

MADISON MESSENGER

MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2015

Developing individual excellence through rigorous academics, innovative technology and personal attention



From the Superintendent's Desk:

Volunteerism is defined as, "The policy or practice of volunteering one's time or talents for charitable, educational, or other worthwhile activities, especially in one's community." During this holiday season I would like to extend my appreciation to those who contribute their valuable time and talent in so many ways to Madison School District. The District would not be able to achieve to the high level that it does without the significant contribution of volunteers.

I thank you!

I also wish to take a moment to thank those who took advantage of the opportunity to be recognized in the Madison Indoor Athletic Facility. At this time last year, we extended an offer for you to purchase a personalized banner showcasing your business or family message in the multi-purpose training room or add a plaque to our welcome board located in the lobby.

Your support through sponsorship is more than just raising funds to maintain and enhance athletic facilities. It is about facilitating community involvement, social and wellness activities, empowering student leadership, and improving school pride. Completing this facility could not have occurred without significant volunteerism and substantial financial support of numerous individuals throughout this community. When community members join together to rally around its children to achieve a common goal, our schools and our community grow stronger.

Those of you who chose to participate will soon receive notification to renew your commitment for 2016. We hope that you will choose to continue with this pledge. If you decide not to renew, we are happy to provide you the plaque or banner as a memento to your contribution for

In This Issue:

Meijer Rewards Program
page 3

Pajama Rama Returns
page 4

Holiday Music Concerts
page 5

Internet Safety
page 7

Donuts with Santa
page 9

Financial Aid Meeting
page 10

Student Accomplishments
page 12

Fall Sports Recap
page 13-14

Thank You
page 17

| continued on page 2 |

[continued from page 1]

2015. I also invite others to take advantage of this opportunity for themselves or to honor someone else. As you will see in the order form provided later in this newsletter, the initial price of a 3 x 5 banner is \$300.00 for the first year. Following the first year there is an annual renewal fee of \$150.00. There is also an option to place a plaque showcasing your business on the welcome board in the lobby area for a \$125.00 annual membership or a personal message on the Friends of the Madison Trojans board for \$55.00.

Please review the options on the order form and feel free to contact me if you have questions.

Thank you again and go Trojans!

Sincerely, Ryan Rowe, Superintendent

Thank You, 2015 Partners!

Banner Sponsors

Clift Buick GMC
Edward Jones Investments
Greg Bell Chevrolet
Gurdjian Insurance Agency
Ideationstore.com
MYAC
PATT
Rally's
Summit Financial Group
The Thomas Family
Totally Natural Techniques

Madison Trojans Corporate Partners

Grof Gang: Jeff, Amy, Courtney,
Carter, Cameron, Cole
Haynes Poured Walls
Mirage Barber Shop
Wingman Consulting

Friends of the Madison Trojans

Alvarez Family
Anschuetz Family
Bozyk Family
Connie Ries
Denig Family
Dusseau-Garno Family
Face Family
Flores Family
Ford Family
Fowler Family
Gafford Family
Garnier Family
Garry & Conni Lundy
& Joey Lindsey
Grof Family
The Hackers
Hartley Family
Haynes Cosme Family
Hill Family
Ingels Family
Isom Family

Jim & Dottie Shaffer
Johnston Family
Jordan Family
Kaufman Family
Kevin, Lisa, Michael & Nickolas
Klemm
Lundy Family
Mann Family
Matthews Family
Megan & Eric Dopp
Morin & Mellon Family
Morris Family
Opsal Family
Paul Galvan
The Paul Family and Grandchildren
Pharion/Conley Family
Rivera Family
Rowe Family
Wallace Family
Warner-Yeager & Potes Family
Weber Family
Zamora Family

Winter Weather Reminders

The Transportation Director and Superintendent jointly make the decision to delay or close school after travelling district roadways to determine if it is safe for our buses to operate.

The decision to remain open, delay, or close is usually a difficult one, but it comes down to one overriding factor—the safety of operating our buses on the roads in our school district.



The decision to close or delay school will be announced on local radio stations WABJ, WLEN, and WQTE, and Toledo television stations 11, 13, and 24. We will also utilize our Blackboard Connect phone notification system and publish the information on the district website.

If you do not believe it is safe for your children to attend school, please exercise your parental authority and keep your children home. We will respect that decision.

Please review the full winter weather policy on the Transportation page of the website:

www.madisonk12.us/transportation-maintenance/

A Message to Our Visitors:

If you are a visitor to Madison Schools please be sure to stop in to the office to sign in and obtain your visitor's pass. If you wish to meet with a member of our staff concerning your child's progress, please call to schedule an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

We ask that special deliveries to school such as birthday treats, forgotten items, etc. be left in the school office for pick-up by your student when there is a break in instruction.

These policies help keep our school safe and minimize classroom disruptions. We thank you for understanding.



Happy
Holidays!

Parking Lot Safety

As you know, our driveways and parking lots are extremely busy at both the start and end of the school day. For the safety of all students, please take care to follow all posted traffic signs concerning parking and traffic flow patterns.

Elementary parents are asked to walk with their children both to and from the building, to assist them in watching for vehicles in the parking lot.

Thank you for taking the time to watch for students of all ages as they enter and exit our school buildings.



Meijer Community Rewards Program

As you begin your Thanksgiving and Christmas shopping, please remember that Madison School District has an account with the Meijer Community Rewards program. Once registered, a portion of your in-store or gas station cash, PIN-debit card, and Meijer Credit Card purchase will support our schools.

1. Visit www.meijer.com/rewards to register.
2. You will receive your Meijer 1 card within 2-3 weeks.
3. Show your Meijer 1 card when you check out.
4. Madison Schools will receive a check for .5% of your purchase.
5. Earn more rewards by encouraging others to join Meijer Community Rewards.



Gleaner Arbor Seeks Members

WHO WE ARE....we are members of Gleaner Life Insurance Society joining together to complete worthwhile projects that benefit our community. If you are a Gleaner certificate holder, please consider joining us!

