

# THE RAIDER REPORTER



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# ANCHORED IN RAIDER PRIDE

Middletown Area Middle School is Anchored in Raider PRIDE. Our theme this year for MAMS is to be anchored in our academic success and characteristics of being a Raider.



We are focused on student achievement and making positive academic progress. Our students will be receiving interventions in math through SpringMath and our Flex period. Some students are even receiving additional interventions in the area of reading. Teachers are focused on drilling down into data and ensuring that the data is driving our instruction.

The Middle School is in our third year of our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support program called Raider PRIDE. PRIDE stands for Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Discipline and Excellence. We call these our five habits to sail by for the 2023-2024 school year. Every aspect of our school is focused on these five traits to move the school in the right direction and make the school a welcoming, safe environment for every student.

We are off to a great start to the year and have been so impressed with the level of academics we are seeing in the classroom and the level of work our students are producing. Amazing things happen at MAMS, and we are excited to sail through the year with our students and MAMS families.

## The Student Advisory Council

This student-run committee meets monthly to share their thoughts and help plan future events. **This year's Council has been invited to speak at the annual PBIS state conference to share how they are making a difference in their Middle School!**

## 2023-24 Council Members

Chloe Adams	Travis Lunsford
Joseph Berry	Audrina Mastervich
Adrik Conrad	Ella Mazer
Luca Corradi	Carson Miller
Mallory Dubs	Daymon Santos
Bryce Foose	Leah Snyder
Luis Galvez-Bravo	Kaylee Wertz
Brynn Jones	Tristan Yinger
Callie Kinsey	

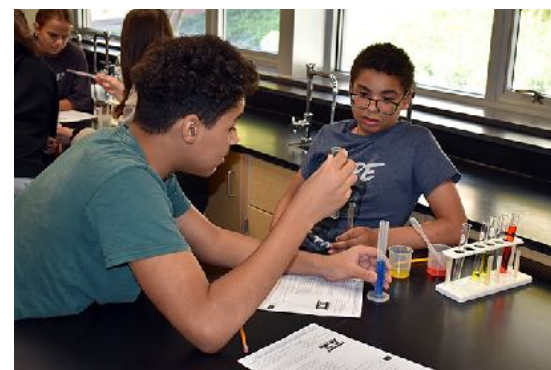
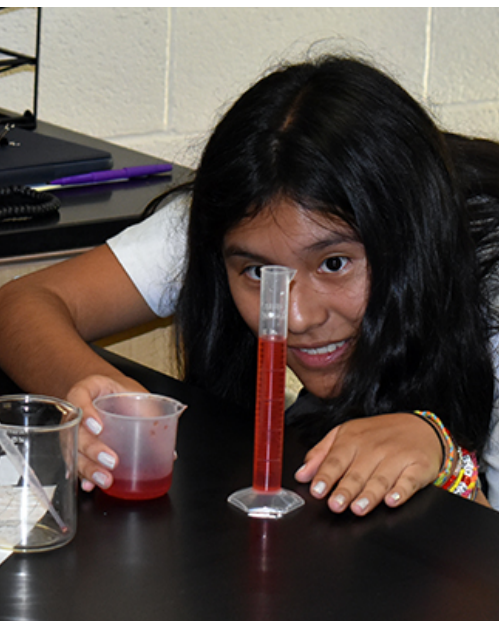
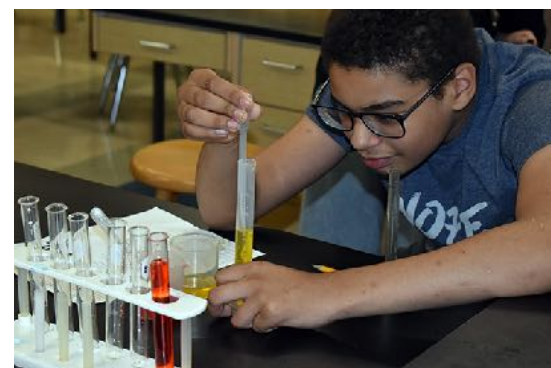
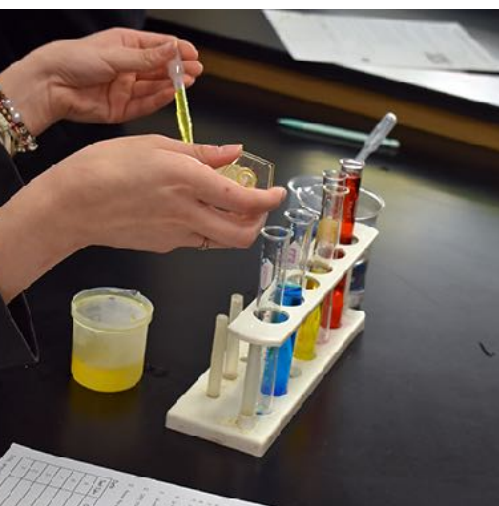






