



# Criteria for Student of the Month



We are looking for students that:

- contribute to and/or have made an impact on their community.
- strive for excellence in their academics, activities and/or their passion area.
- have overcome an obstacle and are showing growth and are thriving.



# Ja'bar'e Dent-Nelson

## Athletics

- Football 3 years
- Wrestling 1 year
- Basketball (outside of school)

## Elementary Tutor

- 3 years

## Employment

- Party City
- Pietro's Pizza

## Future Plans

- Clackamas Community College
- Engineering or Mechanics



Four years ago Ja'bar'e walked through Milwaukie High School's front doors as a young 9th grade student who was apprehensive about school, sports, and his future. He eventually settled in, and with the support of the MHS staff he was able to focus on his strengths and abilities. He joined the football team and thrived as a member of the Mustang Family; without a doubt, those life skills he gained helped shape his mindset and work ethic. Ja'bar'e has grown into a strong young man with a vision that is attainable. I am proud of his accomplishments and know he will thrive in whatever he puts his mind to.



-Tim Price  
Head Football Coach



Ja'bar'e has been such a pleasure to work with over the past 4 years. Jabare' cares deeply for his peers, family, and community and has shown his compassion in a variety of ways. One of those is being a leader and role model, not only at MHS but also through the Elementary Mentor program. Ja'bar'e lights up a room with his infectious smile and positive attitude. I am really proud of Ja'bar'e managing school, work, and sports. His character and warm personality will take him far in life.



- Ms. Green  
Learning Specialist

Ja'bar'e reframed an incredibly negative and racist experience into something that was really uplifting for himself and our community, modeling how if these experiences do arise, ways to rise above such hateful speech. In response to this event, he committed to coming to school on his free period regularly to be able to mentor more youth. Ja'bar'e created a powerful powerpoint presentation that he shared with 5th grade students to encourage strength and a place of belonging amongst black students. At this time, Ja'Bar'e mentors (5) 5th grade boys, and (3) 3rd grade students. In most cases, mentors only see 1-2 students with their time at school.

His strength, wisdom, and outgoing personality brings such positive relationships with our young leaders. He provided a space for students to have more connections. Ja'Bar'e's mentees look forward to seeing him everyday. They are excited to see him, ask about him, and want to connect regularly. He provides such a positive space for students to be themselves and find joy with one another.

-Annie Schlegel

Elementary Counselor



Ja'bar'e is one of the kindest, most authentic students that I have had the pleasure of supporting at Milwaukie High School. Ja'bar'e started out at Milwaukie HS as an apprehensive 9th grader who was unsure of how to access support and navigate school; over the past 3.5 years, we have seen Ja'bar'e grow academically and personally and make a positive impact in our school community. Ja'bar'e has learned to be a great self-advocator and in the process of developing those skills, has also used his voice to speak up for his peers who are facing injustices at school and beyond. Ja'bar'e is a warm presence in each space he inhabits - his smile, his friendly demeanor and his positivity help those around him to feel supported and comfortable. Ja'bar'e once shared with me that in the future, he wants to help others and continue to help his grandmother - I know that he will do both of these things with strength and kindness!



-Baret Pinyoun  
12th Grade Counselor










# Congratulations Ja'bar'e

January

Student of the Month









# What is happening at MHS/MAA?

- Heading into the Forecasting Season
- Finish Strong - Focus 9th & 10th Grade
- Finals week of January 30-February 2
- Review our 1st semester data for our SIP
- February 10 - Black Excellence Assembly

## Shows/Performances

- February 9-10 - Comedy Sportz Show
- February 23-23 - Alice in Wonderland



Looking for volunteers & tutors

