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# Ram Nation News

## Greetings from the Superintendent...Rob Peterson

Madison Ram Community,

As we kick off the 2022-23 school year, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well. It is our intent through the "Ram Nation News" to keep you informed of the exciting things that are going on across the district along with other pertinent dates and upcoming events.



I am extremely happy to report that we have gotten off to a very smooth start to the school year as we finish up the first nine-week grading period on Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. I would like to thank all of our teachers, staff, and administration as well as our students and their families for all of their efforts and the great start to the school year!

Just over a year ago a group of students, parents, community members, teachers, staff, administrators, and board members gathered together at the Mid-Ohio Educational Service Center to develop a new Strategic Plan for the district. The Strategic Plan was fully implemented during the 2021-22 school year and will help provide a framework and direction for the district over the next 3-5 years. The framework for the plan includes the following:

**District Mission Statement**—"Madison Local School District partners with families, staff and community – creating a culture of learning for everyone and empowering students to reach their full potential."

**District Vision Statement**—"Building our community...Creating endless opportunities...Ram Pride!"

**Areas of Focus**—Student Learning and Support, Culture and Climate, Financial Responsibility, Communication and Engagement, and Facility Improvement and Development.

As we look forward to 2023, district finances will need to be addressed so that we can continue to meet the educational and extracurricular opportunity needs of our students, so that we can continue to recruit and retain high-quality teachers, staff, and administration, and so that we can keep our curriculum and educational resources as well as our buildings and grounds updated. The cost of doing business as a school district has increased over time, however it has been 25 years since the district last approved new operating funds in 1997. Additionally, the most recent District Financial Forecast shows that the district general fund will go into a negative balance during the 2024-25 school year unless new operating funds are secured or significant reductions in expenditures are made. Consequently, the district will be placing a levy for additional operating funds on the May, 2023 primary ballot.



Thank you again, Madison Staff, Madison Families, and Madison Community, for all of your support and for all that you do for the students of the Madison Local School District.  
Go Rams!

**MCT** MADISON CAREER-TECH

Career Tech recently kicked off Skills USA for this year while partnering with the Ohio National Guard. All 11 programs participated within the kick-off which included team building challenges throughout most of the day on September 15th. Some of the challenges included pull-ups, balance beam challenges, and a jug carry competition. These activities promoted problem solving and being an active member of a team.



The Culinary Arts program is in the preparation phase of the new addition of a coffee bar which will be constructed within the Ramble Inn. The logo to the right was the winning image for the new coffee bar, Common Grounds created by Emily Brandt. There were several designs submitted, and all students and staff were invited to vote. Completion of the new addition is expected to be in late October.

Senior work release program is in full swing and there are a total of 36 students out on work release with over 20 different local employers. Currently there are over 160 junior level students in their first year of their program. Some of those students have had opportunities to go out on job sites and work within the Carpentry and Electrical Maintenance programs already this school year.

## Madison Comprehensive High School

Hello Ram Nation!

I hope you all are as happy about being back as we are. Summer is always a great opportunity to spend time with friends and family, but we definitely missed seeing the students each and every day. We are hoping the 2022-2023 school year will be filled with excitement, positivity, and school spirit.

I would like to welcome our new Assistant Principal, Mr. Andrew Ditlevson. Mr. D brings several years of administrative experience, most recently serving as Principal of Crestview High School.

I would also like to welcome several new staff members to the MCHS Family.

Ms. Baker – English  
 Ms. Carpenter – School Counselor  
 Mrs. Childs – Secretary  
 Ms. Darnell – Media  
 Mr. Farley – Social Studies  
 Mr. Hipp – Electricity  
 Mrs. Ohl – Special Education  
 Ms. Skripac – Math  
 Mr. Wade – Special Education

Mrs. Boliantz – School Nurse  
 Ms. Carlson – Band  
 Ms. Collins – Science  
 Ms. Fanning – Band  
 Ms. Hicks – Math  
 Mrs. Larrick – Secretary  
 Mrs. Ray – Special Education  
 Mrs. Thomas – English  
 Deputy Nedrow – School Resource Officer

Thank you all for joining Ram Nation!

