

# MAD MEMOS



James Madison High School  
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## President's Message

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

This is a good-bye note. My son graduated Madison this year. Thanks to everyone who helped make our successes this year possible. Being president of the PTSA is a rewarding experience and I encourage you to say "yes" if you are asked. It is not a full-time job – unless you want it to be. With the right people, you can delegate many of the tasks.

Edythe Kelleher will be next year's PTSA president. Please give her your support.

One big development for next year is that the publication of the *Directory* is in doubt. You may remember that at the bottom of the *Directory* order form that comes in your student's back-to-school envelope there is an opt-out statement that allows you to say you don't want information about your student in the *Directory*. Although the order form says in bold and underscored letters to return to the form on the first day of school, some parents don't return them even within the first week of school.

To accommodate the late-returners, the Guidance Department has decided that the PTSA will not have access to student data until Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Since Back-to-School Night is scheduled for Tuesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, there would only be two business days to get the *Directory* laid out, printed and delivered back to us. That is not physically possible. The overwhelming majority of families buy the *Directory* at Back-to-School Night and there is not another venue where this broad cross-section of parents is present.

In the past, the main office has sold the occasional *Directory* for folks who didn't make it to Back-to-School Night. However, it is not realistic (in fact, Mr. Merrell would have a defense of justifiable homicide if we tried!) to have all of the *Directory* sales out of the main office. The burden on the staff would be unmanageable.

Edythe is working on possible solutions to this and I hope she is successful. If you feel that the *Directory* is a valuable resource for you, please express your views to Edythe ([efrank01@yahoo.com](mailto:efrank01@yahoo.com)) and Bob Gambarelli, Director of the Guidance Office ([bob.gambarelli@fcps.edu](mailto:bob.gambarelli@fcps.edu)).

Thanks for a great year and good luck –

Bettina Lawton  
JMHS PTSA President 2005-06

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As the 2005-2006 academic year draws to a close, I want to express to the entire community my deepest appreciation for your continued support of James Madison High School. I would also like congratulate the graduating seniors, and thank them for a great four years at Madison. As I mentioned at Senior Convocation, this class will leave a legacy as a class that was simply outstanding in the classroom. They confronted and surmounted SOL tests, a revised SAT, and the challenges of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation. This class earned hundreds of thousands of dollars in scholarships for a host of achievements. Thank you for providing outstanding leadership and serving as positive role models throughout the school.

To the students and parents of the Class of 2007, you will be looked upon to provide leadership for the entire community. I have met with class officers and student government representatives and I look forward to what the next school year will bring. The faculty and staff have been hard at work designing and planning summer programs that we believe will provide access and support for any student who is interested. We will offer a freshman transition program, an AP summer institute, Warhawk Flight School, as well as a wide variety of summer reading titles. Information about these programs can be found on the Madison website, [www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS](http://www.fcps.edu/MadisonHS), or by calling the school.

This summer we face the difficult task of replacing staff with teachers who are equal to the challenge that the Madison faculty accepts annually. While the Triple I Teacher award recognizes 10 deserving faculty members, I want you to know that Madison High School has some of the most committed, dynamic, and inspirational educators that I have observed in my 22 years in public education. I firmly believe, that taken as a whole, the Madison faculty and staff is simply the best in Virginia. My commitment is to replace those teachers who are leaving with the very best teachers available.

One of my favorite books is *The Tipping Point, How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference*, by Malcolm Gladwell. The book offers a wonderful array of anecdotes about how small things can make a big difference and how, at some point—the tipping point—ideas, messages, and behaviors begin to spread just like viruses do. I use this example because I believe in the tipping point, and I firmly believe that we must continue to share ideas and expectations with one another. I believe that we need to do this in an effort to continue our goal of success for all students that includes providing challenges for our high achieving students while providing the necessary support for those who most need it.

We can always get better. What we need is the support of the entire community to do “Whatever it takes” for all of our students.

Have a great summer! See you back here in September!

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**322 SENIORS  
REGISTERED  
FOR ALL NIGHT  
GRAD AS OF  
JUN 15, 06**

