

# JAMES MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

Monthly Cat Tracks . February 5, 2026

## 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 screens will be on Wednesday, February 18th. Only 6th graders and students new to AASD will be screened. Please remember to have your student wear their glasses or contacts if they have them.

[SPOT vision consents in English, Hmong and Spanish](#)

**February School Dance:** Our next school dance is Friday, February 13th. The 6th grade dance will run from 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm, and the 7th and 8th grade dance will run from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm. Please pick up your child promptly after the dance is over.

Families, we are looking for chaperones for the dance! We need at least 12-15 adult chaperones. Please click this [link](#) to sign up or contact a Student Council Adult Advisor.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Adult Advisors:**

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**Fundraiser:** Our fundraiser this month is at Qdoba on [Wednesday, February 18th](#) at the Calumet location. Qdoba will generously donate 25% of sales from [4:00-8:00pm](#) to our school. Please see the flyer below and remember to [mention our school name](#), show the flyer, or enter **QDOBAGIVES** if [ordering online](#). THANK YOU for supporting our school and our community.

**School Year Books:** See flyer below to order a yearbook or [click the link here](#). The cost is \$22.00 if ordered by March 10th.

**Hygiene Drive:** Help for the Homeless Hygiene Drive starts February 23. See this [link](#) and the flyer below for more information.

### **Read-A-Thon: It's time for the James Madison Middle School Read-A-Thon!**

Our school Read-A-Thon begins on Sunday February 1, 2026 and is sure to be a fun and exciting event.

We understand that your time is valuable. We also know that providing the best education for your child is important. That's why we are encouraging everyone to activate their student's Read-A-Thon account as soon as possible. The instructions are straightforward, making it quick and hassle-free, and it should take less than 5 minutes of your time.

Watch a short [video here](#) to see how to sign up your reader:

This account will serve as a hub for recording and monitoring your child's progress as a Reader in the event, and for you to share their Read-A-Thon message with friends and family. Use the [link here](#) to activate your student's Reader account.

Parents/guardians can get in on the fun too! If you would like to sign up to participate in the reading challenge in addition to your student, follow the instructions in the [following link here](#).

Thank you so much for your participation and support. Together, we can make this Read-A-Thon an amazing experience for our young readers!

Thank you,  
Kelly Lefevre, Library Media Specialist JMMS

### ***Athletics & After-School Clubs***

**7th Grade Girls Volleyball will start March 9th and Track & Field will start March 16th.** 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](#)

- 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.

**Boys & Girls Club:** The Boys & Girls Club of James Madison is excited to host a Valentine's Party on February 12th! Members will enjoy a fun-filled celebration with games, activities, and sweet treats as we spread kindness, friendship, and love. We're looking forward to a joyful afternoon that brings our club community together in the spirit of Valentine's Day. 💕

We are proud to announce that Henry A. (6th grade) has been selected as the 2026 Junior Youth of the Year candidate for the James Madison Boys & Girls Club! Henry is a positive role model who follows directions, supports staff and fellow members, and actively participates in all Club activities. Please join us in congratulating Henry as he goes on to represent James Madison and compete against other Appleton middle schools for a scholarship opportunity!

Additionally, the Boys and Girls Club at James Madison **will be closed on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>!**

### Attendance Information:

**Appointments:** 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.](#)

**School Nurse Newsletter:** [Feb newsletter- English](#) [Feb Newsletter- Hmong](#) [Feb Newsletter- Spanish](#)

### **Questions about Attendance?**

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

### School Climate News

**Last Chance JMMS Wisconsin Herd Night:** Are you interested in attending Madison Middle School night at the Wisconsin Herd game on Friday, February 20th at 7pm? [Click on this flier for more details.](#) You can also order tickets by scanning the QR code to the right.



### **Positive Behaviors in School!**

In Semester 1 (Sept-Jan), **90% of our students** at Madison Middle School NEVER, EVER received an office discipline referral. That means 90% of our student population are always being respectful, being responsible, and being safe. This is extraordinary data! Go Wildcats!

### **Family Engagement Opportunities:**

**Family Game Night:** JMMS Family Game Night will be held on Friday, February 27th. See flyer below.

### **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.

<b>Useful Tools and Information:</b>	<b>Important Dates:</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <a href="#">Setting Canvas Notifications</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Classlink Sign-in Page</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Box Tops for Education</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Madison MS Home Page</a><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="#">Grading Guideline</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Athletics &amp; Co-curriculars</a></li></ul></li><li>● <a href="#">Follow us Facebook</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Madison MS Parent Organization Page</a></li><li>● <a href="#">Madison Parent Handbook</a> -- can't find the information you are looking for? More than likely, it can be found in this!</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>February 16</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No School</li></ul></li><li>● <b>March 27-April 6</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Spring Break</li></ul></li><li>● <b>May 22-May 25</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ No School</li></ul></li><li>● <b>June 5</b><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Last day, done at 11:50am</li></ul></li></ul>

# JMMS FAMILY GAME NIGHT

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PIZZA DINNER  
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Free Food and Games

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6-8 PM

Presented by:

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2. For each school, enter event password:  
**MADMSYB**
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**25% of sales donated**

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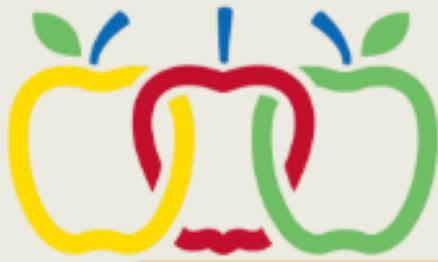
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|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| Laundry detergent | Trash bags       | Toilet Paper                |
| Dish soap         | Diapers/Pull ups | Paper Towels                |
| Hand soap         | Deodorant        | 2-in-1 Shampoo              |
| Trashbags         | Wipes            | Shower gel<br>and more..... |

