

# Middle JAGS

Newsletter Brought to You by Madison Middle School PTO



Shine Bright, MMS!

## Happy Birthday

to Our Teachers and Staff!

### October

- 2 – Dawn Parrow
- 3 – Anna Doyle
- 4 – Katie Ellmer
- 5 – Lindsey Montgomery
- 11 – Anna Garletts
- 15 – Robyn Craft
- 21 – Emily Belote
- 23 – Ashlee Walker
- 27 – Todd Beach

## Madison Middle School: Leading the Way in Academic Excellence

Madison Middle School officially ranks as the **number one** middle school in Mississippi for the 2023-2024 academic year! This recognition by the Mississippi Department of Education results from our school's outstanding assessment scores on the Mississippi Assessment of Academic Progress (MAAP) last spring. Our top ranking underscores Madison Middle School's commitment to fostering the very best environment for learning, growing, and succeeding academically.



This achievement is testament to our commitment to outstanding teaching and learning, our excellent faculty, and our supportive community. Our students excelled on the state assessments, showcasing strong foundational skills and mastery of the content taught during the year.



The unwavering commitment of our faculty and staff to student growth is a big part of what makes us the best. By analyzing student data throughout the school year, teachers can laser-focus instruction for individual student growth. Our students are given support and encouragement to grow in exactly the academic areas they need help, then on last spring's MAAP tests they rose to the occasion to show what they learned!

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While focusing on academic growth, we know that integrating the arts, technology, and athletics into our students' academic journey is equally important. Growing well-rounded students who are prepared for life beyond their school days is our ultimate goal.



The key to the incredible success of our school is partnering with families and our community. Our dedicated PTO provides incredible support for our school. MMS would not be number one without you, our parents.

Being named the top middle school in the state is not an end, but rather a beginning. We are committed as ever to continuing on this trajectory of excellence, continuing to raise the bar for high standards in everything we do.



Schools across Mississippi have shown impressive academic growth, and we are very excited to be at the top of the middle school rankings. Plans are underway to celebrate our success with our students. Details will be forthcoming.

We appreciate your continued support and congratulate your children and you on a job well done!

**-MMS Administration**



## Our Golden Era Pep Rally!



*Congratulations to the 6th graders for winning the Spirit Stick!!*





## Congratulations MMS!!

By **Melanie Hataway**,  
PTO President

What amazing accomplishment to be the **number one middle school** in the state. We cannot wait to celebrate you and this milestone!

As we close out the first nine weeks and move into the second, it is exciting to see MMS students **SHINE BRIGHT** in all they are doing. Whether it's academics, athletics, or service, our students continue to work hard, improve, and excel!

### WAY TO GO MMS!!

Keep your eyes peeled for more information about Spirit Night at **Pizza Shack** coming soon!



# Fall Jag Gear

Pre-Order:  
Online Store  
opens Oct 15  
and ends Nov 3.

More information coming soon!



## PTO Corporate Sponsors

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**Life Science**

8th grade began their life science unit by studying chromosomes, DNA, and genes.

Strawberry DNA extraction was our first lab!







## Canned Food Drive

MMS is excited to partner once again with Madison Central for a canned food drive benefiting the Mississippi Food Network! We will be accepting contributions from Sept. 30th through Oct. 4th.

You can donate canned food and boxed mac & cheese or make a donation online at <https://form.jotform.com/242674911838163> (\$1 equals 2 cans) No cash or checks accepted.

Last year, we collected 6,367 cans, and we're eager to surpass that this year. We'll keep track of how many cans each homeroom collects, and the top homeroom in each grade will earn a donut party!

Madison Central's student council will pick up our donations before noon on Friday, October 4th. It's always wonderful to see our former middle school students "all grown up" and continuing our tradition of community service. We couldn't be prouder! Thank you for joining us in this effort. **Together, we "CAN" make a difference!**



**Teachers,**

Send in your class photos, achievements, and projects for the November Middle Jags Newsletter!

