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Fall Work-Based Learning Event a Hit!

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

The first Work Based Learning (WBL) Open House and Industry Tour Event kicked the year off and created an exciting and motivating start for Career & Technical Education (CTE) students at MCHS. Both events were created, designed, and tailored to engage all ambitious students who want to learn more about work-based learning and career opportunities in Business, Culinary Tourism & Hospitality, Manufacturing, Healthcare, and more.

Cub Enterprise Coordinator Whitney Mathews and Kevin Turner Executive Director, of Career Coaching and Employer Connections at Ivy Tech Community College worked over the summer to locate additional opportunities, expand strategic partnerships, and diligently planned two interactive events, on campus and off, for approximately 450 CTE students at MCHS. The pair's goal with these two pipeline-designed events was to expose as many students as possible to viable careers locally and how they can begin their endeavors NOW. "Striking their interest was our goal with the open house event in August," shared Mathews. "The goal of the tour event held in September was an opportunity to let them explore those interests they learned about in August."



 $\label{eq:Kelly Neal, Greg Lamb, Debbie Brim, and Laura Ratcliff part of the CTE team at MCHS.$

Approximately 14 of the largest employers in Jefferson County showed up with staff for the open house event and marketed their place of employment and all it has to offer for students. While visiting the employer booths students also worked on completing a scavenger hunt to help them begin talking points with employers regarding their profession. Some students were further exploring their options for the day and others were opening their eyes to unlimited possibilities. Many of the very same employers arranged specific industry-focused tours just weeks later for nearly 100 of our most eager CTE students. Students split up into three different fields to explore their options in Manufacturing, Healthcare, and Business/Hospitality/Culinary.

"With every great partnership, comes a great possibility," shared Mathews. "The tours were specifically designed with our students in mind." Our local employers such as Clifty Inn, Marriott Fairfield Inn, Red Family Restaurants, Norton KDH, Trilogy River Terrace, Trilogy Thornton Terrace, Madison Precision and Products, Super ATV, and Grote all participated to provide the students with first-hand knowledge about their amazing facilities and career opportunities. Students wrapped up the employer tours with a sponsored lunch in Bicentennial Park where students were able to debrief over their tours and learn how to connect their post-secondary options through Ivy Tech to their newly discovered opportunities. "We have some incredible community partners working side-by-side with our students," Mathews continued. "With the addition of Kevin's role at Ivy Tech, I am very excited to see what future events look like as we begin to expand our scope and depth of what we can offer students."



Healthcare Pathway Students tour Norton KDH.



WBL Open House for CTE student at MCHS.

It didn't take long for students to realize the opportunities before them. "As a result of these events, we have already had students reach out and have started applying to local companies," Mathews continued.

MCHS student Nellie Andres (Healthcare Pathway) is already taking the next steps in her future career path. Nellie met with Autumn Trace's staff and was immediately impacted by their company's culture. Nellie completed her application for employment and already submitted it to the facility.

Christian Torres (Cub Industries Welder) also discovered a newfound interest in Nucor by taking advantage of this opportunity. Like Nellie, Christian is utilizing this networking opportunity through Mr. Turner to connect with Nucor representatives and start planning career paths for himself

Not only did the students benefit from this experience, but our staff did also too. CTE Staff were given the opportunity to network with multiple professionals and gain advocacy for their programs from local professionals.

Mathews and Turner are already planning next year's event and exploring ways we can connect students at MJHS as part of the annual Crossing the Ditch day that takes place in the spring.

Event sponsors included: Arvin Sango, Clifty Inn, Grote, Ivy Tech Community College, Madison Campus, Madison Precision Products, Madison Chamber of Commerce, Marriott Fairfield Inn, North American Stainless, Norton's KDH, Nucor Gallatin, Red Family Restaurants, Super ATV, Trilogy, and Vehicle Service Group.



Welding, Engineering, and Manufacturing Students visit SuperATV and Madison Precision Prodcuts during tours.



The District Correspondent



Madison Consolidated Schools operates one high school, one middle school, and four elementary school (each including preschool) serving approximately 2,600 students and their families in the Madison/Jefferson County, Ind., area.

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From the Superindendent's desk

Dear Madison families,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2022-23 school year! I am a proud new Madison Cub after joining the district in July. My husband Lee and I moved to Madison in August and are enjoying learning about the community and meeting many new people. Madison is a great place to raise a family and has much to offer its community—including a quality education! I have found our school district has a talented team of teachers, administrators, and support staff who work together to provide our students with a variety of opportunities designed to meet the needs of all students. I am excited to join this team and look forward to serving you.

Sincerely, Dr. Teresa Brown I have been an educator for over 37 years. I have served as a superintendent, assistant superintendent for the Indiana Department of Education, principal,



assistant principal, and teacher over the course of my career. I have spent my life working with others to improve the lives of our children through

education. I have seen the power of working together and the positive change that can occur if we have many voices around the table and are focused on finding solutions. Our students deserve our best every day. I am committed to finding ways to contribute to this outstanding school district and look forward to developing relationships and partnerships as I meet each of you in the coming year.



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FFA Competitions Starting Off Strong

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

On September 20, 2022, the Madison FFA Chapter divided and conquered. Traveling to two different places, one team of 25 students traveled to South Ripley High School to attend the district FFA event to build leadership skills. At the same time, nine others competed in the Soils Career Development event in Clark County, Indiana with one team of four young ladies qualifying for State. The state competition takes place over Fall Break and students won't be attending.

Next up for the Chapter is the Forestry Career Development Event on Nov 17th.



FFA students Heidi Hickman, Sydney Huff, Lilly Cox, and Lainie Alexander qualified for the State Soils Career Development Event.



Visiting Alumni

On Saturday, October 1, members of the Class of 1977 toured the high school as part of their class reunion activities. If your class is planning an upcoming reunion and would like to visit, please contact us at 812.274.8001 to see if we can accommodate your schedule.



Local Fire Companies Host Elementary Students





Anastasia Smith and Jenna Copeland were able to look inside the firetruck.



Brian Sowers is very happy to stand inside a firetruck!

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

The observance of Fire Prevention Week takes place the week of October 9th, commemorating the date of the Great Chicago Fire in 1871. Since the beginning, the focus has shifted from a week to a month-long awareness program focusing on fire prevention, safety, and awareness around the dangers of fire.

This year, students get to go back to face-to-face visits with our local fire departments throughout the county. The schools have a great working relationship with all of our community fire departments and they are very proactive with any and all opportunities to talk with students about fire safety.

