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# Ram Nation News

## Our Mission

*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.*

## Our Vision

*Building our community.  
Creating endless opportunities.  
Ram Pride!*

## Our Beliefs & Values

- We believe every student embodies some type of genius.
- We believe every student is capable of learning.
- We value integrity.
- We value hard work and a strong work ethic.
- We value relationships and connections.
- We value being supportive of others.
- We value loyalty.

## Greetings from the Superintendent...Rob Peterson

Madison Ram Community,

As the calendar flips to 2022, I hope that this newsletter finds you and your family well. It is our intent through the newsletters to keep you informed of the exciting things that have transpired throughout the district along with other pertinent dates and upcoming events.

I am happy to report that the Madison Local School District Strategic Plan has been completed and is in the implementation phase. Last summer 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, sorely-needed strategic plan for the district. The plan will provide structure for the district and help guide our decision-making over the next 3-5 years. Along with our mission statement, our vision, and our beliefs and values (see above), there were 5 goals/goal statements created. In the fall, district administrators worked together to develop an action plan for each of the goals with each action plan containing 2-3 strategies to be implemented in order to assist the district in reaching its goals.

I am also happy to report that the district has reached agreement with our teachers' association (MLEA) on a 3-year contract. Our teaching staff does an excellent job and works very hard to provide our students with an excellent education while also supporting them socially and emotionally. While the negotiation process was lengthy and at times difficult, in the end we were able to come together on a contract that both sides can support.

As we look forward to the spring, 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 our outstanding teachers, staff, and administration, and so that we can keep our curriculum and educational resources updated, and buildings and grounds safe. The district will have a renewal levy on the ballot in May, which will be vital to the continued operation of the district. The renewal levy will not generate new funds or be an additional tax for the district. The district has not placed a new operating levy on the ballot since 1997, and over the past 25 years the district has attempted to be good stewards of our operating funds and stretch them as far as possible through reducing expenditures, including reducing staff to the point where we are staffed at a minimal level.

Finally, I would like to thank the Madison Staff, Madison Families, and the Madison Community for all of your support and for all that you do for the students of the Madison Local School District. Go Rams!



## School Directory

Madison High School  
600 Esley Lane  
Mansfield, Ohio 44905  
419/589-2112

Madison Middle School  
1419 Grace Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44905  
419/522-0471

Madison South Elementary  
700 S. Illinois Avenue  
Mansfield, Ohio 44907  
419/522-4319

Eastview Elementary  
1262 Eastview Drive  
Mansfield, Ohio 44905  
419/589-7335

Mifflin Elementary  
441 Reed Road  
Mansfield, Ohio 44903  
419/589-6517

Madison Early Childhood  
Learning Center  
1035 Grace Street  
Mansfield, Ohio 44905  
419/589-7851

Madison Adult Career Center  
600 Esley Lane  
Mansfield, Ohio 44905  
419/589-6363

Madison South Pre-School  
700 S. Illinois Avenue  
Mansfield, Ohio 44907  
419/589-1115

## Board of Education Members

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## Madison Comprehensive High School

Hello Ram Community!

I hope everyone enjoyed a very restful holiday season!

I also hope everyone is staying healthy. I know battling the rising cases of Covid-19 has created many challenges. Please take care of yourself and contact us at the high school with any questions or concerns you may have.

The first semester was full of many events that showcased what makes Madison Comprehensive High School such an amazing place.

Recently, the high school held our first ever Academic Assistance Early Release for our students. This rewarded students who did not have any major discipline infractions and had all passing grades with an early release from school. Students who did not meet the criteria were provided academic interventions. In November, we had the opportunity to provide 412 academic interventions for our students. We saw an instant positive impact on our students' grades. In December, we offered another 322 interventions. We are very happy with the progress we are seeing and hope to continue this program in the coming months.



We are very proud of Choir Director, Mr. Craig Green, and his outstanding students Emalie Green, Faith Brammer, Brett Lucas, Karlie Wilson, and Shannon Stapleton. These students were selected by the American Choral Director's Association Honors Choir which will take place in Chicago. This is an awesome accomplishment!

Next, I want to congratulate all the students who participated in Winterfest. It was (again) a huge success where students were able to show off their immense talents. We have so many outstanding students, and it was awesome to find another way to celebrate them. Great job to all!

