

MJS Weekly Update

March 19, 2021

Dear MJS Community,

As the first day of spring is just around the bend, I write to you with hopes for sunshine and warmer weather soon!

No Periods 7,8 and 9 Monday & Tuesday This Week

This coming week there will be no Periods 789 for students and no afternoon in-person learning due to parent-teacher conferences. Periods 789 and afternoon in-person learning will run normally on Wednesday and Thursday this week.

Spring Break Travel

As a reminder, any student who plans to travel with their families over break beyond the immediate region (New York, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Delaware) will be required to quarantine for **10-days** upon their return, provided the student remains symptom-free. If your family plans on traveling, please email our attendance secretary, Mrs. Damiano, at damiano1@madisonnjps.org, with your dates and destination of your travel.

Attention 8th Grade Families

All eighth-grade families should have received an email from MJS with a letter from High School Principal Mr. David Drechsel. This letter linked the course offerings guide, appeals form, and outside course request form. It also contained a brief explanation regarding the level change for next year's ninth-grade class.

Next week, on Thursday, March 25th, the MJS 8th Grade student body will watch a live Zoom Electives Presentation from the MHS counselors. All students will watch this live presentation simultaneously - maroon, gold, five day, and full-time remote learners. Students will be able to ask questions.

The week we return from Spring Break, April 6th-9th, Grade 8 scheduling will occur via Zoom. Students and families will receive a Google Calendar invite to join their MHS counselor to complete their ninth-grade schedule.

- **Students who are in-person** for their conference day/time slot will do these Zoom scheduling meetings from the library.

- **Students who are remote** for their conference day/time slot will do these Zoom scheduling meetings from home.
- **All parents** are invited to join these Zoom scheduling meetings remotely.

Yearbook Photo Submissions

The last call for yearbook photo submissions is April 5th! With learning and activities taking place throughout the MJS Community this year, you're the photographer! Use this link, tinyurl.com/mjsybk2021, to share photos of school activities, digital learning, student life, clubs, extracurriculars, or other themes and things you think we should include in this year's book!

8th Grade Promotion Gown Survey.

All eight grade parents and guardians should fill out the survey below so that the PTO can provide a promotion gown that is the correct height. Please fill this out as soon as possible!

Enjoy the weekend!

Brooke Phillips

Acting Principal

Madison Junior School

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8th Grade Graduation Gown Sizes

Hello Parents,

We are planning for a Covid compliant in-person promotion ceremony for our 8th graders. We need to make sure our graduation gowns are ready for our graduates. Please measure your child's height and submit their info on this form by Friday, March 26th. It is important that you return the form by this date so we have ample time to clean and repair (if needed) the graduation gowns. Thank you for your cooperation.

*** Required**



Parent Name *

A LOOK INSIDE A CLASSROOM...

French
Madame Doyle



French This Week

FRENCH NOVICE

The students learned a great deal of new descriptive adjectives and objects this week through the use of pictures, online games, peer activities, and in-class conversations. Students created dialogue stories using the new vocabulary and added prepositions recently learned in past weeks to showcase understanding.



To add real-world experience, Madame Doyle added vocabulary related to computer components using the expressions like "sending an email, posting a message," etc., that students had to use in their stories.

In a cultural lesson this week, students shared readings of a short text on French youth activities outside of school. Students then compared themselves to these students and spoke about how they were the same or different than the French student with their classmates.

FRENCH NOVICE-MID

This week students discovered many new expressions to describe sports and leisure activities by watching short videos of French middle school students as they talked about their activities outside of school. Students practiced these new words through online games and in-class discussions.

Students practiced locations where many activities took place and used authentic videos of middle school students playing and describing their favorite sports. Students held small group discussions to share what they enjoy doing, and Madame Doyle added in seasons and vacations to practice previously learned vocabulary along with the new lessons.

FRENCH NOVICE-INTERMEDIATE

Students are studying the food unit right now, and one of the themes being emphasized is the role that good food plays in French culture. Using videos from a French middle school cafeteria showcasing food choices, students created their own videos speaking about their favorite meals and giving the recipes of these meals as well.

As a follow-up writing activity, students explained their school cafeteria meals to a fictional boy from Sénégal who will move to Madison and attend school here. The students made comparisons between the meals in both schools. At the end of the week, students created a French grocery list listing the foods and beverages they will purchase for a party welcoming their new friend to town.



Tu organizes une boum samedi soir. Ton ami, Christophe a offert de t'aider. Dis-lui les choses qu'il doit faire.

Commencez avec: Pour la boum,

Indiquez:

1. Quel jour il doit envoyer les invitations.
2. Quels sandwichs il doit préparer.
3. Combien de bouteilles de soda il doit acheter.
4. Quel dessert il doit acheter.

