



Madison Academy SCHOOLDAZE NEWS



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THIS MONTH AT A GLANCE:

December 7

bd's Mongolian BBQ
fundraiser

5-8pm

December 8

4-7th Girls BB game
vs. Woodland

4:30-6:30pm

December 10

4-7th Girls BB game
vs. Cedar Crest

4:30-6:30pm

H.S. Girls BB game
@ Frankenmuth H.S.

4:30-5:30pm

December 23-Jan. 3

Christmas Vacation

PTO Happenings!

Thank you to Jenette Bowling for chairing the Holiday happenings craft fair/flea market. We had 40 tables rented from community patrons and 320 guests. Many thanks to all the parents and volunteers that helped with that event.

Champion Academy after school program will have an information table set up in the office hallway on December 15 from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. They will answer any questions you may have about their program.

Don't forget to join us at BD's Mongolian Barbeque on Monday, December 7, for the athletics fundraiser and to find out who won the raffle items!

Science Department

Welcome back from the Thanksgiving Holiday. This week the High School Chemistry classes will be working on ionic bonding. Wednesday, the students will be examining and analyzing the crystal structures of some of the more important minerals. The Biology classes have just begun the section on photosynthesis and we will begin to learn how to safely use the microscopes that the school has purchased. The 8th graders are gaining a needed background in Plate Tectonics to gain an understanding of volcanoes and earthquakes.

We are still in need of a parent volunteer to attend our monthly Science committee meetings. Interested parties should contact Mr. Almquist at dalmquist@madison-academy.org

Sincerely,

Mr. Almquist
Secondary Science
Madison Academy



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Attention:

	Attached is the	
	updated MTA	
	bus routes.	
	Please check for	
	any changes	
	that were made.	
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Campus Safety

The crisis team will meet Monday, December 14, 2009, at 3:45 p.m. in the art room. Everyone is welcome! Contact Laurie Miller at 655-2949 ext. 120 or by email at lmiller@madison-academy.org

Athletic Action

7th and 8th grade boys' basketball - there will be an informational meeting held at 3:45 p.m. on Wednesday, December 9th in the media room. Coach Pickett would like to meet with all students and parents in order to prepare for the upcoming season. If you are unable to attend, but are interested in playing, please contact Mr. Mills.

School sports photographs for basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, and boys soccer will be held on December 16th. Please make sure your student has their uniform with them on that day. If you do not receive a photograph order form from your child's coach and would like one, please see Mr. Mills (especially Volleyball and Soccer players). Boys' 4th-8th basketball and any spring sports teams will have their pictures taken at a later date.

Don't forget to buy a ticket or place a bid in the athletic fundraising auction/raffle. We have prizes ranging from a signed Detroit Lions Football and 2 Detroit Pistons tickets to Zhu Zhu Pets and movie posters. The drawing for the raffle and the auction winners will be announced at the **Mongolian BBQ fundraiser** on Monday, December 7th at 7:30 p.m. I hope to see everyone there, it will be a fun evening!!!

Thanks,

mmills@madison-academy.org, 810-655-2949

Social Studies Department

Check out the door of your child's classroom! Each classroom was assigned a country to represent at the Book Fair. The kids had to do certain things each day. On Monday, - the doors were decorated with the country flag, natural resources, languages, national song, climate, government, location of map on continent, capital, clothing and attire, and one major geographical feature. On Tuesday, - they had to find recipes from the country and bring in enough for the class to sample. Wednesday was music and art day. They had to find music and pictures from the country and play the music while they made a collage of the country to be displayed at parent night, which was on Thursday. On Friday, there was an assembly for grades K-7th. Each class had to do a 5 minute presentation on their country as a Power-Point or DVD.

Each student also did a creative writing project in which they wrote a letter from the country they studied as if they were visiting. They did a great job!!

Technology Tidbits

Want to add a little spice to your power point presentations? Click on the "slide design" button in the upper right hand corner. You can add color schemes, animation schemes (we love to watch the text "bounce" into the slide), and even use preset templates. Try it out!!
