— A Mark of Excellence: September 2024 ——

Middle JAGS

Newsletter Brought to You by Madison Middle School PTO



Happy Birthday

to Our Teachers and Staff!

<u>September</u>

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MMS Celebrates Opening of Inclusive Playground

Students and teachers at Madison Middle School are celebrating the opening of a new playground swing set for students with special needs. The inclusive and accessible swing set will provide a new way for children of all abilities to enjoy recess.

"Adding this accessible playground equipment to our school ensures that everyone can participate in outdoor play and feel part of our school community," said Principal **Dr. Doug Jones**, "Madison Middle School is outstanding in so many ways, from consistently ranking among the top in the state for middle school achievement scores to providing numerous co-curricular and extracurricular activities to keep our students active and engaged in school life. This new swing set is an extension of that work to make sure all students feel included and valued as important members of our MMS family."

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Special education teacher Mary Black is thrilled with the new play space. "We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Madison County Schools Office of Special Services as well as to our MMS administration for their unwavering support and commitment to our students' wellbeing," said Black, "Inclusive playground equipment, such as this new swing set, plays a crucial role in the development and overall happiness of our students."

"We are proud to offer a full continuum of services in our district for students with disabilities. We are continuing to expand our programs to meet the wide variety of student needs, and we are thrilled to open this playground here at MMS," says MCS Director of Special Services Vicki Doty.



We are excited to have this inclusive space so everyone can play! Shine Bright, MMS!!

The Madison County Schools Office of Special Services facilitated the purchase of this new playground equipment which will serve the more than thirty students at the middle school with accessibility needs. This swing set will make a difference for students by promoting physical activity while fostering social connections and building confidence according to teacher Ashley Markland, who says, "We are excited to see the positive impact this new swing set will have on our special needs students and the entire school community."



Thank You

By Melanie Hataway,

PTO President

I have said many times over the last few weeks that the start of school is not for the faint of heart. Getting up and out of the house, setting routines, the extracurricular activities starting up, it's a lot to manage. On top of everything, our school is blessed to have an army of PTO Members who are continuously working behind the scenes.

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the hardworking PTO Members who are dedicating their time and effort to support our school community. Whether it be reaching out to the community, planning meals for teachers, gathering information for communications, or even wrapping gifts - You have been hard at work for weeks! I am grateful for each one of you and the extra hours you give on behalf of our school.

That is the thing with the work of the PTO: we may not always see the hands at work but we know they are there and we can see the evidence! Through your monetary support, time, and talents the MMS PTO is starting strong for the 2024-25 school year.

Thank you for all you give to make MMS Shine Bright!





August Teacher Appreciation Lunch

MMS Teacher Appreciation Lunch was a

touchdown!

Huge thanks to **Christy Bourg,** Staff Appreciation Chair (middle), and team (R) **Heather Reeves** and (L) **Stephanie Stevens** for their creative tailgate theme.

We are so thankful for the teachers at MMS and love showing our appreciation!!



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School News



Hello MMS Families,

Fall will be here before we know it, and with the transition from cool mornings to warm afternoons, our school's Lost & Found collection begins to grow! We have two designated locations for lost items: the gym and the main hall near the seventh grade. We make efforts to return items that have names on them, so please remember to label your children's belongings.

The most common items in our Lost & Found throughout the year include:



Stanley Cups

Hoodies



What happens to unclaimed items? When the Lost & Found becomes too full, we bag and donate those items to Sunnybrook Children's Home and Crossroads Ministries Thrift Store.

-MMS Administration

	SEPTEMBER
2nd	Labor Day Holiday
3rd	PTO Meeting - Library
5th	Progress Reports
26th-28th	Fall Musical
	OCTOBER
1st	PTO Meeting - Zoom
4th	End of 1st Nine Weeks
7th-11th	Fall Break - No School
14th	PD Day - No school
15th	Paw Print Assembly
17th	Report Cards
14th-18th	Madison Central Homecoming Week
29th	School Board Luncheon



New Student Breakfast

On Monday, August 12th, new students joining the Jaguar Family were welcomed with a breakfast in the library. **Dr. Jones** addressed a group of 47 new students, highlighting the exciting opportunities that await them as students at MMS.

