

MJS Weekly Update

November 20, 2020

Dear MJS Community,

This Thanksgiving might be a bit different for many of us. We have all been asked to contribute to our community's safety by staying home and to keep gatherings small. This is the first year my children will not be with any of their grandparents for what I consider the best holiday of the year. While this is sad, we take comfort in knowing that we will get to spend many more Thanksgiving Days with them in future years by forgoing this year. And not to worry, just like you will probably do, we will Zoom with the grandparents during dinner so they can still ask those embarrassing and corny questions of their grandchildren!

As you make your plans for the coming week, if you intend to travel to one of the states on the [travel advisory list](#), your child will **need to quarantine for 14 days upon return**. Please send an email to damianol@madisonnjps.org notifying us of the state to which you traveled and the date of your return to Madison.

No Periods 789 Next Week

Please note that there will be no Period 789 sessions next week due to parent-teacher conferences and the holiday. Each day next week, we will run a regular Period 1-6 schedule of 7:55 am - 12:40 pm, with the only change being no Period 789.

Headphones

As a reminder - please be sure in-person students are bringing headphones or earbuds with them to school every day. We cannot loan headphones to students this year, so we ask that you check in with your student each day before heading to school.

New Chromebooks Update

The district has had an order in place for new Dell Chromebooks for MJS students. With the pandemic, the order was delayed, and delivery was pushed out to January. Dell is now saying that they can pull things forward, and the district is hoping to hand them out sometime in December.

We wish you a very peaceful and heartening holiday from the entire MJS Family, including all staff and faculty.

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MJS NEXT WEEK

Monday 11/23 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 11/24 **B Gold**

Wednesday 11/25 **B Gold**

Thursday 11/26 No School

Friday 11/27 No School

Please note that due to Parent-Teacher Conferences and the holiday there will be no Periods 789 Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

MEF Corner

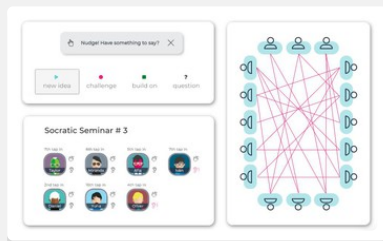
We're raising a glass... to YOU! We can't express our gratitude in person this year at our annual Fall Adult Social, but we can raise a virtual glass in your honor here.



During a normal school year (remember normal?), your donations to MEF funded grants that allowed teachers to take learning to new heights. This year, your donations to MEF have helped make learning possible.

From the bottom of our hearts, thank you.

We hope we can raise a glass in celebration *together* at our 2021 Fall Adult Social next year. In the meantime, we wish you and your families a happy and safe Thanksgiving. You can watch a video and read the full letter of our toast [here](#). Cheers!



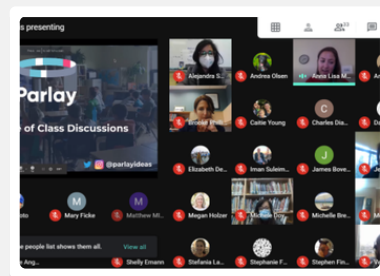
Live Parlay Discussions

Be sure to ask your child if they have Parlayed in class yet!



Thank you MEF for Parlay Technology

MJS wishes to send a thank you to the MEF for their purchase of the online discussion tool Parlay.



Teacher Professional Development

Teachers had a fabulous professional development session last week and this discussion driving tool is already being used in many classrooms with students.

YEARBOOK ORDERS & 8th GRADE RECOGNITION ADS

Attention all MJS parents and guardians!

Yearbooks are now available for preorder online. The flyer for information about how to order is attached below! Be sure to order your yearbook before 12/31/20 for a discounted price! All yearbooks must be ordered online at www.jostensyearbooks.com.

[Click here for a PDF with more information](#) about ordering yearbooks.

8th Grade Recognition Ads are also available for purchase. Please see the attached flyer for information about how to place a recognition ad in the yearbook for your 8th-grade student. [Click here for a PDF with more information](#).

Sincerely,
MJS Yearbook Advisors
Mr. E and Mrs. Young

MJS PTO Minted Fundraiser

The PTO is partnering with Minted to help fundraise. Shop for holiday cards and gifts and help the PTO at the same time. [Click here](#) to view the MJS PTO Minted webpage for coupon codes and all ordering information

MINTED'S FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

**You save 20%,
Minted donates 15%**

Use code FUNDRAISEMADISONPTO to support Madison Junior School PTO



THANK YOU to the PTO!


7th Grade sends a big thank you to the MEF for their raffle contributions for our 7th Grade GOT BOOKS reading initiative. Click on the video below to watch this week's raffle drawing with Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Toto! Which team will win?

raffle 1





GIVE BACK



*Buy the
Community Bag!*

When you buy this bag this month, we will
receive a \$1 donation.

As you do your holiday grocery shopping this weekend, a reminder that for the month of November, Madison Junior School PTO will receive a \$1 donation from each purchase of the \$2.50 reusable Community Bag at the Stop & Shop store located at 133 Main Street, Madison NJ. Thank you for supporting the MJS PTO


MJS Wellness Corner

As Thanksgiving draws near, we may be at a loss for how to celebrate this highly anticipated holiday. Despite the pandemic, turkey, mashed potatoes, family, and football don't have to be canceled. However, we must get creative with how we celebrate safely. [Click here](#) for tips on reducing stress, helping children cope, and making new traditions during the holidays this year.

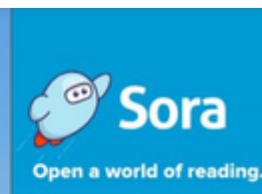


Note From MJS Nurse Skordinsky

A NJ Alert shared by Nurse Skordinsky titled: Spread Thanks Not Germs - Protecting Family From Food Poisoning, Flu, and COVID-19

 [Download](#)
173.5 KB

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.

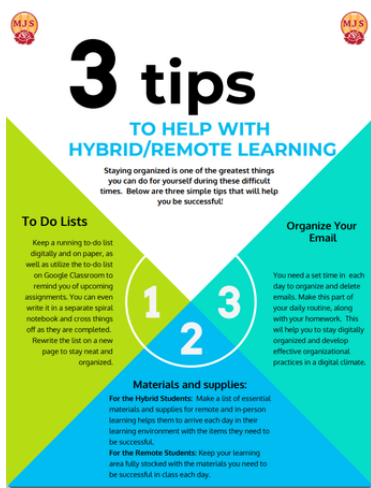
Accessing Sora from another device

1. Download the Sora app. Enter the code **mps nj**.
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!



MJS Counselors' Corner

Staying organized is key to being a successful learner, whether learning in-person or remotely. Shared here is a [thoughtful article](#) with many insights for families on how to help our students hone their organization practices. You can also click on the photo to the left to see some great student tips.



HW Calendars

[6A Homework Calendar](#)
[6B Homework Calendar](#)



HW Calendars

[7A Homework Calendar](#)
[7B Homework Calendar](#)



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

November 24 - Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences (5-8:00 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.