I am excited to report some excellent progress on our Ohio State Tests, which are reflected on the recent State Report Card. The major area of focus has been raising our Performance Index. The Performance Index measures the test results of every student, not just those who score proficient or higher. Schools and districts receive points on the index for every student who takes a test. The higher the performance level on the state tests, the more points awarded toward the index score.



Last school year, our building set a goal of raising our Performance Index by five points. I am happy to report that we not only met that goal, but far surpassed it. We raised our previous score by 12 points. This is attributed to the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff and students.

In five of the six End of Course exams, our school scored above the state average and made significant gains from the previous year's tests. Although we are extremely proud of the accomplishments of our teachers and students, we are not satisfied with the results. This year we plan to examine the results and make the needed adjustments to continue to put our students in the best situation to be successful. I hope to see continued growth and improvement.

Ram Pride!!!

Sean Conway  
 Principal

Madison Comprehensive High School





## Eastview Elementary School



Eastview is off to a great start. We have lots of new smiling faces here in the building. Our new staff includes the following: In fourth grade math, Laurie Nichols, our new full time counselor, Tom Deiotte, our new art teacher, Danielle Walton, and our new third grade math teacher, Jason Ebersole. We are happy to have these fabulous new staff members on our team. We have also welcomed 30 new students to our building from Madison South. Each and every one has been a great addition to our building!

Our student leadership role positions have been filled and our students are off and running in helping our day to day responsibilities of the building. Our Flag Team includes Stella Nicol, Allie Risner, Clayton Shepherd, and Garrett Spurlock. Our building medics are Conner Slone and Jocelynn Shaffer. Our Playground Equipment team is Miles Smith & Ingrid Keffer. Our meteorologist is Hailley Snelling. Our mission statement reader

is Dylan Pucci, and our menu reader is Abel Hensley. Our Student Council team is Isai-ah Smith, Isaiah Reeves, Benton Brandt, Amir Byrd, Peyton Hager, Kerrigan Lukowski, Peyton Meek, Daniel Jiang, W.O., Delaney Conway, Frehley Gushard, Ashley Anshutz, & Faith Barney.

This school year we will continue to use Class DOJO to reward positive behavior. Students will earn up to three points each day for positive behavior. Incentive coupons will also be rewarded at each increment of 25 points. Each quarter we will have a celebration for students who have earned 80% of their possible DOJO points and did not receive a major or more than three minor office referrals.

We are so excited to get this school year underway. Go Rams!

Educationally,

Mrs. Wigton



## Mifflin Elementary School



Mifflin Elementary is off to a strong start this school year! We are thrilled to see the academic gains made on our report card issued from the Ohio Department of Education where Mifflin earned all five stars in the areas of Achievement and Progress. This is evidence of the hard work and dedication of our students, staff, and parents and is a wonderful cause for celebration! Mifflin was also re-awarded with Bronze Status for our PBIS initiatives through our teaching expected behaviors in a

consistent and positive way, modeling and acknowledging those behaviors and helping all students meet expectations and be successful. Student Council elections were held as students campaigned through speeches and posters placed around the school. Students voted on executive positions and class representatives, and a new position was even created, the ambassador to the principal. Student council is meeting soon to discuss ways in which to engage the community and provide support for those in need. Students were also sorted into their houses for the school year where they will again try to earn points to earn a ticket to a STEAM museum sponsored by the Mifflin PTO that will focus on different topics in science, math, and art and allow the students a hands-on opportunity to



**Mifflin continued...**see content in action! Mifflin has also recently been awarded a \$1,500 grant through the Harry and Lois McCullough Fund to promote literacy appreciation and enrichment throughout the school and community where we have chosen to use One School One Book, a powerful literacy initiative to facilitate a love for books within the community. We will be utilizing *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl and use a cross-curricular approach, hitting as many content areas to show how literacy can impact lives in different ways. This will be a year-long endeavor that will be prepared for Family Literacy Night so that



families of all grade levels can enjoy and appreciate the connection between literature and all aspects of life. We are excited to see where this takes our school and our appreciation for all things reading! Ram Pride!



