

MAPLE GROVE SENIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER

TRIMESTER 1-2016-17

Live each day
the Crimson Way

DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 15 Fall Sports Begin
- 24 Orientation
- 24 Strive Information Meeting

September

- 6 School Begins
- 6-9 Adjusted Schedules
- 8 Picture Make-up Day
- 19 Learning Conferences
- 22 Sr All-Class Group Yearbook Photo
- 23 Safety Day Adjusted Schedule
- 26-30 ... Homecoming Week
- 29 Sr. Yearbook Free Photo Makeup w/David Bank Studios
- 30 Adjusted Schedule w/ Coronation & Pepfest
- 30 Homecoming Game

October

- 1 Homecoming Dance
- 10 No School Students Teacher Workshops
- 11 Lifetouch Picture Retakes
- 13 Conferences
- 17 Tuesday Schedule
- 18 Wednesday Schedule
- 19 Thursday Schedule
- 19 PSAT Test
- 20-21 ... No School Students/Staff Release Days
- 27 Conferences

November

- 2 Site Council Meeting
- 10-12 ... Musical "Pippin"
- 16 Cocoa & Cram
- 17-19 ... Musical "Pippin"
- 21 Tuesday Schedule
- 22 Wednesday Schedule
- 23 Thursday Schedule
- 24-25 ... No School Students/Staff Thanksgiving Break

December

- 1 End Trimester 1
- 2 No School Students Mark Reporting
- 5 Trimester 2 Begins

August 2016

Hello, Crimson Families!

Bring on the 2016-17 school year! It has been a very quiet and productive summer here at Maple Grove Senior High, but we miss our students. They are the heart and soul of our school, and an empty feeling resonates without their presence in the building. Each and every student is personal to us, and is an invaluable member of the **Crimson Family**. I look forward to September 6 when they fill our halls again!

At Maple Grove Senior High, we purposefully teach, model and reinforce our **Crimson Way Practices** of **Motivation**, **Gratitude**, **Scholarship**, and **Honor**. And looking ahead, the Class of 2017 has big shoes to fill and my expectation of positive leadership from them is very high. Strengthening our already positive school culture and climate is a continuous priority, as Maple Grove Senior High must be a school where every student - no matter their grade, background or interests - can attend with confidence and pride. With positive student leadership and a strong, dedicated and compassionate staff, our students will have the individual support they need to navigate the high school experience with every opportunity along the way to achieve their dreams.

Our students will continue to engage in digital learning experiences via 1:1 iPads and Schoology. Staff members will provide students with differentiated approaches learning and also multiple avenues to express their understanding. While not replacing traditional classroom learning experiences, digital learning allows for increased personalized education and "anywhere, anytime" learning opportunities. Embracing and channeling our students' 21st century learning habits is critical to achieving equitable student gains, and we are excited to advance in this work!

I would be remiss not to mention how grateful I am to begin a school year with a construction-free building. We are "good to go" and our custodial staff has done a tremendous job preparing the school for the return of students.

Within this newsletter you will find all the necessary information for the beginning of school, including: fall activities (@MGActivities), student orientation, daily and conference schedules, career resource information (@MGSHCRC), and much more.

To conclude, we have much to look forward to at Maple Grove Senior High! Our staff will be ready to go, and we can hardly wait to welcome our students on September 6. It is an honor to work at this school, in this community, and for our students. Thank you for your support and partnership; please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions - beckerb@district279.org.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,



Bart Becker, Principal
Go Crimson!



CRIMSON WAY

We believe lifelong learning is essential for the individual and community to thrive. At MGSH we believe:

- Every person responsibly and respectfully obtains the rewards of a lifetime of learning.
- We learn best through community involvement, dedication and growth from experiences.

Everyone has equal intrinsic value. At MGSH we:

- Accept and understand differences in each other.
- Feel a sense of safety, respect and belonging while striving for academic achievement.
- Demonstrate values that create the best possible learning environment for all.

We believe that trust is essential to sustaining successful relationships and to achieving results. At MGSH we believe trust:

- Involves an essential personal commitment and is a two-way street.
- Builds respect.
- Begins with family values and extends through relationships with friends, classmates, and staff.

