— A Mark of Excellence: April/May 2025 —

# Middle JAGS

Newsletter Brought to You by Madison Middle School PTO





Amelia Chandler (7<sup>th</sup> grade) is the Annandale Chapter essay winner, and she has gone on to win the MSSDAR State American History Essay Contest!

We are so proud of her accomplishment!



Analeigh Miri (8th grade) is the National Scholastic Art Silver Medal winner with her jacket, "A Stroll in Paris." Congratulations, Analeigh!!



**Yuva Peddireddy** (8th grade) won the Mississippi's Scripps Spelling Bee. He will go on to Washington, D.C., to compete in the National Spelling Bee.

Way to represent Madison Middle School and Mississippi!

This year has been filled with growth, learning, and unforgettable memories.

As we finish out the school year, let us continue to "Shine Bright" in everything we do!



The PTO's "Go for the Gold" Fundraiser collected

\$70,000!!

Thank you to our MMS families for your unwavering support!



**Julia** (6<sup>th</sup> grade) is making a difference in our community. She assembled 60 hygiene bags filled with essential supplies to support the EversCare Clinic.

MEWI's work is powered by the compassion and dedication of volunteers like Julia!



Liam Richardson, Daniel Wu, Austin Yang, and Daiwik Malhotra have won 1st place in the state for Mathcounts! Congratulations to the MMS team!

### **PTO News**



As we wrap up another great year, I can't thank Jennifer Jewett enough for the dedication and hard work she has put into the newsletter this year. Every issue has been beautifully laid out and full of information. Thank you to our teachers, coaches, and administration for responding to our requests each month!

Since the pollen has arrived, we know it's officially spring and with that comes a very full calendar. I would like to highlight a few things:

First, the final PTO meeting was recently held and the Executive Board slate for the 2025-2026 school year was approved. MacKenzie Henry, our current President-Elect, has provided an interest form for those interested in serving as a committee lead or a committee member. Please <u>click here</u> for the form and return to her by April 15th.

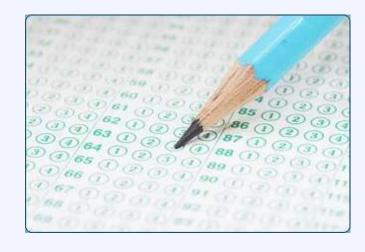
Second, MMS will be taking state tests on April 25th, April 29th, May 1st, and May 7th. If you are free to proctor any of these dates, please **click here** to signup. If you have any question reach out to Sara Jackson at saragray20@yahoo.com. Your help is needed and we promise to provide drinks and great snacks for you!

Thirdly, I would like to bring your attention to Teacher Appreciation Week, May 5th -9th. The PTO has something planned each day for our teachers. If you are interested in helping us make this week happen, please let me know at ptomadisonmiddle@gmail.com. It will be a great week celebrating the ones who make MMS as strong as it is!

Finally, awards day! Our 8th grade will kick us off on May 13th at 9:00 am, followed by 7th (9:00 am) and 6th (1:00 pm) on May 14th. All awards day ceremonies are held in the gym at MMS.

"The days are long but the years are short." I am not sure truer words have ever been spoken. When we started, May seemed far away, yet here we are, almost to May, reflecting on an amazing year. My list of acknowledgements would be quite lengthy, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank a few groups!

Thank you to our grade level committee for helping making those events outstanding, our hospitality team for making each new thing special, to our communications team for keeping us up to date, to our teacher appreciation team for making the fabulous lunches happen each month, to our fundraising team for surpassing all goals, to our treasury department for keeping us in line, and to you! We could not do what we do without your continued support of the PTO and MMS. You have helped MMS to Shine Bright this year and I could not be more grateful. If I don't see you before, have a wonderful summer and I will see you at early schedule pick up on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025.