### Madison Middle School Report Card

This month The Ohio Department of Education released the 2021-22 district and building report cards. At the staff meeting this month our staff celebrated the success that was achieved on Madison Middle School's report card. Among the accomplishments Madison Middle School received, our building achieved five out of five stars on Gap Closing. This indicates that the Middle School significantly exceeded state standards in closing educational gaps! Special thanks to our staff and students on their hard work from last school year. Special thanks also to Rob Southold (Children's Pastor) and the Mansfield Church of God for providing our staff with gourmet donuts and coffee after our staff meeting as an encouragement to help celebrate our accomplishments!



### Madison Middle School

Thank you to our students, parents, staff, and community for a great start to the school year! We appreciate our families taking the time to be informed by reading the different communications that were sent out to make the transition into the school year smooth for everyone. As we continue into the school year, below are the following ways you can stay connected with the Middle School in regards to communications and information:

Website: School information, documents, and updates

Remind: To get on the Middle School text to receive messages and alerts, simply send a text to 81010 and type the following phrase in the message: @22e9a.

Newsletter: The school newsletter entitled "Middle School Memorandum" is published at the end of each month and sent out electronically.

Electronic Sign: Located at the entry drive off of McElroy Rd., it displays upcoming events and news.

Facebook: Our account is listed under "Madison Middle School".

Twitter: Our account is listed under "@MadisonMidRams".

TVs in Auditoria and Office Area: Displays upcoming events and news

### School Resource Officer – Deputy Nedrow

We welcome Deputy Nedrow to our campus! Deputy Nedrow is the new District School Resource Officer from the Richland County Sheriff's Office. This month Deputy Nedrow spent time in our 6<sup>th</sup> grade technology classes discussing the importance of using social media safely. Even though social media can be a fun way to connect with others, Deputy Nedrow discussed the danger of sharing private information. Additionally, topics discussed also included not sharing your location with people you don't know, and not clicking on or searching inappropriate links.



### Class of 1972



Remember when "Pong" was the first commercially successful video game? Remember when you could feed a family of four for under \$4 at McDonald's? Remember driving a Volkswagen Beetle to school? If you can remember these trends then you can relate to what it was like graduating from high school in 1972. This month the Madison High School Class of 1972 came back together for a reunion. Among the events planned, the reunion also involved taking a tour of the Middle School building. The time to talk to connect with education in

1972 as compared to now highlighted how much education has evolved to be better prepared to serve the needs of students. This was a great time to connect with Ram Alumni and recognize the importance that Madison Local Schools plays in building our community! Once a Ram, always a Ram!

### Transportation News

Thank you to our team of drivers, students and parents of Madison schools for a successful start to the school year! Each day we transport approximately 1,400 students to and from school.

Students are encouraged to observe the school bus safety rules posted on every bus. They are essentially the same things you would observe in a classroom. We ask parents to encourage their students to follow the bus rules. One way to do this is to ask them each day one rule they should observe on the bus and then explain to them why it is important. I cannot stress enough how important and crucial your assistance as a parent can be.

Did you know our district encompasses 49 square miles, and every year we travel approximately 235,000 miles to take students to each of our schools as well as the non-public schools we service? We transport students on field trips, driving about 28,000 miles annually.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of transporting your students each and every day, and please feel free to call our office with any concerns 419-589-3473.



## Madison Early Childhood Learning Center



We are excited to welcome our returning and new preschool students for the 2022-23 school year! They were very happy to see their classrooms and

meet their new friends on their first day of preschool. We have five preschool classrooms this year, adding a fifth classroom to meet the program needs of our community. All of our preschool classrooms have a full day preschool schedule. Our preschool hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. We also provide wrap around child-care for before and after preschool from 6:30 AM to 6:00 PM.



Our students love visiting the Gorman Nature Center every spring, and they were so happy when the Gorman Nature Center came to visit us at the beginning of September with their black rat snake. All of our students loved

being able to hold the snake and learn facts about the snake. The Gorman Nature Center will be visiting us in our preschool program four times this year to help our students learn more about different animals and their habitats.

The Infant program has increased the enrollment in the 6 weeks to 12 months old classroom to meet the needs of our families. We doubled our infant ratio in our Infant 1 room to open five additional spots for more infants. We now have 16 full time infants in our Infant program, and we love getting all of those cuddles and seeing their smiles everyday!

