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## THE MC BOYS SOCCER TEAM BECOMES CHAMPIONS

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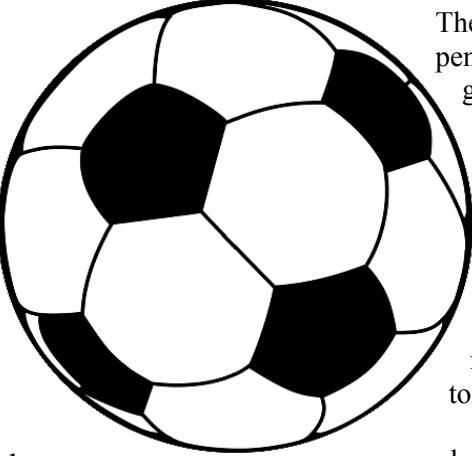
There was a lot of uncertainty going into this year's soccer season. No one knew how long the season was going to last, or how many games were going to be able to be played. Between quarantines and players actually getting sick, the soccer team had to face many challenges in order to have a successful season. However, despite all of these challenges, the boys' soccer team managed to be victorious, as they brought a state championship title back to Madison Central.

In normal years, the soccer team attends pre-season practices in the summer months, but due to this year's unprecedented circumstances, no practices were held in the summer. So, this meant that when school finally began in the beginning of September, there was a lot of work to be done in a short amount of time to prepare for the upcoming season. According to Will Scoggins (12), "We do a lot of running and working out to get in to shape for the season. But at the start of October, we start to do drills with the ball and work on our game plan and our different skills that our individual position needs to have." So, there is a lot of preparation – both individually and as a team – that must be put forth in order to ensure that the soccer team is as prepared as possible for the season ahead. However, it was also important this year that safety



After winning the state championship, the boys on the soccer team smile for a picture (photo courtesy of Caleb Davis).

precautions were taken in order to ensure the health of each individual on the team. When asked about the changes that were made this season due to the pandemic, Scoggins responded, "We had four different places to get hand sanitizer in the field house and coach Cecil told us to get sanitizer going into the field



house, leaving to the field for practice, coming back in the field house after practice, and leaving the field house after practice. We also only had a few people in the field house at one time, and we wore masks inside the field house at all times." All of these things were done in hopes of limiting the chances of anything going

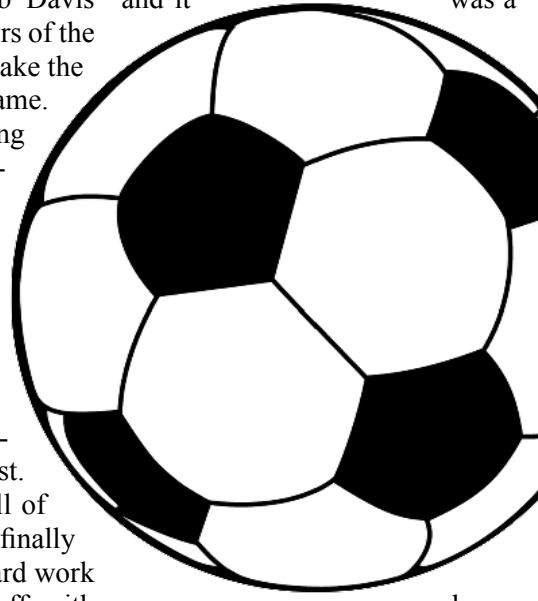
wrong that would negatively affect the soccer season. Despite all of these precautions being put in place, the team faced some rough patches. As Caleb Davis (11) said, "After Thanksgiving, we had a lot of guys that ended up getting quarantined, and shortly after that, the school ended up switching to virtual learning until after Christmas. So, we went about a month without playing any games." Then, after all of these things happened, head coach Cecil Hinds got quarantined, and the team had to play several games without him. All of these things made it very difficult for the boys soccer team – both mentally and physically – to remain hopeful, but despite these challenges they managed to make it all the way to the state championship game.

The state championship was played on February 6, 2021 at Clinton High School. The boys played the Brandon Bulldogs, who they had played once before in the regular season, tying them 1-1. The guys knew going into the game that it was going to be close, but they gave it all they had. At the end of regulation, the game

was tied 2-2. Several overtimes were played, and the game ended up going into penalty kicks. Five players were chosen to make the kicks that would determine the fate of the season. Jordan Jones (12), Will Farthing (11), Terron McIntyre (11), John Hrivnak (11), and Caleb Davis (11) were the five members of the soccer team that got to make the final shots of that epic game. They ended up finishing the season on an incredible high, as Caleb Davis shot the game winning penalty kick. When recalling the final moments of the game, Caleb Davis (11) said, "In the moment that we won state, I felt a lot of different emotions, to be honest. I was just so proud of all of my teammates, and to finally



see our hard work pay off with a State Championship was an amazing feeling. The five of us who took the work on them every single day after practice, so it felt fitting that we were able to do something like that. Our goalkeeper, Landon Parrow, also was a huge part of our success in the penalty kick shootout. He prepared and studied how Brandon took their penalty kicks, and it was a



huge part in bringing the Golden Ball back to Madison Central. That moment was definitely a dream come true and something that I'll always remember." Overall, the team worked extremely hard to achieve their goal of being state champions, and every player worked together and did their part to obtain the outcome that was desire all season long – to bring home a state championship.