### **MMS State Testing 2025 Volunteer Opportunity!**

#### Help Madison Middle by serving as a proctor one morning!

State testing for our 6th through 8th graders is around the corner, and we need volunteers to serve as proctors! Please consider signing up. (We'll have snacks!) Ask grandparents, aunts, uncles, adult siblings, friends with rising middle schoolers, etc. This is a great opportunity for parents to get an inside look at the school!

What is a proctor? A proctor is someone who monitors students during testing to ensure no cheating or manipulating of exams. You will walk around the room and observe until all students have completed testing.

Proctors will meet with Assistant Principal, Jennifer Lovitt, in the library at 7:50am for a quick training on the day(s) you signed up for. Cell phones are not allowed during proctoring, and you cannot proctor in your own child's class.

#### Thank you for supporting MMS!

**Volunteer Dates:** 

April 25th \* April 29th \* May 1st \* May 7th

Sign up



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### **Meet our PTO**



**Lindsey Martin**Hospitality

My husband, Stan, and I have two daughters, Anniston (8th) and Charlotte (7th) at Madison Middle. We feel very blessed that they are at such an amazing school and that I am able to volunteer with the PTO. I love spending time with my family, painting abstract art, and staying involved at our church, Pinelake. Grateful to be part of the Jaguar family!



Stephanie Baird Hospitality

My husband, Fortson, and I have three boys: Will (6th), Walker (5th), and Weston (4th). I am an attorney of counsel and Fortson is a CPA; we are both graduates of Mississippi State University. Our boys enjoy playing various sports such as soccer, futsal, baseball, basketball, and flag football. I enjoy volunteering at the elementary and middle schools, traveling, and attending Jaguar and Mississippi State games.





Sara Jackson

**State Testing Proctor** 

My husband, Drew and I have 3 children at MMS Gray (7th), Wells (7th), and Evan (6th). I have been a pharmaceutical sales representative at Takeda Pharmaceuticals for 22 years. We enjoy attending our children's activities and cheering on our Jaquars and Ole Miss Rebels!



**Rachel Bradshaw**State Testing Proctor

My husband, Nick, and I have lived in Madison for 18 years. I work part time as a physical therapist. We have 4 children - Harper (9th grade), Hutt (6th grade), Ryder (3rd grade) and Blakely (K5). We love watching our kids play sports and being involved with the schools and church.



**Sarah Katherine Brewer** 

State Testing Proctor

My husband, Kyle and I have been married for 14 years and have 3 children in the Madison County schools. Jack (6th), Collins (2nd), and McLain (K). I have enjoyed being a nurse for 19 years. We love to support our children's wonderful schools!



**Rachael Bearden** 

Paw Prints

I'm married to Jimbo Bearden with 2 boys, Hunter (8th) and Max (5th). We love the jag zone and all the wonderful teachers, administrators and coaches. We love being outdoors enjoying all sports, traveling whenever we can, and hanging out with friends and family.

#### **Sherry McIntyre**

Paw Prints

My husband Ben and I are parents to 4 Jags! Calvin, a 2024 MC graduate, Mary Katherine, a MC senior, Caroline, a MC sophomore at and Charlotte, a MMS 7th grader. I have served on all the Jag Zone PTOs and enjoyed it all!



**Shelby Trusty** 

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Activities Committee

Hello! I am married to Matt Trusty, and we have two girls who have grown up in the Jag zone. Our oldest daughter, Morgan, is finishing her junior year at MCHS. Our youngest, Mary Alice, is in 8th grade at MMS. I am so sad it's my last year at MMS. I have had the pleasure of serving as a grade coordinator for 6 straight years through both my girls' time at MMS! This school, our teachers, and our administrators have meant so much to us, and we are incredibly grateful for the positive experience our girls have had during these awkward middle school years!

### **School News**



### **MMS Mentors**

#### Current 6th Graders

Students will visit the elementary schools one day at the end of the school year to "teach" the 5th graders all about MMS. They will share their experience to help the 5th graders feel more comfortable and excited about MMS!