The students also had the chance to meet the assistant principals and counselors, who encouraged them to reach out whenever they have questions or need assistance. Our new students come from near and far and bringing these children together at the beginning of the year gives them an understanding that they are already a part of a big group and that we want them to be successful.

We are thrilled to welcome these wonderful new students to our family!



Tips from School

Counselors are here to help



Hey, MMS family!

Chances are, you had an analog childhood and now live in a digital adulthood. While technology has given society so many benefits, it has also given us the daunting task of monitoring your child's devices.

Often, students are unable to fully comprehend the seriousness of making poor decisions with their tech devices. Major issues like cyberbullying, adult site access, and the exchange of inappropriate texts or pictures can cause unintended consequences for your student. **But you CAN help** them to navigate this by using the adage of "If you pay for it, you are at liberty to check it."

Please take time to research parental controls and monitoring apps that can assist you in making sure your student is protected and using their technology responsibly. They still need our help to make good decisions!

As always, see your grade level counselor with any questions or concerns, we are happy to help!

Lindsay Bouchillon, 6th **Karen Boutwell**, 7th **Lindsey Montgomery**, 8th





Meet our Front Office Staff

My name is **Robin Woody**. This is my 10th year in the office at MMS. My husband Malcolm and I have been married for 29 years and are both from North Carolina. We have four sons; Jake is in PT school at UMMC, Robbie is a nurse in the Neuro ICU at UMMC and is starting CRNA school at USM in January, Andy is at MTSU, and Simon is at MSU. I also have the best daughter-in-law named Anna. I love working at MMS. There is always something fun going on and I work with the best people.

My name is **Shannon Lowry**. I am starting my 4th school year working in the front office. I have four children who attended school in the Jag zone. My oldest daughter is a nurse at Batson. My oldest son is an engineer living in Huntsville, Alabama. Both graduated from The University of Alabama. I have twins who are juniors in college. One is in school at The University of Arkansas, and the other is at Mississippi State. I have been married to my husband, Matt, for 29 years. We have lived in Madison for 17 years. I was a teacher in the 1990s in Georgia. I stayed at home with my children for 21 years. I love it here. We have the best staff, administration, and PTO!

Tips from the front office staff that will help make parents' lives easier:

- Check the Madison Middle website for dates, forms, teacher emails, and news.
 Most questions can be answered there.
- Students must be signed in by a parent once the bell rings at 8:20 a.m. and the latest checkout is 3:10 p.m.
- Students cannot miss more than
 20 minutes of a class, or they will be marked absent.
- All absences count against exemptions, excused or unexcused, except those that are school related.

Meet our PTO Executive Board!



Top (I to r)
Tress Johnson,
Kara Davis,
Beth Reinmiller,
Kelsey Dennis
Seated (I to r)
Kari Miller,
MacKenzie Henry,
Melanie Hataway,
Kim Majure,

Melanie Hataway, President I have two girls with my husband Rob. Maggie is in 8th grade, and Elizabeth is in 5th grade at MAUE.

I have served on the MMS PTO for 3 years - two in fundraising and this year as President. My goal for this year is to make sure as a PTO we are an active and engaged group with both our parents and our school. I strive to always be looking at what our parents need, at what our students need, at what our school needs, and then finding ways to meet those needs. As a PTO, it may mean we look at our budgeting process, or how we ask for community support, or even how/when we fundraise, but at the end of the year, I hope we have met needs and made our PTO even stronger for the next year.

Mackenzie Henry. President Elect I am married to my husband, David, and we have twin 7th graders, Helen and Charlotte. We also have 2 dogs named Jack and Bentley. We attend Pinelake Church and live in Reunion. I work as the Director of Patient Safety for a hospital system in Memphis and love volunteering in the community.