Better decisions emerge when diverse perspectives are intentionally included in a collaborative process. At MGSH we:

- Work together with open minds.
- Respect everyone's viewpoints and differences.
- Empower all to make good decisions.

Everyone benefits when cultural differences are acknowledged and understood, and individuals are treated respectfully and equitably. At MGSH we:

- Learn and understand cultural differences.
- Acknowledge the equality of students.
- Avoid exclusion.
- Contribute in a positive manner.

Everyone can learn more. At MGSH we believe:

- Learning is a lifelong commitment.
- With the right attitude and personal effort, everyone can continuously learn from life experiences and other people.
- We should help others learn more too.

CHANGES FOR STUDENT DATABASE SYSTEM

The school district is changing to a new parent portal system for the 2016-17 school year. ParentVUE has replaced the previously used SchoolView and therefore, the SchoolView link on the website is no longer active. FeePay™ will continue, and parents can use FeePay directly with the new system rather than accessing FeePay through SchoolView as before. Below are instructions on how parents should access FeePay to deposit money into lunch accounts, register for athletics and activities, pay fees, etc. Continue to watch the website for information and updates on our new system.

➤ **Parents with existing SchoolView/FeePay account from last year?**

Visit <http://osseo.FeePay.com/> and choose "Log in" at the top of the screen. At the "Sign In" prompt, choose "Forgot Password" to reset your password. Once the password is reset, you are ready to use FeePay for the rest of the school year. Please note: FeePay is available only to parents and guardians. FeePay cannot be accessed through student accounts.

➤ **Parents without existing SchoolView/FeePay account from last year?**

Visit <http://osseo.FeePay.com/> and click the orange "Sign Up" button. For detailed account setup instructions, please visit <https://osseo.help.FeePay.com/topic/26235305>.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION & TIPS FOR PARENTS

ORIENTATION 2016-17

Orientation for all grade levels will be the same day, Wednesday, August 24. We ask that students plan to attend the time scheduled for their grade level (families are not required to attend). Freshman will have a two-part orientation and should plan to attend the full four-hour session in the morning. There is no make-up orientation, however, there is a make-up session for school pictures on Thursday, September 8 during school hours.

ORIENTATIONS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2016	
Sophomores 8:00-9:30am	Freshman 8:00am-12:00pm Activities & Building Tours w/Link Crew Leaders Freshman should plan to attend full four hours.
Juniors 9:00-10:30am	12:00-2:00
Seniors 10:30am-12:00pm	Freshman photos w/Lifetouch Students may leave once they have had their photo taken.

The purpose of orientation is to prepare students and families for the start of the school year. Some tasks to be accomplished at orientation are:

- ✓ Have pictures taken by **Lifetouch** (picture forms will be available on the MGSB website under *Quick Links and in the main office*). **Every student, including seniors, must have a picture taken for their school ID even if they do not plan to purchase a picture package.** Seniors are reminded that this picture is used as their School ID only and is not used for their senior yearbook photo.
- ✓ Deposit money in lunch account in cafeteria if you have not already done so online. Parents may also do this online through FeePay (there is no fee for online deposits).
- ✓ Meet administrators, counselors and support staff, and tour the building.

WHAT TO BRING TO ORIENTATION

1. Lifetouch picture order form with money or a check to *Lifetouch NSS* if you plan to purchase a picture package. Ordering may also be done online at mylifetouch.com; use MI216114Y0 (0=zero) for the picture day ID space.
2. We strongly encourage parents to deposit lunch money online using FeePay, however, if this is not a possibility, cash or checks made payable to Maple Grove Senior High or MGSB are acceptable (**include student's full name in memo section on check**).

TIPS ON STAYING INFORMED

1. Visit our website frequently <http://schools.district279.org/mgsh/> and visit us on Facebook and Twitter.
2. Read and refer to the **MGSB Newsletter** posted on our website before the start of each new trimester.
3. **Keep your contact information current in ParentVUE.** Teachers have found that email is a very effective means of communicating with parents in a timely manner.
4. Listen to **SchoolMessenger phone messages** that come to your home.

BASIC INFORMATION

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL - TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016

With the transition to a new database system, the date has not yet been determined for student schedules to be available online. Please watch the website for information regarding student schedules and availability.

