



JAMES MADISON WEEKLY

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30TH, 2016



Maverick Family,

With November just around the corner, I am not sure about others, but the turning of the calendar page to the eleventh month always triggers a reflective and pensive mood for me. There is something about November that causes me to reassess my progress toward any goals that I had set for the calendar year, breathe a sigh of relief regarding the goals reached, and refocus on the specific targets that I have yet to attain. It is these periods of reflection for all of us that help to solidify the progress we have made, identify patterns in behaviors, modify the trajectories or actions that tool us off path, and pinpoint reasons for successes or failures.

There continues to be a lot of attention on the area of metacognition and its role in supporting and enhancing learning. Whether it is called growth mindset, grit, or resilience, many of us who have experienced the challenges associated with learning something that does come naturally to us, likely spent a great deal of time rethinking our own approach to the topic and sought ways to ensure we mastered the topic. At the secondary school level, these are very important college and career readiness skills to develop in our students. As a parent, you are likely working to develop these same skills in your children at home.

The top three basic strategies for all learners to master are:

1. Connecting new information to former knowledge;
2. Deliberately selecting thinking strategies; and
3. Planning, monitoring, and evaluating thinking processes.

Attending to the development of these strategies in every class at every level is important. These strategies are also a critical component during homework and study time. Students can use these strategies to monitor, discuss, and evaluate their own thinking. This, in turn, can lead to improved learning.

As you plan your schedules for next week, please be sure to look at the campus calendar for the variety of events offered throughout the week.

Thank you for your continued support! Go Mavs!

Dr. Debra Aeceves

- Reminder: Costumes, painted faces, and/or masks are not allowed to be worn tomorrow (Monday, Oct. 31st).
- Check out the Campus Website for the calendar of events: <http://www.neisd.net/madison>
- Lots of great learning and activities are happening in the library in November and December. Read the Library's newsletter for more information. <https://www.smores.com/jhcud>

MAVERICK ACCOLADES

Cross Country: Our 2 freshmen **Savanna Flores-Waller** and **Steven Alvizo** overcame very hot weather to best their times on this weekend. Savanna was 63rd and Steven was 69th.

Football: Mavs lost to the Rattlers.

Madison High School is pleased to announce our **2016 National Merit Recognized Scholars**. **John Bellinger, Sakib Hoque, Abigail Jinks, Bailey Jordan, and Isabella McClellan**. Our National Hispanic Recognized Scholars are **Lucero Carrasco** and **Isabella McClellan**.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

2016 Presidential Elections, Tuesday, November 8, 2016

James Madison High School is an election voting site and the polling stations will be located in the foyer of the DEMAC. Special procedures for our students and faculty will be in place to ensure that a smooth and safe election day takes place at Madison. There will be additional traffic due to voter parking and relocation of the student parking.

Procedures for November 8, 2016

Parking:

1. The parking lot directly in front of the DEMAC will be reserved for voters.
2. The parking lot next to the softball field will be open to students.
3. The band practice parking lot will be open on November 8 for students and faculty.

Student drop off and pickup:

1. Drop off students a few minutes early on November 8th to accommodate for the additional traffic.
2. Students who drive should arrive a few minutes early to find parking in the PAC or band practice parking lot.
3. Allow extra time for student pick up after school.

NEISD Council of PTAs would like to invite you and your family to a morning of fitness, wellness & fun. Join us at the Back the Future Family Engagement Rally on November 5, 2016 from 9 am - 1 pm at the NEISD Sports Park (12001 Wetmore Rd).

SENIORS: If you have already paid your Senior Fees and have not picked up your senior shirt or lanyard, please stop by L105 to pick up your items before or after school.

If you not paid your Senior Fee of \$50, please see Ms. Acosta in L105 before or after school. We want to be sure to include you in all the senior events next semester!

Lady Mavs Athletics is selling JM EAR WARMERS! They are Dri-fit material and reversible. Price \$20. Email Coach Villarreal at villa21@neisd.net

