

MADISON STATE OF MIND



**HAPPY FRIDAY 13TH FROM THE JOURNALISM STUDENTS
OF JAMES MADISON PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL**

SPOOKY HISTORY

History of Friday the 13th

By: Lilybeth Wallace

We all have heard of Friday the 13th and its negative denotation of being unlucky. However, many of us don't know why this date has such a bad rap.

There are many different stories that are told that explain why we fear Friday the 13th. Many cultures consider the number 12 to be the number of completeness(Ex- 12 days of Christmas, 12 tribes of Israel, 12 gods of Olympus, 12 months and zodiac signs).

The Thirteen Club was an exclusive society that would meet regularly on the 13th day of the month, in the 13 room of Knickerbocker Cottage.

The club also broke the unwritten rule of not having 13 guests at a dinner table. Before the club sat down to a 13 course meal they would walk underneath a ladder, and then a sign that read "Morituri te Salutamus," which is Latin for "Those of us are about to die salute you."

There were four former U.S. president who were also members of the club, Chester A. Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, and Theodore Roosevelt.

In 1907 Thomas William Lawson published a novel called Friday the Thirteenth. This novel not only revamped people's fear of the number alone, but the date as well. The story told of a murder of a man on Wall St. There have been many movies and books made and there are countless video games, comic books, and a ton of related merchandise.

There are a lot of other unfortunate events that have taken place on Friday the 13th. On Friday, October 13, 1307, King Phillip IV arrested hundreds of Knights Templar for their financial resources they were later executed.

Another incident was when Germany bombed Buckingham Palace in September 1940, the murder of Kitty Genovese in New York on March 1964, and the disappearance of a Chilean Air Force plane in the Andes in October 1972.



Overall the stigma surrounding the date Friday the 13th will probably never change. It has a long and dark history proving that it truly is unlucky.

By: Lilybeth Wallace

<https://www.history.com/topics/folklore/friday-the-13th>

Homeroom Horror

By: MaKenzie Myers

As we all know homeroom has been added to our schedule. This has been done because by Florida law we as students have to get a mental health "training" and it will be done during homeroom.

The information has to be given out to students and instead of taking this time out of normal classes, homeroom has been added. In addition, and more importantly, the biggest reason homeroom has been added was because James Madison's schedule doesn't match up with the county high school's schedule. This was causing issues with students who have classes at the county high school.

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Some students here at JMPHS are confused by homeroom. Freshmen Mason Good said, "I don't really understand homeroom, I'll just have to see how it goes." Since students here have never had a homeroom they don't really know what to expect or what will go on in the class.



There are also students at James Madison who do not like the idea of homeroom at all. Junior Kamia Henderson said "it's unnecessary, why be like the high school, why be like other schools when we were doing our own thing." Senior Miles Stanley said "it's so stupid; there's no point of it because it only 20 minutes so by the time you get in there and get settled it's already time to leave." Many students felt that homeroom was a waste of time and that it was pointless.

There are also a few students who felt it was kind of helpful. Sophomore Alyssa Wheeler said "I don't really like homeroom, but it does help us with the high school's schedule; there's probably a better way to implement it."

All in all, homeroom is very unwanted at James Madison. Homeroom has also never been done at James Madison so students should keep an open mind and just see how it goes.

In homeroom students can expect to get mental health training which is required by a new state law. Students can also expect to watch TED Talks or other informational videos. Students will also check their emails and their homeroom teacher will give them important information during that time period.

Dancing Away Her Senior Year

By: Allie Wilkerson



Most JMPHS students know senior MaryKate Brooks, but do they really know what makes her mind twirl? The answer is dance.

Brooks has been dancing at Becky's Dance Steps Studio for 14 years. She has competed competitively with the BDSS Co. Dancers for seven years and has been a student assistant for four years. Brooks dances Monday through Thursday, putting in many hours of dance and practice a week. She has learned the dance forms of ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, musical theatre and hip-hop.

She has competed throughout Florida and successfully placed at many competitions in the solo, duo/trio and group category.

This past summer she was invited to perform a tap musical theatre number with several of her teammates at a special invitational for the best of the best in the entire nation. Even though her team did not take home the trophy they did advance to round two of finals.