Email: [ptomadisonmiddle@gmail.com](mailto:ptomadisonmiddle@gmail.com)

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
NOVEMBER	
13th	Veterans Day Program
21st	Progress Reports
22nd	6th Grade - World Tour Day
22nd	7th Grade - Museum Tour
25th-29th	Thanksgiving Holidays

## Counselors are here to help



As we complete our first 9 weeks together, let us review some basic reminders for success in middle school:

1. **Stay Organized:** Use a planner to keep track of assignments, tests, and activities. Organize your backpack and study space to avoid last-minute stress.
2. **Manage Time Well:** Break big projects into smaller tasks and spread them out over time. Avoid procrastination and set specific time for homework and studying.
3. **Pay Attention in Class:** Focus on the teacher, take clear notes, and ask questions if you're unsure about something. Active listening helps you understand and retain information.
4. **Complete Homework on Time:** Homework reinforces what you've learned. Prioritize completing assignments before they pile up.
5. **Build Good Study Habits:** Review your notes regularly and quiz yourself. Find what study methods work best for you.
6. **Stay Positive and Persistent:** It's normal to face challenges. Keep a growth mindset—the belief that effort leads to improvement and don't get discouraged by setbacks.
7. **Take Care of Your Health:** Get enough sleep, eat healthy, and stay active. Physical well-being supports mental focus and emotional balance.
8. **Ask for Help When Needed:** Don't hesitate to ask teachers, counselors, classmates, or parents for help if you're struggling.
9. **Develop Friendships and Social Skills:** Join clubs, sports, or activities that interest you. Building friendships and learning how to work well with others is just as important as academic success.
10. **Balance Work and Fun:** While school is important, make sure you also enjoy time with friends and family and pursue hobbies you love. Balance is key.

By following these steps, you'll set yourself up for success and make middle school a more positive experience.

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

## Absence Phone Calls

MMS sends an automated phone call home daily when a student is marked absent for the day.



The call goes out each morning at 9:50 AM. Parents are **not** required to call back, unless they feel the absence is in error.

Our hope is that the call will be an added level of communication from school to home to encourage attendance.



If your child is  
absent you can

email an  
excuse

note to:

[mmsattendance@  
madison-schools.com](mailto:mmsattendance@madison-schools.com)

## Staff Appreciation



**Christy Bourg** (Chair)

I am married to Collins Bourg for 22 years, and we have 3 kids: Conner- freshman accounting major at MS Gulf Coast Community College playing soccer, Mary Frances - junior at Madison Central, and Bennett- 7th grader at MMS.

When I'm not volunteering for PTO, I'm an RN at UMMC Children's Hospital in the NICU. In addition, I love to cheer on my kids at their soccer & baseball games and attend as many MC Jaguar games & programs as possible. I love to cook & travel with my family!



**Heather Reeves**

This is my second year on the MMS PTO Staff Appreciation Team. I am so glad to support our teachers and staff as a thank you for all the amazing things they do for our students!

My husband, Andy, and I have two children, Addison and Ty. Addison is in her first year of college at Belmont University in Nashville. Ty is currently in the 7th grade at MMS.

We are active members of Madison Methodist Church. We also enjoy cheering on the Jags through many different activities. We are proud to be at MMS, the #1 Middle School in Mississippi!

**Amy Morgan**

I help with the staff appreciation lunches, and I enjoy traveling with my family. I have a daughter named Marian in 9th grade and twin boys, Thomas and William Morgan, in the 6th grade at Madison Middle School.



**LaTosha Randall**

(Co-Chair Teacher/Staff Birthdays)  
Hailing from the small MS Delta town of Leland, MS, I hold both an MBA and a BBA from Delta State University. With a passion for public service, my career in information technology/information systems has allowed me to deliver innovative solutions for local, state and federal governments.

I have worn many hats with the Madison Avenue PTOs, from Co-President to Room Mom, since my daughter Erin Camille's kindergarten days. This is our first year at MMS, and I will continue to happily serve in any capacity which helps to pour into our teachers and staff.

When we are not busy with work, school, community projects and Erin's dance schedule, we enjoy crafting, shopping, traveling, dining out, and the occasional glorious partaking of nothing at all! Our small family includes Dazie Belle and Mr. Nibbles Hammyton.



**Lauren Pittman**

I am a stay-at-home mom, and I am married to Trey. We have 2 children: Elizabeth (6th at MMS) and James (3rd at Madison Station).

When I'm not volunteering at the middle school, I may be volunteering at MSE. I try to go to the gym daily, and I really enjoy reading.



**Stephanie Stevens**

I'm excited to be serving on the Staff Appreciation Committee for the second year, as well as the 8th grade activities committee this year. I have previously served the MSE PTO as Newsletter Chair and as a member of the Yearbook Committee for multiple years.

I am an RN @ UMMC and work part-time as the Clinical Outcomes Coordinator for University Heart. Next month, my husband Richard and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We have two children, Addison (22) and Ayden (13). Addison is currently in her first year of medical school at UMMC, and Ayden is an eighth grader at Madison Middle School.

When we're not juggling work, school and extracurricular activities we enjoy traveling and spending time together.

