



Welcome to **Maple** School

Home of the **Mustangs!**

Incoming Sixth Grade Parent Orientation

April 28, 2016

6:30 pm



*A copy of tonight's presentation will be on the District 30 website for your reference.

Tonight's Agenda

- Welcome to Maple
- Maple Program
- Student Support Services
- Student Activities
- The Important Stuff
- Questions



Expectations for Middle School Students

- **6th Grade: adapting to middle school**
- **7th Grade: focus on self-advocacy**
- **8th Grade: prep for high school**

Maple Foundations

- Developmental Tasks of Adolescence
- Aspects of Middle School Philosophy
- Block Schedule - “The Maple Way”
- Opportunities



Middle School Philosophy

- Cognitive (thinking skills) + Affective (social/emotional skills) = Balance for Students
- Focus on “where kids are at”
- High academic standards



Core Block Subject Areas

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- Social Studies
- Science
- 80 minute classes



Non-blocked Classes



- Allied Arts
- World Language
- Physical Education/Wellness
- 40 minute classes

World Languages



- **French**
- **Mandarin Chinese**
- **Spanish**

Sample Sixth Grade Schedule

8:30-9:54	Core Subject Block
9:57-11:18	Core Subject Block
11:21-12:00	Lunch/Recess
12:03-12:42	Allied Art
12:45-2:06	Core Subject Block
2:09-2:48	World Language or Support Class
2:51-3:30	PE/Wellness/Health

PERIOD	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1	BLOCK A L.A.	BLOCK B MATH	BLOCK C Social Studies	BLOCK A L.A.	BLOCK B MATH
2	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Rm. _____
3	BLOCK B MATH	BLOCK C Science	BLOCK A L.A.	BLOCK B MATH	BLOCK C S.S. /
4	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Science Rm. _____
	ADVISORY		ADVISORY		ADVISORY
5	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH	LUNCH
6	Art Rm. _____	Art Rm. _____	Art Rm. _____	Art Rm. _____	Art Rm. _____
7	BLOCK C Social Studies	BLOCK A L.A.	BLOCK B MATH	BLOCK C Science	BLOCK A L.A.
8	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Rm. _____	Rm. _____
9	French Rm. _____	French Rm. _____	French Rm. _____	French Rm. _____	French Rm. _____
10	P.E. Rm. _____	P.E. Rm. _____	P.E. Rm. _____	P.E. Rm. _____	P.E. Rm. _____

Sixth grade teachers expect...

- ...you to help your child to be organized.
- ...students to arrive to school on time.
- ...lockers to stay organized.
- ...study skill tips used.
- ...assignment notebooks to be used.
- ...homework completed and turned in on time.
- ...web pages to be used for homework.
- ...you to ask to see your child's work.
- ...you to view your child's progress via the Parent Portal.
- ...communication between home and school.

Advisory is...

- An all-school class
- Small groups of students
- Meets three times a week for 20 minutes
- Activities are planned around the themes of the six pillars of “Character Counts!, Second Step, and Rush Executive Functioning Curriculum
- Students develop communication and discussion skills
- Students develop personal goals



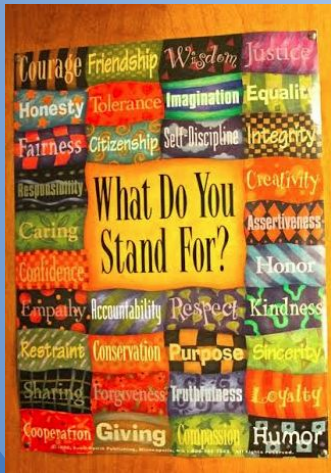
Role of Student Support Services

- **Student Support Service Team (Psychologists, Social Worker, Speech Language Pathologist, ELL, Nurse, Special Education Teachers, Assistant Principal/Principal)**
- **Work with students in general and special education**
- **Attend grade level/department team meetings**
- **Work with students individually or in group**
- **Service may be short or long term (RtI services)**
- **Crisis intervention, as needed**
- **Collaborate with families, teachers and community agencies**

8th Grade Peer Partners



- Assist with sixth grade advisory activities
- Demonstrate pillars of Character Counts!
- Serve as mentors/role models



Year-long Clubs/Activities

Intramurals

Yearbook Club

Student Council

Debate Club

Digital Cinematography Club



Art Club

Mascot/Spirit Club

Science Club

International Club

Musical

Year-long Music Programs

- Chorus
- Orchestra
- Band



Intramural Program

Sept. - Nov.

