



## Madison / Preparatory High School Newsletter

### DECEMBER 6, 2024

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#### EAGLE ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### **Madison High School Accreditation Family Survey**

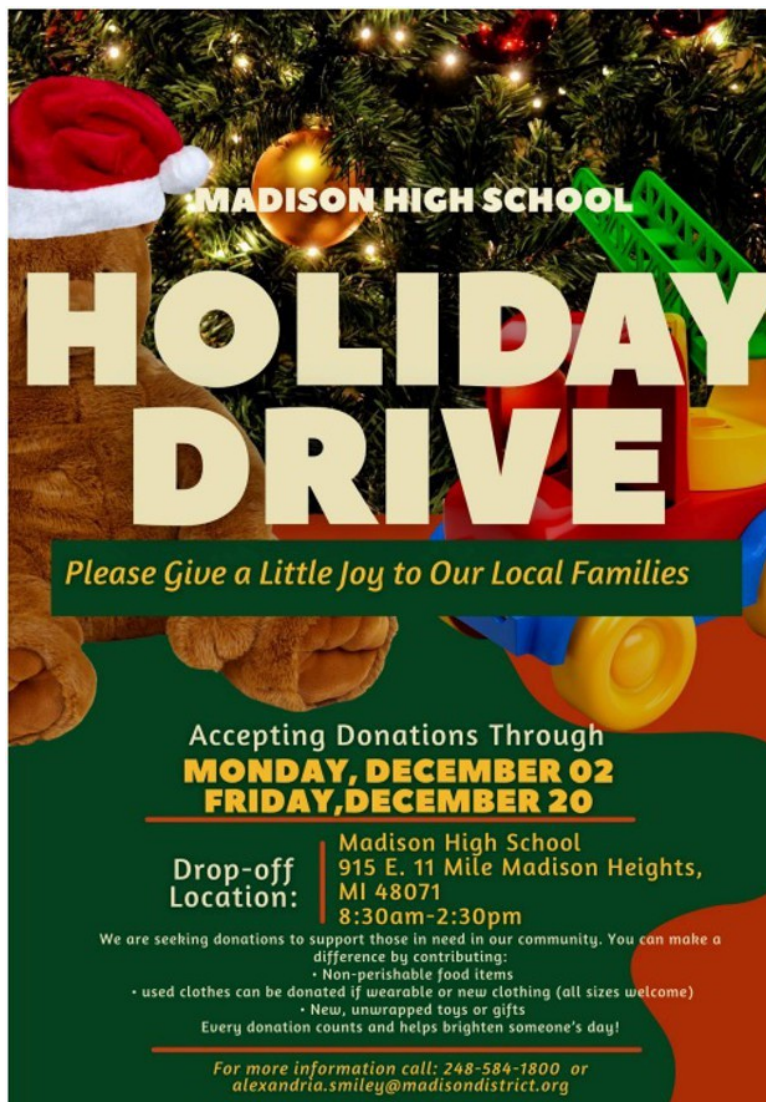
We value your voice and your opinion, and are looking for feedback!

Please take a moment to fill out our Cognia Accreditation Family Survey using the [link](#) below.

Thank you in advance for your participation!!!



**MHS Accreditation Family Survey**



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## EAGLE SPOTLIGHTS

### December Eagle Awards

Congratulations to our 4 Eagle December Students of the Month - Jerimiah, Kenneth, Nehemiah and Maranda - for earning MAC Bronze First Team All-League honors! Our student athletes have shown incredible talent, dedication, and sportsmanship throughout the football and volleyball seasons. We are so proud of their hard work and commitment!!!

Congratulations to our AMAZING Eagle Staff member of the month Mr. Ketcham! He is well-deserving of the Employee Excellence Award for his unique and passionate perspective of the art world. He nourishes our students' courage in guiding them to create outstanding works of art!



## CIS Peer Mentoring Friendsgiving

Before Thanksgiving break, our Eagles and Eaglets from the Peer Mentoring program, along with Ms. Smith's Little Helpers, attended a heartwarming Friendsgiving in our media center. Delicious food was provided by Walker's Traveling Barbeque.