This is my second year on the MMS PTO and have served for 5 years on the MSE PTO. As President-Elect, my goal is to learn as much as I can to prepare me for next year's leadership role.

Kari Miller, Secretary

I'm married to Kyle Miller and have two kids: Zachary, 10th grade and Reese, 7th grade. I have served on MMS PTO for the past 5 years but have been active in other PTOs throughout my kids' schooling. This year I'm serving as Secretary for the MMS PTO.

Kim Majure, Treasurer

I am thrilled to serve as Treasurer for the MMS PTO! With close to 20 years of accounting experience, this role is a natural fit. I previously served as a fundraising chair for the MMS PTO in 2022-2023, and I have served for several years on the Madison Station PTO in various capacities. I consider it a huge privilege to be able to support the teachers and staff that care for my children and pour into them on a daily basis.

My husband Dusty and I have been married for 16 years, and we have lived in the Madison area since 2009. Our son Pierce is currently in eighth grade at Madison Middle School. Our daughters, Cora and Laurel, are also proud Jaguars and look forward to their future years at MMS! On Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, you will find us at Highland Colony Baptist Church worshipping God, learning more about Him and fellowshipping with our church family. The rest of our days are spent juggling homework, tennis, robotics, dance and quality time together.

Beth Reinmiller, Asst Treasurer My husband Dan and I have one daughter, Ava who is an 8th grader at MMS.

This is my second year as Assistant Treasurer and it has been so great getting more involved and getting to meet so many new people through the PTO. We have such a great team!

Kara Davis. Fundraising Chair Well, I just got a teen driver in my family, so things are on the up and up! Brady and I have been married for 17 years and we have two girls Whitney (16) and Amelia (11 - 6th grade at MMS). Susie Davis is the most spoiled of the family and is a 13 year old Shih Tzu.

I served the MMS PTO as Newsletter Chair during the 2019-2020 year, and I am back for another round of memories with Amelia. I can't wait to help put some fun in FUNdraising! We will work to generate funds to enhance programming and campus needs at Madison Middle. Our committee is amazing and will work with you hand in hand to make a difference for MMS.

Kelsey Dennis, Membership Chair I am married to Josh and we have two daughters. Elizabeth is in 9th at Rosa Scott, and Sydney is a 6th grader. I am a counselor and partner at Stillwaters Counseling Group.

This is my 3rd year co-chairing the membership committee. Our membership drive kicks off every year with early schedule pick up and ends at the end of September. Joining the PTO is the easiest way to support your student and our wonderful school. Your financial gift of membership is SO appreciated, and any time you have to give in volunteering is icing on the cake!

Tress Johnson, Communications Chair

I am originally from Mandeville. Louisiana. I graduated from Ole Miss and work at Regions Bank in Corporate Lending. I am married to Andy Johnson, and we have 3 children: Taft, 8th; Mac, 6th; and Vivian, 4th (MAUE).

I have been involved with the PTO for the last 7 years, starting at Madison Avenue, and have served in a variety of roles over that time! This year, I serve on the Executive Board handling Communications. Our team's goal is to keep you informed! We strive to keep the website updated, post to Social Media daily, send emails when needed, send messages on GroupMe, and most importantly, reestablish the monthly newsletters!!! We also want to focus on highlighting student achievements this year, in the class room and through extracurricular activities. We hope you see that in this issue! Please send us any pictures and stories for publication!

Contact us at: ptomadisonmiddle@gmail.com.



The ARTS at MMS

Advanced Art

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Annie cast (I to r): Charles Kiser, Libby Holloway, Claire Guynes, Duncan Kimble, Carson Browning, McKellar Goff, Gigi Solari

Musical

Performances Sept. 26-28

MC Auditorium, \$10 at the door.



Activity Sponsor: Mrs. Bruening jbruening@madison-schools.com

Athletics at MMS

Archery

Keep your eyes peeled.
Tryouts will be late fall!
Competition starts in the Spring!