## IN THE SCIENCE LAB

In Ms. Matthews' Science class, the 8th graders are learning how to measure with graduated cylinders and use the metric system. They had to complete a lab which required them to follow directions carefully and measure liquid precisely to get the desired results. It was also an opportunity to practice lab safety procedures. If completed accurately, the end result was a beautiful row of rainbow colored cylinders.







**Kyle Bertone**  
**8 Blue Learning Support**



**Haley Fegley**  
**8 Blue Math**



**Hayleigh Highlands**  
**7 Blue Science**



**Sydney Klainberg**  
**School Psychologist**



**Tre Leach**  
**Information Technology**

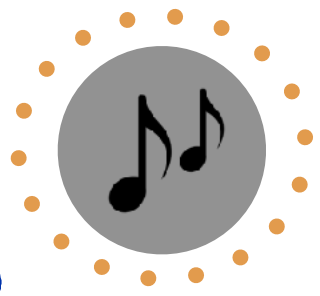


**Kiersten Robinson**  
**Gold Team Counselor**



**Laura White**  
**7 Blue Social Studies**

# NEW FACES



# MUSIC MAKERS

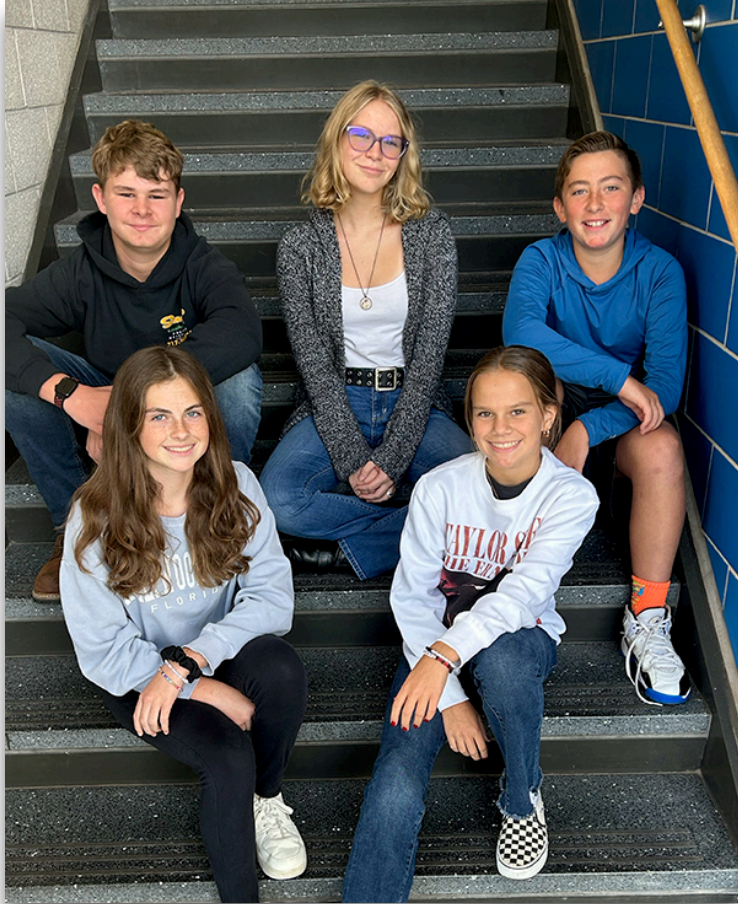
Students in Ms. Zlogar's Music class have been learning about the music concept of Theme and Variation – where you take a song and change different elements of music to create a cover or remix. Students learned “The Cup Song” as their theme and were then tasked with creating different variations from that theme. They had a few days to create their own “song” using cups which they then performed for their classmates as a culminating project.



