



# THE SCHOOL

REPORT

A MONTHLY CELEBRATION OF JACKSON-MADISON COUNTY SCHOOLS

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Hub City Central Complex **Page 6**

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Our Board continues to advocate for families in our community. The Board opened the new year by passing two resolutions. (PreK funding increase and 3rd grade retention repeal). They continue to move forward together. Visit [jmcass.org](http://jmcass.org) to stay abreast on Board meeting and committee dates.

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE Superintendent

Spring 2023

This School Report highlights current activities and accomplishments while also addressing future goals the Board and I have for this District. Our top priority for 2022 was employee investment. With Board approval, our Individualized Investment in Employee Progression Plan (IEP2) provided \$6.2 million toward raises, bonuses, and insurance premium increases - propelling JMCSS to the top 20% for starting salaries for districts statewide. We're also celebrating:



- Nine schools designated Reward Schools by the Tennessee Dept. of Education for significant academic growth
- 12 Level 5 schools - the highest designation in the Tennessee Value-Added metric. Additionally, four schools were designated Level 4 schools
- 46 PreK classes in operation - a historic high for JMCSS
- 31 JCM-Early College High students graduated with Associated Degrees
- 2 employees selected for state recognition for Teacher of the Year, Principal of the Year
- District ACT score increase of nearly a half point; 259 students improved their composite scores
- 98 students named to the All-Northwest Honor Choir
- Innovation Department received \$10 million for STEM, robotics expansion
- JCM-ECH/Madison Green Power Electric car team raced at Talladega Super Speedway
- State tournament appearances in cross country (Madison), boys and girls soccer (Madison), football (South Side), girls basketball (South Side), boys basketball (North Side and South Side) and track and field (Madison).

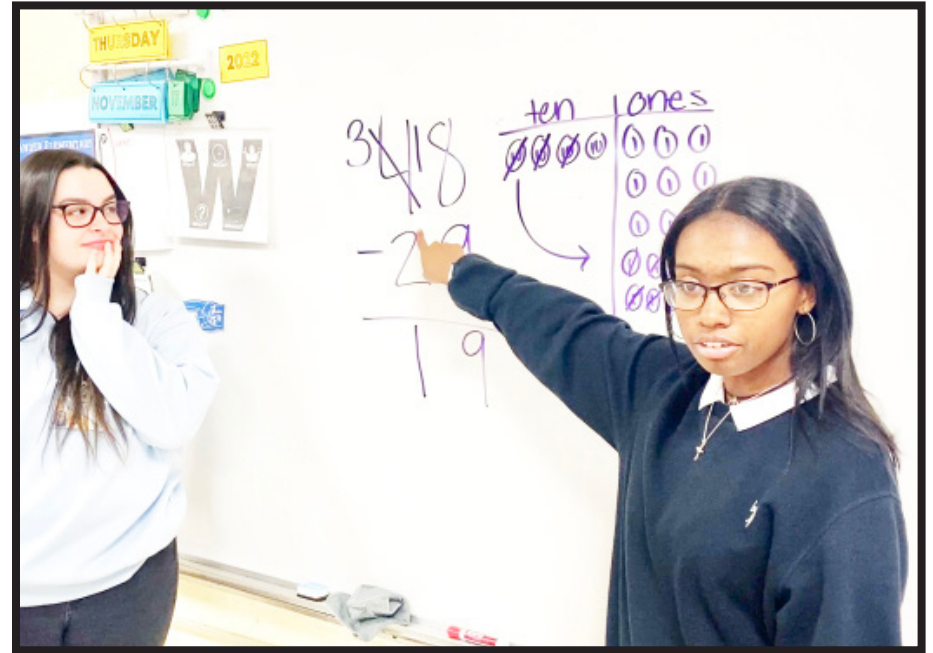


Remember - every member of our team - from the janitor to the teacher's assistant; the speech therapist to the cafeteria manager - plays an integral role in our overall success. Each is appreciated. Each employee and each student matters!

