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## PRINCIPAL'S MEMO:

Hello Senators,

Our winter sports have begun and I strongly encourage you to attend one of our home contests this season. At home Basketball games you will have an opportunity to watch a game, experience our cheering program, and listen to our band. We also have wrestling and swimming events taking place each week. Check the weekly calendar for details.

Reading is such an important part of learning that we encourage you to check in with your child and ask what s/he is reading, and offer chances to read outside of classroom work.

Reading is not limited to novels: it can include articles, manuals, online news feeds, etc. The important thing is to find an interesting subject and READ! It is also powerful to have the adults in students' lives engaged in reading with them or modeling reading themselves.

The SAT is coming up for all Juniors on March 4th. The district has switched from the ACT to the SAT this year. Free test prep options are shown on the school website under the Academics tab at this LINK.

#### Go Senators!

-Principal Adam Skyles

## LINKS AND SITES:

Click on the following links to webpages and social media!

- Madison Website for all things Madison!
- PTSA Website
- Counseling: November Newsletter
  - FAFSA applications now open!
- College and Career website:
  - Nov. Dec. newsletter
- AVID November newsletter
- Facebook look for "PPS Madison High School"
- Athletics Schedule for 12/9 14
- Learn about weather-related school delays or cancellations or other urgent news HERE.

## **PTSA News:**

Please join us for our next PTSA General Meeting **TODAY** Dec. 9 at 6:30 pm in the library. Principal Skyles will present his monthly school update. In addition, Clair Raujol, a Multnomah county Addiction Prevention Coordinator will speak about teen substance abuse: "Clearing the Air, What you need to Know about Teen Substance Use."

~Your Madison High School PTSA Board

Did you know you can support our PTSA by selecting them as your charity on Amazon Smile? When you shop online, choose "Madison High School PTSA" to receive .5% of your eligible purchases!

## STUDENT FEATURE: MADISON JAZZ BAND

Band Director **Jeremy Dell** and the Madison Jazz Band served as hosts and competed at the PIL Jazz Festival at Roosevelt High School on Thursday, Dec. 5. Not only did our students perform, they had official host duties, and were praised by other PIL directors on their courtesy and organization! Congratulations, Senators!



## **Nurse's Memo:**

**Notice from Madison School Nurse** Susan Milholland: If you received a letter in November indicating your child's immunization record is not up to date, please submit the requested information to Madison's School Nurse as soon as possible. Her office is located near the front office. Any questions or concerns can be answered by phone at 503-916-5220 x 86460, or email Susan at smilholl@mesd.k12.or.us. Students who have not submitted upto-date records by February 19, 2020 will not be permitted to attend school until they are received.

The School Based Health Center located at Madison can provide immunizations and flu vaccines to all school-age children, not only Madison students. Call for an appointment at 503-988-3382 or check their webpage: Madison Student Health Clinic.

## **IMPORTANT DATES:**

- December 11th 12th ELT days
- December 19, Holiday Music
   Concert, 7 pm in the auditorium
  - purchase presale tickets from music students for \$3, or \$5 at the door
- December 19th 20th ELT days
- December 21st January 5
  - NO SCHOOL, winter break
- January 24th End of first semester! Finals 1/22 - 1/24.

## **ROSE FESTIVAL:**

Junior and Senior girls, would you like to be Madison's princess on the Rose Festival court this year? Applications are now open (deadline is Dec. 18, 2019)! For more information, contact Ms. Schlicht in A-4, or Ms. Hunt in the counseling office. Details and applications are on the Rose Festival website HERE. The Rose Festival Court's mission is to provide schloarships for higher education, promote community outreach and volunteerism, to mentor outstanding young women, and promote Rose Festival history and tradition.

# HELPFUL HINTS:

Flex Time (Extended Learning Time) occurs twice a week during 5-day school weeks. ELT days are full school days, with the final hour of the day set aside for students to get help from teachers, turn in work, or make up missed exams. Please encourage your child to meet with teachers where they need additional support.

**Attendance Information:** Email us at <u>madisonattend@pps.net</u> to report your child's absence. Or, phone 503-916-5220, option 2, any day, any time. Please include your child's first and last name, student ID# if known, and the date of the absence.

## **Modernization Update:**

Check out the latest news on our Madison Modernization project (have you clicked that fly-through?) This

Construction Update for

November also shows new photos and completion percentages for the various stages of the project.

For more photos, check out the time-lapse web cam! Photos will switch so refresh as you view.



#### **ATHLETICS:**

Boys and Girls Basketball, Wrestling, and Swim all faced tough competitor in their first week of winter season competition. Preseason games continue this week for basketball, with the girls at home vs Mountain View on Friday!

You can still register for wrestling or swim team. Complete this form on FamilyID and turn in a copy of your sports physical to join!



**Mission:** At Madison, all students will access an engaging and inclusive education defined by diversity and respect. All students will graduate from high school empowered with critical skills necessary for success in higher education, career, and community engagement.