips. To teach our students how to dress for a job, a fashion show was included, showcasing two of our students **Mellika Tortice** and **Ramie Martinez** from the Mdn WorkBridge program. The job fair was a great success!



Mellika Tortice and Ramie Martinez

## MdN H.E.R.O. ... spirit

### H.E.R.O. TRADITION

Each year the HERO interns take on the time honored tradition of creating the Homecoming Spirit Chain for the football stadium while at the same time generating donations for community service projects. The Homecoming Spirit Chain activity is planned, organized and participated in by the MdN students. This year the students will split the proceeds with the following groups: The FCCLA State Service Project, ASU Autism Research, Families in Guadalupe and the MdN Best Buddies Program.



Club members: Brittany Arenas, Kelly Biev, Cynthia Diaz, Adriann Johnson, Arianna Lopez, Brittany Lopez, Megan McNiff, Angelika Mendoza, Michael Nieto, Felicia Quintero, Mitchell Sanchez, Yasmin Tapia, Abby Thayer, Nancy Trigueros, Arianna Valencia, Priscilla Valle, Gabriella Verdugo, Michelle Winters and Gina Zamora.

# MdN Information...bits and hits

## MARKET DAYS

Advanced Apparel Design Students and Fashion Club Members planned, organized and participated in market days. Hosted at MDN on Wednesday and Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Students made clothing donations for a resale shop and others created their own one-of-a-kind accessories, such as belts, lanyards, hair accessories and jewelry. Ericka Henderson, a *Cookie Lee* representative, participated as well. The students were successful and had a great time participating in this real life merchandising event.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Financial Aid Help Night: A Hands-On Experience

Date: Wednesday, February 11, 2009  
Thursday, February 19, 2009

Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. (walk-ins welcome)  
Refreshments and Workshop.

Location: Marcos de Niza High School-Room 118

Presenter: Carlos Ortega, ASU Financial Outreach Specialist

## “BON VOYAGE!”

A group of Marcos French students will be traveling to France over spring break! Madame Sheehy is leading a group of her students on a trip with EF Tours. The students have been working part-time jobs and fund-raising all summer to help with the cost of the trip, which, as of Nov. 14, is only 114 days away! Students registered for the trip are: Juniors--**Cassia Chitla, Paris Hosseinpour, Noah Jarzab, Brianna McGovern, Shelby Overholser, Christina Owens and Allison Schneib.** Seniors--**Jordyn James and Graece Rosales,** and '09 Marcos grad **Hillary Ford.** The group will be visiting Paris and 5 other cities in France, as well as Barcelona, Spain. Look for their adventures in a digital photo album when they return!



## ATTENTION ALL SENIOR PARENTS! WE NEED YOU FOR

**MdN GRAD NIGHT 2009**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2009**

### 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.

#### Monthly Meetings

Monday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Monday, Jan 7<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>

#### Final Meetings

Monday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday, Apr 1<sup>st</sup>  
Monday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>

Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

Not able to make a meeting? Check out Grad Night updates online at: <http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/mdn/auxserv/boosters.htm>

Please send correspondence to:  
MdN Grad Night  
6000 S. Lakeshore Dr.  
Tempe, AZ 85283



If you have any questions please contact,  
Marci Beaudoin at [beaudoinam@cox.net](mailto:beaudoinam@cox.net)

## Way to rock Padres!

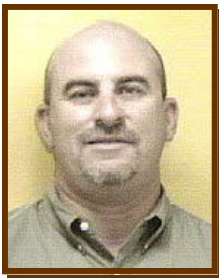
### Mdn Rocks...in the house

#### WICKHEAD

#### IROCK BATTLE OF THE BANDS!

Five bands competed for first place at iROCK Battle of the Bands held at MdN. The event was promoted by Wickhead. Participating bands came from Corona, Desert Vista and Marcos de Niza. We would like to thank the bands that participated: *The Road Deheidren, This Fallen World, When Silence Speaks, Sound the City and Play for Pretty.* First prize went to *Sounds of the City*, a band comprised of students from Corona, Mt. Pointe and a former MdN student, John Lash. The closing band, of course, was *Wickhead*, a band that hails from Johannesburg, South Africa. Best known for their “Album of the Year: *Hard Rock*” as well as “Single of the Year” hit “Don’t give in, don’t ever give it up – If the sky is falling down on your head” – Bright Lights Blvd. All in all, the evening rocked!





