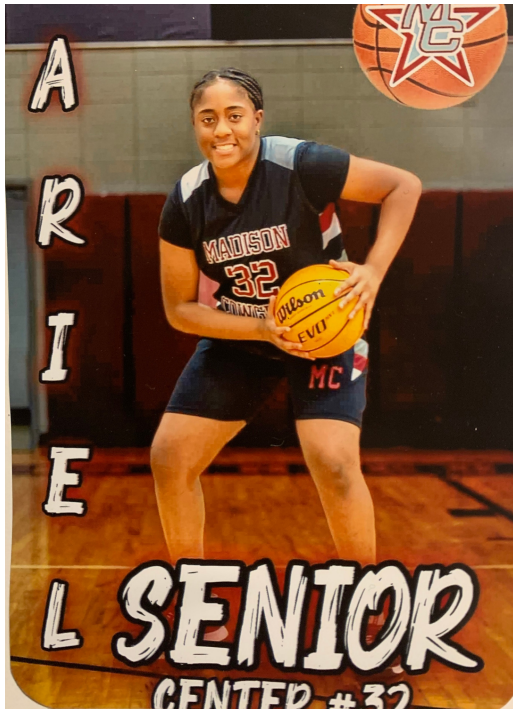


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The latest news at James Madison Preparatory High School



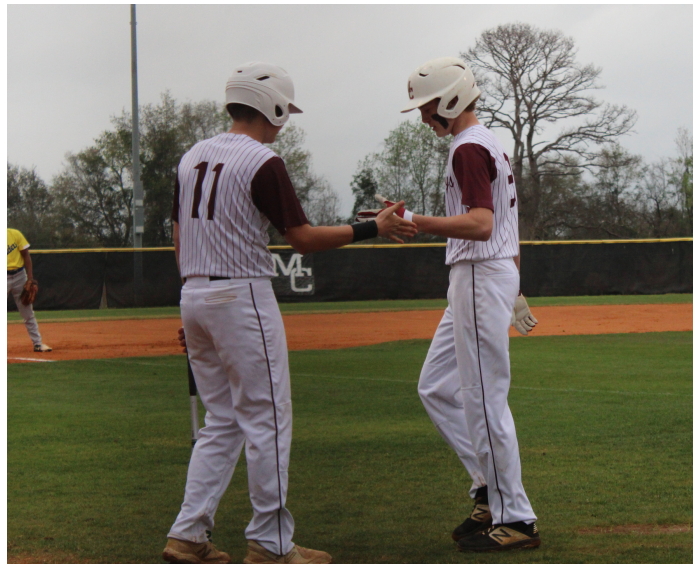
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The Students' Guide to Successfully Finishing the Year

By Dixie R. Phillips

As we hit the mid-point in the school year, many students are starting to feel stressed. How to prepare to wrap up the year? Students at JMPHS have pitched in and given their own personal study methods, tips, and tricks to help you succeed.

Studying (v): the act of devoting time and attention in order to acquire knowledge on an academic subject. AKA, something that can make or break a student's school career. But how do you study? Students of JMPHS have many opinions on this. Lots of students also said that they study by using resources such as Quizlet to memorize vocabulary. Freshman Hafitha Ayyad uses Quizlet. "It provides me with a wide variety of study methods that are fun and easy to access online," she says.

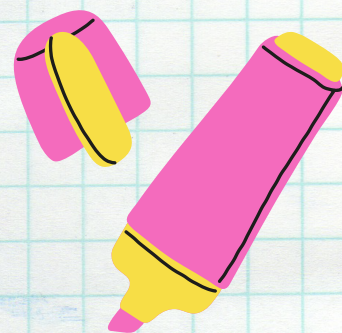
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Some students opt for other methods of studying, such as Khan Academy, reviewing notes, or doing worksheets. But how do you find out the best way to study for yourself? Some students don't have the attention span to watch a whole video on a topic, while others might not have time to complete review worksheets. Think of your strengths and weaknesses when it comes to academic subjects and then try a method of studying that suits them. A student who struggles with memorization might want to try flash cards, while a student who absorbs information best by writing it would rewrite or review their notes.



Questions to ask yourself

- Do I know the material a little or not at all?
- How much time do I have to devote to studying?
- Which methods of studying work best for me?

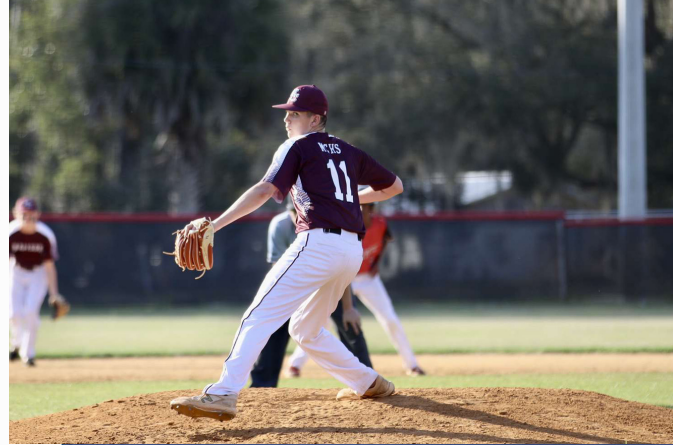


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SPORTS: HOW THEY CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOR THE BETTER

What's one thing most students have in common? Enjoying sports! Many students are part of a sports team, and even those who are not have likely went to support the team at a game, or played sports just for fun. Students who participate in athletic teams show school pride as well as a love for their sport.

