

HOME & SCHOOL

Madison Junior High School

September Home & School Newsletter

Welcome to September and our first Home & School newsletter! These communications will be coming out once a month with information about upcoming events at Madison. I hope you will find them interesting and informative!

What is Home & School?

Home & School is similar to PTO/PTA except there is no cost to join. Every parent/guardian of a Madison Junior High student is automatically a part of Home & School. We have monthly meetings (one Thursday per month) that everyone is invited to attend. We also have a Home & School board made up of our Executive Board (president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer) and committee chairs. A few of the things that Madison Home & School does are coordinate volunteers, the magazine drive (our fundraiser that helps support a variety of Madison programs), 8th Grade Moving-On reception and slide show, School Supplies kits, Spirit Wear sales, and Staff Appreciation.

Home & School meetings

Everyone is invited to attend our monthly meetings. **Our first meeting is next week, September 12, 2019 @8:30AM!** Meetings are held once a month on Thursdays (typically on the second Thursday of the month). We have moved two meetings to the evening this year to hopefully better accommodate the schedules of working parents. We will also have a guest speaker(s) for our evening meetings. Morning meetings are in the FACS room. Evening meetings will be in the LC or Cafeteria.

2019-2020 Meeting Dates

September 12, 2019 @8:30AM

October 17, 2019 @8:45AM

November 14, 2019 @7:00PM

No meeting in December.

January 16, 2020 @8:45AM

February 13, 2020 @8:45AM

March 12 @7:00PM

April 16 @8:45AM

May 14 @8:45AM

Volunteering

There are multiple opportunities to volunteer (short-term and long-term) at Madison. See the SignUp Genius below for details and to sign up to help. There are different sections (tabs on PC, drop down menu on mobile) so make sure to check out all of them. Magazine Sale prize days are coming soon and are a fun opportunity to help and see your child during lunch!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0d4aaeaf2ea2fd0-madison>

Magazine Drive

We are launching our Magazine Drive with an assembly for the students on Monday, September 16th! This is Madison Home & School's ONLY FUNDRAISER for the year. It is so important for your student to get involved! **If every student in the school sold 4 subscriptions, Madison Home & School would make \$50,000!**

8th grade parents, don't forget! 20% of your 8th grader's magazine sales and donations go directly to cover your child's boat trip!

Donations:

If someone wants to support a Madison student, but doesn't want a magazine, they can make a donation instead. **New this year:** Donations can be made right through the magazine drive website. AND donations count toward prizes! Every \$25 donation will count as 1 magazine order.

Important Magazine Drive dates:

Monday, September 16, 2019: Kickoff with assembly for all students.

Tuesday, September 17, 2019 @Midnight: Deadline for 36 Hour Bonus prizes.

Wednesday, September 18, 2019: 36 Hour Bonus prizes awarded during lunchtime.

Monday, September 23, 2019: Prize Day 1 during lunchtime

Monday, September 30, 2019: Prize Day 2 during lunchtime

Friday, October 11, 2019: Last day of orders to count toward prizes

Tuesday, November 5, 2019 OR Wednesday, November 6, 2019: Trip to Urban Air for qualifying students

If you have any questions about the Magazine Drive, please contact Meghan Heidmann at meghanheidmann@gmail.com.

Directory

We will be using Directory Spot again this year! Directory Spot is available online or through a convenient app. It's a great way to be able to easily find contact info for staff and students. It even includes the Absence Report number. We are still waiting to receive our official data from the district, but plan to release this year's Directory Spot later this month. If you have the app from last year, it is currently available but has last year's information. Thank you to everyone who donated to help support our Directory! For questions about the directory, please email Denise Downey at madisondirectory@gmail.com.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S.

We are excited to announce that Madison is joining our fellow 203 Junior Highs, Jefferson, Washington, and Kennedy, in offering S.U.C.C.E.S.S. programming to our students.

S.U.C.C.E.S.S. stands for "School Using Coordinated Community Efforts to Strengthen Students." We are a family-led organization with the support of District 203 leadership committed to empowering African-American/Black students and other students of color and their families to enhance academic performance, foster family-school connectedness, and ensure that everyone is welcomed, valued, and respected. We welcome anyone who supports our mission. We invite you to participate at our school and district events hosted throughout the year as we partner with our school faculty to support our students and champion their success.

Be on the lookout for information about the S.U.C.C.E.S.S launch at Madison in October!

If you have questions or would like to be part of this new community, contact Amy Klug [at amyk105@yahoo.com](mailto:amyk105@yahoo.com).

Thank you

A quick thank you to our volunteers that have already been hard at work this year! Thank you to Debbie Scherf and Jennifer Hoover, chairs of Staff Appreciation, who provided a lovely back to school lunch for the Madison Staff! Thank you to Jennifer Hajer and Kelly Eagan, School Supply chairs, for all your hard work in organizing and handing out school supplies and gym shirts! Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help with that handout! We really appreciate your help!

For More Information:

Follow us on Facebook! <https://www.facebook.com/mjhsvarhawks/>

Check the Home & School page on the Madison website. We just updated this information so that this can be a great ongoing resource for our Madison families. <https://www.naperville203.org/Page/2531>

For other questions, feel free to contact our Madison Home & School President, Haley Lottig, via email (madisonhomeandschool@gmail.com)