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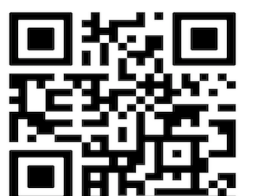


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# Mississippi bill bans transgender athletes from girls' sports

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On March 11, Mississippi governor Tate Reeves signed bill SB 2536 banning transgender students from women's sports. This bill is the first anti-transgender law of 2021. That means that transgender athletes in Mississippi's K-13 schools and colleges will not be allowed to compete in women's sports. The law passed the Mississippi House by a vote of 81-28, and the Senate approved the measure by a vote of 34-9.

A bill that would similarly ban transgender athletes from participating in women's sports is in the process of being passed in South Dakota. South Dakota's governor Kristi Noem and Mississippi's governor Tate Reeves said that the bills are about cisgender girls' fairness in girls' sports.

"When you word something as protecting one group of people instead of limiting another group, people are more likely to support it. Even those that consider themselves transgender allies might support something like this if they see it as something that would make it 'fair,'" Sterling Prisock (12), explained. As of April 7, there have been 109 legislations proposed transgender discrimination.

The bill is targeting grade children as well as college students. Marissa Maatalah (12) said, "It is devastating to let ignorance and hate get in the way of other's happiness. Transgender and gender-nonconforming individuals are entitled to participate in activities they enjoy without the fear of discrimination or prejudice." If a K-12

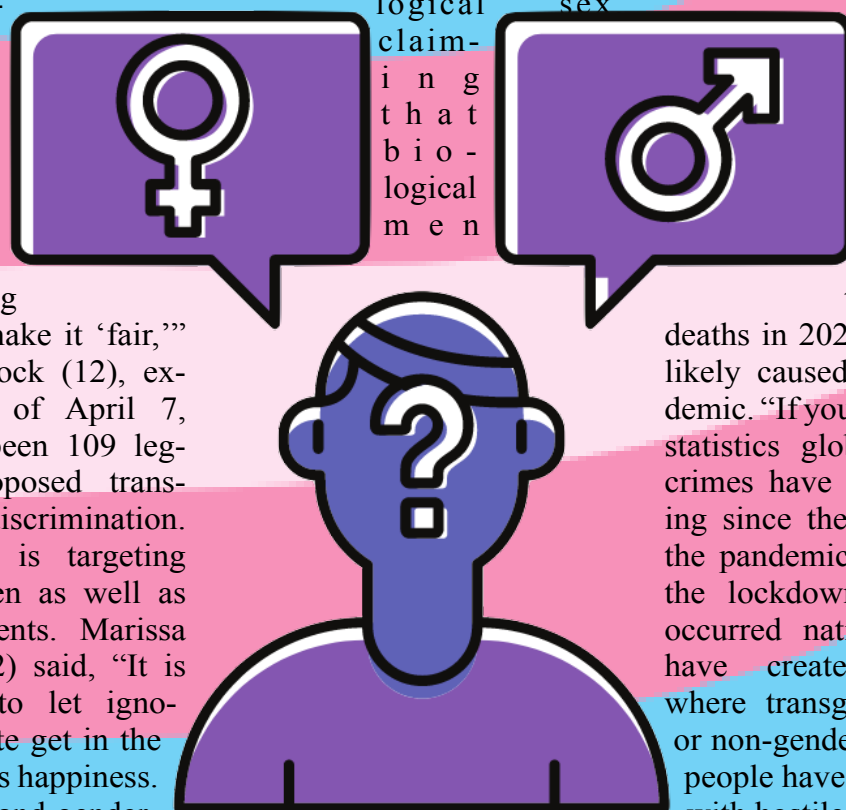
student is transgender or gender-nonconforming, they would not be able to participate in the sports of their gender. Prisock said, "This bill makes it so that you have to compete with your biological sex

it unfair, is flawed." Transgender individuals on hormones will still have to compete in their assigned gender at birth's sports.

In 2020, there were 44 transgender or gender non-conforming people murdered in America (HRC). There was a rise in transgender deaths in 2020, which was likely caused by the pandemic. "If you look at crime statistics globally, violent crimes have been increasing since the inception of the pandemic. I think that the lockdowns that have occurred nationwide may have created situations where transgender people or non-gender-conforming people have had to isolate with hostile people," Emily Adcock (11) said. Dominique Jackson, a Black transgender woman, was shot to death in Jackson, MS on January 25. Her death is at least the seventh death of

a transgender or gender non-conforming person in 2021.

In Mississippi, transgender and gender non-conforming people are not protected from discrimination in education, housing, employment, and public spaces. Mississippi also does not have a law that addresses hate or bias crime based on sexual orientation and gender identity. In 2021, 25 states have introduced over 70 bills targeting transgender people. Prisock said, "Support and join organizations like the ACLU and the Human Rights Campaign that work to fight these bills." Lobbying, sending letters and emails, and signing petitions are ways people can reach out to their lawmakers.



have some biological advantage. However, the argument of biological men having a higher level of testosterone, which makes

## NATIONAL AUTISM ACCEPTANCE MONTH

**Adya Praveen**  
STAFF WRITER

April is known around the world as "Autism Awareness Month"- a time to empower those with autism and their families. Over five million young people and adults are diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, at a growing ratio of about one in 54 children. It is the fastest growing disability. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disorder that affects an individual's behavior and ability to communicate. It is termed a "developmental disorder", because symptoms commonly appear during a child's early years. There is a wide variation in the type and severity of symptoms people experience, hence the term "spectrum".