For more information contact Dawn Opsal at 517-263-0741 ext. 123 or Jennifer Morin ext. 121, or visit the Madison Arbor tab located on the district website under the **Resources** tab.

Santa Paws Benefits Local Shelter

Reward your furry friends for being good all year with a trip to meet Santa! Santa Paws is sponsored annually by Gleaner's Madison Arbor with proceeds benefitting the Lenawee Humane Society. Santa Claus will greet pets in the Performing Arts Center lobby from 9:00-11:30

a.m. on Saturday, December 5. For a \$5.00 donation, your pet will receive a photo with Santa and a treat.



Holiday Photo Shopping to Support Therapy Dog Program

Picaboo is supporting Madison High School with a financial contribution for every purchase made through its online photo ordering service. Items available at Picaboo are great for holiday gifts including: custom holiday cards, 2016 calendars, canvas prints, phone cases and photo books, and a portion of the proceeds will be donated to the care and support of Jade, our therapy dog.

- Shop at www.picaboo.com/coupons/PFMADISON15/
- Receive **25% off** your entire order with code: **PFMADISON15**
- Picaboo will donate **20%** of the sales generated using this code to Madison High School.
- Fundraising event and promo code expires **January 31, 2016**



Box Tops Competition

Madison Middle School first hour classes are holding a competition to see who can collect the most Box Tops through Friday, January 8, 2016. The winning class will receive a donut party on Friday, January 15. We will receive ten cents for each Box Top collected to use toward classroom supplies.

Mittens for Madison

Donations of new mittens, gloves, and hats are being collected to help keep Madison's students warm this winter. Items may be delivered to the Elementary Office through March 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Madison bus driver, Jeannie Merritt at 734-673-7959.



Pajama Rama

The annual Pajama Rama fundraiser will be held on Friday, December 4. Students are invited to purchase a bracelet for \$1.00 for permission to wear their pajamas to school. Middle and high school students may purchase a bracelet at lunch from December 1-3. Bracelets will be sold to elementary students before school on December 4. Pajama Rama raises money to provide warm clothing for Lenawee County's homeless youth.

Reading Buddies at the Lenawee Humane Society

The Lenawee Humane Society is excited to offer a new kids reading program. Reading Buddies allows students a fun way to build their reading skills while providing enrichment to animals who are waiting for a forever home. The program is open to students in kindergarten through the 8th grade and meets on Mondays from 4:00-5:00 p.m. at the Lenawee Humane Society. If you wish to register your child or have questions about Reading Buddies, please call 517-263-3463 ext. 109.



Our Mission: Madison School District, in cooperation with our community, will enable each student to develop his or her full potential to be successful in an ever-changing world.

Band and Orchestra Concerts

Performing Arts Center

Tuesday, December 15 | 7:00 p.m.

6th grade Orchestra, 7th - 11th grade Orchestra,
6th grade Band, and 7th grade Band

Orchestra students: Please arrive onstage by 6:15 p.m. for tuning. Wear your black polos with khaki pants. Holiday gear is encouraged (lights, Santa hats, holiday jewelry, etc.).

6th and 7th Band students: Please report to the band room by 6:30 p.m. Wear your black polos with khaki pants. Holiday gear is encouraged.

Thursday, December 17 | 7:00 p.m.

8th grade Band, High School Band, High School Choir

8th Grade Band and High School Students: Arrive on stage by 6:40 p.m. Please wear concert black for this performance. Black dress shirts, blouses, nice black sweaters, dress pants, dress shoes, and long dresses or skirts are appropriate. All clothing, including socks, must be black. Please do not wear spaghetti straps or low neck lines, tennis shoes, tee shirts, or jeans.

Students who do not abide by this dress code will not perform and will receive a zero as their performance grade. Holiday gear is encouraged.

*This concert is a requirement of the class. Students will receive a grade. As stated in the band handbook, Mrs. Zeckner should be informed of any conflicts, in writing, at least one week prior to the performance. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Zeckner at Marcie.Zeckner@madisonk12.us or 517-263-0742.

Kindergarten Holiday Program

The kindergarten students have been hard at work preparing for their debut program in the Performing Arts Center. Please join us on Tuesday, December 8 for an entertaining holiday program.

The classes of Mrs. Palpant, Mrs. Rahman, and Mrs. Adams will perform at 6:00 p.m. The classes of Mrs. Baur, Mrs. Cremeans, and Mrs. Payne will perform at 7:00 p.m. Students should dress nicely to look their best for the performance.

Doors will open approximately 30 minutes before the show. Students should remain with their families until called by their teachers. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Morris at 517-263-0741 ext. 339 or Mrs. Madziar ext. 338.

Holiday Music Performances

Kindergarten Music Programs

Tuesday, December 8 | 6:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Choir Concert

Thursday, December 10 | 7:00 p.m.

Fourth Grade Music Program

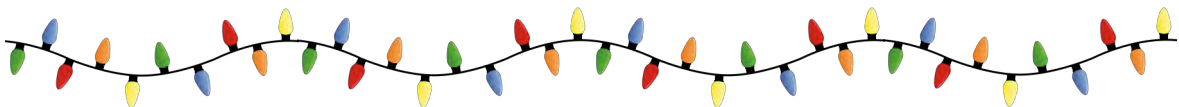
Monday, December 14 | 7:00 p.m.

Orchestra & Middle School Band Concert

Tuesday, December 15 | 7:00 p.m.

High School Band and Choir Concert

Thursday, December 17 | 7:00 p.m.



Santa's Stuck in the Fifties!

The fourth graders will present their holiday musical, *Santa's Stuck in the Fifties* on Monday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Students should plan to arrive by 6:45 p.m. Students are encouraged to dress in 50's style clothing.

The music department could use some of the following props for the program: Slinkies, Silly Putty, Barbie Dolls, Mr. Potato Heads, Frisbees, yo-yo's, vinyl records, and Disney mouse ears. If you are able to loan any of the items, please contact Laura.Morris@madisonk12.us or MaryBeth.Madziar@madisonk12.us.

