



Monthly Newsletter



Madera High School

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December 2023

No doubt you've heard it said, "It's the most wonderful time of the year!" It is certainly hard to argue, especially for anyone who has the privilege of working with kids. The excitement of the season is in the air and is definitely felt here in Coyoteland. Our students and staff are looking forward to the upcoming Winter Break but before we all kick up our feet and relax, there is important work to do. With only 3 weeks left in the semester, students, teachers, and counselors are pushing hard to finish strong and for some, these last few weeks will determine if classes are passed or if students will be looking to recover credits in the Spring and Summer.



Our Winter Sports are as active as always with our Boys and Girls competing in Soccer, Basketball, Wrestling, and Competitive Cheer. Our athletes are all putting their best foot forward in representing Coyote Nation. Boys wrestling is seeking to repeat their undefeated CMAC season and Boys and Girls Basketball along with Girls Soccer are hoping to build on the success of their collective playoff runs. As always, our Coyote athletic squads hold the highest of standards and win or lose, show their Perseverance and Pride in competing to the very end.

It is again time for our students to dress out and show off! Winter Formal is December 16th. Ticket sales begin on December 4th with the Early Bird special running through December 8th. As always, Loss of Privilege policies apply so be sure to encourage your students who are interested to check eligibility before making plans and purchasing clothing and other items for the event.

This year, we are very excited to offer our first collaboration of our Visual and Performing Arts department and our Community Outreach team to offer a Winter Celebration event on Wednesday, December 13th. Festivities begin at 5pm and will include booths run by MHS clubs, outside vendors including Fury Chicken, which is always a hit, and fantastic showcase performances from our Coyote Band, Jazz Band, Choir, and Theater Department along with displays of our Visual Arts student work in our library.

December is certainly shaping up to be a busy and festive time. We at Madera High School wish you and yours the warmest greetings this holiday season and hope that the joy of this time of year fills your hearts and homes.

Orlando Bellomo

Information

MHS Student Wellness

Here at MHS we have a committed effort to your students' safety and mental wellness. If you feel that your student may be struggling with friend groups, anxiety, workload, or they may just need someone to talk to. Please reach out to the MHS Counseling Department by using the QR code.



Metal Detection Systems

This year we have all students enter campus through detention stations located at our Olive Avenue entry and Cafeteria gate entry. 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.

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 day 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



Stopitsolutions.com

Access Code- Maderausd

Counselors

↳ Senior Parents:

- **Community College Orientation:** The next step in the community college admissions process is Orientation. On December 1st, counselors will be helping all 12th graders complete their orientation to get a priority date to register for their Fall classes. The date orientation is completed will determine when students select their classes. It's extremely important to attend school so students don't miss one of the early dates to register.
- **Local Scholarships Are In!** The deadline to submit all applications is Jan. 26. Remember to ask for your letters of recommendation ahead of time. See Mr. Padilla in the Career Center for more information or join the [Google Classroom](#) for updates using code ufvfqjd.
- **FAFSA/CADAA launch date is December 31st!** Remember that by law, ALL seniors are required to complete and submit their application. Keep an eye on updates on the upcoming application workshops.

↳ **Pre -Registration:** Counselors are ready to start registration for the 2024-2025! Your 9th grader and 10th grader will meet with their counselor at the beginning of December, to review class selections for next school year.

↳ **Fall Semester is Ending Soon:** Check the parent [Aeries Portal](#) to make sure your child is passing all classes. If you need additional help, contact their counselor. If you need to know who your child's counselor is, 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:

- 12.1: Community College Orientation
- 12.5: Incoming 10th Grade Pre Registration for 2024-2025
- 12.12: Incoming 11th Grade Pre Registration for 2024-2025
- 12.12 & 12.13: Community College Orientation Make Ups.
- Dec. 20, 21, & 22: Fall Semester Finals.
- 12.31: FAFSA/CADAA Launch Date



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 Madera High School Counselors

Climate and Culture

November has come and gone and we are nearing the end of the first semester. With that said, our PBIS team wants to encourage students to continue showing P.R.I.D.E all around campus. We created and delivered a lesson to all MHS students during an extended 4th period about being upstanders, not bystanders. We are encouraging all students to do what is right, not to give in to peer pressure, and to speak out against negative behaviors.

