



JMM Connections

The official newsletter of the James Madison Memorial High School Community

April 3, 2017

Dear Memorial Community,

Well, the Third Quarter is in the books, and grades will be finalized by lunchtime tomorrow. We've established a tradition of finishing strong here at JMM, and no doubt our students and staff will do the same this spring. Please again take time to check in with students, to find out what's working for them and what they're struggling with at school. This is such a critical time as we begin the Fourth Quarter, and we need to make sure we are all working together to provide support.



I'm so proud to share that over the weekend our Forensics Team completed an absolutely amazing accomplishment; they won their 10th straight and 14th overall State Championship. Congratulations to English teacher and Coach Tom Hardin, and to our incredibly talented students.

We capped off the winter sports season with a Boys Swim and Dive State Runner-Up trophy, and of course the Boys Basketball Team earned their way back to the Kohl Center for the first time in five years. Business Teacher and Department Chair Sacia Wheeler will lead our FBLA Team to State this morning, and Family Consumer Science Teacher and Wisconsin ProStart Culinary Teacher of the Year Glee Brechler will lead our FCCLA Team to State as well today, and we know they'll represent us well. Our 2017 is off to a great start.

I'm excited to announce that Dr. Meg Filkins, who has been our interim Assistant Principal for the Wisconsin Neighborhood, is here to stay. Moving forward in a permanent role, she will be able to continue developing relationships with the students and families in the Wisconsin Neighborhood for years to come.

I'm also happy to announce that Memorial Social Studies Teacher and Department Chair David Olson has been selected as the Wisconsin Council for the Social Studies Teacher of the year. He was also selected as the PBS Digital Innovator for the State of Wisconsin, recognizing the amazing opportunities he creates for his students.

Lastly, I'm proud to let you know that JMM Math Teacher and Department Chair Joe King was recently selected as the recipient of a prestigious Kohl Educational Foundation Fellowship, which is so very well deserved.

I hope you all have a wonderful Spring Break. We are JMM.



Jay Affeldt
Principal

Español

All students can be successful if they are well-understood and well-supported by the entire school community.



IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL 3
JMM ALL SCHOOL
READ

APRIL 5
WSMA Choral Festival
8-4 pm, Aud

APRIL 8 - 16
Spring Break
NO SCHOOL

APRIL 17
School Resumes

AP Test Pre-
Administration
9:34 - 10:26 am in
Advisory

APRIL 19
Viewing of Documentary
13th & Small Group
Discussions
5:00 pm, Aud

APRIL 20
Black Parent Council
6:00 pm
WI Neighborhood Center

Latino Parent Meeting
6:00 pm
Fox Neighborhood Center

JMM's ALL-SCHOOL READ BEGINS TODAY!

We are so excited to launch our All-School Read of All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely. All students will receive a copy of the book that they keep during 3rd hour today. Students are invited to attend a variety of events, including book discussions, panel presentations, trainings, and contests. Events will take place during lunch, after school, and in the evening.

Wednesday, April 19 at 5:00 pm We want you to attend, too! Please mark your calendars for a viewing of the documentary *13th* followed by a small group discussions. More details will follow.

Friday April 28 at 5:00 pm for a community potluck, discussion, and performance of contest entries. We will celebrate our work of the month and make plans for our next steps as a community.

You can view the calendar, read more about the book, and learn about contests and the organizers by visiting [here](#).