Save the Date - MMS Musical

The Madison Middle School Performing Arts Club will present *Aladdin, Jr.* on Friday and Saturday, January 29 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 p.m. in the Madison Performing Arts Center.

This family-friendly show features Aladdin, Jasmine, Jafar, the Genie and all of the other beloved characters from the Disney interpretation of the tale.



2016 Fall 8th Grade Trip Announced

The class of 2021 has selected Chicago as their destination for their 8th grade trip. Mark your calendars for **October 27 -30, 2016**. Thank you to the 51 students and parents who submitted ballots in the November vote.

A payment schedule and other important information will be available soon. Please check the 8th grade trip page of the website often for updates. It may be found under the **Resources** tab.

Anyone interested in being a part of a parent fundraising committee should contact Mr. Anschuetz via email at:

Brad.Anschuetz@madisonk12.us.



Fundraiser Order Pick-up

Students who sold items during the fall elementary fundraiser may pick up their orders on Tuesday, December 1 from 3:15-5:45 p.m. in the Elementary Café. Cookie dough should be delivered, refrigerated, or frozen immediately after pick-up to avoid spoilage. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Pechaitis at 517-263-0744 ext. 130.

5th Grade Camp Quickly Approaching



5th grade students will attend Camp Michindoh from January 25-29. Here are a few important reminders:

- The remaining \$50.00 installment payment for camp is due on Friday, December 4. Payments may be made online using www.myschoolbucks.com.
- High school students serving as cabin counselors will have a meeting on Thursday, December 17. Please meet in the Media Center during lunch.
- Medical forms are due the week of January 4. All medication must be dropped off in the elementary office. Medical forms may be found on the website.
- Review the packing list and gather any remaining needed items. The list may also be found on the website under **Quick Links**.
- High school cabin leaders will depart at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 24. Meet at the Middle School doors.
- Students will need a ride to school on Monday and a ride home on Friday. They are not permitted on the bus with their gear. Parents who can assist with loading/unloading the buses are most welcome!
- Take a moment to follow your child's teacher on Facebook for updates and photos from camp.

As camp gets closer we are finding more students in need of funding for the trip. If you would like to make a donation to help sponsor a child, please visit www.myschoolbucks.com. We believe no student should be left out due to financial concerns. Thank you in advance, as every little bit helps!

If you have questions about 5th Grade Camp, outstanding fund balances, or what to pack, please contact your child's teacher.

Abby.Miller@madisonk12.us
Kristen.Metevia@madisonk12.us
Gary.Nowak@madisonk12.us
Chelsea.Pawson@madisonk12.us
Lisa.Zubke@madisonk12.us

517-263-0744
ext. 309
ext. 307
ext. 309
ext. 308
ext. 305



Michigan Child Protection Registry

Are your children safe while online? Michigan families, especially minors, are becoming inundated with advertisements from alcohol, tobacco, pornography, and gambling marketers through different internet and cell phone inboxes.

Texting their advertisements is the newest marketing effort that many of these companies are using. The State of Michigan offers a free program to stop adult advertisements from reaching e-mails, mobile phones (text ads), and instant messenger IDs. The Michigan Child Protection Registry, like the federal Do Not Call List, is a free do-not-contact service for Michigan's families and schools and can be located at www.ProtectMIChild.com.

You may choose to sign up for the registry to protect yourself and your children from unwanted adult advertising. More information about the program, including answers to frequently asked questions, is available on the Madison School District website at www.madisonk12.us. Click on **Resources**.



The Advanced English 11 class received a warm thank you for taking the time to recognize area veterans. Each student wrote a poem to the veterans and added them to a Pot 'o Poetry with candy which was delivered to the local VFW to honor our vets for their service.



TECH TIPS

Keep math skills sharp over the winter break by visiting these practice websites. The list is broken down by grade level, but you may choose to visit other sites based on your child's math ability. Have a great break!

- Mrs. Wonders, 517-263-0744 ext. 511

Kindergarten

K Math Skills

Math Videos (not practice, but fun to watch)

Money flashcards

Numbers

First Grade

First Grade math skills

Money flashcards

Numbers

Second Grade

Math Flashcards

Math Practice Test

Mental Math

More Quick Math

Multiplication Tables

Quick Math

Quick Math II

Second grade math skills

Speed Math

Test Your Math

Wild on Math—simple to use



Third through Fifth Grades

Math Flashcards

Math for Elementary School Kids

Math Practice Test

Mental Math

Multiplication Tables

Quick Math

Quick Math—by level

Speed Math

Test Your Math

Timed math

Timed Tests

Times tables

Wild on Math—simple to use

Books Make Great Gifts

Give the gift of reading this Christmas! Shop the Scholastic Book Fair in the Elementary Library from November 30 through December 4. Students may shop during school hours and parents are welcome to visit the fair during Parent-Teacher Conferences. The fair will close at noon on Friday. Books make great gifts and encourage reading practice.



Volunteers are always welcome to assist with the fair. If you are able to give a few hours of your time, please contact Janet.Graham@madisonk12.us or PATT@madisonk12.us.



Nurse's Notes:

Reminder:
Please dress your child for the weather. If it is cold outside, please

make sure they have a coat, hat and gloves for recess. Please make sure they also wear socks Bare feet in shoes mean cold feet. If your child has a fever or the stomach flu, please keep him or her from school until they are symptom-free for 24 hours before returning to school.

Wishing you and your family a wonderful December.
Be Safe, Be Healthy, Be Happy!

- Nurse Ellen, 517-263-0744 Ext. 354

Lost and Found

Are you missing some mittens? Is your lunch pail lost? Check the Lost and Found; it is filling up with belongings that have been found in the building, on the playground, and on the buses.



Help us return your child's belongings by labeling sweaters, jackets, lunch pails, backpacks, and coats with his or her name.

Latch-Key News

The week of November 30-December 4, the morning and afternoon Latch-Key program will be held in the Commons.

Please note the following dates for the months of December and January.

