



Madera South High School

August 2023

A Message From The Principal

Dear Madera South High School Families,

The school is year a little over a week underway. We have had a great start to the school year with lots of great things happening in and out of the classroom.

Teachers have been working hard to form positive relationships with our students. Classroom expectations and procedures are being established, and students will soon be creating shared social contracts with each of their teachers. While we understand that students will at times stray from the desired behaviors, most issues can be solved quickly because of a shared understanding between student and teacher. As we move further into the school year, work will begin ramp up and students will be challenged to rise to high levels.

Outside of the classroom, we are starting to engage students in non-academic events. Athletics are underway with our cross country, football, tennis, and volleyball teams in action. Additionally, our clubs and Career Technical Pathway organizations are starting to hold events. Involvement in these extracurricular events are crucial to a student's success. We encourage students to be involved in as many as their schedules will allow. We encourage all of our families and community members to come to these events and see their students perform. Thank you in advance for your support.

On Tuesday, August 29, we will have our annual Back to School Carnival. We have enjoyed engaging with our families in this non-traditional back to school format as it allows our teachers to meet parents in a low-stress, fun environment. And in addition to having some fun, parents also have the opportunity to get to know their student's teachers and find out information about their classes. Classroom tours will be available for parents, and dinner will be free for all. We hope to see you all there!

Best regards,

Jon Steinmetz



MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT CARNIVAL

AUGUST 29, 2023

5:30PM-7:00PM



SCHEDULE:

5:30PM-6:00PM-TITLE 1 MEETING IN THE CAFETERIA

- \$50 GIFT CARD RAFFLE FOR ALL ATTENDEES

6:00PM-7:00PM-CARNIVAL (FOOD, GAMES, DEPARTMENT & CLUB INFORMATION BOOTHS)

- FREE BBQ DINNER

6:30PM-7:00PM-9TH/10TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT (ENGLISH) IN ACADEMIC A, ROOM 102

6:30PM-7:00PM-9TH/10TH GRADE PARENT NIGHT (SPANISH) IN THE CAFETERIA



MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL NOCHE DE CARNAVAL DE REGRESO A CLASES

29 DE AGOSTO 2023
5:30PM-7:00PM



CALENDARIO DE EVENTOS:

5:30PM-6:00PM-TÍTULO 1 REUNIÓN EN LA CAFETERÍA

- SORTEO DE \$50 TARJETA DE REGALO PARA TODOS LOS ASISTENTES

6:00PM-7:00PM-CARNAVAL (PUESTOS DE INFORMACIÓN DE COMIDA, JUEGOS, DEPARTAMENTOS Y CLUBES)

- GRATIS CENA BARBACOA

6:30PM-7:00PM-NOCHE PARA PADRES DE 9NO Y 10MO GRADO (INGLÉS) EN ACADEMIC A, SALÓN 102

6:30PM-7:00PM-NOCHE DE PADRES DE 9NO Y 10MO GRADO (ESPAÑOL) EN LA CAFETERIA

Coming Soon

- August 21: E.S. Preview - "What is Ethnic Studies?", 5:30-6:30 PM, Location TBD
- August 24: FFA Meeting, 5:00-7:00 PM
- August 29: Back to School Night Carnival: 5:30-7:30 PM
- September 4: No School, Labor Day

Student Highlight | Alejandra Bermudez Maciel



Meet _____
Alejandra Bermudez
ASB Communications Commissioner

“ I am excited for this position because I am amazing with communicating with others, I am friendly and a great listener. I am excited and ready for all the new and upcoming events this next school year has for us stallions. Thank You! ”

