



## Madera High School

200 South L Street  
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### August 2023

Last year, we had a very successful year and we look forward to an amazing 2023-2024 school year!

We will continue to emphasize the Madera High School values.

#### **Madera High School Vision**

Madera High will set high standards for perseverance, respect, integrity, and dedication, with a commitment to excellence.

#### **Madera High School Mission**

We are committed to creating and sustaining a culture that empowers Madera High School students to be college and career-ready contributing members of society.

#### **Schoolwide Learner Outcomes (Graduate Profile Elements)**

**Think** critically and creatively to solve problems

**Adapt** to new challenges by reflecting and growing

**Communicate** effectively in multiple mediums, languages, and settings

**Contribute** to the success of the community and world

**Produce** quality work, through initiative, self-direction, and perseverance

**Collaborate** with others to achieve more together



#### ***Coyote P.R.I.D.E.***

***Perseverance ~ Respect ~ Integrity ~ Dedication ~ Excellence***

Go Coyotes!

**Information**

We are excited for the 2023-2024 school year!! We wanted to share some information with you and please contact the school if you have any questions.

School starts on Monday, August 7th and **all MHS students must complete the online data confirmation process through Aeries**. To begin the process and ***not lose your current course selections***, please log into your **Aeries** account to complete the data confirmation information. If your child's DATA CONFIRMATION is not complete by Monday, the student may be **placed on the LOP list**, which will not allow students to go off campus for lunch or attend any extracurricular activities. Additionally, all 9th graders must show proof of address within the Madera High attendance area. Parents/Guardians may access the link to Parent Portal **HERE**.

You may also contact the office at 559.675.4444 if you are having any trouble accessing **Aeries** to submit the data confirmation.

On **Tuesday, August 8th, we have pictures** (ID and yearbook) in the Olive Gym. If you have not already taken an ID picture (only some 9th graders have taken a picture), please plan on taking one on Tuesday. Every student needs a digital ID picture and must take a picture (or senior picture) to be included in the yearbook. 12th graders that took senior pictures also have to take a different picture for their digital ID. Please download the Minga app to retrieve your digital ID card at: <https://app.minga.io/>.

On Tuesday, we also welcome guest speaker, Carlos Ojeda to kick off the school year. Carlos Ojeda Jr. has been called one of the most dynamic youth empowerment speakers in America today. A former university administrator, professor, and small business development center director, he now focuses his energy on empowering students to succeed by teaching them that their voice is their power. Combining his entrepreneurial spirit with his passion for changing the lives of youth across the country, he started CoolSpeak: The Youth Engagement Company.



Due to remodeling in the kitchen of our cafeteria, we will only be able to serve breakfast and lunch from the **Quick Cafe (snack bar) for the first week of school**. The lunch lines will be very long so please be patient.

Until the cafeteria and Pit Stop re-open, we will have limited items.

- Breakfast
  - Benefit bars
  - Cereal cup
  - Muffins
  - Donuts
  - Fruit
  - Milk
- Lunch
  - Spicy chicken sandwich

- o Cheeseburger
- o Chicken tenders
- o Hot dogs
- o Pizza
- o Sandwiches
- o Salad
- o Veggies
- o Fruit
- o Milk



11th and 12th graders can complete a Lunch Time Off Campus Permission and begin going **off campus on the first day of school**. Please turn in your permission slip to your counselor's office (in person or digitally). They will give you a copy to show your permission slip the first week of school as you exit for lunch.

For school safety, we have **three gates** open for students to come onto campus before school and at the end of the day. These gates are located by the front office on "L" Street, by the cafeteria on 6th Street, and by Olive and Stadium. During school hours, students must enter and exit through the front office.

Unfortunately, we do not have loading zones around campus. The only one we have marked is the bus loading zone on 6th Street. Drivers may use this one when it is not occupied by buses. Please wait for pedestrians to fully exit any crosswalks and do not drop off students without pulling over or while in a red zone. These violations are often ticketed by the MPD around campus.

Communication is curicual. We will send out relevant information via ParentSquare. Please make sure your accounts are updated and you are checking them regularly.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

### **NEW SAFETY PROCEDURE!**

New to this school year are Evolv© Metallic Preventative Detection systems. This year we will have all students enter campus through detention stations located at our Olive Avenue entry, the Cafeteria gate entry, and the front office or gate near the front office. These systems are designed to detect any large metal objects that may pose a safety risk. Please see any security or admin at these locations if you have questions. More information to come on soon.

### **Office Campus Pass**

This year we are going to offer our Senior and Junior Students Lunch Time Off Campus Permission. In order to gain off-campus permission students must first have a Guardian signed permission slip as well as maintain good standing with the LOP list (once the cafeteria re-opens). Students have been instructed to turn in all forms to their counselor's office. If you have any questions please contact your counselor for clarification.

## **Minga App**

This year our staff and students will utilize our new Digital ID data system. The Minga App can be used for applying permissions to students' accounts, signing in and out of school events, bathroom/library/counselor passes, and awarding PBIS incentives! Students will receive app information when they take their student ID picture.