"The first time I ever placed was with my fellow dancers, so it felt really good to accomplish something so amazing with the people I am so close to," said Brooks. "I've placed in top solos several times, but actually this past year was the first time I placed first. It felt great to see all of the hard work I put in and time spent with my teachers pay off."

When Brooks is not dancing she is hanging with friends or singing. Her favorite subjects are English and history. When asked for her advice to juniors she said, "Put your school work first before anything. Junior year is the most important year to meet all the requirements for graduation. Pass all of your classes so you are prepared for your senior year and do not have to catch up last minute."

Brooks sites the helpful staff at JMPHS for their contributions that have made a positive impact on her education. She is excited to see what her future holds. She plans to continue her education at NFC and then transfer to a four-year school where she can focus on a career in dance, now who saw that coming. Needless to say one day you may find yourself watching her on the big stage under the spotlight.

Trending: Vans By Oc'Taejah Hill

Sales of the shoe brand named Vans are soaring out of this word

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The brand has been thriving for more than 50 years. American Van's sales rose to 34% in the most recent time period. Vans have an ability to be cool with anybody who is wearing the shoe. There are five iconic vans styles and according to Angel Vann she likes the low top best, whereas Aaliyah Rowe and Kamia Henderson prefer the slip-on. There are also many different pattern options for the shoe. For example, you could get a fire design, plain white, plain black, or a checkerboard pattern. Aaliyah, Kamia and Angel all agreed they love rainbow checkered vans. When asked approximately how many pairs of vans these students own, Angel replied that she owns 6 pairs of vans, Kamia owns approximately 10 pairs of vans and sadly Aaliyah only owns 2 pairs of vans. As you can see vans are very popular! Go get your vans today from your favorite shoe store.

Underclassman Interview: Ivy Lee By: Kennedy Franklin



Ivelisse Isabelle Lee who was born to parents Kattrina Lee and Nathaniel Lee is a very bright young student who loves JMPHS. She has

two siblings, Diego and Nicholas Lee who are her two older brothers that she loves dearly. Ivy also has 4 pets, a Shih Tzu, Phoebe, a bunny, and 2 kittens, Cheeto and Mustache. Ivy says that the happiest time of her life recently was last weekend when she was surprised by her mother with her 2 kittens.

She is inspired every day to do well in school since she would love to go to college to be Orthodontist after she graduates. She loves sports and is #20 of the MCHS volleyball team. Ivy's favorite subject in school is English and her favorite teacher of this school year is Mrs. Dela Carroll. Her favorite teacher of all time is Mrs. Willa Branham from Madison Creative Arts Academy. Late last year around November 2nd, Ivy broke her ankle and this prevented her from playing softball or soccer. This made her sad and angry, but it was pretty speedy recovery since she was back to her normal self in January. Ivy Lee overall is a very bubbly, and positive person who makes everyone around her happy. If you haven't met her yet, you may want to now!

Binge Watch Worthy By :MaKenzie Myers

A big trend for our generation is to binge-watch shows mostly on Netflix but that's not the only place you can binge-watch shows.

Binge-watching means to watch multiple episodes of a show in rapid succession. To be quite honest most of our generation thinks it's a good thing to binge-watch shows.

Netflix is known for more than just movies; they have a ton of shows to watch. Netflix has classical, current, and original shows that steam. The most watched shows on Netflix are The Office, Friends, Parks and Recreation, Grey's Anatomy, and New Girl.



If you're looking for a good show there's five of them.

Our underclassmen really do binge-watch extensively. Freshman Zoey Lee said, "I watch Umbrella Academy because there's always a new plot twist." Andrew Pepera said "The Office because it's one of the best comedies." Alyssa Terry said, "Riverdale because of Jughead."

Most of our freshmen and sophomores are binge-watching because the show is actually a good show.

Our upperclassmen probably binge watch the same amount of our underclassmen. Kaylee Beverly said “ I binge watch Lost because it’s intriguing and it always keeps you interested.” Elias Starling said he likes binge-watching “The Office because it makes me laugh.” Sybile Medders said, “I binge watch Riverdale because Jughead is hot.” Da’myah Johnson said she watches “ Pretty Little Liars because of the drama and action and because it’s very suspenseful.” In the end, the students at James Madison love to binge-watch shows that have good characters, filled with action, and are suspenseful.

