Final Exams

PARENTS, it has been a great year, and we hope to end it on a great note! Final exams are coming next month. Here are a few important reminders:

1. Tuesday, May 22 – seniors will take their 4th, 5th, and 6th period finals. May 23 – all students will take their 1st, 2nd, and 3rd period finals. May 24 – freshmen through juniors take their 4th, 5th, and 6th period finals. Students with A hour need to talk with their teachers about the final exam date.

2. Students are expected to be present during both days of their final exams, so please schedule all appointments before or after final exam dates. This ensures that we protect our testing time for all of our students.

3. There are no early final exams, and students must take exams at the scheduled time. Again, please make sure that your student is in school for our final exam dates.

Thank you for your time and help especially at this time of year, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call your student’s grade level administrator.

– Mountain View Administrator Team

Senior Forum – May 1

SENIORS – Please make sure that you are at school on Tuesday, May 1 (no doctor appointments or anything else that morning).

Your Senior Forum will be in the Auditorium during 3rd hour. Please report to your 3rd hour class for roll. Your 3rd hour teacher will then either send you to the Auditorium or escort you.

What is Senior Forum? Senior Forum is where you will learn everything you need to know about graduation. It is extremely important that you are in attendance at the Forum to receive this important information.

What if you have EVIT in the morning? If you have EVIT and cannot attend the Forum, please see Ms. Dixon in the Administration Office following the Forum to get what information she has available.

500 CAREER VICTORIES FOR COACH MIKE THIEL

MVHS and Mesa Public Schools District Athletics are proud to recognize Mountain View Head Varsity Baseball Coach Mike Thiel on his 500th career victory. Coach Thiel’s teaching and coaching career started at Kofa and Cibola High Schools with the last 21 years at Mountain View.

He has coached numerous athletes who have pursued their baseball dreams at the college level, and coached one athlete who played in the MLB.

While at Mountain View, Coach Thiel won the state championship in 1998 and was named Arizona Coach of the Year. In 2015, he was inducted into the Arizona Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Coach Thiel has won nine Region Championships and has been named Region Coach of the Year eight times. His career won-loss record is 500-304, but his greatest accomplishment is the number of young men whose lives he has touched in a positive way during his 33 years of coaching and teaching.

LA VISTA – The MVHS YEARBOOK – The 2018 yearbook will be released on Friday, May 11th. Students who pre-ordered their book can pick it up in the gym. While supplies last, students wishing to purchase a book may buy one in the bookstore for $75.
Academic Decathlon News

Congratulations and high praise to the AcDec team for their 3rd place finish at State, on March 9-10.

This year’s topic was Africa, and seven students earned medals including Dustin Grief (senior) – 1st place in Science with a perfect 1,000 points, a 3rd in Art, and a 3rd in Social Science; Spencer Knighton (sophomore) – 2nd in Math; Rachael Carver (senior) – 2nd in Literature; Hannah Foote (senior) – 2nd in Speech; Abigail Reeves (junior) – 1st place in both Literature and Art; Mason Krause (senior) – 1st in Speech and 3rd in Literature; and Ramzi Eljabali (senior) – 2nd in Literature and 1st in Social Science.

In the Super Quiz Relay event, each of the three divisions (Honors, Scholastic, Varsity) answer 12 questions over the seven content areas in front of peers, friends and family. Mountain View earned a 3rd place trophy among the 40 schools competing. The Honors division of Georgia Barton (senior), Spencer Knighton, and Dustin Grief went 12 for 12.

In the Varsity division, Mason Krause earned the overall Bronze medal of the competition. It is noteworthy that Hannah Foote’s speech was recognized as the top overall performance, as was Georgia Barton’s speech at Regionals.

The 2017-2018 MVHS Academic Decathlon Team

in February. Haley Cooper (senior) completes the roster for the 2017-2018 team.

Coaches James Epley (Social Studies) and Sasha Litzenberger (English) are very proud of the team’s hard work and success and have enjoyed a special experience working with the students and their parents throughout the year.

Next year’s topic is “The 1960s: A Transformational Decade.” If you would like to learn more about AcDec, or register your son or daughter in the course – AD86W – contact Mr. Epley, Ms. Litzenberger, or the Student Advisor’s office.

News from the Media Center

All library books are due May 9. Return them as soon as possible. If you have library books from another Mesa school, we can return them for you.

CHECK OUT THE LIBRARY’S HOME PAGE!
Search for available books for check out, access databases, and the online library catalog. Go to: www.mpsaz.org/mtnview/academics/media_center

RESEARCH DATABASES AVAILABLE ONLINE
For research information, have your student start with the MPS databases – current, accurate and free for MPS students. Go to: http://www.mpsaz.org/library. Get the MPS login and password by clicking Login Information. Visit the MPS website www.mpsaz.org and, under Academic Resources, select Library.