Yours in service,

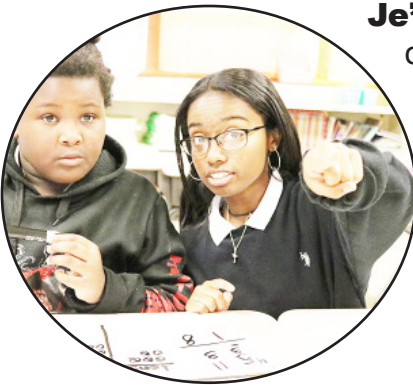
Marlon D. King  
Superintendent

# TEACHING AS A PROFESSION CLASS



## *JCM-ECH students teach math at Alexander Elementary*

Sophia Dyer (senior) and Je'Delle Ross (freshman) taught their first lesson as student teachers at Alexander Elementary with 2nd grade teacher Ms. Kenya Sawyer



**Je'Delle, tell us about this Teaching as a Profession class:** We started off by learning the history of education, and we slowly transitioned into student teaching part-time at Alexander elementary. Two days a week we'll come and spend about an hour in our designated classrooms and sit with the students. We listen to the lessons. Today we taught our first lesson! We had made our first lesson plan. Everything that we taught today in our lesson, we had written out ourselves.

**What have you learned from the teacher?** Ms. Sawyer is an amazing teacher. I've learned her patience with the students and the way that she's able to get through to all the students because they are different in their own way. I've learned how you can interact and you're able to intertwine those different teaching skills so everybody is understanding what you're teaching

**Sophia, tell us about this Teaching as a Profession class:** Ms. Sawyer has taught us how to engage with the students and make sure that they are paying attention and understanding what we are teaching. The toughest part about teaching is making sure that everybody is on the same page because everybody thinks and applies skills differently. The most rewarding thing about teaching is seeing their eyes light up when they learn something or when they get it.

**What's next for you:** I'm a senior, so I've been applying to some colleges. Not sure which one I'm gonna pick yet, but somewhere in Middle Tennessee. I'm weighing my options. I love, love, love education, but I also have a very big love for nursing as well. I take that also in the CTE program at JCM-Early College High





With open enrollment and open house previews beginning in December, we've asked students from the Academic Academy to share their thoughts on what the school offers and how the competitive workload is preparing them for life after Northeast Middle School.

# SEEKING A CHALLENGE

## Middle School students enjoy High School workload Academic Academy at Northeast Middle

*"I'm taking three high school courses here at the Academic Academy. Environmental Science, Algebra 1, and Spanish 2. I'm also a multi-sport student athlete. I had two siblings who went here and my dad teaches here. I'm kind of making a name for myself. I feel like I've been able to do that by staying involved with sports and then academics. My peers are extremely*



*driven and they have amazing work ethic. I think that's a really important thing to have."*

**Jackie Mize**  
8th Grade  
NEMS Academic Academy



*"I enjoy the Academic Academy because there's a lot more complexity. It makes my mind work harder, which I like. It's interesting, which is fun for me. I'm a fan of chemistry,*

*science, and anything really that is part of engineering. I want to be an aerospace engineer for NASA or SpaceX. The academy is helpful for getting more kids into challenging situations and more opportunities."*

**Joseph Kirk**  
8th Grade  
NEMS Academic Academy

*"It's really fun and the teachers really push you to go beyond what you already know. My science teacher pushes us to over-achieve in whatever we're doing in class and she encourages us to be confident in whatever we do. I would like to be an athlete or a scientist to find ways to stop global warming or help reverse it. My goal is to attend either Madison Academic or*



*JCM-Early College High because they provide more advanced classes."*  
**JaMarrion Grimes**  
8th Grade  
NEMS Academic Academy

A central support hub for families, students and teachers

# — HUB CITY CENTRAL —



## STRATEGIC INVESTMENT IN OMAN ARENA & HISTORIC JACKSON HIGH

*A* move to strengthen the Jackson-Madison County School System's standing as a regional hub for professional development, academics, athletics, and the arts is underway.



With our employees, students, and families in the forefront of these plans, JMCSS is in the opening phase of a bold investment in historic community assets, Jackson High and Oman Arena. Most recently the home of Madison Academic up until 2022, the historic Jackson High

building will undergo renovations and serve as the new Central Office. Centrally located with easy access for families via Jackson Transit buses, the historic property will allow JMCSS to increase services and support to families. A number of community partners will have satellite offices in the renovated building to support families in the area of health, finance, and recreation. A new multipurpose stadium will be the long awaited home for track and field events as well as football, and band events.

This addition will give all of our athletic programs options and access not yet provided by our community. Oman Arena is now offline to allow engineering and design firms to plan light demolition and hauling as significant updates are planned there as well. Every area of education - academics, athletics, and the arts - will benefit from these updates. A preliminary timeline for completion will be shared at Board meetings in early 2023. We have moved strategically and deliberately throughout this process and will continue to do so. These are exciting times for our students, families, and schools. Stay tuned.