We're very grateful for our students involved in this program. We're grateful for our special guests as well, Assistant Superintendent Pam Vermiglio, Principal Cauley, and CIS Program Director Ms. Clark for joining us in celebrating this holiday lunch with our students. A special thank you goes to our Eaglets parent Ms. Pearl for her precious help in making this event such a success! The next mentoring session will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at MES.



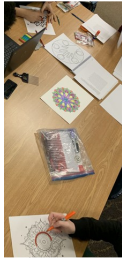
## Art Expressions

In their final session of programming this week, our Eagles created mandalas — artwork made up of a geometric set of patterns, colors, and shapes, radiating outward from a central point. Students voiced at the end of the project that the mandalas evoked thoughts of kindness, tranquility, and mental peace. Our art therapist Michele explained how mandala's connect old and new styles of art, and



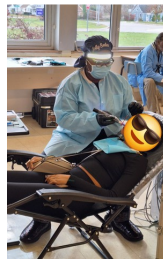


both traditional & modern techniques, allowing for student creativeness and voice to shine through!



## CIS of MI partner Jolly Smiles Mobile Dental

A huge thank you to Ms. Jackie, Dr. Henderson and their wonderful team, for once again providing quality dental care services to our students earlier this week. Jolly Smiles is one of Communities In Schools of Michigan partners. We appreciate your dedication and how comfortable you made our Eagles feel. Our students were glad to have a jolly smile! We value and look forward to your continuous support

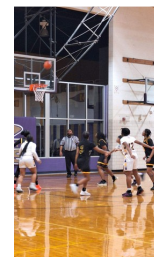
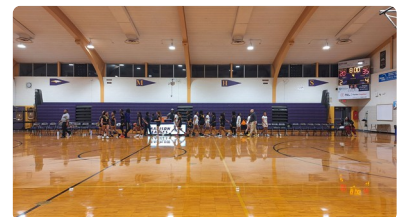


## Winter Sports 🏒⚡

Winter Sports are underway! Girls Basketball, Girls Cheer and Boys Basketball began this week!

Our first girls basketball home game was this evening and Coach Jackson and our Lady Eagles played well against a tough University Ferndale High Team. Thanks to all who came out to support!

Our boys first home game is next week, Thursday 12/12 versus Eastpointe, also showcasing the first Lady Eagles Cheer performance! Hope to see you there!



**After School Tutoring / 7th Hour (Credit Recovery Program)**

Our Eagle After School Tutoring and 7th Hour Programming started up back in October, and continues through May. During the most recent Tutoring/7th hour Session on Thursday, Assistant Principal



Ms. Helchowski reiterated how our credit recovery program functions, and explained how students can get caught up with their credits to be on path for graduation. We are proud of students regularly showing up on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:40 to 3:40pm. We are hopeful more students will start joining this after school credit recovery program to feel empowered and successful. Feel free to reach out to CIS Student Support Coordinator Ms. Haiette at [haiette@cismichigan.org](mailto:haiette@cismichigan.org) for more info on registration and attendance to this invaluable program.

## Community Events and Resources

### #BeingPresentMatters

Did you know that missing just 3 or more days of school each month can set students back 1 to 2 full years in their learning compared to their peers? It's crucial that students maintain consistent attendance to succeed in school. Your support keeps our students on track in their education journey.

#FactFriday #BeingPresentMatters



### December Events

#### FAMILY FUN

- **Sat, Dec 14: The Grinch's Candy Cane Hunt, MH Public Library.**

Start registering NOW to secure your spot for this fun family friendly event, presented by MHYC (Madison Heights Youth Assistance). Get ready to join the Grinch for a sweet and festive Candy Cane Event filled with treats, games, and holiday cheer!

Registration at: <http://bit.ly/4f0BV5J>

- **Saturday, December 7:**



\***Social Saturdays**, Board Games, presented by MH Public Library. Spend quality relaxing time enjoying all-ages activities. Registration at: [Dec 7 Social Saturdays Board Games](#)

\***Warren Tree Lighting.**

\***Center Line 71st Tree Lighting.** The Lions club will be serving free hot chocolate and cookies!

\***Holiday Extravaganza**, Downtown Pontiac.

