

MJS Weekly Update

November 13, 2020

Dear MJS Community,

It feels like I say this at the beginning of so many communications to families, but it bears repeating how grateful I feel every morning that I get to come to school. I wasn't sure how long school would remain open for in-person learning, but I can tell you that making it to November feels like an incredible accomplishment. A heartfelt thanks go out to all of the families, staff, and students for doing their part to keep our community as healthy as possible. All of the steps you at home are taking to social distance, to remain home for even the mildest of symptoms, and to follow district protocol are paying off.

As the country celebrated Veteran's Day this past week, I wish to extend, on behalf of the entire MJS faculty and staff, a thank you and salute to our brave military service members, past and present, who continue to support the freedom we value so dearly.

Report Cards & Marking Period 2

We have reached the end of marking period one. Marking period two, which begins on Monday, will have all students starting with a clean slate. Report cards will be available in the Genesis parent portal on Friday, November 20, at 3 pm.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be hosted this year via Zoom on Monday, November 23, from 1:15-4 pm and Wednesday, November 24, from 5-8 pm. Middle school conferences run a bit differently than in elementary schools, as MJS parent-teacher conferences are designed for families with students that might be struggling. Teaching teams have already invited via email those families where a conference is recommended.

All families are welcome to email their child's team leader *at any time* to schedule a check-in phone call or video conference to ask, "how is my child doing...how can I support him/her/them at home." Sign Up Genius links for conferences will be emailed to the community on Wednesday afternoon, November 18.

Period 789 Closed

Please note, the week of Thanksgiving, there will be no Periods 789 on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday due to conferences and the holiday.

MJS Advisory Program

We are pleased to announce that we will commence our advisory program with the start of marking period two. Advisory will take place virtually every Wednesday during 7th period (1:30-2 pm) starting December 2. Attendance at advisory is mandatory.

The advisory period will be held once a week with small groups of students and a staff member mentor. Discussion topics and activities will include essential elements of character education, such as teamwork and problem-solving. Once per month, 8th grade Peer Leaders will lead outreach sessions to their 6th-grade peers, while all other 8th graders participate in community service projects.

Students will receive an email from Google Classroom on Monday, December 1, to join their advisory group classroom. Advisor mentors can be found on the student schedule listed as Period 7W. We are very excited to get this valuable MJS program running for our students!

Brooke Phillips

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Madison Junior School

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MJS PTO Needs Your Help!

PTO Volunteers are needed to help with Teacher Appreciation and investigating and planning possible 6th Grade Social Activities.

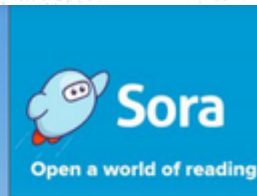
Volunteers can reach out to either

Sandra Silbaugh at sandrasilbaugh@yahoo.com or

Amy McClelland at amy.valentine.mcclelland@gmail.com



Welcome to Sora!



What Sora is

- An app where students can read library books on any device (ebooks, audiobooks, read-alongs, etc.)

How to log in:

1. Go to ClassLink (under madisonnjps.org bookmarks).
2. Sign in with Google.
3. Click on the Overdrive (Sora) icon (pictured above).

How to browse and checkout books:

- Browse by: available now, popular subjects, new additions, most popular, or the entire collection (your next great read).
- Click on a book. Read a sample, borrow the book, or put it on hold (if it is currently being read by another student).
- Books remain on the student's device for 2 weeks, but can be returned early.

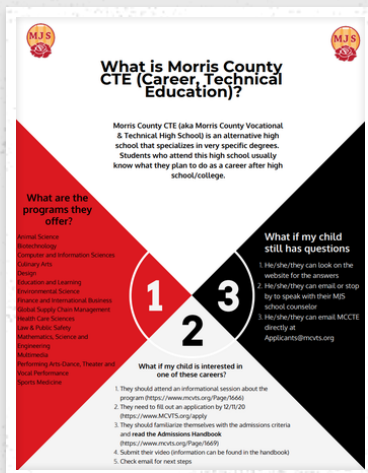
Accessing Sora from another device

1. Download the Sora app. Enter the code **mpsnj**.
2. Select "sign in with Google" and enter your email address & password.