### T-Shirts



**Kathryn Jackson**

I've been involved in PTO since 2015. My husband, Sam, and I have 3 boys: a 7th grader at MMS, a 9th grader at Rosa Scott, and a 2024 MC grad who's now a freshman in college. We are a house divided - OU Sooners and MSU.

I enjoy watching football, traveling, and attending my son's events - robotics, football, baseball, and basketball. I'm excited to serve as the fall merchandise chair this year!

# The ARTS at MMS

## Band

Jammin in the Jungle is **October 25**. Our 8th graders will perform with the high school band at the Madison Central v. Germantown football game! Come enjoy the fun!!!



Golden Era Pep Rally



Happy first game day, MMS 8th Grade Band! We are so proud of you and look forward to seeing you under those Friday Night Lights this time next year!



## School Musical - Annie Jr.



## Kadence & Kaleidoscope



## Activity Sponsors

**Advanced Art**  
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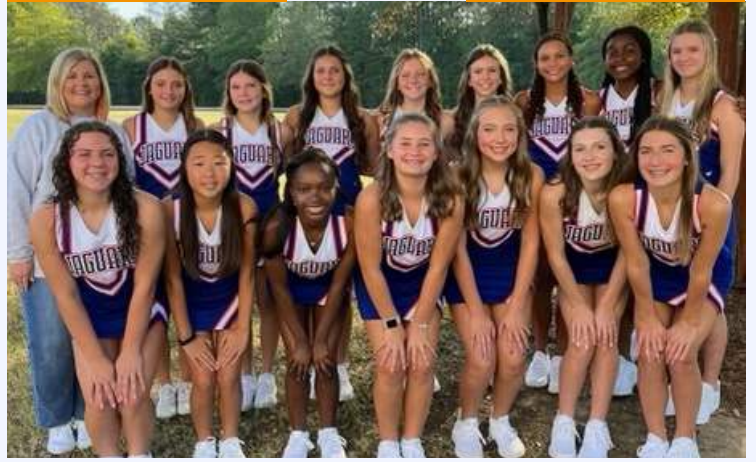
# Athletics at MMS

## 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	4,5,6	7B, 8G, 8B
October 21, 2024	@ Olde Towne	4,4:30,5,6	7G, 7B, 8G, 8B
October 24, 2024	@ Brandon	4:30,5,6	7B, 8G, 8B
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
November 11, 2024	Germantown	4,5,6	7G, 8G, 8B
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 16<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>
- Byram Middle School will host championship game!

## Cheer



## Dance



## Football



**Baseball**  
ALL-SKILLS CAMP  
**MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES 6-8**  
OCTOBER 15, 16, 17  
5:30-7:30 PM  
MADISON CENTRAL BASEBALL FACILITY  
\$60  
REGISTER ONLINE  
WALK UPS WELCOME

Camp will focus on:  
Hitting  
Pitching  
Defensive Positions  
Base Running

Middle School Jags make plans to join us. Registration at: <https://mcbigblueboosterclub.square.site/baseball>  
**Walk ups welcome!**

## Volleyball



**7th grade finished their season 8-1**  
**8th grade finished at 7-2**

8th grade made it all the way to the semifinals of the Little 6 tournament! Way to go Jags!

Tryouts for the 2025 Team will be at the end of April / beginning of May for upcoming 7th and 8th graders!



## Activity Sponsors

### Archery

**Coach Britt**  
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### Basketball

**Coach Matthews** (Girls)

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### Cheer

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### Dance

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### Football

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### Golf

### Coach Bayliss (Girls)

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### Coach Beach (Boys)

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### Volleyball

### Coach Morgan

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## Beta Club

### 6th Grade Beta Club

- **Thursday, October 17** – Report cards are issued. Any student that has all As is invited to join 6th grade Beta Club.
- **Tuesday, October 22** – Meeting in the library at 7:50 am
- **Tuesday, October 29** – Meeting in the library at 7:50 am
- **Tuesday, October 29** – \$40 dues need to be paid

### 7th Grade Beta Club

Congratulations!  
7th Grade Beta Club  
Leadership Team

- Betsy Bost
- Max Ezelle
- Waverly Fitzgerald
- Helen Henry
- Alex Riden

#### Meeting Dates\*

October 16  
November 20  
December - Field Trip - date TBD  
January 15  
February 19  
March 19  
April - Service Day - date TBD  
May - Service Hours Celebration  
Breakfast date TBD

\*Other meetings may be scheduled as needed



Be sure to check the Beta Club bulletin board on 7 South for Beta Club information & news.