*Early designs from LRK, the architect firm selected for the Hub City Central project, are shown on the cover and below.*





# The College Experience:

JMCSS partners with Union for dual enrollement option at JASA



***Jackson Academic STEAM Academy is the first virtual school to partner with Union in a dual enrollment program.***

**J**ackson-Madison County Schools and Union University have announced an exciting new partnership between Union and the JMCSS K-12 CyberSchool Jackson Academic STEAM Academy (JASA). JASA is the first virtual school to partner with Union University in a dual enrollment program.

“Students at JASA can take classes at Union, be involved as students at Union, and expand their horizons and future aspirations,” Union University President Dr. Dub Oliver said.

JASA senior Isaiah Hodges is among the students taking advantage of this new partnership in conjunction with the Tennessee Dual Enrollment Grant. In addition to upper-level English, Math and Science classes, JASA students have access to University services like academic advising, support services, supplemental college freshmen workshops and more. Families interested in joining JASA for the spring semester are encouraged to contact Dr. Currie at 731-506-2610 or via email [jzcurrie@jmcss.org](mailto:jzcurrie@jmcss.org).

“Students will receive support not only from their high school, but also from a number of first year student aids offered by the University. It’s a unique opportunity,” Dr. Currie said.

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**JASA junior Jordan Melugin and JASA senior Isaiah Hodges have access to University services and academic supports.**

# JMCSS FINE ARTS SPOTLIGHT

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# STUDENTS CHOSEN FOR ALL-NORTHWEST HONOR CHOIR

## LIBERTY -

Kylie Thompson &  
Jordan Neely

## MADISON ACADEMIC -

Abby Groom,  
Mia Borgognoni,  
Amelia Joyner,  
Elise Havercamp,  
Calleigh Earl,  
LeeAnn Fincher,  
Montana Melton,  
Gracie Chattin,  
Olivia Johnson,  
Lainey Howard,  
Nathaly Galicia,  
Elaina Jones,  
Joseline Villegas,  
Lana Kate Roe,  
Tien Phan,  
London Tubbs,  
Jenna Hardison,  
Kate Larkins (1st  
Chair), Mary Kinsley  
Nye, Delaney Uselton,  
Victoria Graham,  
AbbyGrayce Fraley,  
Kirsten Herron,  
Kennedy Bunting,  
Hutson Ragan,  
Garrett Clark,



Colton Moore (1st Chair),  
Braden Nye,  
Daniel Phan,  
Jeremiah Richie,  
Liam Tubbs,  
William Davis (1st Chair),  
Chris Kemp  
**SOUTH SIDE -**  
Mikayla Cole,  
Dido Trowell,  
Amber Anderson,  
Jamyah Pittman,  
Ana Martinez,  
Destiny Conley,  
& Breanna  
McDonald

## ALL NORTHWEST JA HIGH HONOR CHOIR

**COMMUNITY  
MONTESSORI -**  
Lucy Bennett,  
Sam Collins,  
Brycen Williams,



Nora Manley,  
Lilly Chattin,  
Ty Hooper,  
Abbey Wilson  
**JCT -** Kania House  
& Anthony Dominguez  
**ROSE HILL  
MIDDLE -**  
James Bingham

**MADISON  
ACADEMIC 9TH  
GRADE -**  
Amanda Pearson (1st  
chair),  
Maddi Patton,  
Madison Coleman,  
Savanna Hinton,  
Bryleigh Dill,  
Elise Simpson,

Audrey Bowman,  
Serenity Wilkes,  
Ansleigh Dill,  
Makayla Bryson,  
Jackie Chandler,  
Brianna Jordan,  
Heidi Laramy,  
Rachel Bates,  
Kayla Taylor,  
Kennedy VanHook,  
Mariah Wood,  
Noah Svebakken  
Gavin Horn,  
Preston Price,  
Harry Rowland  
**NORTHEAST  
MIDDLE  
SCHOOL -**  
ShaNaya Adams,  
Karmen Ayala,  
Cleve Bowen,  
Isaiah Burton,  
Jordan Crawford,  
Joshua Emery,  
Malia Hopkins,  
Hannah Kate Lutz,  
Zoe Magyari,  
Natalie Mendoza,  
Madison Patrick,

