



## Madera South High School

October 2024

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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 21st. 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 indicate 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 students may be struggling with to see what support they should use to raise their grades. Thank you for your support of your child as well as for our staff.

Best regards,

Jon Steinmetz

### Coming Soon

- October 2: Choir Fall Concert, 6:00 PM, MSHS Cafeteria
- October 11: Homecoming Campus Parade, 10:00 AM MSHS
- October 11: Homecoming Football Game, 7:30 PM, Stallion Stadium
- October 12: Homecoming Harvest Dance, 7:30 PM, MSHS Outdoor Stage Area
- October 14-19: College Application Week
- October 21-25: Stallions for a Cure Week
- October 22-26: National FFA Convention
- October 25: Coffee with the Principal, 7:30 AM, MSHS Media Center
- October 25: Football Pink Game/Senior Night, 7:30 PM, Stallion Stadium
- October 28-November 1: Rodeo Rivalry Week
- October 31: Boofest, MSHS Cafeteria, 9:00 AM

### Student Highlight | Madera Fair & FFA



Madera FFA had a very successful week at the Madera County Fair. Many students gained valuable experience while participating in various animal categories and brought home numerous awards and honors.

Below are some of the students who earned top awards.

- Brianna Tudon - Grand Champion Meat Rabbit
- Saray Madriz - Best of Show Rabbit and Best of Show Cavy
- Mason Turner - Grand Champion Market Steer
- Emelin Pablo-Lopez - FFA champion pen of meat chickens
- Diana Juarez-Ramirez - FFA Reserve Champion pen of meat chickens



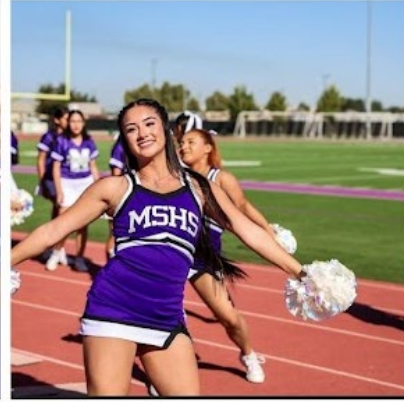
- Marycarmen Santos - FFA Champion Market Turkey & Reserve Grand Champion Market Poultry
- Mathew Machado won advanced Cavy Showmanship and competed was 3rd in Advanced Small Animal Master Showmanship, Reserve Grand Champion Registered Doe and numerous other Breeding Goat awards
- Mason Medley won Novice Rabbit Showmanship
- Marycarmen Santos won Novice Turkey Showmanship
- Jada Chamblin won Novice and Advanced Chicken Showmanship and was 5th in Advanced Small Animal Master Showmanship
- Fernando Bobadilla won Intermediate Turkey Showmanship and was 2nd in Intermediate Master Showmanship
- Oswaldo Montes won Advanced Swine Showmanship and was 7th in Advance Large Animal Master Showmanship
- Tori Herd won Advanced Dairy Showmanship and was 5th in Advanced Large Animal Master Showmanship
- Kayla Macedo won Advanced Horse Showmanship and was 3rd in Advanced Large Animal Master Showmanship

## Student Highlight | ASB President: Abraham Avina



This week we want to highlight a student who has devoted his senior year to serving the rest of the student body. In the role of ASB President Abraham has consistently proven his commitment to the student body. Abraham works hard to promote student voice by reaching out to his classmates, asking for changes to programs and events, and working hard to be seen at the events across campus. Across campus Abraham can be seen working with the FFA program where he excels in the mechanics shop, a skill he takes off campus where he will proudly tell you that he helps to build him and his friends' cars. Abraham is a champion for himself, and for students, qualities we can hope for in every leader.

## Student Event | Stadium Road Showdown Rally



Staff Highlight | Daniela Maciel, ELD



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

Inner/outer circle where students felt confident to share out a personal experience about a time they experienced a growth/fixated mindset with a classmate

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

Learning a new language which was Italian

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

I love going to the gym, traveling, cooking, and spending time with family.

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

To continue to learn and grow as a teacher to support my students best.

**Student Highlight | Carmyndie Brown**





This week's student highlight is Senior Carmyndie Brown. Carmyndie is a cheerleader, a member of the Link Crew, and one of the brightest personalities on campus. This last week Carmyndie took on the role of Madera Unified School Board Representative where she is tasked with sharing all of the incredible things happening at Madera South with the trustees, and superintendent. In the words of Trustee Fleak, "She was comfortable giving her report and was honestly excited about what she was saying. She spoke naturally and was talking to us like we were all her friends. Madera South is proud of Carmyndie and so is all of MUSD." We are so lucky to have Carmyndie representing the Stallions at our school board meetings!

## Student Highlight | Hispanic Heritage Month Poster Contest



Please join me in congratulating Dalia Castillo Sierra (2nd Place) and Emily Ramos Heredia (3rd Place) for their Hispanic Heritage Month Poster Contest submissions. Special recognition must also go to their art teacher, Mr. Willet. Their beautiful and thoughtful posters were selected from many submissions and beautifully reflect Hispanic heritage.

## Student Highlight | PSA Remmebers 9/11





Students from Madera South High School Public Safety classes and other community agencies paid tribute to the 343 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001, by participating in a special challenge by completing 343 burpees in their honor.

