



School Updates

Madison High School

- **Skylar Walters** (12th grade) has been named a Semifinalist for the 2022 class of the [Coca-Cola Scholars Program](#). 1,617 high school seniors were selected as Semifinalists from a pool of over 68,000 submitted applications from across the country based on their academic excellence, leadership, and service demonstrated in school and community activities. 150 Coca-Cola scholars will be named in March to receive a \$20,000 scholarship and participate in the Coca-Cola Scholars Leadership Development Institute facilitated by program alumni. Good luck to Skylar in the next round!
- Congratulations to **Jackson First** (12th) who is among a group of seniors in the 2022 competition for a corporate-sponsored Special Scholarship administered by National Merit Scholarship Corporation. Best of luck moving forward!
- Congratulations to **Erin Scheier** (11th) for winning the VFW's Voice of Democracy Essay Contest. Established in 1947, the VFW's Voice of Democracy audio-essay program provides high school students with the unique opportunity to express themselves in regards to a democratic and patriotic-themed recorded essay. This year's theme was, *America: Where Do We Go From Here?* Congratulations Erin!
- The Seal of Biliteracy Program recognizes HS students who have attained proficiency in English and a world language. It opens up opportunities for those pursuing higher education or joining the workforce. As the world increasingly becomes more global, bilingual and multilingual skills are increasingly important. Students enrolled in a Level V World Language course were invited to sit for the STAMP Language Assessment on 12/9 and 12/10 and were assessed on reading, writing, listening and speaking. Students who meet the criteria will achieve the Seal of Biliteracy and the Seal will be placed on their high school transcript. The criteria for the Seal includes:
 - Earning "Intermediate Mid" proficiency or higher in a language other than English and
 - Demonstrating proficiency on the state English Language Arts assessment (NJSLA)
- The MHS Winter Chorus and Orchestra Concert will be held on 12/16 in the MHS Auditorium.
- **MHS Guidance**
 - The MHS Guidance Department has processed 1,772 college applications. Some of the most applied-to schools this fall include Boston College, Boston University, Fairfield, Lehigh, University of Miami, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, Montclair, Northeastern, Pennsylvania State University, University of Rhode Island, and Rutgers.
 - The MHS school counselors met with 9th and 10th grade students this month to discuss grades, Naviance usage, transcripts, extracurricular activities, and other items.
 - In preparation for the scheduling process to begin in January, the Guidance Department is preparing the 22-23 Course Offerings Guide.
- **MHS Athletics**
 - The football team finished the season 3-7 and the following football players earned All-Division honors within the Super Football Conference National White Division:
 - **1st Team:** **Connor Gilfillan** (12th), **Dom Devincenzo** (12th), **Cade Lafarriere** (11th)
 - **2nd Team:** **Jayson Candelario** (11th), **Joe Carfano** (12th), **Luke Denison** (12th)
 - **Honorable Mention:** **Stephen Heffernan** (12th)
 - The girls soccer team finished the season 12-5-1 and reached the North Jersey Section II, Group II final. The following players earned All-Division honors within the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference Liberty Division:
 - **1st Team:** **Brooke Kleiven** (12th), **Alex Reigle** (11th)
 - **2nd Team:** **Lauren Creteau** (10th), **Erin Kleiven** (11th)

