



JMM Connections

The official newsletter of the James Madison Memorial High
School Community

May 1, 2017

Dear Memorial Community,

Happy May Day! This is such a busy month of classes, plays, concerts, athletic competitions, ceremonies and celebrations, as we work our way towards graduation. I'd encourage you to come out and experience these events that truly bring our school community to life.



I'm so excited to announce that for the second time in three years Memorial has been named Wisconsin's ACT College and Career Transition Exemplar High School. This award is a result of the hard work of all staff and students over the years, consistently identifying what can be done differently to improve outcomes for our students. Please help me congratulate the Memorial students and staff. Thank you as well, for all of your support and for all that you do as families to support your students.

Thank you for your support for and involvement in our first ever All School Read of All American Boys. It was such a powerful month of discussions and events, culminating with the authors' visit last Monday and our Community Potluck this past Friday. As a school community, we came together to talk through some critical issues, and I couldn't be more proud.

We continue to add to another impressive spring of accomplishments with another State Math championship, and our FBLA Team finished 5th at State with a number of National Qualifiers. Congrats as well to our BadgerBOTS Robotics Team, which just competed at the World Championships in St Louis this past weekend.

Lastly, we're all looking forward to Prom this weekend from 8:30-11:30pm at the Alliant Energy Center, and thank you again to our Spartans Committed group for hosting Post-Prom at Vitense Golfland, from 11:30pm-2am. Post-Prom is free for all who attend the dance. Please encourage your students to attend this fun and safe way for our Spartans to wrap up their prom experience.



Jay Affeldt
Principal

Español

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



IMPORTANT DATES

MAY 3

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

MAY 6

Prom
8:30 -11:30 pm
Alliant Energy Center

Post Prom

11:30 pm - 2:00 am
Vitense Golfland

MAY 8

Battle of the Bands
7:00 pm
\$5 Tickets at the door

MAY 10

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

MAY 12

Latino Festival
7:00 - 11:00 pm

MAY 12 - 13

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

MAY 16

Highly Competitive Colleges Night
7:00 pm, Library

MAY 17

ANNUAL BRATFEST

It's that time of year again. Our Annual BratFest is on Friday, May 5th during lunch (12:00 - 12:45 pm) in the A-Foyer. Brats will be sold for:

1 for \$2.00

2 for \$3.00



All proceeds go to the Bruce Dahmen Scholarship Fund. Go Spartans!

STUDENT SERVICES INFORMATION

See our ["Student Services"](#) a newsletter to find out about [AP Testing](#), [Scholarships](#), [Career Cruising](#), [Summer School](#), and [Youth Employment Network program](#).

Important Upcoming Dates:

GET READY TO BE A SPARTAN - MAY 3, 7:00 pm

8th graders and parents will come and learn a few last tips to put their best foot forward this Fall as a Spartan.

JOB FAIR - May 4 - Main Gym

This event will be held during lunch and will help link many students with potential employers.

HIGHLY COMPETITIVE COLLEGES NIGHT - MAY 16, 7:00 pm, LMC

This presentation will include a panel of students who have been admitted to high selective colleges/universities, and a speaker from Beloit College. It will explore what should be considered when applying to America's most competitive universities. If your student plans to

JMM Concert Band II &
Wind Ensemble
7:30 pm, Aud

MAY 18

Black Parent Council
6:00 pm
WI Neighborhood Center

Latino Parent Meeting
6:00 pm
Fox Neighborhood Center
Rm. 506

MAY 18 - 20

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

MAY 24

JMM All Orchestras
Concert
7:30 pm

MAY 26

Film Festival
7:00 pm, Aud

MAY 27

Senior Party
9:00 pm - 1:00 am
JMM Fieldhouse

MAY 29

Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

MAY 30

Senior Honors
Convocation
7:00 pm

MAY 31

JMM POPS Concert
7:00 pm

JUNE 8

Last Day of School

JUNE 10

Graduation
10:00 am, Kohl Center

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

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seek admission to these schools, this evening is for
you!

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN!

Families were sent a summer school brochure in
late April. Summer school is held from 8:00 - Noon
for six weeks from mid-June through the end of
July. Students can take up to two courses. It is
valuable for retaking a class for skill or grade
improvement or for elective courses. There are
no fees but they do fill up quickly so sign up soon.
For more information, click [here](#). Contact your
counselor with questions.

ATHLETICS

Spring sports have gotten off to a good start and
we have been fortunate to be pretty much on
schedule even with regular spring weather
uncertainty. Please make sure to regularly check
[big8conference.net](#),
or [wiaawi.org](#) for tournament action, 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.

The [Spartan Sports Kick-off meeting](#) will be
Thursday, July 27th, 6:30-8:00 pm at Memorial
High School. At this time we will go through the
required forms for participating in the 2017-18
school year and meet with coaches for sport
specific information. The meeting will cover the
Athletic Code as well as student-athlete and
parent responsibilities to the Code, school, and
team. Failure to attend this meeting will require a
make-up meeting before athletic eligibility is
granted. All Memorial students who wish to
participate in a WIAA sport during the 2017-18
school year must attend with a parent. A make-
up date will be in August with details made
available during late July for those unable to
attend on July 27th.

We look forward to having another successful
year with our student athletes. Please make sure

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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

[How to Contact your Counselor/](#)
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to complete all requirements prior to the season to insure full participation opportunities. We do have a few sports that have limited spots so it is important that student-athletes are prepared to start on the first day and do not miss time in-season. Online athletic registration for the 2017-18 school year will be available beginning on May 15th. Please remember to complete all online forms and have a current physical on file to be ready for participation this fall.

See you at a game soon.



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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](#).

JMM PTSO

Thank you to all the families who donated to and worked our annual rummage sale. Over \$2,300 was raised to help a number of places that serve

our JMM community.

Also, a thank you to everyone who helped make the first ever All School Read at JMM a HUGE success – from donating food, monetary donations, and more! It was an incredible event for our school.

This week we are loving up our amazing JMM staff with a breakfast on Tuesday morning, May 2, along with a number of other surprises for the faculty throughout the week. It's thanks to our wonderful JMM families that we can appreciate our staff (you made food, bought food, gift cards, made monetary donations, and the list goes on!). THANK YOU JMM FAMILIES!

If you want to keep up with what the PTSO is doing, be sure to check out our [JMM PTSO Facebook](#) page and email jmmptso@gmail.com to be added to our distribution list.

Lastly, if you would like to financially support our organization, you can send a check to the school, made payable to JMM PTSO – your giving allows us to do so much for our school throughout the year.

We are JMM!

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.

MADISON-AREA OUT-OF-SCHOOL TIME (MOST)

Looking for an after-school and summer program for your child? Most (Madison-area Out-of-School Time) is making that easier with their "one-stop-shop" online program finder. No matter what your budget is or where you live in the in the Madison area, you can find just the right program for your child, from kindergarten through high school from homework help to karate or art classes.

With just a few clicks, the program finder can help you make the most of your child's or teen's time out-of-school. You'll be able to search for programs by grade, distance from where you live or the type of program you're looking for, as well as about ten other searchable criteria. Start your search at www.mostmadison.org and let your child dream, explore and discover their passions.

MOST is a citywide collaboration between MMSD, the City of Madison, Dane County and 40 different youth serving organizations to help close Madison's opportunity gap by ensuring that all Madison's children have access to comprehensive, high-quality out-of-school. time programs that will support positive youth development, educational achievement, and/or career,

college, and community readiness.

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