



## Madera South High School

December 2024/January 2025

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### A Message From The Principal

Dear Madera South High School Families,

There are many things to celebrate as we close out the 2024 calendar year and move into 2025. December is incredibly important as we near the end of our 1st semester. Please be sure to check AERIES grades frequently in these next few weeks so that you all may stay apprised of your student's academic progress. We ask that you make a point of reaching out to classroom teachers directly or through ParentSquare should you have any questions related to missing assignments, attendance, etc. We also have additional resources to help including our counselors, student advocates, support specialists, and our administrative team. We are committed to working together to ensure the semester closes on a successful note for all students. We know that we are stronger when we work together to support students and maintain open communication.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you and your family a safe and festive holiday season.

Warmest regards,

*Jon Steinmetz*



- December 10: VAPA Winter Showcase, 6:00-8:00 PM
- December 12: FFA Meeting-"Casino Night", 6:00-8:00 PM
- December 18-20: Semester Finals (Special Schedule [Here](#))
- December 18: ELAC #3-RFEP Celebration, 5:30-7:00, Cafeteria
- December 21-January 12: Winter Break
- January 13: School Resumes

## Student Highlight | Cross Country



Congratulations to our Madera South Cross Country Teams. Our Girl's team is the D2 Central Section Champions and our Boy's team is the D2 Central Section Runner Ups. Valorie Jimenez was the D2 Central Section Individual Champion!! It was a great day at Woodward Park. Our Stallions also ran in the State Meet where they had a great showing. We are proud of the athletes and the coaching staff, Coach Sky, Coach Benny, Coach Monica, and Coach Ramon!! Go Stallions!

## November Student-Athletes of the Month



**Boys Soccer- Cristopher Zavala**  
**Pom- Pricilla Rangel**  
**Show Cheer- Mercedes Benavidez**  
**Girls Soccer- Julie Reyes**

**Boys Wrestling- Teodoro Cortes**  
**Girls Wrestling- Angel Peralta**  
**Boys Basketball- Cesar Davila**  
**Girls Basketball- Mayrlin Vasquez**

**Student Highlight | Sophomore World History**



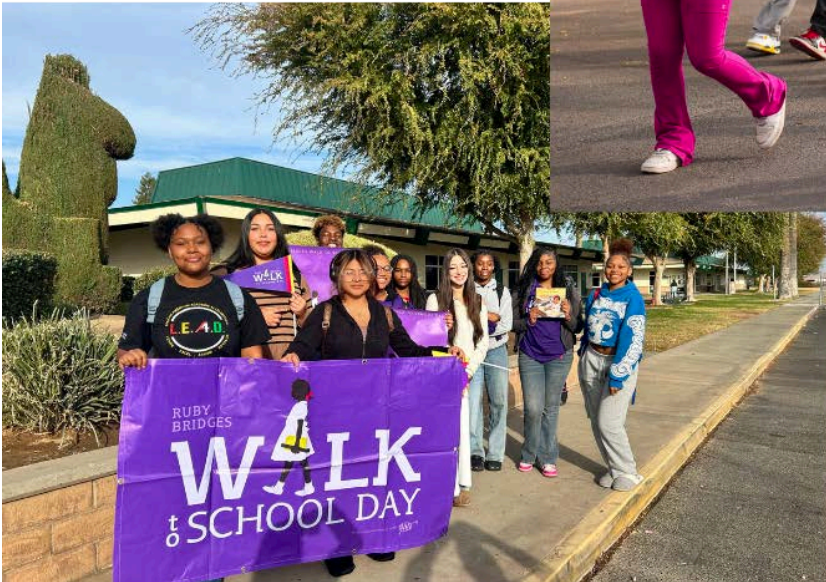
This week our Sophomore World History students had the opportunity to utilize their learning to make our Madera Community a better place. The MSHS students worked hard over the past weeks to write amazing short stories about industrialization and imperialism. Then, they shared what they had learned with the Alpha students. What a wonderful way to share across our district all of the learning happening at Madera South!

**Staff & Student Event | FFA**



On November 13, Our Madera FFA chapter hosted over 650 members from our section at the sectional opening and closing contests. We had teams in all 4 divisions with multiple members winning outstanding officer awards and top 3 team awards.