Our collection is growing!

- Look for instructions soon on how to join the North New Jersey Schools Consortium library for access to **thousands** more books!

Special thanks to the MEF for their generous support!



Morris County CTE (Career Technical Education)

During the past few weeks, our eighth graders have participated in virtual assemblies with a representative from Morris County CTE. Our counselors Mrs. Siso and Mrs. Marotta are great resources if you or your child have any questions about this program and the application process. Our counseling department has also provided this [explanation document](#) to share additional information and give links where you can learn more.



MJS NEXT WEEK

Monday 11/16 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 11/17 **B Gold**

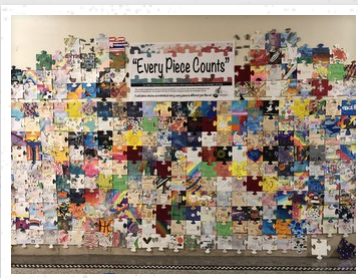
Wednesday 11/18 **B Gold**

Thursday 11/19 **B Maroon**

Friday 11/20 **A Gold**

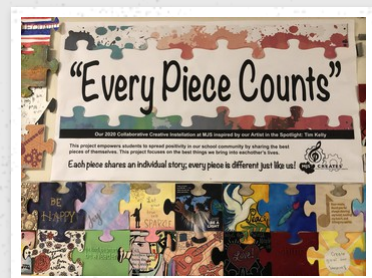
Starting this coming week
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between Maroon & Gold in-
person days.

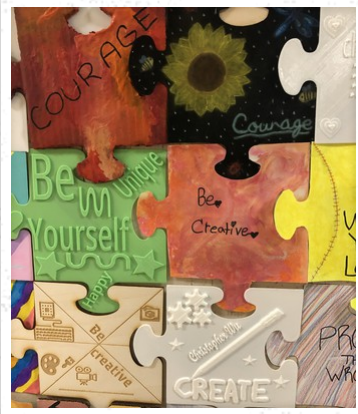
Any 4-day learners become
5-day learners.



thank you

TO MR. E AND MRS.
ST. JACQUES FOR
HELPING OUR MJS
CREATES CLASSES
CREATE THIS
BEAUTIFUL WALL
OF POSITIVITY





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MJS Weekly Wellness Corner

Although the weather is getting cooler, there is no shortage of activities to keep you entertained and connected as a family. See how many activities you can check off this bucket list, or feel free to add your own.

Congratulations to 6th Grader Quentin Gerard-Saroul

MJS' very own 6th grader Quentin Gerard-Saroul won the Judge's Award for the "Best Current Events Costume" in the NJCGT 2020 Cardboard competition! Quentin was our only entry from

Madison and he did a fantastic job creating a voting box costume out of cardboard. More details on the competition can be found [here](#).

Cardboard Voting Box Costume



6th

HW Calendars

[6A Homework Calendar](#)

[6B Homework Calendar](#)

7th

HW Calendars

[7A Homework Calendar](#)

[7B Homework Calendar](#)

8th

HW Calendars

[8A Homework Calendar](#)

[8B Homework Calendar](#)

MJS Link Bank

[MJS Bell Schedule - Starting Nov. 2, 2020](#)

[MJS Yearly Calendar - A/B Days - Color Cohort Days - Starting Nov. 5, 2020](#)

[MJS Morning Announcements](#)

[MJS Archive of Updates & Newsletters](#)

Upcoming Dates

November 16 - Marking Period 2 begins

November 20 - Report cards available in Genesis Parent Portal 3:00 pm

November 23 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences (1-4:00 pm) No Periods 789

November 25 - No Periods 789

November 26-27 - Schools closed - Thanksgiving Break

December 9 - MJS PTO Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm

I'd like to know about...

Please feel free to use this [Feedback Link](#) to ask Ms. Phillips to include certain information in a future update. It's helpful to know what you would like to learn more about.