This year, the community of Deputy had a special addition to their day. Students got to walk to the brand-new Deputy Fire Department. The school and the fire department share a special relationship in Deputy...they're neighbors! On Monday, December 17, 2018, a fire broke out at the department which led to a devastating loss of equipment, structure, and a long rebuilding project.

Similar to the school, the fire department is a hub of activity for residents of the Deputy area. "To be able to walk over and visit with our neighbors and see their beautiful new facility was a great day for our school and community," shared Janet McCreary, Principal of Deputy Elementary. "This has been something we have all watched and been a part of from a distance and to see our volunteers back in the firehouse and the protection that provides our community is priceless."

Students were given a tour of the new firehouse and met with firefighters Erika Hazelwood, Rusty Hazelwood, Bobby Hazelwood, Billy Bob Miller, and Jeremy Sharp to learn about fire safety, the in and outs of the fire truck, and got hands-on with some of the equipment used when they are dispatched to a fire.

Our New Faces

2022-2023 began with lots of new faces and some familiar faces in new places. We would like to introduce you to some of our new employees, teachers, and administrators students will see and interact with throughout their day.

Jessie Zurat - 1st Grade, Anderson Elementary



Ms. Zurat came to Madison from Pennsylvania, moved to Michigan in 2017, and relocated to our community from the Detroit area. "Anderson has such a great group of teachers who are kind, helpful, and a team," she shared on why she selected our district. "I felt at home the moment I walked into this school! It is so organized, everyone works collaboratively, and the kids are so great!"

Zurat holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education from Penn State University and a Master's degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Eastern Michigan University. When asked about what she is enjoying most about her new community, her new church, running on the riverwalk, and enjoying the downtown coffee shops and restaurants were all high on the list. "Thank you for this opportunity," she shared. "The transition has been so easy, and I am so grateful to be here!"

Kelly Neal - Cub Industries, MCHS-Plant 1



Mr. Neal joins the Madison team and has relocated from New Castle, IN. He is the new Engineering/Design teacher at MCHS and was very impressed with the commitment to student success at Madison. "During my interviews, I found that there was a great passion for setting goals for students," he shared. "Having the ability to continue to help build Cub Engineering into a great opportunity for students had me set on this school."

Neal holds a bachelor's degree in Industrial Technology Education and a master's degree in Career Technical Education, both from Ball State University. On his new community, Neal shared "Madison has always been a favorite destination from central Indiana. I have found it to be very inviting and welcoming and the community support is second to none!" As he continues to settle into Plant 1, Neal sets his sights on helping students find a pathway to their future goals, and is excited to be a Cub!

Kayla Adkins - 1st Grade, Rykers' Ridge Elementary



A Jefferson County native, and Southwestern graduate, Kayla joins the Ridge team following her time in the building as a student teacher. "I did my student teaching at Rykers' and formed a unique and strong bond with MCS," she shared. "I wouldn't want to be anywhere else!"

Adkins earned a bachelor's degree in Education from Indiana University Southeast. While not new to the community, more specifically to her school community Adkins is most enjoying the relationships. "The

relationships I have created with my students and co-workers and the support from MCS has been great!"

Jeffery Curtis - Biology, MCHS

Originally from Tennyson, IN, Mr. Curtis is familiar with the area as a graduate of Hanover College. He chose Madison schools because of the sense of community..."I am excited to be a part of this staff," he shared. "I love the overall history that surrounds the area and am excited to be part of this community and look forward to the exploration and adventures ahead." Curtis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Secondary Education and Biology from Hanover College.

Alexis Ricketts - AP Seminar, English 10 & 11, MCHS



Originally from Tell City, IN, Mrs. Ricketts and her husband moved to Madison in 2020. "After we relocated, I fell in love with the city and wanted to teach where I lived," she shared. Ricketts spent the last five years teaching at Switzerland County High School.

Ricketts holds a bachelor's degree in English Education with a minor in Psychology from the University of Evansville. On what she is enjoying most about Madison, "I enjoy my coworkers and meeting/getting to

know all of my new students...and all of the things Madison has to offer our students," she shared.

Shauna Reilmann - STEM Teacher, Anderson Elementary and Rykers' Ridge Elementary



No stranger to the classroom, Ms. Reilmann has been an aide or substitute teacher since 2004. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) position is hands-on and gives students the opportunity to begin exploration early. Reilmann does it because "I love the kiddos!"

She holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from Indiana University.

Emily Phillips - 4th Grade, Anderson Elementary



Ms. Phillips has come home! After graduating from Madison in 2011, Emily attended the University of Evansville earning a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. After graduation, she spent four years teaching in the Evansville area before returning home to Madison. "Being close to home and being a CUB again," are the reasons she chose Madison schools. "The entire Anderson staff has been so incredibly welcoming and helpful!"

Amanda Wooldridge - Student Services Clerk, MCHS



Mrs. Wooldridge is the new face in the Main Office at MCHS! Born and raised in Muncie, IN, she later moved to the Louisville, KY area for work. "Madison is a beautiful community and we chose Madison schools because it was the best fit for our son," she shared. "Our family loves being in a small town," she continued on what her family is most enjoying. "The 'big city' life is fun for a while, but a small town is a better family environment."

Don Cowper - Principal, MCHS



It has been a whirlwind start for Mr. Cowper at MCHS but he is taking it all in stride as he settles at the helm. A native of Indiana, Cowper had a few select areas of interest at the end of last school year when he and his wife, Sarah, decided to explore options closer to home. "We are both from the midwest and while Florida is a great place to visit, we knew we wanted to get closer to home if and when the right opportunity arose," Cowper shared. "We were able to spend a bit of time around the area and this community is the perfect place for us. I am very impressed with

the programs and opportunities offered to students, the facilities are incredible, and the historical elements of the community are very appealing to us."

Cowper earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English (with a minor in Psychology) from Saginaw Valley State University; grades 6-12 teacher certification in English, Psychology, Government, and Historical Perspectives, and a Master of Arts in Education Curriculum and Instruction from Ferris State University; a K-12 Building Level Administrator license from Indiana Wesleyan University; and an Educational Specialist degree with a focus on School Administration/Superintendency from Indiana State University.

House hunting in our community has been a highlight for the Cowper family.

