

# League play set to begin for MHS basketball

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Tri Valley League play begins for Madras High School basketball teams Tuesday, January 17.

Both the Boys and Girls teams have a legitimate shot at the state title this year, and both teams performed exceptionally in the preseason.

Now, it's time to focus on league play and set their sights on the post season.

Last year the Madras girls ended up third in state and have spent the off season and pre-season working to get back to

the state tournament.

The Madras boys team is led by Senior Bobby Ahern.

The White Buffaloes compiled a record of 7-3 in the pre-season, including three wins in the Cactus jam in Arizona. Team members include Ahern, Edward Zacharias, Drew McConnell, Rodney Mitchell, Jaylen Yaquo, Eric Quintana, Steel Haugen and Kyle Palmer.

The lady Buffs, led by seniors Abby Scott and Rosey Suppah, whipped through the pre-season only losing twice, collecting two tournament championships in the process. Juniors on the team



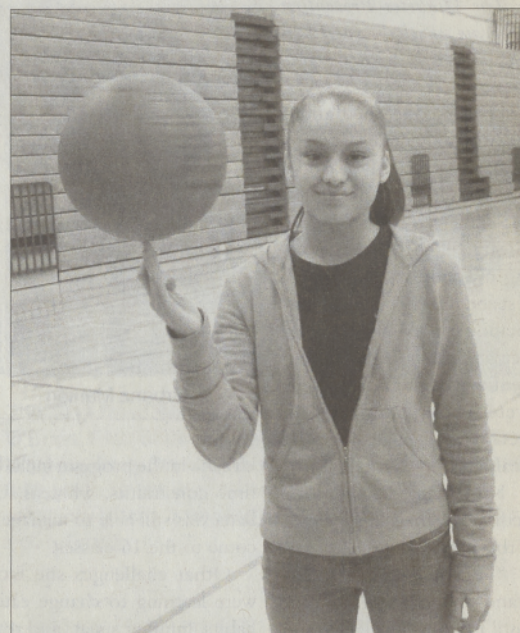
Bobby Ahern

include Inez Jones, Ashley Kaltsukas, Lauren Simmons, Taneasha Adams and Josephine Hunt. The lone Sophomore on the team is Kortney Stacona. Freshmen on the team are Cirelle Frank, Jordan Leonard and Mariah Stacona.

Both teams enter into league play on Tuesday against Gladstone. The girls will travel to Gladstone and the boys will host. Varsity games tip off at 7 p.m. All home games can be heard live on KWSO 91.9 FM with Ken "Kenman" Miller and Ted Viramonte.

## Student Athlete Profile

— Mariah Stacona —



MHS freshman Mariah Stacona

Mariah Stacona is a very quick player, on offense and defense. As a freshman, she is the starting point guard for the Madras High School girls basketball team.

She has been playing basketball since the age of 4. Growing up, she played mostly at the Warm Springs community center. Lana Leonard was her coach at the middle school.

During summers while in middle school, Mariah played with the MHS varsity basketball players; so starting at point guard as a high school freshman is not as surprising as it might seem.

Basketball is also in Mariah's family: her cousins

are Schoni and Jude Schimmell of the Louisville Cardinals.

Mariah's parents are Andrew Stacona and Blanca Plazola. She has a brother, Robert, who is in elementary school.

Besides basketball, Mariah runs track and plays soccer. The subjects she likes are English and math. She is not sure yet what career she might pursue, but college and basketball are clearly part of the picture.

You can watch Mariah play on the evening of January 24 at Madras High School. (The team plays away games, at Gladstone and Estacada, on Jan. 17 and 20.)

## Panthers Basketball



Courtesy photo.

PCC Panthers Mallory Smith, Lucy Suppah, Dominique Butler and Brittany Davis (from left).

The Portland Panthers women's basketball team features four Native American student athletes, two from Warm Springs.

The Warm Springs players are freshmen Lucy Suppah, forward, and Mallory Smith, point guard.

Suppah and Smith are Madras High School graduates, class of 2011.

The other Native American players are Brittany Davis, freshman, who is Yakama; and Dominique Butler, a sophomore, of the Crow Nation.

The Panthers are part of the Northwest Athletic Association of Community Colleges.