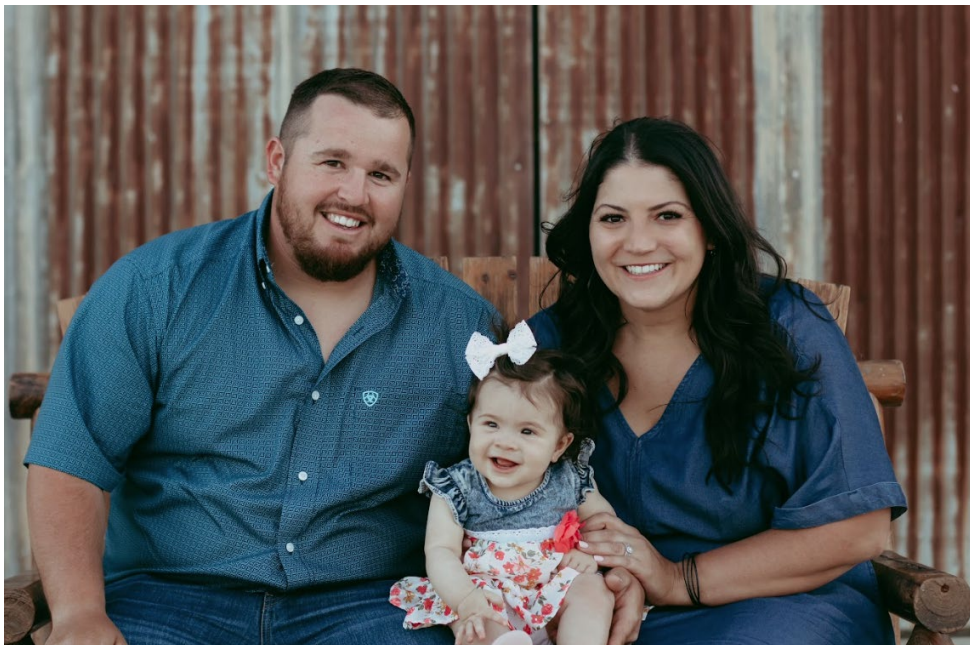
Student Highlight | Ivan Gayton



Meet _____
Ivan Gaytan-Alcaraz
ASB Spirit Commissioner

“ My goal as Commissioner of Spirit is to bring exciting activities to Madera South that will get everyone involved so that everyone doesn't feel left out and is able to have a thrilling high school experience. ”

Staff Highlight | Ms. Menser



Ms. Menser is a new teacher at Madera South High School. She is not new to teaching and has previously taught for Chowchilla Unified. She will be teaching our Agriculture Floral classes. We are excited to see the amazing projects she can do with our FFA students.

What is your most memorable student support experience?

When I was able to get freshmen involved in FFA contests online during distance learning.

What is your most memorable learning experience?

When I was in high school my Ag teachers butchered a pig on campus and it was an experience I will never forget!

What hobbies or interests do you enjoy?

Going to the lake, camping and hanging out with family and friends.

What is a goal you have for the 2022-23 school year?


My goal is to get the greenhouse filled with students and plants!

Parent Education Opportunities

The Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE) will be starting two parent education courses for Madera South parents in September. These courses are free and help educate parents learn about skills for success in and life for their children. The first course begins on September 12 and focuses on social-emotional learning. You can register [here](#).

PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE)
MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

**SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING
SKILLS FOR SUCCESS
IN SCHOOL AND LIFE**



**JOIN US FOR A CONVERSATION
HOW PARENTS CAN SUPPORT
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING
AT HOME**

Learn about the Importance of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) and its effect on student's success in school and life.




- Help children recognize and cope with their emotions
- Strategies to help children practice self-confidence
- Guiding responsible decision-making
- and more!

Workshop presented by PIQE
www.PIQE.org | @PIQEUSA

**TUESDAY |
SEPTEMBER 12
6:00 PM**

REGISTER HERE

For **INFO** or **help** contact:
Ivon Alcantar
Associate Director
(559) 240-7407

PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE)
MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

**APRENDIZAJE SOCIAL Y EMOCIONAL
TÉCNICAS PARA EL ÉXITO
ESCOLAR Y DE VIDA**



**ACOMPÁÑENOS A UNA CONVERSACIÓN
SOBRE COMO LOS PADRES
PUEDEN APOYAR EL APRENDIZAJE
SOCIAL-EMOCIONAL EN CASA**

Aprenda sobre la Importancia del Aprendizaje Social y Emocional y su efecto en los logros escolares y de vida de sus estudiantes.

- Ayude a los niños a reconocer y manejar sus emociones
- Estrategias para apoyar a sus niños a practicar la confianza en sí mismos
- Guiar la toma de decisiones responsables
- ¡Y MUCHO MAS!

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**MARTES |
12 DE SEPTIEMBRE
6:00 PM**

REGÍSTRASE AQUÍ

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The second course focuses on access to higher education. You can register [here](#).



PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE)

**ACCESS TO
HIGHER EDUCATION**

FREE FAMILY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP

Madera South High School

- College-going planning
- GPA
- College Financial Aid
- Tools and Resources
- Preparing for College Admission Requirements
- Strategies to build positive self-esteem

Principal Steinmetz invites you learn the skills and tools to help support your student's future success.