The Infant teachers help our infants meet their developmental milestones using the Creative Curriculum. This curriculum is a framework that provides developmental goals in the areas of cognitive, language, physical, and social-emotional development. Infants are assessed using this curriculum four times each year. Our infants are also screened within their first two months in our infant program using the ASQ-3 screening tool. This tool helps our teachers know the developmental levels and progress of each infant in their classroom.



## Madison South Preschool

We're back at it! Madison South Preschool is off and underway for yet another great school year! We were fortunate to be able to add to our preschool staff this year with an educational aide in Mrs. Camillo's room, Miss Kilie Justice. Each of the three classrooms now has the intervention specialist, who also serves as the preschool teacher, and two educational aides to help support our students. We also had an educational aide retire this past year and filled that spot with another new educational aide, Mrs. Laura White. Miss Justice and Mrs. White have both been great additions to our preschool team!

Our preschoolers have been learning a lot of things already this year on topics such as Back to School, Safety, How To Be A Friend, Chicka Chicka Boom Boom and Feelings/Emotions. We also started our Virtual Fun Friday lessons where preschoolers have the option of viewing videos created by the Preschool Coordinator or Preschool Teachers that are sent to parents on various Fridays throughout the school year. These are 30 minute lessons that contain a variety of different activities such as music/movement, cutting practice, working on letters, art projects, teachers reading stories and more. These are optional, but another fun way to connect with preschoolers and their families on days we don't have school.

**Madison South Preschool continued...** We are looking forward to a few things coming up. We started our year with a visit from Mrs. Brindi from the Madison Branch Library (one of our Community Partners) who will be coming once per month throughout the school year. Also, Mr. Peterson, Madison Local Schools Superintendent, will be coming to read to our preschoolers again this year each month. We are fortunate to have great administrators in our district who are willing to be involved in our programming. Our friends and community partners from the Ohio Bird Sanctuary will start visiting us in October once per month as well. This is always a favorite of our preschoolers because the kids always get to see and learn about an animal.

Our first family activity day took place at the end of September where the preschool staff provided several activities in an effort to promote family engagement. This was a fun time had by all!

While we still have a few spots left, our preschool classes are filling up fast! We enroll typical peer models as well as students with special needs. This year we extended our class sessions by 10 minutes to be two hours, forty minutes long. Anyone interested in starting the enrollment process should contact Preschool Coordinator, Jen Eckenwiler, at 419-522-4319 or via email at [jeckenwiler@madisonrams.net](mailto:jeckenwiler@madisonrams.net).





### Conferences

The first round of conferences will be held Thursday, October 20th and Tuesday, October 25th. Look for signups from teachers coming home soon to set up times. It is important to try and attend one of the dates available to discuss your students' progress and discuss any questions or concerns you or the teacher may have. It's a great time to discuss ways to help your student do their best to learn and grow!

### Nurse's Note

Welcome back! I hope that you all had a great summer! As we get back in the swing of things, please remember that we can still have summer temps in September and October, so have your child bring a water bottle to drink and refill as needed, along with dressing appropriately. On the topic of clothing, it may be helpful to throw a spare set of clothes to leave in the backpacks for accidents, a spill, or a slip in the grass.

Plenty of sleep, as well as getting outside to play, walk, or just relaxing in the sun makes for happy and healthy children. I hope you have a great school year! -Nurse Stacey



## Madison South Elementary School

### Principal's Post

Welcome back to school! We're off and running for the 2022-2023 school year and have had a great start already. Our students have been busy learning routines, expectations, and many new skills! As a school, we currently have more than three times as many leadership referrals as behavior referrals, which is amazing! We would love to continue that trend and reward and celebrate those students making great decisions in all parts of the building throughout the year through leadership referrals, Ram Rallies, and much more! Please encourage your student to continue to follow expectations everywhere throughout the building so they can see how rewarding that can be. Thank you for all of your efforts at home as we work as a team to help the students grow!