Sarah Hale - 7th & 8th Grade Math, MJHS



Another Madison native, Ms. Hale returns home after living in Indianapolis for the past four years. "Pre-Algebra and Algebra are my favorite levels of math," she shared. "So I am very excited to be teaching both!"

Hale is a graduate of Indiana State University where she earned bachelor's degrees in Elementary Education and Middle School Math. "I am also very happy to be back in my hometown and enjoy the atmosphere

Brenda Galliher - 8th Grade Science, MJHS



Mrs. Galliher and her husband recently moved home to Indiana after living out of state for the past 25 years, the last 18 were spent in Arkansas. Why Madison schools? "I have really enjoyed getting to know both students and staff at MJHS," she shared. "I knew that Madison would be a great learning community to be a part of because, during my interview process, every person I talked with made me feel at home."

Galliher holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management from Purdue University and an MBA in Services Management from Indiana University. Her favorite part of her new community is being near family again!

Devin Brierly - Assistant Athletic Director, District



Originally from Milton, KY, Brierly has resided in Jefferson County for the last sixteen years, and her reputation as a successful student-athlete at the high school and college levels makes her a great fit for her role as Assistant AD. The investment in athletics as a whole was what drew her to Madison. "The new additions and renovations to facilities are just incredible. Student-athletes have access to the same type of equipment and resources that some small colleges don't even have."

Brierly comes to Madison having most recently been a new products project manager for SuperATV. Her previous professional experience as a school counselor combined with her coaching experience ties this all together to give Madison athletics a unique edge and perspective when it comes to having a choice in where your students come to learn, compete, and grow as young men and women.

Reflecting on what she is most enjoying about her move, she shared "everyone has been so welcoming and accepting. The faculty, staff, coaches, students, athletes, parents, community... everyone." She is grateful to Mr. Morrison and the selection committee for taking a chance on her and is thankful for the opportunity to do what she loves!

Zoe Hackney - Speech Language Pathologist, Anderson Elementary

Zoe returns home to Madison after working in the Lexington, KY area for the past few years. A graduate of the MCHS Class of 2012, Hackney attended Eastern Kentucky University earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Communication Disorders and a Master of Arts degree in Communication Disorders.

Zoe and her husband Evan (MCHS Class of '11) decided to return home and raise their daughter Hallie Caroline. "We wanted to raise our daughter in our hometown with that special small town feel and friendliness everywhere you go," share shared. "I love working with kiddos and helping them find their ability to communicate traditionally and uniquely!" Additionally, the family has two rescue pups, Checkers and Leonitus, and they are very excited to give back to the community they grew up in. Hackney will be working with students at Anderson in preschool, kindergarten, and first grade.

Laura Ratcliff - Business and Marketing, MCHS



Originally from Fort Thomas, KY, Mrs. Ratcliff moved to Madison in 1998. Mrs. Ratcliff was a substitute teacher in the district for many years but is really enjoying having her own classroom and having more time to get to know the students. "One of my favorite things about MCHS is the theatre and art program," she shared. All three of her children graduated from Madison and were involved in the fine arts program. One of her favorite things about the MCHS community is the people she gets to work with and the students she is getting to know.

Ratcliff holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration and Theatre, both from Thomas More University, and a Master of Arts degree in Teaching from the University of St. Francis.

Alicia Ricketts - Administrative Clerk, Anderson Elementary



Born and raised in Madison, Alicia loves her coworkers and the positive environment at Anderson. "My kiddos go to Anderson, so I was somewhat familiar with the school and liked it," she shared.

Ricketts holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology with minors in Biochemistry & Environmental Geospace from DePauw University.

Kyla Everett - Speech Language Pathologist, Anderson Elementary

Originally from Madison, Ms. Everett moved back home after spending last year in Seymour. She chose Madison schools because of the wonderful staff, students, and families. "I get to collaborate with and serve," she shared. "I went to school at Anderson and graduated from Madison so it has been such a treat coming back!"

Everett holds a Bachelor of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Butler University and a Master of Science degree in Speech-Language Pathology from Miami University. On what she enjoys most..."I love the welcoming atmosphere at Anderson and in Madison overall. It is such a special place that celebrates each person who walks through the door!"

Haley Swafford - Third Grade, Anderson Elementary



University.

Hailing originally from Gas City, IN, and relocating from Jeffersonville, Mrs. Swafford chose Madison schools because of the support. "Madison schools have made me feel completely supported and welcome. The kindness here is unmatched." Originally from a small town, Haley is very much enjoying returning to a smaller community. "This community is kind and welcoming and there is always something fun going on!"

She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Indiana

Our New Faces cont.

Trent Whaley - Principal, Lydia Middleton Elementary



Mr. Whaley began the 2022-2023 school year as the new Principal greeting students and staff at Lydia Middleton. Whaley had been the principal of Jac-Cen-Del Elementary for three years before coming to Madison. In addition, he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from the elementary levels having spent five years teaching 2nd & 3rd grades at Switzerland County Elementary School, and prior to that taught grades 2, 3, & 5 at Southwest Elementary School in Greenwood, IN.

Whaley grew up in Spencer, IN, and lives with his family in Vevay. When asked why he chose Madison schools, he said "I appreciate how everyone wants what is best for students. That is a strong theme throughout all of Madison Consolidated Schools." At his new school..."I love working with our students and working with great people!"

Whaley holds a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education from Franklin College and a Master of Education in School Administration and Supervision from Indiana State University.

Dr. Teresa Brown - Superintendent, Administration Office



With over 35 years of diverse experience leading educators at the state, district, and local school levels, Brown joined Madison as the new Superintendent in July. Originally from Indianapolis, Dr. Brown had spent the last five years in Jennings County where she served as the Superintendent.

When asked why she chose Madison, she said "the people and opportunities for kids impressed me! I wanted to join this community!" She is

honored to be a part of the Madison community and looks forward to finding ways to contribute to the great traditions already in place. You can read the full press <u>release here.</u>

Brown graduated from Franklin College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education with a minor in Special Education. She earned a Master's degree in School Administration(Principal's license) from Butler University, an Ed. S. degree in School Administration (Superintendent's license) from Indiana State University, and an ED.D. in Educational Leadership with a minor in Learning Sciences from Indiana University.

Cassie Poling - Kindergarten Teacher, Anderson Elementary



Born and raised in Madison, Cassie shared she is "excited to start my teaching career in the same district I attended school in!"

