

MJS Weekly Update

OCTOBER 23, 2020

DEAR MJS COMMUNITY,

Good news! Our plans for Phase 2 are finally coming to fruition. Here are highlights of the changes that will occur; more specifics and details will come to you via a formal MJS update email Monday afternoon.

Phase 1.5 - Our hybrid cohorts will start moving with new schedules and desk shields Monday, November 2, to practice for entrance into a full student body entry in Phase 2. This training time with only half of the school students will allow us room to practice traffic flows, using the desk shields, cleaning desks, and help us get a sense of comfort with students moving rather than teachers.

Phase 2 - We will practice in the model above for seven school days and then tentatively move into Phase 2 with all students in school on Monday, November 16, at the start of marking period 2.

World Language every day! With the changes starting on Monday, November 2, we will begin to offer World Language to our students every day during the period 1-6 day. Students in 7th and 8th grade will also shift into **English classes** for which they were identified, including English 7 & 8 and AT English 7 & 8. These adjustments, which can be made now that we can safely move the students, will not require any teacher or team changes; however, some students will find that their learning periods will shift. Communication about these changes and what is to be expected for students will be shared Monday.

I've received some requests for photos of the desk shields that students will use in Phase 1.5 and 2 - please see these snapshots below. More cleaning details will be shared Monday as well.

HALLOWEEN - we are so lucky at MJS. We get to celebrate Halloween on two school days! We are celebrating this day on Thursday, October 29, with our maroon cohort and Friday, October 30, with our gold cohort. The school staff will be dressing up both days. Full-time

remote learners can pick to celebrate one or both days with us, and the same goes for our four and five-day learners - celebrate one or both days.

Please be sure to follow MJS on Instagram or Twitter so that you can share in the fun of our door decorating contest. Decorated bedroom and front doors, classroom doors, and the creativity and fun spirit that our students share in decorating doors this week are worth a follow!

Twitter - https://twitter.com/M_J_S_News

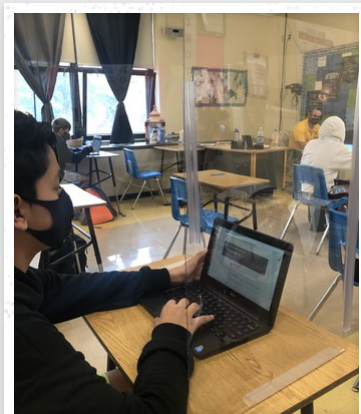
Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/madisonjuniorschool/>

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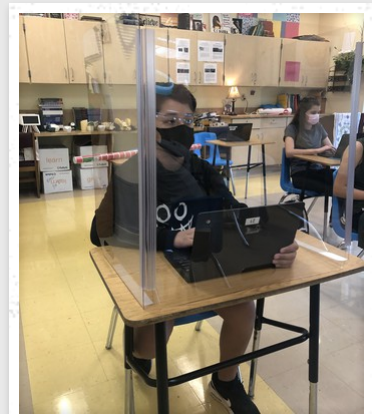
DESK SHIELDS PERIOD 1

Students will start the day with a cleaned desk shield at the first-period desk. The desk shield and desk will have been cleaned and disinfected by the custodial staff.



DESK SHIELDS DURING THE DAY

Students will carry this same desk shield with them all day. At the end of each period desktops will be cleaned by students so each student arrives to a clean desk.



DESK SHIELDS END OF THE DAY

At the end of the day students will leave their desk shield on their period 6 desk and it will be cleaned by the custodial staff to be ready for the next day of school.



MJS Next Week

Monday 10/19 **A Maroon**

Tuesday 10/20 **B Gold**

Wednesday 10/21 **B Remote**

Thursday 10/22 **B Maroon** Halloween at MJS

Friday 10/23 **A Gold** Halloween at MJS



PTO EXTENDS A THANKS TO ALL OUR COOKIE TROLLEY BAKERS!

The PTO wishes to extend to big thank you to all our cookie trolley bakers this week. A special thank you to Katriona Burrow, Pamela Baskin, Jen Bauman, and Nikki Tokuyama for organizing and packing. And to Steph Dalessio who baked overtime sharing seven dozen delicious cookies with our school staff.