The month to support the autism

community was referred to as "Autism Awareness Month". However, a movement rising across the country advocates for a shift in reference from "Autism Awareness Month" to "Autism Acceptance Month". Autism Awareness Month was initially created by a organization termed Autism Speaks. However, it has come to light that the said organization has a record of demonstrating a lack of respect to those with autism. They have continuously dehumanized those individuals by describing autism as a disease that, in short, causes nothing but "despair" to those around them. These statements were made in order to emphasize the needs of the autism community. Although it is important for these needs to be addressed, the wording used by the organization has caused hurt throughout the community and pushed individuals to un-support the organization altogether. They argue that it depicts an inaccurate

image of not only the disorder, but also the individuals with the disorder. Also, the organization has repeatedly been criticized for its lack of autistic representation and voice. For a group dedicated to helping the autism community, it has continuously refused to include individuals with the disability on their board/leadership positions. It is due to these reasons that independent advocates and organizations push for the month's name to be aligned with the community's goals of inclusivity in society. Although it is important to spread awareness of the disorder for the general public, it is also important to spread awareness of the ways in which autistic people are discriminated towards in the community. This is where the term "acceptance" comes from. "Acceptance requires you to be an active participant rather than a passive ob-

server, and it requires others to face their own prejudices" says Christopher Furlow, the Interim Director of Autism Services at Canopy Children's Solutions. "Making the distinction between awareness and acceptance is important because acceptance is viewed as a more difficult task". The push for the name-change stems from the argument that there needs to be more opportunities and accessibility for those with autism in society. Janice Stack, a special education teacher at Madison Central, states, "It's important to all the autistic persons and their families to have support and people who are interested and knowledgeable to help them be accepted, especially by their peers." The autism community and their loved ones celebrate the month and fight to be included in conversations centered around them.

There are several ways in which you can

show your support to the community. "It's important for us to educate ourselves by attending workshops, listening to podcasts, or just befriending a person with autism to learn more about it and to realize fears of people with autism are unfounded"(Stack). One of the most influential acts is to advocate for the individuals. Writing letters and petitioning government officials can help expedite the legal process for the name-change. Use your platform and take advantage of social media to spread acceptance. Donate to charitable organizations that help fund treatments and supplies to provide care to individuals with autism. No matter which form of support you decide to demonstrate, the benefits of being involved in community is beneficial both for yourself and the people around you.





# REVEILLE SHOWS UP AND SHOWS OUT

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STAFF WRITER

Madison Central's show choir, Reveille, is a singing and dancing activity where students can fully express themselves. Their 2021 show entitled, "Let's Just Be Friends," focuses on a breakup as a girl fights her emotions and learns her worth. This group has traveled for competition to places such as Petal and Oak Grove to showcase this season's show. Many long hours of sweat and dedication have been put forth behind the scenes to prepare for their performances.

This season has been extremely difficult in numerous ways. The students usually learn their choreography for their show in the summer so there is more time for work in these areas. COVID-19 has also limited the practice areas that are allowed and has placed boundaries on time for rehearsal. With these restraints in place, the students have been forced to adapt to shorter rehearsal times and always stay

100% focused in the few times that rehearsal is allowed. Instead of normally practicing in the choir room with a wall of mirrors to look at, Reveille students have had to report to the auditorium instead. This is far more difficult to produce a successful show but these students have not let that affect them in the slightest. Instead, they are extremely grateful for the season they have been offered.

Many hours of preparation go into this group's show not only at practice but also at home. When Jess Shelton (12) was asked how she prepares for a competition she stated, "I usually get someone to do my hair because I am not the best at it and start my makeup hours before a performance. It's a process!" Appearance is very important in the show choir world. All of the group's members must have the same hair and makeup look. They also have to make sure every piece of their costume is with them before departure for a performance. Without all of these elements, the show would not come together

and have the same effect.

Many seniors are coming up on their final goodbye to Reveille as the season comes to a close. When asked what he would miss the most of the group Sam Ball (12) said, "I am going to miss hanging out with people after practices." Reveille does not only provide students with opportunities to perform but also lifelong friendships that they will cherish forever. The many hours spent rehearsing together bond these students in an unimaginable way. Although this year has limited many aspects of show choir, it has put no boundaries on the lev-

els of friendship obtainable.

In contrast to senior's viewpoints on this activity, sophomores have had to adjust to the group. When asked how it was being a sophomore on Reveille, Cameron Rainey (10) said, "It is very fun. It is a good experience. More advanced from last year and definitely more time consuming but still a fun experience." For the newbies on show choir, it is definitely a large time commitment. They must learn the rigorous rehearsal efforts that are required to become successful while also managing their lives outside of the stage.



Reveille performing their "Let's Just Be Friends" act on stage (photo courtesy of Rowan Gentry).

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Awards Day

5/6:  
Progress Reports

5/22:  
Graduation

# Women Empowerment Club impacting Madison Central

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Recently at Madison Central, students have come together to form the Women Empowerment Club. They noticed an issue in our world that needed attention and are advocating for change. When asked what the club is advocating for, club president Sneha Cherukuri (11) said, "I started this club to create an environment for students to learn about problems in society that disproportionately affect women. I believe the most important step in being an advocate is being educated and helping educate our members is one of our main goals. I also felt that there was not a safe space for girls

to openly express their feelings." This club has a listening and caring environment to empower and effectively educate students. It allows people to express their feelings while also learning about the many discriminative issues women face.