Meet the Staff: Mrs. Law

By: Kate Poirrier



On campus, at the bottom of the ramp to your left, are the classrooms that belong to the talented science teacher named Mrs. Law. She teaches the science classes at JMPHS and is the sponsor of the Beta Club at school. Mrs. Law has many interesting things in her life, so let’s explore all of the information I gathered through email!

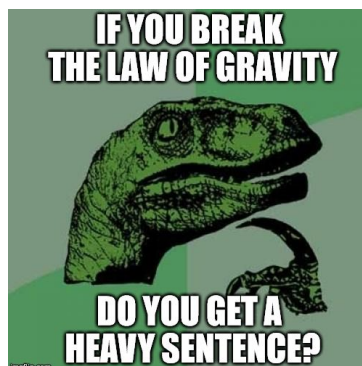
To begin, Mrs. Law is very nature oriented. With her love for gardening and all of her animals, I can’t believe she doesn’t have her own park. She grows all of her vegetables in a home garden and says, “ Nothing beats fresh vegetables. I could make myself sick eating fresh from the garden broccoli, corn, and tomatoes.” In addition to that, she also enjoys gardening because she likes to know where her food is from and the process it took for it to grow. Which makes me think, if you need garden help she’s the teacher to ask. (no offense to Mr. Walker). Her life is filled with pets. She has 24 in total, not including the mealworms and crickets she raises as food for her animals. Her pets cover almost every animal class (reptiles, mammals, birds, fish, etc., etc.).

To be exact, she states, “ I have 3 dogs, 5 cats, a parrot, a rabbit, 2 guinea pigs, a chinchilla, a leopard gecko lizard, two snakes, a tortoise, a bearded dragon lizard, two hedgehogs, a pacman frog, and three tarantulas.” If she has a favorite there’s no evidence of one, for in the email I asked, “ Do you have a favourite pet?”

To which she replied, “Nah, not really, they are all pretty unique.”

Mrs. Law’s favorite scientific law, is the law of gravity. She says it’s her favourite law because of the magnificent things it can do and affect. Specifically the effects it has on your body. She used astronauts in space as an example saying, “They lose muscle mass, it lowers their bone density, and since liquid floats, they can’t even tell if their bladder is full.” Can you imagine? I have always been fascinated by the concept of what gravity actually is and if it is possible to create artificial gravity.”

To wrap this up we’ll end with a couple of wise words from Mrs. Law. “Your high school years will be the best times of your life, but adulthood is creeping up on you fast. High School is a lot like life. You have to meet deadlines, complete tasks that may not be your favorite thing to do, follow rules, accept people in authority over you, negotiate relationships, and learn to get along with people you may not like or agree with. Your teachers care a great deal about not only you learning information they are teaching, but also about you as a person. They want to prepare you to be as successful as possible at life.”



UPCOMING EVENTS

Events in Madison and Surrounding Areas

By Jadyn Plummer and Maddee Sessions

School events, along with the surrounding events in the area, are hard to keep up with. Here are some reminders you may want to put on your calendar.

Starting off with JMPHS and NFC information. On September 19th, the school will have an early release, getting out at 12:30. If any of you are planning on starting college classes, but haven't taken the PERT, the test will be available at the school on Friday, September 20th.

Regarding NFC, the Sentinels Club Expo will take place from September 17th through the 18th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Student Center if anyone is interested in joining clubs. Speaking of clubs, a reminder that Beta Club meetings are the last Friday of every month. NFC will be holding an hour-long Anxiety Workshop at 11:00 am in the Fine Arts Building on September 25th. The following day will be holding a Gallery Talk and Art Reception from 11:00 am to 11:55 am with Andy Light at the Hardee Center for the Arts.

The local areas also have some events you might be interested in. If you are looking for something to do this weekend, Tallahassee is having its 2nd Annual Carribean Carnival from Friday the 13th to the 15th. This carnival brings the islands to you with good food, live performances, and even a parade.

