

MAPLE GROVE SENIOR HIGH NEWSLETTER

TRIMESTER 2-2017-18

Live each day
the Crimson Way

DATES TO REMEMBER

December

1 No School Students
4 Trimester 2 Begins
4 Crimson Wind/Band Concert
12 Orchestra Theme Concert
18 Choir Concert
21 Ugly Holiday Sweater Day
22 Winter Break Begins

January

3 School Resumes
3-5 6-Pd Schedule
8-12 Sr Cap/Gown/Diploma Ordering
8-12 Senior Interviews
8 Band Concert 9th Grade
9 MGSB/OMS Band Concert
10 Site Council
10 MGSB/OMS Orchestra Concert
11 Winds/MGMS Band Concert
15 No School-MLK Jr. Day
17 Crimson Way Lunch
17 Orchestra Concert
18 Wind/Band Concert
22-26 .. Sno Daze Week Festivities
22 Choir Concert
23-25 .. Adjusted Schedules
23/24 .. PSEO Info Meetings
24 Sr Diploma Name Verification
24 Mid-Trimester Conferences
26 Adjusted Schedule w/
Coronation/Pepfest
27 Sno Daze Dance
29 No School Students

February

1 Registration Conferences
9 NWSC Music Preview Concert
12 NWSC Music Festival
14 Sr Parking Permits open in-
FeePay
16 No School-Conference Release
19 No School-Presidents' Day
21 Jr Parking Permits open in
FeePay (if any remain)
21 Cocoa & Cram
28 Soph Parking Permits open in
FeePay (ONLY if any remain)

March

5 Choir Concert
8 Trimester 2 Ends
9 No School Students-

December 2017

Greetings, Crimson Families!

Trimester II is officially underway, Winter Break is just around the corner, and this is a perfect time to reflect on the first leg of the 2017-18 school year. While every year has its share of successes and vulnerabilities, I am especially proud of our students and staff for how strong of a start we've had. I recall our second week of school, operationally, felt more like mid-trimester and we've never looked back! **The Crimson Way**—Motivation, Gratitude, Scholarship, and Honor—are clearly evident in the words and actions of our the Crimson Family:

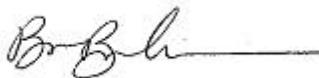
- *Homecoming 2017 was one for the books, with Link Crew leading the pepfest and over 1200 students attending the dance.*
- *Our fall athletic teams were incredibly successful with strong seasons and notable achievements throughout.*
- *Ethan Donaldson, Daniel Du, and Ashvin Pidaparti earned National Merit Semifinalist honors; and Peyton Buendorf, Blake Iverson, Lucas Jackson, Christopher Kwon, Garrett Mormile, and Alec Nilson earned National Merit Commended honors.*
- *Tyler Burkum, Bri Khieu, Emma Landers, Lina Lee, Amulya Maripally, and Marit Scott were selected as Junior Rotarians.*
- *Jenna Benson and Christopher Kwon each received the Triple A Award and move to Regional competition representing MGSB.*
- *The 120+ students and staff of the fall musical, The Pajama Game, once again thrilled audiences with tremendous performances.*
- *Our Debate team continues to impress with accomplishments, and our Robotics Team 2526 has made lasting impacts with their volunteerism across the school district at area elementary schools.*

One theme we've stressed this year is that everyone has a story. No two are alike, and yet, each of us has the capacity to make a positive difference in the lives of others every single day. This is true for students, staff and families. What we do with these opportunities will, ultimately, make the difference. At Maple Grove, we are leading our students to seize such opportunities and strengthen our positive school culture and climate so that each and every student - regardless of race, culture, age or gender - feels safe and welcome in our school.

Registration for the 2018-19 school year - amazingly - is not too far down the road. Please stay tuned for critical information in December and January about the registration process, culminating in our Registration Conference on Thursday, February 1.

And last, I want to thank each and every family for your wonderful students and for giving us the opportunity to work with them each and every day. It is a privilege and an honor! I wish you and your families a wonderful holiday season, and I look forward to collaborating with you for the rest of the year.

