

# MADISON MESSENGER

MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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



## From the Superintendent's Desk:

### *Planning for the Future of Madison School District*

Each year the Madison School Board, faculty, and various Madison community members meet to review aspects of the District's Strategic Plan at the School Board and Stakeholder Workshop. From information gathered at the workshop, plans begin to emerge to improve *student achievement, facilities/maintenance, educational opportunities and fiscal responsibility, community and stakeholder engagement, student leadership and involvement, and enrollment management.*

For the past two years an increased emphasis has been placed on establishing a **Strategic Five-Year Facility Maintenance Plan**. Madison has experienced tremendous growth over the past 20 years. In fact, until last year, an addition or significant renovation has occurred each year to improve the educational environment for Madison students. It is estimated that the buildings now cover over seven acres!

Through discussions at the Workshop, it was determined that there is a greater need to focus on improving and maintaining aspects of the current facility, rather than expanding through additions like those that occurred from 1994 to 2014. The team committed to four outcomes as the District proceeds with the Facility Maintenance Plan.

Improvements and advancements that occur to the existing facility will:

- ***provide a progressive, innovative, and safe learning environment to enhance student instruction and performance.***
- ***allow the District to function in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.***
- ***utilize technology to manage aspects of the facility to lower unnecessary expenses.***
- ***improve branding and marketability of the District through progressive, innovative, yet cost-effective enhancements.***

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**Examples of these improvements include:**

- The recent purchase of a computerized unit using technology to determine the outside air temperature to assist in properly heating our buildings. Instead of heating the building based on the time of day, this new system will adjust building temperatures based on the weather outside; providing an energy savings to the district and a more comfortable learning environment.

*Although a substantial investment was made to purchase this unit, a large portion of the cost was offset by a rebate through the utility company. The district expects this unit to assist in reducing heating costs.*

- A lighting assessment is currently underway to determine potential advantages through upgrading building lights to LED fixtures. We already know that some areas of the facility are able to operate more efficiently using LED Troffer Fixtures or Retrofit Kits. These simple upgrades will emit a better quality light, decrease electrical costs by up to 80% and provide an updated, progressive appearance.

*Funds saved on current electrical costs will be redirected to further improve other areas identified through the Strategic Five-Year Facility Maintenance Plan.*

I look forward to updating you on the status of other projects as the Board continues to review, and potentially approve, aspects of the plan. Some of the projects will be more visible to our families and students than others. For example, restroom renovations would be more visible to visitors than replacing a portion of the rubber membrane covering the roof. However, each project will be reviewed individually to determine the best course of action in achieving the desired outcomes mentioned earlier and providing the best possible learning environment for our students.

*Stay tuned as we work through these decisions together. Great things are happening at Madison!*

Sincerely,  
Ryan Rowe, Superintendent

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## Winter Weather, School Delays, and Closings



We have had a beautiful fall this year, but as residents of Michigan, we know that winter weather is just around the corner. With snow and ice headed our way, it is a good time to review our school delay and closing procedures. 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. We also watch local news channels to stay on top of the most up to date weather forecasts.

***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.***

Regardless of what other area districts decide, when we think it is safe for our buses to operate, Madison schools will be open. The decision to close or delay school will be announced on local radio stations WABJ, WLEN, and WQTE, as well as 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.

We never expect a parent to substitute our judgment for theirs on inclement weather days. Ultimately, it is the parents that should decide if it is safe for a child to attend school on an inclement weather day. If we decide to keep school open, parents can choose to send their child to school or keep them home.

***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.***

We also ask that you respect our decisions on mornings affected by weather. Be assured that while you may not always agree with the decision that was made, these decisions always involve a tremendous amount of thought and concern for the welfare and education of our students. Please note that perfect attendance awards are not impacted by a parents' decision to keep a child home on an inclement weather day. If a child is not in school, they have to be marked absent, but the absence will not be counted against what is otherwise perfect attendance.