#### Who are we looking for?

- 1. Someone who LOVES being a JAGUAR!
- 2. Students who will be 100% welcoming to our 5th grade students and willing to be a friendly face when they come to MMS as new 6th graders.
- 3. Students from ALL 3 Jaguar Elementary Schools as well as students who have come from private school or another school district.

### **Application Link**

#### **Application Deadline: April 16th**

Mentors will be announced: April 25th

#### **Mentor GOALS:**

Our first goal is to help the 5th graders feel comfortable coming to MMS. When they see a student that is like them and doing well at MMS, then they start to believe that maybe they will do well at MMS, too.

Our second goal is to help the 3 elementary schools become JAGUARS together! We want kids to be excited about meeting new friends from East Flora, Avenue, and Station!

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APRIL	
15th	Biology State Test
16th	Algebra I State Test
17th	Progress Reports
18th-21st	Easter Holidays
25th	8th Grade Science State Test
29th	MAAP ELA pt. 1 Reading State Test Grades 6-8
MAY	
lst	MAAP ELA pt. 2 Writing State Test Grades 6-8
7th	MAAP Math State Test - Grades 6-8
5th-9th	Teacher Appreciation Week
9th	8th Chromebook Return
12th	6th and 7th Chromebook Return
	8th Grade Class Day
13th	8th Grade Awards Day - 9:00 a.m.
14th	7th Grade Awards Day - 9:00 a.m.
	6th Grade Awards Day - 1:00 p.m.
19th	Final Exams
23rd	End of Semester - Report Cards

### Students reading The Giver in this beautiful spring weather





### **Attention 8th Grade Parents**

It's time to order your class day t-shirt!!

This year class day will be a school sponsored trip to Spinners on **May 12th**. We would love for your 8th grader to wear your shirt for this special day. Online sales are now live!!

You can go to <u>www.madisonmiddlepto.com/shop</u> to purchase your child's shirt for \$10.

Cash/check sales will be collected in the foyer Monday, April 14 - Thursdsay, April 17 8:00 a.m. - 8:20 a.m.



### **Exam Schedules**

A letter with information on exam schedules will be sent home in early May.

Stay tuned!

# Honor Roll Lunch Day

We are excited to celebrate our hardworking students who made 3rd term Honor Roll on Wednesday, April 9th!

### Happy Birthday to our Teachers and Staff!

### <u>April</u>

- 2 Catie Stoltzfus
- 3 Brittany Furr
- 4 Karen Boutwell
- 10 Tanya Graves
- 12 Robert Primer
- 12 Thomas Bradberry
- 13 Courtney Loving
  - 22 Barry Cook
  - 22 Seth Male
  - 24 Corrie Lee
  - 25 Missy Rhodes
  - 26 Ashley Smith

### <u>May</u>

- 1 Becky Shirley
- 5 Tyler Johnson
- 10 Lauren Girod
- 14 Margot Collins
- 14 Cameron Rogillio
  - 16 Heather Evans
  - 19 Justin Wallace
- 23 Becky Gardner 27 – Cornelius Jackson
- 30 Maggie Siler

### **June**

- 7 Morgan Watkins
  - 9 Kim Maxwell
  - 10 Mary Black
  - 11 Nancy Rubel
- 15 Elizabeth Breithaupt
  - 27 Fay Fleming
  - 28 Kayce Clark
- 28 Melissa Jesiolowski

### July

- 2 Shelby Jo Martin
  - 3 Robin Woody
- 3 Makeicha McWilliams
  - 10 Amy Peters
  - 12 Peggie Spencer
  - 12 Sarah Beth Berry
    - 17 Jacob Walker
      - 20 Tim Cagle
  - 22 Donna Gunter
    - 22 April Love
- 22 Kyle Christian (SRO)
  - 23 Colby Criddle
  - 27 Rachel Mathias
    - 28 Linda Lewis
    - 28 Misty Laster
    - 31 Ashley Hall



# **Celebrating Generosity**



Students who sold 10+ FUNdraising tickets lived it up with Kona Ice, music, and an extended patio break



**Shine Bright, MMS!** 



Students who sold 20+ raffle tickets enjoyed a courtyard lunch of Chick-Fil-A, pizza, chips, and cotton candy.



