

JAMES MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monthly Cat Tracks . January 2, 2025

Coming Up!

JMMS Wisconsin Herd Night: Are you interested in attending Madison Middle School night at the Wisconsin Herd game on January 31st at 7pm. [Click on this flier for more details](#). You can also order tickets by scanning the QR code to the right. You will receive the lowest price if you order by January 10th.



iReady Diagnostic Testing: iReady is a universal testing students complete three times a year (Fall, Winter, Spring). The data is used to help teachers create interventions and design classroom instruction. Students will take the winter diagnostic the week after winter break, **beginning on January 6th**. This will be a progress check to see how students are doing with their skills and learning goals in Math and Reading.

Parent Teacher Conferences: Please note that Parent Teacher Conferences are by invite only in the Spring. Families will receive an invite from a student's team if a conference is requested. Please note that you can request to meet with a teacher at any time throughout the school year if needed by reaching out to the staff member directly.

School Supplies: We are almost halfway through the year. Please take some time to have a conversation with your child about what school supplies need to be replenished. Note that the 3rd quarter (January 21st) will bring new classes and the need for new supplies that students may or may not have.

Semester 1 Grades: Semester 1 ends on Friday, January 17th. Final Semester 1 grades can be viewed on the Infinite Campus Parent Portal the following week!

7th and 8th Grade Scheduling: You will be receiving an email next week regarding scheduling for the 25-26 school year. Please make sure you're checking your email for this information. All communication from the office is sent through Infinite Campus Parent Portal. Please make sure your email notifications are turned on to receive these.

Fundraiser: Our fundraiser this month is at Chipotle (on KK) on [Wednesday, January 8th](#). Chipotle will generously donate 25% of sales from [4:00-8:00](#) to our school. Please see the flyers below and remember to mention our school name or enter our code if [ordering online \(N93QVN2\)](#). **THANK YOU** for supporting our school and our community.

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Athletics & After-School Clubs

Wrestling: Wrestling starts on Monday, January 6th at 3:30 in the small gym after school. All athletic paperwork needs to be turned in before the first practice in order to participate, which includes a hard copy of WIAA physical AND the JMMS online/electronic forms. Students interested should check the announcements for the sign-up link.

1. Please click the link to the [JMMS Athletics Website](#)
 - o Make sure steps 1-3 are completed and sign up on the link under winter sports.

****Online/electronic paperwork only needs to be completed 1x per year. Physicals are good for two years. If a physical expires in the middle of a season, the athlete will become ineligible. If you have any questions after reading the letter, please call Madison at 920-852-5425.**

Attendance Information:

Is Your Child Well Enough to Go to School?

It is not always easy to decide if your child is sick enough to stay home or well enough to be in school. Children who come to school are expected, with few exceptions, to participate fully in school activities. Knowing this and considering the symptoms your child has will help you make a decision about going to school or staying home. [Here are some guidelines that might help a parent/guardian decide if a student should stay home from school or not.](#)

We monitor illness rates within our schools and community with the collaboration of the City of Appleton Health Department. If rates increase, our site teams, Student Services team, and Facilities team increase preventive measures such as increased cleaning efforts and family communication. Families can help us with these preventive measures by following the guidelines linked above.

If your child has a medical concern in school, we will need to be able to reach you. Please make sure to notify the school office of any phone number changes as they occur.

Resources:

Did you know we have a TRAC Case Manager from the Boys and Girls Club of the Fox Valley as part of our attendance intervention options in assisting with developing and fostering positive and authentic relationships?

Each week, our attendance team meets and TRAC is one of the interventions or supports that is recommended to assist with a student's attendance improvement. If this is the case, an AASD staff member from the attendance team will reach out to inform the family that a referral is being made to TRAC due to attendance concerns. TRAC would then send a parent letter home explaining the program details after a referral is made and Tashi would introduce herself.

Tashi is here every Thursday and meets with students to discuss attendance, grades, hobbies and more! Please see her brief bio below and reach out with questions at any time.

Tatianna Spittel - Tashi

I meet with students at Appleton East High School, James Madison Middle School, and Appleton Central High School. I enjoy connecting with students 1 on 1 and providing a safe space for them. Throughout meeting with students, we talk about attendance, grades, relationships, hobbies, and more. To use my creativity, I also



implement activities like Vision Boards and mindfulness games with students. My favorite part about this job is building a trusting relationship with students and being someone they can turn to during good, and not so good times.