### PBIS

We have been working extremely hard here at South developing and implementing a strong PBIS program. South was recently awarded bronze level from the state for our development and implementation of PBIS, which was awarded to only 375 different schools. PBIS, stands for positive behavioral interventions and supports and is an approach schools use to promote good behaviors, choices, teaching students expectations, and rewarding students that meet and exceed expectations. Students not meeting expectations go through different interventions to help teach and re-teach expected and acceptable behaviors. We have established different ways



to reward and celebrate our students who meet and exceed expectations through Ram Rallies (end of the month event for students not receiving a major, everyone starts fresh at the start of each month), All Year Ram Rally (event for students who did not receive a major all year), Leadership Referrals (staff submit names of students who are caught being Ready Accountable Mindful or Successful), Fancy Friday (students selected by their teacher that best exemplified that week's theme to eat on the stage and receive a special treat), and DOJO points (points students earn for positive behaviors that can be used to purchase different items in the Ram Shack). Here you'll see Leadership Referral raffle winners and our Ram Rally preview day!

### Student Council Members 2022-2023

Congratulations to the following students who were selected by their teachers as members of student council this year! Christopher Haynes, Livia Foote, Lincoln Collins, Jekhi Finley, Lillian Hay, Jayce Clark, Brody Kanz, Deanna Martie, Ayden Bara, Aurora Johnson, Mahlaya Davis, Cade Deems, Myla Lewis, Corinne Beal, Isabelle Beatty, Sebastian Nelson, Bryant Hughes, Ben Benton, Gavin Moore, Lelia Meyers, Bella Cushard, Lyra Howell, Addisyn Ruckman, Beckham White, Dyson Hedrick, Rierra Arrington, and Mia Fisher. Members help and lead in different areas throughout the building through the year. They help lead Town Hall, assist in fundraisers, and help with different schoolwide and community events.



### Madison South Counselor's Corner

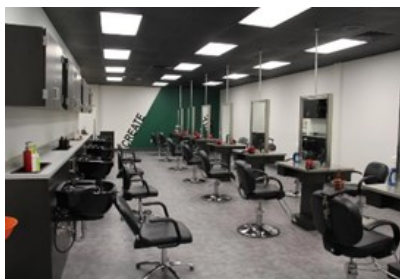
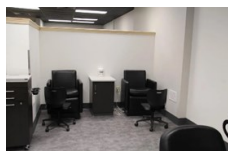
We are all excited to be back after a much needed summer break! We are starting off the year strong with our outside counseling services in full swing. We are offering free counseling services to our students through Family Life, Catalyst and Ohio Health. I will be teaching guidance lessons in the classroom based on each grade level's needs, while also providing individual counseling services for our students day-to-day needs. We know that the beginning of a school year can bring on financial worries for some families. Ridgeway Church (419-589-5385) has a clothes closet for anyone in need from infancy to adult in Richland County. They also have a food pantry open to residents of Madison Township. Crossroads City Center (419-709-9970) has a variety of programs for the community of Mansfield, including free haircuts, showers, hygiene products and peer mentoring. Please contact these places for more information on the services they offer!

If you have any concerns about your student(s) or have any questions about outside counseling services, please feel free to contact me at [ktripp@madisonrams.net](mailto:ktripp@madisonrams.net). Katrina Tripp, School Counselor



## Madison Adult Career Center

**Check out our newly renovated Cosmetology training facilities!**  
**Visit our Student Salon! A variety of services are offered!**  
**Call 419-589-6363 to schedule an appointment. Appointments available Tu,W,Th**  
**5:30-9:30pm.**



**Guess What?! - You don't have to wait until next fall to start school!!**  
**Certification and Licensure Programs Start Soon!**  
**Adult High School Diploma Programs Start Soon!**  
**Workforce & Personal Interest Classes Start Soon!**

**MACC has the following programs starting throughout the school year...**

11/3/22 – State Tested Nurse Aide\*  
 11/14/22 – MIG Welding\*  
 1/6/23 – State Tested Nurse Aide\*  
 1/9/23 – Medical Assisting Technologies  
 1/9/23 – Welding Technology  
 1/23/23 – Customer Office & Support Technology\*  
 1/30/23 – Welding Technology  
 1/30/23 – MIG Welding\*  
 3/6/23 – Cosmetology/Advanced Cosmetology  
 3/20/23 – State Tested Nurse Aide\*  
 4/24/23 – Customer Office & Support Technology\*  
 5/1/23 – Phlebotomy/EKG  
 5/8/23 – MIG Welding\*  
 5/15/23 – Nail Technician\*