The main purpose of the club is to educate and encourage everyone to stand up and advocate for the rights of women. Marissa Maatallah (12) said, "I think the Women Empowerment Club is fighting for equality and equity for everyone, regardless of gender." Cherukuri also said, "Our main goal is to educate students of all genders on the challenges women face outside of our community, as well as to find opportunities to empower women within. We also strive to provide a safe space for our members, allowing them to share their experiences in a judgment-

free environment." The club effectively provides everyone with a protected, secure space to learn about and to support women and the rights they deserve. It allows students to converse with each other and speak their minds on this pressing issue.

Empowering women comes in so many forms, whether it be teaching, providing resources, or even working with other women. This new club provides students with a place to speak and converse with others that are like-minded on this issue. In order to reach gender equality, problems of discrimination must be discussed. Maatallah said, "People can show their support for women by encouraging them, including them, and loving them for just being who they are. Fighting for equal pay or helping end gender-based violence or even telling a woman you love that you appreciate her are great ways to show you care about women and their rights. Using your voice and taking action regarding women's issues are the most powerful ways to promote actual change; I think that is exactly what the Women Empowerment Club aims to do." Talking through the topic of gender discrimination will help educate everyone on this issue and could eventually lead to much-needed change and encouragement.

Equality of women seeps into several different areas of life and plays a role in just about every circumstance. Recently, this issue was illustrated through the NCAA basketball tournament.

Many sports organizations have made great efforts in taking steps to ensure the equality of women and men. However, that goal is not always achieved. In this year's March Madness tournament, women and men were not treated equally regarding their workout equipment. The individuals who are in charge of the tournament set up a fully equipped weight room for the men supplied with everything any of the male athletes could possibly use to work out. The women were provided with one rack of free weights primarily used for arm strength. Almost immediately, the enormous mistake was discovered and brought to light. Although the NCAA quickly resolved the conflict, several people were upset that a situation like that ever occurred. Yasmine Ware (11) said, "Women empowerment is essential in reaching gender equality." In order for the women of the world to feel complete equality, they must come together to empower themselves to stand up for the goals they seek to achieve.

The Women Empowerment is a gathering where females can feel like they matter and can make a difference. The club has many plans to have speakers talk to their members and better form personal relationships. The members of this club are seeking to shine a light on women empowerment. They are striving to make a difference for years to come and have a lasting impact on improving the rights of women.





# MC's students debate and win tournaments this season

**Emily O'Reilly**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Speech and Debate tournaments are different this year due to Covid-19. Students compete in tournaments over Zoom, or they pre-record their speeches. Christian Gines (12), president of Speech and Debate, said, "Tournaments have moved to completely online, but the schedules are still mostly the same. The only difference is that sometimes the events are live and sometimes the events are pre-recorded, so the Individual Event Competitors have to submit their videos by the Monday before the tournament." The debate season has changed, but they can still find the excitement of debating. There is one good thing for debates being online. Gines said they "have also been able to compete at bigger more prestigious tournaments because they are online, and we don't have to travel to them." They are able to compete in tournaments and win championships, but it of course is different than what it usually is.

Students can try-out for Speech and Debate starting in 9th grade. Madison Biggerstaff (12), who joined her junior

year, said that she "had to memorize 45 seconds to a minute of a speech or monologue from a play/movie/show and recite it to a panel, which consisted of the graduating seniors and Mrs. Clapper-Davis." Once a student is accepted, they practice for tournaments and learn about debating. At Madison Central, students can take the debate class. The sponsor, Rachel Clapper-Davis, coaches them on debating, and they practice their pieces for tournaments.

One common event is public forum debating, which consists of two teams and is composed of two speakers each. It begins with four-minute constructive cases, followed by four-minute rebuttals. Each side then gives a two-minute summary and a two-minute final focus (mustangps.org). Another event is extemporaneous speaking. Students are presented with a choice of three questions related to current events and are given 30 minutes to prepare a seven-minute speech answering the selected question. Another event is original oratory, where the student gives a prewritten ten-minute speech. Vice President of Speech and

Debate Julia Van Lake (11) participates in the speech events only. To prepare for the tournaments, she "[recites her] speeches multiple times a week or two in advance to make sure [she has] everything memorized. It's also critical that any tweaks I need to make to the speech are done." In Speech and Debate, students can choose which tournaments to participate in and enter multiple events at a tournament.

There are multiple ways to prepare for the tournaments, depending on what the student is participating in. Gines said he has two ways to prepare for tournaments. "To prepare for debate, I do hours of research to prep for different arguments that we might hit. I also try to do extra prep for my Neg speeches so that I will be prepared for what the other team is running before the round even starts. When I'm preparing for my speech events, I will work on memorizing my speeches and send in videos to the respective officers and Mrs. Clapper, so that they can give me notes on them," Gines said. Biggerstaff is a national qualifier for an original oratory. To prepare for the event, "I am constantly looking for

ways to improve my performance, so I take notes my judges leave me after tournaments into consideration and adapt my performance. What the process boils down to is perseverance, humbleness in what you can really do as a competitor, acceptance of criticisms, and practice!" Biggerstaff said.