This month they play Southwest Oregon Community College, Chemeketa, Umpqua and Clackamas.

For more information on the team and the college, go to: nwaacc.org

## Little League board election

The Warm Springs Nation Little League elections are set for 6 p.m., this Thursday, January 12 at the community center.

Please be in attendance if you want to be elected/voted into one of the board positions.

If you any questions, please contact Danni Katchia at 541-325-6790.

## Boxing Fundraising

The Warm Springs Nation Boxing Club will be fund-raising for their annual registration renewal fees with USA Boxing, Oregon LBC.

If you would like to be a sponsor, contact Austin Smith at 541-325-2798. The sponsorships are as follows:

Boxer \$48. Coach \$68. Club \$203. Sanction Fee \$278.

The club has nine registered boxers to be renewed for the year 2012.

The Jefferson County Moving Mountains Slim Down Challenge is coming soon. Weigh-in measurements will be done this Thursday and Friday, Jan. 12-13, at the Warm Springs community center and at Mountain View Hospital from 8-10 a.m., 11:30-1:30 p.m., and 4-6 p.m. On Saturday, Jan. 14, weigh ins will be done at the hospital only from 9 a.m.-1p.m. For more information, call Edmund Francis at 541-553-2460, ext. 4142.

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### District News

#### New Guidelines for School Breakfast & Lunch Programs

The 2011-2012 guidelines for the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs are still available on the Parent Resources page of the JCSO website. Visit jcsd.k12.or.us to view the guidelines and apply online. You can also call the district office for more information at (541) 475-6192.

"Good nutrition makes a big difference in the academic success of our students," said Superintendent Rick Molitor, "We want to encourage our families to take advantage of this program if they are eligible.

### Madras High School News

#### Welcome to Semester Two!

On Monday, February 6th, we start the second school semester. While our goal is to have every student with a complete schedule on the first day, we recognize that some changes may still be necessary. With the upcoming January round of OAKS testing, our counselors will be busy moving students in and out of appropriate workshop placements. If your student has a need for a schedule change, please make an appointment with a counselor in the Student Services office as soon as possible. Students must request an appointment by January 27, 2012 for the schedule change requests to be honored. Please remember that all schedules are built based upon the student forecasting that is done every spring. Talk with your student now about what classes they need or would like for next year.

#### Cinderella Formal "Midnight Masquerade" is January 14th

Tickets for this "Midnight Masquerade" will go on sale Tuesday, January 3rd. The dance is from 8:00 to 11:30 p.m., but doors will close at 9:00 p.m. Students can wear masks, but they must be removed to check in. They must have their student identification to enter! Prices are \$20 for singles and \$30 for couples. These prices will go up \$5 at the door.

#### School-wide Chess Tournament

This week, MHS students are participating in an all school chess tournament. Students will be playing with a chess clock and keeping records of the games.

### JCMS News

#### After School Tutoring

Beginning January 12, 2012 Jefferson County Middle School will begin an after school tutoring program for all students in the school library from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The purpose is to offer students the academic support needed for them to be successful in school. The focus of the program is reading and math, but help in all subjects will be available.

Mondays & Wednesdays - Math

Tuesdays & Thursdays - Reading

Parent permission slips are required for participation. Student sign-up is in the main office. This program runs through end of the year and teachers will document attendance.

Transportation will be available through the Warm Springs Activity bus. For more information, contact the school at (541) 475-7253 and ask to speak to Diane Dominiak.

#### Master Schedule changes for 2nd Semester

JCMS will be on a new master schedule this semester. This change will better meet the needs of all our students with respect to safety. It will also create a wider variety of enrichment opportunities and provide smaller and more consistent learning environments.

This change will occur at the start of the semester on February 6th. Look for your student's schedule in the mail during the week of January 23rd through the 27th. We encourage you to take a look at this information and contact our counselors (Amy Gervais and Seth Burke) or the JCMS administration (Simon White, Diane Dominiak, or Trevor Flaherty) at (541) 475-7253 if you have any questions.



### Calendar

#### January

- 1/16 No School - M.L.K. Day
- 1/23 2-Hour Late Start
- 1/30 Rescheduled School Board Meeting 7:00pm at SSB Board Room