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## 2018 Martin Luther King Jr. BASKETBALL CLASSIC

presented by  
**COACHES FOR CHARITY**

**Subject:** MLK Basketball Classic

**Sponsor:** Tucson Unified School District (TUSD)

**Date:** **Monday, January 15, 2018**

**Times:** Games start at 11:00am (See schedule)

**Location:** University of Arizona - McKale Memorial Center


**Cost:** \$6 Students / \$10 Adults

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The **MLK BASKETBALL CLASSIC**, commemorating Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is an annual community event consisting of high school basketball games in Tucson played at McKale Center at the University of Arizona. Cultural awareness and good sportsmanship/citizenship are celebrated through an essay contest and by honoring student-athletes at the basketball event, showcasing student performances of the national anthem and halftime cheer/dance team presentations as well as recognition of faculty and administrators. According to event chairman Herman House: *“For almost two decades, the MLK Basketball tournament has given student athletes the opportunity to showcase their talent at McKale Center. At the same time, we highlight academic excellence and the legacy of Martin Luther King through and essay contest and recognition of individuals who emulate him. This is a fantastic event and the student athletes and fans enjoy a unique experience in a classy arena.”* The MLK Basketball Classic is sponsored by Tucson Unified School District and is presented by Coaches for Charity.

MLK Basketball Classic 2018 Schedule– McKale Center – University of Arizona — Tucson, Arizona

	Time	Visiting Team		Home Team	
	11:00AM	Santa Rita	VS.	Immaculate Heart	Girls
	12:30PM	Baboquivari	VS.	St. David	Boys
	2:00PM	Rio Rico	VS.	Amphi	Girls
	3:30PM	Nogales	VS.	Rio Rico	Boys
	5:00PM	Sahuaro	VS.	Pueblo	Girls
	6:30PM	Ironwood Ridge	VS.	Sabino	Boys
	8:00PM	Mountain View	VS.	Sahuaro	Boys



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