## 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.

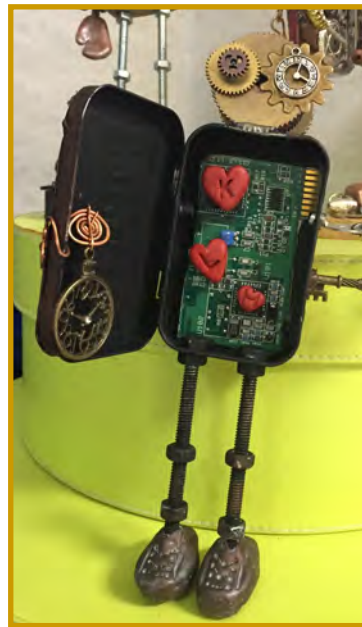
- Shop at [www.picaboo.com/coupons/PFMADISON15/](http://www.picaboo.com/coupons/PFMADISON15/)
- Receive **25% off** your entire order with code: **PFMADISON15**
- Picaboo will donate **20%** of the sales generated using this code to Madison High School.
- Fundraising event and promo code expires **January 31, 2016 @ 11:59 p.m. (Pacific Time)**

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## 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.

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*High School Art Teacher, Linda Hooker, presented at the state art conference in Grand Rapids on October 17. She shared her students Fobots (found object robots) projects. Mrs. Hooker said that the feedback provided to students was incredible and that they received high praise for their work.*

## 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.



## 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.





## MHS Interact Club Seeks Donations for Thanksgiving Basket Project

Madison High School's Interact Club is collecting food items for Thanksgiving baskets. The baskets are distributed to Madison Families who need a little extra support through the holiday season.

Donations of the following items will be accepted in the building offices through Monday, November 23.

**Madison's Lenawee Child 4-year Old Program & Young 5s**  
Roll or Biscuit Mix

**Kindergarten, 1st & 12th grades**  
Stuffing

**2nd & 8th grades**  
Canned Gravy

**3rd, 7th, & 10th grades**  
Boxed Mashed Potato Mix

**4th & 6th grades**  
Canned Vegetables

**5th & 11th grades**  
Canned Pie Filling

**9th grade**  
Juice (any flavor)

If you have questions about the Thanksgiving Basket project, please contact Dawn Opsal at 517-263-0744 ext. 123.



*Read any good books lately?  
Mrs. Reetz's students  
enjoy pairing up with their  
reading buddy to practice  
their reading skills.*



## MMS Box Tops for Education Competition

As you prepare your Thanksgiving meals, don't forget to snip your Box Tops! Madison Middle School first hour classes are holding a competition to see who can collect the most Box Tops through Tuesday, January 8, 2016.

The winning class will receive a donut party on Friday, January 15.



## Red Cross Blood Drive - Help Save a Life

Help Madison earn scholarship money for our seniors, and better yet, help save a life. The American Red Cross will be in the Madison Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, November 18 from 8:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Please help us reach our goal of 55 units to qualify for scholarship earnings. If possible, we ask that you schedule a donation time in advance. Please email [Lora.Fisher@madisonk12.us](mailto:Lora.Fisher@madisonk12.us) or call 517-263-0741 ext. 210.

## Santa Paws Returns to Madison

Mark your calendars for this popular holiday event sponsored annually by Gleaner's Madison Arbor! Santa Claus will be in the Performing Arts Center lobby from 9:00-11:30 a.m. on Saturday, December 5. Bring your furry friend for a picture with Santa Claus and a special treat for only \$5.00. All proceeds are donated to the Lenawee Humane Society.



***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.***



**MES BSY Early Release**  
November 19  
12:00 p.m.

**MES BSY Thanksgiving  
Break**  
November 20-27

**MMS/MHS Exams**  
November 23-25  
Dismissal 11:00 a.m.

**MES TSY Record Days**  
November 23-25  
Dismissal 12:00 p.m.

**Thanksgiving Break**  
No School  
November 26 & 27

## Balanced School Year Calendar Reminders

**Thursday and Friday, November 5 & 6**  
Early Release 12:00 p.m.

**BSY Parent Teacher Conferences**  
November 12 | 12:30-7:00 p.m.  
*TSY Conferences December 3*

**BSY First day of 2nd Trimester**  
November 9



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## Daylight Saving Time Ends

**Sunday, November 1**

*Set your clocks back one hour*

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## 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 <http://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 your friends and family to join the Community Rewards Program.