Following graduation from the University of Southern Indiana where she earned a Bachelor of Education with a Minor in Special Education, Cassie is right at home at Anderson. "I am enjoying working with a great community of teachers/leaders at Anderson," she shared. "They create a supportive and friendly environment that I am happy to be a part of!"

Dacia Huntsman - Student Services Admin Clerk, MJHS



A new resident to Madison, Mrs. Huntsman, and her family relocated from Jay County, IN in the northern part of the state. "My children attend Madison and working with the schools helps my kids and myself to be involved," she shared.

With a degree in Medical Assisting from the International Business College, Huntsman also saw this as an opportunity to better align schedules. "My husband and I own a trucking business and he travels quite a

bit, everyone here has been so welcoming...it feels like home."

For Dacia, it's simple, "my goal everyday is to make a difference with positivity...one day at a time, one child at a time."

Amy Bauer - 5th Grade Math/Social Studies Teacher, MJHS



While born in Madison, Ms. Bauer lived most of her adult life in the Evansville area and saw this opportunity to be closer to family and get involved in the community. Prior to joining the 5th-grade teaching team, she was a regular substitute teacher and very involved in the MJHS Fine Arts Academy as a parent volunteer. When asked about what excites her most, Bauer shared "I have such a great 5th-grade team! I enjoy working with them and we are a close little family inside of our extended family at the junior high."

Bauer earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from the University of Southern Indiana.

MCHS Celebrates Homecoming 2022

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

MCHS had a perfect fall evening to celebrate Homecoming and a big Cub win over Mitchell on Friday, September 23rd. All of the usual activities led up to a great evening that kicked off with a new parade event.

Jennifer Cornelius, the sponsor for the MCHS Student Council, reached out to the high school to assess their interest in a Homecoming Parade. "The Student Council is thinking about adding a new event to our football Homecoming celebration," she shared in an email. "We are thinking about adding a parade with "floats" that represent different groups, clubs, organizations, teams, etc. the floats would be golf carts or wagons." After a positive response, plans began with a short turnaround. Student organizations, teams, and the Homecoming Court all decorated golf



 $\label{thm:coming} \textbf{The Homecoming Queen pictured Molly Armbrecht (left) and Homecoming King Colin Yancey (right).}$

carts or walked in the parade. The Clifty 6 Fire Department fire engine led the way followed by the Marching Cubs Band and cheerleaders as the parade of twenty entries circled the high school, traveled through the parking lot of fans, and to the gate where the Court was dropped off to continue festivities.

2022-2023 MCHS Student Council Members

Freshman Class of 2026: President - Ellie Whitaker, Vice-President - Beckham Cornelius, Secretary Addison Roark, and Treasurer - Lilly Canida.

Sophomore Class of 2025: President - Michelle Laguna-Rafael, Vice-President - Evan Cammack Secretary - Emma Wynn, and Treasurer - Sarah Adams.

Junior Class of 2024: President - Bryce Miller, Vice-President - Ava Spencer, Secretary - Marisol Maya Zapata, and Treasurer - Andre Howard.

Senior Class of 2023 - President - Mia Mires, Vice-President - Jayme Lee, Secretary - Crisnel Cabigting, and Treasurer - Mitchell Adams.

Throughout Homecoming week, students had the opportunity to participate in Spirit Week activities organized by the MCHS Student Council. Monday Kicked off with Pajama Day, followed by Decade Day, Pop Culture Day, Country vs. Country Club Day, and wrapped up with Class Colors and a rousing pep rally. The freshman class came from behind and took the Spirit Stick competition.

Seniors Molly Ambrecht and Colin Yancey were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. The court also included: Mia Mires, Jayme Lee, Riley Poling, Katie Watkins, Crisnell Cabigting, Jackson Lynch, Ben Orrill, Craig Demaree, Harrison Hall, and Mitchell Adams. Class representatives were: Lilly Canida and Maxden Thompson (freshman), Elysia Danforth and Abe Reetz (sophomore), and Olivia Glasgow and Luke Barron (junior).



Third Grade Ag Day is Always FUN!

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

One of the most anticipated field trips of elementary school is Ag Day for the third graders throughout Jefferson County. On September 29th, students from Madison, Canaan, Southwestern, Pope John, and Christian Academy hopped on buses and met at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds where high school FFA students from Madison and Southwestern were waiting with a full day planned. Nearly eighty members of the Madison FFA Chapter worked very hard for weeks to prepare, organize, and lead sixteen different learning stations where elementary students learned through hands-on opportunities about the many elements of agriculture and the necessary safety protocols.

High school FFA students prepared materials and presentations on a variety of entertaining topics in order to pique the interest of younger students. Presentations and learning stations included pollinators, soil and water, orchard, fire safety, vet sciences, hunter safety, ATV safety, and farm machinery. FFA students brought in their animals to show which included poultry, rabbits, swine, goats, beef, sheep, horses, and dogs. Students were treated to dog training and horse riding exhibitions and were able to get up close and personal with the animals, several of which are either pets or 4H projects.

Farm Bureau Inc. provided lunch for all the students, teachers, and parents.

MJHS has just recently launched a very active FFA Chapter for students interested in learning about agriculture and exploring a related career field through our graduation pathway at MCHS. As part of FFA at the junior and senior high, students have the opportunity to participate in competitions, explore unique ag-related career fields, and participate in one of the strongest leadership development programs available for youth.





Not Snacks... BOOKS!

By: Jill Mires, Principal Rykers' Ridge Elementary

There are new, exciting machines in each elementary school...these machines look like snack machines...but these machines don't dispense Doritos or Funyuns...they deliver BOOKS! Book vending machines have been purchased and placed in each elementary school. They were purchased with PBIS funds which support positive behavior and classroom success. They arrived last fall, a bit earlier than expected, as they were supposed to be delivered over the summer, but the anticipation grew at the end of the school year when students saw the machines arrive. They were extremely curious as to how they would be used during the school year.

The idea came from several advertisements and Facebook posts where other schools had purchased these true/traditional vending machines, except these vending machines were designed to deliver the gift of reading to students who have a gold token in hand.

Global Vending Group has this to say about their development of the book vending machine: GVG created a vending machine that vends books using a golden token. Inchy's Bookworm Vending Machine works by rewarding kids for good behavior, good grades, and good attendance. We believe that the combination of vending books and your own personalized reward system could bridge the gap between literacy and engagement. Social responsibility should be a big part of any company. We are proud for utilizing our resources and directing them towards literacy for all students. This program is a great way we can prepare children for the future. Let's bring engagement and excitement to reading books again!