*\*Approved Adult Diploma Program*



**Want to take a class for quick skills or just for fun? Upcoming classes...**

10/25/22 – Elevate the SCENTses!  
 11/1/22 – QuickBooks  
 11/1/22 – Blueprint Reading  
 11/2/22 – Can You Google  
 11/7/22 – Intermediate Sign Language  
 11/8/22 – Communicable Disease Recert  
 11/16/22 or 1/25/23 – Child Abuse Prevention  
 12/1/22 – GD&T  
 12/13/22 – Chunky Knit Blanket Workshop  
 12/7/22 – Healthcare Provider CPR  
 12/15/22 – Bridges Out of Poverty  
 1/12/23 – Heartsaver First Aid w/ CPR + AED  
 1/24/23 – Public boating  
 2/21/23 – Fix Your Mower  
 2/27/23 – Cake Decorating



**ACCESS OUR STUDENT ENROLLMENT PORTAL**

**<https://macc.axstudent.com>**



## Food Service News



As we begin the 2022-23 school year, the Food Service Department looks forward to providing quality service and meals to our students and staff. The Free & Reduced Price Meal Application link can be found on both the Final Forms Free & Reduced Price Meals tab and on the Food Service Department tab on the district website. This link is available to assist parents/guardians in getting their child's free or reduced status updated immediately once the application is signed electronically. Parents/Guardians must register on the PaySchoolsCentral.com link first. The PaySchoolsCentral link, step-by-step instructions for registration, and the online Free & Reduced application, are on the Food Service tab on the district website.

Parent/Guardians are welcome to set up notifications on their child's lunch fund on PaySchoolsCentral. The PaySchoolsCentral App is also available to be downloaded once you have completed the registration process. You also have the availability to have automatic funds added to your child's account, track their meals, and set up notices to be sent to you when your child's funds are low. Parents/Guardians can also add funds to their child's meal account by sending funds in with your child via cash or check.

If you have any problems with the online Free & Reduced application process and/or any general Food Service questions, please contact the Food Service Supervisor, Kim Pfleiderer, at 419-589-1116. We look forward to assisting you in any way with your child's food service needs.

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## Ram Athletic News

I want to start by thanking everyone for their help this fall. Our coaches have worked very hard this season, and it sure was nice seeing people back in the stands. Our crowds have been excellent, and the kids really appreciate your support!

The girls' soccer team is one win away from winning the OCC championship again. They knocked off a very good New Philadelphia team to move back into first place. If they defeat Mount Vernon, they will be the outright OCC champions. This would make them OCC champs for the third consecutive year.



The girls' volleyball team continues to improve and got a big win versus West Holmes, a team that beat them in three games earlier this year. The team is young, and new coach Tricia Bernhard has worked hard to develop the program.



The girls' tennis team is 10-7 overall, and the 1<sup>st</sup> doubles team of Brooke Hill and Kyleigh Reiter is 19-1. They will look to have an excellent showing in the tournament. The cross country girls' team finished second at the Crestview

invitational. The boys' and girls' cross country teams are getting ready for their OCC competition. The boys' soccer team continues to play very well. The team may be young, but they have shown they will be a force to be reckoned with in the next few years. The team is led in scoring by three freshmen and a senior. Freshman Randy Jamieson, freshman Joey Walker, freshman Julius Walker and senior Kaleb Prosser lead the way for the Rams. The boys are 9-4 on the season and hope to make a nice tournament run. The golf team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in their last OCC tournament, and Joshua Atwell shot a 79 to tie for second in the final round. He was named honorable mention OCC for his efforts. The football team continues to work hard every day. They have improved each week, and we know that first win for Coach Valentine, his staff, and the team is right around the corner.



I would like to thank all of the workers of our games, the Booster club, and a special thanks to Kerry Henry who works so hard to make sure we have concessions. I would also like to thank our bus drivers, maintenance staff and custodians for all of their hard work during the fall season. A special thanks to Deb Hunt, the athletic secretary, who works very hard every day to make sure everything continues to run smoothly.

Go Rams! Doug Rickert, Athletic Director