



December 2024

How is it almost December already?? We're quickly approaching the end of the first semester, so please remain diligent in getting your student(s) across the finish line before grades close! We've got 15 days of school in December, with A LOT of activities available for everyone. On December 11th, we will be hosting our Coyote Tree Lane and VAPA Winter Showcase. Our Winter Formal happens on Saturday, Dec 14th. We will have our Fall Semester Finals on December 18th, 19th, and 20th with our last day of school on Friday the 20th (see schedule below).



December will 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.

Finals (Day 1)	
1st	8:30 – 10:12
Break	10:12 – 10:22
2nd	10:28 – 12:10
Lunch	12:10 – 12:49
3rd	12:55 – 2:36

Finals (Day 2 & 3)	
4th / 6th	8:30 – 10:12
Break	10:12 – 10:22
5th / 7th	10:28 – 12:10
Lunch	12:10 – 12:49

Madera High School will be hosting the Division III Football Championship Game in Memorial Stadium. It will also be the last football game played before renovations to the stadium begin in the Spring. We invite our Madera Community to support our Coyotes against Kerman on Friday, November 29th at 7 PM. The first 250 MHS students wearing Coyote blue will get into the game for free (all students must enter through the Coyote Lane gate). Go Coyotes!!!

Information

Student Attendance Matters!

Student attendance is crucial because it directly impacts academic performance, consistent participation in class helps reinforce learning and comprehension. Additionally, regular attendance fosters social connections and engagement with peers and teachers, which boosts the overall educational experience here at MHS. Also, being present in class helps develop important habits and responsibilities that are valuable beyond school. At MHS we have utilized multiple strategies to help students make good attendance decisions such as: Monthly Minga Incentives for 100% attendance, Early release to participate in our Food Frenzy activities, and Minga Integrity Awards. These are excellent incentives to avoid: Lunch detention for tardies and being placed on the LOP list.

Stopt App

All stakeholders 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 Stopt App. It is an anonymous way of communicating with Admin that keeps safety and security at the forefront of our day.

[Stopt.com](https://stopt.com)

Access Code- MaderaUSD

Dress Code Policy

Please read the updated dress code policies. Our staff at MHS will implement these board-adopted policies to follow on campus.

[Regulations](#)

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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 GPA below 2.0 (not cumulative)
- 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



For Friday's game only, our LOP criteria will be amended. Check your Minga App!

Counselors

Seniors Parents:

- **Local Scholarships Are In!** The deadline to submit all applications is Jan. 24th. See Mrs. Pedraza in our new College & Career Specialist in the Career Center for more information or join the [Google Classroom](#) for updates using code **cx2qb4a**.
- **Community College Orientation:** The next step in the community college admissions process is Orientation. On December 2nd, counselors will be helping all 12th graders complete their orientation to get a priority date to register for their Fall classes. It's extremely important to attend school so students don't miss one of the early dates to register.
- **FAFSA/CADAA Application opens on December 2!** If you and your child have not created an FSA ID, please do so as soon as possible. Remember that by law, ALL seniors will be required to complete and submit their application. Students must launch their application through [CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://california.colleges.edu). Save the date for our first FAFSA/CADAA Parent Night on Dec. 17.

End of Semester: Our Fall semester is coming to an end soon! Check your child's grades on the parent [Aeries Portal](#). Communicate with teachers if needed to make sure your child is passing all their classes. If you need additional help, contact their counselor. If you need to know your child's counselor is, click [here](#). Our emails can be found on the [school website](#). There is additional help available on [Tutor.com](#) to get FREE tutoring and resources available free to students that can be accessed through their [Clever](#) account.

Updated Website: We are excited to roll out our new and updated counseling page! Please check out all the available resources on our Madera High School [website](#).

Upcoming Events:

- **Dec. 1:** Last day to submit a UC/CSU application.
- **Dec. 2:** Community College Orientation Workshops in Civics classes. FAFSA/CADAA application release.
- **Dec. 17:** First FAFSA/CADAA Parent Night
- **Dec. 18-20:** Finals
- **Dec. 20:** Fall Semester Ends.

Our Social Media Accounts: [Instagram](#) : @mhs counselors

[Facebook](#): Madera High School Counselors

Graduate Profile

Graduate Profile is a Madera Unified Graduation Requirement where students will create both a Portfolio of their work and a Showcase presentation where they highlight their high school accomplishments. All grade levels continue to work on their Portfolio during their Wednesday Advisory classes, but will need to also work on their own time to finish. SENIORS have a fast-approaching deadline for their Portfolio. Their Portfolio is due by **December 11th, 2024**. Having their Portfolio done on time will ensure they will not fall behind with Graduation Requirements.