BYSTANDER

A bystander is someone who sees or knows about bullying behaviour that is happening to someone else but takes no action to address or report it.

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UPSTANDER

An upstander is someone who recognises when something is wrong and acts to make it right. When an upstander sees or hears about someone experiencing bullying behaviour, they speak up and do their best to help, protect and support the person.

Also, moving into December, our PBIS team would like to continue to reward students for positive behavior. We will be recognizing four students as our Quarter 2 student heroes. We will also be rewarding students without tardies for the first semester. Students will receive Minga badges on their IDs and also receive a reward prior to December 22.

Lastly, we encourage you, parents and guardians, to continue to encourage students to be on time, show positive behavior, and be an upstander!

Health and Wellness

Kindness Matters

While being kind might sound easy, it is complex. If kindness was simple, then everyone would be kind and no one would experience meanness and bullying. Imagine a world where kindness is the norm. Is it possible to create homes, schools, and communities where kindness is the norm? The answer is, yes – but to make this imagined world a reality, we need to teach, model, and reward kindness.

Being kind means that you think about the needs and concerns of others. Kind people volunteer, help others, and think about bigger issues that affect their communities. Compassionate thinking and generous actions demonstrate kindness.

As we enter the winter break and holiday season, take a moment to watch this [video](#) about some children learning about kindness.

In our history, schools have responded to negative behaviors such as bullying with punishment, which is thought to reduce or eliminate such behaviors. Just like we've learned that 3 strikes-your out did not stop or reduce criminal behaviors, years of research on "zero-tolerance" to end bullying and violence show that these **punishment-based approaches do not work**. We have to focus on teaching and modeling prosocial behavior and teaching empathy and kindness.

When people perform just three (3) acts of kindness a week they significantly increase their acceptance of others compared to kids who did not perform any acts of kindness. Students who are taught kindness are more empathic, more socially aware and connected, and they receive higher grades too. Be kind—it is free and the payback is good for all!



Activities & Athletics

Activities

The Coyotes are making a list, we're checking it twice...we're gonna find out who's reading and nice! Don't miss out on a festive and exciting end of the fall semester. See dates below!

- Dec. 1st: Community College Orientation
- Dec. 4th: Winter Formal tickets go on sale*
**early bird pricing through 12/08/23*
- Dec. 5th: New MHS winter apparel releases
- Dec. 6th: College/Military Wednesday's continue!
- Dec. 7th: 12 Days of "WinterYoteland" kicks-off
- Dec. 11th: Non-student attendance day (Staff Collaboration day)
- Dec. 13th: Coyote Tree Lane "Festival of Lights" featuring MHS VAPA Winter showcase, special food vendors, and more! 5:30PM-7:00PM
- Dec. 15th: Food Frenzy (special bells)
- Dec. 16th: MHS Winter Formal, JF Gym, 7:00-11:00PM
- Dec. 20th: Fall 2023 semester finals begin (1st/2nd periods)
- Dec. 21st: Finals continue (3rd/4th periods)
- Dec. 22nd: Finals commence/last day of school (5th/6th periods)



Looking ahead...

January 17th, 2024: Classes resume (1st day of Spring semester)

January 25th: Coyote Preview/Parent Night

January 26th: Local Scholarships deadline

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

It is the end of November and Jack Frost is beginning to nip at our noses with this sudden blast of freezing temperatures. The forecast may call for colder temperatures but your Coyotes are heating up with our 2nd Season of Sport!