Yours very sincerely and respectfully,



Bart Becker, Principal

THE CRIMSON Way



MOTIVATION

- Lead by example
- Persevere and finish what you start
- Pursue that which inspires you
- Excel by doing what is right

GRATITUDE

- Appreciate opportunities and those who create them
- Be selfless, thoughtful and kind
- Respect school expectations and our time together
- Take care of our school and property

SCHOLARSHIP

- Challenge yourself to think critically and inquire
- Respect and meet deadlines
- Set goals and plan for your future
- Strive for success with a growth mindset

HONOR

- Be proud of who you are and where you come from
- Own up to your actions
- Stand up for others and respect our differences
- Take pride in our Crimson Family

CRIMSON CONGRATULATIONS

SUCCESSFUL SEASON FOR GIRLS' SOCCER



The Crimson Girls Varsity Soccer team had an historic fall, going 19-3-0 overall, reaching their first state tournament before losing 2-1 with only 6 seconds remaining in the State Championship game, and also winning the Northwest Suburban Conference.

Senior Meredith Haakenson was named Ms. Soccer Minnesota, Star Tribune Metro Player of the Year, and she broke the school career points record (105). Coach Ben LeVahn was named MN Girls Soccer Coach of the Year.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

More than 1.6 million students entered the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program by taking the 2016 PSAT/NMSQT exam. The highest scorers in each of the 50 states, which represent less than one percent of each state's high school seniors, are designated as a pool of Semifinalists. In February 2018, 15,000 Finalists will be named. All Merit Scholarship winners will be chosen from the group of Finalists based on their abilities, skills, and accomplishments. The National Merit Scholarship Program recognizes the following MGSJ students:

Semi-Finalists

(pictured L-R with Dr. Becker):

Ethan Donaldson
Daniel Du
Ashvin Pidaparti

Commended Students

Payton Buendorf
Blake Iverson
Lucas Jackson
Christopher Kwon
Garrett Mormile
Alec Nilson



Junior students' performance on the PSAT exam is the first factor which determines if a student moves on in the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying competition. The PSAT was administered to 223 current MGSJ juniors on October 11, 2017. The names of National Merit Commended students and Semifinalists for the 2019 competition will be sent to high schools in September of 2018.

ALL-CONFERENCE MUSICIANS

The NWSC Music Festival is an annual event that has been going for many years and has established itself with a reputation for high-level musical performances and education. Its mission is to provide students the opportunity to pursue excellence in music performance, listen to music with understanding, and celebrate the artistic achievements of other student-musicians. The festival also includes the organization and performance of All-Conference ensembles including orchestra, band, and choir. The very existence of the music festival reflects the commitment of the Northwest Suburban Conference member schools to promote student opportunities in the Fine Arts as well as Athletics.

During the festival, each school's most accomplished band, orchestra, and choir present a concert for other student-musicians on Monday, February 12 at Elk River High School. This concert is also reviewed and critiqued by the guest conductor-clinician. Critical listening forms are distributed to each student-musician. They are expected to hear as many of the other bands, choirs, and orchestras as time allows. The student-musicians then write their own critiques of the various performances and turn them in to their own director. This sharing of performances in a non-competitive, collegial atmosphere ensures the best educational experience for all student-musicians involved in the festival.

The All-Conference ensembles are select ensembles organized in October by the music educators of the NWSC. The three All-Conference ensembles rehearse two times during the month of January. These rehearsals, supported by private practice and instruction, prepare the ensembles for their dress rehearsal with the guest conductors.

Guest conductors and All-Conference ensembles work together on the second Sunday in February. After a Sunday afternoon of exciting and intense rehearsal with guest conductors and a final rehearsal on Tuesday afternoon, NWSC All-Conference ensembles present the **Grand Finale Concert on Tuesday, February 12** at 7:00pm in the Elk River Fieldhouse. The NWSC Music Festival has always featured excellent musicians and music educators as guest conductors and clinicians. Because of the support of the conference schools, these nationally recognized educators provide expert direction, commentary, and encouragement to NWSC student-musicians and directors.

Congratulations to the following 2017-2018 All-Conference musicians:

BAND

Heather Breidenbach-Flute

Jake Dalton-Baritone

Sandra Gabel-Horn

Jonathan Grommesh-Percussion

Jacob Hyers-Saxophone

Nathan Lasselle-Clarinet

Ben Nadian-Bassoon

CHOIR

Katya Cuthbert

Calvin Fairbourne

Evan Blesener

Tanner Skanson

Tim Edwards

Angelina Orta

Greta Schoenberg

Solveig Erickson

Selah Brooks

Christopher Ongoto

Garrett Mormile

ORCHESTRA

Daniel Du-Violin 1

Jennifer Holt-Violin 1

Lina Lee-Violin 1

Isabella Balder-Violin 2

Piper Diers-Violin 2

Nicole Campbell-Viola

Matthew Lee-Cello

Paul Malenke-Cello

Alec Bergquist-Bass

CRIMSON FOOTBALL MAKES NEWS

Crimson Football recently gained local and national news attention with an historic come from behind victory in the last minute of their State quarterfinal game scoring two touchdowns after two successful onside kicks, and ***all in less than one minute to play!*** Congratulations on a successful season Crimson Football!