\***Belle Isle Exploration Hike**, presented by Belle Isle Nature Center. Join Belle Isle Nature Center staff for an exploratory hike through one of Belle Isle's many scenic nature trails. Please be advised, some trails made have rocky or uneven surfaces. Walking shoes are advised. Registration at: [Dec 7 Belle Isle Exploration Hike](#). More info at:

<https://belleislenaturecenter.detroitzoo.org/programs/>

- **Sunday, December 8:**

**Family Nature Exploration - Animal Homes.** Join Belle Isle Nature Center staff for a celebration and investigation of animal homes through story, exploration and art for all families. Registration at: [Dec 8 Family Nature Exploration](#).

- **Starting December 1st:** Winter Reading Challenge: **Bundle Up with Books**, presented by MH Public Library. More info and registration at: [Winter Reading Challenge](#)
- **2nd Monday of every month:** **Deep Peace: A Singing Bowl Meditation**, Berkley.

\*[Little Guide Detroit](#): Your guide for free family fun in the Metro Detroit area



## Educational Events

- **Thursday, December 12, PlayItSafe Series, UWM, Pontiac**

Registration at: <https://sheriffpal.com/program/2024-fall-2-play-it-safe-series-%232/>

"SheriffPAL's Play it Safe Series kicks off DEC 12th!! Youth and their grown-ups are urged to register today for this awesome opportunity at [sheriffpal.com](https://sheriffpal.com). Dinner is provided too. Big thanks to Christ Church Cranbrook for providing the grant that funds this event and The Mac Parkman Foundation for providing an outstanding guest speaker!

**\*\*The Mac Parkman Foundation is committed to raising awareness, advancing research, and supporting individuals affected by Repeated Head Impacts (RHI) and Repeated Blast Exposure (RBE). They aim to safeguard the brain health of children, athletes, and veterans by promoting education, early diagnosis, and innovative treatments to mitigate the long-term effects of RHI. Through advocacy and community engagement, they strive to create a safer environment in sports and veterans, ensuring a healthier future for all."**

- **Dec 13: Women In Business Networking.** Topic: How To Market and Brand Your Business.

Registration at: [Dec 13 Women In Business Networking](#).

"Dr. Cook is a Doctor of Nurse Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner, Medspa Owner, and School Owner, with a wealth of experience in growing and branding successful businesses. At this Social Hour, Dr. Cook will be sharing her expert insights on how to effectively market and brand your business to stand out in today's competitive landscape. Whether you're a healthcare professional, business owner, or entrepreneur, you won't want to miss this opportunity to learn practical strategies that can take your business to the next level! This is a FREE event for our women in

business – bring your questions and be ready to network, learn, and grow with like-minded professionals!"



## Family Supports and Resources

- Tuesday, December 10: Veteran and Military Family Drive Through Resource & Food Distribution event, Troy, presented by Oakland Community Health Network. Non Veteran families are welcome.

More info and registration at: Dec 10 Veteran and Military Family Drive Through Resource & Food Distribution Event

- [She Shines Foundation](#) - Work Day and Clothing Kits + Educational Programming

- Eviction prevention resource, brought by E-Community Outreach Services:

"Are you a Pontiac resident facing eviction? We may be able to help! Limited funds are available to assist with eviction prevention. Call the Parent Empowerment Center at (248)622-4334. Monday– Friday, 10 AM to 3 PM."

- THAW program, The Heat And Warmth Fund. Utility assistance program. More info at <https://thawfund.org/>

- Tutoring: Every other Saturday: Math and Science free tutoring, Pontiac Public Library. Registration at [pont@pontiaclibrary.org](mailto:pont@pontiaclibrary.org)

- Buyer's Assistance Program, Oakland County Treasurer's Office. More info at: [Buyer's Assistance Program](#)

- Consumer Reports: New Research Tool available with your MH Library card. More info at: Digital Library & Online Resources | Madison Heights, MI

## Volunteering opportunities:

- Volunteer Opportunity at the Big Book GiveAway, presented by United Way of Southeastern Michigan. Volunteers are needed through 2 days to assist with set-up, family check-in, book selection, and more! Big Book Giveaway is a family festival featuring STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Activities & FREE books for educators and students. More info and registration: [Big Book Giveaway Volunteering Dec 7](#)

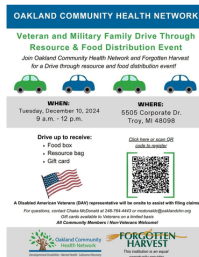
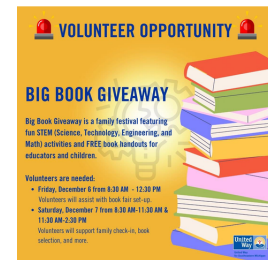
- Volunteer with Madison Heights Public Library! **Volunteers is every last Thursday of the month!** Get recorded volunteer hours, a snack and help our library!