The staff says THANK YOU! It was such fun to ring the bell and see staff emerge from their classroom zooms to pick a yummy treat. You brightened the day here at MJS and we are thankful for your sweet treats. Check out the happy cookie trolley stops below!

The MJS PTO collaborates regularly with parents, teachers, and administration in an effort to make MJS a positive, engaging learning environment. Please visit their [website](#) for more information including a [link to pay dues](#) via Venmo.



SPIRIT WEAR SALE – ENDS THIS COMING WEDNESDAY!

Support the MJS PTO and get your spirit wear! The sale is on until **Midnight Wednesday, October 28, 2020**. Tap the link below for all items! They make great holiday gifts!

All orders to be picked up at Alfred's in Madison. Questions about sizes please contact Alfred's at (973) 377-0051.

Thank you for supporting the MJS PTO!

<https://mjsspiritfall2020.itemorder.com/sale>

MEF CORNER

Did you know MEF accepts grant applications twice per school year (fall and spring)? Right now, members of our hardworking, 100% volunteer Grant Committee are reading submissions, meeting with teachers, reviewing budgets, and writing recommendations to be presented to our Board of Trustees. It's an exciting time, and we look forward to injecting more creativity and innovation into classrooms at MJS and throughout the District.

Teachers at MJS were just provided this past week, a virtual professional development workshop for the web application Pear Deck, which was purchased for the school by the MEF. Pear Deck builds engagement and interest in lessons and provides students multiple outlets to share their knowledge and mastery of content. Ask your child if they have used it in class!



We're able to fund grants in Madison Public Schools because of contributions from you. Learn more and make a tax-deductible donation at www.mefnj.org. Thank you for helping us move education forward in Madison!

SUPPORTING THE PTO IS AS EASY AS PIE!

Back by demand, we're pleased to offer delicious Griggstown pies for sale, with proceeds going to the Madison Junior School PTO. Perfect comfort food (and dessert) for the cooler nights ahead!

Order online at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/mjsptowebiste/fundraising/griggstown-pie-sale>



Or print out the [order form at this link](#) and deliver with your check (made out to MJS PTO) to:
Kerry Mariani
13 North Oak Court
Madison, NJ 07940

All orders due by Monday, November 2, 2020

Pickup will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020

P.S. From Ms. Phillips - these pot pies are perfect for nights when you don't have dinner ingredients or are running late. We eat these at our home every other week in lieu of pizza!



Picture Retake Days

Monday, 10/26 &

Tuesday, 10/27

In-person learners will get their photo taken during their cohort color school day. Students attending in-person four or five days will get their picture taken Monday.

Full-time remote learners are invited to come to MJS Monday between 1-3:30pm to get their picture retaken. Please pull into school from Brittin St. and pull behind the back of the school, up to the side gym doors.

Bring your photo id card or your picture packet with you - this will be your ticket to get your photo retaken.

WELLNESS CORNER

Getting good quality sleep is crucial for both children and adults. It promotes our ability to function optimally each day, and it helps us face challenges and manage stress effectively. Here are some quick and easy tips to promote healthy sleeping habits.



HW CALENDARS

[6A Homework Calendar](#)

[6B Homework Calendar](#)



HW CALENDARS

[7A Homework Calendar](#)

[7B Homework Calendar](#)



HW CALENDARS

[8A Homework Calendar](#)

[8B Homework Calendar](#)

MJS LINK BANK

[All Bell Schedules \(including Periods 7 8 9\)](#)

[AB and Color Cohort Calendar](#)

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UPCOMING DATES

October 26-30 - Red Ribbon Week

October 26 - Picture Retakes Maroon Cohort

October 26 - Picture Retakes Full Time Remote Learners 1-3:30 pm

October 27 - Picture Retakes Gold Cohort

November 2 - Maroon In-Person Day

November 3 - Full Remote Learning Day for all students for election day

November 4 - Gold In-Person Day

November 5-6 No School, Teachers Convention Days

November 10 - Virtual Workshop for families "*Thriving During COVID-19: Helping Families Manage School and Stress*" 6 pm

November 13 End of Marking Period 1

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.