BOOKS FOR SALE: Additional paperback books are now available to purchase for \$5 for parents and families. Bring cash or a check made out to "Memorial High School" with "All-School Read" in the subject line. You can purchase these books in the Welcome Center



Rm. 506

APRIL 22

JMM Rummage & Bake Sale
8 am-1 pm, Field House

APRIL 24-25

9th & 10th Grade
ASPIRE Testing

APRIL 24

Q&A with Jay
7:00 pm, Lit Center

APRIL 28

All-School Read
Community Potluck
5:00 pm, Cafeteria

MAY 3

Get Ready to be a Spartan (for incoming 9th grade students)
7:00 pm, AUD

MAY 6

Prom
8-11 pm
Alliant Energy Center

Post Prom

11:15 pm - 2:30 am
Vitense Golfand

MAY 10

JMM Concert Band I & Symphonic Band Concert
7:30 pm

MAY 12

Latino Festival
7:00 - 11:00 pm

MAY 12 - 13 & 18-20

JMM Spring Play - "The Nerd"
7:30 pm, Theatre 300

For more dates, please visit the [JMM calendar](#)

Quick Links

[2016-17 MMSD School Calendar](#)

[2nd Semester Exam Schedule](#)

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[Staff Directory](#)

from 8 am - 3:00 pm.

DONATIONS: Parents that would like to donate or make a monetary donation to be used to help engage students, please click [here](#).

STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

See our "[Student Services](#)" a newsletter to find out about [Scholarships](#), [Career Cruising](#), Summer School, and [Real World Learning Experiences](#).

Important Upcoming Dates:

AP Test Pre-Administration - April 17 AP Exam pre-administration session will be held in the JMM Auditorium during Advisory from 9:34 - 10:26 am for all students who have signed up to take an AP exam in May. (Note: Students who are on the wait list will not be allowed to do the pre-administration.)

ASPIRE TESTING (practice ACT) - April 24 & 25 - 9th & 10th grade students Freshmen & Sophomores will take a practice ACT called the ASPIRE over two half days in school. The ASPIRE test helps students become familiar with the ACT and yields a score that helps to predict how they will do on the real ACT their junior year.

JOB Fair - May 4 This event is held during lunch linking many students with potential employers.

MEMORIAL RUMMAGE & BAKE SALE

Memorial Field House
Saturday, April 22, 2017
8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Sponsored by the Memorial High School Parent Teacher Student Organization, proceeds will support the "JMM Clothing Closet", Student education opportunities and Students in need.

Now is the time to save items for the sale!

We are looking for the following items:

[Daily Schedule](#)

[How to get a work permit](#)

[Planned Absences/ Planificacion de la Ausencias](#)

[Outside Permits / Permisos Externos](#)

JMM PTSO

Be sure to stay up to date with PTSO & school happenings by checking out our [JMM PTSO Facebook](#) page.

To be placed on our email distribution list, email: jmmptso@gmail.com

Student Services

[ACT & SAT Deadline Dates](#)

[How to Contact your Counselor/ Como Ponerse en Contacto con el Consejero](#)

[How to Contact Support Staff](#) (Nurse, Psych, Social Worker, etc.)

[Multicultural Student Coordinator](#)

[Career Cruising](#)

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Board games/puzzles*
Bikes/Trikes/Little kid mobile*
Children's/baby clothing*
Roller blades & Skates
Toys/books
Boom Boxes
Household items
Ipdods/video game systems/video games
Sports Equipment
& MORE..... see the full list [here](#)



The PTSO will accept all gently used clothing, household items, toys and games. We will NOT accept TV's, computers, appliances or baby cribs & baby car seats. All clothing items should be clean and free of damage and extreme wear.

Schedule of Rummage Sale drop-off times:
Thursday, April 20, 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Friday, April 21, 7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Please take items directly to the Memorial Field House, 201 S. Gammon Road, attached to the north side of JMM.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We also need volunteers to help receive donations and set up on Thursday, April 20 and Friday, April 21 and then to work at the sale on Saturday, April 22 from 7:30 am - 3:00 pm. To sign up to volunteer, please click [here](#). We still have many spots open. If you have questions, please contact Marisue Horton at marisuehorton@hotmail.com

JMM PTSO

JMM PTSO is a place where parents/families can engage at JMM. The last quarter is underway and that means lot of things are happening at JMM.

Rummage Sale - April 22 Volunteer, donate, repurpose! Historically this event has raised around \$2,000 annually. With these funds, we have purchased new clothing to fill the JMM Clothing Closet along with food or snacks for students and families. We have also helped students get jobs by purchasing interview clothes and items that help them break barriers to obtain work permits. To help out, click [here](#).