The Coyote Wrestling program has gotten off to a blistering start to the 2023 Winter Season. Your Coyotes recently traveled to Hoover and Lemoore to start their non-league tourney action and came back with some impressive early season performances!!

At the Hoover High School Patriot Invitational, our boys' team put on an unbelievable performance, coming home with 16 Placers, with 7 making the tournament finals and 4 coming home as tourney champions and making their mark on the wrestling scene!!

CONGRATULATIONS to our Coyotes on being crowned the 2023 Patriot Invitational Tourney Team Champions!!

Coyote Placers included:

Caiden Avila, Luke Ervin, Noah Ortega, and Adrian Hernandez - 1st Place

Jonathan Gomez, Jesus Lucas Beltran, Isaac Black - 2nd Place

Joseph Moreno - 3rd Place

Ethan Fernandez and Christian Gomez - 4th Place

Jason Alejo - 5th Place

Antonio Fonceca - 7th and Martin Beltran - 7th Place

Anthony Rangel, Sebastian Cerillo, and Carson Stairs - 8th Place



Our Lady Coyotes Wrestling team also traveled to the Hoover Invitational with Senior Mars Mujica leading the charge coming home with a 2nd place finish and 9th grader Judith Martinez reeled in a 4th place finish in her first outing as a Coyote!! In the final week of November, our female team traveled to the Madera South for the annual invitational. Our team placed (6th) overall out of the (20) teams in attendance. The Coyotes placed two wrestlers in their final championship match with Mar Mujica bringing home championship gold !!



The Lady Coyote Basketball Team has taken to the hardwood court and is currently (3-1). The (3) early season victories included games over Edison, Torres, and Firebaugh. Leaning on a squad full of veteran Seniors and returning underclasswomen, Head Coach Jason Smith foresees a convincing season and the potential of another deep postseason run. The Lady Coyotes will continue with early season non-league contests and tourney play in the coming weeks of December and will also host (2) lower-level team tourneys the week of Dec 7th- Dec 9th.



On the boys side of the court, our Coyotes are again making their presence known in the Central Valley!! Sitting at (2-2) with throttling victories over McLane and Madera South, the Coyotes will return back to the hardwood later this week as they partake in the Liberty Hawk Tourney and will then follow that up with (2) non-league games against Reedley and Kerman. Immediately after, they will then turn around for (2) more tournaments, one locally and (1) at the central coast over winter break. Head Coach David Lozano is excited for this year's squad that returns numerous starters in Stevie Estrada, Shovawn Gonzales, and Mr. Behind the Arc himself, Elias Torres. The PIT will be rock'n and the (3's) will drop'n when this year's Coyotes take the court!!

Coyote Boys and Lady Coyote Soccer are off and running, literally!! The Lady Coyotes are off to a balanced start currently sitting at (3-2-1) with early season victories over Tulare Union, Chowchilla, and Torres High School. The Varsity boys team is currently (1-2-1) with the lone victory coming over Washington Union and a tie coming against the Hanford Bullpups. With the new rule of No Overtime play during non-league and league contests, we can foresee many varsity teams, across the entire Central Valley, earning double digits numbers in the ties section of their record this season.

The month of December will bring many more contests for each soccer team. The Ladies Coyotes will travel to the Newport Beach Invitational with multiple games at Corona Del Mar before returning home for their own Showcase Invitational prior to the beginning of winter break. The Varsity Boys team is scheduled for multiple non-league contests with games scheduled against Selma, Clovis North, Torres, and Sanger West before opening up CMAC League play against San Joaquin Memorial in the middle of the month of December.

The upcoming month of December will be extremely busy for your Coyotes and the Blue Wave will have ample opportunities to watch and cheer on your favorite Coyote while they are in action!! The festive season of the year has already begun and on behalf of the Coyote Athletic Department, we would like to wish all Coyotes and all Maderans, home and afar, a Happy and Merry Holiday Season!!

GO Coyotes!!