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THE MADISON MONTHLY

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HIGHLIGHTS & HAPPENINGS

October is always a flurry of exciting activities and events which signify that students have acclimated to the new school year and teachers have established routines and are able to offer more experiences to enhance student learning. We opened the month by honoring our custodians and the work they do to keep school clean and comfortable in all climates. The first ROARS store of the year was an opportunity for students to exchange tickets for some fun fidget items. As we strengthen a positive school culture, ROARS (Respect, Ownership, Attitude, Responsibility, and Safety) are those key elements which provide a foundation for strong character building and the social responsibility we all have to each other in a larger middle school. Other events this past month included the Scholastic Book Fair (which is always a nice collaboration between our Library Media Specialist, Ms. Dwyer, and our PTA), 8th Grade Career Night, TeenTober, the KARE Talent Show, Red Ribbon Week, a pep rally, Fall dance, and the PTA Fun-a-thon. Thanks to the generosity of the Madison Family, we have exceeded our fundraising goal and will be able to fund classroom enhancements and student experiences throughout the building. November brings in a second round of conferences, additional visits from some of our area alternative high schools, and all of the curricular learning objectives which target much of the strengths and needs that teachers have analyzed through initial assessments and iReady progress monitoring. There is always much to do prior to the Trimester I close date of November 22nd and Thanksgiving recess, but teachers continue to find time to meet with established after school clubs and host other extracurricular opportunities this month.

A WINDOW INTO THE STUDENT'S WORLD



(above) Students had much to choose from at the Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to Ms. Dwyer and the PTA for putting this together and also raising funds for the Learning Commons!





(above & right) The Talent Show featured so many of our students. This is always a lively celebration of song, dance, comedy, and other special skills!





(above) KARE students were busy knitting blankets which were shipped to support residents in Asheville, NC.

(left) The Pep Rally is always a masterpiece of planning by Mrs. D'Addario and Ms. Moriello, and fills the school with Panther Spirit!.

RECOGNITION & CELEBRATIONS

TeenTober in the Learning Commons

Students were treated to creative literary-based activities all month, thanks to Ms. Dwyer. Ms. Mata also facilitated a spooky Anime art studio as part of the program.

Scholastic Book Fair

Mrs. Dwyer and our PTA Volunteers held another successful book fair which promotes high-interest reading materials and raises funds for our Learning Commons!

Binky Patrol "Binkathon"

Kudos to the students and Madison alum that participated in a knitting marathon to produce 500 blankets sent to Asheville, NC through the organization Al's Angels.

PTA Fun-a-Thon Campaign

Thank you to the PTA Executive Board, Katie S., and Allison S., for your leadership, creativity, and time! To all parent participants for your donations, treats, and volunteerism!

Red Ribbon Week

Thank you to our counselors and mental health staff for promoting themes and activities dedicated to healthy, drug-free living.

6th Grade Anti-Bullying

6th Graders were treated to a PTA funded performance by Interactive Educational Theater, promoting kindness and inclusivity.

Student Safety

Thank you to faculty, staff, and students for a well run "reunification drill" which practices the simulated movement of students in the event that all individuals would need to evacuate Madison.

Panthers X-C

Congratulations to Leary W. and Jake-Phillip A. for finishing in the top 50 of 2,200 runners and taking home a medal! The girls team finished 8th overall in the state and the boys team finished 11th overall in the state.

PTA Teacher Treats

Thank you to parent Ali J. and the Teacher Appreciation Committee for much needed treats during October conference night!



(left and below) The PTA Fun-a-thon had games, treats, music, and celebration for students and staff out on the back football field.





(below and right) Chef Becca continues to challenge students' creativity in the FCS kitchen!



(left) Students wore pink and supported the Pink Pledge fundraising efforts, joining the fight against cancer.



(below) Our XC Team finished a successful season thanks to Coach DeNuzzo and Coach Iassogna!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS - OCTOBER

While the schoolwide November calendar of events is not as "busy" as last month's, parents and students should still be aware of Afternoon/Evening Conferences on the 14th and the end of trimester I on the 22nd. Traditionally, report cards are usually available on the Infinite Campus backpack within a week of this date. Students should always be encouraged to stay after and check out one of the **growing number of clubs** that are meeting in the immediate after school hours, including the Pokemon Club, Crochet Club, Science Club, PantherChat Podcasters, Period 8 Lounge, Model Club, French Club, Madison Makeover Club, and Puzzle Club (to name a few). Learn more by checking the **Daily Notice** on the MMS Website. Most groups meet on Mondays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays when the **Late Bus** is available. Music has started to fill the Madison Auditorium by our Jazz Band, Orchestra, Chorus, and general Band as the rehearsals for Holiday concerts has begun. Boys and Girls Basketball schedules will also be released once they are made available. This month's PTA Meeting will be held on the 20th. Connect with the **PTA** and **PTAC** for public meeting dates and participation!

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November 5 - Election Day No School

November 14 - Legal Day - Conferences

November 20 - PTA Meeting
November 22 - Picture Retake Day
- End of Trimester I

November 27 - Legal Day
November 28-29 - Thanksgiving Holiday

FEATURED CLUB/ACTIVITY:
Boys and Girls Basketball

Tryouts for our competitive, interscholastic basketball teams begin in November. Student athletes that wish to participate have registered through https://trumbull-ct.finalforms.com/ and will begin tryouts on November 4th. The boys are led by Coach Smolinsky and our Girls will be coach by 7th Grade Counselor Ms. Nappi . The basketball schedule will be posted and spectators can attend all games. Both teams look forward to a weekend event in January called the "Crosstown Showdown" at Trumbull High School against Hillcrest! Spectators staying after school for games should plan on attending extra-help or an activity with a teacher prior to the start of the game. All ROARS behaviors are expected for our fans.



(above) The main Lost & Found, located in the cafeteria, has many items of clothing, water bottles, and lunch bags. We have repeatedly informed students to check the table as items will be removed over Thanksgiving Break

SHOUT OUT OF THE MONTH...

Shout Out: NJHS students Olivia Z., Parker Z., Tanner C., Jake J., Alisha M., Giselle C., Anjali P., and Olita R. volunteered their time to promote the Pink Pledge, pass out stickers, and collect dollars in support of the districtwide campaign to support Cancer research.

Want to submit a shout-out for staff, students, parents, or community members? Email Mr. Coppola!

GRADE LEVEL, TEAM, OR TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

This corner will be dedicated to a spotlight activity, project, or program each month. Grade 8, Team 2 has had students involved in many community "reach-out" programs, including creative incentives around the PTA Fun-a-thon, food pantry collections, and the VFW Patriot's Pen essay contest. The entire 8th Grade also deserves a shout-out for their performances on the recent Pythagorean theorem test.

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STUDENT GOVERNMENT UPDATES

Student leaders in each homeroom are staying busy with school events and student initiatives. This past month we had a successful Pep Rally with many activities and contests involving students and teachers and an outdoor FallOut Dance with over 400 attendees. Student leaders will begin rolling out their annual Toys for Tots campaign In November. Students should stay tuned for announcements from their homeroom representative about this year's theme. Please see your child's homeroom teacher, Mrs. D'Addario, or Ms. Moriello for more information on student government events and parent participation.