



# JAMES MADISON WEEKLY

WEEK OF OCTOBER 2ND, 2016



Maverick Family,

It appears as though autumn weather has arrived!

It is difficult to believe that we are at the 7<sup>th</sup> week mark of the school year. Students can reflect on the first 6 weeks, celebrate their successes, strengths, and set some goals in their areas for growth. 6-Week Progress Reports will be distributed on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

All students, from 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade, can benefit from taking the time to consider the following introspective questions:

- Can I identify my strengths?
- What can I do to put myself in a position to be successful?
- Do I recognize that making mistakes is part of the learning process?
- Can I remain calm in stressful situations?
- Do I seek assistance when needed?

These are just a few of the questions that students, and adults, can use to monitor their own growth in the areas of self-awareness and self-management. As we head to the end of the quarter, this is a great time to set some goals for the 9 weeks and the rest of the year. These goals can take many forms as a student may want to continue an action or behavior that is having a positive effect, cease an action or behavior that is having an adverse effect, or undertake a new action or behavior with the intention of improving in a specific area.

Goal setting and follow through are learned skills and can be improved with practice. Parents, teachers, coaches, and family members can be useful resources in this learning process. Parents of seniors may be thinking that, in less than a year, your child will likely be in a new environment where such self-reflection, self-management, and goal setting will be an important part of their daily work. We can all support students in establishing and/or improving these skills.

Thank you for your continued support! We are Madison!

Sincerely,

Debra Aceves-Torres, PhD.

- Check out the Campus Website for the calendar of events and the link to the Maverick Roundup School Store: <http://www.neisd.net/madison>
- **EARLY RELEASE: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> @ 2:05PM. Bell scheduled is attached to email.**

## Maverick Accolades/Info

**Cross Country:** The Varsity Girls finished 4<sup>th</sup> with **Savanna Flores** and **Abigail Behring** medaling. The Varsity Boys finished 12<sup>th</sup> with **Steven Alvizo** medaling. The JV Girls and JV Boys were led by **Maddie Trevino** and **Adrian Sotelo**, both medaled.

**Football:** Mavs get the win against Roosevelt.

**Volleyball:** Lady Mavs lost in 4 sets to Johnson.

**Forensic League** competed at MacArthur Speech and Debate Tournament last week. Congratulations to the following competitors:

- **Jasmin Paniagua**- 6th Place, Varsity Poetry (at her first tournament ever!)
- **Samuel Hernandez**- 5th Place, Varsity Poetry
- **Benjamin Valtr**- 1st Place, Novice Extemporaneous Speaking  
-2nd Place, Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate  
-2nd Top Speaker, Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate
- **Jacob Morrow**- Semi-finalist in Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking  
-2nd Place, Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate

## UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**German Club Meeting:** Monday, Oct. 3rd in Portable 3A after school. We are finishing our membership drive and will talking about upcoming semester events.

**Homecoming:** Tickets for the 2016 homecoming dance, Unmask Your Spirit: Mardi Gras Style, will be on sale during all lunches. Tickets will be \$25 dollars per ticket, per person. Buy your tickets soon because prices will rise to \$30 on Thursday, Oct. 13th. At the door, tickets will be \$35.

**Library News:** The Library has lots of great things planned for October: a robotics makerspace, a ghostly game, a book group meeting, and more! Check out what is happening in the library during October on the library's newsletter at <https://www.smores.com/9w0bq>

Would you like to join the newly created Friends of North East Libraries? This new group is being formed to advocate for school libraries and engage the community in activities that support NEISD library programs. The first annual membership meeting will be at the MacArthur Library on Oct. 18th from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be author and storyteller Tim Tingle.

**Unity Club Meeting:** Tuesday, Oct. 4 @ 4:10 PM in E06. We will discuss the upcoming N.E.I.S.D. Student Unity Conference on Oct. 6th, picking up fundraising items & discussing school wide projects to promote kindness and acceptance for all. Unity Club is open to all students in grades 9-12. Please become a change agent and join us on our journey in making Madison a "No Place for Hate" campus. The Unity Club was created to give teenagers a new outlook on bully prevention, racism and bias reduction and to help create a positive campus climate at Madison High School. Club Sponsors are Mrs. Bartley in E06 & Mrs. Suarez in D32

**Student Council:** is still selling M&M Bowl shirts! We have ordered an additional 75 shirts in all sizes. If you would like to purchase a shirt, please stop by L105. M & M Bowl is Friday, October 7th.