

Madison High School

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.



Upcoming Events:

December 13, 14. Madison AVID alumni in all AVID classes to share college successes.

December 10-14 Spirit Week

Jan 7th – Forecasting Assembly

Jan 8th – 8th Grade Visitation

Jan 16-18 - Finals

Jan 21st. MLK Day. No school

Jan 22nd – Planning day- no school

AVID Newsletter November

AVID's mission is to **close the achievement gap** by preparing all students for **college readiness** and **success** in a global society.

Important News in AVID Classes

9th Grade

Freshmen AVID students have enjoyed several speakers this month. Cody Hinton, a Madison grad and pilot for American Eagle airlines spoke about his career path. Multnomah County Library brought library cards for all and instructed students on using their new library card. There were 2 mindfulness workshops focusing on attention and awareness, learning stress reduction techniques and learning to be kind to self and others. Building on those skills, we are setting goals and visualizing success in preparation for the end of the semester.

10th Grade

Sophomores took a trip to Lewis & Clark and had a great time touring campus and learning about the school. We are finishing our "Be the Change" project. Students should be interviewing their community partners and starting to create their news broadcast. Students earn extra credit if they get their broadcast into the video announcements. Be sure to ask your student about this project if they haven't mentioned it already. Looking ahead, next semester we will be reading the Secret Story of Sonia Rodriguez. My long-term

Newsflash!

Semester Finals will be coming up Jan 16, 17 and 18. The grades students earn during 1st semester will be reflected on their permanent record.

sub, Melinda Gallimore, can be reached at mgallimore@pps.net if you have questions about your student's progress as we near the end of the semester.

11th Grade

Our AVID juniors were amazing presenters last week during our staff professional development meeting. Students created one minute videos on the topic of note taking and then brought example notes to share with teachers. The videos explained how to set up their notes, why note taking is important and how notes are useful for studying. Teachers were impressed by our students note taking and organizational skills! Ask your student to show you their binder and notes, I'm sure you'll be impressed too!

12th Grade

This December AVID 12 has continued to focus on maintaining our academics, completing a few more college applications, and searching for potential scholarships at schools to which students have applied. It is great to watch the students come in and get right to work on days when they have access to the Chromebooks. On tutorial days, I've watched students ask thoughtful questions to help other students come to clarification on a point of confusion.

Two highlights this month are Cody Hinton's visit to the class and a returning AVID students panel. Mr. Hinton visited us during our freshman year, and it was a fantastic opportunity to ask him another set of questions after three years of growth in his career. The panel will be here the Friday before break, and students will have an opportunity to question students about their college experience, the transition to college, and what strategies helped students maintain their success while in college.

Please everyone enjoy your break. We have only a few weeks until the end of the semester, and then our seniors will officially be on the home stretch. That is incredible.

From our AVID Family to yours, we wish everyone rest, relaxation and rejuvenation during the winter break. See you all for the wrap up of the semester in January. Happy New Year!