## Nurse's Notes:

The leaves are falling and so are our temperatures! Please remember that students need to come to school dressed appropriately for the weather: coats, hats, mittens, and boots will keep your child warm on the playground and at the bus stop.

Help prevent the spread of colds and flu by frequently washing your hands well, using hand sanitizer, and by coughing and sneezing into the sleeve of your shirt. Flu shots are also a good way to prevent contracting influenza.

Please visit your health care provider or the Lenawee County Health Department to receive a flu shot. Let's have a healthy, safe and happy autumn and holiday season! ~ Nurse [Ellen.Young@madisonk12.us](mailto:Ellen.Young@madisonk12.us) 517-263-0741 ext. 354

## 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:

**November 13**

**December 11**



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/](http://www.madisonk12.us/news/popcorn-ingredients/)

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## Outdoor Education 5th Grade Camp Information

Madison Elementary 5th grade students participate in Outdoor Education at Camp Michindoh each year. This year, students will attend Camp Michindoh from January 25-29, 2016. The remaining \$50.00 installment payments for camp are due on Friday, November 6 and Friday, December 4.

**Parents are encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Monday, November 2 at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary Café.**

Information regarding the trip is also available on the website at [www.madisonk12.us](http://www.madisonk12.us). Scroll down to Quick Links. The medical form, packing list, and parent information packet may be found there.

If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.



**Parent Information  
Meeting**

**Monday,  
November 2**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Elementary Cafe**



## TECH TIPS

Practice your math facts and brush up on your keyboarding skills with these fun websites.

### Math Practice

<http://www.abcya.com/> – Select grade level

<https://www.ixl.com/math/> – Select grade level and topic – Only 20 practice problems per day are allowed unless a paid account is created.

<http://www.funbrain.com/brain/MathBrain/MathBrain.html>

<http://www.coolmath-games.com/>

<http://pbskids.org/games/math/>

<http://www.mathplayground.com/>

<http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

### Typing Practice

Grades 3-5 - <https://www.typing.com/> - All current third through fifth grade students have an account; they only need to log in and continue where they left off.

Grades 1-2 - Dance Mat Typing  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/guides/z3c6tfr>

### Keyboarding games

[http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding\\_games.html](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games.html)

<http://www.freetypinggame.net/play.asp>

<https://www.typing.com/typinggames>

<http://www.abcya.com/>

Technology Class is taught by Mrs. Wonders. She can be reached at [Jeanelle.Wonders@madisonk12.us](mailto:Jeanelle.Wonders@madisonk12.us).

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## 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.



# The Book Fair is Coming!

There will be a 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 call 517-263-0744 ext. 301 or email

[Janet.Graham@madisonk12.us](mailto:Janet.Graham@madisonk12.us) or [PATT@madisonk12.us](mailto:PATT@madisonk12.us).

**See you at the Book Fair!**



## Elementary Student Recognized at Expo

A hobby, started as a way for a father to connect with his daughter, has turned into a list of accolades for Madison 4th grader, Michaela Cross. She began sewing at the age of five, learning how to carefully create a variety of hand stitches. After hours of practicing and creating sewing projects from clothing and aprons to quilts, Michaela has become a talented seamstress, sewing both by hand and machine. She has also begun creating her own clothing designs for dolls under the direction of her father, Brian Cross. They design the dolls' clothing under the name of Doll-ectable Divas.

