

— A Mark of Excellence: July 2025 —

Middle JAGS

Newsletter Brought to You by Madison Middle School PTO



BACK TO SCHOOL

Thursday, July 31

What to bring:
Paper
Pen or Pencil
Lunch or Lunch Money



**Shine
Bright
MMS!**



Welcome to Madison Middle School!

Mr. Adams, Lead Principal

Thomas Adams, Jr. began his career in education two decades ago in the Columbus Municipal School District as a teacher, coach, and administrator prior to joining Madison County Schools.

From 2022 - 2025 Mr. Adams served Madison County as principal of Shirley D. Simmons Middle School, prior to which he served as principal of the Madison County Schools Academic Options Center and as assistant principal at Madison Middle School.

In the three years as principal at Shirley D. Simmons Middle School, Mr. Adams, along with an exemplary faculty and staff, led the school to its highest scores on state accountability tests for two years in a row, culminating in the school's first ever A rating in 2024. Adams was named Madison County Schools Administrator of the Year for the 2023-2024 school year and is excited to serve as principal of Madison Middle School during the 2025 - 2026 school year.



Parents join the PTO and their students can get their **class schedule early** and **walk the halls** to find their classes!

Join online at madisonmiddlepto.com
or in person on **July 23**
9am-12pm or 2pm-4pm

Students must complete residency requirements to pick up their schedules.

Welcome to Middle Jags!
By Mackenzie Henry, PTO President



As we embark on the 2025-2026 school year, I wanted to express my excitement to serve as this year's Madison Middle PTO President. This group of parents has already proven to be generous, supportive and collaborative; and I can't wait to see your service in action this year. By joining the PTO, you are helping to provide educational and extracurricular support, facility upgrades, and many other benefits to our students and faculty. If you haven't already, please contact us to sign up for one of our committees by emailing ptomadisonmiddle@gmail.com. We are so grateful for each and every person who volunteers their time and talents! We couldn't do it without you!

Joining the PTO is easy. Just visit our website, listed below, and sign up! We have 3 different levels of support, each with awesome incentives.

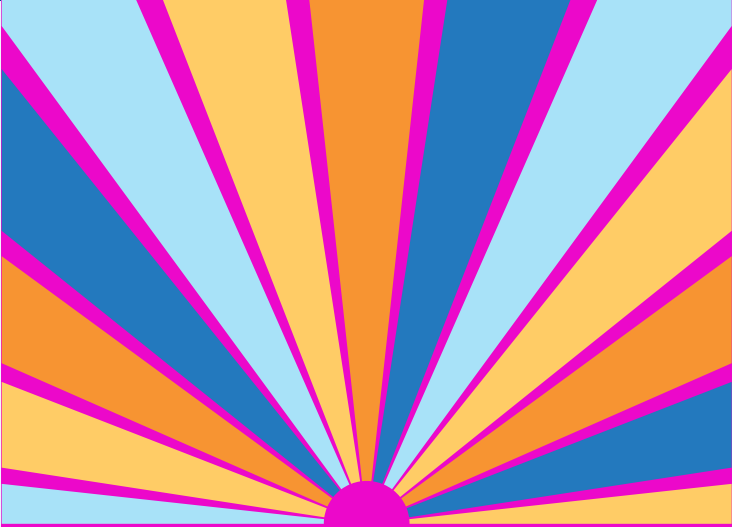
Our website also hosts lots of information to keep you in the know, including calendars and our monthly newsletters!

Visit our website at:
www.madisonmiddlepto.com/jointhepto
to purchase your PTO membership!

- Don't miss out on the chance to stay connected by joining me at our PTO meetings.
- August 5
 - September 2
 - October 14
 - November 4
 - January 6
 - February 3
 - April 7 (voting meeting)

These meetings are a fantastic way to stay informed about school happenings from the PTO's perspective and share your innovative ideas with the board and other parents. We're looking forward to getting to know you this year!

Excited for a fantastic year ahead!
Sincerely,
Mackenzie Henry,
MMS 2025-2026 PTO President



Help Shape our
School
Join the
PTO

CLICK HERE

Families who sign up for the PTO are invited to attend and vote at all PTO meetings and will receive PTO communications containing meeting minutes.