Students receive gold tokens on their birthdays and are then able to use their tokens to make a selection from the book vending machine. Books range from board books and beginning readers for preschool students and early readers all the way up to chapter books for developing readers. The schools are also finding more ways to reward the gift of reading through school store purchases, meeting reading goals, and reading incentives.

Each elementary school has been able to fill its book vending machines with new or gently used books. They hope to continue to fill the machines with Title I funds as well as donations.



Pictured here is Xander Philips getting a book from the book vending machine.



Lia Gray redeems her gold token.

MJHS College Go!

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

Each year, College Go! Week is a great opportunity for schools to focus on and encourage students to explore college enrollment. This year College Go! Week was celebrated the week of September 26-30, 2022, and students at MJHS took full advantage of the opportunity.

The MJHS C.A.R.E.S. Team, together with College & Careers teacher Mrs. Carter, teamed up with students throughout the building to create a fun atmosphere with a Spirit Week, Hall of Colleges Walk, and lots of ways to learn about Indiana colleges and universities.

8th grade Preparing for College and Careers students created the Indiana Hall of Colleges and Universities. This display includes facts about Indiana post-secondary institutions. To make the display interactive, a QR code could be scanned starting a scavenger hunt for classes to participate in or would take students on a virtual tour of the campus. To make the event a little more personal, each eighth-grade student completed a research assignment about their favorite college. Students in the College and Career class worked in pairs to create a door sign for each teacher in the building featuring their Alma Mater.

Students in 5th and 6th grades had college pennants with QR codes they could scan and go on a virtual tour of the campus. All of the displays were available for students to visit throughout the week and between displays, students were provided college vocabulary which was integrated into a lesson in each class at the end of the week.

Spirit Week festivities included dress-up days for students and staff. Monday kicked off the week with Your Future Starts Here where students wore Madison spirit gear. Tuesday was Hats Off For College, followed by Twin with your Roommate, Dress for Success, and the week wrapped up with Dreaming for Your Future - the ever-popular pajama day!

For high school students, this week is synonymous with free college applications. A number of institutions waive their admission application fees, which makes it very cost-effective for students to apply.



8th graders showing their enthusiasm for College Go week with thier hats. Front to Back: Carson Branstetter, Alex Meyer, Kayden McKay, Caden Vaught, Braxton Bray, Noah Ashby, Reese Geisler, Kennedy Sheets, Mason Law. Nathan Jones.



Annalise Roney and Addison Boltz stand by a display for Franklin College. Not Pictured Marshal Davis.

MCHS Offers FREE After-School Tutoring

We are very happy to let you know that beginning Monday, September 26 there will be FREE after-school tutoring available for any student who would like to attend. Available daily Monday - Thursday from 3:15 - 4:15 p.m. students are invited to the Learning Commons to meet with teachers who will tutor in all subject areas.

Organized by the MCHS teaching staff, the intent is to provide additional resources and the opportunity for them to be successful in all academic areas. Students will sign in and sign out as they come and go so the time and content areas can be monitored to assure there are enough tutors available.

Term 1 just ended and grades are being finalized, however, over 30 MCHS students have participated in our after-school tutoring program since it began. "There has been a variety of students from all grade levels," shared Ms. Shayla Shepherd, MCHS teacher and one of the tutors. "The majority of those students have attended more than once and our goal is to have a consistent group of students who come to tutoring every day/week. However, that's been pretty difficult to do with our high school students. We have helped students with many different subjects, classes, and assignments. Most of our students who attended tutoring were able to get the majority of their missing/late assignments turned in prior to the end of the term."

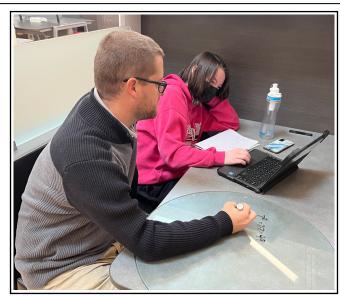
"We have been trying to figure out the best way to do tutoring at the high school because it looks a lot different than the format in the elementary schools," Shepherd continued. "We want to just make sure that ALL students know that they can attend. Even if they do not need specific help, we can be there to motivate and encourage them to get work done. Some students who do not have reliable internet at home have even taken advantage of attending and using the school's wifi."

Tutoring at Elementary schools and MJHS

Tutoring is being offered through our ESSER III Funds as a part of the continuity of learning with a focus on learning loss and closing the achievement gap. It is teacher-led and will focus on mathematics and English Language Arts at the elementary level and MJHS is partnering with MCHS to provide a more expanded curriculum option. Each building is encouraged to develop a schedule that works for its staff and students.

Sessions can be offered anywhere from 3-4 days per week, and most sessions are an hour long. Currently, this service is limited to students who have transportation availability and can be picked up after their lesson is complete. However, the district is also working on a transportation solution for the second semester. This is the second year MCS teachers have provided the tutoring program. Should your student be in need of tutoring or is behind on work and would like to stay after school, please reach out to your school to inquire on dates/times tutors will be available at your school. Students will need to be picked up following their session, transportation will not be provided.





Mr. Kempton works with a student during tutoring session at MCHS.

New Student Representative to School Board

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

Senior Molly Armbrecht(pictured below) was interested in the board representative opportunity after watching friend and former Lady Cub teammate Taylor Lynch in the role last year. "There have been a lot of changes in our school system lately and I think right now is a great opportunity to voice the opinion of students as we rebuild," Armbrecht shared.

Each year Madison seniors are invited to apply for the position of Student Board Representative. There is an interview process that includes staff and faculty members of the high school and then a meeting with the Superintendent. As with many things in school, this is a teaching moment. Molly shared that she learned it is important to be able to identify both your strengths and weaknesses and be able to relate those back to your future performance in a position.

As the board representative, "I want to continue to incorporate all of the schools of the district in the same way Taylor did so that the entire PreK-12 student body of MCS is properly represented," she shared.

New this year, Mr. Cowper, MCHS Principal, has formed a committee of students who will also be able to assist Molly with communication within the high school and other buildings throughout the district. "With the schedules and extracurricular activities students have today, it is hard to get to other schools within the district to see all of the great things going on," Cowper shared. "We wanted to be able to build on the foundation set last year and give other students an opportunity to explore what happens with our younger classmates throughout the district and bring that information to Molly to be able to share monthly." Members of the committee include Chip Cox, Sarah Jung, Zoe Bullock, and Skylar Humphrey-Smith.

