

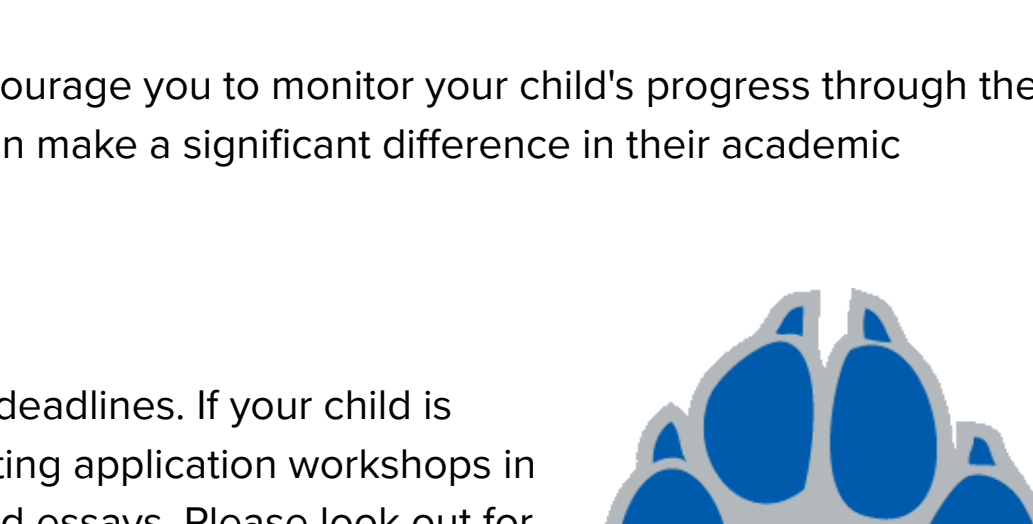
## October 2024

### Hello Coyote Family!

As we embrace the beautiful Fall season, we're thrilled to see the cooler weather invigorating our campus culture! Our students are fully engaged in a variety of activities, from enjoying lunchtime music and Folklorico dances to participating in our beloved food frenzies. We're also cheering on our teams in football, water polo, golf, and tennis. It's truly heartwarming to witness our school spirit in action!

### Homecoming Week: September 30 - October 4

Get ready for an exciting Homecoming celebration! Throughout the week, students will enjoy dress-up days and fun lunchtime activities. The festivities will begin with our rally at the stadium and culminate in our Homecoming parade, where we'll honor our Grand Marshall, Reggie King. Let's come together to support our Madera Coyotes as they take the field under the stadium lights this Friday!

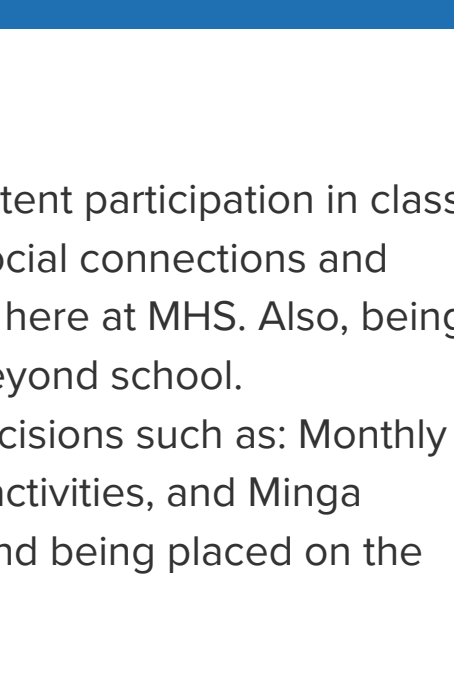


### End of First Quarter

October also marks the end of the first quarter. We encourage you to monitor your child's progress through the AERES parent portal. Your support and involvement can make a significant difference in their academic success.

### College Application Workshops

As October rolls in, so do the UC and CSU application deadlines. If your child is interested in applying, our MHS counselors will be hosting application workshops in the library to guide students through the paperwork and essays. Please look out for flyers from your child's counselor for specific dates and times.



There's so much happening at MHS this month, and we hope you can join us for these exciting community events!

Wishing you a fantastic Coyote day!

Manuel Aquino

## 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.

The chart below shows the percentage of students present each week that we have been enrolled in school. We have also included our attendance goal for this Homecoming Week!