Orange - \$35

Includes
PTO Membership
and MMS Car Decal

Blue - \$70

Includes
PTO Membership,
MMS Car Decal, and
Jaguar Umbrella



Jag Level - \$175

Includes
PTO Membership,
MMS Car Decal,
Jaguar Umbrella,
Jag Stadium Seat, &
10 Raffle Tickets
(applied to one student only)



Join Now

All swag available while supplies last!

School Announcements



You must send in a
Proof of Residency

to be enrolled in the 2025-2026 school year.
Email a current electric, gas, or water bill to
mmsresidency@madison-schools.com



School
Communications

If you are not
receiving phone calls
or emails from the
school, please call the
school to update your
contact information.
601.605.4171



Chromebook

Please pay your \$25
Chromebook fee on My
School Bucks by July 31.
*Distribution will be during ELA classes
the first FULL week of school.*

My School Bucks

Opens on July 23!
It's the best way to pay for
meals, classes, club, and
Chromebook fees.



Jag Gear



MMS Jaguars T-Shirt
\$20.00

Orders will reopen July 23

Cotton & Dri-fit Options
Youth XS to Adult 4XL Available

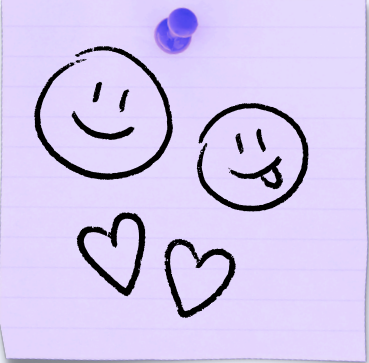


Download the apps
and add your student!



Active Parent

Sign up for ActiveParent to
check your student's
grades and attendance.



Meet Your Administration

Drew Wardlaw, 6th grade

dwardlaw@madison-schools.com



Drew Wardlaw is from Clinton, MS. He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Delta State in Social Science Education in 2006, a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership

from the University of Southern Mississippi in 2012 and is a Millsaps Principal Institute graduate.

Mr. Wardlaw has been an educator for nineteen years, serving as a teacher and a coach for twelve years before serving as an administrator the last seven years. Mr. Wardlaw is excited about the upcoming school year at Madison Middle and building positive relationships with the students, teachers and parents.

Mr. Wardlaw is married to Merry Claire Wardlaw. They have two children that are students in the Jag Zone.

Jasmine Rosemon, 7th grade

jas136@madison-schools.com



Hey, Jags!
I am Jasmine Rosemon, and I am honored to serve as the 7th grade principal at Madison Middle School! I am beginning my first year at MMS and my 12th year in education. I've spent the past several

years supporting middle and high school teachers as a curriculum specialist, and I'm excited to return to full-time campus life!

Seventh Grade is such an interesting and ever-changing time—students are growing, learning who they are, and figuring out how to navigate new challenges and opportunities. I'm looking forward to walking alongside them (and you!) this year as we take on another year of middle school by storm.

My husband, TreMarcus, and I have a 4-year-old daughter who keeps us entertained, and we're excited to be part of the Jaguar family.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can support you or your student in any way. Buckle up and get ready for an amazing, memorable school year!

Taylor Hildebrand, 8th grade

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My name is Taylor Hildebrand, and I am thrilled to be the 8th grade principal here at Madison Middle School. This is my 20th year in education, 16 of which were spent serving as a

classroom teacher. My heart is truly with serving our students, teachers, and families at MMS. My wife Valley and I have three awesome kids who are all proud Jaguars. I am looking forward to us having a successful and fun school year! Please give me a call or send me an email if you ever need anything. Go Jags!

Jennifer Lovitt, Curriculum/Testing

jlovitt@madison-schools.com



Hello Jag Family! I serve as the Assistant Principal over state testing and have over 30 years of experience in education. I have taught in several states and came to MMS in 2006 to serve as the librarian after touring as a parent in 2005. I have been blessed to serve at MMS since that time.

I am a graduate of the University of Louisiana-Monroe and Northwestern State University and have completed the National Institute for School Leadership and the Millsaps Principals' Institute.

My husband, Patrick Lovitt, is also in education. We have two daughters, and our son-in-law coaches soccer at Madison Central.

Please reach out to me if I can ever do anything to serve you or your child.