## Student Highlight | Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day



This week we want to highlight the amazing work of the Black Student Union on campus. Through the hard work of these amazing students and their excellent advisors, many Stallions were able to participate in the annual Ruby Bridges' Walk to School event on November 14th. During this event, students partnered with our Alpha Elementary students and walked to school in honor of the steps Ruby Bridges took to school when she became the symbol of courage and freedom as she became one of the first students of color to integrate into an all-white school. After students participated in the walk to school, the elementary students were told the story of Ruby Bridges by the Stallion leaders and were given a snack before heading back to school.

## Staff Highlight | Natalie Mireles, Secretary



***What is your most memorable student support experience?***

I have coached girls' soccer for many years. I had a specific student who was very talented, but struggling in her grades. She asked for help, I've never tutored before so this was my first time handling a situation like this, but she's now a varsity player and on track to graduate so I am very excited to see how much she has grown.

***What is your most memorable learning experience?***

Being a mom, my two boys have always kept me on my toes but seeing how each one has a different personality, has helped me learn different ways how to communicate.

***What hobbies or interests do you enjoy?***

I love Anime, Reading and playing sports, and staying active.

***What is a goal you have for the 2024-25 school year?***

I love to cook and my goal is to learn how to make menudo this year. :) Gowing in this new position as your Secretary is a big one as well :)

# GRAD NITE

*Class of 2025*



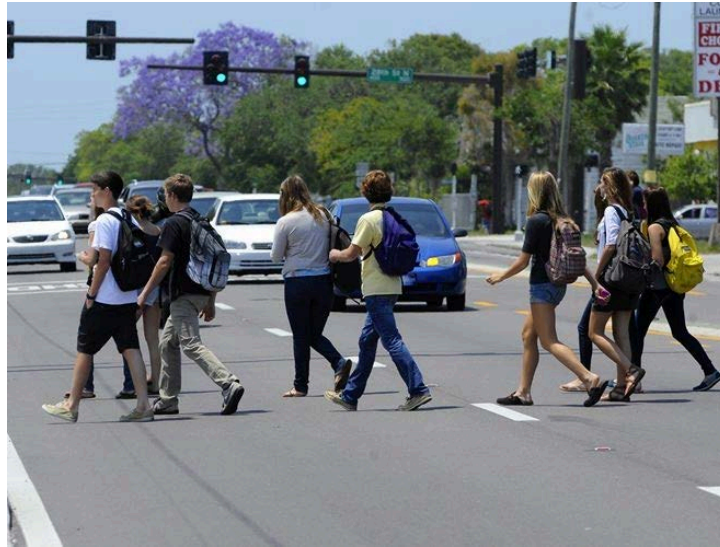
**Date: May 21-22, 2025**

**Tickets Go On Sale December 9th (Max 150 Tickets Will Be Sold)**

**Payment Plans Can Be Set Up (3 payments of \$75 each)**

**More info to come when we return from break!**

**Student Safety-Crossing Streets**



As the safety of our students is our utmost priority, this is a reminder of the importance of instilling safe practices when it comes to crossing streets. With the increase in traffic around Madera South, especially on Stadium Road, our students must be equipped with the knowledge and awareness to navigate roads safely.

Here are some key points to discuss with your child and reinforce the importance of road safety:

- **Use Designated Crosswalks:** Emphasize the significance of using marked crosswalks and pedestrian crossings. Encourage your child to always choose the safest route when crossing streets.
- **Obey Traffic Signals:** Teach your child to obey traffic signals and to wait for the green light or walk signal before crossing. Remind them that these signals are in place to ensure their safety.
- **Look Both Ways:** Instill the habit of looking both ways before crossing the street. Remind your child to be vigilant and make eye contact with drivers when possible to ensure they are seen.
- **Avoid Distractions:** Instruct your child to put away electronic devices and headphones while crossing streets. Distractions can compromise their awareness and reaction time.
- **Walk, Don't Run:** Encourage your child to walk, not run, when crossing streets. Running increases the risk of accidents and makes it more challenging for drivers to anticipate their movements.
- **Buddy System:** If possible, suggest that your child walks with a friend or group when crossing streets. There's safety in numbers, ensuring they are more visible to drivers.
- **Lead by Example:** Model safe road-crossing behavior yourself. Children often learn best by observing the behavior of adults.



Your collaboration in reinforcing these safety measures is crucial for the well-being of our students. By working together, we can create a community that prioritizes safety and looks out for one another. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.