TRADITIONAL SCHOOL YEAR DATES:

December 3, 2015 – Morning Latch-Key only
Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 21, 2015-January 1, 2016 - Closed
No school - TSY Christmas break

January 18, 2016 – Closed
No school - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

BALANCED SCHOOL YEAR DATES:

December 21-January 5, 2015 – Closed
No school - BSY Christmas break

January 18, 2015 - Closed
No school - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

LATCH-KEY DELAYS & CLOSINGS

When school needs to be closed or shortened because of inclement weather, the Latch-Key program will also be cancelled for the day. In the event of a delay, the morning session will still operate on normal hours. If Latch-Key closes after a delay, parents or a person on the emergency list will be contacted to pick up the child. It is important that parents make arrangements for children in the event of an unexpected school closing. Please be sure your phone number is up to date in the office.

Other Latch-Key information can be located on the district website. Go to www.madisonk12.us and click on Latch-Key under the **Resources** tab.

Happy Holidays from all of the Latch-Key staff to each and every one of you.





It's time to start making your list and checking it twice! P.A.T.T. volunteers will assist elementary students with their holiday shopping at the Santa Shop from Monday, December 7 through Friday, December 11. The shop will be open from 8:15 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. each day. A variety of gift items for men, women, and children will be available with prices between \$1.00 and \$7.00. Students are encouraged to bring a list of individuals to shop for along with a budget for each person. If you have questions about the Santa Shop, or would like to volunteer, contact PATT@madisonk12.us.

Donuts with Santa

Santa Claus will visit the Elementary Café from 9:00-11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 12 to enjoy donuts and collect Christmas lists from good little boys and girls. Registration is required by Friday, December 4. Register online at www.myschoolbucks.com or download a paper form from the website. Proceeds support Madison Elementary P.A.T.T.



Madison P.A.T.T. strives to bring parents and teaching staff together for the benefit of students through family activities and learning opportunities. **The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library.** New members and guests are always welcome. Please contact PATT@madisonk12.us if you have questions or ideas for new events. Event reminders and announcements are available on the P.A.T.T. [Facebook page](#).

Popcorn Fridays

One of the most popular fundraisers at Madison is Popcorn Friday. For \$1.00 students may choose to purchase a large bag of popcorn with proceeds supporting the 5th grade Outdoor Education program.

Upcoming Popcorn Fridays:
December 11 & January 15

Thank you to Mr. Gary Nowak and our volunteer students for taking orders and delivering popcorn! Parents concerned about food allergies may read the ingredient list for our popcorn online at: www.madisonk12.us/news/popcorn-ingredients/



Thank you to TLC for providing a Reality Fair on October 30 for Senior Seminar students. The program supports the financial planning portion of the curriculum, assisting students with preparing a budget and getting a jump start on a secure financial future.

TLC Banking at Madison

Middle School students may deposit money into their TLC student savings accounts on Tuesdays before school near the office. Deposits for elementary students are accepted in the Commons between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. You may register for the program by contacting the building offices.



News from the High School Counseling Office

ACT Testing Dates

Test date: December 12
Register by: November 6

Test date: April 9
Register by: March 4

Test date: June 11
Register by: May 6

SAT Testing Dates

Test date: March 5
Register by: February 5

Test date: May 7
Register by: April 8

Test date: June 4
Register by: May 5

Financial Aid Meeting

On Wednesday, December 9 Kevin Kucera, from Eastern Michigan University, will share important details regarding the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This information is extremely important if your son or daughter is planning on attending any type of post-secondary school. Seniors and their parents are highly encouraged to attend. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m. and will be held in the Performing Arts Center.

Scholarship Opportunities

Think of scholarships as “free money” for use toward your college education. A little planning and work on your end could pay off big! Stop into the Counseling Office for details about these and other scholarship opportunities:

Applications for the Farm Bureau Insurance Scholar-Athlete Award are due on December 4. Students must have at least a 3.5 GPA to be eligible to apply.

Up to three scholarships valued at \$1,000 each will be given to eligible students who have parents who currently receive disability services from the state of Michigan. Details are available online at: <http://damichigan.com/resources/disability-attorneys-of-michigan-ssd-scholarship/>

Students with a 3.0 GPA or higher are encouraged to apply for the William Coyne Memorial Scholarship. Applications are due April 1, 2016.

**Contact the Counseling
Office: 517-265-1843**

On December 2 Madison seniors will attend an assembly in the PAC to learn the application process for Lenawee County Education Foundation scholarships. There are many scholarship opportunities available to our students through this organization. All seniors planning to attend college should apply.

Junior Parent Meeting

All parents of juniors are strongly encouraged to attend the Junior Parent Meeting on Thursday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

- We will be discussing the following:
Your child's PSAT score
- The SAT exam your student will be taking in April. The SAT is the college entrance exam that all juniors will take across the state of Michigan
- Scheduling for senior year
- College Visits and beginning the application process

Drivers Education Training

Madison Schools will provide a minimum of six hours of classroom instruction for Segment 2 of Drivers Education training. Classes will take place in room 19A on the following dates:

Course A: December 1, 3, & 4

Course B: January 19, 20 & 21

Registration is required. Materials are available on the website at: www.madisonk12.us/news/drivers-education-training/ Segment 1 will be offered in the spring. Contact Wade.Perry@madisonk12.us or call 517-263-0743 ext. 219 with questions.





On Monday, November 2, Japanese students involved in the exchange program visited Madison Middle School. The girls were guests of Lauren Perez and Isabela LaFrance while they were in the United States.

Pictured from left to right: Superintendent Ryan Rowe, Lauren Perez, Momoka Ozak, Isabela LaFrance, Miyu Sasaki, and Principal Brad Anschuetz

Madison Middle School students, Lauren Perez and Isabela LaFrance are taking part in the exchange program and will travel to Japan in May of 2016. Last year, Amy Higgins and Anthony Contreras served as delegates. We are proud to have Madison students interested in exploring other cultures and always look forward to hearing about their experiences.