2025-2026 School Calendar

JULY		NOVEMBER		MARCH	
23	Early Schedule Pick Up	12	Veteran's Day Program	6	7 th Grade - Science Day
28	Regular Schedule Pick Up	13-15	Fall Musical	6	End of 3 rd Nine Weeks
31	First Day of School	20	Progress Reports	9-13	Spring Break
AUGUST		21	6 th Grade - World Tour Day	24	Paw Print Assembly
4	7 th and 8 th Grade Meet the Teacher*	24-28	Thanksgiving Holidays	19	Report Cards
5	6 th Grade Meet the Teacher*	DECEMBER			
6	School Picture Day	19	6 th Grade - Christmas Chaos	APRIL	
7	New Student Breakfast	19	End of Semester - 60% Day	16	Progress Reports
SEPTEMBER		22-Jan 2	Winter Break	3-6	Easter Holidays
1	Labor Day Holiday				
4	Progress Reports	JANUARY		MAY	
22-26	Madison Central Homecoming Week**	6	Students Return to School	4-8	Teacher Appreciation Week
OCTOBER		13	Paw Print Assembly	8	8 th Grade Class Day
3	End of 1 st Nine Weeks	8	Report Cards	12	8 th Grade Awards Day - 9:00 a.m.
6-10	Fall Break - No School	16	7 th & 8 th Grade Dance	13	7 th Grade Awards Day - 9:00 a.m.
13	PD Day - No school	19	MLK Day - No School	13	6 th Grade Awards Day - 1:00 p.m.
21	Paw Print Assembly	FEBRUARY		18	Final Exams
16	Report Cards	5	Progress Reports	22	End of Semester - 60% Day
28	School Board Luncheon	16	President's Day - No School		

Dates are subject to change.

**For Parents Only*
*** The week of September 22 is a dress up week*
State Testing Dates will be released in January

A/B Day Schedules

A DAY

A DAYS
INCLUDE BLOCKS
1, 2, 3, 4

B DAY

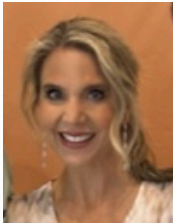
B DAYS
INCLUDE BLOCKS
5, 6, 7, 8

Counselors are here to help

Your grade-level counselors are here to help you navigate academic, social, and emotional issues.

Primarily, your counselor will monitor grades and behavior and will work with students to devise plans of action for success. If your student is struggling with a relationship, your counselor can assist them in facilitating dialogue that will allow your student to develop skills to communicate.

Your counselor serves as a liaison that will support your student in decision-making, conflict resolution, and handling social situations. Our school counselors are well-versed in assisting students with their age-specific social issues and will serve as a guide through their transition from childhood to teenager.



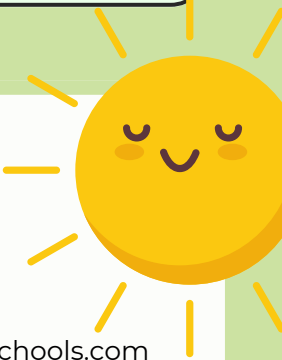
6th grade
Lindsay Bouchillon
lbouchillon@madison-schools.com



7th grade
Karen Boutwell
kboutwell@madison-schools.com



8th grade
Lindsey Montgomery
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BELL Schedules



6th GRADE

7:50 Doors Open
8:15 - 8:20 Tardy Bell & Announcements
8:20 - 9:54 1st & 5th Block
9:58 - 12:04 2nd & 6th Block

Lunch A: 10:58 - 11:30
Lunch B: 11:32 - 12:04
20 minute lunch & 10 minute break

12:08 - 1:42 3rd & 7th Block
1:46 - 3:20 4th & 8th Block



7th & 8th GRADE

7:50 Doors Open
8:15 - 8:20 Tardy Bell & Announcements
8:20 - 9:54 1st & 5th Block
9:58 - 11:32 2nd & 6th Block
11:36 - 1:42 3rd & 7th Block

7th Lunch A: 11:58 - 12:28
7th Lunch B: 12:23 - 12:53
8th Lunch A: 12:48 - 1:18
8th Lunch B: 1:12 - 1:42

1:46 - 3:20 4th & 8th Block

For any school-related questions, please contact the MMS office at 601-605-4171



School Lunch information

Lunch Prices
Menu
Apply for **free/reduced lunch**

Visit the Child Nutrition page on the district website at www.madison-schools.com