Having students in class on their first day is critical to starting their year successfully. To ensure a smooth start for each student, administration will be available to address schedule concerns during orientation. Once school begins on September 6th, only administrative approved schedule changes will be made.

FIRST WEEK SCHEDULE

The following schedule will be used for the first week of school. By having an adjusted schedule, it allows for typical "business of school" items and details to be taken care of during the first few days.

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 6-8 ADJUSTED SCHEDULE 6-PERIOD W/FOUNDATIONS	FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 9 ADJUSTED SCHEDULE PM ALT SCHEDULE W/ASSEMBLY
7:30 – 8:15 1 st Period 8:20 – 9:05 2 nd Period 9:10 – 9:55 3 rd Period 10:00 – 10:45 4 th Period 10:50 – 12:25 Foundations/Lunches 12:25 – 1:10 5 th Period 1:15 – 2:00 6 th Period	7:30 – 8:11 1 st Period 8:16 – 8:57 2 nd Period 9:02 – 9:43 3 rd Period 9:48 – 10:29 4 th Period 10:34 – 12:17 5 th Period/Lunches 12:22 – 1:03 6 th Period 1:10 – 2:00 Assembly
Foundations Grade-Level Lunches 10:45 – 11:15 (9 th Grade) 11:08 – 11:38 (10 th Grade) 11:31 – 12:01 (11 th Grade) 11:55 – 12:25 (12 th Grade)	Lunches during 5 th Period 10:29 – 10:54 (A) 10:56 – 11:21 (B) 11:24 – 11:49 (C) 11:52 – 12:17 (D)

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

- Our staff works hard to provide meaningful instruction every hour of every day. We expect our students to have good attendance so they may participate fully in the learning process.
- If your child is absent, please be sure to call the attendance office on the day your child is absent. If your child must leave school for an appointment during the day, please send a note on **that** day and have the student give it to the attendance personnel before 7:30am to obtain a pass to leave school.

Attendance reporting for last names beginning A-K
wachterl@district279.org / 763-391-8901

Attendance reporting for last names beginning L-Z
burqs@district279.org / 763-391-8900

In the event a student must leave school due to illness, **s/he must see the nurse and obtain the "Leave School Permit" approved by the nurse or an administrator before leaving.** Failure to follow this procedure may result in an unexcused absence! **Parents, if you receive a call or text from your child due to illness, tell them they must first see the nurse.**

If a student becomes ill during the school day or an emergency arises, s/he should get a pink pass from the teacher to see the nurse **before** calling or texting a parent to pick them up at school. Before deciding to send a student home, often a 20-30 minute rest, heating pad, or something to eat may be all that is needed to help them through the day. Over-the-counter medications such as Advil or Tylenol, as well as prescription medications can be kept in the health office for headaches, cramps, pain, etc. and often can mean the difference between a student finishing out the school day comfortably or missing valuable academic time. Use the following link for medication forms <http://www.district279.org/services/StudentServices/HealthServices/documents/MedicationConsent.pdf>.

Once the nurse assesses an ill student and believes s/he would do better at home, a call is made to the parent/guardian. If your child has a fever over 100 degrees or is vomiting, home is the best place for the child until symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of medication.

DIGITAL LEARNING DEVICES AND ELECTRONICS

Students are encouraged to bring digital learning devices to school to utilize in cooperation with their teachers to enhance and personalize their educational experience. Teachers will have established procedures and expectations for use of digital learning devices in their classroom, and it is the responsibility of each student to follow those procedures and expectations. Electronic devices may be confiscated by staff members if they cause disruptions to the learning environment. Students are strongly advised to secure their digital learning and electronic devices at all times as we are not able to provide staff time to investigate lost or stolen items.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2016-17

TRIMESTER 1	Monday, September 19 5:00-7:00pm Learning Conferences Parents attend the full schedule of student and learn of the Essential Course Standards	Thursday, October 13 4:00-8:00pm Mid-tri Conferences	Thursday, October 27 3:00-7:00pm Mid-tri Conferences
TRIMESTER 2	Wednesday, January 25 3:00-8:00pm Mid-tri Conferences	Thursday, February 2 3:30-7:30pm Registration Conferences for 2016-17	
TRIMESTER 3	Thursday, April 27 3:00-7:00pm Mid-tri Conferences		

CRIMSON HOUR & FOUNDATIONS

The purpose of Crimson Hour is to provide a meaningful academic opportunity for students during collaborative time on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students will utilize Crimson Hour to complete homework, study, receive additional time and support, assess/reassess, or engage in silent sustained reading. In addition, students will have the opportunity to utilize the cafeteria for group work, assess/reassess in the testing center, utilize resources in the Media Center, receive additional academic support and reassessment opportunities from their teachers.

