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Middle JAGS

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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



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!

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Welcome Back, Jags!

By Mackenzie Henry, PTO President

Our PTO year has been a busy (but fun) one so far! We have passed out schedules, fed our staff, welcomed new students, decked the halls with Built to Last decor, handed out Jag swag, refreshed the flower pots around the school and helped out at Meet the Teacher. Many thanks to our hospitality, grounds, staff appreciation, decorations, communications, membership, and t-shirt committees who made it ALL happen! Thanks, also, to the amazing volunteers, our administrators, counselors and teachers for cultivating a warm and welcoming environment for the students and families. It takes a village!

If you want to get involved, it's not too late! Just email us at

ptomadisonmiddle@gmail.com

to express your interest in volunteering for one of our committees. Our next PTO meeting will be September 2nd at noon in the library. Hope to see you all there!

We have so much planned for this school year, and we want you to be a part of it all! Our website, newsletter, facebook and Instagram pages are excellent sources for all things MMS and PTO. Make sure you follow along! MMS is Built to Last!

to Our Teachers and Staff!

<u>August</u>

1 - Cortney Spiers

5 – Kimberly Fletcher

7 - Renee Adams

11 – Latarsha Manning

12 – Anna Given

15 - Jasmine Rosemon

19 – Gari Lynn Sanders

19 - Melissa Creese

20 - Joey Abels

27 - Cameron Groke

30 - Jamie McQuirter

Upcoming Dates

AUGUST						
7	New Student Breakfast					
SEPTEMBER						
1	Labor Day Holiday					
2	PTO Meeting - Library					
4	Progress Reports (online via Active Parent)					
22 - 26	Homecoming Week					
OCTOBER						
6 - 10	Fall Break					
13	Professional Development - No School					
14	PTO Meeting - Library					
21	Paw Print Assembly					
28	School Board Luncheon					

Be in the Know



PTO: <u>madisonmiddlepto.com</u> School: <u>madisonmiddlejags.org</u>



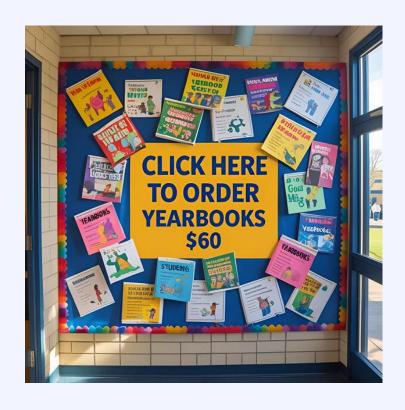
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Nurse Notes

Medication Drop Off

- Forms signed from Physician and Parent.
- Action plan from Physician, if needed, with student's condition.
- If your student will self-carry an inhaler or epi-pen, please fill out that form.
- Medication labeled in original bottle from pharmacy with correct dosage.
- OTC meds need to be new/unopened.
- Prescription meds will be counted and dual signed-in with Parent and Nurse.

Forms are to be filled out with each new school year.

- Nurse Lauren Girod, RN -

Action Plans and Medication Forms







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



Counselors are here to help



Hey, MMS family!

Your counselors are excited to see you on campus! Our goal is to provide your students with social, emotional, and academic support throughout the year.

Middle school is all about learning who you are, where you're going, and what you stand for. We are here to facilitate that learning process.

First things first, your student is at a critical point in their education. Some of you are just starting your middle school experience, and others are on their last year at MMS.

7th and 8th graders will be earning

<u>Carnegie units</u>, or high school credits.

This means those courses go on their high school transcript, and are factored into their GPA.

Please encourage your student to develop strong study skills and diligence in schoolwork. Many students make the mistake of not taking their coursework seriously in middle school and then must work extra hard later in high school to raise their GPA for college admission and scholarship eligibility.

We hope to set them up for success early by encouraging students to do their best always. It's the MMS Way! Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns with your student- we are happy to help!

Lindsay Bouchillon, 6th **Karen Boutwell**, 7th **Lindsey Montgomery**, 8th

Car Pool Tips

Please encourage your child to actively <u>look</u> for your vehicle in the afternoons.

Pull your vehicle down as far as space allows, and your child will walk down to you. This helps us keep traffic off of Hwy. 463 and keeps cars moving.

For sixth graders, we will move car riders to the front circle at approximately **3:30** each day. Once buses are moving at the south end of the school, we are not allowing sixth graders to be picked in this area due to safety concerns. If you arrive on campus around 3:30 or after, you will be directed to the front circle for pick-up.

What if I Need to Change my Child's Transportation for the Day?

Call the front office at 601-605-4171 prior to 2:30 PM and let them know about any transportation changes (e.g. "My child needs to be a car rider today."). The front office will get the message to your child before the dismissal bell.

Please note that any time a student needs to ride a bus, they need an official "orange transportation change" note from the front office.

Bus drivers are <u>required</u> to collect this note prior to letting the student on the bus. Send a note from home about the details of the transportation request by your child to the front office, and they will write the official note for your child to give to the driver.