- Volunteer with Lighthouse. More info and registration at: [Volunteer with Lighthouse](#)

- Volunteer with **Oakland Literacy Council**. Schedule an info session at: [Oakland Literacy Council online info sessions](#). Next session Dec 10. More info at: [Become a Tutor](#)







## Basic Needs & Local Food Pantries

### Gleaners Mobile Food Distribution

- WoodWard Outreach: **Free meals every Monday and Friday** from 1:00pm to 2:30pm, [First United Methodist Church of Ferndale.](#)

**Saturday 12/7:**

**10:30am-12:00pm**

MH Food Pantry, Central Church, [1529 E 12 Mile Rd, Madison Heights, MI 48071](#)

Type your zipcode to find a food pantry near you:

<https://pantrynet.org/>

**Monday 12/9:**

**9:00am-11:00am**

Our Lady Queen of Angels (Drive-Up Only)

4200 Martin Street Detroit, MI 48210

**Tuesday 12/10:**

**2:00pm-4:00pm:**

Warren Woods Schools Administrative Building (Drive-Up Only)

12900 Frazho Warren, MI 48088

**Wednesday 12/11:**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

Oakland County Farmers Market (Drive-Up Only)

2350 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, MI 48238

**2:00pm-4:00pm:**





Lasky Recreation Center – NEW TIME (Drive-Up Only) (Jayne Field Lots, enter from Luce St)  
13200 Fenelon Street Detroit, MI 48212

**Thursday 12/12:**

**2:00pm-4:00pm:**

Oakland County Health Department – Southfield (Drive-Up Only)

[27725 Greenfield Road Southfield, MI 48076](#)

**5:00pm-7:00pm:**

Fresh Market at Western International High School (Drive-Up Only)

1500 Scotten St Detroit, MI 48209

**Friday 12/13:**

**1:00pm-3:00pm**

Urban Neighborhood Initiative – NEW TIME (Drive-Up Only)

[8300 Longworth Street Detroit, MI 48209](#)

**Saturday 11/23:**

**10:30am-12:00pm**

MH Food Pantry, Central Church, [1529 E 12 Mile Rd, Madison Heights, MI 48071](#)

Type your zipcode to find a food pantry near you: <https://pantrynet.org/>

**Monday 11/25:**

**9:00am-11:00am**

Our Lady Queen of Angels (Drive-Up Only)

4200 Martin Street Detroit, MI 48210

**Tuesday 11/26:**

**2:00pm-4:00pm:**

Warren Woods Schools Administrative Building (Drive-Up Only)

12900 Frazho Warren, MI 48088

**Wednesday 11/27:**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

Oakland County Farmers Market (Drive-Up Only)

2350 Pontiac Lake Road Waterford, MI 48238

**2:00pm-4:00pm:**

Lasky Recreation Center – NEW TIME (Drive-Up Only) (Jayne Field Lots, enter from Luce St)

13200 Fenelon Street Detroit, MI 48212

**NO FOOD PANTRY 11/28-12/1**

**Wednesday 12/4:**

**2:00pm-4:00pm:**

St. Suzanne Cody Rouge Community Resource Center – NEW TIME (Drive-Up Only)

19321 W. Chicago Detroit, MI 48228

**Thursday 12/5:**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

MISide (formerly Southwest Solutions at St. Anthony's) (Drive-Up Only)

3553 West Vernor Hwy. Detroit, MI 48216

**2:00pm-4:00pm:**

Oakland Hope (Drive-Up Only)

20 E. Walton Blvd Pontiac, MI 48340

**5:00pm-7:00pm:**

Fresh Market at Western International High School (Drive-Up Only)