Want to see your child's progress? Ask your...

- Freshmen- Can I see your About Me, Think Artifact and Reflection Slides?
- Sophomores- Can I see your About Me, Think Artifact and Reflection Slides?
- Juniors- Can I see your About Me, Think Artifact/Reflection, Collaborate Artifact/Reflection Slides?
- Seniors- Can I see your FINISHED Portfolio?

If your child needs additional support before the end of the semester, they are encouraged to attend our after-school Graduate Profile Tutorials. We have 2 left: 12/2 and 12/5, 3-4:45 in Room 301.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the Graduate Profile Team.

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Climate & Culture

PBIS

Our PRIDE/PBIS team has been working diligently to provide opportunities for students to spend their hard-earned Minga points! We've had two "pop-up" sales - one for Cup O Noodles (where we sold out!) and one for cookies! We also sold football tickets for Minga Points, allowing almost 200 students to attend for free. Teachers have noticed an increase in students asking how to earn Minga points in class, allowing teachers to reinforce our PRIDE expectations. If your email address is in Aeries, you should receive an email each time your student earns a praise from their teachers, including a message about which aspect of PRIDE they demonstrated and a short note about what they did to earn it! Be sure to check in with your child to see how many points they have! There will be more "pop-ups" to come and other fun opportunities to spend their points.

SEL

Winter is a season of festivity and joy and it can also be a period of unique challenges for both students and families. You know what's a game-changer during this season? Diving deep into social-emotional learning (SEL) SEL includes learning to understand and manage one's emotions, set and achieve goals, feel and show empathy, establish positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

Especially in the wintry months, practicing SEL can help us address many of the issues that arise, from attendance hiccups to behavioral changes. By tailoring SEL activities to the season and holiday themes, school counselors, school social workers, and other educators can enhance engagement, making lessons fun and relevant. This ensures that, despite the cold outside, the classroom remains a warm, inclusive, and emotionally nurturing space. Let's explore how we can infuse the magic of winter into our SEL strategies, ensuring our students thrive both emotionally and academically.

In this post we'll look explore some of the challenges that come during winter including attendance, inattention and trouble focusing, and behavioral concerns. We'll also share some social-emotional learning winter activities, and discuss inclusivity in schools during the winter, as well as share some [mental health counseling activities for winter](#).

Activities & Athletics

Activities

Dec. 3: Tix on-sale for Winter Formal

Dec. 11: Coyote Tree Lane/VAPA Winter showcase

Dec. 14: Winter Formal at MHS

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

Social Media accounts:

Instagram - @maderacoyotes

Facebook - @maderahigh

"X" (Twitter) - @maderacoyotes1

TikTok - @maderacoyotes

Grade-level Google Classrooms:

Class of 2025: CSU3Y6U

Class of 2026: U2WYGK5

Class of 2027: 26VMGK6

Class of 2028: HLXIXWF



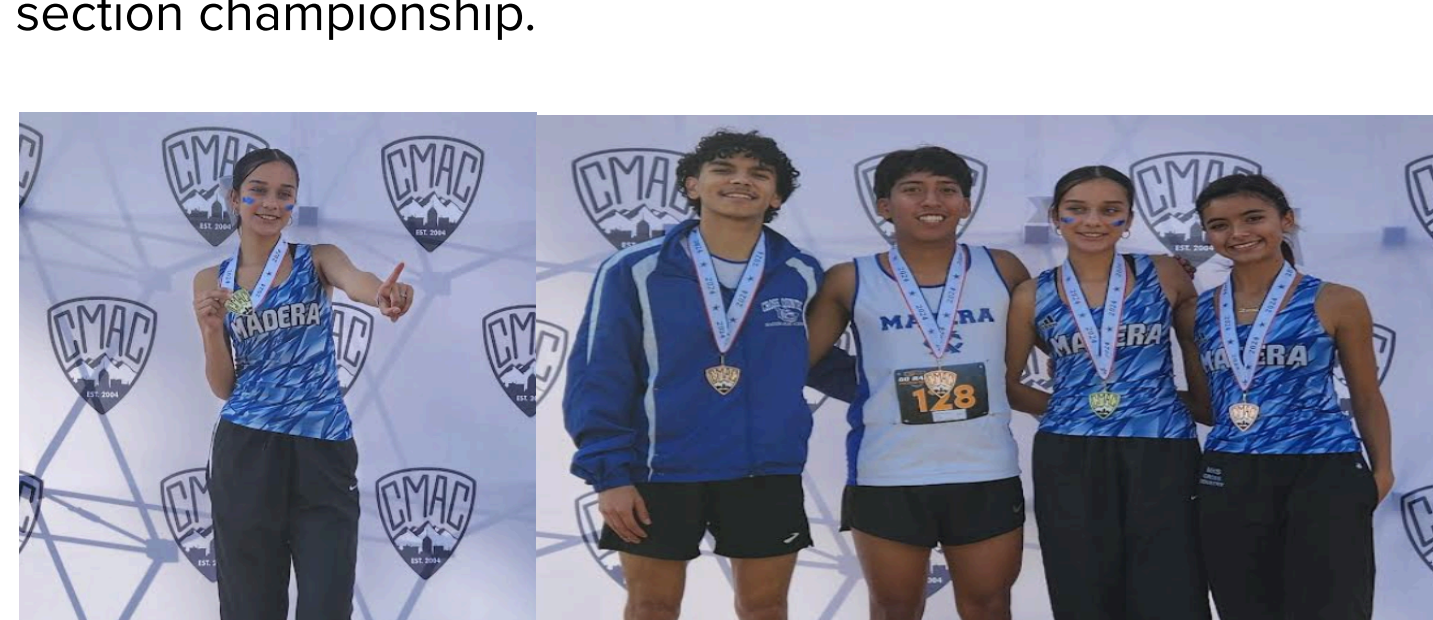
Athletics

The month of November has been a whirlwind of emotions for Coyote Athletics!! With the winter season of sport in full swing, it will again be non-stop moving into the month of December and 2025!!

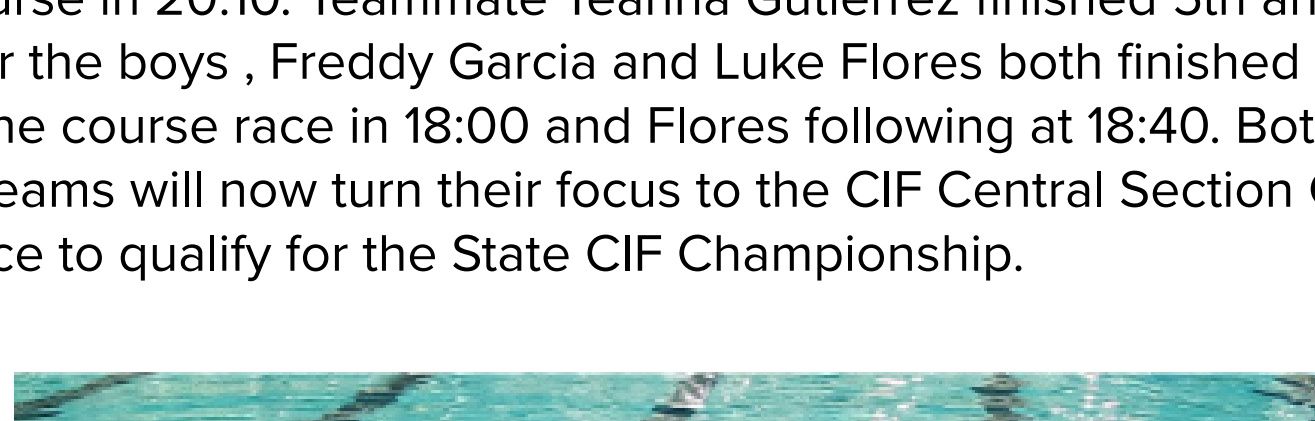
Let's take a look back at what had transpired during the month of November:



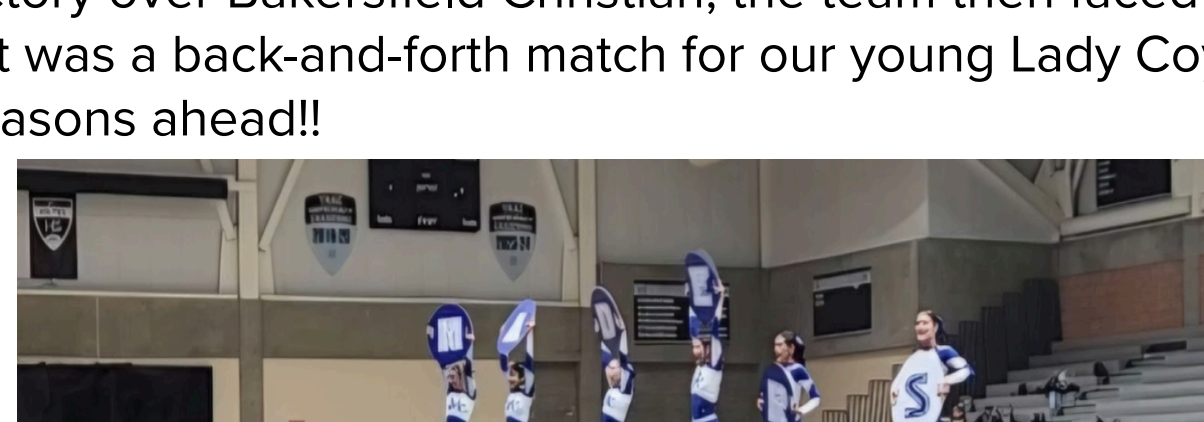
The Lady Coyotes Tennis Team advanced to the CIF Central Section Championship by posting a 5-4 victory over Dos Palos. The team and coaching staff were honored and recognized with a small rally before heading to the championship match vs Fresno Christian. This was the very first time in school history that the Girls Tennis program competed for a section championship.



The Coyote Boys and Girls Cross Country Team competed in the CMAC 2 League Championship races at Woodward Park. Senior Natalia Zambrano brought home an individual league championship, finishing 1st place and finishing the 3 mile course in 20:10. Teammate Teanna Gutierrez finished 5th and earned 1st team CMAC All League Recognition. For the boys, Freddy Garcia and Luke Flores both finished in the Top 10 in the boys race with Gracia finishing the course race in 18:00 and Flores following at 18:40. Both also earned CMAC All League recognition. Both teams will now turn their focus to the CIF Central Section Cross Country Championship with a chance to qualify for the State CIF Championship.



Under the guidance of 1st year Head Coach Lola Gill, the Lady Coyote Water polo team completed their outstanding season by being crowned CMAC 2 League Champions and earning the #3 seed in CIF Frontiers. With an opening playoff victory over Bakersfield Christian, the team then faced a stiff challenge vs Palomar High School out of Bakersfield. It was a back-and-forth match for our young Lady Coyotes and the experience itself will pay dividends in the seasons ahead!!



The Coyote Competition Cheer and Dance team started their season with their first competition at Clovis North. Under the leadership of 1st year Head Coach Michelle Hester, the Coyotes earned superior marks in the first competition of the year. Their performances also earned them qualifying marks for the USA National Championship taking place down in Anaheim come Feb 2025.



Coyote Football ended the CMAC League Season and qualified for CIF Central Section Division III Playoffs earning the number #2 seed and a bye game in the first week of playoffs. Before their quarterfinal game vs Nipomo, the Coyote Football program hosted their annual Senior Night Team dinner and recognized every senior for their commitment over the last four years. The following night the Coyotes hosted the Nipomo Titans in their quarterfinal match up. The Coyotes ground attack applied too much pressure for the Titans defense with the Coyotes attaining a 35-21 victory and a seat in the semifinal game vs Kennedy High School out of Delano. In their semifinal matchup vs Kennedy, the Coyotes put on an aero display racking up 551 passing yards by Sr. Quarterback Joel Arellano. Arellano threw for (6) TD's and ran for (2) in their come-from-behind 56-49 victory!! The victory now propels the Coyotes into the CIF Division III Championship game where they will host the Lions of Kerman High, in what will be the very last game in the iconic Memorial Stadium. Game time is set for 7:00 pm!!

Winter sports have come out of hibernation with basketball, soccer, and wrestling starting their non-league competitions. Keep your eye out for Coyote Boys wrestling as (5) Coyotes have earned pre-season CA State rankings to start their season. Coyote Boys Wrestlers include:

WT - Name State Ranking

HWT - Issaiah Beas 9th

132 - Cameron Silber HM

113 - Caiden Avila 41st

190 - Ricardo Rios 38th

126 - Solomon Reyes 46th

The Coyote Athletic Department would like to wish all of our Coyote Families a wonderful Thanksgiving Holiday and we look forward to sharing more athletic accomplishments of our beloved Coyotes student/athletes and teams come the month of December!!

Go Coyotes!!

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