Aug 12-16	Aug 19-23	Aug 26-30	Sep 2-6	Sep 9-13	Sep 16-20	Sep 23-27	Sep 30-Oct 4 Goal
92.5%	91.6%	89.1%	91.4%	87.7%	89.4%	89.2%	91%

### 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.

[Stoptolutions.com](#)

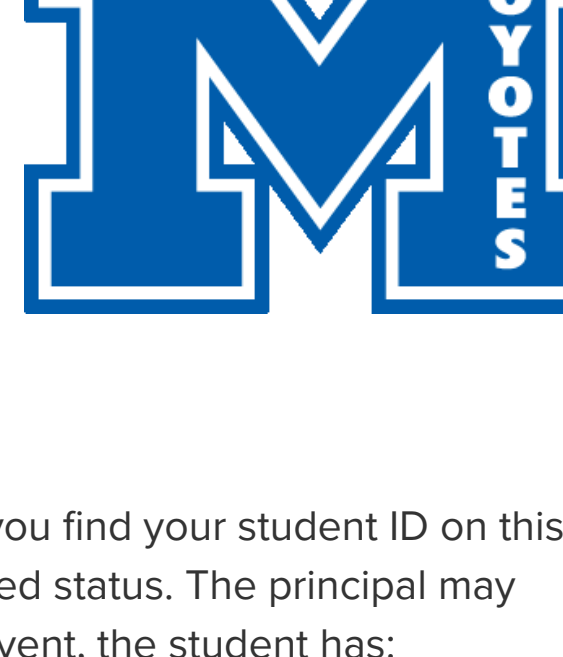


### Dress Code Policy

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

[Regulations](#)

[Policy](#)



### 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



## Counselors

### College Applications Continue for Seniors

- Seniors who are eligible to apply for a UC or CSU university can start completing their applications as of October 1st! All students should launch their applications through [CaliforniaColleges.edu](#). Senior Counselors have scheduled multiple workshops to help students complete their applications. See upcoming events below.
- FAFSA/CADAA application is set to open on Dec. 1. More info to come.

### Is Your Child on Track to Graduate?

- 11th-grade students have met with their counselor and reviewed their graduation status. This is the time to sit down with your child and discuss the outcomes of their meeting. Counselors reviewed current credits, overall GPA, and what they need to be on track to graduate in June 2026.
- Senior counselors have mailed out Grad Status Letters. Check your mail and contact your child's counselor if needed.

### What Do Counselors Do?

- MHS Counselors want to make sure that every student and parent feels comfortable about reaching out to us. We are here to be an advocate for our students and help all students find success at school. We provide a variety of resources:
  - Academic Advising: Grade tracking, courses for credit recovery, track progress towards graduation.
  - Mental Health Support: Manage personal issues, suicide prevention & postvention, personal care as needed, and lend a listening ear to students and parents.
  - Next-Step Planning: College courses, scholarships, college applications AND SO MUCH MORE!
  - If you need to know who your child's counselor is, click [here](#). Our emails can be found on [the school website](#).

### Upcoming Events:

- **Oct. 1:** UC and CSU Applications window open
- **Oct. 2:** ASVAB Interpretation
- **Oct. 4:** Massachusetts Institute of Technology Rep
- **Oct. 7:** UC/CSU Application Workshop
- **Oct. 8, 11, 18, & 25:** CSU Application Workshop
- **Oct. 16th:** 10th Grade Counselors Presentations in World History Classes
- **Oct. 23 & 28:** UC Application Workshop
- **Oct. 24:** MCCAP Advising for current students

### Social Media Accounts:

Instagram: [@mhs\\_counselors](#)

Facebook: Madera High School Counselors

## Climate & Culture

This month marks the beginning of our new Minga Store! Students have been earning Minga points all year by demonstrating Coyote PRIDE. The store will officially open Thursday, October 3rd at lunch with the following items available! More to come as we build up our store and students show off their awesomeness in their classes and throughout our campus!

## MINGA STORE 10/3

**30 POINTS** WATER, NOTEBOOK

**50 POINTS** REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE, CANDY, LIMITED EDITION MHS STICKER

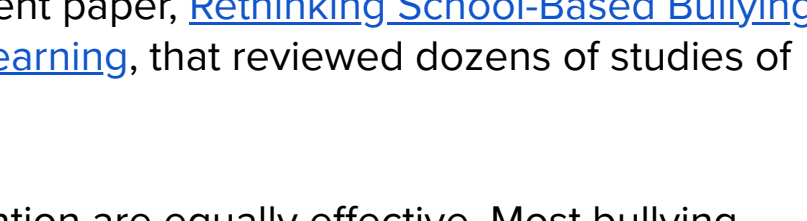
**150 POINTS** CLEAR A TARDY

**500 POINTS** ALL DAY GOLF CART RIDE TO CLASS

## Preventing Bullying in Schools

All 50 U.S. states require schools to have a bullying prevention policy.