Thank you for supporting MMS. Together we are solid gold!

#### Choir



#### 6th Grade Choir

On March 3rd, 108 6th grade choir members traveled to Pearl High School to participate in our State Performance Assessment choral festival. Under the direction of Christa Kettler, our 6th grade choir received SUPERIOR in performance and in sight reading!

Your all-superior concert choirs will perform their Spring Concert on April 24 in the gym. 6th grade at 6pm. 7 & 8 grades at 7:30pm. No admission.

#### **Advanced Art**

#### It's Mural Time!!





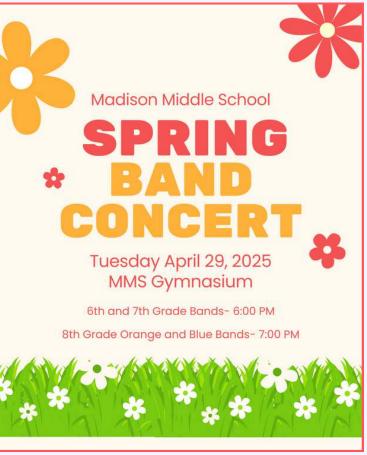
#### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Choirs

The SSA and SATB Concert Choirs, made up of 121 7th & 8th graders, traveled to New Albany for the State Performance Assessment on March 25, and both received the SWEEPSTAKES AWARD! They each earned Superior ratings for stage performance from every judge and Superior ratings for sight reading!

# **SPRING 2025**

Last chance to see your award-winning show choirs perform is KUDOS at 6pm on April 12! Tickets are \$10.











### Kaleidoscope

Top Performers - Charles Kiser, Kynsley Hamilton, Avery Grace Lott, Bella Berry

Overall Top Performers (\$500 scholarships) - Ashtyn Bernard & Zion Bush

> Overall 2nd Place Overall 3rd Place Division Winner (3 times) Division 2nd Place (2 times) Best Costumes (2 times) Best Visuals **Best Closer** Spirit of JASI



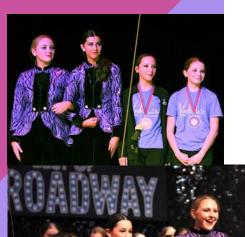
#### Kadence

Best Set Crew (2 times)

Top Performers - Marie Young, Mary Lanford Neely, Anna Brewer, Sage Dixon

Division Winner (3 times) Division 2nd Place (2 times) Best Opener Spirit of JASI Best Set Crew (2 times)





Kadence

### **Athletics at MMS**

### Archery

Congratulations to the archery team for coming in 4th place in their first archery competition of the year!



# 2025-2026 MMS Dance Team

**BETSY BOST** 

**ANNA BREWER** 

**ZION BUSH** 

**AMELIA CHANDLER** 

**GRACYN DILLEY** 

SAGE DIXON

**BETH ELLIS** 

**EVEY HARRISON** 

LYLA GRACE HEGI

**LIBBY HOLLOWAY** 

**ELLIE JEFFREYS** 

**CAMILLE MCCLELLAND** 

SAYLOR MCFADDEN

**GEORGIA MCKENZIE** 

**LEXI MCMINN** 

**LAYLA PHILLEY** 

# **Keep your** eyes peeled for tryout dates in **April and May for:** Golf Robotics Softball **Tennis** Yearbook

#### **Archery**

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TRYOUT!