UNITED WAY’S 12 BOOK PROGRAM

Mrs. Drain’s Honors Freshman English classes are having a book drive for Mesa United Way’s 12 Book Program. The program benefits kindergartners in lower-income neighborhoods by providing 12 books for each student to read during the summer. The purpose is to help build fundamental reading skills in early learners.

MVHS students, families, teachers, and staff can donate new or gently used books (and money to help purchase books) during first hour classes or in the office. We are focusing on kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade level books, but any elementary books may be donated. The book drive runs from April 30 – May 4. Contact Mrs. Drain at bcdrain@mpsaz.org for further information.
If you’re applying to college, or need to send your transcript to an employer or to other destinations, you’ve already got plenty of forms to fill out. Instead, place your transcript requests online with Secure Transcript™ — the safe, paperless way to send transcripts directly to the destinations you choose. It’s easy, it’s secure, and it’s available 24/7.

Here’s how:

Sign up by identifying your school and provide some information about yourself, including your email address. Choose the destinations where you want to send your transcripts. Sign off by paying online — there’s a small fee per transcript — and you’re done.

We’ll send out official transcripts, checked and approved by your school. We’ll email you to confirm that they’ve gone out. For colleges (and other destinations) that accept transcripts electronically, we’ll even confirm when they receive them.

www.mpsaz.org/mtnview/about_us/transcript/
Sign up for Remind.com

Sign up to receive text messages of upcoming visits, new scholarships, meetings, and all of the great things happening through our Career Center and Student Advisement office. Most student advisors have a remind.com account set up for their seniors. If you are a senior, check with your advisor.

This is a free service, but standard text messages rates apply. Text: @visits2018 / To: 81010

ATTENTION SENIORS

MDLP COURSES – Seniors taking Mesa Distance Learning classes must complete ALL of their coursework and take the final exam by May 10 in order for it to count toward graduation. [This date applies unless the student’s personal deadline is earlier.]

SUNDOWN/GPR – Seniors enrolled in Grad Point Recovery/Sundown classes must complete ALL of their coursework by May 10.

CEP – Seniors must submit their CEP hours/workbooks to the Career Center by May 10.

SCHOLARSHIPS

If you have received any financial assistance for college including grants, work study, and/or scholarships, please give a copy of this information to Mrs. Warren in the Career Center even if you are not accepting the offers.

2018 SENIOR HIGH SUMMER SCHOOL

Location: Mesa High School
Session 1: June 4 – June 22
Session 2: June 25 – July 13 (no school July 4)

Additional information is posted on the Student Advisement website. Registration forms are available in the Advisement Office. You may also register online at www.mpsaz.org/commed

Go to: www.mpsaz.org/mtnview
Click: Student Advisement
Click: SummerSchool

WARNING: Summer school classes taken outside of MPS must be completed by June 30, 2018, in order to receive credit. Students may need to take a district exam and pass it with 70% or better in order to receive MPS credit. It is important that you check with your advisor BEFORE registering for any summer class outside of MPS.
Advisement News (continued)

**College Entrance Exams**

College-bound juniors are encouraged to take **ACT/SAT tests** toward the end of their junior year.

How can a student be best prepared for these college entrance tests? Practice tests are available in the Career Center and online. Check the Student Advisement Website for registration and any additional information.

**Student Athletes**

Students who registered for a sport next school year are reminded that they must get a physical exam after **March 1** of this year and return the physical form to the Mountain View athletic office by **June 1**.

Students will not be placed in a sports class until this is done. A new physical is **required** every year.

Athletes interested in playing a sport in college must sign up with the NCAA by the end of their **junior year**. Check with your advisor or the Student Advisement Website for additional information.

**Looking for a Great Resource?** Check out our Advisement Website at: [www.mpsaz.org/mtnview](http://www.mpsaz.org/mtnview)

**Click on:** Student Advisement and Sign up for Toro Tips.

As a reminder: If you no longer want to receive Toro Tips emails after you graduate, you must **unsubscribe** yourself at the bottom of that Toro Tips page.

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**FUTURE TOROS – Don’t miss these events!**

**Freshman Orientation** – Wednesday, August 1, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**9th Grade Parent Night** – Thursday, August 2, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. This evening will provide information and support for the parents of incoming freshmen.

Parents of next year’s 9th graders – Look for more information in the Summer Newsletter.

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**Final Transcripts**

Students must send a final transcript. Transcripts are available online through **Parchment**.

It’s easy, it’s secure, and it’s available 24/7. Make sure to select “**Hold for Final Grade**.”