Outside of school, Molly is a member of both the Lady Cubs Soccer and Softball teams, President of the MCHS Student Council, President of the Student Athletic Council, and a member of the National Honor Society.



It was a great day for an incredible space!

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

Years of work by several people came together to create an incredible learning and event space at MJHS on Thursday, October 13th. Staff celebrated the completion and dedication of the outdoor learning space on campus with live music, catered sweets and savories, and a festive atmosphere to honor the new space.

Years ago, Mr. Kenton Mahoney and MCHS Class of '22 alum Matthew Burkhardt worked together to create an inviting Sensory Garden space for students as part of <u>Burkhardt's Eagle Scout project</u> (click the link for the article on page 3). "It was a marked improvement to the space," shared MJHS Art teacher and local artist Mr. Eric Phagan. "Unfortunately, that was about the same time COVID shut everything down. I can remember Matthew building the bench seats and setting them up during the summer lockdown. The protocols in place as we came back to school didn't really allow for a lot of flexibility and use of the space. But we had ideas!"

Phagan had a vision for the space and the connections to bring it to life. Partnering with the Madison Area Arts Alliance and with additional funding from the HUGS PTO, the Madison Educational Foundation, and private donations he started work. That was approximately the Spring of 2021 and little by little the space came together. "This was a project that was full of barriers but we learned an incredible amount about resiliency, the generosity of our community, and the hearts of people as they came to us and wanted to be a part of the special opportunities we are creating for our students and community," Phagan reflected.

Mr. Ryan Lamb and the Cub Industry students helped with the manufacturing and installation of the poles that set the stage for the red sails. The Madison Area Arts Alliance and Kim Nyberg of The Spot helped to connect <u>mural artist Freddie L. Sizemore</u> and Phagan to bring the backdrop to life. "In addition to an amazing, one-of-a-kind piece of art, we were able to combine Freddie's creative process into hands-on lectures and observations with students in their art classes last Spring." The full story is available in the link above.



The support for the project came from all corners of the community. However, perhaps none more hands-on than Ron Couch, MJHS teacher, and resident handyman. "Ron has been here side-by-side with me from the beginning," Phagan smiled. "We would work after school, evenings, weekends - whenever we could piece together a block of time to get things finished. I'd have another idea (which likely meant more work for him) and he was always gung ho! He gets what we are trying to create." Couch wasn't the only one - Mr. Dan Grill, Principal of MJHS, has been invested from the beginning as well. "We have a very special team of teachers in place at MJHS who truly want to create excellent learning experiences for our students and Mr. Grill is always all-in," shared Phagan. "It is great to work on an energetic team who are supportive of each other and believe in the power of making a difference for kids...Mr. Grill leads that charge."



Mr. Eric Phagan speaking at the MJHS Outdoor Classroom Dedication.



As the event came together, so did more partnerships as people started to learn more about what Phagan was trying to accomplish. "M3 (Madison Music Movement) approached us and wanted to be a part of the event space," Phagan shared. "Madison is a city on the move in all aspects of art, music, and food and to have a space on the hilltop that they can also utilize for things like live music events, is pretty exciting." M3 gave a generous donation to the stage construction aspect of the space and is now a featured sponsor with many exciting opportunities to work collaboratively on events and experiences for our staff and students moving forward.



LeAnne Blackerby, Cub Culinary teacher, sets the table.

When it was finally time to celebrate, MCHS Culinary Arts students, under the leadership of Mrs.

LeAnn Blackerby rose to the occasion with an incredible catering display of charcuterie and hand-decorated cookies. "In addition to the prep, we had to back-schedule to plan the work," Blackerby shared. "This was a busy week at school and we lost a production day on Wednesday due to school-wide testing. Each class did a great job planning the work that spilled over a two-week period, prepping, labeling, baking, and plating a gorgeous spread to share with our teachers and friends for this special event." One of the neatest pieces on the table was the branded cutting boards. "We weren't exactly sure what they were for," admitted Whitney Mathews, CTE Coordinator. "We had a



job come into Engineering for the laser cutter...and to see the finished product on the table this evening was a great honor. Our kids work hard and love to work together to create special things to promote all of our programs and this was very unique and a great way to showcase our culinary program."

Kim Nyberg (The Spot) and Jane Vonderheide (House of Jane Song Writers) sponsored the live music and The Jimmy Davis Band did not disappoint! Mayor Courtney visited and shared a few words before he and Mr. Phagan officially dedicated and declared it was open for use! "It was a great evening to celebrate the arts and offer a new venue for our students, staff, and community to share in future experiences," Phagan reflected.



District to Review Virtual Learning Model

By: Ashley Schutte, Communications Coordinator

The first district-wide virtual learning day will be on November 8, 2022, as a number of our buildings are used as polling locations throughout the county. In order to ensure compliance with recently passed legislation for the 2022-2023 school year, MCS is reviewing the virtual learning processes district-wide. A memo to all state school leadership from the IDOE Office of Accountability outlined the impact of the legislation regarding virtual student instructional days.

Legislation outlined:

Under Indiana law, schools may satisfy the 180-day requirements by conducting:

- In-person instruction days;
- "Virtual student instructional days" that consist of at least 50% "teacher-directed synchronous instruction," or
- A combination of both in-person and "virtual student instructional days."

Definitions

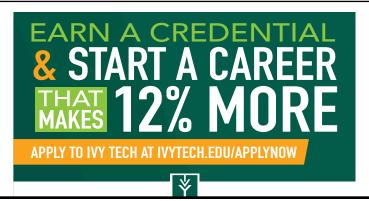
<u>In-person Instruction</u> - instruction provided by a teacher in real-time and at the same place as the student.

<u>Teacher-Directed Synchronous Instruction</u> - Instruction delivered live and in real-time to a student by the student's teacher.

<u>Asynchronous Learning</u> - self-paced virtual learning that can occur at different times and in different places that are particular to each student.

Virtual Student Instruction Day - an instructional day during which a school provides virtual instruction or remote learning to at least 50% of the students enrolled to attend in-person instruction at the school.

The recently passed legislation prohibits schools from conducting more than three "virtual student instructional days" that consist of more than 50% asynchronous learning. If a school corporation exceeds this threshold due to extraordinary circumstances, schools may request a waiver in order to count the day towards the 180-day requirement.