MG GO CRIMSON!

CRIMSON WAY LUNCH

Dr. Becker recently enjoyed lunch with eight outstanding students who “Live each day the Crimson Way”. Each trimester, MGSB staff nominate a student or students who they feel are exemplary role models by contributing to our school community in one or more of the following areas: **Motivation, Gratitude, Scholarship and Honor.**

All students nominated are placed in a drawing, and Dr. Becker randomly picks eight names. The students spend the hour enjoying lunch from Daily Dose, visiting with Dr. Becker and learning which staff member nominated them and why.

Pictured with Dr. Becker are:
**Calvin Caron, Martin Colton,
Lola Moloshenko, Jace Newell,
Julian Pomije, Maddie Ross,
Kyle Sorrentino, Kara Sverci**

Also worth acknowledging are the other nominees listed below who are also exemplary role models of “Living Each Day the Crimson Way”!

Elizabeth Altman	Lily Hoffman
Ellie Bradbury	Mujahid Jama
Kennedy Brown	Rowan Larson
Samantha Carroll	Ellana Long-
Morrisette Carter	Vehrenkamp
Ross Chinn	Garrett Mormile
Patrick Cobbs	Anika Nollendorfs
Ethan Dexheimer	Larry Welch



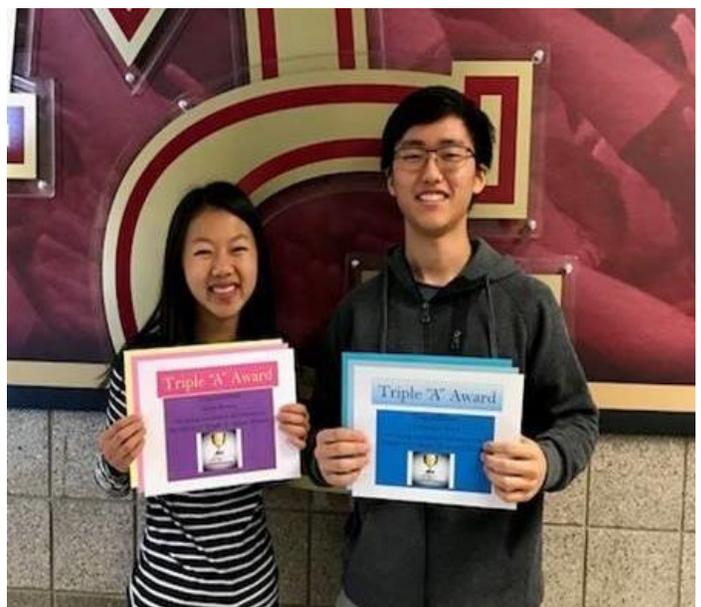
TRIPLE A AWARD WINNERS

The Triple A Award (Academics, Arts & Athletics) was established in 1988 and is sponsored by the Minnesota State High School League. This award is given to high school seniors (one boy and one girl) who have a “B” or better grade point average and participate in league-sponsored athletics and fine arts activities.

We commend Jenna Benson and Christopher Kwon on their hard work and dedication during their high school careers at MGSB, and we wish them luck as they enter into the Regional competition representing Maple Grove Senior High.

Jenna Benson has a 4.036 GPA and has participated in Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Tennis, Track and Music (Jazz Band & Wind Ensemble).

Christopher Kwon has a 4.111 GPA and has participated in Cross Country, Nordic Ski, Tennis, Soccer and Music (Symphony Orchestra & Choir).



