

THE GREEN SCENE

MANCHESTER ACADEMY

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Full Speed Into The New School Year



Manchester Academy officially started school on a half-day schedule on August 7, 2025. Students came to school on the half day after their long and enjoyable summer break to meet their new teachers, get schedules, go over syllabi, and gather school supply lists. Parents even posted many photos on social media with the hashtag #MAFirstDay. Students were met with several new and great changes, as well as meeting the new faces of the MA faculty and staff. It was a great and productive day. The annual Meet the Mavs was held that night at 6:00 in the MA Gym with a great turnout. Students and families were able to meet with staff, learn of the upcoming school year, and meet the teams for the

fall sports for the upcoming school year. Several changes were made to the school over the summer, including a new Bible verse to guide the school, new Bible courses, and a new, updated teachers' lounge. These were just a few of the great improvements held at the school over the summer. Students remained optimistic and excited for the upcoming school year that lie ahead.

Important Dates

- Nov 20 – Maverick MerriFest
- Nov 24-28 – Thanksgiving Break
- Dec 5 – Winter Formal
- Dec 12 – Elem Christmas Program

Bringing Bible Into The Curriculum



One of the improvements made to this school year included bringing the Bible back into the curriculum. A variety of new Bible classes are being taught by Mr. Mike Jolly. Students in grades 7-12 are enjoying these new classes being offered at Manchester Academy. 8th Grade is currently going over apologetics while the 9th grade studies the New Testament. 12th Grade is currently enjoying a new Bible and Finance class. These classes ensure that our school maintains the mission of the school so that students develop in body, mind, and spirit in the pursuit of academic excellence. This curriculum is a significant change that Manchester Academy believes is important for everyday learning to grow spiritually. The school is also incorporating a new Bible verse into the school-- Romans 12:2. Manchester Academy believes that we "Should not be conformed to this world, but be

transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. Both teachers and students are guided by this verse that can now be visible in student hallways. The school has also changed the schedule to ensure that a chapel is held every Wednesday in the MA Gym. A separate chapel is held in the gym for preschool, elementary, and high school. During chapel, students encounter prayer, devotion, and songs of praise. One thing that the school thought to be important this year is that the chapel be student-led. Many students are helping with the songs, prayers, and devotion that will be heard in each chapel. We at Manchester Academy believe that this is also important for students' spiritual development. We are looking forward to a continued school year with praise and devotion.

The Maverick Games



Homecoming week finally arrived at Manchester Academy. A few changes were made to the homecoming week rules, including that students would be judged on floats and dress-up participation rather than in the school hallways, to ensure our hallways remain clean and safe for everyone. This year, students were introduced to a new Homecoming theme, The Maverick Games, which would be based on The Hunger Games. Students participated in dress-up days and the building of floats. The themes for student decorations included District 12 for 7th and 10th grade, The Arena for 8th and 11th grade, and The Capitol for 9th and 12th grade. Each day had a theme for dress-up, which students enjoyed and participated in. On Monday, students were “catching z’s” as they dressed up for pajama day. On Tuesday, students dressed up in camo as we prepared to “hunt down the lions”. On Wednesday, students dressed up for

Mocking Jay twin day. On Thursday, students continued the theme of The Maverick Games by dressing up in their favorite team’s sports jersey. To finish up the week, students dressed in assigned school colors to show their maverick pride. On Friday, we had a half-day followed by the Homecoming pep rally in the gym. At 1:00, students participated in the annual parade through the streets of Yazoo City. It was a great time had by everyone. at 6:30, our homecoming maids got to parade around Thompson Field in convertibles - a Maverick tradition. We faced Discovery Christian for our homecoming game, where the Mavericks brought in the W with a victory of 28-0. Senior Angel Rae Carpenter was crowned Homecoming Queen during the halftime show. It was a great week had by staff, students, and families at Manchester Academy.