Foundations is a curriculum based homeroom in which students stay with the same Foundations teacher and class for their high school career. The curriculum and assignments are designed to help students succeed in our school setting and beyond with the following in mind:

Make connections to the school community

Equip students with strategies and tools to

- *Know themselves*
- *Make thoughtful decisions*
- *Have a personalized post-high school plan*

Monitor and support academic achievement

Do the "business of school"

NUTRITION SERVICES

Breakfast and lunch are served on school days in the cafeteria, and there are a variety of options including; Main Line, Grill Line, Variety Bar, Grab & Go Line and Ala Carte. Our program is electronic, and students are assigned an account pin number which will be available in StudentVUE prior to the start of school. It is the student's responsibility to memorize their pin and have money in their account. Parents are encouraged to make deposits and view balances electronically through the FeePay system (there is no fee for online deposits). Allow 24 hours for online payment to reach the account. Checks made payable to MGSB or cash are also accepted and should be brought to the cafeteria between 6:30am and prior to the first lunch (include student's ID and pin number on checks). Breakfast is served from 7:05-7:25am beginning the second day of school.

Free and reduced meal applications will be available electronically in early August on the district website at www.district279.org/food-nutrition. Forms are processed through the district Food Service Department, and any questions regarding the free and reduced meal program please call 763-391-7129. Please be aware that processing may take approximately one week. For more information on the food service program, visit the district website www.district279.org/food-nutrition.

DAILY SCHEDULE

Below is the daily schedule which is followed throughout the school year. Occasionally, there will be an adjusted schedule to accommodate special or required events, such as coronations/pepfests, testing, shortened weeks due to holidays/release days, etc. Dates of adjusted schedules can be found on the front page of the Newsletter each trimester and on the front page of the MGSB website under upcoming events.

MONDAY & FRIDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
1 st	7:30-8:25	Crimson Hour	7:30-7:55	1 st	7:30-8:45	Crimson Hour	7:30-7:55
2 nd	8:30-9:25	1 st	8:00-9:20	Foundations	8:50-9:35	2 nd	8:00-9:20
3 rd	9:30-10:25	2 nd	9:25-10:45	3 rd	9:40-10:55	3 rd	9:25-10:45
4 th / Lunches	10:30-12:00	4 th / Lunches	10:50-12:35	4 th / Lunches	11:00-12:40	5 th / Lunches	10:50-12:35
5 th	12:05-1:00	5 th	12:40-2:00	6 th	12:45-2:00	6 th	12:40-2:00
6 th	1:05-2:00			T-W-TH LUNCH SCHEDULE			
A Lunch	10:25-10:55 Lunch 10:48 Release Lunch 10:55-12:00 Class			A Lunch	10:45-11:15 Lunch 11:08 Release Lunch 11:15-12:35 Class		
B Lunch	10:30-10:48 Class 10:48-11:18 Lunch 11:11 Release Lunch 11:18-12:00 Class			B Lunch	10:45-11:15 Class 11:15-11:45 Lunch 11:38 Release Lunch 11:45-12:35 Class		
C Lunch	10:30-11:11 Class 11:11-11:41 Lunch 11:35 Release Lunch 11:41-12:00 Class			C Lunch	10:45-11:43 Class 11:43-12:13 Lunch 12:07 Release Lunch 12:14-12:35 Class		
D Lunch	10:30-11:35 Class 11:35-12:05 Lunch			D Lunch	10:45-12:10 Class 12:10-12:40 Lunch		

DRESS CODE

Student attire should be appropriate, neat, clean, and not offensive. The building leadership has the authority to determine whether student attire is inappropriate for school. Examples of inappropriate clothing include, but are not limited to:

- clothing advertising substances illegal for children and adolescents;
- clothing containing obscene and/or profane language, slogans, emblems or pictures;
- clothing containing gang symbols and/or emblems, or clothing worn in a manner to identify gang membership; or
- sexually provocative or immodest clothing.