Dress Code and Cell Phone Policy- Dress code and Cell Phones are a large distraction for students. Therefore the teachers at MHS have developed a policy to follow in the classrooms.

## **Placement on the LOP List**

All MHS students can access their LOP status by using the QR code provided. If you find your student ID on this list, please contact your counselor to determine how you might gain back privileged status. The principal may place a student on the LOP list if, within 30 calendar days prior to the day of the event, the student has:

- A live 2.0 GPA (not cumulative) up until the last day of ticket sales
- Four (4) or more full days or single period unexcused absences
- Fifteen (15) or more cumulative (total for all periods) tardies
- Unpaid fees/fines
- Been suspended or recommended for expulsion

## **Privileged Activities**

Privileged activities include, but are not limited to:

- Graduation ceremony and senior activities
- Off-campus lunch privileges (11th & 12th grade only with parent permission)
- Dances
- Athletic events
- Recreational or reward field trips
- Rallies, fundraising events or activities, or other designated activities



## **Stopit App**

Hello Coyotes, just a reminder that you all have access to a very powerful tool that we can use to report incidents on campus as well as reach out for support. This tool is the Stopit App. It is an anonymous way of communicating with Admin that keeps safety and security at the forefront of our day.

[Stopitsolutions.com](http://Stopitsolutions.com)

Access Code- Maderausd





What is the best way to represent Madea High? Students should show Coyote P.R.I.D.E! Throughout the week, teachers will present lessons and examples of MHS behavioral expectations. Students will be reminded of expected behaviors and rewards for displaying these behaviors around campus. Throughout the school year, we will have raffles, rewards, and awards for students who continually display positive behavior. We look forward to a positive school year!

**Health and Wellness**

## **BACK-TO-SCHOOL SEL TIPS FOR FAMILIES**

Times of transition can be both exciting and challenging for kids, and going back to school is a big one. Social and emotional learning (SEL) can help parents and caregivers set the tone for a strong school year. Here are 3 ways to start:

**Tip #1:** Stay connected. Feeling connected, loved, and supported can help your child return to school with more confidence. Make extra time to connect with your child as the new school year starts. Create a simple daily routine, like eating a snack together or sharing one good thing about your day at the end of the night. Invite your child to share how they're feeling about going back to school-and listen! Check your own emotions, which can impact how children feel. Model calmness and share what you're looking forward to.

**Tip #2:** Help them make a plan and problem-solve. To help your child feel prepared, it can help to talk about how the school day will go so they know what to expect every step of the way. If problems arise, listen to your child's concerns and help them brainstorm solutions. Involve your child in making a plan for school days, from how they'll get ready to what will happen after school. For older children, also make a homework plan. Make time to listen to your child about how school is going and how they're feeling about friends and teachers. Empower them to solve problems with questions like, *"What could you do to make the situation better?"*

**Tip #3:** Keep communication lines open. Positive partnerships between families and schools improve children's academic achievement, social competencies, and emotional well-being. Let your child's teacher know that you want to partner with them and play a role in your child's education. Share any important information you want your child's teacher to know about them. Ask what you can do at home to support the social, emotional, and academic development that's happening at school.

Social and emotional learning (SEL) helps children and adults develop the skills we need for every area of life, from academics and careers to healthy relationships and overall well-being-skills like managing our emotions, communicating effectively, setting and achieving goals, and making good choices.

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**[SEL Tips - English CASEL](#)**

**[SEL Tips - Spanish CASEL](#)**

# Activities

Welcome back to Coyote Country!... we're excited to kick off the year with a wide variety of activities and events. *See the important dates below...*

Aug. 7: First day of the school year

Aug. 8: Picture Day in Olive gym (all day) / kick-off assembly featuring nationally renowned keynote speaker, Carlos Ojeda Jr.

Aug. 11: Back-2-School Social, 7:30-10:30 pm at Pool/Olive Gym  
\$5 presale, FREE w/ Activities Pass, \$10 at-door

Aug. 14: Class Election/Commissioner packets available

Aug. 21-25: NWEA Testing (*Block Schedule*)

Aug. 24: Class Elections

Aug. 26: SAT testing

**Aug. 28: Back-to-School Night (Coyote apparel available for purchase)**

ACTIVITIES PASS special! Buy your VIP pass before prices go up and get in FREE to all home games, discounts off dances, the yearbook, and MORE!

Click [HERE](#) to view the pass!

Looking ahead...

Sept. 4: NO School, Labor Day

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

**Social Media accounts:**

Instagram - @maderacoyotes

Twitter - @maderacoyotes1

Facebook - @maderahigh

TikTok - @maderacoyotes

**Join your grade level Google Classrooms:**

Class of 2027- Code: 26VMGK6

Class of 2026 - Code: U2WYGKS

Class of 2025 - Code: CSU3Y6U

Class of 2024 - Code: RCS476M