Activity Sponsors

Coach Britt

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Coach Stoltzfus

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2024-20245 Madison Middle Jaguar Basketball Schedule

Date:	Opponent:	Time:	Team:
October 15, 2024	@ Florence	4,4:30,5,6	7G, 7B, 8G, 8B
October 17, 2024	@ Northwest Rankin @ Olde Towne @ Brandon	4,5,6 4,4:30,5,6 4:30,5,6	7B, 8G, 8B 7G, 7B, 8G, 8B 7B, 8G, 8B
October 21, 2024			
October 24, 2024			
October 28, 2024	Northwest Rankin	4,5,6	7G, 8G, 8B
October 31, 2024	Clinton	4,5,6	7G, 8G, 8B
November 4, 2024	@ Warren Central	4:30,5,6	7B, 8G, 8B
November 7, 2024	@ Vicksburg	5,6	8G, 8B
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November 14, 2024	Byram	5,6	8G, 8B
November 18, 2024	@ Clinton	4,5,6	7B, 8G, 8B
November 21, 2024	Warren Central	4,5,6	7B, 8G, 8B
December 2, 2024	@ Germantown	4,5,6	7B, 8G, 8B
December 5, 2024	@ Pearl	4,4:30,5,6	7G, 7B, 8G, 8B
December 9, 2024	Vicksburg	4,4:30, 5,6	7G, 7B, 8G, 8B

- Little Six Tournament December 16th 21st
- Byram Middle School will host championship game!

Boys Basketball

8th Grade Team

Aiden Patel
Ashtyn Bernard
Camden Fulcher
Lucas Pavalock
Crishton Thompson
JD Westfall
Tyler Gooden
Jude Nichols
Wic Allen
Leo Lu
Davis Dorsey
Kyiron Stokes

Braylon Anderson Chase Hatchett Aiden Smith

Solomon Voborsky

7th Grade Team

Keelon Davis
Luke Rhea
Kyle Paige
Alex Riden
Emery Cheeks
Thomas McGregor
Eric Gross
Max Ezelle
Brennan Travis
Andrew Perkins
Josh Pullen
Gus Benson
Javareon Mack

William Rogers

Adam Maxwell

Girls Basketball

8th Grade Team

Savannah Bohling
Suzette Burgess
Laila Cavalier
Autumn Giavotella
Samari Grim
Jewel Sanders
Ava Smith
Khloe Smith
Darsilyn Tate
Sariah Thurman

7th Grade Team

Ava Archer
Grace Dobbins
Journi Garvis
Savannah Giavotella
Morriah McCaskill
Alexis McCay
Reese Miller
Gracee Moore
Gray Murphy
Grace Neely
Eliza Phillips
Mae Stewart
K'Leigh Williams

Activity Sponsor

Coach Matthews (Girls)

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Activity Sponsor

Coach Reed (Boys)

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Cross-Country/Track





The cross country season is off to a great start! The JAGS have competed in 2 meets so far. The girls placed second, and boys third at the Kickoff at the Quarry in Brandon. We had some top finishers in both races. Chaney Watts and Elena Lusk placed 2nd and 3rd in the girls race, with Chaney running fast enough to break our school record! Kareem Eleraky finished third for the boys team.



Our Home Meet was one for the books!

The kids got to experience a race in pouring down rain, and slipping and sliding in the mud. **Paxton Berry**, one of our 7th grade boys, said, "It was more fun than Disney World! It was a surreal experience!"



Activity Sponsors

Coach Shuster: kshuster@madison-schools.com **Coach Cook:** rcook@madison-schools.com

Cheer

Activity Sponsor

Coach Peters

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8th Grade Dance Team



The Madison Middle Dance Team has been putting in so much effort over the summer, and they can't wait to show off their amazing performances just for YOU! Get ready to catch their breathtaking routines at all MMS home football games! It's going to be an incredible experience that you won't want to miss!

