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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It appears that spring may finally be here, and with it, so is the fourth quarter marking period. This marking period goes by very quickly, and June will be here soon. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's progress, I strongly encourage you to contact your child's teachers immediately.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the use of cell phones and other electronic devices, including i-Pods and MP3 players, are not allowed during the school day. Recently, reminders have been given to all students during the morning announcements that cell phones, i-Pods and MP3 players must be locked up in their school lockers. Having these devices out during the school day is a violation of the school district's Code of Conduct and the middle school's discipline code. Please be aware that if these items are seen or heard during the school day, they will be confiscated, and depending on the situation, other disciplinary action may be taken. I strongly recommend that students keep these items locked in their school lockers during the day. As always, students who need to call home may do so by going to their House Office or the Main Office to use the phone. If you need to get a message to your child, you may do so by calling the school and requesting a message be given to your child. I would like to thank you in advance for your help and cooperation.

Please review with your child the middle school's dress code. Students are continuing to wear clothing that is inappropriate for school. **Short shorts and skirts, tops with spaghetti straps, low-cut tops, pajamas and slippers are unsuitable for school attire.** Students may be asked to put on appropriate clothing, which may require calling home for it if they have nothing in school. Thank you for your help and assistance with this matter.

Parents and community members are invited to visit Maple Avenue Middle School during Education Week, May 4 through May 8, 2009. There are many pieces of student artwork on display. Please call ahead for additional information if you are interested in visiting the building during the day.

The eighth graders' next State Assessment will be in science. The written portion of the exam will be given on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Listed below you will find important dates of school and other State exams to be given this spring:

May 5	Grade 8 NYS Science Assessment Written Exam
May 19	Grade 8 NYS Social Studies Field Test (Red Springs only)
June 2-3	Grade 8 NYS Social Studies Assessment, Grade 6 & 7 Social Studies Exam
June 17 (PM)	Grade 8 Earth Science Regents Exam
June 19 (PM)	Integrated Algebra Exam
June 22 (AM)	Grade 8 Foreign Language Proficiency Exam

On Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, from 8:40-9:40 a.m., a guest performer from the Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra will be providing a presentation/demonstration to our sixth grade students. Parents are welcome to attend the session in the Trombley Auditorium. Information regarding this year's SPAC summer offerings for our sixth and seventh graders is enclosed. Please note that permission slips for these performances must be returned to the Main Office by Friday, May 8, 2009. If your child attends the orchestra performance in sixth grade and/or the ballet performance in seventh grade, he or she will receive a pass from SPAC which allows him or her and one adult free admission on the lawn for all ballet (excluding The Gala) and orchestra performances through his or her senior year.

On Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, our orientation meeting for parents of incoming fifth graders will take place in the Trombley Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. The dates of other upcoming events are shown on the back of this letter.

I'd like to thank those of you who have signed up at Hannaford, Target and other businesses that make contributions to your child's school. These gifts are given to the PTSO, who actively and financially support a large number of cultural arts activities at school.

Enclosed please find information regarding Saratoga Sponsor-A-Scholar's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Bowling-For-Scholars & Gutterball Bash, scheduled for Saturday, May 9, 2009.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 587-4551.

Sincerely,

Stuart F. Byrne  
Principal

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Enclosures

#### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

May 1 & 4	-	Cinco de Mayo
May 4	-	Grade 6 & 7 Orchestra Concert (7:30 p.m.)
May 4-8	-	Saratoga Education Week
May 5	-	Grade 8 NYS Science Assessment Written Exam
May 7	-	Grade 8 Orchestra, Chamber Orchestra Concert (7:30 p.m.)
May 11	-	Philadelphia Orchestra Presentation (8:40 – 9:40 a.m.)
May 11-15	-	Buy One, Get One Free Scholastic Book Fair
May 13	-	PTSO Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
May 14	-	Grade 7 & 8 Chorus Concert (7:30 p.m.), Evening Book Fair (6:30 p.m.)
May 18	-	Grade 6 Chorus, Instrumental Concert (7:30 p.m.)
May 19	-	BUDGET VOTE
May 21	-	Grade 6, 7, 8 Band, Select Band Concert (7:30 pm.)
May 25	-	Memorial Day School Recess
June 2	-	5 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Orientation (7:00 p.m.)
June 2-3	-	Grade 8 NYS Social Studies Assessment
June 8	-	Grade 6 & 7 Awards Night (7:00 p.m.)
June 10	-	PTSO Meeting (7:00 p.m.)
June 24	-	Grade 8 Honors Ceremony (7:00 p.m.)