## Staff Highlight | Jackson Yerrick, Math



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

I had a student when I was teaching 8th grade math who declared that she hated math and I couldn't change her mind. Her mom told me that she had had two teachers previously who had told her she would never get it and that she wasn't good enough. This student stayed after school with me and a few others close to the end of the second marking period to catch on missing work and achieve a higher score. When we broke down the material slowly, she said, "Wait Yerrick, so if I understand this and can do the work, then I'll be able to perform well on the test?" I told her yes and also that she had to stop the negative talk and believe in herself more. This student came back and received a perfect score on the next test. I proudly returned her test to her with an huge smile on my face and said, "Mia, don't you EVER tell me again that you can't do math. You clearly have what it takes to succeed!" This year, she is in my class all over again, so I get to watch her succeed more and grow as a math student.

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

My most memorable learning experience took place in Salamanca, Spain eswhere I did my study abroad experience. I was working at this academy that served students from preschool through their second year of college. The students had such a positive attitude towards learning and were so respectful of their instructors. I learned there what it is like to work in the education system where learning is actually valued, and teachers are respected and revered for the skills they possess. This was a good change from the education culture that we have here in the United States when I was in Spain, I taught math classes, English classes, and Spanish classes of all different types meaning my time management and lesson planning had to be highly successful to address the needs of all of the students that I was going to be teaching during my short time at that Academy.

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

My absolute favorite thing to do is to spend time with my chocolate lab, Maverick because she is the most important thing to me besides my parents. I love to solve, design, and create escape rooms 🗝️🔒 in my free time.

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

I want students to understand that math is not too difficult if one puts forth enough effort, and that I have a fun, energetic, and sarcastic side because I am in fact human...as far as they know. 😊👉

## Student Highlight | Abigail Alejo





This week's student highlight is Abigail Alejo. Serving as this year's Commissioner of Spirit, Abigail has been fundamental in the planning and execution of rallies and activities for our student body. In the past few weeks she has been the voice of our morning announcements, and she is always willing to step up at the drop of a hat. As a member of the Sports Medicine program, Abigail is on the path toward college and career readiness. One of Abigail's other passions is the theatre. Abigail would love to see you at the production of "Where the Sky Meets the Sea," the Fall drama production where you can see Abigail in this amazing cast.



## Stallion Honor Society | News or Event

**Upcoming Stallion Honor Society Field Trip to Fresno Saroyan Theatre Valley Town Hall Speaker Series with Scott Pelley**

On October 16th, the Stallion Honor Society will embark on an exciting field trip to the William Saroyan Theatre in Fresno to attend the Valley Town Hall Speaker Series, featuring renowned journalist Scott Pelley. This event presents a unique opportunity for students to engage with one of the most respected figures in American journalism.

Scott Pelley is a seasoned correspondent for CBS's *60 Minutes* and a former anchor of the *CBS Evening News*. With over four decades of experience covering pivotal global events, including wars, natural disasters, and key political moments, Pelley has earned numerous accolades, including multiple Emmy Awards and Edward R. Murrow Awards. His investigative work has shed light on important issues, making him an influential voice in modern media.

This trip will provide students with the chance to hear firsthand from a journalist who has witnessed history unfold and who understands the complexities of current events. Exposure to speakers like Pelley broadens students' perspectives, deepens their understanding of global affairs, and inspires them to think critically about the world around them. It's an invaluable experience that aligns with the Honor Society's mission of fostering intellectual growth and civic responsibility.

## Stallion Honor Society Student Highlight | Isacc Barriga



Isacc has been an outstanding student in AP Calculus for a number of reasons! He has been courageous to share his thoughts and ideas with the entire class. Second, he is a reliable peer in class with his kind and considerate personality he is always open and willing to help others. I am looking forward to all the many ways that Isacc will progress in his mathematical capabilities! -Mr. Rose

## September Student-Athletes of the Month

Cheer: Ruth Alvarado

Pom: Genevieve Medina

Football- Juan "Mikey" Garcia

Flag Football - Xionaya Ocampo

Girls Golf- Ana Miguel-Leon

Girls Volleyball- Cherie Detomal

Girls Tennis- Liz Diaz

Girls Water Polo- O'lillian Jones

Boys Water Polo- Jonathan Brown

Cross Country- Sophia Garcia and Gadiel Ramirez

Unified Soccer- Daniel Baires-Castaneda

## Health and Wellness

### Medication At School

Any medication needed during school hours or during school sponsored activities or events requires a written order from a physician and written consent from the parent/guardian in order to administer such medication(s). This also includes non-prescription medication such as pain relievers (Ibuprofen/Tylenol), cough drops and eye drops.

A parent/guardian or other adult must deliver the medication to the school health office where health office staff will check the medication(s) against the physician order. The amount of medication delivered will then be verified and recorded and signed off by both parties. In order for a student to carry and self-administer an Epipen, inhaler or any other medication this must be explicitly stated in the physician order. Except for inhalers, students may only carry one-day's dosage of medication.

Each medication must be in a separate container labeled by a pharmacist licensed in the United States. This applies to non-prescription medication as well.

No more than a 30-day supply of medication will be accepted.





The Medication At School Authorization Form can be found on the MUSD website or obtained from the school nurse. A new order for medication at school must be provided each school year or sooner if there are any changes in medication, dosage, frequency of medication or reason for administration.

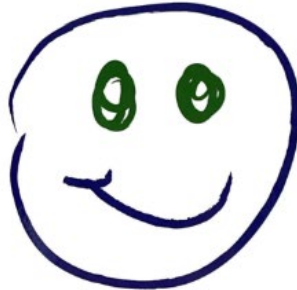
For field trips and other off-campus activities please provide physician orders and medication at least 3 school days prior to the trip/activity so that medication and orders can be processed and the necessary school staff attending the trip or event can be trained on medication administration.

All medication should be picked up by the parent/guardian or other adult at the end of the school year. Any medication not picked up will be discarded.

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