2025 Homecoming Court

Sophomores



Avery Austin



Alley Ables



Reece Vaughn

Juniors



Annalee Whitworth



Brynlie Rice



Maggie Day Ragland

Seniors



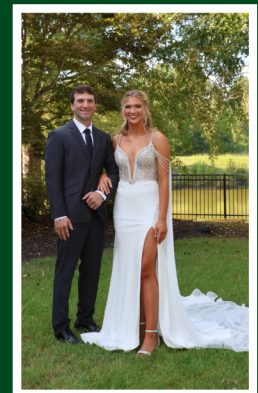
Emma Roberts



Mattie Burton



Katie Druey



Angle Carpenter

Teacher Spotlight



The Memories Journalism staff is excited to bring back the teacher spotlight page in the 2025-2026 editions of The Green Scene. For the 1st 9 weeks, we would like to spotlight a new face at Manchester Academy. This 9 weeks, we are pleased to welcome and feature Coach Jason Miles as our teacher spotlight. Coach Miles brings 6 years of teaching and coaching experience to Manchester. Before becoming a teacher and a coach, Jason Miles served in the

United States Marine Corps. He said that he decided to join the military to “stay out of trouble”. Coach Miles also worked as an Occupational Therapist. He decided to become a coach and teacher “in order to make the world a better place”. Coach Miles currently coaches football and baseball at Manchester and teaches history and psychology classes. His favorite part of teaching and coaching would have to be “getting to know his students”. Several students have commented on Coach Miles’ classes, saying that it is a “fun learning environment” and that they “enjoy going to his class and hearing what he has to say every single day.” Coach Miles, we are so glad you decided to become a teacher and coach, and especially for joining the staff at Manchester Academy. Your students continue to look forward to your classes and to a “fun and interesting year” in them.

Elementary



MA football players visited Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Veazey's classes to read aloud to students. Their visit highlighted the importance of literacy, showing that hearing stories read aloud builds vocabulary, sparks imagination, and encourages a lifelong love of reading.



Mrs. Raglands's third grade class enjoyed reading "Pop's Bridge", a story about building the Golden Gate Bridge. After finishing the book, the students were inspired to become little engineers themselves. Working in small groups, they designed and constructed their own miniature bridges. The project not only helped them connect to the story but also taught teamwork, problem-solving, and creativity. It was a fun and hands-on way to bring the book to life!



Knox Ellis

Q: What are you excited about this year?

A: Christmas Break

Q: What is your favorite subject?

A: Math

Q: What is your favorite recess activity?

A: Playing Football

Introducing The Editors



The start of a new school year means that the newest yearbook will already be in production. With the 2026 yearbook getting prepared, students in the Memories Yearbook class needed a team of students ready to lead the class. Each year, editors are chosen to represent the Memories Yearbook staff, make yearbook decisions, and oversee the yearbook production from beginning to end. With such a large class this year, 3 editors were chosen to lead the class hierarchy. Available positions for this year's class included an Editor-in-Chief, a Managing Editor, and a Photography Editor. Students are chosen based on a variety of characteristics including:

participation, class nomination, and teacher recommendation. The Editor-in-Chief is a student who will oversee the entire yearbook process and make ultimate decisions regarding the 2026 yearbook. The Managing Editor helps support the Editor-in-Chief in yearbook decisions. The Photography Editor is a student in charge of all things related to photography in the yearbook, including photo editing, filter placement, and coverage. This team will work together with seniors and junior editors to ensure this year's yearbook meets the expectations for everyone, including the class of 2026. The Journalism class is happy to announce that Annalee Whitworth was chosen for Editor-in-Chief, Savanna Johnson was chosen for Managing Editor, and Skyler Nelson was chosen for Photography Editor. This great team of editors and Journalism students is already making great progress on the 2026 yearbook, which is in the planning and production stage. We are so proud of our editors and cannot wait to see what this year's yearbook class will accomplish with the yearbook and The Green Scene. Stay tuned for some unique journalism videos on our new TikTok account – @MavTok1969.



Football



Softball



ACTIVITIES

**DID YOU
KNOW?**



Bananas are technically berries, but strawberries aren't! 🍌🍓 Botanically speaking, bananas meet the scientific definition of a berry, while strawberries don't because their seeds are on the outside.

INTERESTING FACT

Can you find
Waldo and Woof in
this edition of the
Green Scene?



