



## Madera South High School

October 2023

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### A Message From The Principal

Dear Madera South High School Families,

We are nearing the end of the first quarter of the school year. Our students have been doing great things in and out of the classroom that you see highlighted in our newsletter. As we move into the second quarter, there are many more great things to come.

Report cards will be sent home the week of October 16th. Please review the grades your student has earned thus far. While quarter grades serve as an important benchmark, they do not determine whether a student has failed to earn credits for the course. They do provide an indication of where the student is and should serve as a motivator for students who are not passing. I would encourage you to reach out to the teachers of courses your student may be struggling in to see what supports they should use to raise their grades.

On Tuesday, October 10, at 6 PM, we will have another Parent Listening Session. Thank you to the parents who attended our first meetings in August and September. Based on feedback from parents, we have moved the listening to an evening time. In this meeting I will briefly provide information regarding school safety measures, but more importantly, the remainder of the time will be dedicated to hearing your thoughts and answering any questions you may have. Coffee and cookies will be provided for free. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you.

Best regards,

Jon Steinmetz

### Coming Soon

- October 2: No School for Students, Leadership Team In-service Day
- October 3-6: Homecoming Week
  - October 3: Movie Pool Party, 6:30-9 PM
  - October 4: Skit Night, 5:30-7:30 PM
  - October 5: Parade, 12-1 PM
  - October 6: Pre-game Tailgate 5-6 PM & Football Game 7-10 PM
- October 3: School Site Council Meeting, 4:00-5:00 PM, Room MSHS 102/103
- October 9: No School for Students, Teacher Planning Day
- October 10: Parent Listening Session, 6-7 PM, MSHS Media Center
- October 11: Choir Fall Concert, 6-9 PM
- October 11-13: AG Literacy Days
- October 18: Leadership Conference @ Hanford West HS

- October 20: Senior Portraits, 8-3, Cafeteria
- October 27: Rodeo Rivalry Football Game vs. Torres High, 7-10 PM

# HOME *Sweet* HOME COMING

## fechas importantes *en Mader South*

**10.4.23**

### HOCO SKIT NIGHT

**Fecha:** miércoles 4 de octubre de 2023

**Hora:** 5:30pm-7:30pm

Venga a ver clases, clubes, organizaciones y HOCO Royalty realizar sus parodias/sincronizaciones labiales/actuaciones con temas de dulces en el patio.

**10.5.23**

### HOCO DESFILE

**Fecha:** jueves 5 de octubre de 2023

**Hora:** 12:30pm

¡La tradición ha vuelto! Estamos celebrando todo lo DULCE del South presentando carrozas, actuaciones y diferentes clubes y organizaciones en todo el campus.

**10.6.23**

### HOCO GAME/SPIRIT WALK/CROWNING

**Fecha:** viernes 6 de octubre de 2023

**Hora:** 6:45 (Spirit Walk), 7:30 (Inicio), medio tiempo (coronación)

El partido de fútbol siempre es fantástico y comienza con una caminata espiritual que muestra todos nuestros clubes y organizaciones. La banda y los porristas siempre traen gran energía y coronamos a HOCO Royalty en el entretiempo.



# HOME *Sweet* HOME COMING

## Save the Dates *at Madera South*

**10.4.23**

### HOCO SKIT NIGHT

**Date:** Wednesday, October 4th, 2023

**Time:** 5:30pm-7:30pm

Come see classes, clubs, orgs and HOCO Royalty perform their candy/sweets themed skits/lip syncs/performances in the quad.

**10.5.23**

### HOCO MINI PARADE

**Date:** Thursday, October 5th, 2023

**Time:** 12:30pm

The tradition is back! We are celebrating everything SWEET about South as we present floats, performances and different clubs and organizations throughout campus.

**10.6.23**

### HOCO GAME/SPIRIT WALK/CROWNING

**Date:** Friday, October 6th, 2023

**Time:** 6:45 (Spirit Walk), 7:30 (Kickoff), Halftime (Coronation)

The football game is always great starting with a spirit walk showcasing all of our clubs and organizations. Band and cheer always bring great energy and we crown the HOCO Royalty at halftime.





# MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

*Sesión de escucha para padres*

**MARTES, 10 DE OCTUBRE 2023**

**6:00 PM-7:00 PM**



**REÚNASE CON EL DIRECTOR, JON STEINMETZ, Y REUNIRSE  
CON EL DIRECTOR Y HACER PREGUNTAS**

**EN EL CENTRO DE MEDIOS DE MSHS  
SE PROPORCIONARÁ CAFÉ Y GALLETAS**





# MADERA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

## *Parent Listening Session*

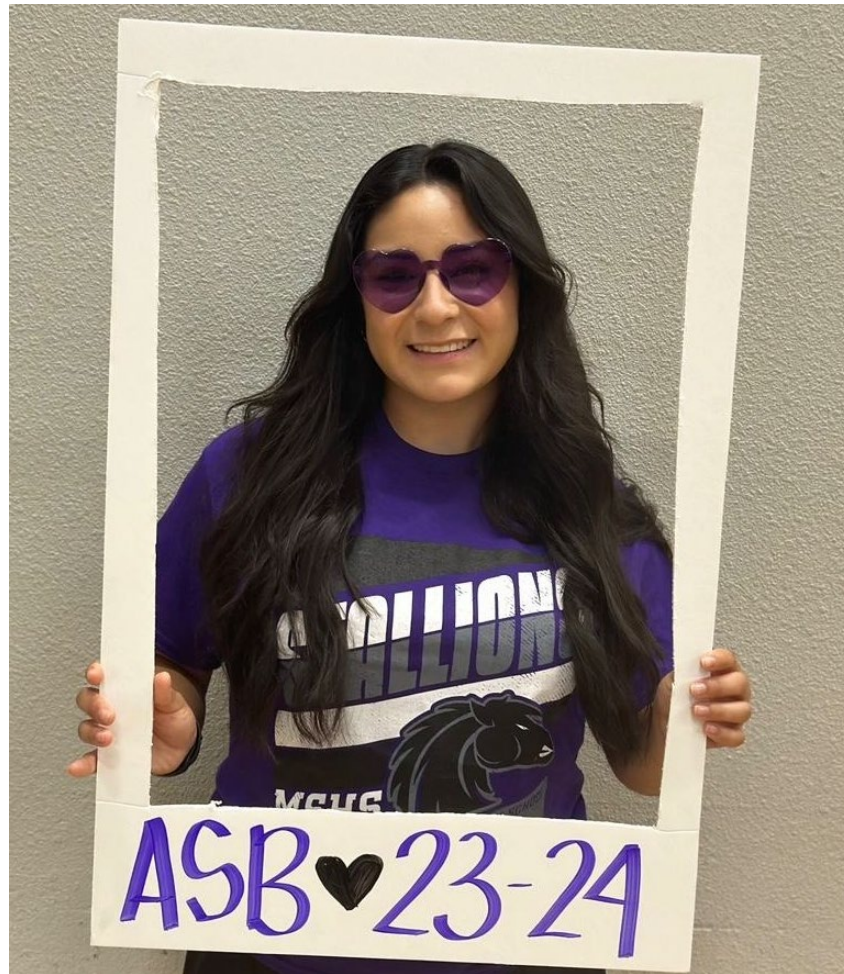
**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2023**  
**6:00PM-7:00PM**



**MEET WITH PRINCIPAL, JON STEINMETZ, AND ASK  
QUESTIONS.**

**MSHS MEDIA CENTER  
COFFEE & COOKIES WILL BE  
PROVIDED.**

## Student Highlight | Daveli Leanos



Daveli is in the ASB Leadership class and is the Senior Class President. She also serves at the MUST Student trustee at the board meetings. She is passionate about student voice and representing all of the stallions on campus.

## Student Highlight | Alayja Hall



Alayja is one of our AMAZING ASB Leaders and is also BSU Co-President and is heavily involved in FFA. She helps raise the chickens. She works with the NAACP and attended the State Convention in Sacramento last year. Her bright smile and positive outlook makes everyone's day brighter.

## Staff Highlight | David Elm





Mr. Elm is new to Madera South for the 23-24 school year but it not new to the teaching profession. He has a big heart for students and also for mathematics.

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

I love when I give student a problem they haven't seen, but can figure out. They star with "I can't do this." and they realize "oh wait, it's easy!".