Michaela has received many awards for her sewing projects, including Judge's Choice, Best of Show, and First Place ribbons at both the Lenawee and Fulton County Fairs, but it was her work with Doll-ectable Divas that earned her an invitation to

exhibit at the American Sewing Expo in Novi, Michigan in September. As the youngest exhibitor, she received many compliments for her designs and is named one of the designers to watch as she continues to develop her skill and sense of style. Learn more about Doll-ectable Divas online at: [www.facebook.com/groups/939878062746654/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/939878062746654/).



*Madison Elementary School received a bag full of warm hand-knit hats from Mr. Don Beebe. Mr. Beebe knits hundreds of hats each year to donate to area elementary schools to help keep students warm during the winter. We appreciate his generosity!*



*Thank you to the Local 14 UAW-GM Powertrain Unit for its donation of backpacks filled with school supplies for Madison Elementary Students.*

## October Homework Hero

Ben Goodlock, 6th grade student, is Madison Middle School's Homework Hero for the month of October. Ben was nominated by Mr. Hall who says, "Ben's genuine pride in his school work is evident in the classroom and on homework assignments. He is a responsible and respectful student with a great attitude and demeanor."

Keep up the great work, Ben!



## Middle School First Trimester Exams

### Monday, November 23

1st hour exam 7:50 – 9:20 a.m.

2nd hour exam 9:30-11:00 a.m.

*Early student dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*

### Tuesday, November 24

3rd hour exam 7:50 – 9:20 a.m.

4th hour exam 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

*Early student dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*

### Wednesday, November 25

5th hour exam 7:50 – 9:20 a.m.

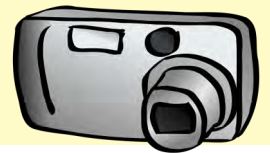
6th hour exam 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.

*Early student dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*

***The 2nd trimester of the 2015-16 school year begins on Monday, November 30.***



## MMS/MHS Picture Re-Take Day is Wednesday, November 4



## JOURNALISM JCLUB

EXTRA! EXTRA! Seeking all middle school students who enjoy writing and digging for a good story - The Journalism Club meets every Wednesday after school from 2:45-3:30 p.m. in room 12. Led by Mrs. Amanda Harsh, you will research, write, and take pictures for our online newspaper. Come see what it's all about!

Read our students' stories online at:

[www.kidblog.org/madisonmadness](http://www.kidblog.org/madisonmadness)

## Travel Plans Underway

The class of 2020 just returned from an educational and enjoyable visit to our nation's capital, but plans are already underway for next year's 8th grade trip. The middle school team is currently reviewing itineraries and pricing for both Chicago and Washington, D.C. and will share information with families soon.

The trip date has set, and you may mark your calendars for **October 27-30, 2016.**

If you have any questions about the trip, please contact Brad Anschuetz, principal, at 517-263-0743 or by email at [Brad.Anschuetz@madisonk12.us](mailto:Brad.Anschuetz@madisonk12.us)



## Students Complete Thrilling Research

Mrs. Brandeberry's 6th grade students recently completed a collaborative research project exploring the most thrilling roller coasters at Cedar Point. They spent time virtually riding roller coasters prior to evaluating them. The final product is an online graphic organizer of their findings. You can see their work at:

[www.brandeberry.net/cedar-point-rides.html](http://www.brandeberry.net/cedar-point-rides.html)





## Class of 2020 Visits Washington, D.C.

In a whirlwind trip to our nation's capital, forty nine eighth grade students spent three beautiful fall days exploring history concepts that they have been learning in the classroom.

During their time in Washington, D.C., students visited several memorials and monuments including the Vietnam Wall, Korean War, Lincoln Memorial, Iwo Jima, and the 9/11 Memorial at the Pentagon. While visiting the National Archives, students viewed historical documents such as the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution of the United States.

Students also visited the Natural History Museum and the United States Holocaust Museum. Here, students were able to get a much more in-depth learning experience of the tragedy that befell the Jews and others during World War II.

The highlight of the trip was watching Keegan Newcomb, Allison Wilt, Abbey Dusseau-Garno, and Skyler Lamley represent Madison while participating in the wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. Students also had the opportunity to watch the Changing of the Guards during this time.