Biggerstaff's favorite part about Speech and Debate is the educational nature. She said that it "provides several different avenues to talk about personal issues and struggles, as well as current events that you may know about, but others don't and vice versa. I've become much more aware of issues that my peers may struggle with and

and creativity in arguments. Policy debate has exposed me to so many topics and political theories that I wouldn't have known about until at least college. My favorite arguments to run are Kritiks where you not only discuss about the topic at hand but can indict society from lots of different angles. You can run critiques of Capitalism, Settler Colonialism, Anti-Blackness, Orientalism, and a myriad of other issues," Gines said. Speech and Debate allows students to learn about current issues and learn skills that they'll carry throughout their lives.

issues that occur globally." Gines' favorite part of debate is the arguments he gets to craft. "I do policy debate and that is the debate that allows the most freedom



## MADISON CENTRAL PROM 2021 EDITION

**Adya Praveen**  
STAFF WRITER

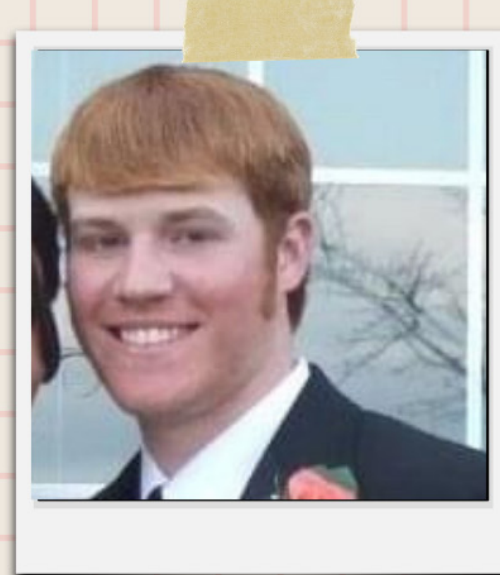
Madison Central High School's prom is just around the corner! The dance is going to take place on Saturday, April 17th at the Reunion Country Club. Get ready for a night of making memories with your closest friends. Prom is one of the most awaited events that our school has to offer. Students always remember the night when they get to get dolled up and spend the night surrounded by their high school class. The night is especially nostalgic for the graduating class, because it is not only their last dance together, but also one of the last times that they will be together as one group. This year, a majority of seniors await for their first prom, due to last year's being cancelled from the pandemic.

This year, however, it is going to look somewhat different from the past years' events. In order to hold the 405 seniors that attend MCHS, social distancing is going to be implemented at the dance. However, at most only 360 of those said seniors may attend, due to the number of tickets available for the dance. It will

be held in two shifts with a limit on the number of students able to be present at each time. Only seniors are allowed to attend, as students from other schools/grades are not permitted to attend. Masks must be worn at all times, and all social distancing rules will be strictly enforced. Food will be available for individuals attending as per the usual. Music will also be played for the students to enjoy their night.

In order to restrict the spread of Covid-19, there will be a limited number of tickets available to be purchased. Tickets are on sale for \$30 this year. 180 tickets are available for each shift, a total of 360 tickets. The tickets are sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Once the 180 tickets for each shift have been sold, no more tickets are available for purchase for that time. That's why it is especially important for you to get your tickets ahead of time. Be aware that you may not swap shifts once the tickets have been purchased, so make sure to purchase tickets in the specific shift in which you prefer to attend. Get your tickets soon to ensure a night of unforgettable fun.

### Can you guess who these MC teachers are from their past prom pictures?





## AP EXAM SCHEDULE

Date:	8:00 AM:	12:00 PM:
Monday, May 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>French and Language Culture</li> <li>World History: Modern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Macroeconomics</li> </ul>
Tuesday, May 11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seminar</li> <li>Spanish Language and Culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latin</li> <li>Psychology</li> </ul>
Wednesday, May 12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Language and Composition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Microeconomics</li> <li>Music Theory</li> </ul>
Thursday, May 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Exams scheduled</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No Exams Scheduled</li> </ul>
Friday, May 14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Biology</li> <li>Italian Language and Culture</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Chinese Language and Culture</li> <li>Environmental Science</li> </ul>
Monday, May 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Comparative Government and Politics</li> <li>Computer Science Principles</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statistics</li> </ul>

## This or That

### WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Read books	Listen to a podcast
Cook food	Order in
Wake up early	Sleep in late
Spontaneous	Planned out
Alone time	Hang out with friends
Go out	Stay in
Do chores	Declutter
Workout	Relax
Movie marathon	Binge watch a TV series

## Award shows during the pandemic

### James Phillips STAFF WRITER

Every year, audiences look forward to the award season and many awards shows like the Grammys. On March 14, the 63rd Grammys was held. With COVID-19, safety precautions still in effect, nominees were the only artists who attended. The award show was originally set for January 31 but due to the pandemic, the Recording Academy rescheduled it. They sat at tables spaced six feet apart and wore masks until they said their speeches. Isabella Monico (10) says "I think the Grammy's is pretty rigged. I think the [music] industry favors more people over the others, and I think it's based on popular vote instead of talent." Gabby Newman (12) agreed with Monico's sentiments. She said, "I feel like they don't go off actual talent but rather who is

trendy." Others thought differently. Abby Camp (10) said, "Some of the nominees including Doja Cat, Dua Lipa, Roddy Rich, and Taylor Swift had six nominations, while Beyonce took the crown this year with nine nominations." Every year, some artists are nominated for multiple Grammy's, and this year was not any different.