# From Athletics...Mr. Griffith

Principal: Frank Mirizio  
 Athletic Director: Mike Griffith  
 Conference: 5A2  
 Region: Pima  
 Mascot: Padre  
 School Colors: Brown & Gold



## MDN GIRLS GOLF TEAM STATE CHAMPIONS!!

Behind 15 strokes, Marcos came back to win the State Championship by 6 strokes. Congratulations to the Girls Golf Team, who are: Seniors - Gillian Grabowski, Vanessa Martinez, Alex Barno; Sophmores - Shelby Martinek, Lindsay McLean, and Kassy Gonzalez. In addition, Shelby Martinek was the State medalist winner for her two-day individual scores of 73 and 75. Their dedicated coach is Carrie Boyles.

**REMINDER TO PADRE SPORTS FANS AND PARTICIPANTS**

*For safety and security reasons we are making the following changes:*

- ▶ NO PASSES OUT OF GAMES. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ▶ ALL RE-ENTRIES MUST PAY. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ▶ NO OPEN LIQUID CONTAINERS (INCLUDING WATER). NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ▶ NO COOLERS ALLOWED. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- ▶ NO FOOD OR DRINKS ALLOWED IN MAIN GYM FLOOR ON GAME NIGHTS. (FOOD MAY BE CONSUMED IN LOBBY AREA OR UPSTAIRSBALCONY.) NO EXCEPTIONS.

V/JV BOYS SOCCER				
Tue, Dec 9	Highland Diablos Soccer Tournament	Tempe Sports Complex Field 4		6:00PM
Wed, Dec 10	Dobson Diablos Soccer Tournament	Tempe Sports Complex Field 1		6:00PM
Thur, Dec 11	Diablos Soccer Tournament Semi-Finals	Tempe Sports Complex TBD-Field 3 or 6		TBD (4:00PM/6:00PM)
Fri, Dec 12	Diablos Soccer Tournament Championship	Tempe Sports Complex TBD-Field 5 or 2		6:00PM
Mon, Dec 15	Yuma	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Thur, Dec 18	Westwood	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Mon, Jan 5	North	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Wed, Jan 7	Mountain Pointe	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Fri, Jan 9	Trevor Browne	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Tue, Jan 13	Skyline	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Thur, Jan 15	Mesquite	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Fri, Jan 16	Camelback	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Wed, Jan 21	Desert Ridge	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Fri, Jan 23	Pinnacle	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Wed, Jan 28	Horizon	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM

**Head Coach:** Jason Silvius  
**Assistant:** Darl Edington

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Thurs, Dec 18	Westwood	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
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Fri, Jan 23	Pinnacle	H	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Wed, Jan 28	Horizon	A	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM

**Varsity Coach:** Chris Carr  
**Assistant:** Krista Carr

# MdN Sports...winter schedules

F/JV/V GIRLS BASKETBALL				
Thur, Nov 20	McClintock Scrimmage	H	V	5:00PM
Tue, Dec 2	Hamilton	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Thur, Dec 4	Rincon	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Fri, Dec 5	La Joya	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Tue, Dec 9	Central	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Fri, Dec 12	Carl Hayden	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Mon, Dec 15	Deer Valley	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Tue, Jan 6	Stapley Junior High Mountain View	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Fri, Jan 9	Maryvale	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Tue, Jan 13	Horizon	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Fri, Jan 16	Brimhall Junior High Skyline	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Tue, Jan 20	Mountain Pointe	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Fri, Jan 23	Desert Ridge	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Tue, Jan 27	Pinnacle	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Fri, Jan 30	Horizon	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Tue, Feb 3	Skyline	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Fri, Feb 6	Camelback	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Tue, Feb 10	Desert Ridge	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Thur, Feb 12	Pinnacle	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
<b>Head Coach: Matt Bjorklund</b>				

HOME OF THE PADRES!

