



JAMES MADISON WEEKLY

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 27, 2016



Maverick Family,

I hope your Thanksgiving holiday was restful and filled with time to visit with family and friends. As we enter December, the attention of Madison students will be turning to end of semester activities. In some classes this may mean larger projects coming due, lengthier papers to turn in, wrapping up final units of study, and a high school and college tradition—the semester final exam. The merits of final exams have been debated for many years. One camp posits that if learning has been reliably tracked and assessed over time, not much additional information can be gleaned from a final exam. Others will argue that the final exam tests longer-term retention of knowledge. As an educational institution, final exams can provide information on two levels: (1) a summative report of student mastery of content with areas for improvement clearly identified to inform future instruction to allow for desired course-taking patterns; and (2) programmatic achievement levels for groups as a whole so that a school can monitor how well the program is meeting the needs of students. We really hope to accomplish both of these goals at Madison. Providing formative and diagnostic information to students and parents regarding overall course performance is the primary reason for final exams.

With the final exam can come anxiety for some students; in fact, the pace of the last couple weeks of class in a semester can be quite intense. While there are some sites on the web with suggestions, I have referred students to [Managing Test Anxiety](#) in the past. It is a university site but the suggestions for controlling test anxiety are general enough to apply for high school students as well. If you find that your child needs someone to speak to regarding any stress as the semester ends, please let them know that our counselors are here to help.

As you plan your schedule for this week, please be sure to look at the campus calendar on our website for the variety of events offered throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support! We Are Madison!

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra Aceves

- Check out the **Campus Website** for the calendar of events: <http://www.neisd.net/madison>
- **CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, NOV. 28TH**
- **Café College link for December events:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B3w6KZnJbasTTmhDT194aW13Ukk/view>
- **ALL STUDENTS:** Join the Criminal Justice Club in collecting donations of new, unwrapped toys for the Toys for Tots toy drive. Donation stations are located in K219 and in the front of the Admin Office. The toy drive will conclude in December. Help your community and donate today.

MAVERICK ACCOLADES

Congratulations to the Madison Forensic League Team who competed at the Stevens Speech and Debate Tournament.

Congratulations to the following competitors:

- **Jasmin Paniagua**- Semi-finalist, Poetry Interpretation
- **Matthew Ramirez**- Semi-finalist, Poetry Interpretation
- Samuel Hernandez- Semi-finalist, Poetry Interpretation
- **Crystys Singleterry**- Semi-finalist, Dramatic Interpretation & 6th Place, Prose Interpretation
- **Jacob Morrow**- 3rd Place & qualifying for the state tournament in Lincoln-Douglas Debate; 2nd Place Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking

Congratulations to **Eriqua Hardaway-Flores** for taking the Gold Medal (First Place) in Cake Decorating at St. Phillips Culinary Arts Meet. We are very proud of you.

Congratulations to the 55 members of the Madison Band who competed at the TMEA District Band Auditions. We had 24 students receive honors including 12 students who advanced to the Region round on December 1st. This is the highest number of band students who have advanced from Madison in many, many years.

Region:

- **Nayely Gonzalez**- Piccolo
- **Justin Lum**- Clarinet
- **Luke Losoya**- Clarinet
- **Bridget Dawson**- Clarinet
- **Edgar Flores**- Clarinet
- **Jeremie Morris**- Clarinet
- **Reagan Merrill**- Oboe
- **Jared Worman**- Bassoon
- **Gavin Kohlenberg**- Alto Sax
- **Sophia Anderson**- Bari Sax
- **Patrick Sherman**- Trombone
- **Gilbert Valenzuela**- Euphonium

District:

- **Ileana Lane**- Flute
- **Genavie Cabrera**- Flute
- **Hannah An**- Clarinet
- **Raul Cortez**- Clarinet
- **Savannah Tidwell**- Clarinet
- **Britney Rice**- Bassoon
- **Rachel Watts**- Bassoon
- **Emily Prines**- Bass Clarinet
- **Albert Wooten**- Trumpet
- **Javier Martinez**- Horn
- **Anthony Carranza**- Euphonium

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENIORS: Do you want your words immortalized in print? Remember to submit your senior quote for the yearbook by Wednesday, December 7th. Scan the QR code on posters around campus or go to Mrs. Cole's website to turn in your quote.

CAMPUS EARLY RELEASE DAYS: DECEMBER 20TH & 21ST