All-School Read Kicks off April 3 If you would like to donate to the project to help students engage in this activity click [here](#).

Q&A with Jay - April 24

Please join Mr. Affeldt to learn more about what is going on at JMM. (This also serves as a time for parents to gather at JMM in lieu of an official PTSO meeting.)

Staff Appreciation - May 1 - 5

We are going to be giving our staff \$10 gift cards as well as handwritten notes. If your gift is writing notes OR picking up gift cards around town, please click [here](#) to see how you can help.

If you would like to help with the breakfast on May 2 or contribute gift cards and/or funds to purchase gift cards , please click [here](#).

If you would like to be placed on our email distribution list, email: jmmptso@gmail.com

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ATHLETICS

Spring sports have started and we have another season of great participation and lots of exciting competitions ahead of us. Please make sure to regularly check big8conference.net or sign up for notifications on that site as Mother Nature often interferes with schedules in the Spring. This is also the time to look towards summer planning. We have changed our Summer Speed and Strength options a little bit from last year and are very excited about the new format and opportunities for all Spartans to work together to be better athletes.



2017 Summer Speed & Strength Program

PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - PROM & POST PROM

We need your help! Prom is May 6th at the Alliant Energy Center with Post Prom to follow at Vitense Golfland. We need parents to make this a successful night. If your son or daughter is worried that you will be watching them all night, let them know you won't! Parents are stationed at the coat check and cake table (not the dance floor). The times needed are 8:15 - 11:30 pm (Prom) and 11:15 - 2:30 am at Post Prom.

Memorial's Post Prom is the most fun you can have with a great group of

teens. We are in need of some parents to chaperone this school-sponsored fun and safe event. It is a great way to keep your kids safe and ensure they have a great time after prom.

You can even hit a bucket of balls while you supervise. Please consider signing up and keeps our kids safe on prom night.



To sign up to help, click [here](#).

TRAVEL TO SPAIN - SUMMER OF 2018

Travel to Spain for 12 days in June/July of 2018. Students will stay with host families in Segovia and Granada. We will explore Madrid, Segovia, El Escorial, La Granja, Toledo, Sevilla, Granada and la Costa del Sol.

Please feel free to contact Marie Stangel or Christina Skrede at 608-663-6188, mstangel@madison.k12.wi.us or cmskrede@madison.k12.wi.us

Early Bird Registration - April 26th
\$350 check made out to Interact Travel

COLLEGE TOUR OF BOSTON - JUNE of 2018

Hey Sophomores & Freshmen. Ever thought about going to college out East? Mr. Maloney and Ms. Olson will be leading a College Tour of the Boston area. Schools may include Boston University, Boston College, Northeastern, Emerson, Tufts, MIT, Harvard, and Bentley. Also guided sightseeing in Boston. Please feel free to contact:

Ms. Olson at 663-6063 or alolson@madison.k12.wi.us

Mr. Maloney at 663-6060 or dmaloney@madison.k12.wi.us

IMPORTANT SENIOR GRADUATION INFORMATION

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: Before a student is issued a diploma we must verify that he/she has met all graduation requirements and has satisfied all obligations to Memorial. Please read the [letter dated January 2017](#) from Mr. Hendrickson.

SENIOR CLASS CALENDAR: Please review the [calendar](#) of special events and dates pertinent to seniors to assist you in long-range planning.



GRADUATION ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The deadline for ordering announcements is quickly approaching; however, packets are still available in the Fox Office. The school store will also have a limited supply of extra announcements that you may purchase for approximately \$2.50 each, if you find you need more.

CAPS & GOWNS (What to wear?): As this is a formal ceremony, appropriate apparel is required. (Appropriate attire under gowns is required also, including footwear (no tennis shoes, flip flops, or jeans).

