

MJS Weekly Update

December 11, 2020

Dear MJS Community,

I hope you had a good week and stayed warm. Shared below are a few updates from the district and MJS. To those that celebrate Hannukah, I hope you have a wonderful holiday with your family and loved ones.

New Chromebook Distribution

Chromebook distribution is scheduled to begin next week for our students. Please [click here to read all the directions and schedule](#) information that was emailed home this week. The schedule for student pickups is also noted below.

PLEASE NOTE: Part of the Chromebook distribution process requires that one team per day have their afternoon Periods 7, 8, and 9 canceled - it will be canceled for your child on the day they are scheduled to come for pickups. See the letter linked above for all the details.

We are all excited to get new student Chromebooks out to our students. Please help your child to take care of his/her/their device when it comes home. We will be sharing tutorial videos at school, but some important upkeep tips include:

- Chromebooks must remain in the case at all times.
- No stickers
- Absolutely no Chromebooks on the floor, even in a case
- Turn off the device daily to reset
- Charge the device each night
- Keep the charger in backpacks so it will always be there when needed.

Headphones

Please be sure to remind your child to bring in headphones or earbuds when they come to school in person each day.

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!

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**MJS Chromebook Distribution
By Grade, Team, & Last Name**

	Mon 12/14	Tues 12/15	Wed 12/16	Thur 12/17	Fri 12/18	Mon 12/21
Team	8A Young	8B Mack	7A McPeck	7B Toto	6A Finkelstein	6B Brennan
1:30-2:15pm	8A A-L	8B A-L	7A A-L	7B A-L	6A A-L	6B A-L
2:15-3pm	8A M-Z	8B M-Z	7A M-Z	7B M-Z	6A M-Z	6B M-Z

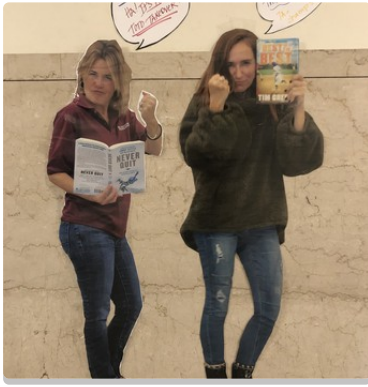
MJS Student Council Food Drive

The student council will be collecting food for the First Baptist Church food pantry in Madison. Please consider donating nonperishable food items packaged in boxes or any cans. All items can be dropped off in the boxes in the front hallways of MJS as students enter the building beginning Monday, December 14 through Tuesday, December 22. Please direct any questions to counselor Ms. Siso.



District Facilities Conversation

As the Madison Public Schools engage in long-term facilities planning, what priorities and perspectives should the district consider? Do you have opinions about our school facilities? Then join the district conversation on Thought Exchange by clicking this link! <https://tinyurl.com/yyne87hz>

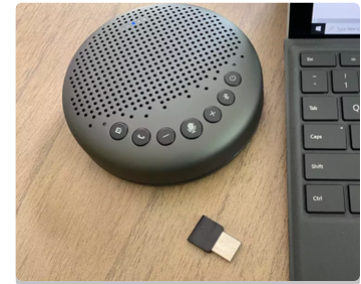


7th Grade Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all of MJS' 7th-grade readers. In total, the one hundred eighteen students that have taken on the 7th Grade Reading Challenge have read **19.364 TOTAL PAGES** since November 2. Mrs. Toto and Mrs. Henry are so impressed! Thank you to the PTO for supporting this fun reading initiative. Check out the winners of the week in this video. https://youtu.be/jul0smY_jB8

eMeet Luna Installations

180 eMeet Luna devices have been delivered to the five district schools. The devices, which serve as speakers and microphones to help connect students learning remotely with those learning in school, were paid for in part by a donation from the Madison Education Foundation and Madison Elks. Thank you for supporting our students and teachers!



MJS Waltz Into Winter Break
DECEMBER

MONDAY 07 PEPPERMINT DAY Wear your best red and white clothing today to celebrate a favorite winter candy treat!	TUESDAY 08 Hibernation Hair Day Come to school with your best bed head hair style!	WED. 09 WINTER WHITE OUT It's a winter WHITE OUT day at MJS. Wear all white clothes to celebrate this extra snowy wintry day	THURS. 10 winter is coming BRACE YOURSELF FOR WINTER BY WEARING YOUR COZIEST, FUZZIEST, FAVORITE WINTER SOCKS TODAY!	FRIDAY 11 Aren't You Plaid It's Friday? Wear your best winter plaid today
MONDAY 14 COLLEGE Day Wear some college spirit wear! Rowan University RDREW 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!		



MEF Corner

So far this year, MEF has provided nearly \$90,000 in grants designed to give our students a fuller, more enriching educational experience. But there is still much to do. Please continue to support MEF, and help us close out the year strong to set our schools and students up for success in 2021. Give local. Make a donation today at <https://bit.ly/3fFrYxm>.





\$90,000
GRANTS AWARDED IN 2020.





MJS This Week

Monday 12/14 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 12/15 **B Gold**

Wednesday 12/16 **B Maroon**

Thursday 12/17 **B Maroon**

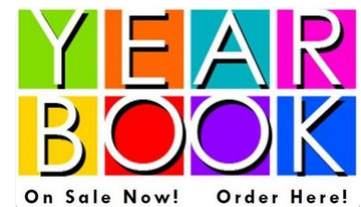
Friday 12/18 **A Gold**



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



MJS Wellness Corner

For many of us, the holidays are a joyous and festive time of year, but they may also bring up feelings of stress, anxiety, and sadness. Although things may be different this year, the holidays are still about spending valuable time with family, friends, and loved ones. To maintain your emotional health and wellness during this holiday season:

- **Know before you go** - Advanced planning can help reduce stress if you choose to travel. Check local requirements and restrictions that your destination might have.
- **Try new traditions** - Consider virtual celebrations, such as video calls to watch holiday movies, play games, or open gifts with friends or family. Brainstorm together to discover what works best for your family.
- **Celebrate within your means** - Decide on a budget, make a list, and check it twice. If you plan to shop in person, confirm store hours and policies before you go. Track your spending to avoid unnecessary expenses.
- **Stay merry and bright** - Humor helps lighten the mood, put things in perspective, and connect with others. Take a moment to look for funny things as you go through your day.
- **Manage seasonal sadness** - If you're sad or struggling around the holidays, be honest about it. It



challenging as many families are grieving the loss of loved ones. Be patient and kind to yourself.

6th

HW Calendars

[6A Homework Calendar](#)

[6B Homework Calendar](#)

[6th Grade Periods 789](#)

7th

HW Calendars

[7A Homework Calendar](#)

[7B Homework Calendar](#)

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8th

HW Calendars

[8A Homework Calendar](#)

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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

December 23 - Regular 12:40 pm dismissal for students and staff. No periods 789

December 24 - January 3 - Holiday Recess

January 4 - Classes resume

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.