This trip is special as it helps students make real-life connections to concepts that they study in the classroom. It also gives them the opportunity to practice many practical life skills and independence.

Our students were complimented several times on their behavior and made it a great trip. We hope that they made memories to last a lifetime and we very much appreciate the support of the parents who allowed their children to travel with their classmates and teachers.



## Planetarium Visit

Students who chose not to make the trip to Washington, D.C. had the opportunity to visit the Adrian College Planetarium.

While there, they explored science concepts related to the 8th grade curriculum including the reason we have seasons, the solar nebula hypothesis (our solar system), star birth, and our sun.



# News from the High School Counseling Office

## Contact the Counseling Office

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## 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.

## Planning to Attend College? Apply Now.

Seniors, if you are planning to attend college you should complete and submit your applications online or to the counseling office as soon as possible. If you apply online, please let us know so that we can send your transcript and ACT scores. If you need help applying to college, or have any questions, please stop by anytime.

## 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:

*Write about an everyday hero and you could earn \$2500 for college expenses. No minimum GPA is required. Entries must be postmarked by December 1.*

*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.*

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

## 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

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1<sup>st</sup> hour exam 7:50 – 9:20 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> hour class 9:27 – 10:11 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> hour class 10:16 – 11:00 a.m.  
Both sessions attend the TECH Center  
*Early student dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*

### Tuesday, November 24

2<sup>nd</sup> hour exam 7:50 – 9:20 a.m.  
3<sup>rd</sup> hour exam 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
Both sessions attend the TECH Center  
*Early student dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*

### Wednesday, November 25

4<sup>th</sup> hour exam 7:50 – 9:20 a.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> hour exam 9:30 – 11:00 a.m.  
No TECH Center  
*Early student dismissal at 11:00 a.m.*

## Exam Study Tips

1. Limit distractions while studying.
2. Make flash cards from class notes.
3. Eat healthy snacks and meals.
4. Take a break when you need to.
5. Get plenty of rest.
6. Ask someone to quiz you over the material.
7. Don't panic. Keep stress low.





## College Application Week

The Madison High School Counseling Office took the week of October 26-30 to meet individually with students to assist them in developing their plans for after graduation.

As of press time, the class of 2016 has submitted 259 applications to colleges, universities, or trade schools. Some students met with military recruiters to learn more about enlisting to serve their country, and still others made preparations to enter the workforce upon graduation. It was a very exciting and productive week and we thank all of our seniors for their cooperation and hard work!



## NHS Senior of the Month

The Madison Chapter of the National Honor Society is proud to recognize John Ambrose as the October Senior of the Month. John currently holds 4.1277 grade point average and is consistently on the VIP Honor Roll. His accomplishments also include a math department award his sophomore year, third place in the regional Voice of Democracy speech contest, and being named the DAR Good Citizen for 2015. Additionally, he will have completed all AP classes offered at Madison by the end of his senior year, and will leave high school having completed Sociology and Chemistry at the college level.



John has been a member of the Cross Country, Bowling, and Track teams and was honored with the Scholar Athlete Award during his freshman, sophomore, and junior years.

Outside of his school activities, John has seized the opportunity to serve and learn more about the United States and the world. He has participated in two mission trips with Grace United Methodist Church and has visited 49 states and 23 countries across North America and Europe.

After high school, John plans to attend either the University of Michigan or Michigan State University to study Chemical Engineering. John is the son of Robert and Caroline Ambrose.

## October Students of the Month

The following students were recognized as outstanding among their peers for the month of October. Receiving Student of the Month awards were: Katie Hamann, Hayden VanValkenburg, Carter Baker-Wallerstein, Felicity Bailey, Leigha Lobkovich, and Jose Amaro.





# MHS Performing Arts Club Presents Fall Musical

The Madison High School Performing Arts Club will present *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* Thursday, November 12 and Friday, November 13 at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, November 15 at 2:00 p.m. The show is a hilarious comedy centered on a fictional spelling bee set in Putnam Valley Middle School. Six quirky adolescents compete in the Bee, run by three equally unique adults. Tickets are available at the door and are \$5.00 for students and seniors and \$8.00 for adults.