[View video...](#)







## 2023-2024 STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

*Pictured Left to Right:*

*Front Row:*

Kelten McDermott, Vice President

Lizzie Korsak, President

*Back Row:*

Hunter Etzle, Sergeant at Arms

Liz Hayes, Secretary

Jack Doran, Treasurer

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### MAMS HOMECOMING DANCE

Friday, October 6, 2023

3-4:30 p.m. | \$5.00

Students must be picked up promptly at 4:30 p.m.

### SPIRIT DAYS

October 6 - Blue & Gold Day

November 10 - Red, White & Blue Day

December 22 - Red, Green, Blue or Ugly Sweater Day

# STUDENT COUNCIL

## 2023-2024 CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

### GRADE 6

Khloi Andrews

Morgan Daniels

Avery Dupes

Natalie Geiling

Audrey Hoerner

Blake Viozzi

Destini Yeater

Raegan Young

Michael Yurovich

### GRADE 7

Chloe Adams

Yvonne Agba

Eryn Williams Alvarez

Joey Berry

Alajah Bullock

Callie Kinsey

Liam McNamara

Casey Sharp

### GRADE 8

Safia Aman

Emily Atunca

Ciara Gartland

Cameron Henry

Ja'Sira Jones

Harrison Ortiz

Mark Paumer



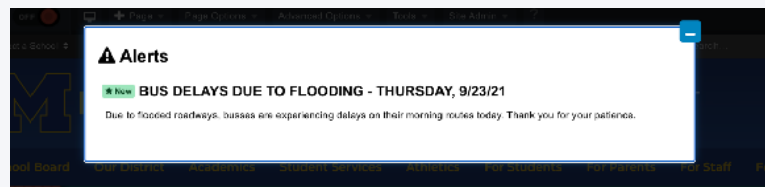
# HOW WE COMMUNICATE WITH YOU

Communications regarding District news and announcements, emergency alerts, school closings, delayed starts, and early dismissals are distributed in each of the following ways:



## RAIDERWEB.ORG

For emergencies and closings, a pop-up alert will be posted on our website preventing users from accessing the website until the alert is viewed. Here is an example:



## FACEBOOK

Middletown Area School District



## X (TWITTER)

Middletown Area SD



## RECEIVE A CALL, TEXT AND EMAIL BY SETTING UP SCHOOLMESSENGER IN YOUR PARENT PORTAL

 Account Preferences

 SchoolMessenger

While you're there,  
be sure you have  
completed your  
FORMS section.

 Teacher Comments

 Forms

 Balance

Be sure to complete both of those steps FOR EACH STUDENT.

## WHY AM I NOT RECEIVING SCHOOL NOTIFICATIONS?

There are several possible reasons why you aren't receiving our communications:

1. Your SchoolMessenger section in your PowerSchool Parent Portal has not been completed (see red arrows above).
2. There is an error in the information you entered in SchoolMessenger such as a mistyped email or phone number.
3. You did not select all three types of notifications: call, text, and email.
4. Your contact information changed and you updated it in PowerSchool, but you did NOT update it in SchoolMessenger.
5. Our emails are going to your junk folder. You will need to mark our emails "not junk."
6. Someone at your account clicked "unsubscribe" at the bottom of one of our emails so your email address is now on our "Blocked List."

If you have addressed all of the above issues and still aren't receiving our messages, please contact [communications@raiderweb.org](mailto:communications@raiderweb.org) for assistance.

