

MJS Weekly Update

December 18, 2020

Dear MJS Community,

I hope yesterday's snow day brought you and your family some winter fun and relaxation. As we head into next week, this will be the last update for 2020.

There is no way of getting around it: 2020 has been challenging. Yet even in this trying year of 2020, there have been moments of lightness, growth, and simple joys. As we enter the end of this year let's remember those moments and find strength and resiliency in those memories.

One way I do this is by looking back through my iPhone's camera roll. The top three joyful moments that stand out for me...a selfie of me smiling under a mask taken in front of MJS on the first day of in-person school; a picture of my son working in his office, aka a room that was once my dining room; and a photo of my daughter with her pandemic puppy, goldendoodle Milo.

If MJS were to have a camera roll, it would no doubt be filled with pictures of the energy and dedication shown by our students and staff this year. Thank you to everyone who helped make MJS an extraordinary and safe place to learn these past four months.

New Chromebook Distribution

Due to winter storm Gail, our Chromebook distribution schedule was met with some changes. Please note the remaining two days of pickup at the side gym doors for 6th grade and any other students who have not exchanged their old device for a new one.

We ask that the 6th grade adheres to their scheduled hour of pickup to assist us in keeping the line as short as possible and with social distancing protocols. Students should remain in their car, in line, until a teacher waves them into the building.

Monday, December 21

1-2 pm Team 6A

2-3 pm Team 6B

1-3 pm Any 7th or 8th grader that has not exchanged their Chromebook

Tuesday, December 22

1:30-3 pm Any MJS student can exchange their Chromebook in the gym.

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.

Book Fair Books Are In!

Students who ordered books during the last virtual book fair will get their books in their first period homeroom. Maroon students will get their books Monday, gold students on Tuesday. Full-time remote students can pick their books up between 8 am - 3:15 pm at the front door and ringing the bell - we will bring books out. Additionally, any parents who wanted to remain anonymous and use the books as gifts can also come to the front door and pick up book orders.

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

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MJS THIS WEEK

Monday 12/21 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 12/22 **B Gold**

Wednesday 12/23 **B Gold**
There are no periods 789 today



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.



Thank You From the PTO

On behalf of the Board of the MJS PTO, we wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and provide an update on all you have helped us accomplish during this unprecedented fall.

Thanks to your support in the form of dues and our various fundraisers, we have been able to enrich the school experience for both teachers and students by.

- Providing gift cards to be raffled off as prizes for the 7th Grade reading initiative
- Supporting an upcoming 8th Grade "One Community, One Book" program
- Providing Halloween decor to help enhance the spirit of the day
- Funding a new Gimkit subscription to, among other things, use for Trivia Nights

- Providing continual "appreciation" to our teachers in the form of welcome back treats, surprise cookie carts, and donuts

We remain hopeful that this spring we will be able to do many of the events for our students as we have in the past, including the Coming Up for Air mental health education virtual presentation, an 8th Grade dance, and a well-deserved graduation celebration! While we investigated some "virtual" activities especially for our 6th graders this fall, the community consensus seemed to be to wait for a fun in-person event later this spring as conditions allow.

As always, please reach out to us with any questions or comments.

Wishing you and your families very Happy Holidays,
Sandra Silbaugh and Amy McClelland

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 wintery 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!		

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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

The logo for 6th grade, featuring a large red number '6' followed by the word 'th' in a light orange script font.

HW Calendars

[6A Homework Calendar](#)

[6B Homework Calendar](#)

[6th Grade Periods 789](#)

The logo for 7th grade, featuring a large red number '7' followed by the word 'th' in a light orange script font.

HW Calendars

[7A Homework Calendar](#)

[7B Homework Calendar](#)

[7th Grade Periods 789](#)

The logo for 8th grade, featuring a large red number '8' followed by the word 'th' in a light orange script font.

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](#)

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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.