Lastly, I want to thank all staff members, student groups, and Madison Community members who contributed to "Merry Madison Christmas." National Honor Society, MCHS Staff, Mrs. Myers' classes, the English Department, Skills USA, Girls Softball, Yearbook, Key Club, Freightwatch Logistics, and CRAIC all individually adopted a family and delivered gifts and food. In addition, MCHS students joined in a canned food drive; Mrs. Kasberg provided hundreds of cookies; Mr. Schulz and local businesses provided gift cards; OCC Leadership donated hats and gloves; and Mrs. Lucas crocheted baskets. In total, Merry Madison Christmas provided for 12 families, including 37 children. All of Madison joined together in order to provide Christmas to those in need.

We are proud of you Madison!

Ram Pride!

Sean Conway

Principal, Madison Comprehensive High School





## Eastview Elementary School



Great things are happening at Eastview! Each month we have been highlighting different character traits. So far this year we have focused on responsibility, respect, gratitude, generosity, and self-control. The students have done a great job writing up special announcements to share examples of how they demonstrate these character traits. The student leadership team has also stepped in to help with this effort by performing a skit on how to demonstrate gratitude at our quarter one pep rally.

We have eight third grade students that will be representing Eastview at the Sixth Annual Mansfield-Richland County 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Spelling Bee on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Madison Middle School. Those students are Dylan Pucci, William Owens, Eleanor Sidwell, Klayton Hayes, Liam Cushard, Mackenzie Wiggins, Frehley Gushard, and Ethan Hicks.

Our building completed reading Charlotte's Web right before break as part of the One Book, One School reading program. This program encourages entire communities to enjoy the love of reading. Our families

made wonderful memories as they read Charlotte's Web at home together. We also had a great time at school with the count down to the unveiling of the book, the pep rally, the weekly trivia challenges, art projects, and the many creative ways that our staff incorporated Charlotte's Web into our daily activities. We are looking forward to the Charlotte's Web Literacy Night that we will have in the spring. We would like to thank the Gorman Foundation for helping to fund this project for our building.

As a bronze level PBIS building, we continue to celebrate and promote positive behavior. Our celebrations have included PBIS parties, academic award celebrations, honor roll ice cream, Citizen of the Month recognition and a daily point system that is used throughout our entire building. Our students earn points and use them to receive various rewards in the classroom that they choose with their teacher.

We thank you for your continued support of our building and encourage you to follow our Eastview Facebook Page. Go Rams!



## Communication Survey

**Madison Local School District is seeking to identify the most effective ways to communicate with our Madison students, families, and community members!** We're asking for our community's feedback to help us realize our Communication and Engagement goal:

*Madison Local Schools engages families and community members through clear, concise, timely communication.*

Please give us your input on this short, confidential survey to help us improve our District's Communication *(and share the survey link with others!)*

**Please complete the survey by FEBRUARY 18, 2022!**

**To access the survey enter the link below into a web browser OR scan the QR Code:**



<https://bit.ly/MLSD-survey>



## Food Service News

Madison Local School District Food Service Department is continuing to provide FREE meals to ALL students through the end of the school year through funding from ODE and USDA. Please be aware that an extra milk or other extra items that your child selects must be paid for and cannot be provided free of charge. Please make sure funds are available on your child's account for these extras. Many of our cafeterias have transitioned back to using the registers for our meal counts. This helps make it easier to track meals for the Food Service Department and the State. This is using the same ID that the students have always had, and continue to use with their electronic devices at the district.

Due to continued nationwide food shortages, we are still having difficulty getting certain menu items. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this may cause any students. Unfortunately, availability of items is out of our control, but we strive to get items listed on the menu. We will continue to attempt to purchase the items that the students enjoy from our vendors, but there is no guarantee exactly when they will be available.

The Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) will be offered again this year to qualifying students. Qualifications are based on correctly completed applications submitted in Final Forms and/or the PaySchools online portal. Funds will be provided when students are absent due to Covid-19 quarantine/illness, Covid-19 related school closures or remote learning days. If you have any questions related to the P-EBT program, please contact our district EMIS Coordinator, Allison Conn, at 419-589-2600 Ext. 81105. For general food service questions, please contact the Food Service Supervisor, Kim Pfleiderer, at 419-522-0471 Ext. 5021.