But a policy, alone, is not enough. Despite the requirement, there's been a slight uptick in all forms of bullying during the last three years. Bullying can look like experienced basketball players systematically intimidating novice players off the court, kids repeatedly stigmatizing immigrant classmates for their cultural differences, or a middle-school girl suddenly being insulted and excluded by her group of friends.



Bullying occurs everywhere, even in the highest-performing schools, and it is hurtful to everyone involved, from the targets of bullying to the witnesses—and even to bullies themselves. October is National Bullying Prevention Month, so it's a good time to ask ourselves: What are the best practices for preventing bullying in schools? That's a question I explored with my colleague Marc Brackett from the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, in a recent paper, [Rethinking School-Based Bullying Prevention Through the Lens of Social and Emotional Learning](#), that reviewed dozens of studies of real-world bullying prevention efforts.

As we discovered, not all approaches to bullying prevention are equally effective. Most bullying prevention programs focus on raising awareness of the problem and administering consequences. But programs that rely on punishment and zero tolerance have not been shown to be effective in the U.S., and they often disproportionately target students of color. Programs like peer mediation that place responsibility on the children to work out conflicts can increase bullying. (Adult victims of abuse are never asked to "work it out" with their tormentor, and children have an additional legal right to protections due to their developmental status.) Bystander intervention, even among adults, only works for some people—introverts, empathis, and people with higher social status and moral engagement. Many approaches that educators adopt have not been evaluated through research; instead, educators tend to select programs based on what their colleagues use.

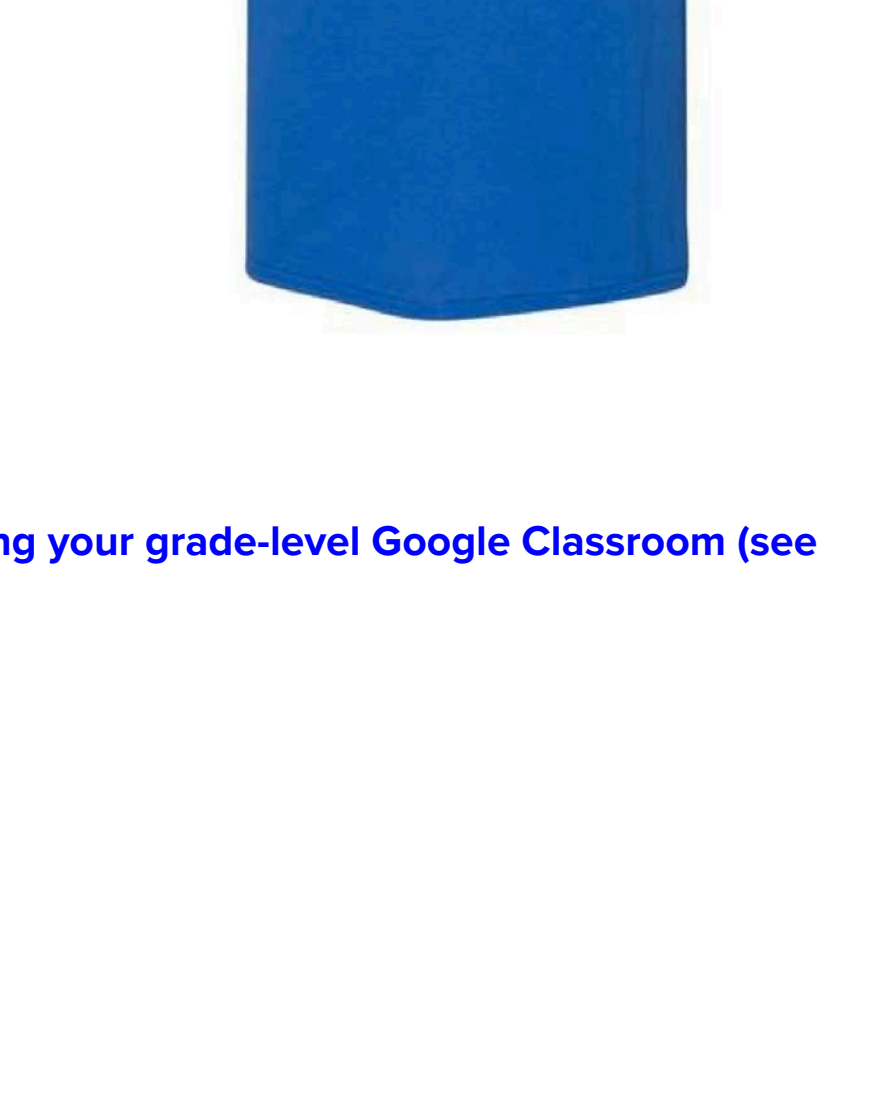
Two research-tested approaches that show the most promise for reducing bullying (along with other forms of aggression and conflict). They are a positive school climate, and social and emotional learning.