- Honorable Mention: **Alexis Gominiak** (10th)
- The boys soccer team finished the season 4-10-1. The following players earned All-Division honors within the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference Liberty Division:
 - 1st Team: **Juan Cadavid** (11th)
 - 2nd Team: **Eric Selquist** (11th), **Ryan Pennington** (11th)
 - Honorable Mention: **Santiago Rodriguez** (9th)
- The girls volleyball team finished the season 14-7 record, reached the semifinals of the Central Jersey Group II tournament, and won the NJAC Liberty Division. The following players earned All-Division honors within the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference Liberty Division:
 - 1st Team: **Katelyn Williams** (11th), **Sydney Bruns** (11th)
 - 2nd Team: **Bruna Cornehl Lima** (11th), **Hannah Piechnik** (12th)
 - Honorable Mention: **Isabelle Hunter** (10th)
- The girls field hockey team finished the season 12-6-1 and reached the semifinals of the North Jersey, Group II tournament. The following players earned All-Division honors within the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference Liberty Division (with all county honors also noted):
 - 1st Team: **Victoria Brosie** (12th) (1st Team All County), **Alessandra Brosie** (10th) (2nd Team All County), **Natalie Ortman** (12th) (1st Team All County)
 - 2nd Team: **Emma Wirth** (9th), **Sophie Chau** (12th) (2nd Team All County), **Shayne Carfano** (11th)
 - Honorable Mention: **Alexis Fasolas** (12th)
 - All County Honorable Mention: **Jenna Powers** (11th), **Chloe Niceberg** (11th)
- The girls tennis team finished the season with a 2-9 record. The following players earned All-Division honors within the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference Liberty Division:
 - Honorable Mention: **Marina Gobbi** (11th), **Kaden Peterson** (9th)
- The boys cross country team finished the season 3-1 and shared the NJAC Liberty Division crown. They finished in 3rd place at NJAC Small Schools Championships (best finish since 2013) and 6th place at the Morris County Championships (best finish since 1995). The following runners earned honors in the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference Liberty Division:
 - 1st Team: **Adam Angelone** (12th). Adam also claimed his third North II Group II State Sectional Championship. He finished in fourth place at the Group II State Championships and ninth place at the Meet of Champions, recording the 5th fastest time in Morris County history.
 - 2nd Team: **John Sutton** (11th), **Patrick Natale** (10th), **Leo London** (9th)
 - Honorable Mention: **Henrik Hamilton** (11th)
- The girls cross country team finished the season 1-4. The following runners earned All-Division honors within the Northwest Jersey Athletic Conference Liberty Division:
 - Honorable Mention: **Vivian Summerlin** (12th), **Clotilde Monville** (9th)

Madison Junior School

- MJS hosted the Middle School Preview Night for fifth grade families on 12/6. Over 150 community members were in attendance, joining district admin and staff to learn about what makes MJS so unique. After a presentation in the auditorium, Student Council members provided tours to families and answered questions about student life in the school.
- Thank you to **Ms. Bessin** and the PTO for hosting our successful Scholastic Book Fair. It was a pleasure getting back into the library and watching our students shop for books in person!
- MJS students presented their wonderfully funny show *Head Elf* for the fall school play the weekend of 12/4. Thank you to **Ms. Layman**, Director, and **Mr. Thompson**, set and stage crew supervisor, for working with our students in preparation for this heartwarming play.
- On 12/8, MJS students tested their entrepreneur skills in this year's TREP\$ Marketplace. Thank you to **Ms. Siso** for working with the students in building and refining their products and business

strategies. The shopping event was spectacular with many students showcasing their business and creative skill sets.

- The 6th Grade Math Olympiad competition kicked off on 11/18. Math Olympiad provides an opportunity for students to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. Five contests will be hosted throughout the year.
- On 12/7, MJS Band ensembles performed their annual winter concerts. Students, families, and teachers were thrilled to be back in person and enjoying music in our beautiful auditorium.
- On 12/16 music and voices will again fill our auditorium as the MJS Orchestra and Chorus ensembles perform their winter concerts. Thank you to **Ms. Ciolino, Ms. McCormick, Mr. Rossi, and Mr. Sabatino** for their dedication in hosting these performances and working with our students to prepare for these outstanding concerts.
- The second Star testing window occurs during December. Teachers will be administering the reading and math diagnostic assessments during the month to all learners.

Central Avenue School

- Students in grades K-3 took part in an in-person assembly called *Holiday Express*, which is a combination of magic and an introduction to holidays around the world. Magic Jim interacted with the students and engaged them in magic!
- The CAS band, orchestra, and chorus students will perform a winter concert on 12/15 in the CAS multipurpose room. The concerts will be recorded and shared with families to enjoy the concert from home. We are hopeful that our spring concerts can be held with a live audience.
- The second administration of the Star assessment will occur during the month of December.
- On 12/3, Principals **Ms. Sing, Mr. Liss, and Dr. Koop** attended a conference called *Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom*. The presenter, Dr. Edward Fergus, is an applied researcher at Temple University. Some MPS teachers also attended the exciting event.
- First trimester report cards were available to parents/guardians in Genesis on 12/10.
- The 5th Grade Math Olympiad competition kicked off in November. Math Olympiad provides an opportunity for students to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. Five contests will be hosted in the classrooms throughout the year. BSI teacher **Mr. Carroll** leads the students at CAS through this competition.