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

Going to Japan with my college jazz band was amazing. Reading about other cultures is one thing, but seeing them first hand is more than eye opening.

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

Star Gazing. Making lasagna for my family. Watching shows with my kids. Working out my quirky physics ideas.

***What is a goal you have for the 2023-24 school year?***

Make friends. Teach math. Learn new ways to run a class.

## Staff Highlight | Maria Flores Gil



Ms. Flores Gil is new to Madera South for the 23-24 school year. She facilitates our Parent Resource Assistant in our newly established Parent Resource Center (PRC). She is here to support our families and in turn help our student population. We are very happy to have her at Madera South!

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

Seeing a smile on a student's face when they see I am helping their parent. Especially those students with parents who only speak Spanish.

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

Visiting different towns in Mexico with my Grandpa. He had an interesting story for every little town we would visit.

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

I absolutely love taking photos of my 3 daughters. I enjoy gardening. Cooking delicious meals. Spending time with family is very important to me.

***What is a goal you have for the 2023-24 school year?***

Build a relationship with MSHS Parents.

## Student Safety-Vaping

Vaping, a harmful and dangerous behavior, is becoming increasingly prevalent among our student body. We feel it is crucial to discuss this issue openly and collaboratively to ensure the safety and health of all our students.

Vaping, which involves the use of electronic marijuana cigarettes or other electronic nicotine delivery systems, poses significant health risks to adolescents. These devices often contain nicotine and other harmful chemicals, which can have detrimental effects on developing brains and bodies. Moreover, there have been reports of severe lung injuries and other health complications associated with vaping.

Madera South takes a strong stance against the use of vaping devices on school property or during school-sponsored activities. We have implemented several measures to address this issue, including educational programs, increased monitoring of common vaping areas, and disciplinary actions for students found in violation of our policies.

However, we believe that tackling this issue effectively requires a collaborative effort between the school and parents. We urge you to have open and honest conversations with your children about the dangers of vaping. Please take the time to educate them about the health risks, legal consequences, and potential long-term consequences of this behavior.

Here are some steps you can take to address vaping with your children:

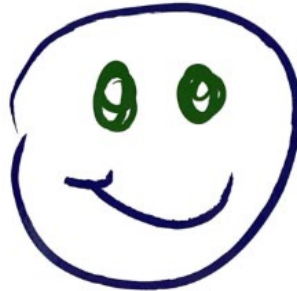
- **Initiate Conversations:** Talk to your child about vaping, expressing your concerns and providing them with accurate information about its risks.
- **Be a Role Model:** If you smoke or vape, consider quitting or seeking support to quit. Setting a positive example is crucial.
- **Stay Informed:** Keep yourself informed about the latest trends in vaping products and familiarize yourself with the signs of vaping so you can recognize if your child is involved.
- **Encourage Healthy Alternatives:** Promote healthy, non-vaping alternatives to cope with stress or peer pressure, such as sports, hobbies, or counseling.
- **Monitor Online Activity:** Keep an eye on your child's online activities, as vaping-related content is often readily accessible on the internet.
- **Seek Professional Help:** If you suspect that your child is struggling with a vaping addiction, consider seeking professional guidance and support.

We are committed to working closely with you to address this issue and create a safe and healthy learning environment for all our students. Together, we can help our children make informed decisions and choose a path that leads to a bright and promising future.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding vaping or our school's policies, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Your involvement and support are crucial in ensuring the well-being of our students. Thank you for your partnership in creating a safe and nurturing environment for our students.



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Friends make me happy!**



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## Staff & Student Highlights

### Staff & Student Highlight | Stadium Road Showdown Week



## Staff & Student Highlight | Hispanic Heritage Month Poster Recognition



## Staff & Student Highlight | Counselor Events

On Wednesday, September 13, MSHS Counselors took a full bus of students to the Fresno Convention Center for the Fresno College Night. Students were able to meet and talk to college and career representatives, get free items, and attend a college or financial aid informational session.





On Thursday, September 14 MSHS Counselors held a Senior Parent Night with about 60 families in attendance. Parents received information regarding graduation requirements, the college application process for community colleges and 4-year schools, financial aid, scholarships, and additional senior year specific information.