V/JV/F BOYS BASKETBALL				
Thur, Nov 20	Gilbert Scrimmage	A	V	6:00PM
Tue, Dec 2	Hamilton	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Thur, Dec 4	Rincon	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
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Tue, Feb 3	Skyline	A	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Fri, Feb 6	Camelback	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Tue, Feb 10	Desert Ridge	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
Thur, Feb 12	Pinnacle	H	F JV V	4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM
<b>Head Coach: David Stark</b>				

# MdN Sports...winter schedules and admission prices

WRESTLING				
Saturday, Nov 22	Hamilton, Desert Vista, Mingus	Hamilton	F	1:00PM
Wednesday, Dec 3	Brimhall (frosh) La Joya Willow Canyon Central	Brimhall La Joya  Central	F JV  V	4:00PM 4:00PM  4:00PM
Thurs, Dec 4	Williams Field	<b>Home</b> Gym Annex	F	4:00PM
Fri/Sat, Dec 5/6	Deer Valley Dual Tournament	Deer Valley		TBA
Sat, Dec 6	City Meet	Desert Vista	F JV	8:00 AM
Wed, Dec 10	Hendrix Junior High Kofa, Alhambra North Canyon	<b>Home</b> Alhambra; North Canyon	F JV V	4:00PM 4:00PM 4:00PM
Sat/Sun, Dec 19/20	Grand Canyon Dual Tournament	TBA		TBA
Wed, Jan 7	Brophy	<b>Home</b>	F JV V	5:30PM (2 mats) 5:30PM (2 mats) 7:00PM (1 mat)
Thurs, Jan 8	Williams Field, Perry	Williams Field	F	4:00PM (2 mats)
Frid/Sat, Jan 9/10	Apache Junction Tournament	TBA		TBA
Wed, Jan 14	Pinnacle, Horizon	Pinnacle	JV V	4:00PM 6:00PM
Fri/Saturday, Jan 16/17	Flowing Wells Tournament	Flowing Wells		TBA
Wed, Jan 21	Corona, Gilbert	Corona		TBA
Wed, Jan 28	Desert Ridge, Skyline	<b>Home</b> Wrestling Room Main Gym	F JV/V	4:00PM (2 mats) 4:00PM 5:30PM 7:00PM (2 mats)
Thurs, Jan 29	Higley Williams Field	TBD	F	4:00PM
Wed, Feb 4	Hamilton	Hamilton	JV V	7:00PM 7:00PM
Sat, Feb 14	Regionals	TBA		TBA
Fri/Sat, Feb 20/21	State Individual Tournament	TBA		TBA
Sat, Feb 28	State Dual Tournament	TBA		TBA
Head Coach: Jim Weed Assistants: Roger De Sart, Roy Lopez, Rick Ruiz, Alex Pavlenko				

2008-09 PIMA REGION TICKET PRICES	
<b>WINTER SPORTS</b>	
<b>BASKETBALL</b>	
Adult	\$5.00
Students w/ID	\$4.00
6 years and under	FREE

WRESTLING	
Adult	\$4.00
Students w/ID	\$3.00
6 years and under	FREE

SOCCER	
Adult	\$4.00
Students w/ID	\$3.00
6 years and under	FREE

SPRING SPORTS	
<b>VOLLEYBALL</b>	
Adult	\$4.00
Students w/ID	\$3.00
6 years and under	FREE

REGIONAL PLAY-OFF GAMES	
Adult	\$5.00
Students	\$5.00
6 years and under	FREE

STATE PLAY-OFF AND CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES	
Prices set by the AIA	
Prices set by the AIA	

METHOD OF PAYMENT: Parents do no be caught off guard!	
1. Cash.	
2. Checks up to \$20.00, ID required.	
3. No debit or credit cards accepted.	