But what do they really think? What are their motivations and dreams in their sport? I've interviewed four student athletes at JMPHS, and got the answers to this question.



Thad Lawson

Interview with Jenna Littleton, Sophomore Softball Player:

Q: What do you like best about playing sports?

A: I like being part of a team.

Q: Why did you start playing sports?

A: My parents made me start when I was little.. and ever since then I've loved it.

Q: What's something you would say to another student who wants to start playing a sport?

A: Do it! Being part of a team and getting to play with your friends is a great experience.



Jenna Littleton



Scott Williams



Anna Meyer



Jason McDaniel

TEACHER TIMES: MICHAEL TOLAR

BY: KILEY MALONE



Inside the halls of James Madison Preparatory High School, Mr. Tolar is helping students be creative and to express themselves through their artwork. Mr. Tolar teaches many different kinds of art in each of his classes. He loves to have fun and carry on conversations with his students.

Mr. Tolar's love for art started when he was a child. He has always loved to create and observe artwork. Mr. Tolar dreamed of being a teacher for many years, but it is actually his second career. He had to wait until later in life to achieve his dream, as a result of past circumstances. Mr. Tolar's best piece of advice for anybody looking into a career in the art field is to research many different options and to find something that you are interested in and are good at. He loves to paint and draw, but he likes to see all kinds of art in shows and galleries.

Mr. Tolar doesn't have a favorite artist because he enjoys different qualities in each of their works. He loves to read books and to watch movies and TV. His favorite book is *Last Flag Down*, but he isn't sure what his favorite movies or TV shows are currently. Just like with art, Mr. Tolar loves music from all time periods and a variety of styles. He also likes to spend his days outside whenever the weather is nice. Unlike most, Mr. Tolar is an early bird, but only during the school year. He would rather spend his summer-time freedom as a night owl.

Throughout your years here at JMPHS, you should at least have one conversation with Mr. Tolar. He has many interesting stories and loves to listen to what his students have to say. As long as you listen when he's talking and give him respect, he will make your next art class interesting and fun for the whole class.

WEATHER




In the past few months, temperatures have ranged from 30 to 80 degrees. Some people want a little while longer to enjoy the cool winter weather, while others are more than ready for spring (and especially summer) to arrive. But despite anyone's preference, the weather is changing.



Another well-known fact about Florida: it's *wet*. Humidity is at its all-time high during the springtime, where rain showers combined with the heat make for the thick damp air every Floridian dreads.



Don't be too discouraged. Spring and summer seasons bring beautiful flora and fauna. This warmer weather also offers many opportunities for fun. Going to the beach, hopping in a spring, or getting a nice tan at the poolside are just a few of the many ways you can enjoy the warmer weather that's coming.

30° 

on some days in the past month, the temperature got as low as 30 degrees!

80°  

temperatures are approaching and expected to be around 80 degrees average in the near future



NATIONAL NEWS: RUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN WAR

BY:KILEY MALONE

As of late, Russia has now invaded Ukraine and both sides have now acquired allies in their time of war. Many have failed to realize that this hatred has been here long before and what it could lead to. Not only does this dispute affect these two countries, but can affect many others as well.

Just in the past century, Russia and Ukraine haven't had the most ideal relationship. Ukraine used to be one of the most powerful republics of the former USSR, but then declared its independence in 1991. Around 2002, Ukraine publicly announced that they were interested in joining the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). President Putin of Russia thinks that if this happens it will be a threat to their borders.

The current issue is that Russia is now invading Ukraine and many lives are being lost. This attack started late 2021, when the presence of the Russian military around Ukraine's borders started increasing. At the time, Russia's intentions were not clear. As there were tens of thousands of military troops at the border by December 2021, President Joe Biden called Putin to express his concerns.

After Russian forces kept increasing earlier this year, leaders of NATO and many different countries called on Putin to back down or he would have to face retaliation of some form. Prior to the invasion, there were an estimated 200,000 troops at Ukraine's borders. On February 24, 2022 Russia officially invaded and attacked Ukraine's territory.

Since America doesn't rely on trade with Russia there will be few consequences from this crisis. Surrounding areas such as most of Europe will be more directly affected. Their energy prices could rise because Russia is a main exporter of oil and natural gas. On the other hand, Russia could retaliate and limit or completely cut off exporting goods. Rare-earth minerals and heavy metals that are used in things such as airplanes are also Russian exports.

While the results of this war are not set in stone, there will be consequences with either outcome. Over 14,000 lives have been lost and many more will in the upcoming weeks. This may not be happening in the country we call home, but it is for many others.

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IN ART

Vans held a shoe design competition for all public and private high school students called Vans Custom Culture 2021.

Students could show off their artistic ability and originality by submitting a unique digital shoe design for a chance to win a \$50,000 grand prize for their high school project.



By: Lucy Cherry



By: Abby Washington



By: Jenna Littleton



By: Alayah Norwood

CREATIVE CORNER



By: Anna Meyer

Animalscapes is the title of this painting. Paint was the chosen medium.



By: Kiley Malone

Backs of Wings is the title of this work of art. Acrylic paint was picked as the medium.



By: Scott Williams

This piece of art is called *On the Horizon*. Paint is used to create this artwork.