"The Japanese- American delegation of 2014-2015 was a great experience for me and the other delegates to be a part of and connect with different cultures. Learning new languages opens our perspectives and new forms of communication. Experience is the only way to broaden your expertise." ~ Anthony Contreras, 2014-15 delegate

EXPERIENCE JAPAN

Interested in being a part of the program for 2016-17? Current 6th and 7th grade students and adults wishing to learn more should plan to attend an informational meeting.

Lenawee-Moriyama School Exchange Program Meeting

LISD William J. Ross Educational Service Center
4107 North Adrian Highway

Tuesday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Applications will be available at the meeting and at these locations on the LISD website at:
www.lisd.us/japanese-exchange-program/

For more information, contact Cindy Kojima, Japanese Exchange Coordinator, at
Cindy.Kojima@lisd.us



MMS Fun Friday: Friday December, 4 | 1:20 - 2:40 p.m.
Eligibility determined by student effort on first trimester exam preparations & tests

MHS VIP Breakfast: Friday, December 11 | 7:00 - 7:30 a.m.

MMS VIP Breakfast: Tuesday, December 15 | 7:40 - 8:10 a.m.

MES VIP Breakfast: Thursday, December 10 | 8:00 - 8:30 a.m.

Monday, December 21 - Friday, January 1

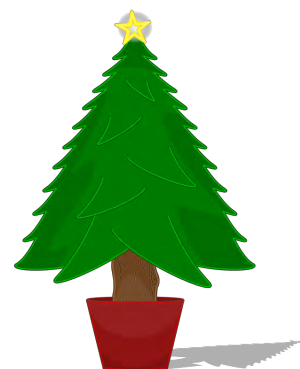
School Closed for Christmas Break

Traditional School Year students return **Monday, January 4, 2016**

Balanced School Year students return **Wednesday, January 6, 2016**

Central Office will be open December 21-22 and 28-30 during break.

Have a very merry Christmas and happy and prosperous New Year!



November Homework Heroes



Based upon their commitment to excellence, the following students have been named Madison Middle School's Homework Heroes for the month of November:

6th Grade: Hannah Kendrick *(above left)*

"Hannah is an exceptional math student. Her math work is very meticulous and thorough; showing each step of every problem. Hannah has always completed work on time. Even when Hannah is absent she uses Edmodo to teach herself the math concepts and attempts the work prior to coming back to school." Hannah was nominated by Mrs. Cebulski.

7th Grade: Nethanel Leupold *(above middle)*

Mrs. Ingels selected Nethanel as the 7th grade Homework Hero because, "Nethanel is a very hardworking student who asks great questions, is very polite, and a helpful classmate."

8th Grade: Lauren Perez *(above right)*

Mrs. Dietrich says, "Lauren always has exemplary work. She is a dedicated student and she takes the initiative to complete all her assignments thoroughly and with the highest quality."

Congratulations to each for your accomplishments. Keep up the great work!



November Students of the Month

Students recognized as Student of the Month for November are: (from L to R) Anthony Contreras, Sonni Rodriguez, Jacob Swanson, and Monica Graham. Not pictured is Benedetta Vianello. Each was nominated by an educational department for their efforts in their classes for the month.

National Honor Society Senior of the Month

The Madison Chapter of the National Honor Society is proud to recognize Colin Anschuetz as the November Senior of the Month. Colin has taken several AP-level courses and currently holds 4.1875 grade point average.

Colin represented Madison at Boys State Michigan, was selected to attend the TCC Leadership Conference, and was selected by his teachers and coaches to be a member of the Madison Project.

Colin was named to the Tri-County Conference several times during his high school career for his athletic and academic accomplishments, Colin is a member of the Trojan football, basketball, and baseball teams. Colin also volunteers his time as a youth basketball referee and altar server at St. Joseph Church.

Upon graduation, Colin plans to attend the University of Michigan where he will study financial and actuarial mathematics. Colin is the son of Brad and Mary Anschuetz.





Volleyball Finds Success with Young Team

The Madison Trojan varsity volleyball team finished the season 34-15-3 overall and 12-2 in conference. Madison was very young last year and continued to be young with two freshmen, five sophomores, four juniors and one senior on the roster. The girls took second in the Tri County Conference and also won second place trophies at the Addison Invitational & Lenawee Christian Invitational. Madison's season ended with a tough 5 set match with Manchester in the District finals.

Despite being a young team, the girls competed very well this year and have laid the groundwork for a very successful future for the program. Coach Opsal said, "At many moments you could look out on the court and see two freshmen, three sophomores and a junior competing, the future definitely looks bright for the Madison volleyball program!"

The team received the Team All-State Academic award and several girls earned individual honors:

Courtney Benschoter	All-Tournament Team at Homer Invitational All-Region honors All-Conference First Team
Ysabela Soto	All-Tournament at the Lenawee County Invitational All-Region honors All-Conference First Team All-Conference Scholar Athlete
Kiarah Horn	All-Tournament at the Lenawee County Invitational All-Conference Second Team All-Conference Scholar Athlete
Kaiya Wall	All-Conference Sportsmanship Award
Amia Benson	All-Conference Scholar Athlete
Rachel Isom	All-Conference Scholar Athlete
Delaney Stersic	All-Conference Scholar Athlete
Madison Weber	All-Conference Scholar Athlete



Cross Country by the Numbers

Racing the clock, striving to best personal records, and working to move up the ranks makes Cross Country a numbers game. The boys and girls teams tallied some impressive stats this year in their quest to continually improve. The teams competed in 14 meets, where they finished in the top three spots in several races. The girls team claimed two first place titles, and five second place finishes and finished third three times. The team finished 8th at regionals.

The boys team finished their season with one first place meet title, three second place titles, and one third place finish. They were 5th overall at regionals. Both teams finished 2nd overall in the TCC, falling just short of claiming their third championship in a row.

Individual runners also enjoyed successes this year. Despite battling through an injury, Megan Rosales smashed the previous junior girls record of 20:39 and became the school record holder with her time of 19:29.9. Freshman, Anne Wong, moved into the number two spot on the team and holds the sixth best time in the girls history of the sport at Madison.

