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Madera South High School | March 2025

Message from the Principal

Dear Madera South High School Families,
Our Senior Showcase is fast approaching, and we can't wait to celebrate all the incredible work our seniors have accomplished this year!
Mark your calendars—March 24th is a significant day for our school. Seniors will attend by appointment, and we'll be welcoming staff and community members to join in the experience.
To help every student be prepared, we will be dedicating each Senior Advisory to Showcase prep. Seniors will receive their appointment times on March 14th, so be on the lookout for that information. We look forward to an inspiring showcase!

Best regards,
Jon Steinmetz
Principal, Madera South High School



Upcoming Events

- March 1: Winter Guard and Percussion SVWAA Show
- March 6: School Site Council Meeting, 4:00 PM, MSHS Room 102
- March 6-9 & 13-16: Spring Theatre Production: "Ave Q-The School Edition"
- March 8: UC Davis Field Day
- March 13: Grubdown
- March 19: Stallion Honors Society @ SJV Town Hall
- March 24: Graduate Profile Senior Showcase (Seniors Only)
- March 31: Every 15 Minutes

Spotlights

Student Highlight | Madera FFA Award Winners



Congratulations to Mathew Machado for being named the San Joaquin Region Star Small Farmer! This award recognizes members with excellent small-scale production projects.



Congratulations to Adrian Sanchez for being named the San Joaquin Regional Star in Agribusiness! The Star in Agribusiness is awarded to the FFA member with the top nonproduction agribusiness supervised agricultural experience in the state.



Congratulations to Saray Madriz who was named the San Joaquin Region Star Reporter! She will interview at the State FFA Conference in April for the State Star Award. The State Star Reporter award program recognizes California FFA Chapter Reporters who demonstrate commitment to local program publicity. The award is designed to recognize chapter reporters who go above and beyond in the area of journalism, including print media, radio broadcasts, television broadcasts, recruitment programs, etc.



Congratulations to Mrs. Salinas for being named the San Joaquin Region Star Supporting Staff! Mrs. Salinas goes above and beyond to help our students be successful and we are excited to see her on stage at the State Conference this year.

February Student-Athletes of the Month



- Stunt - Genesis Cortes
- Boys Swim - Nathaniel Martinez
- Girls Swim - Jacqueline Prudente
- Softball - Allie Cervantes
- Baseball - Caleb Fant
- Track and Field - Michael Cuevas and Olivia Delacruz
- Boys' Tennis - Kevin Rendon
- Dive - Erie Torres
- Boys Volleyball - Emiliano Flores
- Unified Basketball - Laveyah Chaney

Staff Highlight | Elizabeth Ramirez, ELD Teacher



What is your most memorable student support experience?
I once had a student who was labeled as a troublemaker—talking back, refusing work, and causing problems. Instead of punishing him, I encouraged him, gave him responsibilities, and praised his efforts. Slowly, he improved. His big moment was receiving an award for meeting his NWEA goal. From then on, he believed in himself and carried himself with confidence. This showed me that sometimes, a student just needs someone to believe in them first.

What is your most memorable learning experience?
My most memorable learning experience was in 5th grade at Sierra Vista Elementary when I finally found the courage to read out loud. As an English learner, I was always afraid of being called on because I wasn't fluent. In the past, some teachers made me feel embarrassed and ashamed when I struggled, sometimes even getting upset when I couldn't read. My 5th-grade teacher created a safe and caring environment where I felt supported. She was patient and loving and always made sure we knew she was proud of us. Fun fact: Many years later, she became my niece's teacher at Lincoln Elementary!

What hobbies or interests do you enjoy?
I love to read books and spend time with my family. When we're not busy with sports, we enjoy watching movies, visiting the beach, and if I'm lucky, taking a trip to Disneyland! 🍷

What is a goal you have for the 2024-25 school year?
For the 2024-25 school year, my goal is to get to know staff, students, and families. I want to learn to navigate high school life, balance my workload, and stay productive at work so that I can be fully present at my kids' games and at home.

Student Highlight | Girls Cross Country Section Champions



Congratulations to our Madera South Girls Cross Country Team. They won the D2 Central Section XC Championships and on February 3, they received their RINGS! Lots of bling on those hands!! Stallions are #1!

Parent Information

Madera South High School Bell Schedules

Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday		Wednesday (Advisory & Early Out)	
1st	8:30 – 9:20	1st	8:30 – 9:05
2nd	9:26 – 10:16	2nd	9:11 – 9:46
Break	10:16 – 10:26	Break	9:46 – 9:56
3rd	10:32 – 11:22	3rd	10:02 – 10:37
4th	11:28 – 12:18	Advisory	10:43 – 11:13
Lunch	12:18 – 12:57	4th	11:19 – 11:54
5th	1:03 – 1:53	Lunch	11:54 – 12:33
6th	1:59 – 2:49	5th	12:39 – 1:14
7th	2:55 – 3:45	6th	1:20 – 1:55
		7th	2:01 – 2:36

Block Testing (Tuesday/Thursday)		Block Testing (Wednesday/Friday)	
1st	8:30 – 10:02	2nd	8:30 – 10:00
Break	10:02 – 10:12	Break	10:00 – 10:10
3rd	10:18 – 11:50	Advisory	10:16 – 10:46
Lunch	11:50 – 12:29	4th	10:52 – 12:22
5th	12:35 – 2:07	Lunch	12:22 – 01:01
7th	2:13 – 3:45	6th	1:07 – 02:36



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