For "Record of the Year," I think Doja Cat's "Say So" will win this year. Doja Cat has massive popularity with her songs becoming part of TikTok

dances, so it is most likely she

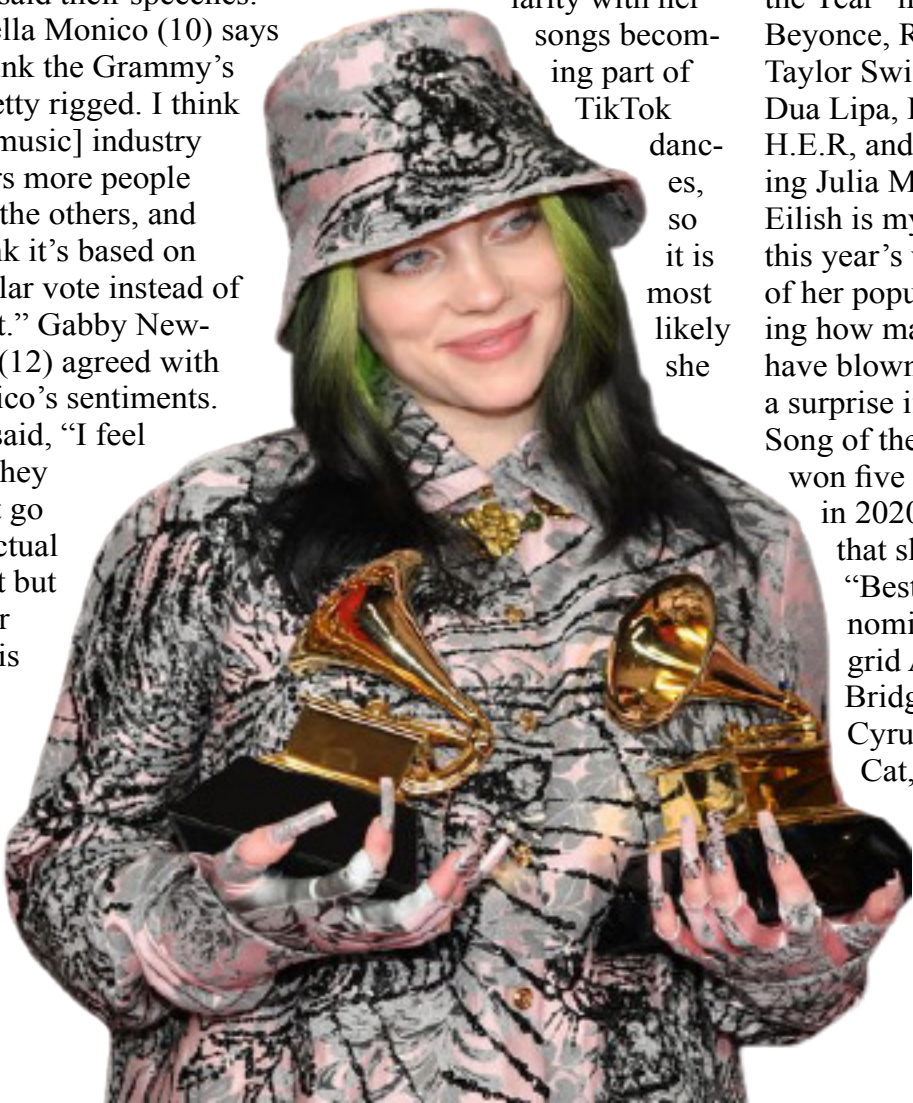
will win. The next category is "Album of the Year," which included the nominees Coldplay, Jacob Collier, Black Pumas, HAIM, Dua Lipa, Post Malone, and finally Taylor Swift. For this award, I think either Dua Lipa or Post Malone will take it. Dua Lipa, like Doja Cat, gained popularity by having her songs blow up on TikTok, but Post Malone, on the other hand, gained popularity through radio spins. I think they both have a chance to win. "Song of the Year" nominees include Beyonce, Roddy Rich, Taylor Swift, Post Malone, Dua Lipa, Billie Eilish, H.E.R, and JP Saxe featuring Julia Micheals. Billie Eilish is my prediction for this year's winner because of her popularity. Considering how many of her songs have blown up, it would be a surprise if she did not win Song of the year. Also, she won five Grammy's awards in 2020, so it is likely that she'll gain more. "Best New Artist" nominees include Ingrid Andress, Phoebe Bridgers, Chika, Noah Cyrus, D Smoke, Doja Cat, Kaytranada, and finally Megan Thee Stallion. The award

will most likely go to Megan Thee Stallion, because her songs have been played on the radio, TikTok, as well as topping the music charts. Megan winning seems possible especially with the fact that she has bigger artists like Beyoncé featuring in her songs. "Best Solo Performance" nominees are Justin Bieber, Doja Cat, Billie Eilish, Dua Lipa, Harry Styles, and Taylor Swift. This award will most likely go to Doja Cat considering she has eccentric stages and on her popularity.

The Grammy's premiered on March 14 and the winners were announced. The first winner announced was for "Record of the Year". I previously predicted Doja Cat would win the award, but Billie Eilish won with her record "Everything I wanted". The next category, "Album of the Year," was given to Taylor Swift with her album "Folklore," which I had predicted would be given to Dua Lipa. For "Song of the Year," I predicted Billie Eilish would win, but H.E.R. won the award with her song "I Can't Breathe." Next, the "Best New Artist" was awarded to Megan Thee Stallion, who I have predicted to win. Finally, "Best Solo Performance" was given to Harry Styles for "Watermelon Sugar," for which my earlier prediction

was Doja Cat.

The Grammy's is not the only award show happening this awards season. The 36th Film Independent Spirit Awards will premiere on April 22, 2021 with the nominees and winners being announced. Usually, it is the day before the Oscars, but it was moved to three days before due to COVID-19. The Oscars will be held on April 25, and the nominations were announced on March 15. I predict "Nomadland" will win "Best Picture" and Chloe Zhao will be awarded "Best Director" for "Nomadland." I also predict Chadwick Boseman will win "Best Actor" for "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," and Carey Mulligan will win "Best Actress" for "Promising Young Woman." Tune in on the dates to see the actors awarded this awards season!