## Activities & Athletics

### Activities

Fall is here and we're looking for some bone-chilling fun as the month of October is filled with spooktacular events and activities! See key dates below...

- Homecoming Week!
- September 30th-October 4th
- Oct. 2nd: Homecoming Rally (special bells)
- Oct. 3rd: Homecoming tees on sale
- Oct. 4th: Homecoming Parade and Game (special bells)
- Oct. 7th: SAP Day (No school for students) / Area C Student Leadership Conference
- Oct. 8th: Graduation Presentations/Packets / Madera Unified School Board Meeting at 6:30pm
- Oct. 9th: PAC Meeting at 6pm
- Oct. 14th: SOCKtober drive begins
- Oct. 15th: Hispanic Heritage Month conclusion
- Oct. 17th: Graduation orders due / FF Senior Night
- Oct. 18th: Pink Out game at Memorial Stadium
- Oct. 23rd: UC Application workshop
- Oct. 24th: Water Polo Senior Night
- Oct. 30th: Trunk-or-Treat at MHS / PSAT by appt
- Looking ahead...
- Nov. 1st: Dia de los Muertos celebration begins / Senior Night at Memorial Stadium
- Nov. 8th: Salute to Service game



### Athletics

#### Coyotes

The end of September 2024 marks the end of Summer and the beginning of fall but we would never know this with the late roll of triple digits to close the month of September and open the month of October. Maybe it is a sign that your Coyote fall athletic teams will start to HEAT up as we now begin to enter Conference League play!

Speaking of the Conference League, fall 2024 marks the era of a new conference model that now combines the schools of CMAC and NYL into a more competitive equity model. This new conference model will change annually based on yearly results. The conference is designed into (3) leagues: CMAC 1, CMAC 2 and NYL.

Below is each league and the schools for each individual sport:

**Football:** Madera, SJM, Bullard, Edison, Sanger, Garza

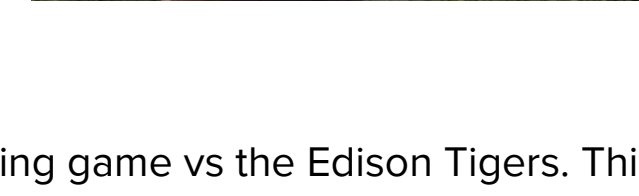
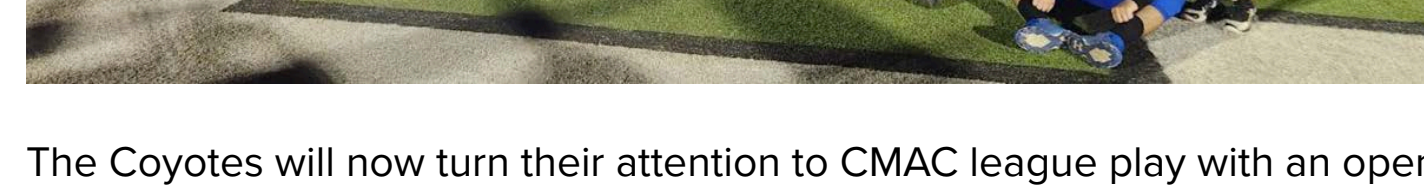
**Girls Tennis:** Madera, Hoover, Sanger West, Edison

**Girls Golf:** Madera, Hoover, Sanger West, Edison

**Water polo:** Madera, Yosemite, Garza, Sunnyside, Madera South, SJM

**Cross Country:** Madera, Edison, Roosevelt, Sunnyside

Coyote Football is off to an excellent start ending the non-league schedule with a (4-1) record and outscoring their opponents (218-124). The month of September saw your Coyotes complete the trifecta by handily taming the Toros of Torres (52-7), routing in the Stallions of Madera South (49-7), and bringing home the Governor Hat from the Merced Bears (48-3).