Students are expected to remove headgear (unless worn for religious purposes) and sunglasses during the school day from 7:30am – 2:00pm.

If a staff member determines a student's attire inappropriate, the student must put on clothing that meets the dress code. If the student does not have appropriate clothing at school to wear, an administrator, when possible, will provide a clean alternative for the student or parents will be called to bring appropriate attire. Students will not be excused from school to go home to change from their inappropriate attire. Refusing to cooperate with staff members regarding inappropriate attire will be considered insubordination and will result in disciplinary consequences.

Note: Students taking special courses such as physical education, technology education, and life skills may be required to wear specified clothing or protective eye wear for health or safety reasons.

FINES & FEES

Students are to return books, pay fees and/or fines in a timely way to prevent outstanding balances which place them on our fines and fees database. Students on this database are ineligible to purchase parking permits, dance/prom tickets, register/participate in extracurricular activities, athletics and commencement until the outstanding balance is paid. Fines and fees may be paid electronically through FeePay™, or payment can be made with cash or check with the Student Services Secretary in the front office during the school year.

STUDENT PARKING

Students may apply for a trimester parking pass if they are a licensed driver who has no outstanding school fines or fees. Student parking passes are a privilege not a right and are not guaranteed. Parking Passes may be revoked at any time.

The trimester parking pass will cost \$50 each trimester and can be purchased on FeePay only. Eligible Seniors may begin applying for a Trimester 1 parking pass on August 10, 2016. Eligible Juniors may begin applying on August 17, 2016. If there are any parking permits left, Sophomores will be eligible on August 24, 2016. Parking Permits may be picked up at school orientation August 24, 2016 with a valid MN Drivers License.

A limited number of daily permits will be available for the Dome Parking lot only for \$5 per day paid in cash at the Student Services desk. These daily permits are subject to availability.

More parking information can be found on the school website.

POST SECONDARY EDUCATION OPTION (PSEO) STUDENTS

It is the responsibility of PSEO students to stay informed by checking with their counselor, Foundations teacher and the MGS website on a regular basis to stay current on important information and deadlines. **PSEO students are expected to follow the same procedures and deadlines for such things as parking permits, senior/school pictures, commencement, etc.**

It is also the student's responsibility to be familiar with the procedure for dropping a PSEO course. Please visit <http://schools.district279.org/mgsh/academics/counseling/pseo> and review information on PSEO. Contact the counseling office if you have questions.

VISITORS

Students will not be permitted to bring visitors/guests to school. Students and parents who wish to visit for the purpose of exploring enrollment should contact the counseling office for an appointment.

SCHOOL SONG

**FIGHT ON, FOR MAPLE GROVE,
THE SPIRIT WE SHOW, FOR CRIMSON GOLD.**

**FIGHT ON, FOR VIC-TO-RY,
IT IS OUR DREAM, OUR DESTINY!**

**FIGHT ON, FOR MAPLE GROVE,
WE HAVE THE DRIVE, FOR CRIMSON PRIDE.**

**FIGHT ON, FOR VIC-TO-RY,
IT IS OUR DREAM, OUR DESTINY.**

C-R-I-M-S-O-N, GO CRIMSON!

CRIMSON LOGOS



SCHOOL NEWS

MUSICAL

Our award-winning Musical Theatre Department is thrilled to announce its fall production of **Pippin!** Performances are scheduled for **November 10, 11, 12, 17, 18 & 19 at 7pm** on the MGS stage. Tickets will be available online in September @ seatyourself.biz/mgsh. **Students** who would like to be part of the **cast, pit orchestra, tech crew, or wardrobe crew** for *Pippin* should visit the musical theatre website @ www.MapleGroveMusicalTheatre.com to "sign up" to be on the email list for further information. Application materials for Tech Crew & Wardrobe Crew, as well as audition materials for Cast and Orchestra, will be available on the website by early August. Auditions will take place during the week **before** school starts (August 29-31). If you will be out of town at that time, please contact Ms. Hellstedt (for cast auditions, wardrobe, or tech crew) hellstedte@district279.org or Mr. Buller (for pit orchestra auditions) bullerp@district279.org. "We've got magic to do!"

