

JAMES MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monthly Cat Tracks . February 3, 2025

Coming Up!

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.

Communication with JMMS Staff: Here at Madison Middle School, we believe our staff is highly committed to the success of our students. We also believe in having a highly engaged workforce which includes parent engagement and communication. That being said, staff may not respond to emails after 4:00 pm or before 7:30 am, and on the weekends. In addition, we ask that you demonstrate patience with the staff as they are working diligently during the school day to meet the needs of students. As a result, you can expect our staff to respond by the end of the next business day. We will always try our best to be responsive to parents, but please also consider that staff may not be available for meetings that have not been scheduled ahead of time. If any communication is more critical or timely, please contact the office by phone and we will route the issue to the most appropriate person on our staff.

SPOT Vision Screening: SPOT Vision Screening that was cancelled due to our cold day off has been rescheduled for February 11th for all 6th graders and those who didn't pass last year. If you would like to opt your child out, please call the office at 920-852-5425.

February School Dance: Our next school dance is Friday, February 14th. The sixth grade dance will run from 4:30-6 and the 7th and 8th grade dance will run from 6:30-8:30. Please pick up your child prompt after the dance is over.

Parents - **Student Council needs YOU!** Each dance this year has been in jeopardy of being cancelled due to the lack of chaperones. We need at least 12-15 parents at each dance. Please click this [link](#) to sign up or contact Denise Steiner at lawrence-stein@asds.k12.wi.us.

Boys & Girls Club: Due to space limitations, the Boys & Girls Club will be closed on Friday the 14th.

Fundraiser: Our fundraiser this month is at Panda Express on [Thursday, February 6th](#). Panda Express will generously donate 20% of sales from [4:00-8:00](#) to our school. Please see the flyer below and remember to [mention our school name](#) or enter our code if [ordering online \(379689\)](#) in the fundraiser code box. THANK YOU for supporting our school and our community.

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School Year Books: Information will be coming out some time this month if you are interested in purchasing a yearbook. Please be on the lookout for it.

Read-A-Thon: FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS!! James Madison Middle School has decided to hold a Read-A-Thon this year!

Read-A-Thons actually get your reader excited about reading and it gives friends and family the opportunity to encourage your child to read even more.

Our Read-A-Thon starts Friday February 14, 2025 and runs until March 14, 2025.

The purpose of this Read-A-Thon is to not only promote literacy and reading but also raise funds for a book vending machine for our school. The vending machine will be placed in a high-traffic area for students to see and get excited about books. The machine will not take money but instead special tokens that students will be able to earn. The books in the vending machine will be books students will be able to keep!

About one week before our Read-A-Thon starts we will send home instructions on how to activate your reader's personal page. This is where you will be able to view and record their progress.

We encourage you to activate your reader's account today by clicking on <https://www.read-a-thon.com/readers/r/ZigCKP/1> and following the simple instructions. When it asks for a teacher's name, use your child's ELA teacher's name.

We've chosen Read-A-Thon because it will not take much of your time, gives your child a reason to read and helps in the development of stronger reading skills.

We hope EVERYONE participates.

Athletics & After-School Clubs

7th Grade Girls Volleyball will start March 10th and Track & Field will start March 17th. 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 mid-February or the webpage 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:

Appointments: Due to the size of our school, we have many interruptions during the day for calling students out for appointments. We are trying to cut down on the interruptions in the classrooms and trying to find students at lunch.

If your student has an appointment during the day, please enter it into the attendance processor or send a note in with them in the morning. We can then hand them a pass immediately in the morning rather than calling them down in the middle of a class.

We write out the passes for 10 min. before their pick up time. This gives them the time to get their things, sign out, and be ready and waiting for you.

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.](#)

Questions about Attendance?

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

School Climate News

Help Us Make Creativity Shine!

Support Sources of Strength in raising funds for a Cricut and supplies to craft fun, engaging campaigns and activities for our school. Every contribution sparks creativity and strengthens our community! 💡 ✨

 17 Donate now and make a difference! We are working towards building a positive school community, focused on hope - help- strength!

#StrengthInCreativity #SourcesOfStrength

https://www.donorschoose.org/project/sources-of-strength-peer-led-organizat/9009696/?utm_source=dc&utm_medium=directlink&utm_campaign=project&utm_term=teacher_6401036&rf=directlink-dc-2025-01-project-teacher_6401036&challengeid=21382264

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!

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!

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">• February 17<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ No School• March 21-March 30th<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Spring Break• April 18<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ No School• May 23-May 26<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ No School• June 6<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Last day, done at 11:50am

JMMS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Event	Time	Location
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	



Fundraiser for

James Madison Middle School

20% of event sales will be donated

Middle School in Appleton, WI
fundraiser serving 935 students

When

Thursday, February 06, 2025

Time: 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM



Where

Panda Express located at:

**N112 Stoneybrook Rd Appleton WI
54915 (920) 830 - 3693**

How to Order

Online

PandaExpress.com or the App.

Enter 379689 in the fundraiser code box



or



In-Person

**Bring paper flyer or show it on
your smartphone**

Order ahead or on the event day Thursday, February 06, 2025