Perry will be holding a Smokin' in the Pines BBQ Festival in Forest Capital Park on September 20th through the 21st. It's a fun way to spend your weekend with the whole family with free music, food, and entertainment. There are even kids cooking event! The same weekend, on September 21st, Valdosta is throwing a South Georgia Pride Festival from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm. This family-friendly festival will take place at John W. Saunders Park, with entertainment and arts and crafts. Enjoy the rest of your September!

Club News Jadyn Plummer and Maddee Sessions

Clubs at JMPHS are always busy, if you are in a club, or are planning to join one, you may want to take a look at this.

For starters, FFA would like to congratulate their newly elected 2019-2020 Officers. President of the FFA is Shelby Shipley, Vice President is Alyssa Terry, Secretary is Brea Glaze, Reporter is Emmie Phillips, and the Treasurer is Lily Beth Wallace. Congratulations Officers!

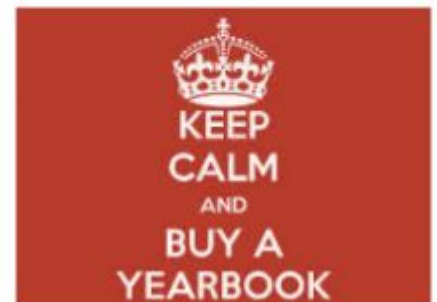
FFA Office is announcing the 2019 Chapter Officer Leadership Training (COLT) Conference on Thursday, September 19th. This is the second phase of our leadership. The COLT conference is made to meet the needs of your chapter officers and provide them the tools and things they need that are needed for a successful year of service. Building on the individual skills learned during the Chapter President's Conference, the COLT helps officer teams, old and new, bring out their strengths, and weaknesses as presentation delivery techniques. When it comes to meetings, SGA meetings are on the first Tuesday of every month, and all students are invited to join in Room #6 during those meetings. For Beta Club, meetings are the last Friday of every month in Mrs. Law's classroom.

Finally, while not all club meetings are decided, SWAT will be joining to clean up Linear Park right after school on Tuesday, September 24th. All are welcome and encouraged to join.

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September



SPORTS AND WEATHER

College Football

By: Leah Androski

Week one of college football has been kicked off and some teams came out on top. There were some upsets but mostly everyone that was expected to win, won their game. Football teams across the country brought their A game and showed why they think their university is the greatest. The Florida Gators played Miami, on September 24, and came out on top. Felipe Franks, the University of Florida's quarterback, was receiving a lot of hate for barely coming out on top of the hurricanes. While people were mad that the University of Florida did not chomp the competition out of the water, it did not bother Franks, he told everyone that he was his own person and stated that, "I'm a passionate player. I love to win. Winning is my No. 1 goal and we won; we got the job done."

Florida State on the other hand is struggling. Their first game was against Boise State, they fought

closely and lost in the end. Florida State's quarterback, James Blackman, threw 66.7% completed passes and threw three touchdowns. Although Florida State was in the lead, throughout the second half, the competitors slowly realized a way to trap the quarterback to only throw in front of the defenders. The offense for FSU did a fairly good job on scoring points for their team; the defense on the other hand did not hold their ground and tackling was terrible.



Overall Florida State was doing very well at the beginning but then they started playing poorly towards the end of the game. Florida State's coach, Willie Taggart said that, "...one game will not define this football team. We lost to

a good football team. Credit Boise for their grit. Our guys will bounce back. Our guys will get back to work and I believe we'll have a good football team this year."

Georgia played Vanderbilt on August 31 and won in the end. Georgia's quarterback, Jake Fromm stated that, "We're not looking at the scoreboard." Jake Fromm is fully focused on getting points out on the scoreboard. He completed seventeen out of twenty-three of his passes. Vanderbilt were trailing behind Georgia closely after the first half.



GOOD LUCK COWBOYS!



LOCAL AND NATIONAL NEWS

Hurricane Dorian

By Abby Washington

As you may know, hurricane Dorian hit the Bahamas on Sunday, September 1st as a category 5 hurricane going 185mph. Hurricane Dorian was the strongest storm recorded to threaten the east coast of Florida. As of September 3, Dorian decreased to a category 2 and is finally drifting away from the Bahamas.

