
MAPLE AVENUE MIDDLE SCHOOL
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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed you will find your child's first report card for the 2009-2010 school year. Hopefully the report card reinforces information you already have from observing your child's progress on homework and tests taken during this marking period. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's guidance counselor or team to set up a conference.

Please check your child's Edline pages regularly for important information such as:

- daily assignments (particularly helpful when your child is out sick, short-term)
- school/class events
- news
- grade updates which occur minimally every 3, 6 and 9 weeks of each marking period.

If you are having any difficulty with Edline, please contact Mr. Kish at c_kish@saratogaschools.org.

Please check the district website for updates on the potential H1N1 vaccination clinic sponsored by Saratoga County Public Health to be held at Maple Avenue Middle School.

Please be aware that if your child is exhibiting flu symptoms, he/she may be asked to wear a mask until they are picked up to prevent the spread of germs. If the number of students being sent home with flu like symptoms increases considerably, a separate room will be utilized for these students waiting to be transported home. Please remember that students may return to school after being fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

The Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Monday, December 7, 2009 and run through Friday, December 11, 2009 during school hours in the library. The family evening book fair date is Thursday, December 10, 2009, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the lobby of the auditorium.

Maple Avenue Middle School Yearbooks are on sale until December 12, 2009. They are \$22.00 each; cash and checks are accepted. Order forms are available in each house office and the Main Office. Completed forms, with payment, should be returned to your child's house office or the Main Office. You may also order on-line at <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/?jobnumber=2766>. Yearbooks will be distributed in June, 2010.

The PTSO would like to thank all of you who have chosen Maple Avenue Middle School as the recipient school for a donation from Target when using your credit card. We recently received a check from Target in the amount of \$329.00.

A list of upcoming events at Maple Avenue follows:

- November 24 - Fall Picture Makeups
- November 26-27 - Thanksgiving Recess
- December 7-11 - Scholastic Book Fair
- December 7 - Band & Orchestra 8, Chamber Orchestra Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- December 9 - PTSO, 7:00 p.m.
- December 10 - Scholastic Book Fair Family Evening, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- December 10 - Chorus 6 & 8 Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- December 14 - Orchestra 6 & 7, Band 6 Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- December 17 - Band 7, Chorus 7 Concert, 7:30 p.m.
- December 24 – - Holiday Recess
- January 1
- January 4 - Classes Resume
- January 13 - PTSO, 7:00 p.m.
- January 18 - School Recess - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 25-29 - No Name Calling Week
- January 29 - Second Quarter/First Semester Ends

Have a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,

Stuart F. Byrne
Principal

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Enclosure

GUN FREE SCHOOLS

It is important for all members of the public to understand that it is illegal for any firearm to be brought onto school property by an individual other than a peace officer in the discharge of legal duties. According to the Gun Free Schools Act, starter pistols, explosives, other weapons able to expel a projectile, even portions of a workable weapon, are all covered under this legislation. This information is extremely important, not only for students who could suffer severe penalties of up to one-year removal from school, as well as mandatory referral to law enforcement or juvenile delinquency officials for prosecution, but also for parents and community members who might also face legal prosecution for violating this Act.

The full impact of this legislation makes it illegal for someone to drive onto school property with a firearm or similarly defined weapon in their possession or in their vehicle. This means a parent returning from a day of hunting should not have a rifle or shotgun in their vehicle if they come to school to pick up their child or attend an evening meeting. Beyond strict compliance with the law, there is also the concern for the potential of some unintended tragedy whenever firearms are brought in close contact with large numbers of people, including children. Please use particular caution at this time of year when so many citizens may be involved in hunting or target shooting activities.