## Communication- How Can I Find Out What Is Going On At Madison Middle School

Communication is important to us! Below is a list of the different communication platforms we have that you can join:

1. Check our website: [www.mlsd.net](http://www.mlsd.net)
2. Get on the Remind building text list; send a text to 81010 and type in the following phrase: @22e9a
3. At the end of each month, read our monthly newsletter, which is posted on our website.
4. Check out our Twitter handle: @MadisonMidRams
5. Read the electronic sign off of McElroy Road.
6. See us on Facebook– under “Madison Middle School”



### Therapy Dog – “Thor”

We are happy to welcome Thor to our building! Thor is a Great Dane licensed therapy dog that recently completed his training through the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. Thor makes his way through the building on certain days of the week to greet students and provide social emotional support to those students who have needs. Thor has a very friendly demeanor and adores attention which helps calm anxiety and brings a comfortable atmosphere to those students he is with. We are thankful to now have Thor on our staff!

## Madison Middle School

### PBIS – Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports

At the Middle School we just had our first PBIS incentive day for the school year! PBIS is a way for schools to teach and encourage positive behavior. At our Middle School, students are encouraged to follow the **R.A.M.S. acronym; Respectful, Accountable, Motivated = Successful**. Posted around our building are expectations for behavior in different areas of the building such as the hallways, classrooms, bathrooms, and in the office. These were reviewed at the beginning of the year, and students also viewed a video of our staff demonstrating the correct and incorrect ways to meet these expectations! Students who meet the academic and behavior criteria for PBIS each nine weeks are rewarded by attending a PBIS incentive event. Students who do not meet the behavior criteria can still attend if they complete community service hours.



Students at this month's event had the opportunity to participate in different activities such as basketball, tabletop games, volleyball, dodgeball, soccer, movie and purchase of concession items. Above is a picture of students enjoying Snowie Daze ice at this month's event!

### Builder's Club – Donation Drive

At the Middle School we have a Builder's Club which includes students in grades 5-8. An extension of the local Kiwanis Club, students in Builder's Club work together to improve their school and local community. Currently our Builder's Club is conducting a donation drive to support the local Harmony House which helps support the needs of those who are homeless. Below are the items that the Builder's Club is collecting:

New linens for twin beds  
New bath towels and washcloths  
New pillows  
Cleaning supplies (ex. wipes, bleach, sprays, paper towels)  
Toiletries (ex. shampoo, soap, conditioner, toothpaste, razors)



If you are able to donate any items to our office to help our Builder's Club it would be much appreciated!

### Educating Students on Vaping

While there have been declines in tobacco use among youth, e-cigarette and vape use among middle and high school students has been on the rise. The use of e-cigarettes and vaping devices among youth is a concern for schools as well as the larger health community. In addition to the harmful effects that the chemicals in e-cigarette and vaping devices can have on the developing adolescent brain, scientists are still learning about the long-term effects of e-cigarettes and vaping devices.

This school year we have introduced the opportunity for students who use or are in possession of a vaping device to complete an educational program to reduce the school consequence that a student receives in relation to vaping. The program is designed to be used as a tool to educate students on the dangers of vaping and the dangerous side effects it can have on the human body. At this point in the school we have not had any second offenders in relation to vaping and are thankful for this resource and its positive impact!

Additionally, vaping detectors will be installed in all student bathrooms at the Middle School before the end of the school year. When the chemical is detected in the air, an immediate alert is sent to our office. This will help to keep our bathrooms safe for students and reduce the temptation for students to engage in vaping.





## Madison Early Childhood Learning Center



We were very happy to attend our first field trip this fall with our preschool students. During the month of October our preschool students attended an interactive field trip to the ECO Center in Caledonia. They participated in outdoor lessons that included a variety of hands-on activities based on their developmental learning level. The students learned about different animals, ecosystems, and explored relationships between living things and their environments / habitats. Many of our preschool students, preschool staff, and parent volunteers enjoyed the play sessions that encourage and build a child's creativity, balance, strength, and confidence. Some of these play sessions included zip lines, a barrel train ride, a giant corn box, an upcycled playground, petting zoo, and a large tunnel slide. Many memories were made, and we look forward to going back again next fall for more fun! Our MECLC families are very important to us, and we were very excited to have them back in our building this school year for our family



