



MJS Weekly Update

December 4, 2020

Dear MJS Community,

Welcome, December! While I love the holiday spirit and special times with family, the colder temperatures of this season aren't my most beloved time of year. However, know that when you see me outside on Brittin St. all bundled up, I'm a happy camper - I'm usually all padded up in my down coat, scarf, hat, mask, and boots. And you guessed it, I even have hand warmers in there as well.

As the temperatures drop, please remind your child to dress in layers as there are days when classroom temperatures can greatly fluctuate. Additionally, students can take on the December Walking Challenge during PE periods and take walks for the period, so dressing warmly for this is good practice. During these PE periods, many students choose to walk, but students can also choose the indoor yoga option for PE - that's where you'd find me!

New Chromebook Distribution


Every student at MJS will be receiving a new Chromebook, case, and charger before the New Year. We anticipate the shipment of materials on Thursday, December 11th. A distribution schedule will be released in next week's update. All students will be required to return their existing Chromebook, case, and charger before receiving their new device. Stay tuned for updates.

Desk Shields Improvements

As we reflect and improve our pandemic safety and health procedures, one area where changes are necessary is with student desk shields. Currently, with students carrying and traveling with desk shields from room to room, we see steady damage to the PPE equipment. We are also seeing some students struggle to carry a full load of a backpack, shield, and heavy winter coat.

To alleviate both concerns, we will keep in place desks shields on all desks for the school day's duration. At the end of each period, students will wipe down their desks and the shields as well. In the evening, the electrostatic sprayer will be used for additional overnight cleaning.

We have practiced these procedures with several sixth-grade classes and have found the best steps to take. These steps will be shared with students on Monday via video during announcements, and teachers will work with students on this first day to provide ample time to practice wiping down and cleaning work areas. Should a student wish to clean a new desk shield or desk upon arriving at a classroom, they are more than welcome to do a wipe down at the start of the period before settling into their new workspace.



MJS Creates cycle classes have a new home!

All our in-person MJS Creates classes will begin meeting in the auditorium starting Monday. Our dynamic duo of MJS Creates teachers, Mr. Erdreich and Mrs. St. Jacques, will be on hand in every cycle period with MJS Creates learners so that students can benefit from in-person interactions. Through the use of desks, drawing tables, lab tables with dividers, and the available open seating, students will have a Creates room to meet every need. We look forward to the fun sounds and energy that will come from these collaborative periods. All social distancing and cleaning procedures will be adhered to in the auditorium.

Coming soon! Chorus in-person classes.

Starting at the end of next week, chorus teacher Mrs. Ciolino will be hosting small chorus group classes during Periods 2, 3, and 5, pulling students from one of their cycle classes per week. These in-person lessons will be in addition to Periods 789 chorus ensembles. Mrs. Ciolino looks forward to being in person with students to talk about, listen to, and share in everything music and chorus. While no singing will be done in school, we are hopeful that this additional time in the chorus will inspire and engage our singers and music lovers.

MJS Waltz Into Winter Break Spirit Days

Please be sure to check out the fun spirit days we have planned for the rest of this month. We hope that the MJS Winter Waltz Into December spreads some fun and joy for our students and staff both remote and in-person in the coming weeks!

Brooke Phillips

Acting Principal

Madison Junior School

phillipsb@madisonnjps.org

MJS Waltz Into Winter Break

DECEMBER

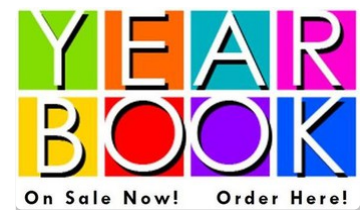
| MONDAY 07 | TUESDAY 08 | WED. 09 | THURS. 10 | FRIDAY 11 |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| PEPPERMINT DAY Wear your best red and white clothing today to celebrate a favorite winter candy treat! | Hibernation Hair Day Come to school with your best bed head hair style! | WINTER WHITE OUT It's a winter WHITE OUT day at MJS. Wear all white clothes to celebrate this extra snowy wintry day | winter is coming BRACE YOURSELF FOR WINTER BY WEARING YOUR COZIEST, FUZZIEST, FAVORITE WINTER SOCKS TODAY! | Aren't You Plaid It's Friday? Wear your best winter plaid today |
| MONDAY 14 COLLEGE Day Wear some college spirit wear! Rowan University DREW FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON UNIVERSITY | TUESDAY 15 WEAR YOUR FAVORITE HAT TODAY TOP OFF THE HOLIDAYS | WED. 16 Have it your way holiday! DRESS IN CLOTHES OR COSTUMES THAT CELEBRATE YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY DURING THE YEAR | THURS. 17 Ugly Sweater Day! | FRIDAY 18 Just Settle Down for a long Winter's Nap PJ DAY |
| MONDAY 21 First day of winter! Wear your best hats, scarves, and winter accessories to honor the day! | TUESDAY 22 Decorate your own mask day! On 12/14 and 12/15 Student Council will provide all students & staff a white mask to decorate and wear today | WED. 23 Sparkle IN THE NEW YEAR Celebrate the New Year with MJS and wear your best sparkles, glitter, and New Year gear! | MJS | |



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

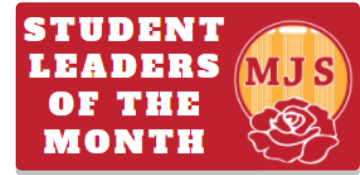


6th Grade Corner

A big thank you to MJS SRO Officer Vincent Galgano for joining all our sixth-grade social classes this week. Officer Galgano talked with students about the Bill of Rights and the First 10 Amendments.

November Student Leaders of the Month

[Click here](#) to check out our MJS November Leaders of the Month from our website!



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





MJS THIS WEEK

Monday 12/7 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 12/8 **B Gold**

Wednesday 12/9 **A Gold**

Thursday 12/10 **B Maroon**

Friday 12/11 **A Gold**



MJS Wellness Corner

The importance of kindness and gratitude cannot be underestimated as we gear up for the holiday season. 2020 has been a challenging year in so many ways. One thing that can hold us together and help us get through is kindness. Although we can't change our situation, we can choose to respond to others (and ourselves) with kindness. When we're kind, we help others, we help ourselves, and we encourage others to be kinder too. [Click here](#) for a calendar containing a suggestion for a daily act of kindness.



6th

HW Calendars

[6A Homework Calendar](#)

[6B Homework Calendar](#)

[6th Grade Periods 789](#)

7th

HW Calendars

[7A Homework Calendar](#)

[7B Homework Calendar](#)

[7th Grade Periods 789](#)

8th

HW Calendars

[8A Homework Calendar](#)

[8B Homework Calendar](#)

[8th Grade Periods 789](#)

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.