Isiah Wyatt-Young quickly climbed to the lead spot on the boys team and became the team's top qualifier and finisher at the state meet with a time of 17:15.5. After struggling with an illness that lasted over two weeks, Michael Burciaga bounced back and bested his personal record by twenty seconds to also qualify for the state meet with a time of 17:17.1. Isiah placed 79th overall at state and Michael finished shortly behind him taking 84th. Isaiah and Michael are ranked nine and 10 on the Madison All-Time Top 20 list.

Individual 1st Team TCC honors were earned by Megan, Anne, and Sonni Rodriguez. Callie Halsey and Leigha Lobkovich made 2nd Team and Chelsea Short earned an Honorable Mention. Earning 1st Team TCC honors for the boys were Isaiah and Michael. John Ambrose, Ben Kangas, and Anthony Contreras earned TCC Honorable Mention.

A young team, they are looking forward to continued success next year. Anyone interested in joining the Cross Country squad for next year should stop into Mrs. Isom's office to leave a message for Coach Sterling.



Runners earning spots on the Madison Trojan

All-Time Top 20 in 2015:

High School Girls

Runner	Rank
Megan Rosales	1
Callie Halsey	5
Anne Wong	6
Reese Dillard	7
Sonni Rodriguez	14
Chelsea Short	16
Leigha Lobkovich	17

High School Boys

Runner	Rank
Isiah Wyatt-Young	9
Michael Burciaga	10
Alex Garcia	13
Ben Kangas	15
John Ambrose	20

The 2015-16 Winter Athletics Calendar is available online!

[www.madisonk12.us/events/
category/trojan-athletics-calendar/](http://www.madisonk12.us/events/category/trojan-athletics-calendar/)

Girls on the Run Registration Opens Soon

Girls on the Run is back for 2016! Open to girls in grades 3-5, this program is a great opportunity for girls to develop positive relationships, build self-esteem, and train to run in a fun and exciting 5K race.

Early Bird Registration opens Saturday, December 19 and runs through Monday, February 15. Visit www.girlsontherunsemi.org/ to secure your daughter's place on the team. Practices will be held at Madison Elementary from 3:30-5:00 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Contact Tracey.Brackelman@madisonk12.us for more information about the program.



A Night Out at FireKeepers Casino

The Madison Athletic Boosters invites you to beat the winter blues with a bus trip to FireKeepers Casino on Saturday, March 19. The bus will leave Madison at 4:00 p.m. and return at midnight.

The trip includes deluxe round-trip motor coach transportation, five hours of gaming at FireKeepers, a \$20 players card per person, and \$5 in food credit per person.

Individual tickets are \$40 each, couples are \$75 each and are available in the High School and Central Offices.

Attendees must be 21 years of age or older with proper I.D. Proceeds from the event support the Athletic Boosters.



MAB/MYAC Basketball Tournament

Open to boys and girls in grades 5-8, the Madison Athletic Boosters and Madison Youth Athletic Council invites teams to register for a basketball tournament to be held on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

Early Bird Pricing runs through February 13 and is \$75.00 per team. Late registration is \$100.00 through February 27. Teams are guaranteed two games and will play by MHSAA rules and are asked to bring their own basketballs.

More information and registration forms are available in the Middle & Elementary School Offices and on the website. Contact Robert Burciaga at 517-403-8964 for details.



Correction

Ms. Mary Lesko's name was inadvertently left out of the November article highlighting the successes of the Varsity Golf Team. Mary assisted Erik Thompson in coaching the girls this season and should also be congratulated for her efforts. We apologize for the oversight.

Get Involved!

The Madison Athletic Boosters supports athletic opportunities for student athletes. The board meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Room. All parents and fans of Madison athletes are welcome and encouraged to attend. Contact Tricia.Fowler@madisonk12.us for more information on how you can support the boosters.

Immediately following the Athletic Boosters, the Madison Youth Athletic Council holds its meetings. MYAC provides athletic opportunities students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade, until which time the MHSAA sponsors competitive league athletic teams. Those interested in assisting with planning or in volunteering with the group are invited to attend. Email MYAC@madisonk12.us with any questions or ideas you may have.



'Tis the season of giving, and we appreciate all of you who give of your resources, time, and talent to support the students and staff of Madison School District. It is through your tireless efforts that we are able to provide so many opportunities for our students. Thank you for contributing to our success.

In Appreciation

Thank You to all the volunteers that gave of their time to help the Athletic Boosters operate the concessions stands for the fall sports season. We greatly appreciate all the help and support. Many hands make light work!

The winter sports season has begun and we will need more volunteers through March. Please let us know if you are able to assist. The Boosters is also seeking a volunteer to serve as treasurer for the organization. If you are interested in the position please contact Tricia.Fowler@madisonk12.us.



Thank You for the Gift of Life

Madison held another successful Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, November 18. We set a goal of 40 units, and not only met, but exceeded it! The Madison Interact service club provided workers to assist the Red Cross throughout the day, and 41 students and 19 staff and community members made appointments to donate, potentially saving 132 lives. What a great way to give back to our community just in time for the holidays. Our Madison family is amazing. Mark your calendars for the winter drive scheduled for Wednesday, February 3.



The 2015 Thomasina Turkey project provided 30 families with a Thanksgiving dinner this year. Thank you for supporting our Madison Family. A special thank you also goes out to the Interact Club, Guidance Office, and to Mrs. Sessink's students for initiating the drive and for collecting and sorting the many donations provided.

Thank a Vet Program

Thank you, Madison Elementary, for supporting WLEN's Thank a Vet with your Hats off to Vets Hat Day. We raised \$365.70 that will help veterans in our county. Thank you for your donations!

Looking for a way to become more involved in our schools?