2016 YEARBOOK DATES & DEADLINES

FAQ	INFORMATION	DATE
Senior Portraits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Should have been taken by David Bank Studios this summer. If not . . . Make-up (free) photo session at MGSB on Thursday, September 29 during lunches. Senior photos must be taken by David Banks Studios - no substitutes. Senior ID photos taken at Senior Orientation are <u>not</u> used for the yearbook. 	
Senior All Class Picture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> T-shirt sayings must be submitted for approval by Friday, September 16. See Ms. Patricelli in Room 387 for questions 	Thursday, Sept. 22 7:30am MGSB stadium
Yearbook Sale Early Bird Special	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$70.00 Purchase online-follow link on MGSB website or go to www.jostensyearbooks.com Name stamp and icon option available 	Yearbook price will increase as school year progresses.
Senior Baby Ads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$30.00 per ad Order forms will be mailed to seniors and will be available on the MGSB website 	Info will be mailed in November
Distribution Day Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$90.00 Limited amount available – no guarantees 	Thursday, June 1, 2017

COUNSELING CORNER

The Counseling staff welcome new and returning students and their families to Maple Grove High School. The Counselors are trained to help students in four broad areas:

- Personal - chemical use, eating issues, stress, depression, etc.
- Social - family concerns, friendship or dating issues, etc.
- Academic - study skills, tutors, scheduling, transcripts, etc.
- Career/College - future planning, test preparation, applications for schools, etc.

Students and/or parents may schedule appointments with their counselor by contacting Sue Ihli, the department secretary. Students are assigned counselors based on their last names (see below). We make every effort to return phone calls within 48 hours and to accommodate requests for appointments in less than one week. During very busy times, such as the beginning of the school year and during the registration process for the next school year, it may take longer for a response.

STAFF NAME	ALPHA SPLITS	CONTACT
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Linda Byers	Se - Z	byerslinda@district279.org
Andrea Keys	Student Assistance Counselor	keysa@district279.org
Sue Ihli	Secretary	ihlis@district279.org / 763-391-8705

CAREER RESOURCE CENTER NEWS

The Career Resource Center (CRC) is a great resource for students and parents at MGSB. It is located inside the Media Center (adjacent to the front lobby/entrance). The CRC provides assistance to students as they begin their post high school planning. Areas in which the CRC can help include careers and career exploration, colleges (transcripts, college reps, panels), financial aid and scholarships, testing (ACCUPLACER, ACT/SAT, PSAT, AP), military and employment and internship services.

The CRC produces weekly newsletters that you don't want to miss! This newsletter has information on college and military reps coming to our school, volunteer and work opportunities, ACT and NCAA information and a thoughtful article on a relevant topic. If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please contact Mrs. Jennifer Hamel at hamelji@district279.org. The CRC is also on Twitter, and we would love for you to follow us at @MGSHCRC. In addition, the CRC hosts college representatives/presentations throughout the year. Please visit our webpage at <http://schools.district279.org/mgsh/academics/career-resource-center> to learn more about upcoming dates and presentations.

We encourage your son/daughter to stop into the CRC and see what we have going on each week or to set up an appointment to learn more! We look forward to working with your awesome student!

Career Center Staff	
Janelle Gillis gillisi@district279.org 763-391-8761	Jennifer Hamel hamelj@district279.org 763-391-8760

SENIOR NEWS

Commencement 2017 is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th at Mariucci Arena on the U of M Campus. A student's senior year tends to be very busy with many details, deadlines and important tasks. This section in each newsletter is designed to inform seniors and parents of upcoming events and deadlines which pertain to seniors.

Seniors will be ordering their cap/gown and diploma online in January. You will also have the opportunity to order graduation announcements from Jostens in January if you choose to do so. Please check the **SENIOR NEWS** section of the newsletter each trimester and visit our website for important senior information throughout the year.

SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY PARENT INFO MEETING

A parent meeting for the 2017 All-night Party has been set for Monday, September 19, at 7:00pm in the Forum Room at MGSB. All parents of seniors are welcome and encouraged to attend.

SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

The **MGSB yearbook will accept senior photos from only one photographer, David Bank Studios**. Seniors will *NOT* be required to purchase photos from David Bank, and the portrait sitting and yearbook photo is FREE. Students who were unable to schedule a sitting in June or July will be able to have a free yearbook photo taken by David Bank Studios **at MGSB** on Thursday, September 29 during lunches.

Using only one photographer for senior photos standardizes the process, reduces error, and enables yearbook students to focus on meeting deadlines for the remaining 265 pages of the book. MGSB has never required seniors to pay for a senior yearbook photo since we've always worked with a photographer that offers free sittings.

Please call David Bank Studios at 763-421-4553 (Anoka) or 763-571-2265 (Fridley) with questions.

STRIVE

Maple Grove Senior High, in partnership with the Maple Grove Rotary and North Hennepin Community College (NHCC), Hennepin Technical College (HTC) and Anoka Ramsey Community College (ARCC), will offer the STRIVE program to eligible **seniors** who want to improve their present grades.

STRIVE is a scholarship program which recognizes and rewards students from the lower third of the senior class who show the most improvement in their class standing/grade point average during their senior year. All students who show improvement in their GPA are recognized with certificates, letters of recognition, and an end of the year banquet. Several scholarships are awarded by the Rotary and will be matched by the college if attending one of the three partnering colleges, NHCC, HTC or ARCC.

If a scholarship recipient chooses to attend another school other than NHCC, HTC, or ARCC, they will receive the Maple Grove Rotary scholarship amount but not the matching funds.

STRIVE is **FREE** for eligible seniors and meets during Foundations twice a month. Each senior in STRIVE is mentored by a Maple Grove Rotary member; the experience is a positive, supportive opportunity to help students be successful.

To be eligible for STRIVE, seniors must currently be ranked in the lower third of the class, be able to graduate by taking a normal course load, and attend the **STRIVE information session on Wednesday, August 24th at 6:00pm in the Forum Room**. Parents are also invited to attend. Eligible seniors will receive a special invitation in a separate mailing.

FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Maple Grove Senior High School and the community will have many volunteer opportunities throughout the school year for both parents and students. We value our volunteers as an integral part of our system and encourage you to get involved. Volunteer opportunities range from one time events to ongoing individual activities, so you may choose the level of commitment which fits your schedule.

Students are also encouraged to volunteer. These hours may be added to the student's transcript and are important for those looking to attend post-high school institutions. Students should work with the volunteer coordinator during the school year to ensure their volunteer hours are recorded on their transcripts at the end of each trimester.

For more information on volunteering, please contact **Joan Roberson, Volunteer Coordinator via email www.robersonj@district279.org**. Updates will be made to the website after school begins, and information on volunteering will be available under the **Parents** and **Students** tabs.

ACTIVITIES & ATHLETICS

ONLINE REGISTRATION FOR ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES



Osseo Area Schools offers a convenient way for parents to sign-up and pay for their students high school athletics and activities. FeePay™ allows you to complete your student's high school activities/athletics registration online at any time of day from the comfort of your home or office. After completing all the required documents online, use the safe and secure online payment option (at no fee) to complete your registration. **To register online for activities/athletics, you must have a FeePay account.**

The school district is changing to a new parent portal system for the 2016-17 school year. Parents will use FeePay directly with the new system rather than accessing FeePay through SchoolView as before.

- Already have a SchoolView/FeePay account from last year? Visit <http://osseo.FeePay.com/> and choose "Log in" at the top of the screen. At the "Sign In" prompt, choose "Forgot Password" to reset your password. Once the password is reset, you are ready to use FeePay for the rest of the school year. Please note: online registration for activities and athletics is available only to parents and guardians. Students cannot sign up through their student accounts.
- Need to set up a new FeePay account? Visit <http://osseo.FeePay.com/> and click the orange "Sign Up" button. For detailed account setup instructions, please visit <https://osseo.help.FeePay.com/topic/26235305>.



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If you require auxiliary aids or services in order to participate in or attend a district activity, please call us at 763-391-8700 or RDD 763-391-7250 at least seventy-two hours in advance (two-week advance notice preferred).