

MADISON HIGH SCHOOL

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

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PRINCIPAL'S MEMO:

Hello Senators,

As we enter our second week of the spring semester I would like to offer a few reminders.

Seniors will begin to receive college acceptance and award letters this month. Please reach out to our counseling team if you need any assistance in reviewing these letters.

Juniors will start state testing this week. This is our most effective way for students to meet essential skills graduation requirements. Juniors should also be preparing for the SAT on March 4th. There are links to free online test prep on our [website](#).

Sophomores should be adding experiences to their resume. Join athletics or a club, start a club, volunteer, or list work experience.

Freshmen families, we encourage you to ask questions about all your 9th grader's courses, but particularly talk about College and Career Exploration.

Please join me in celebrating the outstanding accomplishments of our small yet mighty MadTheatre group at their regional competition (see p.2)! I believe this is the first time in decades we have a State Qualifier!

Go Senators!

-Principal Adam Skyles

LINKS AND SITES:

Click these links to see more info on our webpages and social media!

- [Madison Website](#) - all things MHS!
- [SENIOR GRAD. INFO](#) - updated!
- [PTSA Website](#)
- [Counseling: Newsletter](#)
- [College and Career website](#)
 - [C & C events and deadlines](#)
- CTE [newsletter](#)
- [AVID January newsletter](#)
- Facebook - look for "PPS Madison High School"
- [Athletics Schedule for 1/27 - 2/1](#)
- Sign up for notices on social media of weather delays or cancellations, or other urgent news [HERE](#).

SUCCESSFUL SCHOOLS SURVEY:

Shape your student's education! We believe that successful schools are safe, healthy, and welcoming learning spaces that are inclusive for all students. But we want to hear your thoughts. In 2019-20, PPS is partnering with Panorama Education to gather information to improve student experiences across the district. Students in grades 4, 5, and 7-10 will take the survey in class regarding their classroom and school experiences. Families can offer their perception of their child's school. The survey will cover students' sense of belonging, safety, climate, equity, diversity, inclusion, and barriers to family engagement. The survey will be open until 2/14 for students and 2/28 for families. We value your feedback! [SURVEY LINK](#)

PLANNING FOR COLLEGE?

Madison families, (particularly Junior and Senior students and families), please join Gear Up, counselors, and current college students and their families to learn ways to prepare for your child to apply for and attend college. The **College Family Dinner** will be this **Thursday, February 6**, at Madison High School from 6-8 pm. All students are welcome - you do not need to be a current member of Gear Up. This is a great first step to hear about schools, and find out what to do to prepare in high school and learn about the application process.

Taco dinners will be provided to everyone, and translation services will be available. Please RSVP with Maria Luna at 503-752-9294 or email her at marial@uniteoregon.org to sign up. All children are welcome! We hope to see you here on Thursday!

CONNECT TO MHS:

Attendance Information: Email madisonattend@pps.net 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.

Information Regarding Immunization

Exclusion: *Students who have not submitted up-to-date records by February 19, 2020 will not be permitted to attend school until they are received.* If you received a new letter after February 5, 2020 requesting immunization information, please provide this updated information as soon as possible to our school nurse, Susan Milholland. You can reach her at 503-916-5220 x 86460, or email smilholl@mesd.k12.or.us.

The School Based Health Clinic at Madison can provide needed vaccines. Call 503-988-3382 for an appointment.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **February 6** - Gear Up College Family Dinner: see [FLYER](#)
- **February 7** - Sophomore Story Slam
- **February 10** - PTSA meeting 6:30
- **February 13** - Madison Story Slam
- **February 13 & 14** - ELT days
- **February 17** - **NO SCHOOL**
 - Presidents Day holiday
- **February 17** - **Senior photos due!**
- **February 20** - Truth Be Told citywide story slam
- **February 27** - AVID College Night

PTSA NEWS:

Our next meeting is 2/10 at 6:30pm in the school library. Topics and speakers will include:

- **Principal Skyles'** school update
- **MADGRAD** senior graduation party and their March fundraising auction.
- guest speaker **Lisa Owens** with the Madison Alumni Association, discussing plans for the **Raise the Roof** fieldhouse project.

We hope to see you at the meeting next week!

ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS:

Madison 's Girls basketball Varsity and Freshman teams took their first league wins of the season as they swept Jefferson at home last Tuesday. This was a highly anticipated matchup for the program and validated the team's growth from last year! Our coaches are so proud of this accomplishment and will continue to work hard!

Family ID Registrations are open! Be sure to have a current sports physical ready. Even if you have played other sports this year, be sure to log on again to select your SPRING SEASON team. Contact Tyler Kelleher at tkelleher@pps.net or Kerry Graves at kgraves@pps.net with questions.

STANDOUT SENATOR PERFORMANCES:

All-City Choir and Band with Mr. Dell: Madison was well-represented at last week's All-City Music concerts! Senators **Yanett Garcia Chavez, Chaie Kargbo, Trent Ryan, Santiago Tavera, and Trent Ryan** performed in the Choir concert, with Trent also being selected to accompany the 210 member choir on percussion! Honor Band members included **Ann Bui, Ami Elfert, Catriona Johnston, Blue Peterson, Trent Ryan, and Jan Sanchez-Mora** who held their concert on Saturday. GO Senators!

MadTheater Dominates @ NE Regional Acting Competition with Ms. Zena: For the first time since the 1990s, MadTheater has qualified for the state acting competition! In **Solo Musical: Van Ho** scored 2nd and 3rd in all her rounds, while **Ariana Test** changed from duo to solo at the last minute and rocked her scores! In **Duo Comic Experienced: Levi Smith and Benvolio Stone** were REGIONAL FINALISTS, and in **Duo Dramatic Novice: Santiago Tavera and Wyatt Lopez** are STATE QUALIFIERS!

Speech and Debate with Mr. Heath: Debate students have had a busy and successful past few weeks! At the Lewis and Clark National Circuit Tourney, **Zane Emerson** and **Lesly Valdivia-Marquez** were semifinalists! At the Reynolds Tourney, in Debate, **Brendan Feely** won an *undefeated* 1st place with no partner, and **Nicholas Baird** and **Sahara Lally** won 3rd. in Individual Speaking, **Brendan** again won 1st, **Sahara** 2nd, **Isabella Baxter** 3rd, and **Lesly** 5th! Congratulations to you all!



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.