I am from a small town and came to the Fox Valley area for college at UWO where I majored in Social Work, and also acquired a minor in Social Justice and Communication Studies certificate.

Outside of work I enjoy reading books, journaling, spending time with friends, working out, taking care of children, and most of all - snuggling my cat, Leo.

Questions about Attendance?

Contact Dave Nitka, Associate Principal, and/or take a look at the JMMS Attendance Procedures [here](#).

School Climate News

PBIS & JMMS: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) is a program designed to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. It is a systematic approach to enhancing the capacity of schools to educate all children by developing research-based behavior support systems both school-wide and in the classroom. This process focuses on improving a school's ability to teach and support positive behavior for all students. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning. PBIS is not a program or a curriculum, but rather a team-based process for systemic problem solving, planning, and evaluation. It is an approach to creating a safe and productive learning environment.

As a part of this system, each quarter we hold a celebration to recognize students who are following the "Wildcat Way". School-wide, a set of guidelines are set to qualify for participation in the celebration with eligibility resetting each quarter. Typically, the guidelines in place revolve around egregious behavior and accountability in academics.

Our next celebration is March 20th. We will hold a Wildcat Way Recognition for students who have all summative assessments turned in during the third quarter and have not had a Major ODR referral between February 18 -March 20th.

Sources of Strength: Sources trains groups of Peer Leaders supported by Adult Advisors to run ongoing public health messaging campaigns to increase wellness and decrease risk in their schools, ultimately preventing suicide, bullying, and substance abuse. The mission of Sources of Strength is to increase help seeking behaviors and promoting connections between peers and caring adults. Sources of Strength focuses on developing protective factors: Mental Health, Family Support, Positive Friends, Mentors, Healthy Activities, Generosity, Spirituality, and Physical Health. At JMMS, we have 7 Adult Advisors and 57 peer leaders trained! We will share the different campaigns we will be working on in school.

Family Engagement Opportunities:

Parent Organization: Look below for volunteer opportunities:

- To volunteer for future events, [please check out some opportunities here!](#) Click this [link](#) to sign up. This link will be updated as events are added.
- Follow our [Madison Facebook Page](#) and [Madison Middle School Parent Organization Page](#) for other volunteer opportunities and ways to get involved!


Substance Abuse Program: Parents were able to listen to Brianna Falk, our JMMS student support

specialist, the night of our Parent Teacher Conferences. If you missed her presentation on Substance Abuse, feel free to check it out [here](#).

Madison Middle School Staff Shout Outs:

Is there a staff member who has been essentially helpful, supportive, positive etc. to you, your family, your child? Give them a shout out via this [Link](#)! Thank you for helping us recognize our staff!


Winter Store Opportunity:



Online Store Deadline: January 19th, 2025 11:59 p.m.

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Jerzees 29BR Dri-Power Youth 50/50 T-Shirt



3 Colors


\$14.50

Sport-Tek Womens Competitor United Polo



\$25.00

Holloway All-American Team Hoodie



2 Colors

\$55.00


Visit the online store to see all available items.

All orders will be produced together at the time of store closing, lead time for production is around 3 weeks.

You can now purchase your items online in 3 easy steps:

1. Scan the QR code or go online to <https://jamadiso.itemorder.com/>
2. Choose your items and add them to your cart
3. Securely checkout with your credit card

Orders will be distributed at school (2020 S. Carpenter St., Appleton) or you may pay to have orders shipped to your home.



QUESTIONS?
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*To expedite your order pickup, please have a copy of your "Order Confirmation" that was emailed to you upon completing your online order. A paper printout or digital copy on your smart phone or tablet are acceptable.
Brand logo (Nike, Adidas, Under Armour, etc.) location may vary on garments.
Eagle Graphics reserves the right to substitute a similar brand and/or color due to apparel manufacturer defects or lack of inventory at time of printing. Orders turned in after the due date will incur a \$25.00 reset up fee per design. Orders turned in 2 weeks after due

Reminders:

Drop Off/Pick Up: Our drop off and pick up seems to be flowing much better. Please [review this information about Drop off/Pick up](#) and Pg 34-36 in our [Parent/Student Handbook](#). When dropping off in the zone in front of school, Pull Forward When Room. Please remember to drop off near a curb in a drop off zone.

