

Dear Madison Community,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year; I hope you and your family have been able to enjoy a wonderful summer! I know school will look very different when it begins this year, but the Mission of the PTSA remains the same: "To make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children". I welcome all of you to be a part of making this happen.

Because this school year will begin with virtual learning, many traditional back to school processes have changed so I urge you to participate in the many opportunities JMHS is providing to prepare for the upcoming school year. Here are few important dates:

Thurs. August 27th:	Freshman Orientation Night
Mon. August 31st:	Virtual Town Hall Session 2
Tues. September 1st:	Senior Orientation Night
Wed. September 2nd:	Class Schedules available online
Thurs. September 3rd:	Virtual Student / Teacher Check-In
Tues. September 8th:	First Day of School

JMHS PTSA meetings are held from 7 to 8 pm on the second Monday of every month. Initially meetings will be held via Zoom; access details will be posted on the PTSA website. PTSA meetings are always a great way to keep in touch with what is happening around Madison and should be particularly informative in this most dynamic year. Our principal, Greg Hood, administrators, teachers, parents and students all attend to share information and ideas. The first meeting for this school year is **Monday, September 14th**. All parents, guardians and students are welcome to become PTSA members and attend meetings, so please join the PTSA by signing up at: <https://jmhsptsa.org/join-the-pta/>

Volunteers are a critical part of the PTSA and I encourage you to get involved in a way that interests you. Because of virtual learning and related changes, the PTSA may need to change the ways it supports the students and teachers this year. New ideas and perspectives are welcome so please share your thoughts. You can see the PTSA Board and various PTSA Committees at <https://jmhsptsa.org/ptsa-board-2018-2019/>. To find out how to get involved, please contact the Committee Chair at the email provided or PTSA President Christopher Lande at president@jmhsptsa.org for more information.

The first day of school is Tuesday September 8th followed by Back to School Night Thursday, September 10th. And please mark your calendars for our first virtual PTSA meeting on **Monday, September 14th at 7:00!** I plan to open up the Zoom room at about 6:30 to allow some extra time to talk informally or answer any questions.

Thank you for your support and helping me make this most unusual school year a wonderful experience. I'm looking forward to it and hope you are too!

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