**TUESDAY | SEPTEMBER 26
6:00 PM (ZOOM)**

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PARENT INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY EDUCATION (PIQE)

**ACCESO A UNA
EDUCACIÓN SUPERIOR**

GRATIS PROGRAMA DE INVOLUCRAMIENTO DE PADRES

Madera South High School

- Preparación para los Requerimientos de Admisión a la universidad
- GPA (promedio de calificaciones)
- Ayuda financiera para el colegio
- Herramientas y Recursos
- Estrategias para formar una buena autoestima

El Director Steinmetz te invita a talleres gratuitos aprender las habilidades y herramientas para ayudar a apoyar el éxito futuro de su estudiante.

**MARTES | 26 DE SEPTIEMBRE
6:00 PM (ZOOM)**

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Attendance Policy

It is important to understand that each period absence that your child has that is not cleared through our attendance office will be counted as an unexcused absence. If your child feels that they have been marked absent in error, they must get a form from our attendance office and have their teacher sign it so that the absence can be corrected. If a student has 3 period absences that are not excused, parents will get a warning letter sent home.

School Safety

What is bullying?

The word bully at times is loosely used, but what is bullying? According to stopbullying.gov, the definition of bullying is "unwanted, aggressive behavior among school-aged children that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. The behavior is repeated, or has the potential to be repeated, over time".

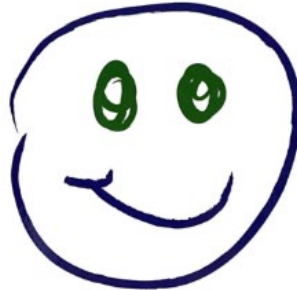
If it is not bullying, then what is it?

- Teasing - Everyone is having fun, no one is getting hurt and everyone is participating.
- Conflict - No one is having fun, there is a possible solution to the disagreement and there is an equal balance of power.
- Mean Moment - Someone is being hurt on purpose, reaction to a strong feeling or emotion, isolated event that does not happen regularly.

Please encourage your student to use the Stopit Application to report bullying that may be happening to them or another student. Stopit is completely anonymous is instrumental in keeping our campus safe



**Bullies make me sad,
Friends make me happy!**



With STOPit, you have the power to protect yourself and others from harmful, inappropriate, or unsafe behavior.

Download STOPit for free from iTunes or Google Play



Access Code :
maderausd

Evolv Safety System

We are excited to announce a new security feature that will be implemented at all of our middle and high schools. Beginning the week of August 21st our students and visitors will be entering through the Evolv Express system during the school day. The Evolv Express is an open-air kiosk that can identify dangerous items inside bags and pockets in real-time, meaning your child(ren) can walk through the sensors without removing their concealed belongings or separating themselves from personal items. If an item in their possession alarms the system, the system's green lights turn to red, and a photo of the student will be shown on a tablet with a red box around the potentially dangerous item. A trained staff member will then search the area indicated in the alert. As a reminder, here is the [Annual Notification Hanbook](#) that outlines our district policy listing items that are prohibited on our school campus on page 53.

Our mission with this new technology is to ensure that your child's entry to school is not delayed and that we maintain a weapon-free campus.

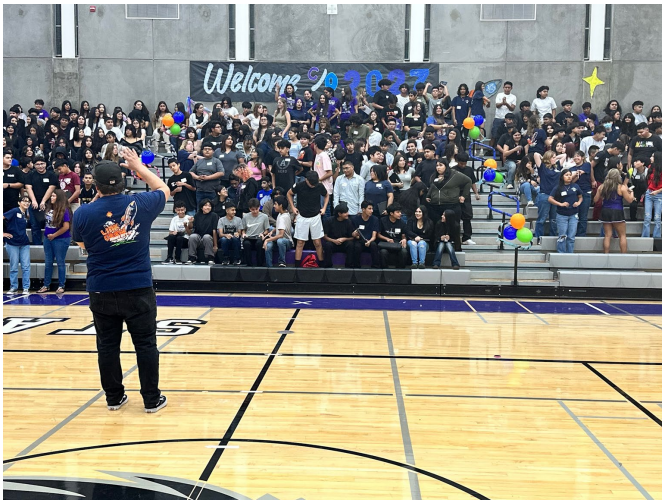
Click [here](#) to watch a video on how the system works and what your child(ren) can expect to see and experience. You can also view Evolv's Health and Safety details [here](#). Please contact your school site's administration with any questions you might have about Evolv.



Student Health Wellness | (Topic)

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Staff & Student Highlight | Frosh Orientation



Staff & Student HighLight | Education Pathway Project



The first Little Library is up at Alpha Elementary and ready!

Staff & Student Highlight | Welcome Back Week