## Madison South Preschool

We have had a lot of fun at preschool the last couple of months. Through the holidays preschoolers learned about turkeys, Thanksgiving, what being "thankful" means, families/friends, gingerbread, Christmas, and Santa among other things. In December, we were thrilled to receive a visit from Santa Claus (portrayed by Rob Peterson, Madison Schools' Superintendent), Mrs. Claus (Nikki Cox, Madison South Principal), an elf (Eric Turlo, Student Services' Director) and Rudolph (Sean Conway, Madison High School Principal). Santa read "The Night Before Christmas" to each preschool class and the special guests passed out candy canes to all of the preschoolers. It was so much fun!

Preschool Staff also hosted a fun day called "Winter Fest" where preschoolers and a family member came to the school

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events. During the month of November we celebrated Thanksgiving with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal prepared by our cook Ms. Patty. All of the children and staff enjoyed the meal throughout our building. We also invited the parents of our preschool students to join us for the Thanksgiving Luncheon. There were around 80 parents that attended the luncheon. The preschool students performed songs during the luncheon, and enjoyed sharing the delicious meal with

their families. There were many smiles all around, and laughs shared with our families. Another family event that we recently had at MECLC was our Holiday Festival in December. This was the first year for this event, and we had around 200 people that joined in the festive fun! Our MECLC families participated in carnival games, cookie decorating, creating ornaments, playing in a bouncy house, visiting with Mr. & Mrs. Claus, and a dinner in the cafeteria. Children received prizes including a MECLC water bottle and drawstring backpack with our new logo on them. We also had some of our community partners attend the event to share their organizations' resources. These partners included Catalyst, Madison Adult Education, and the Madison Public Library. We plan on hosting this event annually, and hope to make it even bigger next year!



and made crafts, decorated cookies, learned about turtles and snakes from a Gorman Nature Center worker, took pictures in the photo area, colored a gingerbread house with Mrs. Brindi from the Madison Library, and took home some yummy treats. This was a fun, relaxed way to interact with our preschool families.

We are continuing to have the senior Child Development Career Tech students come in to work with us every Monday and



Wednesday afternoon, and visits from the Ohio Bird Sanctuary and Library happen each month. We are looking forward to our field trip to the Ohio Bird Sanctuary in April for a day of learning and exploration.

We are already starting to prepare for next year and transition our kiddos onto Kindergarten. We will be taking a field trip in May to the elementary schools to visit the Kindergarten classrooms and teachers.

The rest of the winter and spring months will be very busy, but we are having a blast and learning so much!



### Madison South Nurse's Note

Happy January! As we move deeper into winter, we're going to continue seeing temperatures drop. It's very important that children come dressed appropriately to keep them warm and healthy. We love our students being active, so we will continue to try to get outside for recess whenever possible. We do have extra hats, gloves, and coats here in the office that have been donated. If anyone is in need of one, please let us know!

Finally, please continue to send your students with water bottles. I understand that it is winter, but students still need to stay hydrated. It's an easy way to help with health!

Nurse Stacey



### Madison South Counselor's Corner

After a restful break, classroom guidance lessons are in full swing! All grade levels are working on a variety of social skills, as well as discussions regarding goal setting, bullying, and friendship. Speaking of goals, a goal for myself is to get counseling groups up and running shortly. Group includes 4-6 students at one time who need to work on a similar social skill or have similar needs. In a group setting they can feel that they are not alone, have a feeling of support from their peers and be able to practice skills immediately with others. We have also welcomed additional counseling support to our building. Our building has partnered with Family Life Counseling to provide in school support for our students. We are very excited to begin this partnership in order to help better meet our students' needs. If you have any questions about our counseling services, please feel free to reach out.

Katrina Tripp, School Counselor

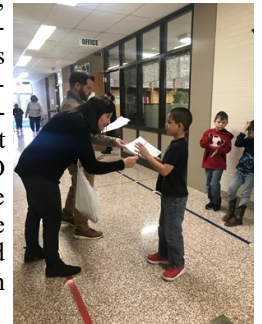
## Madison South Elementary School

**Principal's Post:** Welcome to the second semester, an opportunity to get a fresh start and finish off the year strong! We spent the first few days after break focusing on re-teaching expectations in and around the school building and busses. We have many fun and exciting things planned for students and want to make sure that they are making the right decisions while at school so they can earn those opportunities. Keep working hard students! We're hoping to have a great rest of the school year! We are also implementing schoolwide reading goals for each classroom. Students will have individual, classroom, grade level, and schoolwide goals that they are working to achieve. As each goal is reached, they are rewarded for their efforts! As always, if you have questions or concerns regarding anything, please continue to contact the office, and we will help the best we can! Ram Pride!