1500 Scotten St Detroit, MI 48209

## **Forgotten Harvest**

### **Saturday 12/7:**

**9:00am - 11:00am**

Exodus Missionary (8173 Kenney St, Detroit 48224)

### **Monday 12/9:**

**9:00am-11:00am**

Warren City Hall (1 City Square, Warren 48093)

Prayer Temple of Love (12375 Woodward Ave, Highland Park 48203)

### **Tuesday 12/10:**

**9:00am-11:00am**

New Providence Baptist Church (18211 Plymouth Rd, Detroit 48228)

Unify Detroit/Second New Hope (21250 Bethlawn Blvd, Ferndale 48220)

**9:00am-12:00pm**

New Bethel Baptist Church (8430 Linwood St, Detroit 48206)

**2:00pm-4:00pm**

Church of Christ Westside (6025 Woodrow, Detroit 48210)

**2:00pm-5:00pm**

Matrix Human Services (13560 E McNichols Rd, Detroit 48205)

### **Wednesday 12/11:**

**9:00am-11:00am**

Centerstage (441 Cesar E Chavez Ave, Pontiac 48342)

**9:00am-12:00pm**

Jesus Tabernacle of Deliverance (11001 Chalmers Rd, Detroit 48213)

**2:00pm-4:00pm**

Ser Metro Detroit-Conner (5555 Conner St, Detroit 48213)

**2:30pm-4:30pm**

Nexus Detroit (15042 Burt Rd, Detroit 48223)

### **Thursday 12/12:**

**9:00am-11:00am**

Pilgrim Baptist Church- Survival (18474 Binder St, Detroit 48234)

Northwestern Community Baptist Church (20225 Fenkell St, Detroit 48223)

**9:00am-12:00pm**

ACC-Arab American & Chaldean Council (62 W 7 Mile Rd, Detroit 48203)

Oakland Church of Christ (23333 W 10 Mile Rd, Southfield 48033)

**10:00am-1:00pm**

Second Canaan Outreach Ministry (9435 Hayes St, Detroit 48213)

### **Friday 12/13:**

**9:00am-11:00am**

Gompers/Brightmoor Alliance (14450 Burt Rd, Detroit 48223)

**9:00am-12:00pm**

Grace Church of the Nazarene (18020 Hoover, Detroit 48205)

Body Of Christ International (9555 St. Mary's St, Detroit 48227)

**2:00pm-5:00pm**

Woodside Bible Church – Pontiac (830 Auburn Ave, Pontiac 48342)

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### PLUS Loan Credit Counseling

[PLUS Loan Credit Counseling](#) can help students and parents understand the obligations associated with a PLUS loan and what to consider when taking on student loan debt.

PLUS counseling can be required or voluntary. If you voluntarily pursue counseling and the U.S. Department of Education (ED) determines your credit history is adverse within 30 days of completion, your counseling requirement is fulfilled. Find out more information at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)



### Class of 2025 Families:

\*24/25 FAFSA application is now OPEN!!!

[Create an account or Log In](#)

Colleges and career schools use the FAFSA form to determine how much financial aid your student is eligible to receive, which could include grants, scholarships, and loans. While the window for completion does not open until December 1st, creation of your FSA ID can be done ahead of time and a FAFSA checklist is available for reference.

FSA ID creation - [federal student aid website](#) - & [FAFSA checklist](#)

\*Michigan Achievement Scholarships: These scholarships are designed to help recent high school graduates in Michigan receive funds for continuing education. Eligible students could receive financial aid to attend a college or university with the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, or for a career training program with the Michigan Achievement Skills Scholarship.

- Informational Sessions: Students and families are encouraged to join us for a virtual informational session to learn more about the Michigan Achievement Scholarship.

Register for a session: [December 10 at 6:30 p.m.](#)

### Class of 2026 and 2027:

#### Oakland Schools Technical Campus Programming 25/26

Any current sophomore or junior Eagles interested in OSTC for the 25/26 school year may attend the upcoming Career Night:

Oakland Schools Technical Campus Career Night: January 16, 2025 @ 4:30-7:30pm

<https://www.ostconline.com/southeast/career-night>

OSTC and CASA will also be visiting MHS in January for detailed presentations when Eagles may sign up to tour each campus after the presentation:

CASA @ MHS 1/21

OSTC @ MHS 1/23





