

## MADISON JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear MJS Families,

As summer draws to a close, we are eagerly anticipating the beginning of school and welcoming students back on September 8. We are still gathering information from the district's full-time remote option survey (due Monday 8/17), and the survey distributed by the Special Services Department (due Thursday 8/20), therefore, cohort assignments and student schedules will be released the week of August 24th along with the summer mailing via the Genesis Parent Portal.

Just as a reminder of some of the essential links from last week's update:

[MJS Cohort Calendar](#) - this document indicates which days Maroon and Gold students will attend in person and which days are fully remote for all.

[MJS Bell Schedules](#) - listed here is the schedule for Phase I and II, as well as a full-time remote schedule should we pivot to long term distance learning.

### Afternoons at MJS

There have been many questions regarding how the afternoon will run for MJS students. The goal of our afternoon schedule is to give students more empowerment and choice in how they support their learning and clear, consistent guidelines on how afternoon schedules will run. Students are strongly encouraged to attend a class during each period, which commences at 1:30 pm, providing over an hour for students to get home and have lunch. Students may choose from a variety of classes offered, such as extra help or have questions, a class where they need to finish work from earlier in the day, a music lesson or counseling session, or a course that they have been invited to attend by a teacher to further enhance a lesson or skill. Each grade level team will have a weekly calendar available on Google Classroom. The subject and teacher's name in the schedule will be hyperlinked to the educator waiting in the video conference room. You can review a [visual sample of Periods 7 8 9 Afternoon](#) using this link.

### MJS Tours

MJS tours are available for our incoming sixth graders or new students to the district. Visits will take place Friday, August 21st, Monday, August 24th, and Tuesday, August 25th. [Click here to visit the SignUp Genius page for these tours.](#) **Students coming for a tour are required to have a parent or guardian fill out this survey the morning of their tour day in order to enter the building:** [MJS Tour Covid-19 Questionnaire](#)

### MJS Meet the 6th Grade Teams

We are pleased to announce that during the week of August 31, we will host students and families to meet our 6th-grade teams in-person from a distance, of course. Details on day and time will be available soon. We will be recording these events so that students who cannot attend will still be able to meet their teachers virtually.

Stay tuned for an MJS update next week indicating the exact date MJS schedules will be available on Genesis and additional information including:

- First Days Guide for Students & Families, including a day in the life of a sixth-grader
- Arrival, dismissal, and daily student/parent procedures
- MJS 2020-2021 Calendar of Events
- MJS Student Handbook
- MJS Teaching teams and new staff
- MJS PTO and MEF
- Summer mailing information

I look forward to the important work of learning, community building, and teaching we have ahead of us. Please don't hesitate to reach out at any time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brooke Phillips".

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