Businesses and individuals are also invited to place an advertisement or message of good luck to the cast and crew in the show playbill. Ad space is available for as little as \$15.00 with all proceeds directly benefitting the Performing Arts Club and future productions. Contact [Jennifer.Baur@madisonk12.us](mailto:Jennifer.Baur@madisonk12.us) if you are interested in ordering an ad. Sponsorship forms are also available on the Music and Performing Arts Page of the website at [www.madisonk12.us/music-performing-arts/](http://www.madisonk12.us/music-performing-arts/).



MHS American Sign Language students enjoyed their "silent" afternoon out at Culver's. The next silent event is Wednesday, November 11 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Applebee's. Please join us!

Pictured are:  
Jasmine Jones, Erica Lynn, Micheal Round, Jose Amaro, Collin Schmitz, Jacob Elliott, Zylar Ritzler, Evelyn Dewey, Tara Kurichh, Katie Hamann, Arian Fernandez, Rylee Echelbarger, Jennifer Mauss, Kayla Wohlgamuth, and Abigail Watters

## Girls Golf Enjoys Successful Season

In only its third year, the Lady Trojan golf team turned heads with win after win this season. Their consistently strong play earned them a long list of accolades and saw the girls ranked as high as 2nd in the state.

The team accumulated seven tournament titles during the season including the Hillsdale Invitational, Onsted Invitational, Solheim Cup, Madison Pre-Regional, County Invite, IGL Championship, and the regional tournament. This is the district's first-ever regional trophy in golf.

Not only did the girls hold on to the top spot in the league for two years running, they were undefeated for nine holes both years. They hold the 18 hole record, 9-hole record, and overall record. Five players earned all-league recognition: Nicole Olden, Kayla Bozyk, Kendall Hudson, Katelyn Payne (1st team), and Kali Harrington (2nd team). Nicole was the overall league medalist for the second year in a row.

The team improved 52 strokes in the State Finals and moved up three places from last year, finishing 10th overall.

Congratulations to the girls, and to their coach, Mr. Erik Thompson, for their outstanding season!



## Madison Sweatshirt Sale

The Athletic Department is holding its annual Madison Trojan sweatshirt sale now through December 1. The shirts are heavyweight hoodie sweatshirts with your choice of embroidered design in a variety of colors. These items make great Christmas gifts for the Trojan fan on your list!

Available colors are: orange, maroon, cardinal, red, navy, surf blue, royal, purple, raspberry, fuchsia, shocking pink, Carolina blue, washed blue, alien, forest, Kelly, olive, neon green, grey, black, white, charcoal, Vegas gold, athletic gold, and chocolate

Shirts are \$30.00 (\$3.00 extra for extended sizes) each with checks or money orders made payable to Madison School District.

Order forms are available on the district website at:  
[www.madisonk12.us/news/madison-trojan-sweatshirt-sale/](http://www.madisonk12.us/news/madison-trojan-sweatshirt-sale/)

or in the High School and Athletic Offices

Contact [Kris.Isom@madisonk12.us](mailto:Kris.Isom@madisonk12.us)  
or 517-263-0742 ext. 124 for more information.



**The 2015-16 Winter  
Athletics Calendar  
is now available online!**

*\* please note: the schedule is subject to change \**

## Gourmet Popcorn & Pretzels

Satisfy your sweet tooth with gourmet popcorn and pretzels and support Trojan winter athletics at the same time! Pretzels are available in yogurt, peanut butter, and milk chocolate. Popcorn flavors include buttery caramel, Chicago style, New England Style, and Chocolatey Delight.

**See a winter athlete to order, or download an order form from <http://www.madisonk12.us/news/gourmet-popcorn-sale/>**

Contact [Kris.Isom@madisonk12.us](mailto:Kris.Isom@madisonk12.us)  
or 517-263-0742 ext. 124 for more information.