*There are many opportunities to give the gift of time throughout the school year. Organizations such as the Madison Athletic Boosters, Performing Arts Club, PATT, MYAC, and FAN appreciate the ideas and help of new members. You may also choose to read with our students in the STARS program, assist with a Book Fair, or help in individual classrooms. **Together we can help our students succeed!** Contact your building office for current volunteer opportunities.*

December Events



There is always something happening within the Madison School District! Please know that dates/times are subject to change. Please visit www.madisonk12.us for the most up-to-date events calendar.

Tuesday, December 1

MES Book Fair
MES Spunkmeyer Fundraiser Pick-Up
MES Student Council Meeting
V/JV GBB vs. LCS
Cub Scouts Meeting
P.A.T.T. Meeting

Wednesday, December 2

MES Book Fair
MMS Character Under Construction
MMS BBB vs. Summerfield
Athletic Boosters Meeting
MYAC Meeting

Thursday, December 3

MES Book Fair
MES TSY Parent-Teacher Conferences
Daisy Girl Scouts Meeting
MS Cheer @ Addison

Friday, December 4

MES Book Fair
5th Grade Camp Installment Pmt. Due
Pajama Rama
MMS Fun Friday
VS/JV GBB @ Hudson

Saturday, December 5

Santa Paws
MMS BBB Madison Tourney
V Cheer @ Alma
MMs Cheer @ Hudson
V Bowling @ Onsted

Monday, December 7

MES Santa Shop
MS BBB @ Britton Deerfield

Tuesday, December 8

MES Santa Shop
MHS School Improvement Meeting
Kindergarten Music Program
Cub Scouts

Wednesday, December 9

MES Santa Shop
Sophomore Visits @ LISD TECH Ctr.
MS Cheer @ Hudson
Financial Aid Night
V Wrestling @ Hillsdale

Thursday, December 10

MES Santa Shop
MES Honor Roll Breakfast
MMS Choir Concert

Friday, December 11

MES Santa Shop
MS Cheer Madison Invite
MHS VIP Honor Roll Breakfast
MES Popcorn Friday
MES Release Time Bible Study
V Bowling vs. SC & Pittsford
V/JV BBB @ Jonesville
V/JV GBB vs. Summerfield

Saturday, December 12

MES Donuts with Santa
V Wrestling @ Blissfield

Monday, December 14

MS Cheer @ Morenci
MS BBB vs. Sand Creek
Board of Education Meeting
4th Grade Music Program

Tuesday, December 15

MMS VIP Honor Roll Breakfast
Cub Scouts
MHS Staff Meeting
V/JV GBB vs. Clinton
Orchestra & MS Band Concert

Wednesday, December 16

5th Grade Merit Trip
MMS Character Under Construction
MS BBB @ Morenci
V Wrestling @ Sand Creek

Thursday, December 17

5th Grade Camp Cabin Leader Mtg.
Gleaner Arbor Meeting
MMS School Improvement Meeting
Daisy Scout Meeting
V/JV BBB vs. Whitmore Lake
HS Band & Choir Holiday Concert

Friday, December 18

V Bowling @ Britton Deerfield
V/JV GBB @ Whitmore Lake

Saturday, December 19

MS Cheer @ Onsted
V/JV Cheer @ Onsted
V Wrestling @ MI Center
Girls on the Run Registration Opens

Monday, December 21

No School—Christmas Break

Tuesday, December 22

No School—Christmas Break

Wednesday, December 23

No School—Christmas Break

Thursday, December 24

No School—Christmas Break

Friday, December 25

No School—Christmas Break
Merry Christmas!

Monday, December 28

No School—Christmas Break
V/JV BBB @ Holiday Tournament

Tuesday, December 29

No School—Christmas Break
V Wrestling @ Manchester Invite
J/JV BBB @ SHU Holiday Tourney

Wednesday, December 30

No School—Christmas Break

Thursday, December 31

No School—Christmas Break

Friday, January 1

No School—Christmas Break
Happy New Year!

Monday, January 4

TSY Students Return to School
BSY No School—Intercession Break
BSY students return January 6



Keep in Touch

We strive to provide clear and consistent communication to our students, families, and community members. Information is distributed to our stakeholders in a variety of ways:

District Website: www.madisonk12.us

District Newsletter: Distributed on the first of each month via email and published electronically at: www.madisonk12.us/newsletters. Please email Rebecca.Schwan@madisonk12.us to be added to our mailing list.

MHS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/madisonhs.trojans>

MMS Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MadisonTrojansMS?ref=hl>

MES Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Madison-Elementary-School/106479146082369>

District Twitter: https://www.twitter.com/Trojans_Madison

Home Access Center: View your students' grades and attendance record online by [clicking here](#).

Blackboard Alert Phone/Text Messages: Please be sure that your contact information is current in the school office(s). See details below.

Madison School District Phone Numbers

High School Office	517-263-0742
Middle School Office	517-263-0743
Elementary School Office	517-263-0744
Superintendent's Office	517-265-1840
Athletic Office	517-265-1842
High School Counseling Office	517-265-1843
Dining Room	517-265-1844
Transportation Office	517-265-1845

Fax Numbers

High School & Athletic Office	517-265-1848
Elementary Office	517-265-1849
Superintendent's Office	517-265-5635



**MY
SCHOOL
BUCKS**

**New! Pay for your child's activities
using a credit or debit card at:
www.myschoolbucks.com.**

Notice of Non-discrimination Policy It is the policy of Madison School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or handicap, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits or, be subjected to discrimination during any program or activity or in employment. Any questions concerning the Title XI of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex, along with inquiries related to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap, should be directed to the Superintendent of Schools at Madison School District, 3498 Treat Highway Adrian, MI 49221. Phone 517-265-1840.