SCHOOL NEWS

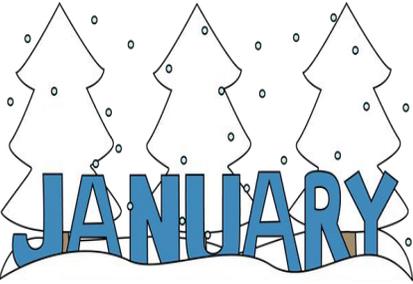
IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE ATTENDANCE OFFICE

In an effort to better serve you while picking your student up from school during the day, we ask that you email attendance personnel in advance or send a note with your student on the day of the absence. Notes should be brought to the attendance desk first thing in the morning. Asking us to call students from class unexpectedly is disruptive and interrupts the teaching and learning of the class. We therefore, keep these classroom interruptions to a minimum. Following this process will also save you time as well.

Lori Wachter (for last names A-K): wachterl@district279.org

Shirley Burg (for last names L-Z): burgs@district279.org

SNO DAZE 2018



Sno-Daze festivities will take place January 22-26 including the coronation and pepfest on Friday, January 26th beginning at 1:10pm and the Sno-Daze dance on Saturday, January 27th from 8-11pm.

- * The dance is for all MGSJ students.
- * Dance tickets must be purchased online through FeePay
- * Guest approval forms will be available in FeePay or under Quick Links on the front page of the MGSJ website
- * All students must present a valid photo ID to enter the dance.
- * No guests below grade 9 or older than 19 years of age may attend.

PARKING PERMITS TRIMESTER 3

Parking permit sales open in FeePay as follows:

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| February 14, 2018 | Seniors |
| February 21, 2018 | Juniors (<i>only if</i> any parking permits remain). |
| February 28, 2018 | Sophomores (<i>only if</i> any parking permits remain). |
- Note: trimester 1 & 2 permits sold out w/ juniors and were not available for sophomores.*

REGISTRATION FOR 2018-19

Student registration for the 2018-19 school year will begin in January. Current Maple Grove Senior High students will receive information and registration materials in their Foundations class. Students will register their final selections online in StudentVUE. All registration materials and announcements will be posted on the Maple Grove Senior High website. We encourage all families to be involved in their student's registration.

TRANSCRIPT CHANGE FOR CLASS OF 2018

Beginning with the class of 2018, class rank will no longer be reflected on the transcript; however, it will be added to the report card each trimester. Very few institutions require class rank recorded on the transcript or admissions purposes. If the institutions for which you are applying requires class rank reported on the transcript, simply file a request with your Career Resource Center (CRC) counselor or school registrar, and it will be added. Each trimester report card will have the student's class rank and GPA (weighted and unweighted) included, and official transcripts will continue to reflect the student's GPA (both weighted and unweighted). Please contact the CRC or your guidance counselor if you have any questions.

COUNSELING CORNER

POST SECONDARY ENROLLMENT OPTIONS (PSEO)

Current juniors and sophomores who qualify may apply to take classes for the 2018-19 school year at any approved post secondary institution which participates in the Post Secondary Enrollment Options program. Each college has its own qualifications for PSEO admissions. There will be two informational meetings for students who are interested in participating in the PSEO program for the 2018-19 school year. **Students are required to attend one of the meetings.** Parents may also attend.

Tuesday, January 23
2:15pm – Forum Room

Wednesday, January 24
5:30pm – Auditorium

A 10th grade student may enroll in one career or technical education course offered by a Minnesota state college or university. A "career or technical course" is a course that is part of a career and technical education program.

NEWS FROM THE CAREER RESOURCE CENTER (CRC)

Find info on scholarships, jobs, testing, transcripts and more on our newly designed webpage at <https://sites.google.com/apps.district279.org/mgshcrc/home>

MAPLE GROVE ROTARY

Every year the Maple Grove Rotary, a group of business and professional leaders who volunteer in the community and promote world understanding and peace, choose six Maple Grove Senior High students as Junior Rotarians. These chosen students have to complete an application and interview to be selected. There were nearly 20 applicants from juniors and seniors this year for these positions, and MGSB is proud to announce the following students have been selected to participate in Rotary events this year:

Tyler Burkum, Bri Khieu, Emma Landers, Lina Lee, Amulya Sai Maripally & Marit Scott

ETHICS WORKSHOP

The above-named Junior Rotarians, along with 20 other MGSB students, participated in the Maple Grove Rotary's Ethics Workshop on October 25th at Boston Scientific. An annual event, the workshop is designed to provoke students' thoughts and reactions on how ethics plays out in the lives of individuals, organizations and communities.