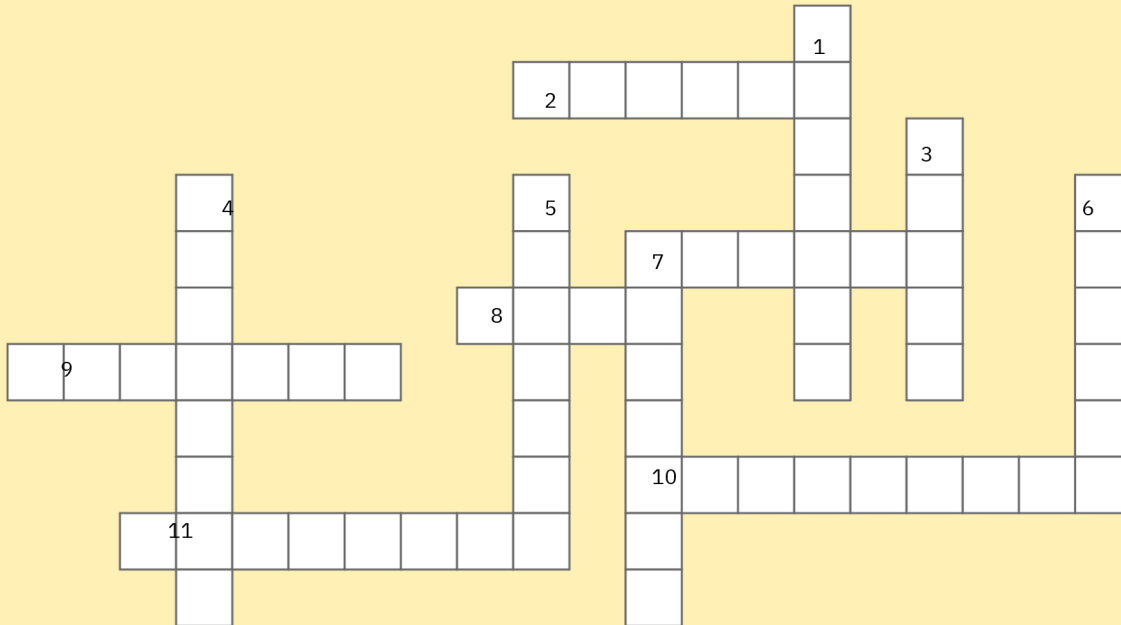
Bible Verse of the Month:

Romans 12:2

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but be transformed by the renewal of
your mind, that by testing you may
discern what is the will of God, what
is good and acceptable and perfect.



BACK TO SCHOOL CROSSWORD



ACROSS

- 2. Helpful when you make a mistake
- 7. Place to learn
- 8. Subject in which you learn all about numbers
- 9. People you like being around
- 10. Person in charge of school
- 11. You can connect with the internet with this

DOWN

- 1. Great tool for coloring
- 3. You can use this to measure
- 4. Book with blank pages for writing
- 5. Person who helps you learn
- 6. Tool you need for writing
- 7. To put a point on a pencil

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MATH
PENCIL



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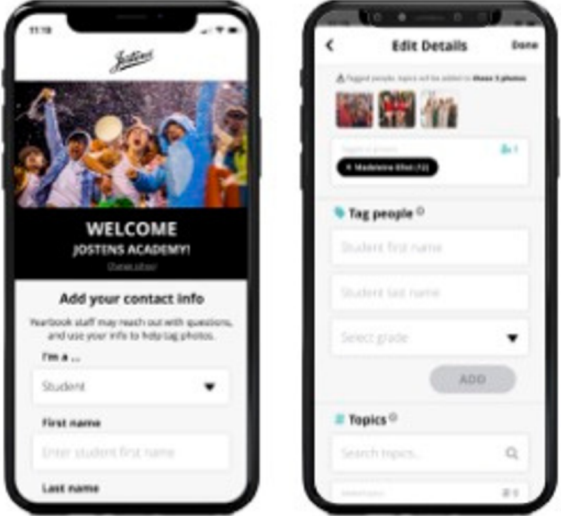
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