JOSHUA ALLEN GRAY ANDERSON BRANDT ANDREWS" DRAKE FULCHER" MATTHEW BALDRIDGE ELI GOODWIN BEN BAUER DREW BERRY JOHN CARTER BOND SAM HOUCK OLIVER BOOTHE HUTT BRADSHAW HAYDEN BROOKS **EVAN CONNERLY\*\*** HARRISON DILBACK" MYRICK KESTENBAUM WELBY PRICE"

DYLAN DUGAN MEYER DUREN WILL ELLIOTT OWEN EWING

AUGUST FAULKNER ANDRE FLORES

KELLAN HERBERT WELLS JACKSON JASE JENKINS

MAC JOHNSON **BRYCE JONES**"

LATHAN LANE FORD LANGSTON"

ELI MARTINEZ

**HUDSON LINDLEY\*\*** 

LUKE MCCORMACK THOMAS MORGAN

JON ANDREW HAMMETT" WILLIAM MORGAN KEEGAN NOVOTNY

CHES PARTRIDGE

BECKHAM PENNEBAKER ALEC TURNER GINES PEREZ"

CADEN PRESSEY

HUDSON QUARLES"

MASON QUINN GRIFFIN RICE

PHILLIP ROBINSON

JORDAN RIVES

LANDAN SELLERS HENRY SHANNON TOM SHELBY LAYTON SHUMAKER MATTHEW SHUSTER" CAL STEWART SUMANTH VUYYURU ALEX WATTERS HENRY WRIGHT DANIEL WU

" DENOTES CROSS COUNTRY & TRACK BLOCK

HEAD COACH: KATTE SHUSTER ASSISTANT COACH: MAGGIE SILER

#### REMIND CODE: MMSXCJAG25

ASSISTANT COACH: ROBERT COOK

CAIMIE BOADUM

MIKAYLA BOYLE

AMELIA DAVIS" SYDNEY DENNIS

STELLY DOTY

ADDY FLOWERS

**EMMALINE FULCHER\*\*** 

SAVANNAH GIAVOTELLA"

CAROLINE GRAVES ANNA GREENWAY

KYLA GUST"

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ADELINE HENDERSON

ANNIE HENDERSON\*\*

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SADIE HOWELL BETTY JAMES"

ANSLEY LARSON

GINGER LEE"

HAZEL LUCKETT

**ELENA LUSK\*\*** 

JULES MASLOWSKI ALEXIS MCCAY\*\*

MARY ELLA MCCORMACK\*\*

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ROSEMARY MCINTOSH"

HOLLAN MCKAY

LILLIE MILLER

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LAYLA PHILLEY\*\*

PARKER POPE

**OLIVIA QUARLES\*\*** 

CATE RICE

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KAYDEN RUSSELL

AVA SANDRONI

AVA SCHOPMEYER

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**ELLA BAILEY TAYLOR\*\*** 

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**BRYLEIGH TRUONG** 

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ELIZA WALKER\*\* CHANEY WATTS\*\*

BELLE WILSON\*\*

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## Clubs at MMS

6th Grade Beta Club field trip to Winona - Old Mountain Outdoor Adventure.







#### **Math Counts**



#### 1st Place

Liam Richardson, Daniel Wu, Austin Yang, and Daiwik Malhotra won 1st place in the state!

We had 1st, 3rd, 5th, and 7th in the top ten in the state.

Daniel Wu and Austin Yang earned a trip to Nationals in Washington, D.C., in May.



Special recognition to Shayaan Noor for participating in TWO state competitions in a row. Scripps Spelling Bee on the 22nd and MathCounts State on the 29th.



### **Robotics**

**6th Grade** 



The Robo Jags showed off their talent and brilliance at the State of Mississippi Vex Robotics Championship! The **Smart Squad** won the Team Work Challenge Champion award and the Create award! They will be heading to the World's competition in Texas in May!

The Microwavable Pizza Potatoes will also be heading to the World's competition because they earned the Design Award which notes their talent with interview and their Engineering Design notebook.

All of our Robo Jags have really excelled this season! We are so proud!



### Are you interested in Robotics?

Learn more about this innovative program at:

#### **Activity Sponsors**

#### **Beta Club**

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