**PBIS:** A major focus for our staff and building is PBIS, Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. PBIS is a way for staff and administrators to support and promote positive behaviors, and find

ways to intervene and help those students struggling with negative behaviors. When negative behaviors occur, students can receive verbal warnings, strikes, minors, or majors. Students who are meeting or exceeding expectations are recognized and rewarded through a Leadership Referral, where teachers submit students who are making the right choices, and they are recognized on the announcements. We also have Fancy Friday, where students who a teacher feels met that week's behavior goal gets to eat lunch on the stage and receive a special treat. They can also earn DOJO points which can be used to purchase items from the Ram Shack. At the end of each month, we have a Ram Rally. Students who did not receive any majors for the month get to attend and enjoy some time of fun and games. Our goal is to have more Leadership Referrals each month than Behavior Referrals. Keep working!



## Mifflin Elementary School



Mifflin Elementary continues to embrace our successes and strengths as we enter into the second semester. To honor our veterans, Mifflin students and the Purple Star Committee hosted our annual Veterans Day Program in November, where servicemen and servicewomen from every branch were recognized for their dedication to our country. A special thank you goes out to Boy Scout Troup 113 for presenting the colors at our event! An in-house field trip was also provided for students to observe animals from the Barn Hill Preserve of Delaware. Students were able to listen to presentations on various animals and see them in action in our school gym. Students even had the opportunity to get their picture taken with them afterward! Animals included a tortoise, bearded dragon, armadillo, and – the fan favorite – a sloth. Student Council also presented to the Board of Education all of the positive happenings at Mifflin over the past year, and each showcased their leadership by speaking in front of the board and the community. We are proud of our Kindergarten through fourth grade students for researching information and embracing public speaking! They also hosted a sock drive in November to provide this much-needed item for families in the area. To continue our efforts with our PBIS initiatives and our bronze status, the second quarter leadership celebration included a directed paint, where students earning enough behavior points were able to paint a beautiful winter scene for a loved one. For the third quarter, Mifflin is inviting back the organization that brought us the Skydome to host "The Magic of Science" that incorporates science into a magic act. We are looking forward to this celebration as well as the Mifflin Spirit Night in February where students will have the opportunity to cheer on the Boys' Varsity Basketball Team in the student section. A special thank you to the community for being so supportive of our fall book fair; it was the most successful one we have hosted, and all funds will support our library with books and resources needed to make it thrive. Go Rams!





## Madison Adult Career Center

### MADISON ADULT CAREER CENTER HAS NEW GRANT AND SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS THAT CAN ASSIST STUDENTS IN PAYING FOR SCHOOL!

Grants are available that could cover most/all of the costs of one of MACC's Programs.

**State Tested Nurse Aide (STNA)** – day and evening programs available!

3/14/22 – 4/8/22 (M,T,W,TH,F – 9:15 am – 3:15 pm)

6/13/22 – 7/1/22 (M,T,W,TH,F – 9:15 am – 5:15 pm) – accelerated!

4/18/22 – 5/25/22 (M,T,W,TH – 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm)

7/25/22 – 8/31/22 (M,T,W,TH – 4:30 pm – 9:00 pm)

**Cosmetology/Advanced Cosmetology** – begins 3/7/22

**Phlebotomy/EKG** – begins 3/21/22

#### PROGRAMS BEGINNING FALL, 2022

**Precision Machining/CNC Technology**

**Industrial Electrical Maintenance**

**Welding Technology**

**Medical Assisting Technologies** – day/evening programs!

**Dental Assisting**

**Advanced Cosmetology or Cosmetology**

**Basic Office Support Services (Customer Service)**



### STUDENT GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS

**LOZICK FOUNDATION GRANT** - for Precision Machining/CNC Technology, up to \$2,819.

**SHORT TERM CERTIFICATE GRANT** – up to \$2,000 for any program less than 900 hours.

**ADA FORD FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS** - Can cover up to \$4,500 of the training costs for eligible Richland County Residents.

