

MAPLE GROVE SENIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER

TRIMESTER 1-2017-18

Live each day
the **Crimson** Way

DATES TO REMEMBER

August

- 14 Fall Sports Begin
- 23 Orientation
- 23 Strive Information Meeting

September

- 5 School Begins
- 5-8 Adjusted Schedules
- 7 Picture Make-up Day
- 18 Learning Conferences
- 21 Sr All-Class Group Yearbook Photo
- 28 Sr. Yearbook Free Photo Makeup w/David Bank Studios
- 29 Safety Day

October

- 9-13 Homecoming Week
- 10 Lifetouch Picture Retakes
- 11 PSAT Test
- 12 & 16 Conferences
- 13 Adjusted Schedule w/ Coronation & Pepfest
- 13 Homecoming Game
- 14 Homecoming Dance
- 16 Tuesday Schedule
- 17 Wednesday Schedule
- 18 Thursday Schedule
- 19-20 ... No School Students/Staff Release Days
- 30 No School Students Teacher Workshops

November

- 1 Site Council Meeting
- 9-11 Musical
- 15 Crimson Way Lunch
- 15 Cocoa & Cram
- 16-18 ... Musical
- 20 Tuesday Schedule
- 21 Wednesday Schedule
- 22 Thursday Schedule
- 23-24 ... No School Students/Staff Thanksgiving Break
- 30 End Trimester 1

December

- 1 No School Students Mark Reporting
- 4 Trimester 2 Begins

August 2017

Hello, Crimson Families!

As we take that significant step into August, reality sets in and we look forward with anticipation to the 2017-18 school year! It has been a 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 5 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 2018 has big shoes to fill, and my expectation of positive leadership from them is very high. This expectation extends to the Classes of 2019, 2020 and 2021 - for positive leadership and also participation and engagement in our vast school community. Strengthening our 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, responsive 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.

We strive to be the very best for our students and to provide them consequential experiences throughout their duration here as students. Be it in academics, athletics, student groups/clubs, or fine arts - there are countless opportunities for each and every student to engage and experience tremendously rewarding accomplishments. And to play any positive role in our students' lives makes our jobs endlessly gratifying.

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 5. It is an honor to work for this school, this community, and our students. Thank you for your support and collaboration. As always, 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 MGSB 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 MGSB 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 MGSB 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 MGSB 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 MGSB we:

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

Everyone can learn more. At MGSB 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.

ORIENTATION INFORMATION & TIPS FOR PARENTS

ORIENTATION 2017-18

Orientation for all grade levels will be the same day, Wednesday, August 23. Orientation is for students only; parents do not need to attend. There is no make-up orientation, however, there is a make-up session for school pictures on Thursday, September 7, during school hours.

ORIENTATIONS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, 2017

Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores

12:00-3:30pm

Students will have their picture taken w/Lifetouch.

Seniors-this photo is for your school ID only and will not be used as the yearbook photo.

Freshman

8:00am-1:00pm

Freshman should plan to attend entire time
Activities & Building Tours w/Link Crew Leaders
Photos w/Lifetouch

Some tasks to be accomplished at orientation:

- Have picture taken by **Lifetouch**. **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. Pictures may be ordered online <http://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/pictureDayId/MI217173Y0> (see flyer).
- Deposit money in lunch account in cafeteria if you have not already done so online. Parents are encouraged to do this online through FeePay (there is no fee for online deposits). 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**).
- Pick up parking permits for eligible students who ordered online (student must show valid Minnesota Driver's License when picking up permit).
- Meet administrators, counselors and support staff, and tour the building.



Picture Day is Coming

PICTURE DAY IS: Maple Grove Senior High School
Wednesday, August 23, 2017

Order before Picture Day at mylifetouch.com

FREE

digital image with online purchase when you join myFamily Rewards™ program.

1 VISIT:
mylifetouch.com

2 ENTER
your Picture Day ID:
MI217173Y0

3 ORDER
your perfect package—and don't worry about returning anything on Picture Day!

QUESTIONS? Call LIFETOUGH: 1-866-955-8342

Retake Day: Tues., Oct. 10, 2017



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TIPS ON STAYING INFORMED

1. **Keep your contact information current in ParentVUE.** Email is an efficient and effective communication tool for teachers and parents, so make sure to update any changes throughout the year.
2. Visit our website frequently <http://schools.district279.org/mgsh/> and visit us on Facebook and Twitter.
3. Read and refer to the **MGSB Newsletter** posted on our website before the start of each new trimester.
4. Pay attention to **SchoolMessenger** and **Schoolology** messages you receive.
5. Check the daily announcements posted in Schoolology or on the front page of the website under the Announcements quick link.

BASIC INFORMATION

SCHOOL BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

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 5th, only administrative approved schedule changes will be made.

FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL ADJUSTED SCHEDULES

We will have adjusted schedules the first week of school as shown below to allow for typical “business of school” details. The regular daily schedule is located in this newsletter also and is posted on our website.