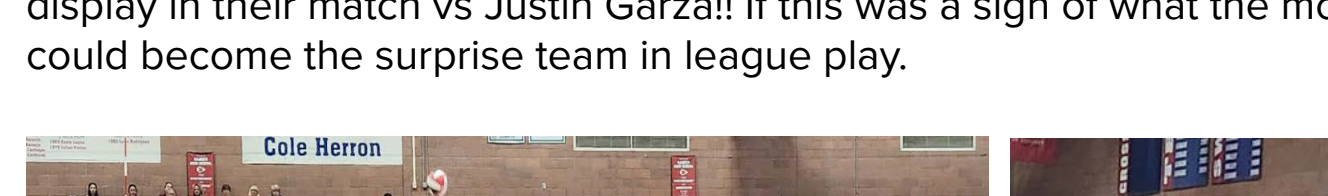


The Coyotes will now turn their attention to CMAC league play with an opening game vs the Edison Tigers. This game also marks Homecoming 2024 for the Coyotes with the JV game beginning at 4:30 pm and the Varsity game at their customary start time of 7:30 pm.

The Coyote Cross Country program has been ending in the miles as this year's team prepares for league and central section competitions. The Coyotes entered the month of September at the Clovis West Eagles invitational. All Coyotes finished with improved times and will continue to get faster as league duals are set to begin in the month of October. Senior Natalia Zambrano is off to a strong start and the 4 year returning varsity letterwomen is about to start turning heads as she devours her competition ahead!



Coyote Girls Volleyball has had a roller coaster of a year so far. With this year's team being young it has led to some inconsistent play at times. Yet the Coyotes also demonstrated some moxy in their last contest of September and though the match did not turn out the way the team wanted, their competitiveness was on full display in their match vs Justin Garza! If this was a sign of what the month of October can be, the Lady Coyotes could become the surprise team in league play.



Coyote Lady Tennis is taking the fall season by storm! With an improved (7-2) record heading into league play, their hard work during the off-season and improved skill set may just turn into championship gold! Senior Sophia Abou and Junior Annaiya Franco are leading the Coyotes respectively as the #1 and #2 player ranked players. Hector Ramirez has been extremely happy with the play of all of his players and is equally excited about the participation numbers that have increased every year!

Coyote Girls Golf had a wonderful month of September! Junior Jayden Cuevas along with Seniors Jolie Zambrano and Emma Frausto, Sophomores Janae Medina, Ashlyn Soto, and Freshman Lilly Quintana round out the top (5) Lady Coyotes. The Coyotes experienced a recent victory over SJM at Sunnyside Country Club and now have their eyes fixed on Hoover in their opening league dual to open the month of October!!

The newest fall female sport for the Coyotes is Girls Flag Football. Many of this year's players are extremely new to the sport and are making great strides in understanding the game. Whenever a new program begins there are always going to be learning curves. Successes may not be demonstrated on the scoreboard yet from the start of this new season to the end of September, even the smallest growth gain in our player performing success!! With more experience and more knowledge of our newest sport, success will be sure to follow! Keep working hard Lady Coyotes!! We are filled with Coyote PRIDE knowing YOU are the ones who accepted the challenge to start something new at MHS!!



Coyote Boys and Girls Water polo teams have also experienced an up-and-down month of September. From non-league games to tournament play both boys and girls varsity teams have shown much maturity with their respective roster of young players. Currently, the boys are (8-12) overall and the girls (4-6) overall. Each varsity team is off to a (2-0) start in league play and will make their way over to Justin Garza to open play in the month of October.

Coyotes stay tuned in throughout the month of October! With the beginning of the new Conference model, your Coyotes are poised for added success! Homecoming will open the week of October with many planned activities scheduled throughout the first week. October will also bring many Senior Nights celebrations for all fall sports. We hope you are able to join us during these special celebrations! The month of October is also the jump start for all WINTER sports. We want to remind all Coyotes that they must have a valid physical and complete their athletic clearance on Homecampus.com in order to try out for any winter sport!

Go Coyotes!!

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