

SETTING THE SCENE

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Show choir is a class at Madison Central where students audition for the upcoming school year. It consists of singing and dancing. It consists of three choirs, Radiance, the freshmen at Rosa Scott, Renown, all girls from both Rosa Scott and Madison Central, and Reveille with its boys and girls at Madison Central. Even though there are several different sections, all still at Madison Central share similarities that make them

love show choir. They have many performances where you can see all the students' talents. Their annual "Dancing with the Teachers" is a school favorite. Dancing with the Teachers is an event held during the fall semester every year. The show choir students split into groups, chose a teacher, and each group consist of a different theme. Each group competes for the trophy, one group wins by the audience choosing which group performance they like best. Their competition season starts in the Spring Semester. Most students enjoy show choir and do it every year, Aaron David (10) said, "I was in Radiance last year as a freshman and this year I'm in Reveille. My favorite thing about being in a show choir is getting to interact with other performers, and learning more about what my voice and body is capable of. My favorite event to perform at is the Jackson Academy Show Choir Invitational. Show choir has helped me expand

my vocal range and get me out of my comfort zone doing cool choreography." David stated that one of the best things about show choir is how he is becoming a better singer and dancer. Their competition season starts in the Spring Semester. Breanne Mckelvey (11) said, "My favorite thing about being in Reveille is the competitions and traveling to competitions and getting to watch all the other shows. Also competing as a group. My favorite place to compete is Brandon Amphitheater and it's really fun with an open stage. We're not doing it this year unfortunately. It's helped in different

styles of dancer because every song we do is a different style and it's different from normal dance." Two seniors on reveille also shared how they love the competitions and how reveille has helped them with their stage presence. Kylira Griffin (12) said, "My favorite thing about being in show choir is going to show choir competitions at different schools and performing in front of different groups and getting feedback from our performances. My favorite event to perform at is Deep South at Madison Central. Show choir has helped me as a singer and dancer, it has given me the opportunity to practice and perform regularly, which has improved my skills and stage presence. Also being part of a loving group, it has taught me to work hard with others." Brooke Bungamer (12) said, "My favorite thing about show choir is the opportunity to get to know so many different types of people. We all come from different backgrounds and

have such a diverse selection of personalities, so I get to have new conversations with new people almost every day. My favorite event to perform at is the Reveal show. It's our first time performing for the season. Show choir has given me confidence to reach out of my comfort zone by being on a stage, which helps my ability to sing and dance in front of others. Show choir is a school activity if you like to be on stage or to watch if you want entertainment. The shows are incredible with wonderful, hardworking students. Madison Central cannot wait for all their 2024 performances.



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REPORTING THE REPORTERS

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As a part of Madison Central's Academy of Multimedia and Communications, JNN (Jag News Network) is Madison Central's award-winning broadcasting staff, which produces content about the school and community. The staff is constantly aiming to reach their goal of being a well-respected and well-known publication not only at school, but also around Madison. JNN discusses topics such as sports coverage and daily announcements.

among the students of Madison Central, JNN has made itself a strong social media presence, where it can keep its audience informed about upcoming events and recent jaguar achievements. For example, some of their segments can be found through YouTube, Facebook, Apple Podcasts, and Instagram, while other reels can be found on their TikTok page. Natalie Mann (11), in charge of reporting JNN's weekly announcements, said, "Our videos are usually posted weekly on social media. Besides making segments, it is also our job to brainstorm ideas for social media posts and interview topics. Once we set up interviews, we have to get the b-roll." While it can be interesting to see what the students have

to say about the school through interviews with the staff, it is also interesting to see what roles certain members of the staff play. When asked about their roles as a staff, Zoey Deel (11) said, "There are many different roles. There is a main producer, social media producer, sports producer, podcast runner, weather anchor, local anchor, global anchor, and two sports anchors. I am a sports anchor, and usually attend sport events to take pictures and document our athletes as they take action."

JNN has received many awards in the past. Some of these awards were given by the Mississippi Scholastic Press Association (MSPA), as the staff placed first in more than nine categories. Some categories the staff has received awards in are: Best News Coverage (twice), Best News Story, Best In-Studio Anchor, Best News Reporter, Best Hypo Video, Best Feature Coverage, Best Sports Coverage, and Best Creativity. In addition to these awards, JNN has also placed finalist in more than eighteen categories, some including Best Sports Story (three times), Best News Story, Best Feature Story (twice), Best In-Studio Anchor (twice), Best News Reporter (twice), Best Weather Reporter (twice), Best Hypo Video (twice), Newscast of the Year, Best Feature Coverage, Best Sports Coverage, and Best Creativity. Considering these awards, it is safe to say that JNN is achieving their goal of thriving and being an essential part of the community. When it comes to the students of Madison Central, many love being involved and heard through interviews at

break. When asked, Katelyn Nichols (12) said, "I really think JNN is a great program, and cannot wait to see what they achieve this year. I hope I get the chance to get interviewed soon." Like Nichols said, it will be interesting to see what the student-run staff will accomplish this year, and in the years to come.

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