Useful Tools and Information:	Important Dates:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Setting Canvas Notifications• Classlink Sign-in Page• Box Tops for Education• Madison MS Home Page<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Grading Guideline◦ Athletics & Co-curriculars• Follow us Facebook• Madison MS Parent Organization Page• Madison Parent Handbook -- can't find the information you are looking for? More than likely, it can be found in this!	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January 17-20<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ No School• January 21st<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 3rd Quarter Starts• February 17<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ No School• March 21-March 30th<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Spring Break

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR JAMES MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8TH | 4-8PM
W3198 COUNTY ROAD KK STE A, APPLETON, WI, 54915

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **N93QVN2**
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.

ONLINE FUNDRAISERS

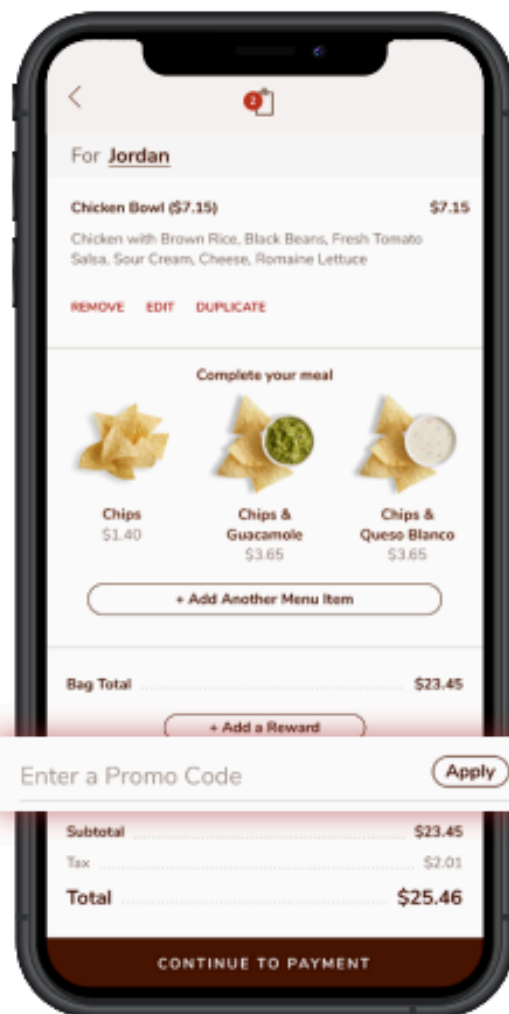


Congratulations on your upcoming Chipotle fundraiser! Below are details on how to participate in your fundraiser online through the **Chipotle App** or **Chipotle.com**.

Please note all online orders for your fundraiser must be within your scheduled hours and only at the restaurant hosting your event.

- 1** Access the **Chipotle app** or order on our **website**.
- 2** Choose **"Pickup"** and select the location of the restaurant which is hosting your fundraiser.
Delivery orders or orders placed through other apps will not be counted towards your fundraiser.
- 3** Build your order with all your faves.
- 4** Once you're ready to place your order, input your unique online fundraiser code in the **"Enter a Promo Code"** section. Don't forget to click **"Apply."**
- 5** Provide payment information and submit your order for pickup (not delivery).
Reminder, pickup must be within the hours of your scheduled fundraiser.

If you or your supporters forget to input and apply the code at checkout, please email us your order information at fundraisers@chipotle.com.



Fundraiser x

- \$0.01

HELPFUL TIP

Once you apply your fundraiser code, your cart will show "Fundraiser" and an amount of -\$0.01. Don't panic — this is totally normal and how we track the code in our system.

JMMS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
Wed., January 1	Winter Break		
Fri., January 17	No School		
Mon., January 20	No School		
Fri., February 14	Dance	4:30/6:30	
Mon., February 17	No School		
Thu., February 20	Parent/Teacher Conferences (invitation only)	4:00-7:00	
Fri., March 21	Spring Break		
Mon., March 24	Spring Break		
Tue., March 25	Spring Break		
Wed., March 26	Spring Break		
Thu., March 27	Spring Break		
Fri., March 28	Spring Break		
Fri., April 18	No School		
Tue., May 13	Band Concert	6:30/7:30	Auditorium
Tue., May 20	Orchestra Concert	7:30	Auditorium
Fri., May 23	No School		
Mon., May 26	No School		
Tue., May 27	Choir Concert	6:30/7:30	Auditorium
Wed., June 4	8th Grade Send-Off	6:30-8:30	
Fri., June 6	Last Day of School - half day	11:50 Dismissal	