Go to: [www.mpsaz.org/mtnview](http://www.mpsaz.org/mtnview)

Click: **Student Advisement**

Click: **Transcripts**

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**Order Your Transcripts Online!**

Unless you need a transcript to include with other paperwork – especially for a scholarship – continue to use Parchment for your requests. All Arizona universities and community colleges prefer electronic transcripts.


This will take you to Parchment where you’ll already be recognized as a Mountain View student.

[www.parchment.com/u/registration/4885/account](http://www.parchment.com/u/registration/4885/account)
ATTENTION APPEALS – If your student is losing credit due to absences, attendance appeals are due by Thursday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m. Please turn in your appeal at the Attendance Office.

Advisement News (continued)

ATTENTION JUNIORS: UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMIES

There are five Service Academies in the United States. If you are interested in attending the Air Force, Naval, Military, Merchant Marine, or Coast Guard Academy, please see Ms. Schultz in the Student Advisement Office as soon as possible. Preparation for the application process has already begun. These are the critical steps in the process:

1. Register to take either the ACT or the SAT exam in the spring of your junior year.

2. Make sure your Mountain View schedule reflects classes that demonstrate rigorous and challenging college preparatory curriculum. Performing well in Advanced Placement classes will help prepare you for the academics offered at the academies.

Academies look for individuals who demonstrate academic excellence, as well as athletic ability, leadership, and community service. The profile of a typical cadet includes the following composites:

- 60% Academic – High school performance, grades, and SAT/ACT scores
- 20% Extracurricular – Athletic participation, leadership positions (scouts, school clubs, class officer) public/community involvement and work experience
- 20% Admissions Panel – Faculty/staff review and Admissions Liaison Officer interview

ATTENTION COLLEGE-BOUND SOPHOMORES AND JUNIORS

All college-bound juniors and sophomores should plan to take the PSAT/NMSQT test in October.

Taking the PSAT in the fall of your junior year is the way to enter the competition for the National Merit Scholarship program. Sophomores are encouraged to take the test for practice.

Taking the PSAT is also the best way to prepare for the real SAT and ACT exams which are taken in the spring of your junior year.

The PSAT test will be given on Wednesday, October 17, a school day. The PSAT test format has also been changed. To find information and practice materials, go to www.collegereadiness.collegeboard.org. Registration for the PSAT will begin in September so plan ahead.

ADVICE ASSIGNMENTS

MVHS advisors are available to work with students in educational, personal/social, and career/occupational areas. Students are assigned an advisor according to their last name. Please call Mrs. Gardner at (480) 472-6917 to make an appointment with your child’s advisor. Advisors are available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students may schedule appointments by going to the Advisement Office before school, during lunch, or after school.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

| May 5 | SAT Test (register by 4/6/18) | June 9 | ACT Test (register by 5/15/18) |
| May 7-18 | AP Testing | July 14 | ACT Test (register by 6/25/18) |
| June 2 | SAT Test (register by 5/3/18) |

THE 6TH ANNUAL VIP VARIETY SHOW – Enjoy an evening of Toro talent at the 6th Annual VIP Variety Show in the MVHS Auditorium, at 6:30 p.m., Friday, May 4, 2018. The doors open at 6 p.m.
AVID News

AVID at Mountain View is currently accepting applications for new students in grades 8–10. AVID is a college readiness system that gives middle-of-the-road and minority students extra assistance as they prepare for college.

Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is designed to give students support in critical thinking, writing, reading, time management, note-taking, and teamwork. In this elective class, students receive assistance taking standardized tests, applying to colleges, and finding scholarships.

In 2016, 90% of AVID seniors completed the academic requirements for university entrance, and 78% of AVID students were accepted to four-year universities. Since an important goal of AVID is to increase a student’s ability to succeed in rigorous classes, 65% of AVID seniors took at least one AP (Advanced Placement) exam.

More importantly, 85% of students from an AVID program who enter a university continued from freshman to sophomore year. The national average for college students continuing from freshman to sophomore year is only 65%. AVID improves a student’s chance of success in college.

For more information about AVID for the 2018-2019 school year, go to the Mesa Public Schools webpage at www.mpsaz.org/avid/. You can also call the Mountain View AVID coordinator, Ms. Disbrow, at (480) 308-5718 for more information. If you feel your child would benefit from the assistance AVID offers, please have your child apply. For the application, go to the district website at www.mpsaz.org/avid/studentapplication/.

REGISTRATION – ADDRESS / PHONE CHANGES
Please call us in Registration for any updates to addresses and phone numbers. Call (480) 472-6938 or (480) 472-6948. It is crucial to be able to reach you in case of an emergency.

We’re concerned over how many parents’ phone numbers are “MAILBOX FULL” or “MAILBOX NOT SET UP.” We are unable to return calls or leave messages if you do not set up your mailbox or if it’s too full. Please correct this to protect your child in case of emergency!