AP SCHOLARS

The College Board recognizes students who take Advanced Placement (AP) exams and score a 3 or higher on their exams as AP Scholars. 66% of 1237 exams taken by Maple Grove Senior High students in the spring of 2017 had a passing score of 3 or above and **138 students at Maple Grove Senior High achieved AP Scholar status!** By passing an exam, the student receives college credit and will have met requirements for courses at the college level. These awards are academic distinctions for students to cite among their credentials on applications and resumes.

- **76** students were named **AP Scholars**, granted to students who receive scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams.
- **29** students were named **AP Scholars with Honors**, granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken AND scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.
- **33** students were named **AP Scholars with Distinction**, granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, AND scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.
- **4** students were named **AP National Scholars**, granted to students in the United States who receive an average score of at least 4 on all AP exams taken AND scores of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams.

ACT/SAT REGISTRATION

These tests are used for college admission, and a student does NOT need to take both of them. Along with the following national test dates, the ACT will be administered to all juniors at MGSB on April 3, 2018.

ACT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Period
September 9, 2017	August 4, 2017	August 5-18
October 28, 2017	September 22, 2017	September 23-October 6
December 9, 2017	November 3, 2017	November 4-17
February 10, 2018	January 12, 2018	January 13-19
April 14, 2018 (not recommended for juniors, as they will take the ACT at school on April 3)	March 9, 2018	March 5-18
June 9, 2018	May 4, 2018	May 5-18

SAT Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Period
October 7, 2017	September 8, 2017	ends September 27
November 4, 2017	October 5, 2017	ends October 25
December 2, 2017	November 2, 2017	ends November 21
March 10, 2018	February 9, 2018	ends February 28
May 5, 2018	April 6, 2018	ends April 25
June 2, 2018	May 3, 2018	ends May 23

AP TESTING

AP exam registration will be coming in February 2018 and will be conducted through TotalRegistration.net. Consult the following table for dates and costs. More information will be given to AP students and families as the registration time period approaches.

Registration Begins	Registration Ends	Late Registration Begins	Late Registration Ends
February 5, 2018-12:00am	February 23, 2018-3:00pm	February 23, 2018-3:01pm	February 28, 2018-3:00pm
Exam Fee \$60		Late fee begins 2/23/2018 at 3:01pm Registration \$80 (\$60 test fee + \$20 late fee)	

Please note that not all AP exams are offered at MGSB, as we only offer those for AP classes that we have. If you wish to take an exam not offered at our school, you are encouraged to contact other districts/schools to see if they will allow you to test. Due to space limitations here at MGSB, we are again limiting registration to current MGSB students, and home-schooled students that live within our boundary.

POST-SECONDARY PLANNING

When most students and families think of college, they instinctively think of four-year colleges. **Did you know that only 22% of jobs in Minnesota require a four-year degree or higher?** According to one industry leader, “our educational system’s single-minded focus on four-year colleges is failing many of our young people.”

There are many rewarding careers which do NOT require students to get four years of post-secondary education. Borrowing money to finance four years of college can be a hardship for many students. In 2014, the average loan debt of students at four-year institutions in Minnesota was approaching \$32,000. In Minnesota alone, one in nine (11%) higher education borrowers has delinquent student loan debt.

There are alternate ways to prepare for a career. Check out the programs offered at local technical colleges (locally, these include Hennepin Technical College, Anoka Technical College and Minneapolis Community and Technical College). There are endless opportunities for students who would like to get technical training at one of these schools. The benefits - these options are far less expensive, and you’re out of school in two years or less and ready to work in your field. Check out <http://MinnState.edu> for more information on these schools and programs.

Another option is to do an apprenticeship. What is that? An apprenticeship combines job-related technical instruction with structured on-the-job learning experiences. Registered apprenticeships prepare Minnesota workers to compete in a global 21st Century economy and develop highly-trained, skilled and motivated employees. **You are trained in a specific field while being paid at the same time!** In September of 2017, there were over 11,000 apprentices working in Minnesota, and the state holds a high priority for 2018-2022 for expanding apprenticeship programs and industries. For more info, visit <http://www.dli.mn.gov/Appr.asp>.

SENIOR NEWS

COMMENCEMENT 2018

Detailed information regarding all aspects of commencement including timelines for seniors, details of the ceremony and much more will be posted on the website late February near the end of trimester 2.

