

**Madeira MHS PTO Meeting  
September 8, 2022  
9:30am**

**Superintendent's Report: Kenji Matsudo**

Great start to the school year. It has been nice to start the school year in somewhat of a normal mode. Very thankful for staff and students and how we got through the past couple of years. There is a lot of involvement in clubs and extracurricular activities, which is exciting. The HVAC in gym is now back on track to be installed. AC will be installed in both the front and back gyms. We were hoping to have this completed before the start of the school year, but due to supply chain issues, install will be April of 2023. The MES construction project is fully underway. We were ready on June 1 for construction, however, construction was delayed as we were told there were supply chain issues. Construction started in mid July instead of June 1. We are very excited about our new High School staff members. Start date for next school year is yet to be determined. We are hoping to start on time, however, we need to get a better understanding of a start date once we understand more about the construction timeline of the Elementary High School. We are hoping to have a start date for next school year set within a month or so.

**Principal's Report: Dave Kennedy**

We are off to a great start. We had some long term staff members retirement last year. We have been able to hire some excellent new staff members. Thank you to the PTO for the welcome bags and notes for the staff. We met with each of the classes and did a touch back assembly. The senior class is great with excellent leadership. We had our first welcome back all-school assembly (haven't had one in 2 years). Open House went very well. A large part of what we have been focusing on with the students has been reinforcing safety in the building. The students are adapting well to changes that have been made in order to enhance safety. We have also improved our communication between buildings to enhance safety. Homecoming is next week. We will have spirit week, a parade, the football game, and the dance on Saturday. The dance will be outside like last year. Day of Service is coming up, scheduled for September 22nd. Every student will have the opportunity to serve at a local organization. The students will go out and serve in groups. If a senior has already fulfilled their service hours, they will be able to use the Day of Service for a college visit or other related college purpose. Family Fun Night is a no homework night that will occur on September 28th. High School can be a grind, so we are hoping that the students will enjoy the night off from homework and be able to enjoy the evening. This is our first time doing this, so there may be some bumps in the road. We are hoping that this goes well. PSAT Day is October 12th, which will also be an early release day. Seniors will have this day as a non-instructional day. Juniors will take the PSAT and sophomores will be able to take the test as well. Freshman will come in to school that day and do the state required CPR training that day. End of the quarter is October 14th.

### **Counselor's Report: Vince Rahnfeld**

Melissa Tatum is the new administrative assistant for the counseling department. Melissa is doing a great job. Our Cincinnati Children's Counselor, Katie, has replaced Sarah Jarvis. She is bringing a great energy and we are excited to have her here. We have worked through schedule issues, and hopefully have everyone set up with their schedule now. We have 23 new students this year. We have students coming in from New York, California, and 2 exchange students. The way that the seniors are identifying that they will be doing another activity other than The Day of Service will be through a google doc. For the Post Secondary Planning Day, we will have the students fill out an online questionnaire. A Financial Aid Meeting will be held tonight by Zoom. FAFSA and other mechanisms that go into financial aid in college will be discussed. This is a great zoom meeting for families of seniors and juniors. Mike Garcia will be leading the zoom. As you may or may not know, just before school started, we did a college introductory meeting for parents of juniors and seniors. The strategy we have been using is to record our meeting/information and then releasing it online, and then offering a Zoom discussion afterwards. We have been getting positive feedback from this format. We met with all seniors last week in smaller groups (classroom size, up to 40 students). We are now starting individual meetings with seniors. We have told seniors that we will meeting with each of them individually and will do so as quickly as possible while working with everyone's schedules. We are going to be meeting with freshman and sophomores in their English classes within the next couple of weeks. We take this time to touch base with them and to let all students know they can come in and talk to us. We will be doing an Adolescent Depression Program. It is a good check point for mental health, suicide awareness. The main message is if you are concerned about yourself or someone else, please talk to someone. We will spend 2 1/2 days on this program.

### **MHS PTO Report: Ann Ramos**

We have about 80 families who are members of the MHS PTO. Staff is at 100% in terms of membership. We are at about the same number of memberships as last year. Lange Combs will be the Vice President, and the President Elect to replace Ann. We will be providing teacher meals for conferences and also working on teacher appreciation ideas. In the past few years we have done a lot of catered meals for conference nights. Senior treats have started. Senior students get a special treat each month. This is coordinated through the Senior parents. There is a PTO sponsored event of the LEAP ACT-SAT 101: 4 Steps to Individualized Testing Success.

### **MHS PTO Budget Report: Tina Isgrig**

We have \$9200 in the bank with another approximately \$2500 coming in from this years membership fees and donations.