Activity Sponsor: Coach Collins

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Football

8th Grade Schedule @ 6:00





17 ATCLINTON



SEP WARREN CENTRAL 24 AT WARREN CENTRAL



GERMANTOWN

1 IN THE JUNGLE



8 TBD

TBD

7th Grade Schedule @ 5:30





SE BYE









Activity Sponsor

Coach Rogers: trogers@madison-schools.com

Girls Golf

Girls Golf Team

Blake Bayliss, 7th
Bradyn Bumgarner, 8th
Mary Claire Carter, 6th
Reese Edwards, 8th
Lauren Heffington, 11th
Morgan Heffington, 9th
Mia Minchew, 9th
Grace Neely, 6th
Kate Neely, 6th
Dean Wester, 8th
Lila Taylor, 7th
Ivy Kate Thomas, 8th

Activity Sponsor

Coach Bayliss

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MC girls golf tied for 1st place in the Germantown Invitational.

We will host the Madison Central Invitational on Sept 11.

Boys Golf

Boys Golf Team

Hayden Webber
Daniel Young
Tucker Gutierrez
Reid Beach
Gray Collins
Cash Jones
Parker Winders
Wright Taylor
Toby Christensen
Ty Reeves

Activity Sponsor

Coach Beach

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Volleyball



PEARL 7TH- 4:30 & 8TH- 5:30





AT BRANDON 7TH- 4:30 & 8TH- 5:30

September 16-21 Little Six Tournament @ Germantown

Activity Sponsor

Coach Morgan

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6th Grade Beta Club

6th grade students who made all As the first 9 weeks will get an invitation to join Beta Club the Monday after report cards, October 21st.

Activity Sponsor

Mrs. Furr

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8th Grade Beta Club

Activity Sponsor

Mrs. Hudnall

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A Heartfelt Reflection

As we look back, we cherish these heartwarming memories from the **Spring Service Day**. It's a day filled with kindness, as our 7th grade Beta Students put in their time and effort to serve our school community.

Each April, they dedicate themselves to service projects, cleaning, and contributing to our school, all while gaining a deeper understanding of the value and impact of serving others.

With gratitude, we eagerly anticipate the wonderful contributions these compassionate individuals will make as they continue into 8th grade!



7th Grade Beta Club

** Beta Club Dues (\$40 on MySchoolBucks)**

Members will vote on a Leadership Team at the **September 18th meeting**. Our leadership will consist of 5 to 6 students and the team will help sponsors with various tasks & projects throughout the school year. These members should be outstanding students who are willing to go above and beyond and help make our club the best it can be.

Beta members can begin Beta Buddies & Junk It Jags in September!

Beta Buddies allows our students to spend the morning (7:50-8:20) with our Super Jags enjoying fun activities such as puzzles & games. They earn 30 minutes of service for each day they serve as a Beta Buddy.

Junk It Jags is a way for our members to help our school with the recycling program. They empty the recycling bins in each classroom. This is done on Friday mornings from 7:50 -8:20 and also earns 30 minutes of service.

We're excited to get this year rolling!

Activity Sponsor: Mrs. Turpin - Iturpin@madison-schools.com



Beta Club: Promoting academic achievement, character, service, & leadership among students.









Chess

Activity Sponsors

Mrs. Doyle

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Mrs. Adams

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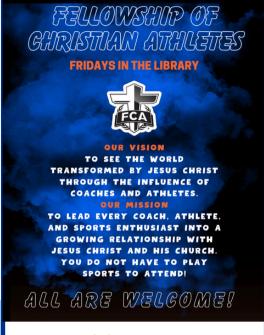
Math Counts

Activity Sponsor

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Activity Sponsors

Mrs. Clegg

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Mr. Male

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Mrs. Walker

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FCA

We meet in the gym. The doors open at 7:50 and we get started at 8!