Bus Information in Real Time

Track your child's bus in real-time using the **Durham Bus Tracker App!** This is the most efficient way to get up-to-the-minute information about your bus status.



For information on how to set up the app.

Please call Mrs. Lovitt at MMS if you need additional assistance.

PTO Spotlight

Meet our PTO Membership Team!

The Membership Committee is responsible for our annual membership campaign and membership relations. It is led by Membership Chair, **Olivia McCay**, Membership Co-Chair, **Erin Meyer**, and team members **Stacey Carter**, **Virginia Evans**, and **Sarah Kendrick**.







Hello! My name is **Sarah Kendrick**, and I'm a speech-language pathologist at Methodist Rehabilitation Center. My husband, Guin, and I have three children—Stella, a 6th grader at MMS; Phillip, a 2nd grader at Madison Station; and Woods, a 1st grader at Madison Station.

As a family, we love being active and spending time outdoors, and you can often find us at the ballfields. We also enjoy traveling together and exploring new places whenever we can.

This is my first year serving on the MMS PTO. In addition to the Membership Committee, I am also part of the Paw Prints Committee. I'm excited for the opportunity to serve because I believe the work our schools and teachers do has a monumental impact on our children's lives. I'm grateful for the chance to support them in any way possible.

My name is **Olivia McCay** and I am the Communications Coordinator at Broadmoor Baptist Church. My husband is Jim and I have 2 kids - Alexis is in 8th grade and Braden is in 11th grade. This is my 1st year as the Chair of the Membership team but have been a part of this team for 3 years.

As my kids have grown and become more independent, I've had to find new ways to connect with the schools and teachers. Joining the PTO really helps bridge the that gap for me. It's a great way to support the school and teachers, get to know the staff, and stay up to date on things happening around the school.



My name is **Virginia Evans**. My husband, Hunter, and I have 3 kids. Milla is a 6th grader at MMS. Patton is a 4th grader and Rose is a 1st grader both at

grader, both at Madison Station. I'm an Interior
Designer but what makes me most happy is being with my kids and volunteering at their schools! On the weekends you might find us at a soccer field, a swimming pool, or at an Ole Miss game!

This is my first year on the membership team at Madison Middle, and my favorite part is seeing the excitement of the 6th graders at early schedule pick up and meeting an entirely new administration who can't wait to make your kids life amazing while under their roof.

Joining the PTO is truly one of the best and most incredible experiences because there are so many different ways you can serve your child's school, all depending on the amount of time you have to give! There is something for everyone! My name is **Erin Meyer**, and I am married to Chris Meyer. I serve as General Counsel to the Mississippi Department of Education. We have three kids. Jake is an 8th grader at MMS, Leah is a 6th grader at MMS, and Max is a 3rd grader at Madison Station. We love all things Mississippi State and the University of Michigan, and we love spending time on Pickwick Lake as well as skiing in Colorado.

This is my third year on the Membership Team where I am now the Co-Chair. I'm also serving on 7th/8th dance committee as the Decorations Chair. I love working early schedule pickup. It's great seeing friendly, familiar faces after a summer away and experiencing the excitement of the students as they find out who their teachers are and what friends are in which classes!

Joining the PTO is one of the easiest ways to help support MMS, the administration, teachers, and students and make it the best place for our students to learn and grow.



My name is

Stacy Carter. My
husband, Ray,
and I have three
children. Mary
Claire (8th grade),
Thomas (5th
grade at MSE)
and Caroline (3rd

grade at MSE). I am a nurse practitioner at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, and my husband is a sales representative for Franklin Corporation. We attend First Presbyterian Church of Jackson. This is my first year to serve on the membership committee.

The PTO plays such an important role at MMS, and there are so many ways to be involved. I love being able to see firsthand how the PTO supports the administrators, teachers and students through various programs and events.



Athletics at MMS

Cheer

Activity Sponsor

Coach Wagner

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Football

Activity Sponsor

Coach Rogers

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Cross-Country/ Track

Activity Sponsors

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Coach Cook

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Dance

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Coach Collins

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Volleyball

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Bowling

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Softball

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Swim

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Girls Basketball

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Boys Basketball

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Soccer

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Girls Golf

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Boys Golf

Activity Sponsor

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The ARTS at MMS

Fine Arts

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BAND

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CHOIR

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Kaleidoscope & Kadence

Activity Sponsor

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6th Grade Beta Club

Activity Sponsor

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FCA

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Coach Male

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Math Counts

Activity Sponsor

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7th Grade Beta Club

Activity Sponsor

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Student Technology Association (TSA)

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Ms. McQuirter

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Student Council

Activity Sponsors

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Mrs. Garletts

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Mrs. Doyle

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Chess

Activity Sponsors

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Mrs. Adams

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Robotics

6th graders participate in VEX IQ competitions

7th and 8th graders participate in VEX V5 competitions

Activity Sponsors

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Spirit Squad

Activity Sponsor

Mrs. Bouchillon

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8th Grade Beta Club

Activity Sponsor

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Yearbook

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Yearbook!

<u>\$60.00</u>

Activity Sponsor

Mrs. Watkins

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A Day/B Day

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