- Touch Football
- Kickball
- Dodgeball

Dec. - March

- Hockey
- Dodgeball
- Kickball

April - May

- Softball
- Dodgeball
- Kickball



Interscholastic Athletics



FALL:

Cross Country 6-8

Girls Volleyball 6-8

Soccer 7-8

WINTER:

Wrestling 4-8

Basketball 6-8

Poms 6-8

Boys Volleyball 6-8

SPRING

Girls Softball 6-8

Track 6-8

Interscholastic Activities

Math Team

Scholastic Bowl Team

Science Competition Team



Get Involved, Be Involved



Read the calendar on
the Maple website!

Student Recognition

Mustang Award

Honor Roll

PE Student of the month

Athletic Awards

Maple Leaf Awards

Greatest Growth

Scholastic Award

Presidential Excellence

American Legion

**Chorus, Band, Orchestra,
Musical**

The Important Stuff



Summer Packet Pick-Up: August 10 @ Maple

4:00-7:30pm



- Advisor's name and room number
- Other important information

Summer Orientation: Date/Time TBD @ Maple

- Locks (PE and hallway = same combination), locker assignments, locker set-up
- Sodexo deposits

Communication

<http://www.district30.org/>



- **Maple Marquee**
- **Curriculum Night**
- **Report Cards**
- **Parent Teacher Conferences**
- **Maple Website**
- **E-mail & phone calls**
- **Teacher Pages**
- **Meet with teachers**
- **Parent Portal**

Parent Participation at Maple

Join PTO committee, executive board

Volunteer for Sodexo lunch, special lunch

Low Blond Run

Operation Snowflake

Musical Committee

Career Day

Graduation Committee

Sixth Grade Dance Class



Hear from
the PTO!...

Maple PTO

Our PTO works together with teachers, parents and your middle school student/s to provide a fun and supportive and environment during their years at Maple.

- School Spirit (Mustang Pride)
- 2016 Mustang Value Card
- Spirit-wear
- School Supplies
- Maple PTO Website
- Get Involved!
- Volley-Bash



Maple Uniforms

Band, PE, Orchestra, and Choir Uniforms
available NOW!:

The EmbroidMe Store

2845 Dundee Road, Northbrook

(847)-272-9000

Credit cards accepted.

PE uniforms: 1 Orange Shirt, 1 Blue Shirt, 1 pair Blue Shorts

Band/Orchestra/Choir Uniforms: Polo Shirt and/or Sweater

Need more PTO information? Contact PTO Co-Presidents:



Barbara Gonzalez and Julie St. John

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Maple PTO - What We DO



Through the help of our parent volunteers, the Maple PTO is able to offer a variety of educational and community engagement activities that enrich the school experience. Following is a list of current events.

Events | Committees

8th Grade Career Day
Lew Blond

All School Volley-Bash

7th Grade Snowflake

Curriculum Advisory

Library Volunteers

Environmental Committee

Food Service Committee

Fundraising

Monthly Special Lunch

School Supplies Sale

8th Grade Fundraising for Washington D.C.
& Chicago Trips

8th Grade Graduation Party

Spirit-Wear

Mustang Pride Products

Ice Cream Days and Blizzard Days

Book Fair

Dine-Out Dates

6th Grade Dance Class

Mustang Value Card

Education | Hospitality and Parent Education

Guest Speakers

Meet and greet in August

PTO Meetings

Teacher Hospitality

Teacher Appreciation

The First Day of School- August 22

- Bring your backpack to take all your books home
- Buses run routes
- Band practice and performance
- Report to Advisory
- Sodexo lunch program available
- Students go to all classes
- Opening School Ceremony-Beginning of the day



The First Day Continued...

- **Bring school supplies**
- **Bring your PE uniform to class**
- **Athletic clinics held**
- **Activity Bus runs**





Thank you for being here tonight.

SEE YOU IN **AUGUST!!**