Meeting Dates

September 13th

Jordan Tew- Broadmoor

September 20th

Jason Holmes-FBC Madison

September 27th

Jason Holmes-FBC Madison

October 4th

Tyler Carroll-First Ridgeland

October 18th

Jordan Tew - Broadmoor

October 25th

Bishop Barlow-Pinelake

November 1st

Tatum Willis - Pinelake

November 8th

Jordan Tew - Broadmoor

See You at the Pole on September 25th at 7:50!

7th/8th Grade V5 Robotics



Robotics is in building season! Students are working their way through the Engineering Design Process to create a competitive robot. This 7th and 8th grade team of **Keegan. Joshua. Ella**, and **Olivia** has demonstrated amazing cooperation and respect as they have carefully built and communicated their way to their first chassis of the year.

Activity Sponsor: Mrs. Berry

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6th Grade IQ Robotics



6th Grade IQ students competed in an Earthquake Stem Lab as an introduction to IQ parts and an engineering design notebook. They had to build a tower that sat on a platform that shook. The goal was to build a tower that withstood the force for 15 seconds. The winning team had the tallest tower in the class that lasted 15 seconds.

Activity Sponsors: Mrs. Rice

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A heartfelt thank you to our **Robotics Corporate Sponsors**. We can not make **Dreams into Reality** without your support!

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Spirit Squad



Madison Middle is proud to introduce our 2024-25 Spirit Club!

Spirit Club is for 7th grade girls interested in cheerleading and dance teams. Girls will learn cheerleading, dance, and school spirit. This is the second year for MMS to have the 7th grade Spirit Club and we are proud to have 64 girls participating! We started the Spirit Club last year because we saw that 7th grade girls are eager to be a part of a team at MMS, and Mrs. Rice and I love cheer and dance, so it was a good fit!

Spirit Club practice began this summer with a few intensive days of practice learning cheers, chants, and band dances. We are fortunate to have former Spirit Club girls in 8th grade who generously gave their time to teach our 7th grade girls. The 7th grade girls listened, learned, and have made us so proud on the field! We look forward to seeing our girls grow and achieve their goals in cheer, dance, or anything else they choose to do at MMS!

Lastly, we are so grateful for our parents! They have given their time to bring their daughters EARLY on Monday mornings, some that have helped us get organized to paint signs for Game Day, and others that provide water for our team! We could not do this without parent support! Thank you for sharing your daughters with us!

Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Bouchillon



Activity Sponsor: Mrs. Bouchillon
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Student Council

The purpose of the student council is to:

- Develop and promote student responsibility in the school and community.
- Promote student activity in the school organization.
- Encourage cooperation among members of the student body.

Introducing our 8th Grade MMS Student Council Officers

President - Lucy G.

Vice President - Blake B.

Secretary - Liza W.

Treasurer - Ava B.

The student council officers were elected by the student body in April and have to maintain at least an 80 average throughout the school year.

MMS will Shine Bright with this incredible team leading the way!

Activity Sponsors

Mrs. Hawk - (6th Grade): chawk@madison-schools.com

Mrs. Gilmer - (7th Grade): fgilmer@madison-schools.com

Mrs. Garletts - (8th Grade): agarletts@madison-schools.com

Mrs. Doyle - (8th Grade): adoyle@madison-schools.com

Student Technology Association

There will be a general interest meeting for TSA on

Thursday, September 19

after school in Ms. McQuirter's room.

The Technology Student Association, or TSA, is a <u>competition club.</u> There are over 30 events to choose from, with most of them being STEM-related.

Students participate both individually and in teams in project-based competitions. We compete locally, on the state level, and even nationally.

Over the past decade, MMS has been the most successful TSA middle school in the state, with over 60 state champions, and five national champions.

Activity Sponsors

Mr. Morgan

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Ms. McQuirter

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Yearbook





Pictured are 8th graders **Dorsey** and **Jack** taking pictures at the first 8th grade football game.

The yearbook staff is working hard on the yearbook!

Show your support by purchasing your yearbook!



Activity Sponso

Mrs. Watkins

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Submit your class news for a chance to be showcased on social media and in the Middle Jags Newsletter!



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Photos, Achievements, Projects