What this means for students

Fortunately, for Madison students, this won't be a drastic change to what already exists. Boiled down, the legislation translated means that 50% of our virtual learning day is synchronous instruction in order to qualify as a day of school. For grades 1-6, 50% is 2.5 hours and for grades 7-12 it is 3 hours.

Currently, during a virtual learning day, students log into Google Classroom for required, scheduled class times with teachers. Each level, elementary and secondary, vary slightly due to schedules, but students are required to be online during the scheduled class period for interactive lessons with their teachers.

As a way of further aligning virtual learning, the district has formed a committee of teachers from all instructional levels to put together a template instructional model that would be implemented across the district. "We are really looking for a system or common structure for virtual learning in Madison schools," Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown directed in an email to the committee. "Things like What are the expectations for all teachers? Special Areas/Special Education teachers? What supports are we putting in place to help students with connectivity issues to get things done and understand the content?"

There will be a focus on mentoring and professional development around virtual teaching, and alignment of schedules so that elementary and intermediate-level students may be on different schedules to help manage schedules at home. Some of the feedback we have received from families is that when families have students in multiple buildings it can be a challenge to get everyone online when they need to be there, especially if internet access and reliability are a concern. "We understand that our elementary and intermediate students may need more guidance while learning from home and we want to be able to accommodate that need," Dr. Brown continued.

Challenges & Opportunities

As with most districts within the state, we have areas in our community with limited access to reliable internet service. Teachers are aware of these isolated situations within their classes and students are given extended time to complete assignments, if and when this situation arises. In January 2022, volunteer community leaders, as well as county commissioners and county council members, established the Jefferson County Broadband and Digital Inclusion Taskforce. To learn more about the project to make Jefferson County broadband ready, visit their website Jefferson County Broadband Project.

If a district does not offer 50% synchronous instruction, then any day out of school must be made up and the school year extended.

We will be communicating more specific plans for the first district-wide virtual (synchronous) learning day with families closer to the November 8th date.

Busy and Successful Fall for Student-Athletes

It has been a busy and successful sports season for our student athletes! We asked coaches to give us an update on their seasons as fall sports are winding down. Read what our coaches shared about their teams and thank you to Janie Mahoney Photography for the MCHS sports photos.

Madison Cubs Cheerleaders

By: Coach Jacquelyn Sprong

The Madison Cubs Cheerleaders have been hard at work this season. Early in the summer, the squad learned a routine they will perform at the High School Regionals competition at the end of October, as well as, at the Annual Turkey Shootout when the Cubs host Southwestern on Wednesday, November 23rd.

Also this summer, the team participated in the UCA Cheer camp where they were awarded 2022 Game Day Champions and 2022 Camp Champions in the high school division. The Madison Consolidated Schools Cheer program was awarded the Top Banana and Traditions award for the unity between the junior high and high school squads.

In addition to perfecting and cleaning their routine, the squad has been excited to cheer on the Madison Cubs Football team and is looking forward to the start of basketball season!



Front: Emma Laufer, Laura Marin, Izzie Perry, Addie Nott

Middle Row: Teralyn Scharlau, Skyy Brackin, Lauren Conner, Brynna Brandon, Maggie Elles, Abrielle Joseph, Ava Spencer, Penelope Bibbs

Back Row: Maya Kemp, Jailyn Arthur, Mia Mires, Andre Howard, Erin Burkhardt, Aeryonna Dews, Cheylan McQueary

Lady Cubs Volleyball

By: Coach Camille Crim

We have had a wonderful year with an amazing group of young women. This season, we were able to have 3 teams this season- C Team, JV, and Varsity. All worked hard and held each other accountable both on and off the court. This season we have watched each player grow in their volleyball understanding and skill set. As a team we have enjoyed raising over a thousand dollars toward cancer research, we loved competing together, attending the homecoming parade, and visiting a cave.

On October 11, the Lady Cubs defeated Charlestown in five games to advance to the Sectional semi-final round game against Providence on Saturday, October 15 at Salm Gym. Providence beat Scottsburg to win the Sectional.

We will miss our 4 seniors, Chloe Preocanin, Grace Bronkella, Lexi Sullivan, and Cam Mann who all have significant roles on our Varsity floor. We wish them the best in their future endeavors and thank them for their leadership.



Front Row: Manager Rylee Vaughn, Emmianna Dowell, Hannah Dart, Grace Bronkella, Hannah Combs, Audrey Miller, and Manager Ellie Whitaker

Middle Row: Josie Chapin, Ava Rice, Cam Mann, Juliana Davis, Lexi Sullivan, Maya Gordon, and Marley Stivers Back Row: Camille Crim, Forrest Crim, Berlynn Conover, Chloe Preocanin, Kallie Eder, Lilly Canida, Maylie Skinner, Libby Bronkella, Claire Slygh, and Destiny Nicholson

Madison Lady Cubs Golf

By: Coach Jake Shockley

The MCHS Lady Cubs had another successful season, reaching the regional tournament for the 11th consecutive year. While falling just short of the Jennings County Panthers in the sectional tournament by just seven strokes, the Lady Cubs shot a season-best nine-hole score and season-best 18-hole score, including three personal bests from seniors Grace Bronkella and Riley Poling and sophomore Aleigh Wilson. Sophomore Lilly Fox and freshman Emmi Dowell each shot within two strokes of their season average.

"I can't complain about how the season went at all," stated Lady Cubs Golf Head Coach Jake Shockley.

"Outside of Grace, we only had one year of high school golf experience between the rest of the starting five."

The Lady Cubs were 20-6 in their bi, tri, and quad matches and 50-40 overall, led by Bronkella's 88 season average. "Grace was a very steady performer on the course for us throughout the season. We definitely needed some consistency with this young squad. I look for her to do great things at the next level, which is in her plans," Shockley said.

However, Lady Cubs golf is looking forward to the future as they return three underclassmen for next year's team, and Shockley is looking to coach the Lady Cubs golf team to further success. "I'm really looking forward to another good season next year. The ladies worked extremely hard to win a sectional championship and reach the standards that Coach (Shannon) Barger and I set. Even though we fell just short of our ultimate goal, this group was probably the hardest working I've ever coached. There is a significant amount of raw talent in our returning core, and as long as they continue to work hard, we look to continue to have success."



Coach Shannon Barger, Izzie Perry, Grace Bronkella, Lilly Fox, Riley Poling, Emmi Dowell, Aleigh Wilson, and Coach Jake Shockley.