Dorian was a massive hurricane traveling at about 185mph. Its first hit on land was at Elbow Cay, Abacos. Dorian's wind speeds reached 185mph and are the second-highest ever recorded in the Atlantic and the highest among Atlantic storms that have made landfall. The storm is also going to move along the coast of North and South Carolina. Hurricane Dorian stayed over the Bahamas for more than 24 hours.

Dorian is the fourth named storm of 2019 hurricane season going from June 1 to November 30. As of Wednesday, September 4, 20 people have died in the Bahamas. The after-math of Dorian has caused many deaths and much damage to the country. The cities are flooded and buildings are damaged.

Lastly, the people that did survive the hurricane were left with terribly damaged belongings and some left with nothing. Most of the buildings, houses, cars, and roads are completely gone. This storm destroyed the Bahamas and it won't be the same.

So as you can see Dorian has had a large impact on many places. The places Dorian hit may never be the same and may have a difficult time recovering. We can also donate to families who lost everything they owned and those who lost loved ones.

A website you could donate money to is <https://impact.publicgood.com>. Another need victims of the storm need is blood. A website to donate is <https://www.redcrossblood.org>.



CREATIVE CORNER

POET: Ethan Spires

Tanka- more than a feeling
More than a feeling
Sometimes I look at myself
And I see a friend
Sometimes I see my shadow
Two sides of myself

Limerick- there once was a
man

There once was a man from
Alaska he said he had friends
in Nebraska
On his way home from the
store he got him a score and
now he's not hungry no more.

Burlesque- diabetes
Diabetes. A diseases has
never been so sweet. Sugar
coated frosted meats. Eat it
with a slice of pie no matter
what you're going to die.

POET: Da'myah Johnson

List
Love
Love can be depressing
Love can be a great feeling
Love can be blind
Love can be hard sometimes
Love can make you cry

I am Poem

I am a human with a sad soul
I hear different voices in my
head
I see black walls cave in
I feel numb inside and out
I understand that I'm no
perfect
I dream to succeed in the
future

I am a human with a sad soul

Acrostic Poem

Dancing is my passion
Acting is what I do
Mistakes are how you know
I'm trying
Young, wild and free
Athletic is my lifestyle
Happy defines me

POET: Kennedy Franklin

Goodbye (Epitaph)
You've served your purpose,
you are done here
It's that time for you to go
beyond us.
Watch over us as we need you
to look down
Help and guide us as we still
need you.

When you're up there, say
hello to the angels for us
I want you to tell all the stories
when I'm there.
Strut your beautiful wings as
you deserve them,
Your beautiful soul now is
resting, dear.

You were-Elegy

You were someone who could
help me with anything,
You taught me how to be
great, you made me who i am,
How could I ever forget you?
You were the fire that I needed
in my life
The push to help me go
further.
You were my everything.

You were someone who could
fill the room with happiness
Why was that taken away?
You changed my life that day
Why couldn't i change that
back?
You were someone I could
believe in,
You were my everything.

Together (Epithalamium)
You have survived through
thick and thin together
And now shows your love.
The beautiful life you have
created together shows
How dear you really are.
The true colors have been
shown, you two
Have the passion.

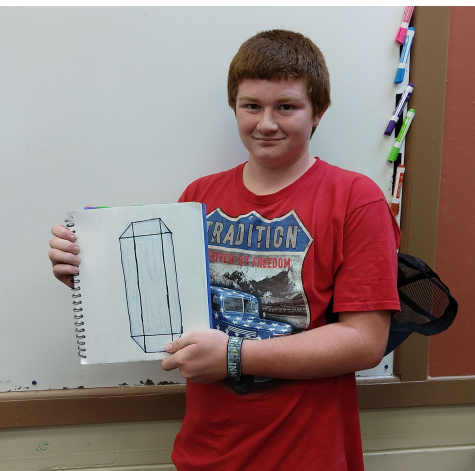
You're together now, forever
and most,
Appreciate one another, as
you two are hope
You made the right decision
The long smooth road is ahead
of you two.

