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Monthly Newsletter



Madera High School

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Hello Coyote Family and hello April!

Our students at MHS have been busy competing in sports, theatre arts, as well as a handful of academic completions this semester. Now, we are halfway through the second semester and progress grades closed on Friday, March 22. Madera High students will continue to be challenged as we gear up for SAT, CAASPP (Reading, Math, and Science), and ELPAC testing.

If you have not made it out to an athletic competition, we encourage you to cheer on the Coyote athletes as they compete in league competitions and soon, section playoffs.

We are excited about student progress this year and are excited to finish strong. We hope you have a fantastic end to the school year and GO COYOTES!



Brandon St. Lucia

LCAP Feedback

On Monday, April 8th at 6 PM, we will be holding an important parent meeting in the cafeteria. We need to receive feedback on the Madera Unified School District Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) which provides details on how funds are used to serve all students. **For parents that attend, we will be providing some wonderful incentives.** Senior parents will receive 5 graduation tickets for a graduating senior. We will also have some raffle items (MHS merchandise and passes). We encourage all parents to attend to provide valuable feedback.

MHS LCAP Feedback (please complete the survey on slide 23)

Loss of Privilege

As we approach the end of the semester, it is important for students to check their loss of privilege status. **Seniors will not be able to participate in the graduation ceremony** if they are on LOP, including being suspended, within the last 30 days of school. If you have any questions, please contact your counselor for more information.



Counselors

->**Senior Parents:**

- **Community College Advising:** Counselors from Madera Community College, Oakhurst Community College, Fresno City College, Clovis Community College, and Reedley College will be on campus on April 8th and 9th helping Seniors choose their classes for the fall semester.
- **FAFSA/CADAA Deadline is April 2! ALL** seniors should have submitted their application by now.
 - **Still Need Help?** Please contact your child's counselor or use any of the resources listed here:



Need Help Help?

- FAFSA on the Web – Live Help
- Phone 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 1-334-523-2691
- TTY (hearing impaired): 1-800-730-8913
- FSA ID problems: 1-800-557-7394
- IDverification@ed.gov
- Email the U.S. Department of Education at: FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov

CSAC CALSOP

↳ **SAT Test Rescheduled:** MHS SAT administration was rescheduled to April 5th. Students participating should have received an email. The test is entirely digital. Have your child be on the lookout for additional information about the day of the test.



↳ **Check Your Child's Academic Progress Regularly:**

- Teachers update grades weekly. Remember to use your [Aeries Portal](#) to make sure your child is doing well in every class. Email your child's teachers with any questions or concerns. If you need additional help and need to contact their counselor, click [here](#). Our emails can be found on the [school website](#).
- If your child needs additional help, please visit the After [School Program website](#) or [Tutor.com](#) to get FREE tutoring! There are also resources available free to students and can be accessed through their [Clever](#) account.

↳ **Upcoming Events:**

- 4.2: FAFSA/CADAA application deadline.
MCCAP Applications Due (Juniors only)
- 4.3: 9th Grade Presentations on Grad Reqs in Math I
10th Grade Presentations on Life After High School in Chemistry
- 4.5: SAT @ MHS
- 4.8 & 4.9: Community college advising (Seniors only)
- 4.22: Scholarship Night
- 4.23: 12th Grade College Bound Workshops
- 4.29 11th Grade Presentations on Financial Literacy in English 3 classes.

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Facebook: Madera High School Counselors

The month of March has brought an increase in positive attitudes and joyful smiles. Whether this is due to the sunnier weather or the anticipation of Spring Break, the change has been encouraging. Students are **Persevering** through several different testing opportunities (NWEA and ELPAC) and our Juniors are gearing up for the CAST and CAASPP tests. There are many incentives and rewards in place for those meeting standard and demonstrating growth. The **Respectfulness** of our students impresses us every day! As administrators and teachers, we have the pleasure of greeting and welcoming our students onto campus and into classrooms. Overwhelmingly, this greeting is reciprocated with a smile and a “hello”! **Integrity** has many definitions, one of which is “the state of being whole and undivided”. **Dedication** is “the devotion of time, effort, or oneself to a particular purpose”. Madera High School is a place where both integrity and dedication come to fruition. It can be seen in our sports teams, our band program, our drama program, our classrooms, our CTE pathways, our Sophomore Graduate Profile Showcase, and so much more. We are working together toward **Excellence** every day here on campus; we appreciate the support and participation you provide your child as well!

P.R.I.D.E.

Perseverance 🐾 Respect 🐾 Integrity 🐾 Dedication 🐾 Excellence

Health and Wellness

We thank you and your family for being our valued partners as we work together to educate the children in our district. As you may already be aware, building our social-emotional learning (SEL) skills is an important goal for our school this year.

This spring, the majority of students will complete a school climate survey at school. Our students will have the opportunity to complete the survey at home. We hope this will allow us to gather more accurate data. This data point will continue to provide a clearer picture of areas of strengths and needs which school leaders will use to guide change efforts.

We will be asking for your child to reflect on their own mindsets and approaches to learning via an online survey they will be completing at school. The survey will go live for students on April 2, 2024 and should take approximately 10-15 minutes to complete. Students will complete the survey during their 4th period on Wednesday, April 10th. The survey window will close on Friday, April 19, 2024. The survey content will ask students to self-reflect on survey topics including Belonging, Climate, Engagement and Safety. We are asking that all of our students in grades 3-12 participate in this survey as their responses will provide invaluable insights into their experiences and how we can improve and adapt our district to their needs. If a student doesn't feel like they have enough information to answer a question, they will be able to skip the item altogether.