CAP, GOWN, DIPLOMA ORDERING

Maple Grove Senior High provides all seniors who participate in the MGSH commencement ceremony with a cap, gown, standard tassel and medallion at no cost. These items will be theirs to keep. January 8-12 there will be a link on the MGSH website for seniors to order their diploma, cap with tassel and gown, which consists of them providing their full legal name, height and weight. All seniors must complete this task even if they are not planning to participate in the commencement ceremony to ensure their diploma is ordered. Schoology messages will be sent and there will be reminders for seniors on the announcements page in January.



COMMENCEMENT PARTICIPATION FEE

All seniors planning to participate in commencement will be assessed a School Board approved commencement participation fee. This fee will be payable through FeePay in the spring. It is important to note that the facility rental costs for commencement ceremonies come from a dedicated capital funding source that does not compete with the dollars that go into classrooms.

GRADUATING WITH HONORS

Seniors graduating with honors do not need to pre-order honor accessories, however, unlike the gown, cap w/standard tassel, and medallion, honor accessories are not provided free of charge. In April, a list of seniors eligible to graduate with honors will be posted on the website. Honor accessories for eligible students will be noted on their clearance form which seniors receive in June. Watch for more information in the announcements, the trimester 3 newsletter and on our website.

Honors eligibility is based on a student's cumulative grade point average (GPA) through second trimester of their senior year; third trimester grades are not included in final GPA calculations for honors recognition. Also, GPA's are never rounded up as stated in the Student Handbook, Important note: Grade point averages are never rounded up in the awarding of academic honors (honor rolls, seniors honors, academic lettering, etc.)

SENIOR ALL-NIGHT PARTY



The All-Night Party celebrates the successful completion of your senior's high school career and allows the graduates an opportunity to have a safe and fun evening. This long standing senior tradition will be the last chance for the Class of 2018 to be together before moving in different directions with their lives. In order to accurately plan and pay for a party of this size, we need to know who is coming.

The registration forms are available in all Foundations classes. Also, a registration form will be mailed to you--please watch for it. Online registration will be available soon. Please submit your forms and payment as soon as possible. Extra copies of the registration form can be obtained at the Information Desk in the main lobby of the school. The cost to attend the party is \$65 but will increase to \$75 on February 1st. This party promises to be one of the best nights of your graduate's high school career, so don't miss out and reserve a spot today!

Parent/guardian volunteers are needed to help with the Senior All-Night Party. Prize and money donations are also being accepted. If you'd like to volunteer, donate, or, have connections with businesses interested in donating, please contact:

Lex Zwach, zwach@comcast.net / Andrea VanKeuren, ajtyler2000@gmail.com

Senior Baby Ads for Yearbook

The senior baby ads are now available for purchase. Information has been mailed out, sent via e-mail, is posted on the school announcements, and can be found under the Yearbook tab on the website. Baby ads must be purchased by Thursday, December 21st in order to be placed in the book. E-mail the advisor, Nicole Anderson, with any questions or concerns (andersonnicole@district279.org).

FROM THE VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Maple Grove Senior High School and the community have volunteer opportunities 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 should submit their volunteer hours to Volunteer Coordinator, Joan Roberson. These hours will be reflected on their transcript and report card 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.

Elementary school volunteer opportunities:

http://schools.district279.org/mgsh/images/Document_Downloads/Volunteer/Elementary_school_fun_events_2016-17vOct.pdf

Community volunteer opportunities:

http://schools.district279.org/mgsh/images/Document_Downloads/Volunteer/Community-Volunteer-Opportunities-2016-2017.pdf

For more information on volunteering, please contact **Joan Roberson, Volunteer Coordinator at 763-391-8732 or robersonj@district279.org**. Information on volunteering will be available under the **Parents** and **Students** tabs.

OTHER NEWS

SCHOOL CANCELLATION AND EARLY DISMISSAL

District administrators consider the combined effects of snow, ice, and wind chill when determining if school will be held. If the National Weather Service predicts the wind chill to remain at or drop below -35°F (below zero), school may be cancelled. We attempt to make the decision by 5:30 a.m. after surveying conditions, monitoring weather reports, and consulting with transportation vendors.

Generally, you can expect that school will be held, even in severe weather. If you disagree with the district's decision to hold school on a day you believe the weather is hazardous, you may keep your child home. Please call your school's absence line to report the absence. The absence will be excused. To read more, please visit the district website <http://www.district279.org/student-families/resources/severe-weather-procedures>.

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).