TUESDAY 9/5, WEDNESDAY 9/6, THURSDAY 9/7 ADJUSTED SCHEDULE 6-PERIOD W/FOUNDATIONS	FRIDAY 9/8 ADJUSTED P.M. ALT SCHEDULE W/ASSEMBLY
7:30 – 8:15 1 st Period	7:30 – 8:14 1 st Period
8:20 – 9:05 2 nd Period	8:19 – 9:03 2 nd Period
9:10 – 9:55 3 rd Period	9:08 – 9:51 3 rd Period
10:00 – 10:45 4 th Period	9:56 – 10:39 4 th Period
10:50 – 12:25 Foundations/Lunches	10:44 – 12:14 5 th Period/Lunches
12:25 – 1:10 5 th Period	12:19 – 1:03 6 th Period
1:15 – 2:00 6 th Period	1:10 – 2:00 Assembly
Foundations Grade-Level Lunches	Lunches during 5 th Period
10:45 – 11:15 (9 th Grade)	10:39 – 11:09 (A)
11:08 – 11:38 (10 th Grade)	11:02 – 11:32 (B)
11:31 – 12:01 (11 th Grade)	11:25 – 11:55 (C)
11:55 – 12:25 (12 th Grade)	11:49 – 12:19 (D)

ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

1. 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.
2. 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
burgs@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.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE 2017-18

TRIMESTER 1	<p>Monday, September 18 5:00-7:00pm Learning Conferences Parents attend the full schedule of student and learn of the Essential Course Standards</p>	<p>Thursday, October 12 3:00-7:00pm Mid-tri Conferences</p>	<p>Monday, October 16 3:00-7:00pm Mid-tri Conferences</p>
TRIMESTER 2	<p>Wednesday, January 24 3:00-8:00pm Mid-tri Conferences</p>	<p>Thursday, February 1 3:30-7:30pm Registration Conferences for 2018-19</p>	
TRIMESTER 3	<p>Thursday, April 19 3:00-7:00pm Mid-tri Conferences</p>		

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"***

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 MGS website under upcoming events.

MONDAY & FRIDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY	
1 st	7:30-8:25	Crimson Hour	7:30-7:55	1 st	7:30-8:50	Crimson Hour	7:30-7:55
2 nd	8:30-9:25	1 st	8:00-9:20	Foundations	8:55-9:20	2 nd	8:00-9:20
3 rd	9:30-10:25	2 nd	9:25-10:45	3 rd	9:25-10:45	3 rd	9:25-10:45
4 th / Lunches	10:30-12:00	4 th / Lunches	10:50-12:35	4 th / Lunches	10:50-12:35	5 th / Lunches	10:50-12:35
5 th	12:05-1:00	5 th	12:40-2:00	6 th	12:40-2:00	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	10:50-11:15 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	10:50-11:43 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	10:50-12:10 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.

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.

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.

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 FeePay (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.

CRIMSON LOGOS



STUDENT PARKING

Seniors, Juniors and Sophomores may apply for a trimester parking pass if they are a licensed driver who has no outstanding school fines or fees. A trimester parking permit is \$50 each trimester and must be purchased online through FeePay only. Student parking permits are a privilege not a right and are not guaranteed. Parking permits may be revoked at any time.

Application timeline for trimester 1 parking permits:

- August 2nd - Senior application opens in FeePay
- August 9th - Junior application opens in FeePay
- August 16th - ***If there are any remaining parking permits***, Sophomore application opens in FeePay
- August 23rd - Parking permits may be picked up at school during orientation with a valid MN Drivers License.

A limited number of daily permits will be available (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 MGSB 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!

SCHOOL NEWS

MUSICAL

The award-winning MGSB Musical Theatre Department is excited to present the classic musical "The Pajama Game!" Performances will be November 9, 10, 11, 16, 17, & 18 at 7pm. Tickets go on sale in late September at seatyourself.biz/mgsh.

Students are invited to audition/apply to be part of this exciting production! If you are interested in being part of the show, please fill out the form at www.tinyurl.com/MGSBmusical. All information will be sent via email.

Auditions for cast and pit orchestra will take place during the last week of August. Tech and Wardrobe Crew applications will be due during the first week of school. Questions? Contact Ms. Hellstedt (hellstedte@apps.district279.org).

2017 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 <u>Thursday, September 28 during lunches.</u> 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"> Wear your Crimson gear! Let's see how much spirit we can bring! 	Thursday, Sept. 21 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 Ordering will take place online. Links will be provided on the MGSB website 	Info will be sent out in November
Distribution Day Sales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$90.00 Limited amount available – no guarantees 	Thursday, May 31, 2018

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.** If you 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>.

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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Sue Ihli	Secretary	ihlis@district279.org / 763-391-8705

CAREER RESOURCE CENTER

The Career Resource Center (CRC) is a great resource for students and parents at MGS. 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. 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!

FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEWS

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.

SENIOR NEWS

**CLASS OF
2018**

Commencement 2018 is scheduled for Saturday, June 9th. A student's senior year tends to be very busy with many details, deadlines and important tasks. This section **SENIOR NEWS** in each newsletter is designed to inform seniors and parents of upcoming events and deadlines which pertain only to seniors. In addition to the newsletter, important information will be communicated in one or more of the following ways:

- Posted on website
- Posted on the Announcements (Quick Link on front page of website)
- Posted on Schoology, Facebook and/or Twitter
- Email or phone message through School Messenger

SENIOR PHOTOS FOR YEARBOOK

The **MGS** 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 MGS** on Thursday, September 28 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. MGS 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 23rd at 6:00pm in the Forum Room**. Parents are also invited to attend. Eligible seniors will receive a special invitation in a separate mailing.



OSSEO AREA SCHOOLS

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Independent School District 279 does not discriminate on the basis of disability.
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).