## WHAT IF I HAVE A CHANGE IN MY PHONE/EMAIL/ADDRESS/CUSTODY INFORMATION?

- All contact and demographic information such as phone numbers, email addresses and mailing address, can be updated directly in your PowerSchool Parent Portal. Remember to also update the SchoolMessenger section so our notifications reach you. You no longer need to contact your school office to provide this information.
- If you move to a new address in the District, enter it in the Portal and you will be instructed to upload a primary proof of residency.
- If you have a new custody order, please submit a copy to your school office.

## Chain of Communication

Middletown Area School District





# NURSE NOTES

- Dental exams will be held soon for:
  - Any 7th grader who did not turn in a private form OR
  - Any new 7th grade students OR
  - Any students who did not receive an exam in 7th grade.
- Physical exams will be held November 14 & 21, 2023 for:
  - Any 6th grader who did not turn in a private form OR
  - Any new 6th grade students OR
  - Any students who did not receive a physical in 6th grade.
- Please remember to update your contact information in PowerSchool so we can contact you quickly when your student is ill or injured.
- Any student needing medication throughout the day must have a Doctor's order on file. Parents must bring the medication into school.
- Please contact your school Nurses with any questions at 717-930-0739.

## STUDENT APPOINTMENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY

To increase the safety and security for our students, we are no longer able to dismiss students during the school day without a parent or guardian signing them out from the Main Office. Moving forward, parents or guardians will need to alert the MAMS Office Staff to a student's early dismissal in writing or by calling into the office. We will call the student out of class and have them ready for their dismissal. Only authorized people will be able to pick up a student from school. The person picking up the student will need to come to the Main Office, show their valid ID card, and sign the student out from school.

The school phone number is 717-930-0739, and you can also reach us by using [MAMSOoffice@raiderweb.org](mailto:MAMSOoffice@raiderweb.org).

We appreciate your attention to this matter. We also know that this is creating an extra step, but it is crucial that we follow these new procedures when dismissing students early from school. Thank you for your cooperation.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

The school day begins at 7:40 a.m. and ends at 2:40 p.m. Students who are riding the bus to school should use the main entrance by the office. Students who are being dropped off should arrive by 7:40 a.m. and use the back entrance by the radio station. Those who arrive after 7:40 a.m. need to be dropped off at the front entrance.

Car riders will be dismissed at 2:40 p.m. and should report to the back entrance to wait for their ride. Bus riders should stay in their homerooms until their bus number is announced. Students who are not involved in an after-school activity are to go home and not linger around the building. No pupil is permitted to leave the building at any time during school hours without receiving permission from the office. Early dismissal students must sign out at the office when leaving and sign in when they return.

Anyone picking up students at dismissal time should remain in the car pick-up line. While we understand the line may be long and a bit slow, we need to maintain a safe, orderly pick-up procedure to ensure student safety. We kindly ask that you do not park your car and have your student(s) crossing traffic to meet you. Students being picked up should remain on the sidewalk by the radio tower until their ride pulls up to the curb. We thank you in advance for your time and consideration to this matter. As always, our main goal at MAMS is student safety.

If a student misses the bus at the end of the day, the District does not provide extra transportation. A parent/guardian must pick up the student by 3:30pm.

If you have a change in your student's routine bus transportation, there is a required 72 hour notice.



# EDUCATIONAL TRIPS

The District may excuse eligible students from school attendance to participate in non-school sponsored educational trips at the expense of the parents/guardians, in accordance with the following:

- A written request utilizing the “Educational Trip Request Form” shall be made by the student’s parent/guardian five (5) days prior to the trip.
- If more than one (1) child in a family is taking the trip, the request for all the children must be included in the request made to the building Principal of the oldest child. That Principal will coordinate the review of the request with the appropriate Principals.
- The student must have a regular pattern of attendance and shall be in good academic standing with the District.
- Educational trips may be permitted each school year and are limited to a maximum of five (5) school days.
- The District recognizes the importance of final examinations as a review of the year’s learning. Therefore, if a final exam shall be scheduled, educational trips shall not be approved during the final two (2) weeks of the school term.
- Educational trips shall not be approved during the days of scheduled assessment testing such as Keystone Exams, course mid-terms/finals, and other assessments such as PSAT and ASVAB.
- Students shall be responsible for all classroom work that shall be missed and shall be responsible for communication with assigned teachers prior to the approved educational trip, in order to schedule applicable make-up assignments.