Jenna Reeves-  
Newman,  
Tristan Rogers,  
Brycen Sikes,  
Allyson Snyder,  
Joshua Stannard,  
Jada Vandiver (1st  
Chair)  
**WEST BEMIS  
MIDDLE -**



Kya Ramos,  
Caden Kennedy,  
Alecia Williams,  
Sanai Taylor,  
Elizabeth Carle,  
Alissa Conner

## JMCSS FINE ARTS SPOTLIGHT

# MADISON TRIO SELECTED TO ALL-NATIONAL HONOR CHOIR



*Three Madison Academic students auditioned and were selected for the All-National Honor Choir in Cincinnati, Ohio. Colton Moore, Delaney Uselton, and Olivia Johnson*

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## NORTH SIDE TO PERFORM IN FL, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS



*Thirty-one North Side Band members were accepted into Universal Studio's STARS Program! They had the wonderful opportunity to play on the City Walk's stage at Universal Studios. Contact the Band Booster Club to contribute to their ongoing fundraising efforts. (731)-313-0560*

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### ART SHOWCASE

A wide range of Art was on display at the showcase on November 3rd. Sculptural, 2-D Design, Ceramic Tile, and Paper Mache food.





**Ti'Mia Lawson** scored 21 points in the season opener to reach 1,000 career points and led the Lady Hawks to a 67-43 win at Munford. Lawson is one of three seniors aiming to get South Side back to state in consecutive years.



## 2022-23 BASKETBALL



Interim Girls' Basketball head coach Brian Lake is looking to junior **Sandrea Hurt** to lead the pace for the Lady Cougars. Hurt is a state champ in track in field.



Fresh off an appearance in the state cross country meet, **Adolfo Mireles** joins the Mustangs on the court. He's one of five senior leaders on the squad.



A return to the state tournament is the goal for the Indians with **Malik Currie**, **Tavaris Lambert**, and **DeAndre Minor**. North Side finished 20-7 last season.



**Devon Nappier-Smith** was responsible for most of the football team's scoring (12 TD's). He's expected to carry that intensity to the hardwood for Liberty.



202223

MEDIA GUIDE  
Hoops Edition

A digital version of the JMCSS Hoops Media Guide can be accessed at [www.jmcss.org/athletics](http://www.jmcss.org/athletics) or you can buy the 40 page collector's edition at home basketball games.

# Area businesses supporting community schools

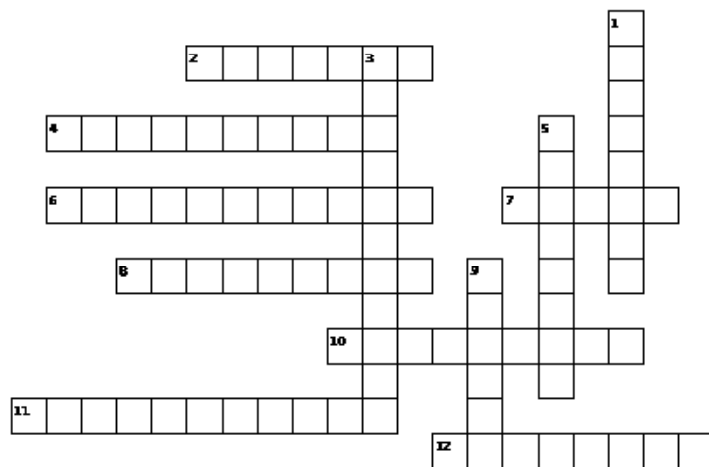
# Community Partners



**Outback Steakhouse donates \$5,235 to North Parkway, JMCSS to support Middle School athletics throughout the district. #Service**



**Modern Woodman of America supports Arlington's drive to 25K. #Community #Support**



## Down:

1. uncommon or rare
3. careful or meticulous
5. uncommon or rare
9. twist or weave

## Across:

2. notion or thought
4. talk or address
6. blessing or fortune
7. search or hunt
8. fuzz or commotion
10. buzz or drone
11. noble or generous
12. reserved or guarded



**Madison students Joy McKissack and Braden Nye were honored at the Jackson Exchange Club. Each was awarded \$100. #JMCSS #ChooseUS**

Complete the puzzle & share with Dr King via Twitter.  
Three prize packs will be awarded. First student, first parent, first employee. Good luck!

# Across the District!

## Arlington, Denmark students prepare for statewide Vex Robotics Competition



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