# Go Brown and Gold



# January 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Classes Resume  Homework Lab Closed	6  Homework Lab Closed	7  Homework Lab Closed	8  Homework Lab Closed	9 Academic Decathlon Highland Invitational  Homework Lab Closed	10 Academic Decathlon Highland Invitational
11	12	13 Staff development (1/2 day schedule)  Homework Lab Closed	14  Homework Lab Closed	15  Homework Lab Closed	16  Homework Lab Closed	17
18	19 MLK holiday no school  Homework Lab Closed	20  Homework Lab Closed	21	22	23	24
25	26 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation 6:00 p.m. Auditorium & Gym	27	28	29	30 Academic Decathlon Regional Tournament	31 Academic Decathlon Regional Tournament



# February 2009





Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 Coronation Winter Sports Pep Assembly (schedule #3)	7 Coronation Dance 8:00-11:30 p.m. Gym
8	9 District Staff Development (1/2 day schedule)  Homework Lab Closed	10 Staff Development (1/2 day schedule)  Homework Lab Closed	11	12	13	14
15	16 Presidents' Day no school  Homework Lab Closed	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Writing AIMS testing Homework Lab Closed	25 Reading AIMS testing Homework Lab Closed	26	27 Musical triple assembly (schedule #6B)	28



# March 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6 End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter Academic Decathlon State Tournament	7 Academic Decathlon State Tournament
8 	9 Spring Break-no school				13 	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Panoramic cap & gown pictures	26	27 Unity assembly (bell schedule TBA)	28 MORP Dance 8:00-11:30 p.m. Gym
29	30	31				

# Join the MdN Padre Club

Through member dues and concession sales the Padre Club raises money and returns it to students.

We Support:



- **ACADEMICS**
- **ACTIVITIES**
- **ATHLETICS**

Over the past two years the Padre Club had provided financial support to campus groups for dozens of sports and projects, including:

- Spirit Yard Signs
- All City Banquets Attendance
- Equipment for the Girls Soccer Team
- Equipment for Track and Field
- Homework Club
- "Padre of the Month" Program
- Scholarships
- JROTC Rifle Cases
- Musical Scores for Marching Band
- Grad Night
- Annual Golf Tournament
- Robotics Club Supplies
- Stadium Clean-up
- Dance Performance DVDs

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### How do I join?

It's easy! Simply fill out the attached member form and return it with your dues to:

MdN Padre Club  
c/o Marcos de Niza High School  
6000 S. Lakeshore Dr.  
Tempe, AZ 85283

Better yet, attend a our next and bring it along!

The Padre club meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in Room 452 on the MdN campus. Room 452 is located in the building directly south of the tennis courts. We invite members to attend Padre Club meetings to keep abreast of school issues, share input and ask questions.

### 2008-2009 Meeting Schedule

January 12	April 13
February 9	May 4
March 16	

### Contact us at:

**For general information**  
mdnpadreclub@yahoo.com

### Check us out online!

Visit the Padre Club link  
on the Mdn website:  
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### 2008-2009 Membership Form

Yes, I would like to be involved in the Marcos de Niza Padre Club.

Sign me up for:

- Super Padre Membership \$50
- General Membership \$15
- Faculty/Staff Membership \$ 5
- Student Membership \$ 5

Method of Payment enclosed:

- Cash
- Check (payable to MdN Padre Club)

Please print:

Members Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Current MdN Student \_\_\_\_\_

Current MdN Student \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to help with:

- Game night concessions

\_\_\_ Wed \_\_\_ Thurs \_\_\_ Friday

- Grad Night



?Sabe usted que nuestro website está disponible ahora en español? Visítelo regularmente para las noticias e información.  
[http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/Marcos\\_de\\_Niza\\_HS/Index.htm](http://www.tuhsd.k12.az.us/Marcos_de_Niza_HS/Index.htm)

Do you have something we should know about?  
Do you want to submit information for the next edition of the Padre Newsletter?

We welcome your input and additions to this valuable publication. You may submit feedback in writing to Gloria Laguna at [glaguna.mdn@tuhsd.k12.az.us](mailto:glaguna.mdn@tuhsd.k12.az.us) or contact any administrator at (480) 838-3200.



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