Abiles	Peter	Cheng	Herman	Giller-Leinwohl	Ari
Abrahamson	Ida	Chickinsky	Lindsay	Ginley	Megan
Adams	Kira	Chiou	Jimmy	Goddeke	Jonathan
Alexander	Jaclyn	Christensen	Jennifer	Godshaw	Brian
Alire	Sabrina	Christensen	Jessica	Goeller	Aaron
Anderson	Alex	Church	Charlie	Gomez	Oscar
Anderson	Ashley	Clark	Jacqueline	Gongaware	Kathryn
Anderson	Warren	Clark	Travis	Gore	Darien
Andrews	Margaret	Claudy	Carl	Grenade Willis	Philippe
Arturo	Jonathan	Clinton	Margo	Griffith	Sara
Ashcraft	Kevin	Cochrane	Allison	Guillaudeu	Mark
Asman	Tom	Cohen	Emily	Guy	Samantha
Avesian	Carly	Concepcion	Matthew	Halik	Kirsten
Bae	Jinwoo	Conroy	Matthew	Hanna	Paul
Baldassari	Stephen	Convy	Allison	Harper	Lauren
Banjade	Pratik	Cook	Sam	Harris	Alexandra
Barnhurst	Kelly	Cookmeyer	Kyle	Harris	Lindsay
Bauer	Mark	Coppola	Jeffrey	Hartnett	Jessica
Bell	Jennifer	Crerie	Allison	Harvey	Andrew
Berlow	Anne	Cushnie	Christen	Hawkins	J.C.
Bernat	Liz	Dailey	Kasey	Hayes	Joey
Billington	Jason	D'Amico	Vince	Hazard	Jackson
Bishop	Justin	Davies	William	Heaton	Amy
Blackwell	Kate	Davis	Caitlin	Heffelfinger	Phillip
Blaesing	Jason	Davis	Shelley	Heppner	Charlotte
Bonfield	Else	Devolites	Alexandra	Herdman	David
Borzoo	Matthew	Dilles	Jacob	Hibler	Kyle
Bosco	Christopher	Ding	Zhaoyue	Hildebrand	Michael
Bosworth	Sarah	Disselkamp	Brian	Hios	Constantine
Bradley	Daniel	Disselkamp	Craig	Hoang	Dennis
Breau	Ashli	Dorman	James	Hoffman	Scot
Brennan	Meredith	Dourafei	Zach	Holland	Eugene
Brown	Alex	Dozier	Sarah	Holt	Christ
Brown	Julian	Duggan	Michael	Hrbacek	Tiffany
Brown	Richard	Duncan	Justin	Huff	Julie
Buchko	Zachary	Eck	Alison	Huffman	Alexandra
Burke	Mary	Eckert	Anna	Hughes	Kyle
Burke	Ryan	Edney	Warren	Hynes	Kevin
Burner	Alexander	Ellini	Azad	Inskeep	Jacqueline
Butler	Blake	Ellis	Annie	Jacobs	Laura
Byrnes	Brendan	Enriquez	Stephanie	Jacoby	Nicholas
Callsen	Taylor	Erdwins	Chris	Jaeger	Braden
Carnahan	Zach	Fisher	Stephen	Jay	William
Carter	Joshua	Fitzella	James	Jindal	Ravi
Cassady	Brandon	Fletcher	Samantha	Kachman	Ally
		Foley	Shannon	Kangarloo	Jenny
		Ford	David	Karny	Matthew
		Forde	Eric	Karra	Shyaam
		Foulis	Drew	Kassab`	Stephanie
		Friedel	Matt	Kaymak	Ipek

## KiesslingC

Kiessling	Chris	Murphy	Thomas	Sethi	Nitika
Kindelan	Erin	Myers	Randi	Shanklin	Ashley
King	Victoria	Nalli	Priya	Shaykholeslami	Rachel
Kingsley	Kevin	Navin	Lindsey	Sheikh	Fardosa
Klitzner	Sydney	Nee	Christopher	Shelby	Mason
Koch	Andrea	Niblett	Cassidy	Shelby	Sam
Kohlhaas	Rachel	Nichols	Diana	Shenefelt	Michael
Kohrmann	Phillip	Nielson	Tom	Shore	Donald
Kolmer	Jessica	Nishiyama	Alison	Shrestha	Lena
Kuykendall	Jaime	Nobile	Ashleigh	Simons	Victor
Laird	Kathleen	Noyes	Alexandra	Singh	Era
Landow	Alec	O'Brien	Patrick	Skinner	Jane
Lanza	Jessica	O'Donohue	Peter	Smith	Jesse
Lawton-Belous	David	Ogolo	Jonathan	Smith	Lauren
Lazcano	Daniela	Olson	John	Smith	Stephanie
Lee	Anne	Olson	Nicholas	Sole	Victoria
Lee	Sophia	Orasin	Sarah	Sparrow	Laura
Listman	Erin	Ostrowski	Michael	Stemetzki	Kerry
Liu	Wen	Pagano	Allison	Stolarik	Todd
Lofton	Keenan	Paul	Sebouh	Stratton	Matthew
Logan	Katherine	Perry	Albert	Stump	Mackenzie
Lord	Keith	Perry	Sean	Surbey	Laura
Lowe	Jeannine	Pickett	Lindsey	Sutton	Stephen
Ludwig	Sam	Pina	Leanne	Sweet	Chris
Magellan	Mark	Pollock	Leanne	Taylor	Jim
Maiorana	Joshua	Pomeroy	Aaron	Taylor	Brian
Makharita	Noah	Porter	David	Thomas	Nick
Malone	Killian	Powers	Brian	Thurber	Jake
Manfredi	Andrew	Raft	Patrick	Togashi	Tiffany
Mann	David	Randolph	Alicia	Torres	Kelly
Mao	Jie	Rasmussen	Alexander	Trichilo	Daniela
Marquez	Daniel	Rawlinson	Eric	Tsiaperas	James
Martin	Allison	Redmond	Zachary	Uhrig	Paul
Martin	Matt	Reese	Jack	Unangst	Alexa
Martinez	Elvis	Reilly	Beleny	Verley	Grace
Matthews	Jennifer	Rice	James	Vretos	Rebecca
Matthews	Ryan	Richardson	Alexandra	Waclawski	Alexis
McAndrews	Pat	Rifenbark	Meghan	Wagoner	Laura
McCarthy	Kimberly	Riffie	Graham	Wang	Mary
McConnell	Deanna	Robbins	Mark	Waring	David
McKeown	Ian	Robinson	Jessie	Weber	Megan
McMinimy	Christopher	Roesener	Cameron	Weschler	Kelly
McNamara	Conor	Ross	Maggie	Wheeler	Leonard
McNamara	James	Rudden	Rob	White	Gregory
Mead	Heather	Rusu	Dana	Wilder	Ashley
Mella	Heather	Ryfa	Laura	Wille	Justin
Meriwether	Catherine	Sahno	Patrick	Williams	Tom
Merrill	Patricia	Sapiurka	Christian	Willis	Anne
Miagkov	Alexandra	Sawetz Glasener	Maya	Yauss	Amy
Miller	Rebecca	Sayce	Michael	Yeates	Michael
			Spencer	Yi	Kelly
				Zhang	Daniel
					Jane
					Yi