## MYAC Basketball Registration

Well over 100 student athletes in grades 1, 2, 5, and 6 registered for the winter MYAC Basketball program. We excited to see this kind of response and will be in contact with parents soon regarding practice schedules.

Registration for girls and boys in grades 3 and 4 opens on Monday, November 2 and closes Friday, November 20. The \$60 registration fee may be made by cash, check, or online through the My School Bucks program.

Visit the MYAC page of the website or stop in to the Elementary School offices for a registration form. Teams are limited to 25 athletes.

Coaches are needed for all grade levels. Please contact [MYAC@madisonk12.us](mailto:MYAC@madisonk12.us) for more information or to volunteer.



# 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](http://www.madisonk12.us)

**District Newsletter:** Distributed on the first of each month via email and published electronically at: [www.madisonk12.us/newsletters](http://www.madisonk12.us/newsletters). Please email [Rebecca.Schwan@madisonk12.us](mailto: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](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.

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## 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



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[www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com).**

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**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.



# HELP WANTED

*Looking for a way to get more involved in Madison Schools? We welcome members of the Madison Family to assist in the education of our students through volunteering in our district. A list of organizations and volunteer opportunities is listed below. Look for more opportunities to be announced throughout the school year.*

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## **Madison 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.

## **Turn Recyclable Materials into Art Projects**

The Elementary art room is accepting egg cartons, toilet paper tubes, and paper plates for art projects at this time. Newspapers and coffee cans are **not needed** at this time. Volunteers for project preparation (work may be done at home) and guest speakers are always welcome. Contact [Richard.SanMiguel@madisonk12.us](mailto:Richard.SanMiguel@madisonk12.us) if you are able to donate your time.

## **Calling All Madison Alumni**

You are already a part of the history of Madison, become a part of the future by joining the Alumni Association. Send your first and last (maiden) name, graduation year, address, email address, and phone number to: [alumni@madisonk12.us](mailto:alumni@madisonk12.us) to be added to the contact list. Look for more ways to get involved throughout the 2015-16 school year!

## **Parents and Teachers Together (P.A.T.T.)**

Be a part of the planning for fun elementary school events like the daddy/daughter dance, mom & son fun night, craft night, and the carnival. P.A.T.T. meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library. New members are welcome any time.

## **Madison F.A.N. Committee**

The Facilities for Athletic Needs Committee supports student athletes by providing safe and adequate training facilities for student-athletes. F.A.N. plans the annual Celebration Night and Golf Outing. Contact [Brad.Anschuetz@madisonk12.us](mailto:Brad.Anschuetz@madisonk12.us) to become involved.

## **Madison Youth Athletic Council (MYAC)**

Share your love of sports with the next generation of Trojan Athletes by supporting MYAC. Meetings are the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 in the Board Room. Coaches, volunteers, and fresh ideas always needed! [MYAC@madisonk12.us](mailto:MYAC@madisonk12.us)

## **Box Tops for Education**

Madison Elementary and Madison Middle School accept Box Tops to purchase much-needed playground equipment and technology for our schools. Please snip tops from packaging and send them into your child's classroom. Individuals willing to count and submit Box Tops are also appreciated!

## **S.T.A.R.S (Striving to Achieve Reading Success)**

Parents & Grandparents, S.T.A.R.S. is seeking mentors for the 2015-16 school year. Provide one-on-one reading support to a student. Training is available and staff are always present to help. Students are excited to see their S.T.A.R.S. mentor and the rewards of working with young children are countless. For more information contact [Brenda.Betz@madisonk12.us](mailto:Brenda.Betz@madisonk12.us) or call 517-263-0744 ext. 328

## **Madison Athletic Boosters**

Love popcorn? Enjoy watching the Trojans play on Friday night? Volunteer in the concessions stand! 6-7 people needed per home football game. Contact [Tricia.Fowler@madisonk12.us](mailto:Tricia.Fowler@madisonk12.us) or 517-263-0744 ext. 231 if you can help.