Madison Lady Cubs Cross Country

By: Coach Josh Wilber

The 2022 Lady Cubs XC season has been up and down as we have half of the team who are running high school cross country for the first time. We have a record of 13-34 going into the IHSAA tournament series. Senior Cadence Traylor has led the Lady Cubs with fantastic runs and even a personal record time of 19:53 which places her 3rd all-time on the Lady Cubs XC record board. Unfortunately, we started the season off with sophomore, Addie Nott, recovering from an injury that happened during the summer, and then junior, Ava Spencer, who suffered an injury midway through the season that resulted in her needing to be out for the remainder of the year. Addie was able to join the team towards the end of the season and helped us to complete a full team so we can compete in Sectionals. Cadence has great expectations this season to work towards a state qualification run at semi-state while the rest of the team is working hard to get the team to Regionals.

On October 8, Cadence Traylor and Aimee Rijnart advanced individually to the Regional meet in Shelbyville on October 15. Cadence advanced and will compete at the Semi-State on Saturday, October 22, at Indiana Wesleyan University.



Pictured left to right: Coach Josh Wilber, Addie Nott, Eliza Burnette, Maya Kemp, Haleigh Pyles, Cadence Traylor, Ava Spencer, Mariana Brom (Back Row). Not pictured Aimee Rijnart.

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Cubs Cross Country

By: Coach Kris Sandlin

The boy's cross-country team continues to build on the success from last year. After losing five seniors we had some big holes in our lineup to fill and we had guys step up and work hard all summer to meet the challenge. The first 3/4 of the season was spent meshing and becoming a team rather than a collection of individuals.

We have seen much more consistent times compared to years past with everyone running personal records or right at their personal record.

In the last few weeks, the guys have started to come together and run really well. On Saturday, October 8th the team competed in the Austin Sectional held at Hardy Lake and qualified as a team for regionals for the second consecutive season averaging 1:00 per guy faster than last year and only 3 seconds off their season-best average.

On Saturday, October 15, the team traveled to Shelbyville for the cross-country regional meet. Will Laufer was the lone runner to advance to the Semi-State meet to be held at Indiana Weselyan University on October 22nd.

Season Best/Personal Records are as follows (all prior to regionals):

Team season stats: name/grade/personal record/pace per mile: Will Laufer (9)- 17:52 (5:45), Logan Ferris (11) 18:01 (5:47), Travis Hoffman (10) 18:19 (5:53), Trapper Johnson (12) 18:45 (6:02), John Michael Crouch (11) 19:01 (6:07), Eli Storm (9) 19:10 (6:10), Layne Laufer (10) 19:19 (6:13), Trevor Hoffman (12) 19:30 (6:16), Colton Copeland (11) 21:10 (6:48), Mikel Thornton (10) 23:35 (7:35), and Trenton Schafer (9) 26:46 (8:36).

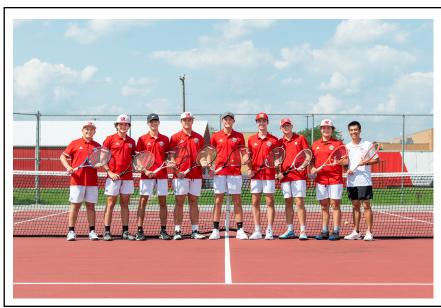


(Left front) Layne Laufer, Travis Hoffman, Trenton Schafer, Will Laufer, Trevor Hoffman, (Back left) Colton Copeland, Trapper Johnson, Mikel Thornton, John Michael Crouch, Logan Ferris, and Eli Storm.

Cubs Tennis

By: Jeremy Huff

The boy's tennis team has made great progress in our 2022 season. Our team had a majority of underclassmen, so I took great pride in seeing their improvements throughout the season. This was my first season of coaching and I enjoyed every part of it. Our first win was against Lawrenceburg and our last win was against New Washington. I am looking forward to another great season next year!



(Left to Right)Tucker Whitaker, Bodie Harsin, Kaid Fink, Colton O'Neal, Bryce Miller, Mitchell Cammack, Cooper Chandler, Abe Reetz, and Coach Jeremy Huff



MCHS Lady Cubs Soccer Team



MCHS Cubs Football Team



MCHS Cubs Soccer Team

MJHS Teams Sports Shorts

By: Greg Schwartz, MJHS Boys Soccer Asst. Coach

The Madison Junior High Bears Boys Soccer team had a great season, with both the A and B squads finding success out on the pitch. The A team finishes with an overall record of 9-5-1. The team counts wins against Greendale, Shawe and Southwestern amongst its highlights. Lots of players got in on the scoring as 11 different Bears scored goals in our A-team games. Leading the way was 5th grader Hudson Hall, who tallied 11 goals. Close behind were 7th graders Charlie Schwartz (9) and Wyatt Overpeck (8). Those goals couldn't have happened without the 18 different players who contributed assists! 7th grader William Overpeck led the team with nine assists, while Wyatt Overpeck finished with four and three players tied with three. With so many talented 5th, 6th and 7th graders, the Junior High Bears look forward to another great season next year!

By: Morgan Weidner, MJHS Girls Soccer

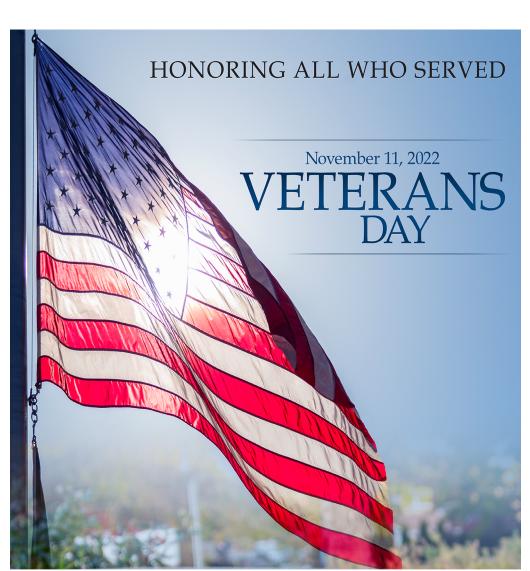
As a first season head coach, we saw lots of growth. We had six 8th graders graduate this season. We had a few shutouts this year, 2 of them being against southwestern. We look forward to the underclass returning and learning different positions and hopefully to have another great season.







MJHS Soccer Team



Madison Consolidated High School Veterans Day Program

Friday, November 11th at 8:30 am

Breakfast and roll call registration for Veterans and family from 7:00 am to 8:15 am