## **Prepare for the 2006 *Reflections* Contest!**

Students can start their *Reflections* projects over the summer. This fall's *Reflections* theme is "My Favorite Place." Students may create entries in one or more of four categories: literature, visual arts, photography and musical composition. All *Reflections* participants receive recognition, and the JMHS PTSA awards cash prizes to at least three winners in each category. Entries will be due in early November, so watch future issues of MadMemos and have your student listen to morning announcements in the fall for more information.

### **Madison JV Softball News**

At a dinner held on June 14th, all the members of the Madison JV Softball Team were honored by a presentation of Certificates from Coach Bradley Linsenmeyer. Singled out for special recognition were Ashley Meister, for her outstanding pitching and team leading batting; Carly Stratton, for her timely pitching performances, skillful batting and work at short stop; and Stephanie Butler for her outstanding work behind the plate as well as being a slugger par excellence, second only to Ashley. Both Ashley and Stephanie had "Over the Fence" Home Runs, as well as inside the park HRS.

Three members of the team were honored for their academic performance as well. Becca Speck, Tyler Katocs and Ashley Meister made the Athletic Honor Roll for maintaining GPA's of 3.5 or better while participating in Interscholastic Athletics.

Coach Linsenmeyer is leaving Madison after three years of teaching and coaching to pursue his dream by attending law school. He has been a dedicated coach, beloved by his players, and compiling a great record, this year's was 12-4. Co-Captains Michela Monday and Amy Harrison presented the Coach with a Law Dictionary as well as other gifts from the team. He will be greatly missed by us all in the future.

**Good Luck, Coach Brad.**

# BULL RUN SUMMER ROWING PROGRAM

## JULY 24 -AUGUST 11

The James Madison Crew Booster Organization is pleased to offer you the opportunity to participate in a Summer Rowing Program. For the experienced Crew member, this is an excellent way to maintain or better your rowing skills during the summer months. For the new/novice rower and those who would like to find out what rowing is all about, this is a low-cost, minimal time investment opportunity for an "on-water" introduction to an excellent sport. It's a great way to find out if "you are for Crew and Crew is for you".

- WHERE:** **Bull Run Marina on the Occoquan Reservoir**  
**Directions:** <http://www.nvrpa.org/bullrunmarina.html>
- WHEN:** **Monday - Wednesday -Friday**  
From 3:30 to 6:00 PM
- PROGRAM:** **NOVICE PROGRAM: July 24 -August 4, 2006** **\$200**  
Minimum eligibility: Rising 8<sup>th</sup> Graders and those individuals never having participated in a competitive Crew season. Novices completing the two week course may sign up for an additional week of Intermediate training at an additional cost of \$100.
- INTERMEDIATE PROGRAM: July 24 - August 11, 2006** **\$300**  
Eligibility: completed a Novice Program and/or have participated in at least one competitive Crew season.
- COST:** **\$200** for the Novice Program or **\$300** for the Intermediate program. Please make check payable to: "**James Madison Crew Booster Organization**" or "**JMCBO**". **Swim test: \$10.\***
- SWIM TEST:** Applicants **must pass** a swim test\* consisting of swimming 100 meters and treading water for two (2) minutes.  
**Swim Test to be given Friday, July 21, 5:30-7:30 PM**, Oak Marr Recreation Center, Jermantown Rd., Oakton; **Cost is \$10** payable to JMCBO.
- \* If you have documented proof of passing a swim test, the swim test will be waived.
- REGISTRATION:** Please complete and return the following forms:
- Deadline for registration is: Wednesday, July 10**
- All of which can be found on the website link:  
<http://www.warhawkcrew.org/Forms/tabid/3099/Default.aspx>
1. **JMCBO Summer Camp Registration Form**
  2. **FCPS Emergency Care Form**
  3. **JMCBO/US Rowing Waiver** Completed forms and check payment should be mailed to or may be dropped at address listed on registration form. Space is allocated on a first-come, first-served basis upon receipt of completed forms and payment.