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY
All points for this semester MUST be turned in by May 11 by midnight, and our last meeting of the year will be on May 2 during both lunches in room 206.

NHS has new officers for the 2018-2019 school year, and we look forward to working with these outstanding young men and women:

President – Baylee Johnson
Vice President – Christian Gomez
Secretary – Kallee Schwan
Treasurer – Rebecca Backus
Public Relations Rep. – Belle Wang
ICC Rep. – Elisa Backus
Traditions Commissioner – Janelle Leung
Historian – Sophia DiPeri
Senior Points Commissioner – LeeAnn Huang
Junior Points Commissioner – Callie Lunt
Sophomore Points Commissioner: Pratik Shah
MCC and Dual Enrollment Classes

REMINDERS FOR SENIORS WHO PLAN TO ATTEND MCC AFTER GRADUATION

1. All students attending MCC must complete an **online application**. You can schedule an appointment with Ms. Wong for help completing it. If you have taken dual enrollment, then you already have an MCC application on file; however, you need to talk to Ms. Wong to get it changed from a dual enrollment application to a new student application. To complete the application, go to [www.admissions.maricopa.edu](http://www.admissions.maricopa.edu).

2. All students attending MCC must complete placement testing before they can sign up for classes. The last two placement tests offered this year at MVHS will be on April 24 and May 1. Sign up with Ms. Wong in the MCC office as soon as possible as space is limited.

3. If you have completed the MCC application and placement testing and plan to attend MCC this summer or fall, your next step is to attend a New Student Orientation (NSO) at an MCC campus. During orientation, you will learn about campus resources and register for your classes. You can sign up for NSO with Ms. Wong or by going to [http://bit.ly/MCCNSO18](http://bit.ly/MCCNSO18).

REMINDERS FOR STUDENTS PLANNING TO TAKE A DUAL ENROLLMENT COURSE AT MVHS IN THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

1. All dual enrollment students must complete an application online. You can schedule an appointment with Ms. Wong for help completing the application. To complete the application go to [www.admissions.maricopa.edu](http://www.admissions.maricopa.edu).

2. If you are taking English Composition or Honors Pre-Calculus for dual enrollment, then you MUST complete a placement test. The last dual enrollment placement test date offered at Mountain View this year is May 1. If you are taking a different dual enrollment course please talk to Ms. Wong to see if placement testing is needed.

The MCC Office is located in the back of the 200 building. You can access it through the external door opposite from the ramp that leads to the student parking lot. There is an MCC sign on the door. You can also ask the Advising Office or the Career Center for directions. Feel free to contact Ms. Wong at **480-299-0495** or text **jessica.wong@mesacc.edu**.

**MVHS TRANSITION TEAM**

Mountain View’s Transition Team can help you find the right employment fields, training opportunities, resources, apprenticeships, and advocacy groups. Every TORO can be successful.

Let Mrs. Whitlock help you know where to start. For parent and student resources, go to [www.mpsaz.org/mtnview/staff/rnwhitlock/](http://www.mpsaz.org/mtnview/staff/rnwhitlock/)

Click on Transition Tips News Report for events and programs from around the East Valley.

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Notice of Nondiscrimination

Mesa Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex or gender, sexual orientation, disability or age in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies:

**Compliance officer for Title IX**

Mr. Pete Lesar, associate superintendent
63 E. Main St., Suite 101
Mesa, AZ 85201-7422
(480) 472-0205

**Compliance officer for Section 504**

Mrs. Jan Cawthorne, executive director of special education
1025 N. Country Club Dr.
Mesa, AZ 85201-3307
(480) 472-0710
On May 24, the **Class of 2018 Grad Party** runs from 10:30 p.m. to 3:30 a.m. Payment is accepted through Venmo @WendyJacobson. Please ensure to include the student’s full name. Parents, if you have any donations for the raffle, please contact Kendall Peterson at (480) 522-8974.
Deals in the Bulls’ Eye

The 2017-2018 school year is almost over, so come into the Bull’s Eye, and check out our clearance prices on Spirit items and apparel.

Mountain View Softball Shirts are here – in red or blue – for only $10. New to the Bulls’ Eye are gym shorts in gray, blue, and red – only $10. Last year’s Senior Shirts are only $5 and will be discounted every week until they’re sold out.

Computer covers (in two colors) made to fit your students’ devices (with stylus attached) are only $20.

HOURS OF OPERATION – The Bulls’ Eye is open from before school until the beginning of 5th hour. Payment can be made with cash or check. If the purchase is over $10, a card can be used, but it must be run in the bookstore. If you have any questions, please call (480) 472-7116.

http://www.mpsaz.org/mtnview/student-store/