# SPRING TRENDS

**Rowan Gentry**  
STAFF WRITER

Many trends are beginning to emerge from teens across the country as spring has begun. Bright colors, new accessories, and even new hair styles are only some of the many fashion statements teenagers have started to follow. Several influencers on social media have definitely set the stage for this spring's trends.

Many students at Madison Central have participated and noticed these trends around the school. When Sarah Kate Killens (11) was asked what trends she has observed and liked so far this spring, she said, "I really have liked seeing all of the new shoes around the school. I feel like more people than I have noticed before have branched out onto more colorful shoes. Some of my favorites are Jordans, Air Forces, and Nike Blazers." Shoes are one of the many articles of clothing that individuals this spring have expanded their collection of.

Jewelry, such as rings, have also become more popular. When

Rhaly Milling (12) was asked what her favorite trends were this spring she said, "One of my favorite trends so far is the colorful rings people have started to wear. I also have noticed people getting brighter colors on their nails such as yellow, pink, and purple." Spring is a time of rebirth and new colors, and these trends are proof of it. Many rings decorated in bright colors and happy designs have become very trendy in the past month. Vibrant nails with intricate designs and colors also are the new statement.

Hair has also been a point of interest in the fashion community lately. Many new styles such as crimping have been trendy. When Kate Fairburn (10) was asked what spring trends she has noticed she said, "It seems like so many girls have started crimping their hair this spring, which is something I had never thought to do before." Crimping one's hair with a wand is a trend that dates back to the 80's. To see this come back really shows how trends never truly die.



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# MC BASEBALL JUMPS TO #1 IN THE NATION

**Taylor Martin**  
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The Madison Central baseball team has seen much success this year, as they start off the season with a 15-0 record. After only playing eight games last year, the guys on the team have more determination than ever to make this season count. No one knew that the season would be cut short after spring break last year, and it was a devastating shock to almost everyone. As Coach Tyler Poole put it, “Last year was tough. We felt like we were the best team in the state and had a legit shot to win the stage title. When we came home from spring break, we had no idea we were about to lose our season. I think it hit the guys, and coaches, hard.” However, this unfortunate situation had some positive repercussions. It has fueled the work ethic that each member of the team has put into this season, and each

player and coach now value the phrase, “You never know when your last game will be.”

So far this year, the baseball team has gone undefeated, and they are currently ranked #1 in the nation. When asked about what has contributed the most to the success of this year’s team, Jake Cook (11) said, “We have great coaches that put in a lot of work to prepare us for a great season. We also have a legit pitching staff that shows out night in and night out, as well as a super strong line-up that’s solid from top to bottom.” This “line-up” consists of five players that are committed to play division 1 baseball, one of which is Braden Montgomery, a Stanford commit who is the number one ranked baseball player in the

state of Mississippi. The rest of the Jaguar line-up is also extremely talented, as they have a combined team batting average of over .300. In addition to this, “They come ready to play each and every day, it doesn’t matter the opponent or task,” according to Coach Tyler Poole.

Lastly, the Madison

Central baseball team is like a big family. According to Cook, “All of us are pretty close, so every day is like a small party whether it’s ping-pong, bus rides, or even just practice, it’s all fun. It’s also like having your own community, from just having certain guys you can depend on and trust, to having inside jokes.” Overall, the

team consists of very talented guys and a dedicated coaching staff, all of whom are joined by their love for the game of baseball.



Senior Connor Nation up to bat (photo courtesy of Abby Boyd).

## TRACK SEASON IS OFF TO THE RACES

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Track and field season is upon us at Madison Central. Due to COVID-19, safety precautions have been made to create a safe environment. When asked about the safety precautions, Cannon Bosarge (11) said, “There’s much less face to face interaction, and the teams are much more spread out this year. Track is a difficult sport to keep distance in, but our coaches have made it a priority to create a safe environment for all athletes.” The coaches and athletes involved are obeying safety precautions to have a healthy season.

When you think of track, you just think of running, but it is much more than that. Events athletes can participate in are distance runner, pole vault, shot

put and discus, and hurdler. Bosarge is a distance runner. “Distance runners prepare for track season by doing long runs for your aerobic system. Having strong lungs and a strong heart can help you later in the season when the races get tougher. As the season gets closer, training shifts towards speed

[and] we work on mistakes that we need to improve so that we can perfect them for the meet.” When asked about these meets, Phillip Wright (12) said, “Within this current track season, fewer teams are brought in for each meet, so they tend to go by a lot quicker than they used

times and experiences that we’re able to have along the way.” With the teammates spending 10 hours a week together practicing and at meets, a sense of comradery. When asked what he loves about the track, Bosarge’s answer was the “encouraging environment.” He went on and said, “Every athlete is dedicated to their

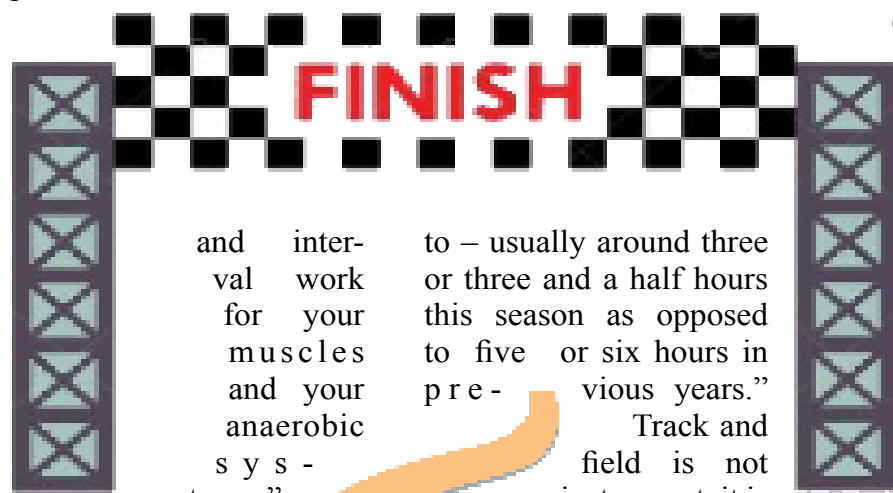
events, and practices act as a place to improve and better yourself for the team.” They improved themselves and worked together to win meets.