***We thank you for the gifts of your time and talents!***

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# November 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](http://www.madisonk12.us) for the most up-to-date events calendar.*

## **Monday, November 2**

5th Grade Camp Parent Meeting

## **Tuesday, November 3**

MES Student Council Meeting  
P.A.T.T. Meeting  
MES TLC Banking Begins  
Cub Scout Meeting

## **Wednesday, November 4**

MMS/MHS Picture Re-Take Day  
MMS Character Under Construction  
Athletic Boosters Meeting  
MYAC Meeting

## **Thursday, November 5**

BSY Records Day, 12:00 p.m. Dismissal

## **Friday, November 6**

BSY Records Day, 12:00 p.m. Dismissal  
5th Grade Camp Payment Due

## **Monday, November 9**

BSY First Day of 2nd Trimester  
Competitive Cheer Try-Outs

## **Tuesday, November 10**

Competitive Cheer Try-Outs  
MHS School Improvement Meeting  
Cub Scout Meeting

## **Thursday, November 12**

BSY Parent-Teacher Conferences  
MHS Musical

## **Friday, November 13**

MES 3rd Grade Breakfast  
Popcorn Friday  
MES Release Time Bible Study  
MHS Musical

## **Sunday, November 15**

MHS Musical

## **Monday, November 16**

MES School Improvement Meeting  
Board of Education Meeting

## **Tuesday, November 17**

Cub Scout Meeting

## **Wednesday, November 18**

Red Cross Blood Drive  
MMS Character Under Construction

## **Thursday, November 19**

BSY 12:00 p.m. Dismissal  
Madison Gleaner Arbor Meeting  
Daisy Girl Scouts  
MMS School Improvement Meeting

## **Friday, November 20**

BSY Thanksgiving Break

## **Monday, November 23**

BSY Thanksgiving Break  
MMS/MHS Exams, 11:00 Dismissal  
MES Records Day, 12:00 Dismissal

## **Tuesday, November 24**

BSY Thanksgiving Break  
MMS/MHS Exams, 11:00 Dismissal  
MES Records Day, 12:00 Dismissal  
Cub Scout Meeting

## **Wednesday, November 25**

BSY Thanksgiving Break  
MMS/MHS Exams, 11:00 Dismissal  
MES Records Day, 12:00 Dismissal

## **Thursday, November 26**

Thanksgiving Day  
No School

## **Friday, November 27**

Thanksgiving Break  
No School

## **Monday, November 30**

TSY First day of 2nd Trimester





# NOVEMBER 2015

## MADISON SCHOOL DISTRICT



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit Choice	3 French Toast Sausage Hash Brown Fruit Choice	4 Chicken Sandwich (Grilled or Breaded) Carrots Fruit Choice	5 Nachos Deluxe Refried Beans Fruit Choice	6 Chili Dog Smiley Fries Fruit Choice
9 Pizza Corn Fruit Choice	10 Sweet & Sour Chicken Broccoli mix Fruit Choice	11 Spaghetti W/G Breadstick Salad Fruit Choice	12 BBQ Rib Baked Fries Fruit Choice	13 Crispitos Refried Beans Fruit Choice
16 Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit Choice	17 Chicken Nuggets Corn Mashed Potatoes Fruit Choice	18 Cheeseburger Baked Fries Fruit Choice	19 Pasta W/ Italian Meat Sauce Salad Fruit Choice	20 Corn Dogs Carrots Fruit Choice
23 Pizza Corn Fruit Choice	24 Sliced Ham Scalloped Potato's Dinner Roll Fruit choice	25 Beef Taco Refried Beans Fruit Choice	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL
30 Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit Choice	French Toast Sausage Hash Brown Fruit Choice	Chicken & Gravy Bowl Carrots Fruit Choice	Chili Dog Smiley Fries Fruit Choice	Nachos Deluxe Refried Beans Fruit Choice

### 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.



# 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

November 16

December 21  
*(tentative)*

January 18



### 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

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