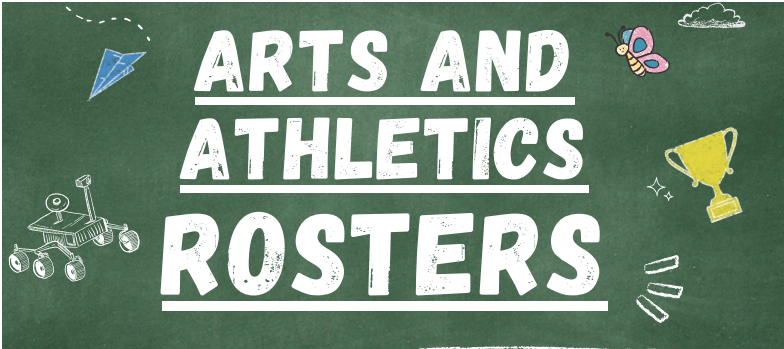
A new and improved bus tracker app is here!

Download the BusZone app for the 2025-2026 school year.



Follow this QR code to get started!

District Access Code: 3095MCS



ARTS AND ATHLETICS ROSTERS

SUMMER READING

- 6th - **Out of My Mind** by Sharon M. Draper
- 7th - **Long Walk to Water** by Linda Sue Park
- 8th - **Freak the Mighty** by Rodman Philbrick



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If your child is in Accelerated ELA, head to the school website for additional reading requirements.

Be in the Know

Read Middle Jags Monthly Newsletter

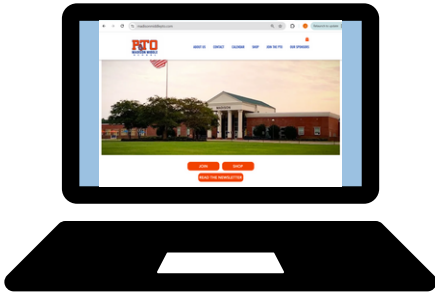


School Website:
mms.madison-schools.com



- Teacher and admin contact info
- Student and parent resources
- Arts, clubs, and athletics links

PTO Website:
madisonmiddlepto.com

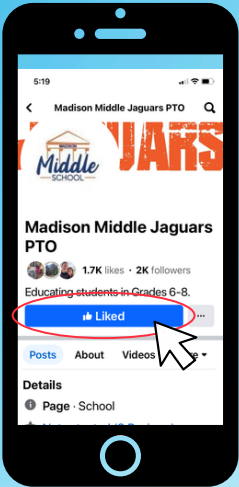


- Monthly event calendar
- Shop jag swag
- Monthly newsletter

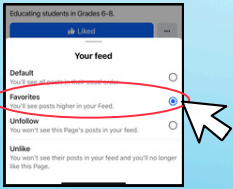
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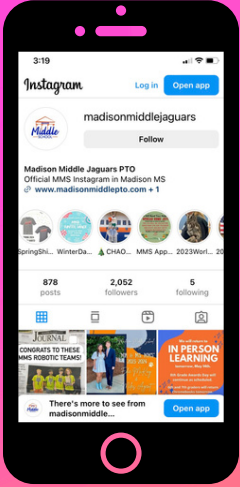
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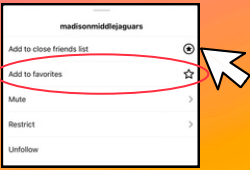
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Click on it again and select "Favorites"
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@madisonmiddlejaguars