**PELL GRANTS** – Federal Student Aid Program

**SECOND CHANCE GRANT** - Available to individuals who have earned college credit but never completed their degree.

**ARP/CARES ACT GRANT FUNDS & EMERGENCY GRANTS** – Available to individuals impacted by the disruption created by the COVID-19 pandemic. Students can apply to have funds applied to tuition and fees.

### TRAINING GRANTS FOR EMPLOYERS

MACC can assist companies in training their employees and provide resources to assist employers in applying for grants to reduce the cost. Employees are encouraged to apply for the student grants above, in addition to employers pursuing the following training grants:

**ON-THE-JOB TRAINING (OJT) FUNDING** - can cover 50% of training participant's wages

**INCUMBENT WORKER TRAINING (IWT)** - Funding can cover 50% to 90% of training costs depending on the size of the company.

**TECH-CRED GRANTS** - Funding reimburses the company up to \$2,000 per training participant toward training costs.



### District Transportation News

Thank you to our team of drivers, students and parents/guardians of Madison schools for a successful school year even with its challenges! Each day we transport approximately 1,441 students to and from school. Because of a shortage of drivers and sickness from time to time, we have instituted a policy in the event we are short of drivers. I would encourage you to read the policy if you have not already done so. Fortunately we have used it very infrequently, and hopefully there will be no need to use it moving forward. The policy can be located on our website on the transportation page entitled "Transportation Plan 2021-22."

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 for the little ones 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 help as a parent can be.

One challenge our substitute drivers face each day, especially in the rural areas of our district, is the ability to see home addresses from the road. Please, as you drive up to your home, check to see that your address is clearly marked on the mailbox or in its vicinity. If not, I would suggest installing markings on your mailbox to help the drivers, or use the reflective green signs made by the township fire stations in the area. This would really help with student stops and be a real help in the case of an emergency!

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 at 419-589-3473.

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Mansfield, Ohio 44905



## Ram Athletic News

Winter sports are in full swing, and it has been great seeing so many of you showing up to support our athletes. The crowds and the student sections have been fantastic.

The boys' basketball team is having a great season. They are currently 10-6 and have won 8 of their last 10 games! The wins have included victories over Mansfield Senior, Lexington, Ontario, Norwalk, and West Holmes. Leading the team in scoring is junior Jayden Jeffries, averaging 17.3 points per game, Levi Zehner (10.5 PPG), and Isaac Brooks (10.5 PPG). The team is playing fast-paced basketball and getting terrific leadership and unselfish play from their 7 seniors.

The girls' basketball team went 2-1 in the last week to improve to 7-9 on the year. On the season, Faith Kuhn is averaging 15.7 PPG and 10 rebounds. Alexsia Davis is averaging 6.5 PPG and Natalie Back is averaging 4 PPG and 3 assists. Chloe Ebeling is second on the team in rebounding, snatching 6.8 RPG.

Faith Kuhn was named the WMAN athlete of the week, and Chloe Ebeling was nominated for News Journal athlete of the week.

The wrestlers have had a nice season despite being very young and inexperienced. Junior Hunter Hutcheson is 21-3. He was champion at the Tom Ellis and J.C Gorman. He finished 2<sup>nd</sup> at the North Canton Hoover and 4<sup>th</sup> at the Maumee Bay Classic. Michael Thomas is 19-6 and was also 1<sup>st</sup> at the Tom Ellis and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Gorman. Lyndsee Young has a girls' record of 11-1. She was second at the Lutheran West Tournament and 1<sup>st</sup> at Ridgedale and the Heart of Ohio tournament! The wrestlers are gearing up for what we hope will be a long tournament run.

In other news, the football team has a new football coach. We would like to welcome Scott Valentine. Scott comes to Madison with a combined record of 130-60. He won 7 Cardinal Conference championships at Ashland High School. He also made a final four appearance and was a regional finalist while at Ashland. We are very excited to have Coach Valentine join our coaching staff here at Madison.

Good Luck to all of the teams as they enter tournament play!! I also want to thank all of the ticket takers, announcers, clock workers, custodians, and bus drivers for all of their help. A successful athletic program would not be possible without all of them.