Students not complying with this Policy will be subject to unexcused or illegal days of absence and will forfeit make-up privileges. Educational trip days are considered an absence from school. Violations of policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with Board policy.



# SPEAK UP!



10/03/23  
5:30p

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) meets once a month to provide an open forum for parents to give input and feedback to school Administrators for the purpose of improving the success of the school.

The first MAMS PAC Meeting will be held on 10/3 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the MAMS Conference Room. Dates for additional meetings will be determined at that meeting.

## PARENT TEACHER STUDENT ORGANIZATION (PTSO)

PTSO is a vital component of the MAMS program. Parents are encouraged to get involved in PTSO and attend meetings. Meetings are held from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the MAMS Cafeteria. The next meeting will be November 14. Dates for additional meetings will be determined at that meeting.

For more information on how to get involved, contact PTSO president Jess Wheeler at [mamsptso717@gmail.com](mailto:mamsptso717@gmail.com).

11/14/23  
5:30p





# DAUPHIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS) is a comprehensive 9th - 12th grade high school, focused on preparing students for skilled positions in the workforce and post-secondary education. Our 8th grade students can apply to DCTS during the fall. It is important that ALL students interested in DCTS focus on their academics, attendance and student behavior during their years at MAMS, as the process of acceptance is highly competitive. Questions may be directed to the MAMS Counseling Office.

**The 8th grade class will visit DCTS on October 12, 2023.**



## MASD Hires Additional Safety & Security Personnel

Middletown Area School District is continually working on providing safe and productive educational environments for students and staff. In addition to several recent building security enhancements, the MASD Board of School Directors has approved the hiring of three armed personnel to monitor our schools. In the coming days, three School Safety & Security Specialists will join Mr. Randy Fox, the District's Safety, Security & Student Support Administrator, to provide an additional layer of protection for our students, staff, and visitors. The School Safety & Security Specialists will assist in providing, maintaining, and enforcing a safe and secure environment by building relationships with students, staff, and the community.

The District will be introducing Justin Edwards, Greg Stone, and Donna O'Connell to Raider Nation on [raiderweb.org](http://raiderweb.org) in the coming weeks. Please welcome them to our community as they work together with our staff to provide safe and positive learning environments.

# WHAT'S NEXT

This would be a great page to print and post!

**OCT 3** PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE, 5:30 p.m.

**OCT 6** BLUE & GOLD DAY  
MAMS HOMECOMING DANCE, 3-4:30 p.m.

**OCT 9** MASD CLOSED, Columbus Day

**OCT 20** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Staff Development Day

**OCT 23** ELL BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT, 6:00 p.m. @ Fink

**NOV 2** End of 1st Marking Period

**NOV 7** NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS  
Election Day, Staff Development Day

**NOV 10** RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY  
VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM

**NOV 14** PTSO MEETING, 5:30 p.m.

**NOV 22-27** NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Recess

**DEC 20** MAMS BAND & CHORUS WINTER CONCERT  
7:00 p.m. at MAMS

**DEC 22** RED, GREEN, BLUE, OR UGLY SWEATER DAY

**DEC 25 - JAN 1** NO SCHOOL, Winter Recess

BREAKFAST IS FREE  
FOR ALL STUDENTS  
IN GRADES K-12.

## VIRTUAL LEARNING DAYS

Middle and High School will begin virtual learning at 9:30 a.m. and end at 2:30 p.m.

Elementary Schools will begin virtual learning at 10:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

When the District communicates a **DELAY** and then needs to pivot to a **VIRTUAL DAY**, students will need to be ready to start their Virtual Day at the scheduled time listed above, regardless of the length of the Delay.



## VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

On Friday, November 10, 2023, we will host our annual Veterans' Day Program. This year's speaker will be MAMS retired Social Studies teacher, Mr. Kevin Little. All area Veterans are invited for breakfast followed by a program honoring our Veterans.

8:00 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - Appreciation Ceremony