We also ask parents to complete an anonymous survey in English or Spanish for each school their children attend. By answering just a few questions, you will help Madera Unified and your child(ren)'s school learn what they are doing well, what needs to improve and how they're doing when it comes to achieving our district vision, mission and goals. Following this survey administration, our school teams will review results to continue to plan for meaningful social emotional learning activities for the upcoming school year.



Activities

Apr. 8-12: CAST Testing: US History classes
Apr. 15: CSF Life Member Night, Cafeteria @6:00PM
Apr. 22: SENIORS: Scholarship Awards Night, JF Gym @6:00PM
Apr. 15-19/22-26: CAASPP Testing (*block schedule*)
Apr. 29: Student Recognition Night

Looking ahead...

May 1-2: Every 15 Minutes program
May 4: Prom
May 6: AP Testing begins / Seal of Biliteracy

STAY UP-TO-DATE BY Following us on Social Media and joining your grade-level Google Classroom (see below)

Social Media accounts:

Instagram - @maderacoyotes
Facebook - @maderahigh
Twitter - @maderacoyotes1
TikTok - @maderacoyotes

Join your grade level Google Classrooms:

Class of 2027: 26VMGK6
Class of 2026: U2WYGKS
Class of 2025: CSU3Y6U
Class of 2024: RCS476M



Athletics

Coyotes,

The month of April has arrived and the forecast calls for longer days and warmer temperatures!!! The month of March was filled with plenty of days of rain yet your Coyotes still were able to find ways to get their games in even if it meant getting hands filled with mud and grime. Our spring season of sports was filled with plenty of high performance and success with our non-league schedules. With CMAC play beginning the month of April, the next month and a half should shine brightly on our Coyotes!!

Coyote Softball is off to another competitive start with a team filled with speed and youth. The Lady Coyotes are currently (10-6-1) with big victories over Clovis High and Clovis North of the TRAC. Freshman pitcher Viviana Nombrano and Junior Jayleen Gutknecht have demonstrated their elevated skills from the pitcher's circle keeping the high offense of opposing teams grounded. Sophomores Brilyn Santiago and Malea Ricks are leading the Coyotes offensively utilizing their wit and speed to get on base and score runs. Ohio University-bound Senior Kailea Ricks has received the green light to return to action which should also provide some additional power in the lineup.

Coyote Baseball has experienced an up-and-down run to



start off their season. Experiencing some early season injuries to some key returners has hampered the anticipated early season



success but as of late, the team has had a reassurance of grit going (3-1) in the Annual Fresno Easter Tourney. Aden Lechuga and Jayden Chavira have been added bright points on the mound for the Coyotes. The left-handed

junior and Senior right-hander had seen an elevated amount of innings this season and both have demonstrated the moxy in keeping opposing teams limited in hits and run production.

With multiple early injuries, Head Coach Andy Underwood has had to make some adjustments to his lineup but the changes also created opportunities for players to step in and gain meaningful experience. With some positive momentum heading into league play, it is sure to be an exciting month of April ahead!!



Boys Golf continues to *Grip and RIP it!!* Sophomore Vincent Rodriguez and Senior Sam Jones are leading the Coyotes on the course and in scoring. Seniors Zach Prince and Talen Roberts along with Sophomore Nathaniel Villanueva and Frosh Matthew Prince are contributing to the team's success early in the season. Though the recent weather has created some sloppy playing conditions, this group of Coyotes is striving forward and putting in hours of hard work this spring.

Coyote Boys & Girls Track & Field are off to a wonderful start, with a roster of over (70+) student/athletes, Head Coach Mike Martinez and his handful of assistants have worked extremely hard in preparing and providing ample opportunities for our athletes to showcase their technique and skills. From individual sprints, relays teams, long & high jumps, shot put and discus have all hit new personal records week in and week out. Be on the lookout for a number of Coyotes who will make their mark at season's end and place themselves into contention for section and state competitions!!

Coyote Boys Volleyball are literally dropping hammers!! Senior Damian Bispham, Paul Childers, Freshman Jayden Matinez and Marco Gomez have demonstrated their hops and raw power from sets by Senior Ty Davis!! It has been a couple of seasons now since the type of power has graced

the floor of Flores Gym. Their teamwork and communication with one another has led this year's team to their (21-8) season so far. Head Coach Rhonda Jefferson is excited to see her team in league play during the month of April!!!

Coyote Swim & Dive continues to make improved strides in the McAlister pool. Junior Behr Cordero continues to make his presence known within the section and he leads a group of mixed talents on the boy's side. Frosh female swimmers Arianna Gill, Emily Wattenbarger, and Sophomore Alanah Resendez have taken the lead on the female team this year and look to enhance their early season gains. Audrina Williamson, McKenzie Woods and Kyndal Harris compliment Senior diver Hailey Balfour. Stay tuned for the high scores that these young ladies place in CMAC League play!!

Coyotes Boys Tennis, led by Head Coach Victor Ramirez, has demonstrated some early season success and much improved play . With (17) players now in the program, this group of young men have already made some noise throughout the section. Led by Senior Jett Wattenbarger, the Coyotes Boys Tennis team has accumulated a record of (11-5) so far, with CMAC League play now ahead. A bright future is expected with this group of tennis players and their power forehands could lead them to some new program success that has not been seen in some time!!

Be sure to catch all your Coyote Spring Athletic Teams this upcoming month of April. If the month of March was any indication of what lies ahead, plenty of excitement will soon be knocking on our door as each program continues to strive in attaining championship gold!!
Go Coyotes!!!