Track and field athletes work out and keep a balanced diet for the season. Bosarge said, “Carbohydrates

are important for runners as they use up lots of energy in training. Keeping a balanced diet can take a lot of the pain out of running distance.” Balanced diets and lots of water are key. Sprinters, hurdlers, jumpers, and pole vaulters do mostly strength work and transition into technique-based training later in the season. Madelyn Blount (11), a shotput and dis-

cus thrower, said, “the hard part is staying inside the lines if the weight goes outside the lines than it doesn’t count. It may seem easy but it’s a lot of technique because if you mess up a slight bit it could mess up your whole throw.” She and other discus throwers work on hip rotations and leg exercises to throw the discus the farthest.

Meets started on February 20 and will end May 1st. Upcoming meets are: MHSAA Region 2-6A Meet at Clinton on April 17, MHSAA North State 6A Meet at Clinton on April 24, and finally MHSAA State Championships 6A at Pearl on May 1. A more detailed schedule can be found on the MC Big Blue website (mcbigblue.com) so you can go and support your school. With COVID-19, the teams are smaller and have to social distance. Last year, there was not a track and field season due to the pandemic. This year, athletes are trying to do their best to have a good season. Less schools are participating because of COVID-19, but the ones that are are going to have big competition ahead.



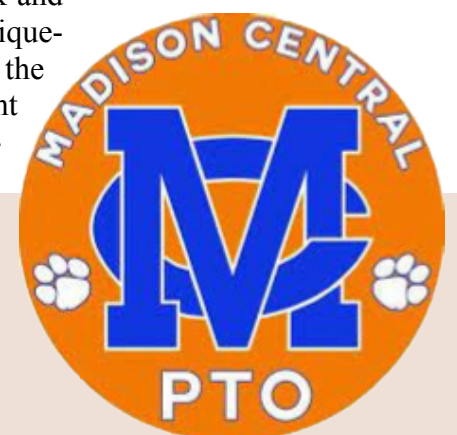
and interval work for your muscles and your anaerobic system,” Bosarge said. Practices are after school and led by Coach Dennis Groll and can run until

to – usually around three or three and a half hours this season as opposed to five or six hours in previous years.”

Track and field is not just a sport, it is a community. Wright said, “Part of the reason that I choose to come back to cross country and track year after year is because of the environment that they’ve been able to create for themselves and others – a team in which it’s not only about personally winning but about the

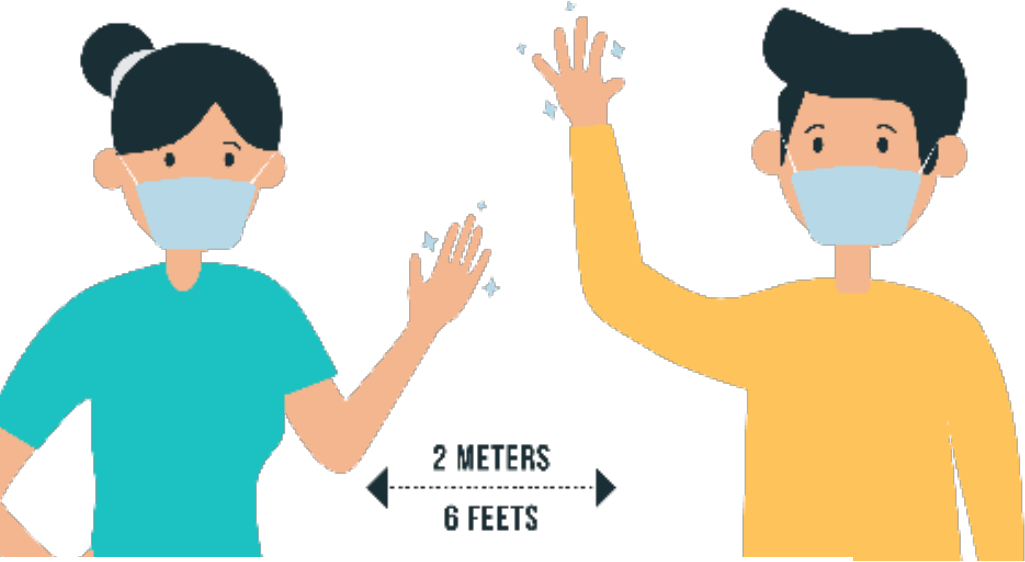
5PM. Isabella Lee (10) said, “[At prac-

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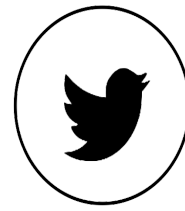
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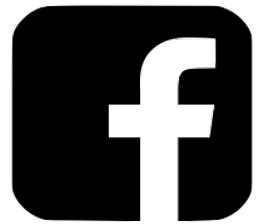
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