Gentlemen should wear long pants) Caps and gowns are mandatory for participation in the graduation ceremony. They may be purchased through the School Store (663-6187) for \$30.00 on Wednesday, May 31 from 7:30-2 pm. *(Get your cap & gown before leaving on the Physics field trip.)* Checks should be made payable to Memorial High School.

CREDIT VERIFICATION: (How does the school verify my credits?) Students will be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony if they have earned at least 20.5 credits. Credit verification forms will be distributed to seniors just before final exams and must be verified by your counselor and returned to the Fox Neighborhood Office. If the form is not filled out properly or not turned in, the student will NOT be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

OBLIGATIONS (When will I get my diploma?): Students having outstanding fees, fines or obligations WILL NOT receive their diplomas at the Kohl Center. Please be sure to resolve all library books, class fees, registration fees, equipment returns, credit verification form, etc. PRIOR to graduation practice. Avoid problems by meeting responsibilities before that time.

CLASS PICTURE/REHEARSAL (Wednesday before graduation): Don't miss out! The class picture will be taken immediately at Noon. Proceed to the gym following morning exams. An alphabetical listing of the order in which you should line up will be posted on the Fox Neighborhood Office window as well as the trophy case across from the Main Gym. Check the listing and be prepared to line up as indicated. This is a mandatory rehearsal for everyone planning to participate. See Mr. Hendrickson if you have a question.

SPARTANS GIVE BACK

This article appeared in the News from Nami Wisconsin, March/April 2017 newsletter.

Madison's James Madison Memorial High School's boys swim team selected NAMI Wisconsin as their recipient of the 7th annual "Spartans Give Back Swim Meet". The swim meet is an annual charity event that is a friendly competition between the JMM Spartan's and the McFarland Spartan boys swim team. The two schools take turns hosting this holiday swim meet and also select which charity will receive the Spartan Funds raised. There are games, events, t-shirts and oh yeah.....swimming! This year the Madison Memorial team selected NAMI Wisconsin as they remember Zack - a friend to many in the local swimming community. The two school communities generously donated and raised a little over \$4,000! With that money NAMI Wisconsin will be able to provide trainings, education, and advocacy throughout the state! And not only are these teams generous but they are fast! The JMM Spartans finished 2nd in the Division 1 2017 meet this February. Thank you Spartan swimmers and families for the funds you raised to increase the awareness of mental health in your schools!



SPANISH HONOR SOCIETY

Spanish Honor Society, Dulcinea Chapter is pleased to announce the induction of new members on March 8, 2017. Students were selected as a result of excellence in Spanish and are now members of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP). This honor society recognizes students who have maintained an "A" grades in Spanish 2 and above for three semesters in a row. On Behalf of JMM, we congratulate these students:

Madeline Alt	Anna Bauer	Sophie Blumenstein
Cole Bell	Abhinov Bipin	Michael L. Brudos
Maya Casanova	Lilly Crochet	Ethan Cunningham
Daniel Gillman	Noah E. Goring	Ethan Gonzales
Nathan Hayes	Zion Hefty	Alexandra Hei
Rebekah Hershberger	Andrew Jiang	Quinnlan J. Jones
Mary Kaldor	Meghana Kalluri	Garrett Kennedy
Ann Kerr	Taylor Koehl	Clare Kysley
Susquehannah Levenstein	Huizhong Li	Megan Li,
Meghan McMahan	Christopher Miller	Beatrice Naujalyte
Vladyslava Nechval	Pineda-Ortiz, Nallely	Geoff Pomraring
Claire Reid	Arian Fisnik Ruhiti	Kayla Ruplinger
Anusha Sahai	Shruti Sathish	Adam Schmidt
Ruchi Shah	Michelle Shou	Riva Shrestha
Brooke Simmerman	Jana Simmerman	Matt Sorenson
Amisha Talati	Guillermo Tellez	Maicheng Thao
Venika R. Vulpal	Maxwell Cole Walters	Ryan Weinbach
Jeremiah Dane Williams	Catheine Wu	Alexandra Zach

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