Pour le boum, achète dix bouteilles de soda.

Pour le boum, prépare des sandwichs au jambon et au fromage.

Pour le boum, achète des gâteaux et des biscuits.



Piece together your perfect summer at this year's

Madison Summer Arts Program

In Person at Madison Junior School - June 28th - July 23rd 2021

Virtual Lessons - June 28th - August 20th 2021

[Registration Link!](#)

Madison In-Person Summer Arts Program Information

June 28 to July 23, 2021



The Department of Visual and Performing Arts is excited to announce the details for the upcoming 2021 Summer Arts In-Person Program. All classes will be given at Madison Junior School and will be held between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., Monday-Friday. Our program will include instrumental music, vocal and musical theater classes and new for this summer, is dance! Students also have the option of participating in the district STEAM camp in the afternoon which is a separate registration form and fee.

Class Descriptions

- 1. Beginning Strings, Brass and Woodwinds (entering grades 4-6)**
This class is for students who have NEVER played their chosen instrument before or for those with limited experience. Students who have had at least 6 months of instruction should consult their music teacher to confirm they are ready for the intermediate class. All classes will meet from 9:00-9:45 a.m. (Daily, Monday-Friday)
- 2. Beginning Percussion (entering grades 4 and up)**
All students must receive prior approval from their school's music teacher before registering for this class. Each group will receive two 45 minute lessons each week or if scheduled as a private lesson, will have two 30 minute lessons. The lessons will be given sometime between the hours of 9:45-12:30. Dependent upon progress, and if so desired, beginning students will be able to attend the intermediate ensemble rehearsals.
- 3. Intermediate Brass, Strings, Woodwinds, and Percussion (entering grades 5-8)**
Each group will receive two 45 minute lessons a week or if scheduled as a private lesson, will have two 30 minute lessons. The lessons will be given sometime between the hours of 9:45-12:30. Each intermediate student will also have 2 ensemble rehearsals. 5th/6th grade band will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:45-10:30. 7th/8th grade band will take place Wednesdays and Fridays from 10:45-11:30. An optional flute ensemble will also meet for flutists entering grade 5-8 from 10:45-11:30 on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 5th grade flutists wanting to participate in flute ensemble should receive prior approval from their music teacher before registering. Flutists should select either band or flute ensemble. Students may participate in both for a \$40.00 additional fee. Finally 5th-8th grade orchestra will meet from 10:00-10:45 on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- 4. Advanced Instrumental Lessons (entering grades 9-12) or Beginning Instrumental Lessons (entering grades 7-12)**
Each group will receive three 45 minute lessons each week, or if scheduled as a private lesson, will have two lessons. The lessons will be given sometime between the hours of 9:45-12:30. Dependent upon progress, and if so desired, beginning students will be able to attend the intermediate ensemble rehearsals.



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YOU'RE THE

PHOTOGRAPHER



SUBMIT PHOTOS FOR THE 2020-21 YEARBOOK ONLINE:

[TINYURL.COM/MJSYBK2021](https://tinyurl.com/mjsyb2021)

MJS CarePlus Wellness Corner

We're all challenged by procrastination from time to time and put off starting a new healthy habit. An easy way to be more productive is the simple [2-minute rule](#). If you have a task you can finish in less than 2 minutes, do it right now. It's a great way to check most every day chores off your To-Do List and feel productive, which snowballs into more productivity. Break large tasks into smaller increments, and commit to 2 minutes at a time.





MJS THIS WEEK

Monday 3/22 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 3/23 **B Gold**

Wednesday 3/24 **B Gold**

Thursday 3/25 **B Maroon**

Friday 3/26 **A Gold**

REMINDER

All tech support
questions should
be emailed to:

mpstech@madisonnjps.org



HW Calendars

[6A Homework Calendar](#)

[6B Homework Calendar](#)

[6th Grade Periods 789](#)



HW Calendars

[7A Homework Calendar](#)

[7B Homework Calendar](#)

[7th Grade Periods 789](#)



HW Calendars

[8A Homework Calendar](#)

[8B Homework Calendar](#)

[8th Grade Periods 789](#)

MJS Link Bank

[MJS Bell Schedule](#)

[MJS Yearly Calendar - A/B Days - Color Cohort Days](#)

[MJS Morning Announcements](#)

[MJS Archive of Updates & Newsletters](#)

Upcoming Dates

March 16 - David Flood Assembly - Periods 2, 3, and 5

March 17 - David Flood Assembly - Periods 2, 3, and 5

March 22 - Single Session - regular 12:40 pm dismissal - No Periods 789

March 23 - Single Session - regular 12:40 pm dismissal - No Periods 789

March 29 - April 2 - Spring Recess

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.