Kings Road School

- The students in the three Madison elementary schools will participate in one big virtual sing-a-long on December 23rd. Music teachers **Ms. Chiarino** and **Ms. McEachern** will stream live into the classrooms to lead the students in the singing of festive holiday songs.
- The KRS band, orchestra, and chorus students will perform a winter concert on 12/15 in the KRS multipurpose room. The concerts will be recorded and shared with families to enjoy the concert from home. We are hopeful that our spring concerts can be held with a live audience.
- The second administration of the Star assessment will occur during the month of December.
- The 5th Grade Math Olympiad competition kicked off in November. Math Olympiad provides an opportunity for students to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. Thank you to instructional coach **Ms. Smith** and KRS teachers **Ms. Nicolette, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Sullivan** for planning such enriching mathematical experiences for our students.
- Thanks to coordinators **Ms. Sims** and **Mr. Levine**, KRS initiated a pilot buddy program with several student volunteers from MHS. Select KRS classes have been partnered up with volunteers under the supervision of the classroom teacher. Our KRS students eagerly await their “buddy helpers” and the MHS students have proven themselves to be a wonderful resource within our school community, leaving the building feeling empowered knowing that they can help others in a meaningful way. We have seen many of the student volunteers return week after week, and in turn, new volunteers have signed on as well! We look forward to extending this mutually beneficial program into the second half of the school year.

- What started as a whim on the Black Top at Kings Road School has turned into an absolute KRS phenomenon. Earlier this year, while **Mr. Levine** was doing arrival duty on the blacktop, he saw a student attempting to solve the Rubik's cube. Mr. Levine, who taught himself how to solve the cube so he could teach his own children, approached this student and started to show this student the algorithms needed to solve the cube. Other students began to bring their own cubes in, and within a few weeks, Mr. Levine was helping about 20 students learn the 8 algorithms (series of moves) for the solve. It was soon clear that the Rubik's cube had enormous educational and social benefits. Realizing this they put the following initiatives in motion:
 - Pop-Up Rubik's Cube Boot Camps for any interested 4th and 5th grade student held before or after school, during indoor recess, and "Fun Fridays"
 - A grant proposal to purchase 30 Rubik's cubes for the school.
 - A decision to use the Rubik's cube as the building block for this year's Peer Leadership program. 4th and 5th grade students will learn the cube will be trained on how to teach interested 3rd graders how to solve. Students will learn the foundations of leadership and coaching, including positive reinforcement.
- A late spring Rubik's Cube competition. This will mirror the Rock, Paper, Scissors competition from the 2020-21 school year.
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Torey J. Sabatini

- Elementary parent/teacher conferences occurred virtually on 11/ 22 and 11/23.
- The 5th Grade Math Olympiad competition kicked off in November. Math Olympiad provides an opportunity for students to develop positive attitudes towards analytical thinking and mathematics that can assist in future careers. Thank you to instructional coach **Ms. Tina Smith** and Torey J. teachers **Ms. Zourzoukis**, **Ms. Larson**, and **Ms. Duggan**, for helping to organize and coordinate this grade level competition.
- On 12/3, Principals **Ms. Sing**, **Mr. Liss**, and **Dr. Koop** attended a conference called *Diversity and Inclusion in the Classroom*. The presenter, Dr. Edward Fergus, is an applied researcher at Temple University. Some MPS teachers also attended including **Ms. Larson**, **Ms. Bletcher**, **Mrs. Stockdale**, and **Ms. Lemon**.
- The TJS Scholastic Book Fair occurred in-person for students, teachers, and staff on December 7, 8, and 9. Students were thrilled to be able to visit the book fair with their class and shop for books! Thank you to the PTO for organizing the event and providing each child with a \$5 credit to ensure every child who attended the book fair left with a book of their choosing.
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- The second administration of the Star assessment will occur during the month of December.
- The fifth-grade Peer Leaders under the guidance of **Mrs. Bletcher** and **Mrs. Lade** organized a school-wide sock collection! Peer leaders created posters to hang around the school and made daily announcements to encourage students and families to donate new socks for a local women and children's shelter.
- First trimester report cards were available to parents/guardians in Genesis on 12/10.