#### Parents,

You can submit school pictures, too! Email: ptomadisonmiddle@gmail.com

### 8th Grade Beta Club



Officers: President: **Liza Witt**, Vice President: **Caelyn Love**, Secretary: **Gabby Hawkins**, Service Chair: **Kynsley Hamilton**

#### 2nd Semester Meeting Dates

October 15th  
November 5th  
December 17th

Our Service Project is at the **Home Place Nursing Home** in Madison. We are hosting a Halloween Bingo Party with them! The students can bring in certain items for school hours to be "prizes" by October 18th. The kids have this list. We are making goodie bags on the 22nd in Mrs. Hudnall's room!

### FCA



#### Meet in the gym at 7:50!

October 18th  
October 25th  
November 1st  
November 8th



We played rock paper scissors. The girls competed against the boys!



## Activity Sponsors

### Beta Club

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### Spirit Club

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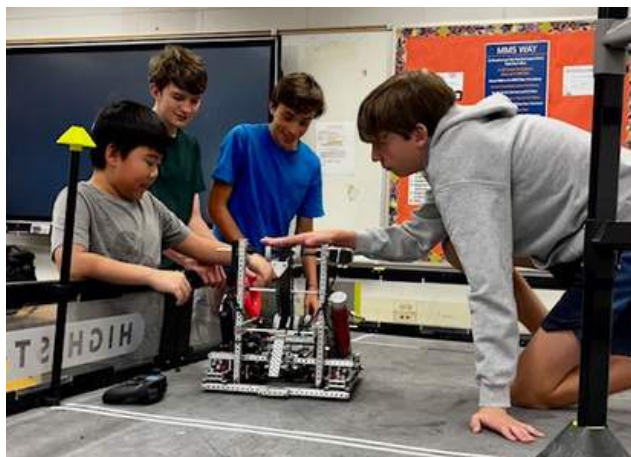
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### Yearbook

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## 7th/8th Grade V5 Robotics



Robotics Veterans **Kingston, Henry, Kareem,** and **Pierce** are shown here testing out their build. They spend a lot of time working together and are demonstrating great teamwork and attitudes. They are hoping to qualify for the October competition.

## 6th Grade IQ Robotics



**IQ Robo Jags** getting ready for a skills challenge in October.

## Spirit Squad



Riley Beckham  
Gray Jackson  
Lynlee Runnels  
Betsy Bost  
Ellie Jeffreys  
Audrey Schorr  
Anna Brewer  
Aubrey Jipson  
Lanie Shurtleff  
Ava Butts  
Zi'Yunna Kelly  
Grace Smith  
Zion Bush  
Darieyah Jones  
Olivia Richards  
Mary Claire Carter

Kelsey Kennedy  
Kayleigh Smith  
Amelia Chandler  
Lauryn Love  
Mae Stewart  
Leah Clegg  
Charlotte Martin  
Xoren Thames  
Katharine Cunningham  
Camille McClelland  
Hayley Vinchwater  
Grace Dobbins  
Mary Ella McCormack  
Natalia Waldrop  
Georgia Edgar  
Emma McElroy

N'Kenzey Wallace  
Beth Ellis  
Charlotte McIntyre  
Chaney Watts  
Georgia Anne Ferguson  
Georgia McKenzie  
Sarah Weeks  
Sydney Claire Fish  
Lexi McMinn  
Alaina Wells  
Waverly Fitzgerald  
Sophie Mead  
Mariah Williams  
Lily Hall  
Hannah Nash  
Nadia Wilson

Evey Harrison  
Emma Norris  
Emma Wright  
Ashlyn Heeren  
Riley O'Kelly  
Presley Yates  
Lyla Grayce Hegi  
Dakota Piazza  
Madison Yates  
Helen Henry  
Olivia Quarles  
Libby Holloway  
Charlotte Henry  
Chapman Reed



(L to R) **Mrs. Bouchillon, Alaina** and **Mrs. Rice**

A **spirited** thank you to Alaina's mom **Amber Wells** from Statement Tees for gifting these precious Jaguar T-shirts to our Spirit Club Sponsors, Mrs. Bouchillon and Mrs. Rice.

Amber Wells, who is married to Adam, has two children in 7th grade - Alaina and Amare. In addition to the gift, Amber also donated over 30 new Jaguar t-shirts for any student in need of some Jag gear. We are truly appreciative of this thoughtful gesture and the support shown by Statement Tees and Amber!!!



## Student Technology Association (TSA)

TSA is having a meeting on **Oct. 3rd till 4:00 after school.**

We are still open for new members. Come join us!