Public Act 198 of 1971, the Mandatory Special Education Act, establishes the right to handicapped person(s) from birth through the age of 25, to equal opportunity within the public schools. THIS MEANS THAT HANDICAPPED CHILDREN DO NOT NEED TO WAIT UNTIL THEY ARE SCHOOL AGE TO BENEFIT FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES. It is important that help be obtained for the handicapped at the earliest possible age. In the State of Michigan, this help is free and is available through your public schools. A team of educational specialists evaluate the child to determine the type and degree of disability and the best kind of program placement. This evaluation often includes medical specialists. Pre-primary Special Education services are available for: Emotionally Impaired, Mentally Impaired, Physically & Otherwise Health Impaired (POHI), Hearing Impaired, Visually Impaired, Speech & Language Impaired, Specific Learning Disabled. If you know a pre-school child who may benefit from these services contact the Board of Education at 517-265-1840.

DECEMBER 2015

MADISON SCHOOL

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
7 Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit Choice	1 French Toast Sausage Hash Brown Fruit Choice	2 Chicken & Gravy Bowl Peas Fruit Choice	3 Nachos Deluxe Refried Beans Fruit Choice	4 Chili Dog Smiley Fries Fruit Choice
14 Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit Choice	8 Pizza Corn Fruit Choice	9 Sweet & Sour Chicken Broccoli mix Fruit Choice	10 Pasta w/ Italian Meat Sauce Salad Fruit Choice	11 Crisпитos Refried Beans Fruit Choice
21	15 Beef Taco Refried Beans Fruit Choice	16 Chicken Sandwich (Grilled or Breaded) Carrots Fruit Choice	17 Sliced Ham Cheesy Potato's Dinner Roll Fruit choice	18 Cheeseburger Baked Fries Fruit Choice
28	22	23	24	25
<div>NO SCHOOL</div>				
28	30	31		

News

High school and Middle School Breakfast \$1.00 Reduced .30

Lunch \$2.30 Reduced .40

Served Daily
 1% White OR Fat Free
 Chocolate milk, Orange Juice
 or Apple Juice

Also serving- rotating daily:

Fruit varieties include:

**Peaches, Pears,
 Strawberries, Grapes,
 Mandarin Oranges, Fruit
 Cocktail, Bananas, and
 Pineapple**

Vegetable varieties

**include: Romaine/Spinach
 Salad, Cucumber, Broccoli,
 Mixed Salad, Carrots,
 Cauliflower,**

Cherry Tomatoes.

USDA is an equal opportunity
 employer



MADISON

TROJAN ATHLETICS

Support Madison Athletics by placing your advertisement in the Madison Indoor Athletic Facility.

The Madison Facilities for Athletic Needs (F.A.N.) Club is seeking individuals, businesses, and organizations who wish to support the student-athletes of Madison School District. We invite you to participate and establish a presence for your business in the newly-renovated Madison Indoor Athletic Facility. The facility will serve as a venue for multiple sports teams and community groups year-round, providing excellent visibility for your good luck message or advertisement.

Option 1: Lobby Welcome Board - Friends of the Madison Indoor Athletic Facility Nameplate | \$55.00 annual membership

Show your support of Madison Athletics with a custom 5.75"x5.75" nameplate on the lobby welcome board. Your message may be in support of your favorite athlete or sport, in memory of a loved one, or a general message of support from an individual or family.

Option 2: Lobby Welcome Board - Partners of the Madison Indoor Athletic Facility Nameplate | \$125.00 annual membership

Promote your business with a custom 11.75"x11.75" nameplate on the lobby welcome board. This is an affordable way to show your organization's support of Madison Athletics and advertise to hundreds of individuals each year.

Option 3: Main Gymnasium - Sponsorship Banner | \$300 first year membership, \$150 annual renewal

Say it loud and proud! Send your message with a 13 oz. premium vinyl 3'x5' banner for display in the main gym. A great way to promote your business or organization, or to show your family's loyalty to the Madison Trojans. Full color and fully customizable with your logo and message.

Business/Organization Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Contact Email: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Phone: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

☐ **Option 1:** "Friends of" Nameplate (\$55 annual membership)
Please use the box to the left to submit your desired message, limited to two lines of text, 30 characters each line. \$ _____

☐ **Option 2:** "Partners of" Nameplate (\$125 annual membership)
Please use the box to the left to submit your desired message, limited to two lines of text, or your logo and one line of text. Limit 30 characters each line. Please submit any logos electronically via the email address listed below. \$ _____

☐ **Option 3:** Sponsorship Banner (\$300)
Please use the box to the left to sketch your desired design. Submit any logos electronically to the email address listed below. \$ _____

Banner Renewal membership (\$150)

\$ _____
Total: \$ _____

Return order form and payment (checks payable to Madison School District) to: Madison High School Athletics, attn: Rebecca Schwan, 3498 Treat Highway, Adrian, MI 49221 - Rebecca.Schwan@madisonk12.us - 517-263-0741 ext. 150

Stay Connected.

We Believe - The foundation of education is a partnership that includes two-way communication between family, school, and community – the Madison Family. Stakeholders are invited and encouraged to become involved in our schools. Please contact us if you have questions, concerns, suggestions, or would like to volunteer. Our strength and our success is in our relationships with members of our community.

Madison Board of Education



Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m. on the third Monday of the month and are held in the Board Room located inside the Middle School.

M. Kyle Ehinger, President
Julie Ramos, Vice President
Nancy Roback, Secretary
Mark Swinehart, Treasurer
Natasha Manchester, Trustee
Dana Pink, Trustee
Ruben Villegas, Trustee

Upcoming Meetings

December 14

January 18

February 15



Madison Elementary

P: 517-263-0744 | F: 517-265-1849

Linda J. Kaufman
Early Elementary Principal

Nathan T. Pechaitis
Upper Elementary Principal

Eric M. Frederick
Intervention Specialist



Madison Middle

P: 517-263-0743

Brad G. Anschuetz
Middle School Principal

Mindy A. Jordan
Middle School Assistant Principal



Madison High

P: 517-263-0742 | F: 517-265-1848

Kristin E. Thomas
High School Principal

Nicholaus P. Whiteley
High School Assistant Principal



Superintendent's Office

P: 517-265-1840 | F: 517-265-5635

Ryan L. Rowe
Superintendent

Madison School District

3498 Treat Highway | Adrian, MI 49221

<http://madisonk12.us>

517-263-0741