Click on the **"Following"** drop down
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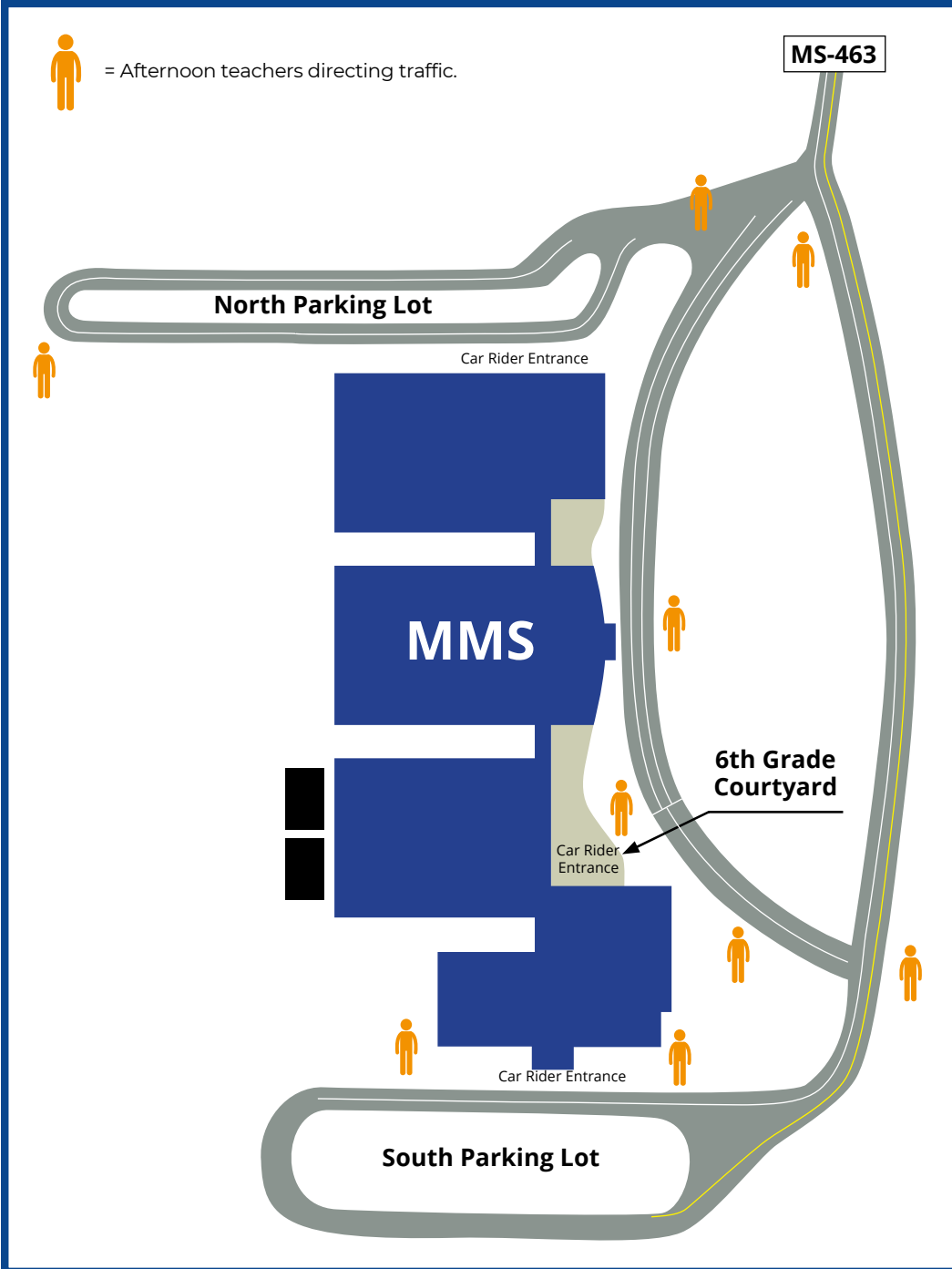


Join the PTO

Attend PTO Meetings
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AM Drop Off

- 6th & 7th Grade**
6th grade courtyard
- 8th Grade**
North end of building closest to 463
- School doors open at 7:50
- Tardy Bell is at 8:15**
After 8:15 you must walk your child to the front office and sign them in.

PM Pick Up

- 6th Grade**
South end of building near cafeteria
- 7th Grade**
front of building
- 8th Grade**
North end of building closest to 463
- Dismissal is 3:20**

North Pickup

At Pick Up

1. Fill the **right lane first**.
2. When the right lane is FULL to the triangle, new cars start filling the left lane starting at the curve.
3. Right lane will pick up first then the left lane.
4. A teacher at the curve will direct you when to merge.
5. Please be respectful and do not cut lanes.

Front Pickup

At Pick Up

1. Fill the **right lane first**.
2. When the right lane is FULL to the triangle, new cars fill the middle lane.
3. When the middle lane is FULL to the triangle, new cars start filling the left lane.
4. Right lane will pick up first, then middle lane, then left lane.
5. A teacher will direct you when to merge.
6. Please be respectful and do not cut lanes.

South Pickup

At Pick Up

1. Extra staff will be on hand starting at 2:40 for the first two weeks of school to direct traffic.
Fill the lanes as directed.
2. At 3:30 the remaining 6th graders will be moved to the front of the school. Follow the **Front Pickup** directions.
3. Please be respectful and do not cut lanes.