CREATIVE CORNER



Art 2D Project: Radial and Asymmetrical Art
For the Radial Art Project, students created an artwork that showed their knowledge of the principles of emphasis, pattern, and rhythm through the use of a circular pattern drawing.
The Asymmetrical Artwork assignment required students to draw a setting in nature that convey a feeling of movement.

ARTIST: Trystyn Beck



ARTIST: Kate Poirrier

Art 2D Project: Form & Color Crystals or Gems

Students created a basic gem shape and then developed their piece by adding lines to make it three dimensional. They then added varying values of their chosen color scheme to show the art elements of form and color.



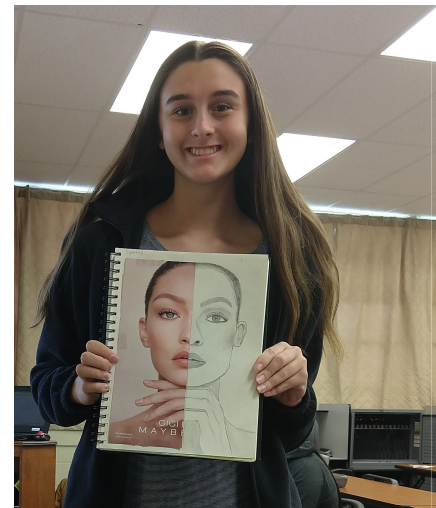
ARTIST: LilyBeth Wallace



ARTIST: Makena Paulo

Art 2D Project: Symmetrical Faces Artwork

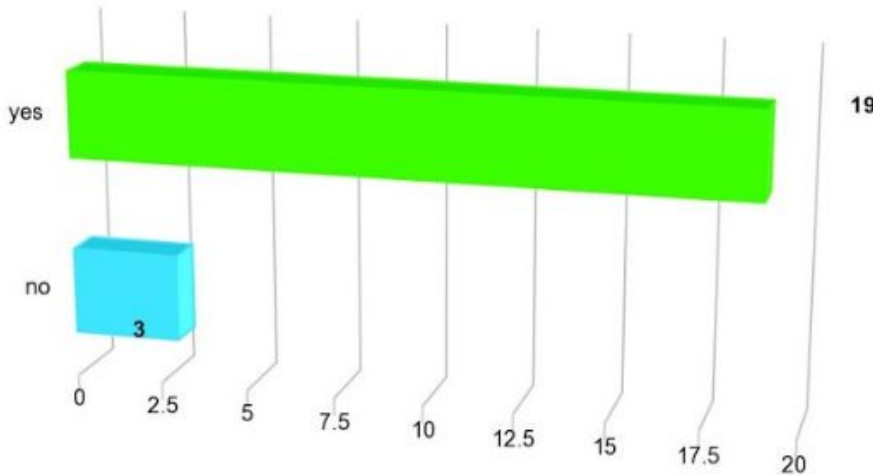
Students practiced using a gridding method to draw the human form. Their work was required to show their knowledge of unity, harmony, and proportion through the use of either color or shading.



ARTIST: Abby Washington

STUDENT SHOUT-OUTS

Are you going to homecoming?



From: Clarence Graham (Aka C4)- Add me on the gram @4c_bds :)
From: Riley Browning-Hola :{}

From: Kate Poirrier- No Jack (To: Jack Agee)

From: Stavon Mccreary- FMOIG: @850Keem AMOSC: @Kmecreary5
From: Aaliyah Rowe- I love you bestie Kamia! :)

From: Taylen Parrish-Fagin- FMOIG: @tkm5.tayy_ AMOSC: @drummer_boyy003

THE JOURNALISM STAFF IS AMAZING! ♥ MRS. BERGERON

From: Jack Agee- VOTE FOR JACK AGEE FOR FRESHMEN PRINCE!!!

From: Makenzie Myers- Vote Makenzie Myers for Sophomore Princess!

From: Des'Tanee Smiley- Add me on Instagram @issa_smileyy

From: Harsh Patel- I have a duty @Allie Wilkerson

From: Donna Law (Aka Mrs.Law)- Science students rock at JMPHS!

From: Riley Browning- Hello :)

From: Mikayela Pedro- Happy early birthday Wendi! :) (To Wendi Cruise)

From: Chris Glaze- FREE KODAK!

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